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Update due to event on 28th August no longer being a public event
Updated to add missing timetables

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Dear Members and Supporters,

Melksham Rail User Group newsletter
Issue 5 - August 2020



Public Transport News for Melksham, Wiltshire

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We were delighted to meet with old friends and new on Saturday, 25th July in the Market Place:

- * To make people aware of public transport availability - when and where from Melksham
- * To help inform people about the "new normal" on public transport
- * To keep people in touch with MRUG and other transport changes in Melksham

Our objective was not to promote "filling the bus or train" - just to help people travel where they are and feel safe, and where there is plenty of capacity and things to do at destination.



Our timetables for all Melksham's public transport for August 2020 and advice on its safe use in the "new normal" are all online at <http://melksh.am/go> and are also attached to the end of this newsletter.

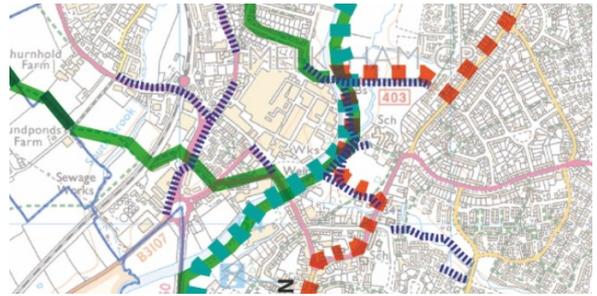
~~We hope to see you too at **Melksham Station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 28th August** for the grand opening of new car park - further details on our web site and Facebook page over the next weeks. Meet GWR, TransWilts, Knorr Bremse, other local businesses and MRUG.~~

Update - 6th August - No longer a public event

Consultations

The MRUG officers met on 23rd July and finalised the group's response to the draft Melksham Neighbourhood Plan consultation which closed on 27th July.

- Amend to note that current train service is only every 2 hours each way
- Walking and cycling are distance limited and public transport is the best option for many longer journeys



- Old Bath Road from Old Broughton Road to the A350 underpass should be shown as a key walking and cycling route
- A path for walking and cycling should be provided between the station and Foundry Close
- A path for walking and cycling should be provided between the Farmer's Roundabout and Conigre Mead
- The Town Bridge is a key walking and cycling route and care should be taken to make it easier for everyone to use

Please ask the secretary or editor of this newsletter if you would like a complete copy of our response.

Closing on 24th September 2020 - "Reforming Public Transport after the Pandemic" Consultation from the Parliamentary Transport Committee. See <http://www.passenger.chat/23843>

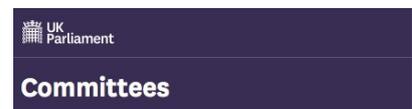
The committee writes - "We are particularly interested in the long-term implications of the pandemic for:

- * the use of public transport and the way that people choose to travel, both locally and for longer domestic journeys;
- * central and local governmental transport priorities and finances and funding for transport;
- * the devolution of transport policy-making responsibilities and powers;
- * the resilience of the transport system for future crises;
- * the decarbonisation of transport and the capability to meet net zero carbon emissions targets by 2050;
- * innovation and technological reform within transport."

These are matters which will most certainly effect Melksham just as they will effect all other public transport in England, and to a lesser extend Wales and Scotland. Just how much effect / difference an input from the Melksham Rail User Group would be, or indeed whether we have the expertise to make meaningful input, will be discussed in coming weeks.

A regional response with TravelWatch SouthWest may be appropriate.

Newsletter reader feedback is welcome.



Inquiry launch: Reforming public transport after the pandemic

24 July 2020



The longer-term implications of the coronavirus pandemic for the UK's public transport are to be examined by the Transport Committee.

Send us your views



Decarbonising Transport
Setting the Challenge



Closing 31st August 2020 - "Creating the transport decarbonisation plan - call for ideas".

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/creating-the-transport-decarbonisation-plan>

Consultation asking the public about their ideas for:

the steps we should take to reduce emissions from transport
creating a plan to ensure the UK transport is net zero in emissions by 2050

Around Melksham Quiz

There is so much to see and do around Melksham ... why not get out and walk around this summer?

In late May, we launched the "Melksham Lockdown Quiz" where we asked you to identify locations around the town and surrounding countryside within easy walking distance. Each time you take the quiz – still online at <http://www.mrug.org.uk/qj20.html> – you'll be given 15 pictures at random from a library of 267 and four multiple choice answers.

360 sets of complete answers were submitted for marking (to 30th July), with an average score of just over 10 out of 15. Only 5 submissions out of the 360 got all 15 right – congratulations to each of those five if you were one of them. We do not gather any personal data ... so (sorry) cannot send you certificates!

Here are some of the ones that everyone got right ...



Town Bridge



Church Walk

and some that gave people real problems in identifying:



The path from Western Way to Portal Road



Newtown Farm, near the Kennet and Avon Canal

Santa Specials

Since 1995, the Melksham Railway Development Group (now the Melksham Rail User Group) has hosted Santa on the train from Melksham every year (but one) in the lead up to Christmas on a "Santa Special" outing. Santa will be available to us again this December, but in these exceptional times and putting safety first, it's unlikely that we'll be able to run the trip as normal. A final decision will be taken in September, and confirmed in the October issue of this newsletter. *Pictures – from the Santa trip in 2007 and 2019*



Please take your own trip to Swindon

Present advise is that with social distancing and facemasks, the train is just as safe to visit as a shop, and passenger numbers are low so that there's plenty of space for your independent journey. So that – although the Santa Trip is probably off – we're suggesting you might like to take your family up to:



Designer Outlet

- 15 minutes from the station, re-opened

Oasis leisure Centre

- re-opened, requires prebooking

Town Centre shops

- 10 minutes from the station also open

Steam! Museum temporarily closed.



Train fare, off peak day return to Swindon - £7.80 for adults, £3.90 for children aged 5 to 15. 34% off for groups of 3 or more adults (pay on the train and ask for "Groupsave").

Suggested trains from Melksham at this fare:

10:02 and 12:32 on Monday to Friday

07:53, 10:21 and 12:21 on Saturday

08:37 and 11:00 on Sunday

The journey takes between 25 and 30 minutes. Tickets valid for return on any train the same day – here are some examples from Swindon:

13:14, 15:14, 17:36 and 20:45 on Monday to Friday

13:05, 15:05, 17:34 and 19:34 on Saturday

15:39, 17:45, 19:27 and 21:10 on Sunday

Melksham Station is just 10 minutes walk from the Town Bridge. There is also plenty of parking available at the station – see <https://melkshamhub.co.uk> for charges and other details.

