

## Tickets

Major events at Melksham Assembly Hall can be booked online through Ticket Source (via <https://www.melkshamassembly.co.uk>), in person at the Melksham Tourist Information Centre or at the Town Hall, or by phone to 01225 704187.

## Finding Us

Melksham Assembly Hall can be found just behind the Town Hall on the Market Place.

Facilities are easily accessible and flat.

If this is your first visit to The Hall, enter the postcode SN12 6ES in your SatNav.

What3words: [///striving.weeknight.unzipped](https://www.what3words.com/striving.weeknight.unzipped)

Melksham Town Centre is served by buses on routes: 14, 15, x34, 68, 69, x76, 271, 272 and 273

For major events, times shown are show start times. Doors will usually open for shows an hour before the show starts. Come early and enjoy our licensed bar and meet with friends in the lounge.



Melksham Assembly Hall is owned and operated by Melksham Town Council

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/MelkshamAH/> and on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/MelkshamAH>  
Email: [assemblyhall@melksham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:assemblyhall@melksham-tc.gov.uk)

For full terms and conditions please refer to the Assembly Hall website



# Regular Events

## ASSEMBLY HALL

### West Wilts Model Car Club

7:00pm, most Mondays  
07789 257613

### Monday Movies (previously Seniors Film Group)

2:00pm, first and third Mondays most months  
[terriwelch102@gmail.com](mailto:terriwelch102@gmail.com)

### North Wiltshire Decorative & Fine Arts Society

11:00am, first Wednesday of most months  
01380 870213

### Melksham Historical Association

7:30pm, most third Thursdays  
01225 709887

### Melksham Rock 'n' Roll Club

7:30pm, normally last Saturday of the month  
07779 330042

### Table Top Sale

10:00am to 4:00pm, first Tuesday of the month  
01225 704187

## MELKSHAM MARKET PLACE

### Tuesday Market

9:00am to 2:00pm, every Tuesday

### Makers Market

Handmade gifts and local crafts  
9:00am to 2:00pm, last Saturday of the month  
[themelkshammakersmarket@yahoo.com](mailto:themelkshammakersmarket@yahoo.com)

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## THE UNRAVELLING WILBURYS

Friday, 11 November 7:15pm

Expect plenty of laughs and great tunes with this tribute to the greatest supergroup of them all.



The always-popular celebration of two legendary rock 'n' roll pioneers returns!

## THROUGH THE DECADES WITH ROY & BUDDY

Friday, 2 December 7:30pm

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

The illustrious Neil Sands is back with more heart-warming festive nostalgia.

Tuesday  
13 December  
2:00pm



Saturday, 3 December

CHRISTMAS FAIR  
1:00pm

LIGHTS SWITCH-ON



On Christmas Eve, a steam locomotive passenger train stops at the house of a boy who is growing skeptical about the existence of Santa Claus.



The Polar Express  
23 December  
2:00pm



The 80s / 90s  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Friday, 16 December 8:00pm

Our retro Christmas spectacular returns! Pop on your Raybans and hi-tops, crank that Walkman up and come on down. It's gonna be totally rad.

## Blasts From the Past

The Assembly Hall has been host to many well-known personalities and groups, often launching their career. Which ones have you seen?

### TELEVISION PERSONALITIES

Des O'Connor CBE  
Jimmy Tarbuck OBE  
Frank Bruno MBE  
Lee Evans  
Alan Carr 'Chatty Man'  
Joel Dommett  
Rich Hall  
Jon Richardson  
Seann Walsh  
Jethro  
Marcus Brigstocke  
Josh Widdicombe  
Rob Beckett  
Shappi Khorsandi  
Janet Devlin  
Simon Evans  
Jimeoin  
Jeremy Hardy  
Andy Parsons  
Dick Strawbridge  
Paul Gascoigne  
Mary Berry  
X Factor's Forbidden Nights  
Blake  
Dominic Kerwin  
Marty Wilde & The Wildcats...

### 60s AND CLASSIC BANDS

The Three Degrees  
Andy Fairweather Low  
The Manfreds with Paul Jones  
Les McKeown's Bay City Rollers  
The Searchers  
Acoustic Strawbs  
The Dreamers  
Swinging Blue Jeans  
Tornados  
The Cufflinks  
Midnight Dynamos  
Dakotas  
Vanity Fair  
Love Affair  
Four Pennies  
Brian Poole

Union Gap  
Dave Berry  
Nashville Teens  
Merseybeats  
Ivy League  
New Amen Corner  
The Fortunes  
Jon Otway  
Kast off Kinks  
Barron Nights  
Bay City Rollers...

