

# Limpley Stoke

## news

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## Go-ahead for Clean Air Zone

**A** Clean Air Zone (CAZ) for central Bath has been given the final seal of approval by Bath & North East Somerset Council. The zone, which is due to launch in November, will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and will see charges of £100 per day for higher emission buses, coaches and HGVs, and £9 per day for higher emission taxis, private hire vehicles, minibuses, LGVs and vans (including private vans, camper vans and pick-ups) to drive in the zone. Charges will not apply to private cars or motorbikes, regardless of emissions.

The business case setting out the details will now go to the Government for approval this month. This takes into account feedback from the latest public consultation, including boundary changes.

Work to install the zone – including cabling, cameras and signage – will now begin, with scheduled works listed at [www.bathnes.gov.uk/CAZupdate](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/CAZupdate).

Regular events will continue to be held for the public to drop in with any questions they might have. Dates will be published at [bathnes.gov.uk/CAZevents](http://bathnes.gov.uk/CAZevents).

Anyone who thinks they might be eligible for concessions or exemptions, eg Blue Badge holders, should check the council's website at [bathnes.gov.uk/BathCAZ](http://bathnes.gov.uk/BathCAZ).



### Freshford almost top of the class

Freshford Primary School has been named second-best school in the BANES area, according to the *Real Schools Guide 2020*. In first place was Weston All Saints Primary.

As well as KS2 results, the annual guide takes into account 45 different data points, including progress, pupil-teacher ratios and attendance rates.

Parents can browse the full details and recent Ofsted reports by visiting Somerset Live's *Real Schools Guide* page at [www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/local-news/real-schools-guide-search-1044612](http://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/local-news/real-schools-guide-search-1044612).

### Meet the expert



BBC Antiques Roadshow expert Marc Allum is guest speaker at the Freshford & District Local History Society on **Wednesday, February 26**. *Anatomy of Antiques* will highlight Marc's knowledge and experience covering the history and psychology of collecting. He will be bringing some items from his own collection to illustrate the talk at **Freshford Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**.

Tickets £5.00 (*members free*) from Penny Jones 01225 723447 / [peter.pennyjones@gmail.com](mailto:peter.pennyjones@gmail.com).

# Brainstorm brings results

A big thank you to everyone who attended the FLiSCA AGM in November and for all the creative input. In total, 38 new ideas were generated, all of which are summarised, together with the response from the Galleries Management Group (GMG), on the board in the shop. We have looked carefully at them all and, apart from a small number which have either been tried before or were deemed inappropriate, the vast majority are being looked into, and some have already been implemented.

The exciting news is that the GMG is looking at buying new chiller units and upgrading the coffee machine. Richard Blamey has agreed to head a marketing initiative to uncover what we need to do to attract more business from residents and school parents. We've already met with head of the school's PTA, George Tomlinson, who is fully behind this initiative.

Other good news is that FLiSCA has already paid out £6,260 in grants this financial year – significantly exceeding last year's donations of £5,040 – and approved another £3,500. This includes support for the pedestrian bridge project over the Kennet & Avon canal, helping fund new heaters in Limpley Stoke Village Hall, and electric car charging points at the school. **PLEASE NOTE:** we do expect recipients to acknowledge FLiSCA's contribution and to make a positive effort to use the Galleries shop and café more regularly.

Thanks to the financial strength of our shop and café, FLiSCA is still flush with funds so, if you know of any person or group who needs help towards a community initiative in Freshford or Limpley Stoke, ask them to take a look at the grant criteria on our website at <https://galleriesshop.co.uk/flisca/grants/> or email Lee at [leenewlyn@gmail.com](mailto:leenewlyn@gmail.com) or me at [simonhjcoombe@hotmail.com](mailto:simonhjcoombe@hotmail.com).

Simon Coombe

# Village tidy-up

**Saturday, February 22** is tidy-up day in Limpley Stoke. Why not spend some time sprucing up your garden or join in, between 11am and noon, with sorting out communal areas around the village. Hot drinks and biscuits afterwards as a reward for your efforts.

Meet at Limpley Stoke Village Hall at 10am.

## Autumn supper thanks

Organisers of last November's annual Autumn Supper and film show would like to say a huge thank you to all the guests who went along to support the event. A very enjoyable and fun evening raised a net profit of £1,140, which will be put towards the on-going upkeep and improvements to Limpley Stoke Village Hall.

The hall management committee would also like to thank the many people who helped out on the night, cooking, washing up, showing the film, manning the bar and all the other tasks which helped make the evening so successful.

## Woods Hill closure

Part of Woods Hill, from its junction with Lower Stoke for a distance of approximately 100 metres, will be closed temporarily to all through traffic from **Tuesday, February 11 to Thursday, February 13** to enable Wessex Water to carry out essential work outside property No 7.

Access will be maintained for residents and businesses but may be restricted due to the nature of the work.

Contact Tom Wysocki at Wessex Water on 0345 600 4600 for more details.



## Report potholes for swift action

The high rainfall and water levels this winter will inevitably lead to potholes in the roads. Wiltshire Council is asking drivers to report potholes using the MyWiltshire app, where they can be dealt with quickly by the highways team. The MyWiltshire app ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting)) can be downloaded on smart phones or accessed on the council website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) (or phone 0300 456 0105).





