

Homework Club help needed

Melksham 1st is an independent, not for profit organization which works in the community, with the community, to improve community life by working on local projects to improve the lives of those living in the area.

Over the last year Melksham 1st has worked (with the local community) on a project at Berryfields to open a Homework Club for children between the age of 5-16 years. They have successfully managed to open the homework club with the help of a paid professional and local volunteers.

The homework club provides a warm, safe environment for children whilst providing homework support and assistance. The club has two computers (with internet access), reference books and other stationery to enable homework to be undertaken.

This club has proved very successful and has been endorsed by the High Sheriff of Wiltshire. Some 37 local children are directly benefiting.

And now Melksham 1st would like to work with residents from Bowerhill to open another club in this area. To repeat the success at Berryfields they need volunteers to help set up the club and offer to work at the club for a couple of hours each week on a rota basis.

Working together, the community can make this happen at Bowerhill. If you have some free time which you would like to use to help your community then please contact Melksham 1st: Carolyn Beale, Community Trust Director, on 01225 899265 carolynbeale@melksham1st.org.uk or Dale Robinson, Chair of Bowerhill Action Group, dale_vanessa2000@yahoo.co.uk.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Don't settle for the one you can live with, wait for the one you can't live without.



On November 16th, 8p.m. at Hilperton Village Hall, Opera Piccola is giving a concert in aid of Swindon Retired Greyhound Trust. Every year hundreds of greyhounds are retired from racing, either through injury or disinterest in racing, or they may just be too old. Most greyhounds stop racing before they are five years old and many are then put to sleep.

Greyhounds make wonderful pets and Swindon Retired Greyhound Trust is just one organisation in this country trying to rehome these dogs when the trainers and

Music fund goes to the dogs

owners have no further use for them. This requires funds as the Greyhound Trust is a charity that relies on volunteers.

Sue Meakin, a member of Opera Piccola has recently given a home to a retired racing greyhound and in return for the privilege of having this gentle loving dog, is organising this concert to raise some much needed funds.

Opera Piccola is a small, musically skilled and versatile group who aim to bring opera to new audiences. Both in singing and acting, the dramatic and comic potential of the music is explored in a way that is hugely entertaining.

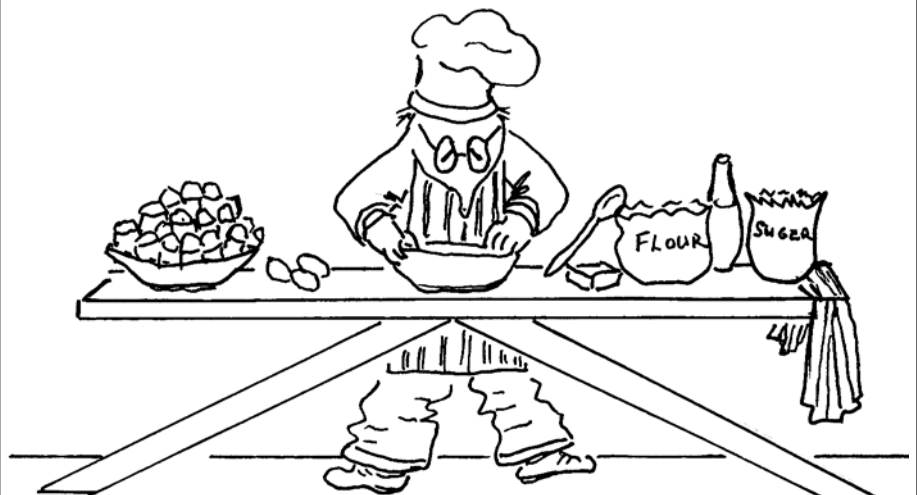
From baroque to modern this concert will mix popular pieces with pieces that deserve to be better known. Opera Piccola guarantees an entertaining evening and celebrates the genius of Mozart, Bizet, Purcell and other composers.

Tickets are priced at £7 and are available from Sue Meakin (01225 719330 or 07808 760608). They will also be available at the door on the evening.

The Mole Strip

by Trish Youd

I'm making cakes for the Jumble Sale



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Your submissions are needed to keep the Bowerhill Villager lively, informative and entertaining.

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We look forward to hearing from you.
– Villager Committee

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Make a difference

Volunteering is rewarding, motivating and inspiring. Volunteer Centre West Wiltshire can help you find a role that is tailored to suit your lifestyle. You can volunteer to do anything at all.

