

25th October 2024 * Melksham Transport User Group

Please come along at 14:30 or 18:30 (or both!) on Friday 25th October 2024 ...

... to the Melksham Campus for our relaunch of the Melksham Transport User Group (MTUG)

... at 17:00 on the same afternoon to the KGV Park to unveil a "Happy to Chat" memorial bench to Peter and Margaret Blackburn.



Some background. If you have ANY interest in ...

- * Buses * Trains * Cycling * Walking
- * This year * Next Year * Next 10 years
- * Helping * Meeting People and chatting
- * Keeping Fit * Environmental Good
- * Commuting * Personal Business
- * Getting out and about * Trips out
- * Buses on your street * Buses and trains to and from our town
- * How to find out about travel * How to find places to go
- * How to find the best routes and fares

... come along on Friday 25th. It will cost you nothing but your time.

Public Transport provides a vital travel element in Melksham for many of us, and over the years the Melksham Railway Development Group (MRDG) - which has morphed into the Melksham Transport User Group (MTUG) - has had some notable achievements. Most of the changes have been informed by community input, and many of the current service users have learned via publicity circulated by the group.

Looking forward, we are in a time of great risk and also great opportunity.

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We are in a time of great risk and also great opportunity.

Now is the time for us to make views known and blow a little wind into the sails of the new government and the new systems they set up for specifying road and rail services. And also for helping plan where we want our town to grow and redevelop, and how. We should not wait to let people know after new systems and decisions are in place.

We also need to promote and use what we have today. The big increase in some bus service this summer is on a trial "use it or lose it" basis, and it makes sense to get more bums on seats by having people know what is around, how to use it at an economic cost, and how to help others use it and get it tuned already towards the future.

The group has taken a strategic break over the past couple of years. Many members are no longer around, and **as acting chair I (Graham Ellis) am looking to reactive the group.** Whether that succeeds will depend on the community response on 25th and at the time of writing I don't know how that will go. On 25th we will inform. We will (I hope) motivate, we will look to plans ahead where we can help you and you can help us from early 2025. Stopping by for a chat. Helping people with public transport. Us helping you. Promoting forward. Coffee morning and a natter with new friends. Trips out to show you how. **Please come along if you're interested - no matter how small a contribution you feel you'll make. There are lots of different ways for different people to be involved. Together, we can enjoy helping to make Melksham that town for the future.**

For the agenda

- *Current services*
- *Service project List*
- *Network for short term meeting*
- *Station hub volunteer cafe project*
- *Information exchange and friendship group*
- *Formal Membership*

This is a community meeting – for the community and local representatives and specialist groups to help us get all our ducks in a line.

No need to book - just turn up. But I am very much available ahead of time.