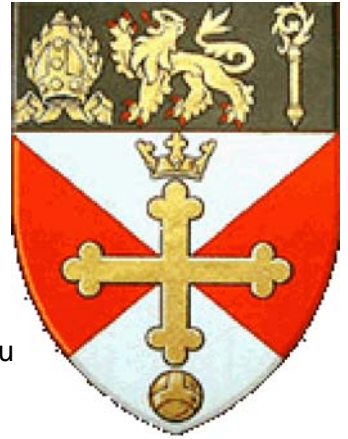


# Malmesbury Town Council News



## YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

You elected us in May 2007. As the end of our first year approaches we want you to know that we are getting on with the job and are attempting to respond to your confidence in us by addressing the many issues that face us as a community.

Several concerns surfaced during the election campaign. You will find these mentioned below and asterisked to identify them. And of course there is the continuing need to deal with the routine but important work such as giving our views on proposed new development in and around our town.

### NEW MTC WEBSITE \*

**Now on-line. If you don't know what your town council does you can now find out.**

Even better, you can use it to tell us your concerns and suggestions. Your views are important to us!

**Do please use it!** If you think it could be improved why not pass your ideas to the town hall team.

Go to - [www.malmesbury.gov.uk](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk).

### TOWN HALL CHARITY DINNER PARTIES

Are you keen to preserve our heritage and town hall in particular?

**Why not come to one of our fun dinner parties and help raise money for some extra improvements to our fine building.**

For more information speak to Cllr Catherine Doody, Tel. 01666 824731.



### FORMATION OF WILTSHIRE UNITARY COUNCIL

**We expect this to result in your council being invited to take on more responsibility for our own local affairs. Would you welcome this? Do you think we should? Your opinion is warmly invited. We should like to know your views.**

### MALMESBURY BLOOMERS

This is the dedicated team who arrange Malmesbury in Bloom each year for us. They are hoping to do it again and need sponsors. Do please let Cllr. Doody know if you can help.

### FARMERS MARKET

You may have heard rumours in the past that this will cease. Not true! It is continuing under the management of Wiltshire Farm Markets.

**Do please take advantage of this regular opportunity to support your local farming community.**

### PARKING \*

**We are taking a new look at the needs of residents and visitors to see what changes could be made to improve facilities. It may include reviewing the existing yellow lining of roads.**

**Would you support a park and ride arrangement? How about pedestrianising our High Street? Where could new residential parking space be made? Your ideas are wanted. Do please let us have them!**

**By the way. Parking temporarily in the centre of the high street whilst visiting a cash point is NOT permitted. Would the few persons doing this please cease this practice.**

### TETBURY HILL CEMETERY (See picture on left)



**Maintenance of the grounds (a legal requirement) continues and efforts are being made to minimise this cost. The chapel is very little used and its future will have to be decided. It might be suitable for use as a meeting place. If you think you could use it do please let Cllr. Woodcock or town hall staff know.**



## MALMESBURY AREA TRANSPORT HUB

A first point of contact for all your transport enquiries and needs both for individuals and groups.

This service is free of charge and can be accessed by calling 01666 822143 or by dropping in to Malmesbury Town Hall, Monday to Friday between 9am to 4pm.

## GREAT WESTERN HOSPITAL

Trust status has now been applied for. Elections for new governors to be held in April 2008. Telephone Claire Giles on 01793 604185 for details.

## TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT

Work is on target to complete work in May of this year. It now includes an improved entrance to the Hobbes Room & Bar, male, female and disabled toilets on the first floor and a refitted kitchen.

Much effort is being made to find hirers for what is expected to be a greatly improved facility for our town once refurbishment has been completed. If you could use our town hall why not discuss the matter with us? Our grateful thanks are extended to existing users who are putting up with much inconvenience whilst this refurbishment is undertaken.

VAT is having to be paid on the total package of work and this substantial sum of money cannot be recovered unless our town hall is registered for this tax. The unavoidable side effect has been that hire charges now have to include VAT. The good news is that some hirers may be able to recover this.



## PLAY AREAS

A grant of £25,000 has been obtained for installing a new multi functional play area for Reeds Farm Installation is planned for 2008/9.

Town Council congratulations are offered to those individuals who have succeeded in installing such a splendid facility at White Lion Park. See the picture below. **March**



## THE TOWN BRIDGE

The railings look very tatty don't they! We have asked our our County Councillor to seek funding from Wiltshire County Council so that they can be re-painted.

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## OUR NEW HEALTH CENTRE

The planned operational date is 23rd June '08. It will include much improved facilities for the Surgery, a Minor Operations Suite, Rehabilitation Suite, Podiatry, Audiology, Community Midwifery and a range of Outpatients services. Our local Neighbourhood Team will be based there as will a commercial Pharmacy.

The new on site Care Home will include six NHS funded beds for palliative care.

The PCT and Practice will be issuing some patient and press information on the new facility soon.

## THE TOWN HALL TEAM

Led by our town clerk, Jeff Penfold they have been having a very busy time supporting council initiatives and responsibilities, plus responding to the many queries and matters referred to them for comment and action. Local concerns addressed embrace the provision of adult education, cutting the Reeds Farm perimeter Hedges, tourism matters, and footpaths.

## 2008 BUDGET (MALMESBURY PRECEPT)

Budgets have been slashed BUT an increase has been unavoidable. We have to repay the loan obtained for refurbishing our town hall, and it has been essential to replace obsolete IT equipment.

**BRIGHTEN UP OUR TOWN** Many of the litter bins, notice boards, etc badly need a lick of paint. **Could you help?** We will supply the paint and brushes. Just pop in to see a member of the town hall team who will be delighted to discuss this with you.