**W**ILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE (WAA) will celebrate its 30th year of operation on **Sunday, March 15**, the same day as the **Bath Half Marathon**. Countless lives have been saved since the service began in 1990, with 2019 being its busiest year. It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the life-saving service operational – that’s just over £10,000 per day. The charity, which is not funded directly by the Government and receives no National Lottery grants, relies on donations.

Events such as the Bath Half Marathon are key to WAA’s fund-raising, providing in excess of £110,000 in the past five years and raising £27,000 in 2019. If you’d like to be involved in raising funds with Team WAA, visit <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/waa-events/2020-bath-half-marathon/>.

## Help shape Wiltshire

Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum is looking for new members to help shape the Wiltshire countryside, access to it, and outdoor recreation in the county.

The forum gives advice to organisations such as Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and Natural England to improve outdoor recreation within Wiltshire, setting its own agendas depending on local issues and helping local authorities shape their priorities and policies.

Members are volunteers and include a range of people of all ages and background from throughout Wiltshire, including walkers, cyclists, horse riders, conservation groups, and land owners. The forum has previously been successful in helping to improve the maintenance of the county’s rights of way network.

Meetings are held up to four times a year and there are occasional project-specific working groups for members who wish to get more involved.

If you would like to have your say and help shape future policy, go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-caf](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-caf) and apply before **Friday, February 21**.

To find out more, email [rightsofway@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:rightsofway@wiltshire.gov.uk).

## Climate crisis talks

The informal ‘Climate Crisis’ chats (supported by Limpley Stoke Parish Council) continue this month at the **Inn at Freshford’s upstairs room** from 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:**  
**Ash dieback** and its potential impact on the Limpley Stoke Valley by Sarah Fraser.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25:**  
**Re-wilding** by Peter Green, ecologist

## Tree collection breaks all records

Dorothy House’s annual Christmas tree collection service raised a staggering £40,000, after what turned out to be its biggest yet. Local people booked their used trees in for collection for a charitable donation and volunteers picked up over 3,500 of them in just three days last month.

Last year’s collection raised £26,000 so Dorothy House is delighted with this year’s total. The scheme is supported by local businesses.

## Researching the history of your house

Whether you live in a 16<sup>th</sup> century thatched cottage or a 1980s semi, there’s a wealth of information waiting to be uncovered. This introductory, hands-on workshop will give you all the skills you need to get started researching your house. Admission £6.

**Saturday February 29, 10.30am-12.30pm**  
**Wiltshire History Centre, Chippenham: 01249 705500**

# What's On



## The importance of garden insects

Wednesday, February 5

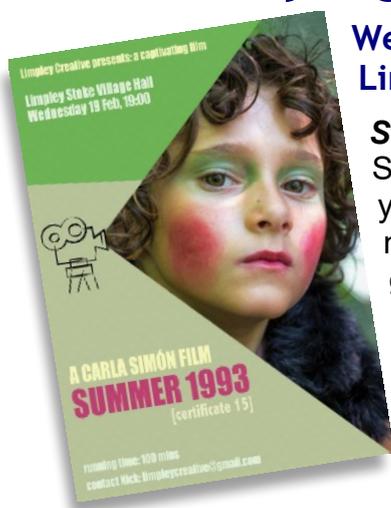
Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Tania Pascoe, a passionate gardener and cook who lives locally, set out across Britain some years ago to rediscover the magical, butterfly-filled memories of her childhood. Her 2016 book *'Wild Garden Weekends'* was the first guide book of its kind.

Members free / Visitors £3 / All welcome



## Wednesday night at the movies



Wednesday, February 19  
Limpley Stoke Village Hall

**Summer 1993** (Carla Simón, 2018)  
Semi-autobiographical story of a young girl after the death of her mother. A directorial debut that garnered praise and awards by the film community. "Summer 1993 is a distinctive film realised with heartfelt sensitivity and a keen sense of visual poetry" (BFI). **Doors open 7pm.** ([limpleycreative@gmail.com](mailto:limpleycreative@gmail.com))

## Cotswold Walk

Sunday, February 16,  
10.30am

### A countryside view of the city

Circular walk from Pulteney Bridge via Alexandra Park, Lyncombe Vale and Sydney Gardens. Coffee stop only.

Starting point: Pulteney Bridge (opposite Victoria Art Gallery). Not suitable for pushchairs.

3 hours / 4.5 miles

## Swing yer partners!

Friday, February 21  
Limpley Stoke Village Hall  
7.30–10.00pm

Kilts at the ready! Limpley Stoke's spring programme of events kicks off with a **Ceilidh Night**. Scottish dancing to live music and a caller.

Tickets £10 from George at [gtaylorba2@gmail.com](mailto:gtaylorba2@gmail.com).  
Restricted to 40 places due to limited hall capacity.

## WASTE COLLECTIONS

### Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, February 3  
Monday, February 17



### Domestic waste/ black box:

Monday, February 10  
Monday, February 24



### Green bin:

Wednesday, Feb 12  
Wednesday, Feb 26



## Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16

Power supply emergency 105

Police (non-emergency) 101

Bradford on Avon Police:

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MyWiltshire app: potholes, road issues, blocked drains, grit bins

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/)

[mywiltshire-online-reporting](http://mywiltshire-online-reporting) or

phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit:

Thursday: February 20

10.00-10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane

**Freshford & District Horticultural Society AGM and Mini-Show** is on **Wednesday, March 4**. More details to follow in next month's *Limpley Stoke News*.

Website: [www.limpleystoke.org](http://www.limpleystoke.org)



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