The Melksham Hub and its web site

As we went to press last month (on 1st July), TransWilts took on a lease of the land across from the station for an extended car park and Melksham Hub. As part of the Masterplan for Melksham station, they are enhancing facilities there helping towards a station fit for handling not 3,000 journeys per annum (as it was a decade ago), not 75,000 journeys per annum (last year), but over 250,000 journeys per annum as it will be within the decade.

New (repurposed from Chippenham) displays on the platform, and overlooking what is now short term parking, keep passengers (and collecting drivers) up to date on train running, supplementing the screen at the station gate .



Work is underway on the car park extension. “We will be holding a Grand Opening of the new car park area at Melksham HUB on Friday 28th August.” write TransWilts. And in the next couple of months that will be followed by The Hub Cafe. “September/October 2020: Refurbishment and fit-out followed by opening by new café operator” - from <https://melkshamhub.co.uk/hub-cafe/>

There’s a new car parking system too.

A bigger car park needs more looking after, and the landlord of the bigger area wants his cut, so car parking charges have been introduced. Parking remains free of charge for up to 30 minutes, and there are extra spaces reserved for this purpose (and also disabled spaces) close to the station gate. Spaces previously available for rail parking in bays on Station Approach are now reserved for a local business’s use. Car parking is covered on the Hub website at <https://melkshamhub.co.uk/car-parking/> ; TransWilts may be reached via sophie@transwilts.org or on 07379 175055. The Melksham Rail User Group has a copy of the signage at <http://www.mrug.org.uk/cptc.html>

SMART PARKING		Parking Tariffs Apply	
Monday - Friday		Saturday - Sunday	
Up to 30 minutes	FREE	Up to 30 minutes	FREE
Up to 1 hour	£0.30	Up to 1 hour	£0.30
Up to 2 hours	£0.60	Up to 2 hours	£0.60
Up to 3 hours	£0.90	Up to 3 hours	£0.90
Up to 4 hours	£1.20	Daily (expires 23:59)	£2.00
Up to 5 hours	£1.50	Season Tickets	
Daily (expires 23:59)	£2.50	Monthly	£50.00
Up to 24 hours	£3.60	Quarterly	£145.00
Weekly Tariff (pay for 5 days, park for 7 days)	£12.50	Annually	£400.00
Parking tariff applies 24 hours a day, Monday - Sunday This includes Electric Charging Points (Duration of stay calculated by ANPR cameras from point of entry to point of exit)			
Motorists must enter their full correct vehicle registration when using the payment machine.		Park within bays/ in designated areas	
Failure to comply with the terms & conditions may result in a Parking Charge of:		£100.00	
<small>Smart Parking Ltd may request the registered keeper details from the DVLA for any vehicle parked in breach of the advertised Terms and Conditions for the purpose of serving a Parking Charge Notice generated from the ANPR evidence. (Please see full Terms and Conditions signage). The parking charge notice will be issued to the keeper of the car within 14 days of date of issue of the notice. Disabled concessions do not apply.</small>			

timeline (from the Melksham Hub site)

“First phase (Southern Car Park) – due 31st July 2020: 20 parking spaces including 2 EV + motorcycle spaces together with short stay and disabled parking places provided by GWR on their land adjacent to the platform. Second phase (Northern Car Park) – due 31st August 2020: 33 parking spaces including additional 4 EV (subject to demand) and further motorcycle spaces”

A review of Melksham's public transport for August 2020



All Melksham **local bus services** are now running to their pre-Covid planned timetables, though with extra social distancing, a request to pay contactless if you can, and a requirement to wear a face mask unless you are in one of the exempt groups. Local operators and observation suggest that there is plenty of safe capacity.

The **National Express Coach** to London resumed a few days ago. It now leaves Melksham later.

Train services are running 7 days a week. A few trains that were planned are not yet running. Thanks to GWR for listening to our inputs on key services.

Please take care when you are out and about. Take decisions based on your personal circumstances.

Please wear your face mask if you can, even if technically exempt but it's safe for you to do so.

If you are exempt and not wearing a mask, please take extra care to distance yourself from others.

Timetables for all Melksham Public Transport, and an advise sheet and index, are online at <http://melksh.am/go> and attached to the end of this newsletter



Get back on the Train and Bus from Melksham ...

... available once again for YOUR local leisure and business journeys

Direct services:

Bath
Bradford-on-Avon
Corsham
Chippenham
Devizes
Frome
Lacock
Trowbridge
Swindon
Westbury

Connections:

Bristol
Cardiff
Exeter
London
Salisbury
Southampton
Weymouth

Pictures taken before lockdown
Face covering now required

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Melksham Public Transport – as at 27th July 2020
correlated by Melksham Rail User Group

MRUG timetable sheet 1 of 5, 26.7.2020

Sheet 1: This index and general travel advice

Sheet 2: Swindon – Chippenham – Melksham – Trowbridge – Westbury (GWR)

Sheet 3: Bath – Melksham – Devizes (Bus 271, 272, 273)

