

Melksham Seniors Forum,

A really good turn out of over 6 Seniors for our new "Activity" afternoon on the 2nd February when we had a very varied programme of events. Many members were able to tap into the big world of IT with lessons on iPad's and laptop's from staff from the Learning curve whilst others enjoyed the Sing N Smiles sessions, movement to music and games provided by friends from Age Concerns.

In fact, we realised that we are being far too ambitious in packing so much in to an afternoon.

Therefore in future the IT sessions will be held on a different day, leaving the 1st Monday in the month events as a fun, games & singing activities, with other projects on a different day.

The activity project fits very well with the Councils desire to support Ageing Better and keeping older people healthier.

The film show on Monday afternoon the 16th February will be the Award winning Film "Cry Freedom" Directed by Richard Attenborough starring Denzel Washington. Doors open at 1330 for refreshments, film starts 2pm.

The senior forum is very concerned that the high costs of venues and associated add on costs, alongside cuts in grants is making it almost impossible for local voluntary organisation to fulfill the key purpose of their existence without identifying extra funding.

We would therefore seek the support of the Area Board in requesting Wiltshire Council to review its policies on grants to grass roots organisations, especially as it relates to revenue.

Regards

Brian Warwick
Chair, Melksham Seniors 55+ Forum

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