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Wiltshire bobbies 'On the Beat'



Wiltshire Police have launched their 'On the Beat' campaign to highlight local policing in the county. The month-long campaign, which will be focused primarily on social media, aims to educate and inform the public about what their local police service looks like by introducing people to their local police officers, featuring the important work they do and raising awareness of the demands facing modern-day policing.

Throughout April, Wiltshire Police will be shining a spotlight on the county's six Community Policing Teams, showing the public what day to day life is like for those on the front line in our communities.

You can learn more about your local Community Policing Team, by visiting <https://crowd.in/CbBatO>, where you will find out how to follow their Facebook and Twitter accounts. Read about the campaign at <https://crowd.in/AuGGGt>.

Local councillor's CAZ update

Our local councillor, **Johnny Kidney**, has sent an update on Bath's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) proposals, following B&NES Council's decision last month to amend the original zone boundary.

"I submitted a consultation response expressing concern about the impact of the [original] proposals on Limpley Stoke, Winsley, Westwood and Wingfield, in terms of access for residents to the RUH and the potential for traffic to divert via our communities to bypass the charging zone. I also joined Wiltshire Council colleagues from across the wider Bradford-on-Avon Community Area in submitting a joint representation, which reiterated my concerns for our area. Wiltshire Council too submitted a robust response to the consultation.

B&NES Council has now decided to proceed with an amended plan for a Class C CAZ, which excludes all private cars from the proposed charging schedule. This alleviates some of the concern about access to the RUH. However, higher emission private hire vehicles, taxis, buses, vans and heavy goods vehicles will be charged to enter an expanded Clean Air Zone.

There remains a risk that these vehicles will seek alternative routes to avoid the charging zone, which could exacerbate rat-running through our communities. While the potential number of vehicles doing so is reduced from the original proposal, with private cars being exempt from the charge, it remains cause for concern. There is also a potential issue with cars which would not be charged to enter the CAZ still being diverted through our communities if their Sat Nav systems are set to 'avoid tolls'.

B&NES intends to introduce the scheme in late 2020 but has stated that there will be an opportunity for the public to have a further say as the process moves forward. In the meantime, I will continue to work with Wiltshire Council colleagues and officers on this issue to ensure that any measures introduced by B&NES to tackle air pollution in Bath do not simply displace the problem across the Wiltshire border by causing the most polluting traffic to rat-run through our communities. I will continue to provide updates on this as the process moves forward."

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Limpley gets creative

Limpley Creative is the name of a newly-formed think tank group of Limpley Stoke residents, set up to discuss ideas for community-enhancing events and supported by the Parish Council.

A well-attended 'Big Brainstorm' session was held in the village hall last month, where lots of suggestions and ideas were shared for consideration.

Feedback from the evening's brainstorming session will be posted shortly on the village's brand new website:

limpleystoke.org. If you register via the 'Contact us' page, you can choose to be kept linked-in and informed.



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Dusk Memory Walk

The **Dusk Memory Walk on Saturday, April 13** at Dorothy House Hospice in Winsley is a 5km sponsored family walk, starting at 7pm and ending at the hospice as daylight begins to fade.

The circular walk is open to all, including children and dogs. Part of the walk is through fields that could be muddy, so wear sensible footwear. Due to the terrain, which includes hilly sections, the route is unsuitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

At the end of the walk, there will be an opportunity to put your own message on a candle bag, which will shine in the grounds.

Entry for the walk costs £12 for adults and £5 for children (aged 16 and under). Parking is available.

For full information, to view the route map and to enter, visit <https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/events/dusk-memory-walk/>. For other information, contact the fundraising team on 01225 721 480 or email: emily.knight@dorothyhouse-hospice.org.uk.

Church Lane closed

Part of Church Lane will be closed temporarily to all traffic from **Monday, April 15** for four days between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

The closure, from outside property No 2 for approximately 120 metres in a south-westerly direction, is to enable BT Openreach to access underground cabling. Access will be maintained for residents.

Further information from A-Plant Lux traffic control (Openreach) on 03700 500 792.

Glass is back

A number of Galleries Shop customers, concerned about the use of plastics, have asked if the shop could stock milk in glass bottles. Your views have been taken on board and, for a limited period, the shop will trial the sale of whole and semi-skimmed milk in 1-pint bottles. Look out for them in the chiller cabinet. Empty, rinsed-out bottles can be returned and left in a crate outside the shop for the milkman to collect. The Galleries would appreciate your feedback on this new venture.

Easter church services

GOOD FRIDAY (April 19)

Noon St Mary's, Limpley Stoke
2pm St John's, Hinton Charterhouse

EASTER SATURDAY (April 20)

8.30pm St Peter's, Freshford: Service of Light with candles

EASTER SUNDAY (April 21)

9.30am St John's: Holy Communion
11am St Mary's: Informal Communion followed by
EASTER EGG HUNT

EVERYONE WELCOME



Watch out: strangers about!

A man claiming to be from a roofing company was cold-calling in Freshford and Limpley Stoke late last month. The address given on his business leaflet turned out to belong to a completely different company, which had no knowledge of him. There may be a simple explanation, but better to be on the safe side.