To find out more about local volunteering opportunities you can drop into Volunteer Centre West Wiltshire at Bridge House, Trowbridge or call Ann Hanks on 01225 767993.

Classifieds

WANTED: Your old packing material especially bubble wrap, polystyrene beads and small boxes, 8 inches or less. Don't throw it away; recycle it. Call Brian and I'll collect. Thank you – Tel 01225 708109

FOUND: One large garden ornament If you think it belongs to you, please contact Sue Horton 707514 or PC Barry Dalton 0845 408 7000.

Bowerhill Beat

by PC Barry Dalton



Neighbourhood Watch News

There is no news to report at present. However we have a number of existing schemes in place and if any of you out there are interested please contact myself on 01225 707514 or contact PC Dalton. – Sue Horton (NHW Co-ordinator)

Hello to you all out there. It has come the time for me to round up what has been happening in and around where you live, and I am pleased to say that thankfully this month there is very little crime to report on in Bowerhill.

The only incident of interest is a report of criminal damage happening overnight between 10th and the 11th of October where a car parked in Blenheim Park was sprayed with paint and scratched down the side. If anyone has information about this please get in touch with the Police.

With no other incidents of note being reported to Wiltshire Police over the last month it gives me a bit of space to offer some good advice to residents of Bowerhill. As many of you will be aware we are fast approaching Halloween.

Halloween can be harmless fun, but occasionally members of the community, particularly the elderly, can become distressed by unexpected callers. The behaviour of some Trick-or-Treaters can also be intimidating and even criminal, with examples in previous years of anti-social behaviour, criminal damage to property and graffiti.

Wiltshire Police are appealing for parents to be aware of their children's activities and behaviour this Halloween, and the force has produced posters for people who do not want to receive Trick-or-Treat callers. These posters can be displayed either in front windows or on their front door. If anyone would like a copy of these posters they can contact either myself or PCSO Janet Gould using the contact details below.

I would like to advise residents that we will be patrolling Bowerhill in a bid to prevent any anti-social behaviour, but what can the public do?

- Display a Wiltshire Police poster that says "Sorry No Trick or Treat Here Please".
- Use your spy hole, look out of a window, use your door chain, and don't open your door if you are unsure who is there.
- Have a contact number of a close relative or good neighbour to hand by your telephone, just in case you need to ring them.
- If you feel threatened or vulnerable please call the police on 0845 408 7000. If it is an emergency don't hesitate to contact us on 999.
- As a parent, try to make sure your child

is accompanied by an adult when trick-or-treating.

- Encourage your children to respect people's property by not running through gardens.
- Tell your children to stay in familiar neighbourhoods and only call at houses that have lights on.

So for those of you looking to take part in Halloween celebrations this year please take care and enjoy yourselves, but show some consideration for those who choose not to get involved.

That's is all from me if anyone has information on any of the incident above or have information on anything else please contact Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000; e-mail: melkshameastnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. – PC Barry Dalton

Report a crime

Local..... 0845 408 7000
Crimestoppers0800 555111
melkshameastnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

BOWERHILL YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9
IN THE PAVILION LANCASTER ROAD
AGE GROUP 11-14
ALL ENQUIRIES TO JANET (TREASURER)
01225 703694

Regular Events in the Village Hall

Enquiries:
Viv Feltham 01225 702189

• Bowerhill Ladies Group

3rd Tuesday 7.45 pm
Contact Gill Ellis 704252

• Bowerhill Toddler Group

Mondays 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Wednesdays 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Contact Karen Parkin
700041

• Cubs

Thursdays 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Contact Chris Broom
704168

• Beavers

Tuesdays 5.45 pm - 7.00 pm
Contact Mike Prime 700382

• Scouts

Fridays 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Contact John Finch 790484

• Jo Jingles

Tuesdays 9.45am-10.30am
Sarah Montague-Smith 01380 830083

• Melksham Lacemakers

Tuesdays 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Sally Wadsworth 01380 859052

• Lindsay Howard Academy of Dance

Mondays 6.00 - 8.00 pm
Saturdays 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
790200

• PHAB Club

Fortnightly Wednesdays 7.30 pm
Contact Val Akers 704632

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If you contact the above Age Concern office, you will be dealing with an Appointed Representative of Age Concern Enterprises Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

• Craft Chat & Coffee

Fortnightly Fridays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Contact Jenny Butcher 353123

• Tumble Tots (Gymbabes)

Thursdays
6 mths - walking 9.40 am - 10.20 am
walking-2 yrs 10.35 am - 11.20 am
2-3 years 11.35 am - 12.20 pm
3+ years 12.45 pm - 1.30 pm
(opening numbers permitting)

Contact Vikki Matcham 811579

• Village Hall committee

1st Tuesday 7.30 pm

Bowerhill Ladies

Learn all about Christmas floral decorations by Kay King at the next Bowerhill Ladies meeting on Tuesday, 20 November at Bowerhill Village Hall at 7:45pm.

