

County Celebrates Wiltshire Good News

Another great month of achievement for Wiltshire led by the Conservative administration in County Hall



The Olympic Torch passes County Hall

“Flaming June” certainly started with damp weather but was definitely a month of warm spirit. The arrival of the Olympic Torch in West Wiltshire at the end of May gave great heart to the County. The passage of the Torch through our streets was a mammoth organisational task which fell to Wiltshire Council. Literally hundreds of volunteers were needed and minute detail was required to make the event a success for the torch bearers and thousands of supporters alike. The event went off so well that the Home Office asked for the Wiltshire Council plans in order to extract lessons for organisers elsewhere. However the greatest success was the pleasure that the historic passage of the Olympic flame through our County gave to the people of Wiltshire. Let us hope that there is equal success for the return of the Torch to South Wiltshire in early July when the Council is sponsoring the design and erection of special silk banners to line the southern Wiltshire route. The torch progress through the County will finally be celebrated with a special event and concert at Hudson’s Fields in Salisbury on 11th July.

June was also the month in which we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Sixty years on the throne is a monumental achievement but to do it in the dedicated and exemplary fashion (and with a special smile) that our Queen has conducted herself is so very special and we must hope for many more years of her reign as we look to the future. Literally hundreds of innovative celebrations that took place in towns and villages across Wiltshire, sometimes in spite of our inclement British weather, to show the depth of feeling that the people of Wiltshire have for both the monarchy as an institution and the Queen as the embodiment of that institution.

Wiltshire Council has also concentrated on the improvement of opportunity for residents in the County be they young or old. Within the past month the Leader of the Council has presented a grant cheque of £400 000 to the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics in Melksham for improvement of their facilities. There has been a successful bid by the Education Department of the Council for a grant of government money to rebuild three of our schools. This bid was strongly supported by local MPs Claire Perry and John Glen. There was also good news for Trowbridge as work started on the new St Stephens Place complex which will include a multiplex Cinema, a new Hotel, a new car park and a range of family restaurants as well as the jobs that go with them. Finally the County has successfully bid for a £4m government funding package to help to promote rural businesses; this will include help for 450 regenerated and new businesses and 200 new jobs. All this development does not come without hard work in County Hall where Wiltshire Council is clearly becoming increasingly successful at both using its own resources and attracting inward investment to make our County a so much better place to live in.



Work starts in St Stephens Place

Work starts on Trowbridge

Leisure Development

There was good news for Trowbridge as work began on the St Stephens Place Development in the town. The development will provide a new seven-screen ODEON multiplex cinema, a new 80-bed Premier Inn hotel, as well as a range of family restaurants, cafes and bars, 111 new car parking spaces, new landscaped areas of riverside open space, which once completed will create over 200 new ongoing jobs for Trowbridge.

Legal & General Property, the firm behind St Stephens Place Leisure Park and owner of the neighbouring Castle Place Shopping Centre, completed contracts in April with ODEON and Premier Inn.

This will be the first multiplex cinema in Wiltshire and is a very exciting development for Trowbridge.

The green light for this development was given by Wiltshire Council in May.



The new St Stephens Place Development

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Wiltshire Council Leader Jane Scott Presents the £400 000 Cheque to The Wiltshire School of Gymnastics

Council Gives Cash Boost to Gymnastics School

The Conservative administration of Wiltshire Council has reinforced its commitment to youth and sport in the county with a grant of £400 000 to the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics in Melksham. The Wiltshire School of Gymnastics (WSG) based in Melksham, is a state-of-the-art venue which welcomes all levels of potential gymnasts. It also regularly hosts major competitions which draw competitors from across the country.

Conservative Council leader Jane Scott, said: "The Wiltshire School of Gymnastics is a hugely popular gym which attracts families from many different areas and is currently bursting at the seams. The council has made a commitment to improve leisure facilities throughout the county and in this Olympic year, when sport is high in everyone's minds, it is great to be supporting a project which will give even more people the opportunity to enjoy sport in Wiltshire"

Wiltshire Council Wins Priority Status in Government School Building Programme Bid

As a result of a well presented bid the Conservative administration of Wiltshire Council has won priority building status for three school sites in the County. The bid for funding from the £1.1bn Priority School Building Programme was put to central Government at the end of 2011 and was a joint effort between the Conservative led Wiltshire Council and local Conservative MPs John Glen and Claire Perry. A delighted Cabinet Member responsible for Education Conservative Councillor Lionel Grundy said "I am very pleased that our hard work in submitting this bid has been rewarded with financial success which will benefit the children of our County. We do not yet know the full extent of the funding but we are very hopeful that it will be sufficient to wholly cover the three building projects" The three educational establishments concerned are St Mary's C of E Infant School, which was a joint application with St Peter's C of E Junior School and Wyvem College.

Wiltshire Council joins with DEFRA in Business Boost

Following a national competition Wiltshire and Swindon have been selected as one of five Rural Growth Network (RGN) pilots which will be established during 2012/13. The County will trailblaze a new approach



Wiltshire businessman Mark Wilkinson discusses business regeneration with Councillors

to rural economic development that combines existing initiatives tackling local rural issues with new ideas that bring specific sector solutions,

including an understanding of a community that is often 'hidden' within the rural landscape. This includes military garrisons and DEFRA are also joining the project in order to help the rural aspects of the project before rolling it out nationally in future years. The project is worth £4million and will help create and regenerate 450 rural businesses.



Wiltshire children to benefit from Council bid

Councillor Lionel Grundy Cabinet Member for Education and Schools