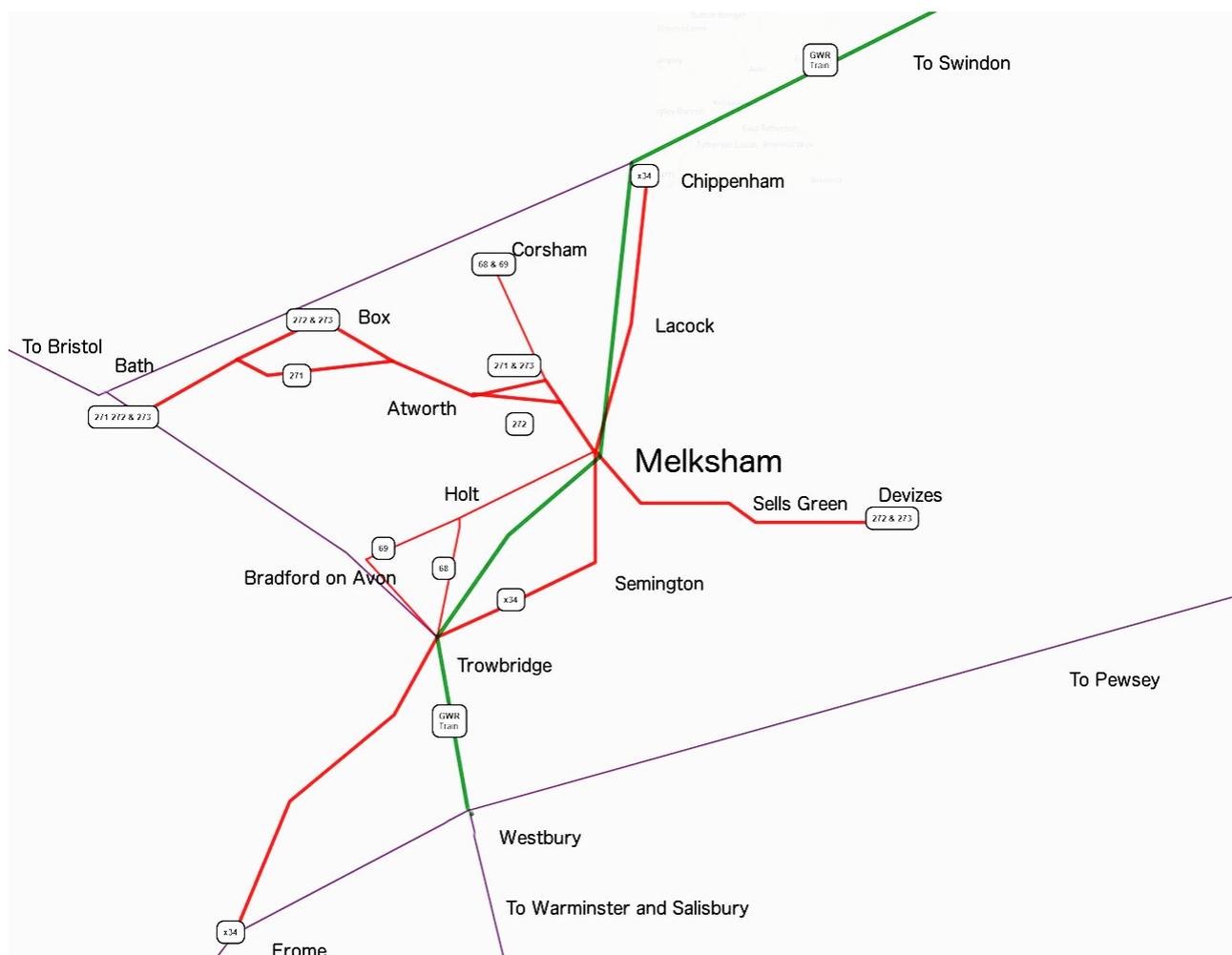
Sheet 4: Chippenham – Melksham – Trowbridge – Frome (Bus x34)

Corsham – Melksham – Bradford-on-Avon – Trowbridge (68 & 69)

Frome – Melksham – Swindon – Heathrow – London (National Express)

Sheet 5: Melksham Town Bus (Routes 14 and 15)

Marlborough – Calne – Melksham – Bath (Royal United) (x76)



Data on these sheets has been checked as of the date on the top of each sheet, but is supplied "Errors and Omissions Excepted". At the current time, timetables are changing frequently and we suggest you check online for an update prior to travelling. Timetable at <http://melksh.am/go>

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Most buses call at the Market Place. Exceptions:
 * National Express for London calls on **Spa Road**
 * Service 14 for Melksham Forest from **Lowbourne**
 * Service x76 calls in **Lowbourne**

Trains call at Melksham Station - a 10 minute walk from the Town Bridge

Main stops – bus and train symbols. Some buses also call at other town stops indicated by pushpins

Information correlated by Melksham Rail User Group
<http://www.mrug.org.uk>. Twitter – MelkshamRUG
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Let's travel safely this summer



Travel at quieter times



Wash your hands

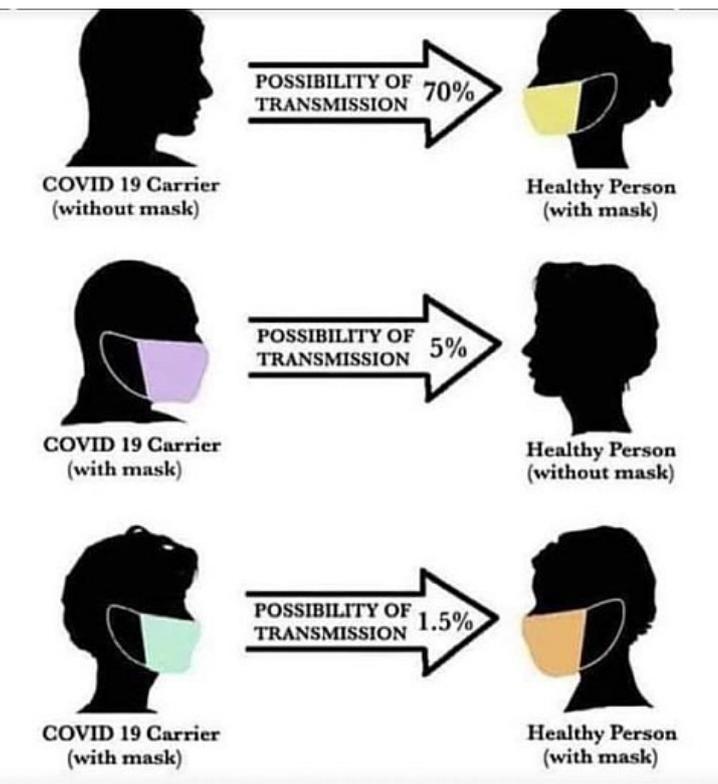


Wear a face covering

Help keep our buses safe

- You must wear a face covering on public transport
- Take a window seat, avoid standing and leave space in front and behind you.
- Please be patient and wait for passengers to get off before you board a bus
- Do not stand or queue in the aisle or next to the bus driver

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES



Melksham Trains, Summer 2020

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Change at Westbury for other services ...
... to Taunton, Exeter and the South West
... to Frome, Yeovil Pen Mill, Dorchester and Weymouth
... to Warminster, Salisbury, Southampton and Portsmouth

Change at Swindon for other services ...
... to Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham
... to Didcot, Reading and London (Paddington)
... to Newport, Cardiff and Swansea

Change at Trowbridge OR at Chippenham for services ...
... to Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads
... to Bradford-on-Avon (ONLY via change at Trowbridge)

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<http://www.mrug.org.uk>
info@mrug.org.uk

Online timetable:
<http://melksh.am/go>



Monday to Friday for late July to early September 2020

This service may vary on Bank Holiday Monday (31st August)