### TRIBUTE BANDS AND OTHER ACTS

Bon Jovi Forever  
Fast Love  
Majesty  
You Win again (Bee Gees)  
Wannabe Spice Girls  
Dreamboys  
Adele Hometown Glory, Beatones  
Big O and the Wilbury Show  
Blake  
Blues Band'  
Blues Brothers  
Commitments  
Bob Drury Viva  
Bob Drury as Neil Diamond  
Bob Marley Legend  
Bon Jovi Forever  
Bootleg Beatles  
Bourne again  
Shadows  
Buddy Holly  
Cricketers  
California Dreamin  
Carpenters  
Experience  
Champions of Rock  
Cilla Shades of 60s  
Coldplace  
Cureheads  
Dodgy  
Dominic Kirwan & Lisa Stanly  
Dreamboys  
DS UK

ELO Beatles Story  
Elvis vs Jerry Lee  
FastLove George Micheal  
Faux Fighters  
Fleetwood Bac  
Floyd In the Flesh  
Forbidden Nights  
Female of the Species  
Genesis Legacy  
John Illsley  
John Lennon UK  
Legend Music of Bob Marley  
Littlemix BlackMagic  
Lynne & McCartney  
Manilow Through The Rain  
Mark Steel  
Monsters of Rock  
Neil Sands  
New Jersey Boys  
Oasis Tribute  
Stone Roses Tribute  
Patsy Cline Tribute  
Popup Bowie  
Powerhouse Gospel Choir  
Train to Skaville  
Unravelling Wilburys  
Purple Zeppelin  
Quo Experience  
Rock and Roll Paradise  
Rock for Heroes  
Rocket Man  
Roy and Buddy  
The Smyths  
Sounds of Simon  
Steve Parish  
SuperSonic 70s  
Take That  
Experience  
Everything Changes  
VooDoo Room  
Wannabe Spice Girls  
Waterloo Live  
Woo Town Hillbillies  
Pink Fraud  
Whos Next...

## what's on

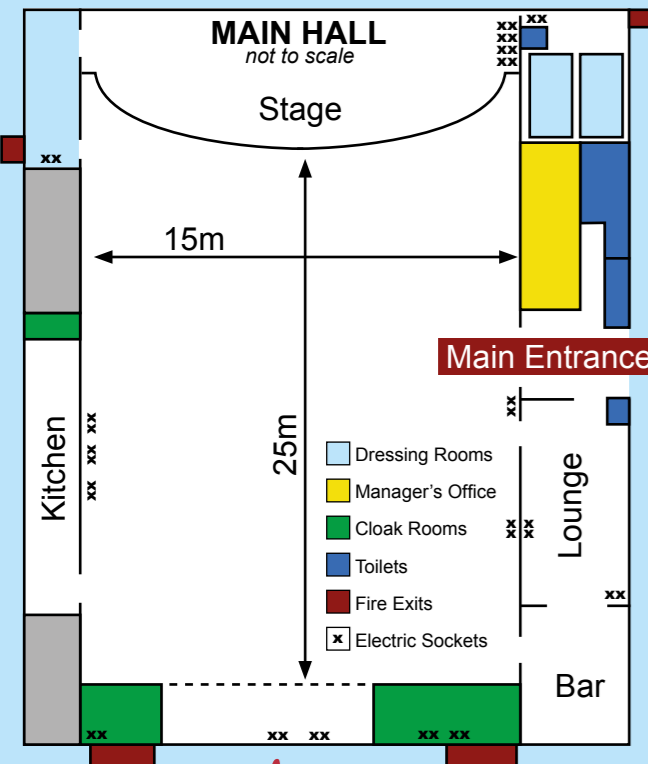


# MELKSHAM ASSEMBLY HALL

Melksham Market Place SN12 6ES  
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### Hall Hire

The Assembly Hall is hired as a single unit - lounge, stage, changing rooms, etc, included should you wish to use them. As well as the Assembly Hall, the main Council Chamber in the Town Hall and the Anteroom are available for hire for smaller meetings. Contact the Assembly Hall team via the Town Hall.



## Friends of MELKSHAM ASSEMBLY HALL

Melksham Assembly Hall provides live and recorded entertainment for public audiences of up to 400, and hire for events and groups commensurate with that space. Our friends group (FoMAH) was recently formed to help take the hall forward.

This brochure has been put together and distributed by volunteers from FoMAH, with support and assistance from Melksham Town Council Staff.

Email: [info@fomah.org.uk](mailto:info@fomah.org.uk)  
Website: <http://fomah.org.uk>

Find our group on Facebook with more than 270 members:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fomah/>



## Events this Season

- free event - come and go as you please
- entrance fee at the door
- purchase tickets in advance

### OCTOBER 2022

- 2 ■ ClimateFest 10:30am
- 4 ■ Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning 10:00am
- 20 ■ "Changing Times" 7:30pm  
*Melksham and District Historic Association*
- 21 ■ Majesty - Queen Tribute 8:00pm
- 22 ■ Glenn Darren & The Krewkats 7:30pm  
*Melksham Rock 'n' Roll Club*
- 29 ■ Monster Ball 7:00pm
- 30 ■ "Poltergeist" Assembly Hall Film Club 7:30pm

