

Have a great
weekend by
and on the
river this
September!



Melksham River Festival

6 & 7 September 2014

King George V Playing Field, Melksham,
and on the Avon

On the 100th anniversary of the closure of the Wilts & Berks Canal, a fun weekend looking towards its reopening!



The Wilts & Berks Canal originally linked the Kennet & Avon Canal to the Thames at Abingdon. It was abandoned in 1914 and the section through Melksham built over. Now, thanks to the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust, it is hoped to reopen it, with a new section - the Melksham Link - through the town. The leisure and tourism benefits are obvious and it would also provide a wildlife 'green corridor' encouraging greater natural diversity.

To commemorate the closure - and look with optimism to the future - we are holding a River Festival. Come along with the family - it'll be a great, fun weekend with lots to do and see.

Melksham River Festival attractions include:

- Genuine steam boats
- Boat trips up the Avon
- Edwardian fairground
- Canoe races and demonstrations
- Sailing dinghies
- Crafts
- Face painting, bouncy castle and children's activities
- Duck race
- Evening BBQ
- Licenced Bar and refreshments
- Food including pizza
- Music
- Competitions

Entry free!

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10am- 5pm, Saturday 6 Sept and 10am - 4pm, Sunday 7 Sept
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