

President's Notes May 2013

Peoples Parade

My thanks to everyone who took time to attend the Peoples Parade meeting, not just for your attendance but also your participation. It was clear from all that was said that you want a parade, in May which starts and finishes in Spalding. It was particularly pleasing that over 30 organisations and clubs including the Rotary clubs, Lions, youth club, Scouts, Polkadots, Young Farmers, Churches and businesses put themselves forward to help organise the next event. The next step is to arrange a meeting of those who volunteered to get involved in organising next years event. This will take place within the next couple of weeks.

Market

Its been great to see the activities taking place in the market during the last two weeks as part of the national "love your local market" promotion. The town needs a vibrant market as this in turn brings shoppers into the town who in turn will use our shops. Please support our market and shops as unless we "use them, we will lose them".

The bunting in the town centre which in the past has been up only for the Flower Parade will stay up all summer and certainly brightens the area and creates a good summer look.

Holland Market

There are two major criticisms of the current Holland Market development – it faces away from the town centre and the bus station is as far away from the town centre as it could be. With Corbo announcing that it will now not submit plans for further development it was good news to hear that it will seriously consider reconfiguring the shop frontages onto Swan Street. This will correct one of the previous planning mistakes. Let us hope that before the next District Elections in May 2015 our Council will rectify the other mistake and announce plans to relocate the bus station to Swan Street.

I also hope that the football club are able to relocate to an out of town location if this is what they and their supporters ultimately want and that the Halley Stewart ground can be opened up into a public green space which the town is extremely short of.

AGM

Our AGM takes place on Tuesday 2nd July at the Broad Street Business Centre commencing at 5:45pm. AGM's can be a little uninspiring but not ours! We have a most interesting speaker who will appeal to retailers, service providers and landlords. Richard.Hallsworth will speak about the Market Rasen Portas Pilot experience. Richard is a Partner at Nicholsons Accountants and a founding member of Market Rasen BIG that became one of the first Portas Pilot towns. If you are not currently a member and would like to attend, please contact me:

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