### NOVEMBER 2022

- 1 ■ Table Top Sale 10:00am
- 5 ■ Sausage and Ale Fest
- 11 ■ The Unravelling Wilburys 7:15pm
- 17 ■ AGM and Social evening 7:30pm  
*Melksham and District Historic Association*
- 19 ■ A Dinner Party 7:00pm  
*benefitting Melksham Free Dining*
- 25 ■ "Withnail and I" Assembly Hall Film Club 2:00pm
- 26 ■ Delray Rockets 7:30pm  
*Melksham Rock 'n' Roll Club*

### DECEMBER 2022

- 2 ■ Through the Decades with Roy and Buddy 7:30pm
- 3 ■ Christmas Fair 1:00pm
- 3 ■ Christmas Lights Switch-on
- 6 ■ Table Top Sale 10:00am
- 13 ■ Christmas Memories 2:00pm
- 16 ■ The 80s 90s Christmas Party 8:00pm
- 17 ■ The Rock-A-Toons 7:30pm  
*Melksham Rock 'n' Roll Club*
- 23 ■ "The Polar Express" A H Film Club 2:00pm

# MAJESTY



Get ready to Break Free with the UK's biggest Queen Tribute band – Majesty, in a brand-new show – The Break Free Tour!

Join Freddie, Brian, Roger and John as they take you on a magical journey performing The Best of Queen, whilst celebrating the music and showmanship of the UK's favourite rock band.

Quite simply one of the best Queen tributes in the world. As seen on ITVs "Starstruck"!

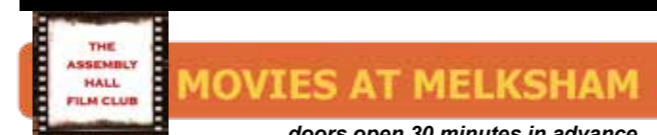


Thursday  
21 October  
8:00pm



Meet the 10ft Pumpking, attend Zombie School and more when The Monster Ball returns bigger and badder than ever!

Saturday, 29 October  
7:00pm



doors open 30 minutes in advance  
Late one night, Carol Anne inexplicably converses with the family's television set and a ghostly white hand emerges from the screen, followed by a violent earthquake. As the family awakens from the quake, Carol Anne eerily declares "They're here."

Poltergeist  
Sunday, October 30  
7:30 pm



In September 1969, two unemployed young actors, flamboyant alcoholic Withnail and contemplative Marwood, live in a messy flat in London. Needing a holiday, they obtain the key to a country cottage and drive there. The weekend holiday proves less than they expected.

Withnail and I  
Friday, November 25  
2:00 pm

## A DINNER PARTY

Charity event benefitting Melksham Free Dining



Melksham Free Dining offers a free meal to anyone that needs it, But it's not just about the meal; it's about trying to combat loneliness and isolation. They currently have more than 70 residents of Melksham who come to their lunch, and this figure is added to weekly.  
TicketSource: "melksham-free-dining"  
All monies will go to Melksham Free Dining.

Saturday  
19 November  
7:00pm

## History of the Assembly Hall

"A numerous and highly influential meeting of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Melksham, was held at the King's Arms Inn, on Monday last, for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a pitched market for cheese in connection with the present cattle market in that town."

- Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 24 December 1846

- 1846 - Melksham Market company is formed; money raised to erect buildings
  - 1847 - Town Hall, with cheese market underneath, and cheese store behind are completed
  - 1847 - Cheese market opens; fortnightly cattle market moves from Mondays to Tuesdays
  - 1848 - First passenger train travels from Thingley Junction to Westbury, coinciding with cheese market day
  - 1859 - Cheese Market revival
  - 1860 - Push for subscriptions to Melksham Volunteer Rifle Corps, reaching capacity two years later
  - 1888 - First public-purpose performance at new Drill Hall on Church Street
  - 1891 - Melksham Market Company attempts to sell market property
  - 1898 - Melksham Market Company again attempts to sell market property
  - 1906 - Property owner Kelson requests H Company find another building for their use
  - 1907 - Drill Hall moves to behind Town Hall, enclosing the old cheese market
  - 1914 - Urban District Council purchases Town Hall, Drill Hall and Police Station at auction
  - 1939 - Military authorities requisition building, needing premises to store ARP equipment
  - 1942 - Caretakers hired for Hall; includes accommodation
  - 1946 - Drill Hall becomes Assembly Hall with major interior redecoration, addition of entrance lobby, stage, and bathroom facilities, exterior painting
  - 1947 - first public performances following war
  - 1950 - Entrance archway to Assembly hall demolished; entrance pillars to Melksham House moved; walls behind pillars demolished
  - 1954 - Major renovations to Assembly Hall include new flooring and amplification system
  - 1955 - Further renovations include bar and kitchen alterations, new stage curtains and extension at the front
  - 1978 - Gaiger of Devizes transforms building
- Several improvements to the building have been made since.

