

FREE ENTRY



The Melksham Food and River Festival is an amalgamation of two earlier events held in the town. The Food Festival which was started by Melksham Town Council in 2010 was held in the grounds of Melksham House where it ran for 5 years. However it became effectively homeless following Wiltshire Council's acquisition of Melksham House for the campus project.

An excellent River Festival was held in Melksham in 2014 run by the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust. They wanted to continue running the event in future years but were concerned by the huge running costs.

Discussion ensued and the outcome was the Melksham Food and River Festival. This is now held annually in the beautiful King George V Park right in the heart of the Town.

Our first event took place in 2015 and since then we have grown to become the must go-to free late summer event in Melksham. 2019 promises to be our best Festival yet.



An enormous Thank You to the following organisations for their generous sponsorship and support of the Melksham Food and River Festival. We could not do it without you.

Equally important are the many people who each year volunteer their expertise, enthusiasm, time and hard work to ensure the Festival is a success. If you wish to join our company of volunteers please let us know.



Melksham Town Council



Whilst the Committee makes every effort to ensure events adhere to the advertised programme, details are subject to change without prior notice.

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Melksham **FOOD & RIVER** Festival

31st August - 1st September 2019
King George V Park - SN12 7ED



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60+ Stalls
All Weekend

Saturday & Sunday at the Festival

More than 60 Stallholders will be onsite from 10am Saturday offering Hot Food and Drink, Artisan Foods, Craft Ales, Ciders, Spirits, Local Crafts and much more.

Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team (**WOLT**) will bring an 8.5m high **Climbing Wall**, which can accommodate four climbers simultaneously. Fun for adults and children over the age of six.

Cooper Tires Wire Challenge rigged by WOLT, is a Traverse Wire across the River Avon. A challenge for adults and children over the age of eight.

Our friendly Festival **Face Painter** Barry Moger is a master of his art and a regular visitor to the Festival.

Danny Toogood's **Fairground** brings children's rides, an inflatable slide, dome and side stalls, including 'Hook a Duck', 'Sweet Cork Shooter' and 'Test of Strength'.

Cooking Demonstrations The popular cooking demonstrations return to the Festival this year. The demonstrations take place in the 'Leekes Country Kitchen Marquee' where you'll also be able to watch the cooking action on our big screens.

Take some refreshment at the **Festival Bar** available on both days with a great selection of local Ales and Ciders for your enjoyment.

Rock 'n' Roll or Belly Dancing, whichever is your forté you'll be able to watch the dance demonstrations and join in the fun.

Have a look at the fabulous **Visiting Boats** berthed on the river and have a chat with the owners, many of whom take their boats all over the UK and Europe.

Boat Trips on 'The Mary Archard' and 'Damsel'fly' in the capable hands of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust. Take a relaxing boat ride along the beautiful River Avon towards Beanacre and enjoy the wildlife on this stretch of river. 'The Mary Archard' is a Wheelyboat, which can accommodate wheelchairs and children's buggies, allowing the entire family to enjoy a boat trip.

Try Canoeing Thinking of taking up a new sport or just feeling adventurous, then why not try canoeing with Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club (**WYCC**)? The Canoe Club will provide you with safety equipment.

Also on Saturday at the Festival

Sweet Swing Trio will play three separate sets for your enjoyment.

Foxhangers Raft Race Cash prizes for the winning team and for the best turned out crew and raft. Come and support the teams on their homemade rafts as they try to beat the river and each other.

Macapello Choir Late afternoon in the marquee, put your feet up and let this brilliant choir and our wonderful local band **The Decibelles** entertain you.



Boat Trips	10.45am - 11.30am & 12.45pm onwards
WYCC Demo	10.30am, 1pm, 4.30pm
Rock 'n' Roll Demo	10.30am, 1pm, 3.15pm
Try Canoeing	11am, 1.30pm, 2.15pm
Cooking Demo	11am, 1.30pm, 3.45pm
Sweet Swing Trio	11.45am, 2.15pm, 4.30pm
Raft Race	12pm - 12.45pm
Belly Dance Demo	12.15pm, 2.45pm
Macapello Choir & The Decibelles	5pm - 6pm

Also on Sunday at the Festival

Burbank will play three separate sets for your enjoyment.

Foxhangers Paddleboard Race with a cash prize for the winner.

Frankie the canal horse will be giving children's rides in the park.

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Paddleboard Race	12pm - 12.45pm
Belly Dance Demo	2.45pm