Salisbury clean-up work completed at last

The completion of clean-up work, following the Novichok nerve agent attack last year, marks a significant milestone in South Wiltshire's return to normality, reports Wiltshire Council. Defra announced last month that the final site of decontamination in Salisbury is now safe.

During the past 11 months, around 190 military personnel from the Royal Air Force and Army, supported by specialist contractors, have undertaken highly specialised decontamination work as part of a precautionary approach to the clean-up across the 12 sites identified in Salisbury and Amesbury.

While decontamination may be complete, government support for the region will not end. As Salisbury gets back to business, the Government is working with local leaders to deliver an ambitious local Industrial strategy for the area.

Wiltshire Council has committed more than £13m since March 2018 to support businesses, boost tourism and meet unexpected costs of the incidents, £9.6m of which is special grant police funding.

Volunteer with BPT

Bath Preservation Trust (BPT) would welcome nominations for new trustees. If you, or someone you know, specialises in town planning, finance, PR or education, BPT would like to hear from you at: no1royalcrescent@bptrust.org.uk.

There are plenty of other volunteer roles across BPT'S museums and campaigning work: email them at conservation@bptrust.org.uk.

Children's charity seeks help

Wiltshire Treehouse is a Swindon-based charity providing support for bereaved children. The charity, which is marking its fifth anniversary by expanding further into the county, is looking for support from businesses and the local community.

With limited specialist bereavement support available for families in the county, the charity wants to set up a hub in Wiltshire where support programmes for primary and secondary-age children can be delivered.

Wiltshire Treehouse, which receives funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, hopes to have the new hub up and running later this year.

To this end, the charity is looking for individuals to volunteer within Wiltshire, as well as for businesses to provide corporate assistance. With volunteer training planned for June, it is intended to have the new team ready to help families later this year.

If you'd like to get involved, or for more information, contact Kath Brownlee on 0749 350 9750 or email admin@wiltshiretreehouse.org.uk.

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, April 1
Monday, April 15
Monday, April 29



Domestic waste/
black box:

Monday, April 8
Monday, April 22



Green bin:

Wednesday, April 10
Wednesday, April 24



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16
Power supply emergency 105
Police (non-emergency) 101
Bradford on Avon Police:
Andrew MacLachlan
0752 897 2236
andrew.maclachlan@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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MyWiltshire app: potholes, road issues, blocked drains, grit bins
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting or
phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit:
Thursday, April 18
10.00-10.25am
Uplands Close, Midford Lane

What's On

Canal's influence on Cotswolds' edge

Sunday, April 7, 10.00am—2.30pm

Guided walk led by Cotswolds Voluntary Warden, starting at Bradford on Avon war memorial in Westbury Gardens.

Circular walk exploring the historic relationship of the K&A Canal with the town of Bradford on Avon and hamlets of Avoncliff, Conkwell, Murhill and Turleigh. Bring packed lunch. Free but voluntary contribution to Cotswolds Voluntary Warden's countryside fund would be appreciated.

Hospital of the Baths: talk

Wednesday, April 24, 7.30pm

A talk by Alan Gwynn: Past, Present and Future of St John's Hospital, Bath, one of the oldest almshouses in England, from 1174 to the 21st century. The 'hospital of the baths' was built beside the hot springs of the Cross Bath for their health-giving properties and to provide shelter for the poor infirm.

Members: free

Visitors: £2.00

Everyone welcome

Freshford & District Local History Society meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Freshford Memorial Hall.

Contact: 01225 723447 /

peter.pennyjones@gmail.com.

Heritage displays

Saturday, April 27, 10.00am—3.00pm

Heritage displays at Holt's Glove Factory by local crafters using traditional techniques and tools. Spoon-carving, green woodworking, forging, stonemasonry and pottery on display. Meet crafts people, ask questions, watch demonstrations and have a go. Unique handmade items on sale. Refreshments available.

Venue: The Field Kitchen, Glove Factory Studios, 1 Brook Lane, Holt, BA14 6RL. Free event.

www.glovefactorystudios.com/events/

English Choral Gems

Saturday, April 13, 7.30pm

The Freshford Singers, accompanied by Westwood String Quartet, will perform at Holy Trinity Church, Combe Down. Programme includes works by Vaughan Williams, Parry, Byrd and Elgar.

Free admission. Retiring collection to support the Peggy Dodd Centre. More details: 01373 471106.

Eyes down for Bingo Night

Saturday, May 11, 7pm
Limpley Stoke Village Hall



Bring your friends (adults only) to support your Village Hall. Raffle, bar, prizes. All proceeds to Limpley Stoke Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm.

Tickets £15.00, to include two-course supper and six bingo cards, available from:

Elizabeth Gee (01225 723339)
Barbara Osborne (01225 867566)
Carol Hyland (01225 865539)

Walkers welcome

Tuesday walks (monthly), open to everyone, leaving at 9.30am from Bradford on Avon War Memorial in Westbury Gardens.

Next walk: April 30.

Walks are usually between 5 and 7 miles long, with a short break. Bring your own refreshments and wear suitable clothing for the weather and conditions. Assistance dogs only, please.