The aim of the group is to provide the ladies of Bowerhill with the opportunity to meet informally on a regular basis to exchange ideas and develop interests.

Membership is open to all ladies in Bowerhill. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, please telephone 01225 704252.

Speed Camera Signs appear on Bowerhill

There have been complaints from Bowerhill Residents to the Speed Camera Safety Unit about the traffic speeds in Bowerhill. Speed camera signs have now appeared in various locations on the Estate and we have made enquiries to PC Barry Dalton as to what procedures are going to be used. He will report back to us in next months' issue. Meanwhile, watch your speed and drive with due care and attention at all times.

Protect yourself against carbon monoxide

Heaters which burn gas, coal, oil or wood can give off carbon monoxide if they are not working properly. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide gas, but you can protect yourself against carbon monoxide poisoning.

Have heating appliances serviced regularly, and get chimneys and flues cleaned regularly too. It is also important to keep rooms well ventilated and make sure that air bricks and ventilators are not blocked. You can buy carbon monoxide detectors; look for the Kitemaker and British Standard number BS 7860.

Never rely entirely on a carbon monoxide detector, though. A detector should only be used as an extra safety measure.

For more advice call the Health and Safety Executive Gas Safety Advice Line on 0800 300 363.

Local Government contact details

Melksham Without Parish Council

1st floor, Crown Chambers

7 Market Place, Melksham SN12 6ES

www.melkshamwithout.co.uk

Clerk and Office:

Mrs M Jarvis 705700

Hours: Mondays 9.30 am - 1.00 pm;
Tues & Thurs 9.30 am - 2.00 pm

Bowerhill and Beanacre Ward

Council Chair:

Mike Mills..... 708600

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John Glover..... 705798

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- Chippenham-Frome
- Bradford-Chippenham
- Bradford-Devizes
- Easterton-Bath
- Melksham-Corsham
- Marlborough-Bath
- Seend-Devizes
- Trowbridge-Melksham

Contact: Wiltshire Bus Enquiry Line 08457 090 899 or the Tourist Information Centre on 01225 707424.

Timetables are available from the Town Hall and the Tourist Information Centre.

National Express Coaches run direct to London, Victoria, contact the Tourist Information Centre for details on 01225 707424.

Link schemes provide a free and confidential support service to enable those without access to transport or support resources to access local services and facilities. The range of Link Scheme

services varies from providing volunteer drivers to take someone to a medical appointment, taking them shopping or to visit an old friend, or simply providing good neighbour care. Contact: Community First, 01380 722241

Melksham Community Area, Community Bus Project - Door-to-door transport service for residents of Melksham and the surrounding area, who are unable to use public transport and do not have regular access to a car. Transport available to Devizes and Chippenham. Bus stop service available from Bowerhill to Melksham.

Contact: 01225 707424. 60+ Bus Passes accepted.

Melksham Railway Station: Station Road, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 8BN. Contact: National Rail Enquiries 0845 748 4950

Taxis: The main taxi rank is located in the Market Place, Melksham. Contact West Wiltshire District Council to obtain details of listed taxis, 01225 776655.

Churches

Baptist Church, Old Broughton Road, 01225 791675

Church of God of Prophecy, 01225 707310

Core Church, Bowerhill Primary School, 07788 446567

Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Union Street, 01225 793346

Forest Methodist Church, Forest Rd, 01225 702232

Good News Church, meetings at Melksham Town Hall, 01225 707387

Queensway Chapel, Pembroke Rd, 01225 702808

St Andrew's Forest, Church Lane, 01225 703262

St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, 01225 702128

St Barnabas, Beanacre, 703262

St Michael and All Angels, Canon Square, 01225 703262

The United Church, High Street, 01225 702232

Don't miss the 10th November

Jumble

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STYLE**

Bowerhill Village Hall

10 am - 12 noon

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