Westbury	05:17	07:37	09:45	12:16	14:16	16:25	18:39
Trowbridge	05:23	07:43	09:51	12:22	14:22	16:31	18:45
Melksham	05:33	07:53	10:02	12:32	14:32	16:41	18:55
Chippenham	05:43	08:03	10:14	12:42	14:42	16:51	19:05
Swindon	05:59	08:19	10:34	13:01	15:01	17:08	19:21
Swindon	06:11	08:44	11:05	13:14	15:14	17:36	20:45
Chippenham	06:27	08:59	11:20	13:29	15:29	17:51	21:00
Melksham	06:36	09:09	11:30	13:39	15:39	18:01	21:10
Trowbridge	06:46	09:18	11:39	13:48	15:48	18:10	21:19
Westbury	06:53	09:25	11:46	13:55	15:55	18:17	21:26

Saturdays for late July and August 2020

The final train is early on a Saturday evening in both directions at present
Trains replaced by buses on 5th September

Westbury	07:37	10:05	12:05	14:07	16:36	18:35	
Trowbridge	07:43	10:11	12:11	14:13	16:42	18:41	
Melksham	07:53	10:21	12:21	14:23	16:52	18:51	
Chippenham	08:05	10b37	12b37	14c37	17e05	19c05	
Swindon	08:24	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:24	19:24	
b - arrives 7 minutes earlier			c - arrives 5 minutes earlier			e - arrives 4 minutes earlier	
Swindon	08:33	11:05	13:05	15:05	17:34	19:34	
Chippenham	08:50	11:22	13:22	15:23	17:49	19:49	
Melksham	09:00	11:31	13:31	15:33	17:59	19:59	
Trowbridge	09:10	11:41	13:40	15:42	18:08	20:08	
Westbury	09:19	11:49	13:46	15:49	18:16	20:16	

Sundays for late July and August 2020

Check online for each Sunday as there may be minor changes
Trains replaced by buses on 6th September

Westbury	08:20	10:44	14:47	16:50	18:35	20:18
Trowbridge	08:26	10:49	14:52	16:55	18:41	20:22
Melksham	08:37	11:00	15:02	17:06	18:51	20:34
Chippenham	08:47	11:12	15:13	17:18	19:01	20:44
Swindon	09:03	11:29	15:29	17:35	19:17	21:00
Swindon	09:12	11:41	15:39	17:45	19:27	21:10
Chippenham	09:27	11:56	15:54	18:00	19:42	21:25
Melksham	09:37	12:06	16:04	18:10	19:52	21:35
Trowbridge	09:46	12:15	16:13	18:19	20:01	21:44
Westbury	09:52	12:21	16:20	18:26	20:09	21:51

Trains operated by GWR – <https://www.gwr.com>

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Let's travel safely this summer



Travel at
quieter times



Wash your
hands



Wear a face
covering

Melksham Station is just a ten minute walk from the Town Bridge, on Station Approach which is in the fork between the Bath and Chippenham Roads.

An underpass for pedestrians and cycles ensures that people on foot do not have to cross any major roads between the town and the station. Sheltered cycle space is provided at the station. You can also take your cycle on the train.

Some adult fares from Melksham:

Day return to Swindon £10.50 (£7.80 after the 07:53, all day at weekend)
 Day return to Westbury £4.90 (£4.10 after the 06:36, all day at weekend)
 Day return to Bristol Temple Meads £12.40
 Day return to Clifton Down £12.60 (£10.50 after the 07:53, all day at weekend)
 Children under 5 - free of charge. 5 to 15 years - half fare.
 Groupsave (a third off for groups of three or more) on off peak fares.
 If you hold a railcard, railcard discounts are available on the quoted fares.

A ticket machine is available at Melksham Station or you can book ahead online.

Car Parking at Melksham Station – The TransWilts Community Interest Company are leasing the site from Wiltshire Council from 1st July 2020. Smart Parking are managing the car park from 31st July. Queries should be addressed to <https://www.smartparking.com/contact> or <https://melkshamhub.co.uk/car-parking/>

30 minutes	£0.00
1 hour	£0.30
2 hours	£0.60
3 hours	£0.90
4 hours	£1.20
5 hours	£1.50
Daily up to midnight	£2.50
Daily after 10am up to midnight	£2.00
24 hours	£3.60
Weekly (pay 5 days, park 7 days)	£12.50
Weekend daily rate to midnight	£2.00

Season tickets <small>Payment for season tickets is only available via the RingGo app</small>	
Monthly	£50.00
Quarterly	£145.00
Annually	£400.00
Electric vehicle charging points	Parking tariff applies

TransWilts write: “Melksham Station’s car parking will expand to 52 parking spaces. Up to 30 minutes car parking is free either at the platform in the short stay spaces or in the Hub car park. There are designated disabled spaces adjacent to the platform. Motorcyclists can park free of charge in the designated area. We are installing lighting and CCTV coverage for both the car park and café areas. **Parking charges will be introduced from 31st July.**

We’re pleased to say our flexible parking tariffs are competitive compared to charges at other local stations. Parking is 30p per hour and an annual season ticket provides year round 5-day-a-week parking for £1.60 a day. The ticket machines in both the south and north car parks will take cash and

a credit/debit card. We’re installing Automatic Number plate Recognition Cameras. These will record entry and exit times to check for over-stays.

Parking can also be paid for using the RingGo App. RingGo is particularly handy if you need to extend your parking when a returning train is delayed or cancelled. Cheaper than incurring a parking ticket!

We will provide parking spaces for electric car users. This will be strictly reserved for electric car drivers for recharging use only.”

Bus Route 271/272/273 – as at 25th July 2020
Bath – Melksham - Devizes
 correlated by Melksham Rail User Group, operated by Faresaver

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271 BATH | BOWERHILL VIA KINGSDOWN | WHITLEY | MELKSHAM | FOREST
272 BATH | DEVIZES VIA BOX | SHAW | MELKSHAM | BOWERHILL
273 BATH | BOWERHILL VIA BOX | WHITLEY | MELKSHAM | FOREST | BOWERHILL

valid from 5th April 2020

MONDAY TO FRIDAY except public holidays

Buses towards Devizes

Bath Bus Station Bay 9
 Bathford High Street
 Kingsdown The Swan
 Box Northey Arms
 Atworth Post Office Lane
 Whitley Pear Tree
 Shaw Church Farm
 Melksham Market Place
 Melksham Forest Tower Road
 Bowerhill Kingfisher Drive
 Sells Green Three Magpies
 Devizes Market Place

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			0811		↓	0946	↓	then at these mins		46	↓	1646	↓	1751	↓	1849	1917	2013	2132	2342
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0640	0720	0730	0825	0902	0925	1002	1025			02	25	1702	1727	1807	1830	1903	1928	2022	2141	2351
0645	↓	0736	↓	0908	↓	1008	↓			08	↓	1708	↓	1813	↓	1909	1933	2027	2146	2356
0650	0725	0742	0831	0914	0931	1014	1031			14	31	1715	1733	1820	1836	1916	1940	2034	2153	0003
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Buses towards Bath

