

Melksham Community Area Network

MELKSHAMCAN is a new way to keep in touch with events locally, with regular news from the Council, Police, NHS and many other local community groups and organisations. It provides opportunities to have a say on important issues and to take part in local events and activities, **MELKSHAMCAN** will put you in the picture. You can join **MELKSHAMCAN** by visiting the website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areboards/contactareboardform.htm> Sign Up!

Arts Project Grant Scheme The Wiltshire Council Arts Project Grant Scheme is open to all voluntary and community organisations (not individuals) wishing to provide arts projects in Wiltshire. The total 2011/12 budget available is £6,000 and will be allocated in 2 rounds. We aim to allocate 50% of the budget in each round of applications. The next deadline is Friday 30th September. Please see this link: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/artsheritageandlibraries/artsandgalleries/artsprojectgrants.htm.

Your chance to be part of Olympic History This time next year the London Olympic games will be almost upon us. The Torch Relay will come through Wiltshire; the route will be announced in November. We want local people to carry the flame when it comes through our communities. Lloyds TSB is the National Presenting Partner of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. They are inviting Wiltshire residents to nominate someone who has made a difference in their community to carry the Olympic Flame. Nominations can be made at lloydstsb.com/carrytheflame until 12th September 2011.

Older People's Day – join in by running a local event Wiltshire & Swindon Users Network, Age UK Wiltshire and Age UK Salisbury District, with Wiltshire Council, are organising an 'Age No Barrier' week, across Wiltshire, to coincide with National UK Older Peoples Day. This will take place between Saturday 1st October & Friday 7th October 2011. They are looking for organisations to participate by arranging an event some time during that week. The theme of UK Older Peoples Day is 'Full of Life.' Contact: Nick Crane, Tel: 01380 871800, nickcrane.wsun@btconnect.com

Wiltshire Children & Young People's Plan 2012-2015 A new Wiltshire Children & Young People's Plan 2012-2015 has been drafted and is now out for consultation. Consultation documents are available on the multi-agency website of Wiltshire Children's Trust at www.wiltshirepathways.org/?Consultations. Responses can be sent by email to Pathways@wiltshire.gov.uk or by post to 'The Pathways Team' at Wiltshire Council, Room 270 County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN. The consultation ends on 15th November 2011.

E-Petitions Wiltshire Council now has an online petitions facility. It enables communities to create online petitions or sign up to support campaigns. Visit <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1> for more details.

Melksham Forum Melksham Community Forum has been set up by local people as a means for everyone to have a voice online, whether they are residents, business owners or local councillors/politicians. We think the forum fits in well with the whole purpose of the Area Boards:

- Efficient, transparent and accountable decision making;
- Effective collaboration with public, voluntary and private sector partners locally to meet the aspirations of local people;
- Shaping the delivery of local services;
- Addressing local issues; and
- Building community leadership and local engagement.

Please visit the forum and make your comments. The address is www.melkshamforum.co.uk

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