



Marlborough Community Area Newsletter

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Marlborough CAN is a new way to keep in touch with things that are happening locally.

With regular news from the Council, Police, NHS and many other local community groups and organisations, you can be the first to know what is happening. With opportunities to have a say on important issues and to take part in local events and activities, **Marlborough CAN** will put you in the picture. If you have received this from a friend or colleague you can join

Marlborough CAN by clicking on this link. [Sign Up!](#)

New non-emergency Police number



As from **Monday 19th September** you are now able to contact Wiltshire Police by calling 101. The roll out of this new non-emergency number is part of a national programme to make it easier for you to contact your local police. 101 is now used for non-emergencies such as contacting local officers, getting crime prevention advice, making Wiltshire Police aware of policing issues in our local area, for any other non-emergency and reporting a crime (unless it's a crime in progress, when you should dial 999).

Rural burglaries in the Marlborough community area

The number of recent rural burglaries is currently of great concern to Wiltshire police. The police are appealing to home owners, small businesses, stables, etc., to increase their security measures and for everyone to report any suspicious activity (persons/vehicles) in the area. It is particularly important to note vehicle registrations, descriptions and direction of travel. Wiltshire Police officers have stepped up patrols in the area but they need the community to help defeat this current spike in this type of offence. If you see anything suspicious, call 999 immediately and give as much detail as possible. If you have any information which is not of an urgent nature please report it on the new non-urgent telephone number which is 101. No matter how insignificant the information may seem, it may be enough to help catch and convict offenders so please call it in.

Community Speed Watch

Many of the issues raised with our Area Board are focussed upon speeding. Community Speed Watch has been designed to help you resolve this – you can volunteer to help, get trained and work as a group to monitor the speed in your local community and inform the local police regarding repeat offenders, this helps you to keep your roads safer for everyone. Contact your local Town or Parish Council if you want to get involved!

Invitation to Self Funders Forum on 4 October 2011



The Wiltshire centre for independent living invites you to a Self Funders Forum on **TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2011, 10.00 for 10.30 start — 12 noon, DEVIZES SPORTS CLUB, LONDON ROAD, DEVIZES SN10 2DL**

James Cawley, Assistant Director and Nicola Gregson, Head of Older Peoples' Commissioning on Wiltshire Council Support to Self Funders

If you wish to attend, please telephone Wiltshire CIL on 01380 725400 or email info@wiltshirecil.org.uk.

More money in Your Pocket – a day for older people in Marlborough



Marlborough town has been identified as an area where older residents may not be making full use of their benefit entitlements. An event called *More Money in Your Pocket* has been arranged by Age UK and the Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network. It is aimed at giving advice, support and help to encourage older people to know about their entitlements.

The morning event will include an information session and also an opportunity to talk about issues facing older people. There will also be a Tai Chi taster session, stalls and advice points along with morning coffee and lunch. For further information, contact Nick Crane on 01380 871800 (nickcrane.wsun@btconnect.com).

This event will take place on **Thursday 6th October 2011 at Marlborough Town Hall from 10am.**

Road Works



Temporary road closures are proposed along the A4 Bath Road, between College Fields and Pewsey Road, and along the High Street between Pewsey Road and Hyde Lane. These will commence on Monday 24th October 2011 and will last for 3 weekday evenings between 19:00 and midnight.

Resurfacing works are also programmed along the A4 between its junction with Bell Lane, West Overton and approximately 300m East of Church Hill, West Overton. The works will commence on Tuesday 4th October and weather permitting, will be completed by Thursday 13th October. The hours of work will be between 19:00 to 06:00. During the first week, works will be undertaken on the three evenings of Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October. During this period works will be undertaken within temporary traffic signals allowing motorists to use the A4. During the second week, works will be undertaken on the four evenings of Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th October. Due to the nature of the works being undertaken during this week, the works will be carried out within a temporary road closure, to ensure that adequate health and safety is maintained for my contractor and local residents. The main diversion route for all 'through' traffic will be via the A4 to Beckhampton Roundabout, north on the A4361 to B4005 (Wroughton), east on B4005 to the A346 (through Chiseldon), south on A346 to A4 (through Marlborough) and vice versa.

For further information please contact Simon Price (simon.price@mouchel.com / 07776 473869)

Community Wi-Fi - Marlborough Area Development Trust



Would you like to provide free WiFi and attract custom for your business? It is very easy for you to use the MADT Community WiFi system and become what we call a Gateway Partner.

We have developed a complete system for Gateway Partners:

- **No technical expertise required** - MADT take care of the initial equipment installation and monitor its on-going usage
- **Excellent system security** - access is controlled via a 'Voucher' system providing an individual access code to each user

which is only valid for one device for a specified time period

A Gateway Partner also gains **additional marketing benefits** by:

- being seen to support this Community wide initiative and displaying a Community WiFi window sticker
- being able to issue access Vouchers branded with their own logo
- by having their logo on the MADT access portal, and
- being profiled on the Marlborough Area Community web site

To find out more or to arrange a site survey contact MADT at wifi@marlborougharea.org.

Community Arts Training



The arts service runs a 4-day community arts training course for anyone who would like to develop the skills and knowledge to set up and manage an arts project that will benefit their local community – it may be of interest to any community group including those with no experience of the arts or an arts practitioner who wants to run community arts projects.

Community groups, or those organisations that work with the socially excluded, can really benefit from running arts projects, but they often don't know where to start. Their aim is to give them the skills and knowledge to take their ideas forward

Using the skills and knowledge of expert trainers, the course is designed to cover all the elements of running a project including pre-planning, fundraising, partnerships, publicity, marketing and managing community arts projects.