Devizes Market Place Pelican
 Sells Green Three Magpies
 Melksham Forest Tower Road
 Bowerhill Kingfisher Drive
 Melksham Forest Church
 Melksham Market Place
 Shaw Church Farm
 Whitley Pear Tree
 Atworth Post Office Lane
 Box Northey Arms
 Kingsdown The Swan
 Bathford High Street
 Bath Bus Station Bay 9

271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	273	WCS	WCS	WCS
			0710		0834		0932			32		1532		1632	1732	1840	2000	2210	
			0717		0841		0939			39		1539		1639	1739	1846	2006	2216	
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0650	0722	0742	0846	0914	0944	1014	1044			14	44	1514	1544	1614	1644	1744	1851	2011	2221
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0657	0730	0750	0854	0924	0954	1024	1054			31	01	1531	1601	1631	1701	1803	1909	2029	2239
0702	0737	0757	0901	0931	1001	1031	1101			35	↓	1535	↓	1635	↓	1807	1912	2032	2242
0706	↓	0801	↓	0935	↓	1035	↓	then at these mins		39	04	1539	1604	1639	1704	1811	1916	2035	2245
0710	0740	0805	0904	0939	1004	1039	1104			↓	11	↓	1611	↓	1711	1818	1923	2042	2252
	0748	↓	0911	↓	1011	↓	1111			46	↓	1546	↓	1646	↓	↓	↓	↓	
0717	↓	0812	↓	0946	↓	1046	↓			48	↓	1548	↓	1648	↓	↓	↓	↓	
0719	↓	0814	↓	0948	↓	1048	↓			06	31	1606	1631	1708	1733	1838	1940	2058	2308
0737	0814	0840	0936	1010	1033	1106	1131												

Operates to Marina Meadows via London Road on request

WCS - Evening trips provided with financial support by Wiltshire Council.

C - Connects with service 270 to Urchfont

valid from 5th April 2020

SATURDAYS

Buses towards Devizes

	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	WCS	WCS	WCS	WCS
Bath Bus Station Bay 9			0845	0915	0945	1015	1045			15	45			1615	1645	1715	1745	1845	1945	2105	2315		
Bathford High Street				0933		1033				33				1633		1737							
Kingsdown The Swan				0935		1035				35				1635		1739							
Box Northey Arms			0905		1005		1105				05				1705		1807	1905	2002	2121	2331		
Atworth Post Office Lane			0912	0942	1012	1042	1112			42	12			1642	1712	1746	1814	1912	2009	2128	2338		
Whitley Pear Tree				0946		1046				46				1646		1750	1818	1916	2013	2132	2342		
Shaw Church Farm			0915	0950	1015	1050	1115			50	15			1650	1715	1754	1822	1920	2017	2135	2345		
Melksham Market Place	0800	0902	0925	1002	1025	1102	1125			02	25			1702	1725	1804	1832	1926	2023	2141	2351		
Melksham Forest Tower Road			0908		1008		1108			08				1708		1810	1837	1931	2028	2146	2356		
Bowerhill Kingfisher Drive	0806	0914	0931	1014	1031	1114	1131			14	31			1715	1731	1817	1844	1938	2035	2153	0003		
Sells Green Three Magpies	0811		0936		1036		1136				36			1720	1736	1822	1849	1943	2040	2158	0008		
Devizes Market Place	0819		0944		1044		1144				44			1728	1744	1830	1857	1950	2047	2204	0014		
			C		C		C				C												

Buses towards Bath

	271	272	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	271	272	WCS	WCS	WCS	
Devizes Market Place Pelican		0743	0832		0932		1032					32				1532		1632	1732	1832	2000	2210	
Sells Green Three Magpies		0750	0839		0939		1039					39				1539		1639	1739	1838	2006	2216	
Melksham Forest Tower Road				0908		1008				08				1508		1608							
Bowerhill Kingfisher Drive	0707	0755	0844	0914	0944	1014	1044			14	44			1514	1544	1614	1644	1744	1843	2011	2221		
Melksham Forest Church																				1751	1850	2018	2228
Melksham Market Place	0715	0803	0854	0924	0954	1024	1054			24	54			1524	1554	1624	1654	1756	1856	2023	2233		
Shaw Church Farm	0721	0810	0901	0931	1001	1031	1101			31	01			1531	1601	1631	1701	1803	1901	2028	2238		
Whitley Pear Tree	0725			0935		1035				35				1535		1635		1807	1904	2031	2241		
Atworth Post Office Lane	0729	0813	0904	0939	1004	1039	1104			39	04			1539	1604	1639	1704	1811	1908	2035	2245		
Box Northey Arms			0820	0911		1011	1111				11				1611		1711	1818	1915	2042	2252		
Kingsdown The Swan	0736			0946		1046				46				1546		1646							
Bathford High Street	0738			0948		1048				48				1548		1648							
Bath Bus Station Bay 9	0752	0840	0931	1008	1031	1106	1131			06	31			1606	1631	1706	1731	1836	1932	2058	2308		

Operates to Marina Meadows via London Road on request

WCS - Evening trips provided with financial support by Wiltshire Council.

C - Connects with service 270 to Urchfont

valid from 5th April 2020

SUNDAYS and public holidays

Buses towards Devizes

	WCS	WCS	WCS	WCS	WCS	WCS
Bath Bus Station Bay 9	1110	1310	1510	1710	1910	
Box Northey Arms	1127	1327	1527	1727	1927	
Atworth Post Office Lane	1134	1334	1534	1734	1934	
Whitley Pear Tree	1138	1338	1538	1738	1938	
Shaw Church Farm	1142	1342	1542	1742	1942	
Melksham Market Place	0950	1150	1350	1550	1750	1950
Melksham Forest Tower Road	0955	1155	1355	1555	1755	1955
Bowerhill Kingfisher Drive	1002	1202	1402	1602	1802	2002
Sells Green Three Magpies	1007	1207	1407	1607	1807	2007
Devizes Market Place	1014	1214	1414	1614	1814	2014
	U	U	U	U	U	

Buses towards Bath

	WCS	WCS	WCS	WCS	WCS	WCS
Devizes Market Place Pelican	0912	1112	1312	1512	1712	1912
Sells Green Three Magpies	0919	1119	1319	1519	1719	1919
Bowerhill Kingfisher Drive	0924	1124	1324	1524	1724	1924
Melksham Forest Church	0931	1131	1331	1531	1731	1931
Melksham Market Place	0938	1138	1338	1538	1738	1936
Shaw Church Farm	0945	1145	1345	1545	1745	
Whitley Pear Tree	0949	1149	1349	1549	1749	
Atworth Post Office Lane	0953	1153	1353	1553	1753	
Box Northey Arms	1000	1200	1400	1600	1800	
Bath Bus Station Bay 9	1020	1220	1420	1620	1820	

WCS - Evening trips provided with financial support by Wiltshire Council.

