



Melksham Climate Friendly Group

Wednesday 1st July 2009 @ 8.00pm

Spencer's Sports & Social Club, Beanacre Road, Melksham

The MCFG Meet at the same venue at the same time on the first Wednesday of every month

NOTES

ATTENDEES:

Jo Stoddart, Eddy Watts, Kathy Iles, Mike Boyce, Marieke Guy, Shirley McCarthy

APOLOGIES:

Jess Riley, Becky Hatfield, Pete McHenry, Scott Aldersley

SPENCERS OPEN DAY FEEDBACK

This was a great day. We didn't sell very many plants as people were looking for flowering plants so we will think more about this for the next event. The Freecycle stall was popular as was Jade's art stall. Event seemed about the right length of time for us all to manage (about 3 hrs). It was good to be able to support our 'landlord'.

MELKSHAM CARNIVAL

This is on Saturday 18th July. After some discussion we decided that we would have a stall at the Party in the Park and also do a walking float again this year – the walking float will just be for 4-10 people. We decided the theme for the float this year will be gardening and in particular the Wildlife Garden. Ideas to dress up as gardeners and have children dressed as wildlife (bees, butterflies, flowers etc), we can push wheelbarrows and carry tools.

Decided to keep the stall simple. We will have a gazebo (from Kathy) for this event and tables (from Jo & Scott) but don't want too much 'stuff' to load and unload from cars as very hard work. Keeping stalls simple with info boards, 'every-one-a-winner tombola', free lightbulbs etc. Donations of tombola items to be dropped off at Mike's house (box by front door).

CHUFFIN' TRAINS *Agenda item for August meeting*

Pete was not present at the meeting so this item to be held over until next time. Shirley will email Graham Ellis about the banner.

WILDLIFE GARDEN *Agenda item for August meeting*

There are thoughts now of having a very small pond – dustbin lid size as this can attract much more wildlife. Had lots of help from the very knowledgeable Auli Part from the Gardeners Society, she is a walking encyclopaedia! The flowers are now starting to look nice. Eddy is regularly updating the website with the dates of the next gardening sessions.

FINANCE

We have had £100 donated to us from the disbanded 'anti-landfill' group ROMAT.

WEBSITE

This has an updated spread about the Wildlife Garden and Eddy will also create an Archive page for older items to be stored.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Brainstorming session

	LOW	HIGH
HARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food choices book • Campaign for better locally produced food shops • Free car parking in Melksham • Keep up-to-date with climate change information and have public talks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film night for schools • Convert sceptical MPs/councillors • Cycling Day – close a road for the day. • Encourage people to have a wildlife area in their garden • Public litter recycling bins • Bikes for free use in Melksham • Get spa water running free in Melksham • Improve kerbside recycling with plastic and card collections • Improve public transport • Research market for 'other' plastic recycling companies • Waste land use • Re-introduce the Farmers Market • Look for high level contacts
EASY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group trip to Eden Project – look for a trip already going and sign us up! • Visit to River Cottage – meet Hugh Fernley-Wittingstall and tell him about our group! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter picking • Tour of Eco House • Go to other groups meeting and nick their ideas • More stuff with kids – roly pigs, art comps etc • Free bicycle checks • Clothes exchange • Conigre Mead open day • More Landshare

DATE OF NEXT MCFG MEETING: Wednesday 5th August 2009