Participants need to be based in Wiltshire. Statutory and voluntary organisations with paid staff will be charged £40 per person, whilst voluntary groups, individuals and artists will pay £35 per person. The next 4-day course will take place on 4/5 and 11/12 November 2011. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 5th October 2011.

For more information and an application form, please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/arts or email arts@wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone arts development officer, Meril Morgan, 01249 705531.

Five free arts bursaries available to freelance artists who work with young people



If you work with young people and are interested in supporting them to be more creative, develop leadership skills and gain a nationally recognised qualification then this may be the project for you. Wiltshire Council Arts Service and Arts Award are working together to provide subsidised training for people to become Arts Award Advisers - which means you can deliver the award with any young people aged 11-25. Training usually costs £140 but under this scheme you only pay £65. The Arts Service will also provide five free bursaries for freelance artists. If you are interested in taking part in the project please register your interest by e-mailing arts@wiltshire.gov.uk

There will be two training days led by Ruth Jones, Arts Award South West Regional Coordinator and Senior Trainer. The training course will give you all the skills and knowledge that you need to deliver Arts Award at Bronze and Silver levels. The first one day course is Thursday 3rd of November 2011, and the second date will be in the New Year. The project will culminate in two awards ceremonies, the first will be timed to mark the journey of the Olympic Flame through Wiltshire and the second will be timed to coincide with the closing of the Olympic Games. At these ceremonies a panel of judges will select the best three projects to be awarded a Bronze, Silver and Gold commemorative coin.

Pageturners Project for young people

Pageturners is a themed workshop for young people. These work well in lots of settings – festivals, schools, youth centres, libraries, arts venues as part of events, campaigns or training etc. The three themes below are just some of the many that are available and I am always open to new ideas! A brief summary of the three workshops listed will give you a flavour of what the workshops are like:

- The Hilarious Books Experience: This will give children and young people a chance to laugh their socks off with some great stories. They will take part in humorous activities and games, create comedy characters and group stories and explore some hilarious fiction.
- Passion for Fashion: This is aimed at older girls/young women and uses some great fiction to explore self-image, celebrity culture, who you are, perceptions of others and fashion issues for young women. A really fun and creative way to think about these important issues whilst discovering some great books at the same time.
- Revolutionary Reading: This explores democracy and freedom using some of the most exciting young adult fiction alongside debate, discussion, drama and writing.

For more information, please contact Lesley Taylor, Pageturners Project, 07941 594120 - www.pageturnersproject.co.uk.

Marlborough Area Board - Community Area Grants



Funding is available to help provide facilities, equipment and activities that are important to the local community. These awards can really make a big difference in helping communities get schemes and projects started. Applications are now invited in line with the criteria for funding. Applications will be considered at each Area Board meeting and funding criteria and application form can be [found here](#). The next deadline is **26 September 2011** for consideration at the 1 November 2011 area board followed by **19 December** for consideration at the 7 February area board meeting. To avoid disappointment please read the funding criteria before you complete the application form.

Village SOS



Launched on 10th August 2011 as part of the BBC six-part series, Village SOS follows the journey of six villages, as they use a Big Lottery Fund grants to set up a new community enterprise. The campaign will see dedicated expert advisers provide support and guidance to people inspired by the BBC1 series to set up and run their own community enterprises, from shops and pubs to broadband services and transport systems. Village SOS Active is a new campaign by the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) in collaboration with rural communities' charity the Plunkett Foundation and its partners, which sees rural communities being offered advice and support on a level never before seen.

The campaign includes:

- A UK-wide advice line to help people in rural areas looking to set up and run new community enterprises, pooling the UK's leading rural, social enterprise and co-operative experts;
- A series of 24 events, taking place twice in every region of England, two in Wales, and one each in Scotland and Northern Ireland. These will give people hands-on, practical advice and the chance to hear from inspirational examples

Alongside this support, the Big Lottery Fund has also set up a £5m funding competition that communities can enter for a chance to win a Lottery award to kick start their enterprises. The awards will be in the region of £10,000 and £30,000 per enterprise.

The three steps for getting help with setting up a community enterprise are:

1. Go to www.villagesos.org.uk and register your details.
2. Call the Advice Line on 0845 434 9123
3. Come along to one of the UK wide road show events.

Family Information Service

The Family Information Service provides free, independent information and advice to parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-19 in Wiltshire. We do this through our telephone helpline, which is available Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm, through community outreach, our website www.askwiltshire.org and leaflets.

We offer information and advice on all family issues, including finding childcare, family finance, choosing a school and all the issues that arise within families. During 2010/11 we responded to over 8,500 enquires.

70% of the people contacting the helpline are parents and carers; however 30% are professionals working with families. 100% of callers who filled out an evaluation form said they would use the service again and recommend it to someone else.

ask Parent Partnership offers impartial special educational needs information and support for children and young people who are on the code of practise.

ask Parenting Service supports parents and carers of 8-17 year olds through our 9 week parenting programme "Making the Most of Teenagers" and can provide one to one support where parents are referred to our Parenting Specialists.

Olympic Flame

To celebrate the Olympic year Wiltshire Council and Arts Award South West are collaborating on a project to celebrate the creativity and energy of young people within Wiltshire. The aim of the project is to enable hundreds of young people to take part in dozens of projects all across the County inspired by the Olympic Flame.

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Community issues

If you have an issue which you have tried to resolve, perhaps with the help of your parish/town council or local community group but find you cannot. Then why not submit your community issue and see if Malmesbury area board can help you.

We will work with the local community, parish and town councils, councillors, council officers and partners to see how an issue can be resolved. [Click here](#) to 'Report an issue in your community area'.

Marlborough CAN



If you know a colleague or friend who would be interested in receiving the Marlborough CAN news alert, please forward this on to them. If you wish to be removed from this database, please contact me – email [Julia Densham](mailto:julia.densham@wiltshire.gov.uk).

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