U - Continues to Urchfont as service 270

Served on request only

National Express – from 27th July 2020
Frome – Trowbridge – Melksham – Devizes – Swindon – London
 correlated by Melksham Rail User Group, operated by National Express

--- From 27th July 2020 ---

Daily	National Exp.	Sa,Su	Mon-Fri
08:15	Frome	21:15	21:30
08:35	Trowbridge	20:55	21:10
08:50	Melksham	20:45	21:00
09:10	Devizes	20:30	20:45
09:55	Swindon	19:50	20:05
11:25	Heathrow	18:20	18:30
12:20	Victoria	17:30	17:30



Coach now calls on Spa Road in Melksham

Not at Town Hall

Bookable at the TIC

Bus Route 68/69 – as at 25th July 2020
Corsham – Melksham – Holt – Bradford-on-Avon – Trowbridge
 correlated by Melksham Rail User Group, operated by Faresaver
 See overleaf for service x34 Melksham to Trowbridge via Semington

Trowbridge • Bradford on Avon • Melksham • Corsham

Including journeys on service 68 that run via Staverton. All journeys are operated by the Faresaver bus company unless shown otherwise.

Zig Zag bus service **69**

Mondays to Fridays

Service number...	68	69▼	68▲	69	69	69	68	68▲	X69▲
CORSHAM, Newlands Road	0720	—	—	1005	1205	1305	—	—	—
Gastard, Harp & Crown	0724	—	—	1010	1210	1310	—	—	—
Whitley, Corsham Road	0727	—	—	1014	1214	1314	—	—	—
Atworth, Purpitt	0730	—	—	1017	1217	1317	—	—	—
Atworth, Clock	0732	—	—	1019	R	R	—	—	—
Shaw, Church	0737	—	—	1023	1221	1321	—	—	—
Melksham, Market Place	0745	—	0855	1033	1233	1333	1635	1705	1805
Broughton Gifford, Fox	0754	—	—	0903	1041	1241	1341	1643	1711
Holt, Station Road (Avonfield)	—	—	—	0908	R	R	—	—	—
Holt, Three Lions	0800	0900	—	0911	1046	1246	1346	1648	1715
Staverton, Old Bear	0808	▼	—	0916	—	—	1653	1721	—
Bradford on Avon, Town Bridge	B	0905	B	1052	1252	1352	B	B	1818
Trowbridge, Trinity Church (for Rail Stn)	0823m	—	—	1059	1259	1359	B	B	—
TROWBRIDGE, Town Hall	0818m	—	0928	1104	1304	1404	1705	1733	—

Saturdays

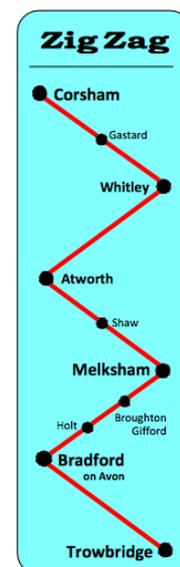
Service number...	68▲	69	69	69	68	X69▲
—	0955	1205	1440	1630	—	—
—	1000	1210	1445	1635	—	—
—	1004	1214	1449	1639	—	—
—	1007	1217	R	R	—	—
—	1009	1219	R	R	—	—
—	1013	1223	1454	1644	—	—
0855	1023	1233	1500	1650	1735	—
0903	1031	1241	1508	1658	—	—
0908	R	R	—	—	—	—
0911	1036	1246	1512	1702	1743	—
0916	—	—	—	1707	—	—
B	1042	1252	1518	B	1748	—
B	1049	1259	1525	B	—	—
0928	1054	1304	1530	1718	—	—

Mondays to Fridays

Service number...	X69▲	69	69	69	69	68	68	68▲
TROWBRIDGE, Town Hall	—	0850	1110	1310	1410	1600	1720	1735
Trowbridge, Fore Street	—	0851	1111	1311	1411	1601	1721	1736
Trowbridge, Trinity Church	—	0853	1113	1313	1413	1604	B	B
Bradford on Avon, Town Bridge	0746	0902	1122	1322	1422	B	B	B
Staverton, Old Bear	—	—	—	—	—	1615	1730	1745
Holt, Three Lions	0751	0908	1128	1328	1428	1620	1735	R
Holt, Station Road (Avonfield)	—	0910	R	R	R	R	R	—
Broughton Gifford, Fox	0756	0914	1133	1333	1433	1625	1740	R
Melksham, Market Place	0805x	0925	1143	1343	1443	1635	1750	—
Shaw, Church	—	0931	1148	1348	1448	—	1755	—
Atworth, Clock	—	0935	—	R	—	—	R	—
Atworth, Purpitt	—	0937	—	1352	R	—	R	—
Whitley, Corsham Road	—	0940	1151	1355	1451	—	1757	—
Gastard, Harp & Crown	—	0944	1155	1359	1455	—	1801	—
CORSHAM, Newlands Road	—	0950	1200	1404	1500@	—	1806	—

Saturdays

Service number...	X69▲	69	69	69	68
—	1100	1310	1535	1725	—
—	1101	1311	1536	1726	—
—	1103	1313	1538	—	—
0811	1112	1322	1546	—	—
—	—	—	—	1735	—
0816	1118	1328	1551	1740	—
—	R	R	R	R	—
0821	1123	1333	1556	1745	—
0830x	1133	1343	1606	1755	—
—	1139	1349	1612	1801	—
—	1143	R	R	R	—
—	1145	1353	R	R	—
—	1148	1356	1614	1803	—
—	1152	1359	1617	1806	—
—	1157	1404	1622	1811	—



Key: B - This journey runs via Trowbridge Hospital and Staverton –NOT Bradford.
 R - The bus will only call at this point if required by passengers on the bus.
 ▲ - This journey is operated by the Frome Minibuses bus company.
 @ - Sets down on Pickwick Road, NOT Newlands Road

m - Sets down at Manvers St. in Trowbridge Town Centre, then continues to Trinity Church (for John of Gaunt).
 x - Terminates at Lowbourne in the town centre, then continues as service 14 to Melksham Forest.
 ▼ - This journey is operated by Libra Travel and continues to Bradford on Avon rail station. Please note that this journey will not be operated by a low floor bus

Melksham Town Bus – as at 25th July 2020
Route 14 – via Melksham Forest and Queensway
 also to Addison Road, Granville Road and Avon Road

Route 15 via Snowberry Lane and Skylark Road
 also to Berryfield
 correlated by Melksham Rail User Group, operated by Fromebus

MRUG timetable sheet 5 of 5, 26.7.2020

Saturday Overleaf

Route: 14 15

Monday to Friday (no service on bank holidays)



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Atworth Clock	0800 S
Whitley Pear Tree	0802 S
Whitley Corsham Road	0804 S
Melksham Dunch Lane	0808 S
McDonalds	0812 S
Market Kings -Kings Arms	0820 S
Spa Road -for surgery	0822 S
Melksham Oak School	0825 S

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ASDA Supermarket	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	
Sainsbury's																						
Lowbourn -Buds	0808	0842	0942	1012	1042	1112	1142	1212	1242	1312	1342	1417	1447	1512	1547	1627	1712	1742				
Forest Road	0810	0844	0944	1014	1044	1114	1144	1214	1244	1314	1344	1419	1449	1514	1549	1629	1714	1744				
Methuen Avenue		0846	0946	1016	1046	1116	1146	1216	1246	1316	1346	1421	1451	1516	1551	1631	1716	R				
Melksham Forest	0812	0848	0948	1018	1048	1118	1148	1218	1248	1318	1348	1423	1453	1518	1553	1633	1718	1748				
Sherwood Avenue		0850	0950	1020	1050	1120	1150	1220	1250	1320	1350	1425	1455	1520	1555	1635	1720	R				
Blackmore Road	0816	0852	0952	1022	1052	1122	1152	1222	1252	1322	1352	1427	1457	1522	1557	1637	1722	R				
Queensway	0818	0854	0954	1024	1054	1124	1154	1224	1254	1324	1354	1429	1459	1524	1559	1639	1724	R				
Snowberry Lane	▼	0856	0956	1026	1056	1126	1156	1226	1256	1326	1356	1431	--	1526	1601	1641	1726	R				
Spa Road -Hospital	0834	0859	0959	1029	1059	1129	1159	1229	1259	1329	1359	1434	1501 ▲	1529	1604	1644	1729	R				
Market Place	0835	0901	1001	1031	1101	1131	1201	1231	1301	1331	1401	1436	1503 ▲	1531	1606	1646	1731	↓				
Sainsbury	R	R	1003	R	1103	1133	1203	R	1303	R	R	1438	--	--	1608	--	--	--				
ASDA Supermarket	R	0905	1007	1035	1107	--	1207	1235	1307	1335	1405	--	--	1535	--	1650	1735	↓				

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ASDA Supermarket	0915	1012	1112	1212	1312																	
Shumhold	0917	1014	1114	1214	1314																	
Dunch Lane	0918	1015	1115	1215	1315																	
Addison Road	0919	1016	1116	1216	1316																	
Southbrook Road	0920	1017	1117	1217	1317																	
Avon Road	0927	1024	1124	1224	1324																	
Granville Road	0929	1026	1126	1226	1326																	
ASDA Supermarket	0935	1032	1132	1232	1332																	

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The Oak School	1505 S	↓
Spa Road	1509 S	↓
Market Place	1510 S	↓
McDonalds	1515 S	↓
Dunch Lane	1520 S	↓
Whitley Cor'm. Rd	1524 S	↓
Whitley Pear Tree	1526 S	↓
Atworth Clock	1533 S	↓
Broughton Gifford	1538 S	↓

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ASDA Supermarket	2	2	2	2	1	2																↓
Sainsbury																						↓
Market Pl Kings Arms																						↓
Spa Rd- for hospital																						↓
Holbrook Vale	0942	--	1142	--	--	--																↓
Snowberry -Surgery	0948	1048	1148	1248	1448	1618																↓
Eastern Way -Thyme	0949	1049	1149	1249	1449	1619																R
Skylark Road	0951	1051	1151	1251	1451	1621																R
Sandridge Rd Coop	0953	1053	1153	1253	1453	1623																R
Opposite Buds	0957	1057	1157	1257	1457	1627																R
Bank St for Sainsbury	R	R	R	R	--	--																
ASDA Supermarket	1002	1102	1202	1302	--	--																

S This section operates on school days only
 ▼ Runs via Bowerhill at 0825 Halifax Road. On school days only it also calls at The Oak School for 0830
 ▲ On school days calls at The Oak School for 1505 and runs via Spa Road 1509, Market Place 1510 to Buds 1512
 R Request stop- Only calls at this points if requested to do so by a passenger already on the bus

For up to date information about this and other services please visit our website at www.fromebus.co.uk

Melksham Town Bus – as at 25th July 2020

Saturday service – Monday to Friday overleaf

also Service x76

Marlborough – Calne – Melksham – Bath – Royal United Hospital

correlated by Melksham Rail User Group, operated by Buses of Swindon

for other buses to Bath, see services 271, 272 and 273

Timetable

Route: 14 15 Melksham Town

Saturday

23-06-2018

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	268-2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ASDA Supermarket	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1440	1540	1620	1700	
Sainsbury's	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1444	1544	1624	1704	
Lowbourn - Buds	0832	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1447	1547	1627	1707
Forest Road	0834	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1449	1549	1629	1709
Methuen Avenue	0836	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1451	1551	1631	R
Melksham Forest	0838	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1453	1553	1633	1713
Sherwood Avenue	0840	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1455	1555	1635	1715
Blackmore Road	0842	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1457	1557	1637	1717
Queensway	0844	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1459	1559	1639	1719
Snowberry Lane	0846	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1501	1601	1641	1721
Spa Road -Hospital	0849	0959	1059	1159	1259					
Market Place	0851	1001	1101	1201	1301					
Sainsbury's	-	1003	1103	1203	1303					
ASDA Supermarket	-	R	1107	-	1307					

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	1	1	1						
ASDA Supermarket	0915	1112	1312						
Shumhold	0917	1114	1314						
Dunch Lane	0918	1115	1315						
Addison Road	0919	1116	1316						
Southbrook Road	0920	1117	1317						
Avon Road	0927	1124	1324						
Granville Road	0929	1126	1326						
ASDA Supermarket	0935	1132	1332						

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	1	1							
ASDA Supermarket									
Sainsbury's		1205							
Market Pl -Kings Arms		1208							
Spa Rd -for hospital		-							
Holbrook Vale	1012	1212							
Snowberry -Surgery	1018	1218		1356	1501	1601	1641	1721	
Eastern Way -Thyme Rd	1019	1219		1357	1502	1602	1642	1722	
Skylark Road	1021	1221		R	R	R	R	R	
Sandridge Rd Coop	1023	1223		1359	1504	1604	1644	1724	
Opposite Buds	1027	1227		1403	1508	1608	1648	1728	
Bank St for Sainsbury's	R	R		--	1509	1609	1649	C	
ASDA Supermarket	1032	1232		--	1513	1613	1653	-	

R Request stop- Only calls at this point if requested to do so by a passenger already on the bus
C Continues to Market Place

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Timetable Route x76

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

route number	X76
Marlborough High Street	0910
Barton Park Morris Road	0913
Fyfield A4, The Stables	0917
West Kennett opp Telephone Box	0920
Beckhampton opp Waggon & Horses	0924
Cherhill A4, opp Black Horse	0928
Lower Compton A4, opp Compton Turn	0929
Quemerford Post Office	0931
Calne The Strand, Town Hall	0935
Derry Hill opp School	0940
Bromham The Greyhound	0945
Sandridge Common Bromham Turn	0946
Melksham Forest Sandridge Co-op	0948
Melksham Bank Street, Old Bear	0952
Atworth Clock Tower	1007
Bathford The Crown	1018
Bath Abbey, Orange Grove	1031

Continues to Royal United Hospital on request

Bath | Melksham | Calne | Marlborough

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

route number	X76
Bath Royal United Hospital	1305
Bath Abbey, Orange Grove	1325
Bathford The Crown	1335
Atworth opp Clock Tower	1345
Melksham Bank Street, nr The Bear	1357
Melksham Forest Sandridge Road, Foresters Arms	1402
Sandridge Common Bromham Turn	1404
Bromham opp The Greyhound	1407
Derry Hill School	1412
Calne The Strand, Bank House	1420
Quemerford Post Office	1423
Lower Compton Turn A4	1425
Beckhampton Waggon & Horses	1429
West Kennett A4, Telephone Box	1434
Fyfield A4, Garage	1437
Marlborough High Street	1447

Melksham

rail user group

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th August 2020

~~10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Melksham Station – grand opening of new car park~~
Edit for versions 1.1 – 6th August 2020 no longer a public event on that day

Wednesday 16th September 2020

from 7:30 p.m. - Melksham Rail User Group meeting

The MRUG meeting will be **online** via zoom. We hope to be able to safely meet in person too – with a zoom access to our location, either indoors at the United Reform Church Hall (where there is plenty of space) or in a spacious garden. We will be clearer which of these extra options will be available for the next news letter.

Melksham Rail User Group to become Melksham Transport User Group?

On the table for our September meeting - a proposal to rename the Melksham Rail User Group to the "**Melksham Transport User Group**". It's been informally discussed amongst our officers and active team.

We are so much more bus, cycle and walking concerned now – indeed you'll find 6 pages of bus and coach timetable, and just 2 pages of train timetable in this newsletter – though other news remains predominantly rail. Working with local authorities, councils and bus as well as train operators, and with many of us travelling by bus just as much as by train, our name should reflect our members and goals.

We would / will still very much support TransWilts. TransWilts have moved on from being a community group which was founded by MRUG volunteers. They are now rail and local government lead, with a salaried staff, Department for Transport designation, franchise and council funded, and policies which guide their activities. Whilst they can be (and are) innovative, they cannot easily be maverick any longer, even if that would be in Melksham's interest.

We will also remain the Station Friends group for Melksham Station – supporting and marketing station use, assisting with surveys, with our members helping as volunteers in weeding, cleaning, informing passengers, etc, in the station area. Also keeping an eye open for safety, security and other issues that need attention and acting / reporting as appropriate. With a staffed cafe due to open across the way in the early autumn, with TransWilts contracting or employing an operator, we do anticipate that operator will be willing, able, and logical to look after daily attentions at the station which a volunteer group might do at totally unstaffed locations.

Putting some scale ...

* Passenger numbers have risen from 3,000 to 75,000 per annum and are forecast to rise beyond 300,000 in the next few years

* MRUG is / has been run purely by its volunteers and will continue as MTUG in that way, with an income of around £1,300 per annum. TransWilts annual report for 2019/20 reports an income of £87,000 for the year. See <https://transwilts.org>

MRUG -> MTUG:

- looking after local community support and marketing
- all Melksham sustainable transport.

TransWilts CIC:

- medium, long term and big projects for rail in Wiltshire
- operating company for the Melksham Hub

The Sunflower Hidden Disability Scheme



The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower - for when you need ... assistance. support. more time. <https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com>

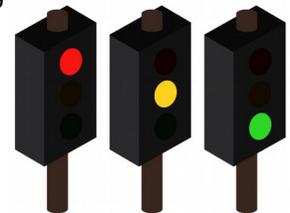
Wearing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower discreetly indicates to people around you including staff, colleagues and health professionals that you need additional support, help or a little more time. Above all, it is used anywhere where people meet.

Now recognised by all passenger train operating companies on the main UK Network.

The scheme operators write (28th July 2020): "We are delighted that all train operators across England, Scotland and Wales and Network Rail are signed up to the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower scheme, with staff being trained to identify the Sunflower when people choose to wear a lanyard or show a card. This is a part of the rail industry's commitment to make the railway more accessible for more people."

Train running report for July 2020

Most of our Sunday trains restarted on 12th July. Services are now running 7 days a week, though with a few timetable reductions. Reports from passenger using the trains are that they are still quiet, but that there was been a significant increase in numbers in during the month. 406 trains were timetabled to call at Melksham in July; there would have been 515 with a full timetable. We have moved up from red to amber - not yet full service "green" with everyone encouraged to travel in the way they used to, but rather there and available for all – please do so in moderation.



For the calendar month of July

11 trains cancelled
10 trains significantly late
97.0% ran (franchise target 98.5%)

1 train shown cancelled but reinstated
32 trains just a little late, 352 on time
94.6% public performance measure (target 90%)

For the last week of July

11 trains cancelled
4 trains significantly late
89.9% ran (franchise target 98.5%)

1 train shown cancelled but reinstated
10 trains just a little late, 93 on time
86.6% public performance measure (target 90%)



A reasonable performance month, but if fell apart in the final week with cancellations on 4 out of the 7 days from the already-reduced timetable.

The picture (© Bob Morrison, with thanks) illustrates the problem. local trains cancelled to let long distance expresses to be diverted via Melksham. Occasionally, OK. Multiple times in a week - problem.

We are asking for diverted trains which replace our timetabled service to call at our intermediate stations.

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