

Limpley Stoke news

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Join VE Day celebrations – from home

This year's early **MAY BANK HOLIDAY** was moved to **FRIDAY, MAY 8** to take account of the **VICTORY in EUROPE DAY 75th anniversary celebrations** over the weekend of **May 8–10**, all of which, of course, have since been cancelled.

In May 1945, when the war in Europe came to an end, millions of people up and down the country greeted the news with singing and dancing in the streets. And, while there may not be any street parties this year can still celebrate from the safety of our own homes. To this end, members of the public are being encouraged to take part in the **Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2 at 3pm on Friday, May 8**, as a thank you to those who gave their lives for this country.



To help you with ideas for weekend celebrations, Wiltshire Council has put together a fun-filled VE Day party toolkit, with something for all the family, including household garden parties, themed activities, games, puzzles, sing-along lyrics to war-time songs, 1940s recipes, make your own bunting, posters, and lots more besides. Download your party pack at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/ve-day-toolkit>. Take a look, it's terrific.

Why not organise an afternoon picnic in your front garden so that neighbours can join in the celebrations, song sheets at the ready, while observing the Government's social distancing guidance.

Share your party pics on Twitter at @WiltsCouncil and @WiltshireCouncil on Facebook using #VEDayWilts. Send some to me too and I'll include a few in *Limpley Stoke News*.

More mask-makers, please

Freshford & Limpley Stoke Masks is a local initiative set up by zone co-ordinator David Webster to create face masks for our community. More volunteers are urgently required to sew masks and donate material, either for masks your own household or the wider community. Further details from David Webster (email: david.m.webster@me.com; mobile: 07584 076652; or phone: 01225 722022). For sewing advice, contact Charlie Murray (01225 722089 / email: cmurraycoronis@gmail.com).

More than 90 free face masks have already been distributed at the Galleries and more should be available shortly. If you do take a mask, please use it in accordance with the latest guidelines here: [URL: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j6p5Ufh4MhIKN-6W7u45A-vhVAwq-8_f/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j6p5Ufh4MhIKN-6W7u45A-vhVAwq-8_f/view).

Scrubs for RUH

Limpley Stoke resident Sue Cordon and her band of 'scrubbers' (*their term, not mine!*) have been overwhelmed with the response to her call for scrubs.

Sue said: "After deciding to join the 'Scrubs for the NHS' Bath Facebook group, I've had a wonderful selection of unwanted bedding delivered to me following my recent request in the LiFERAFT Weekly News.

"From flowers to checks to planets, your generosity in donating bedding material has meant that I had far more than I could ever use, so it's now been distributed far and wide to be transformed into laundry bags, hats and scrubs. With more in the pipeline, don't be too surprised if you see someone wearing your old bedding. A big thank you to all involved", she added.

A team of eight have been working away at their sewing machines and were very proud to be able to deliver 14 pairs of scrubs and 14 bags for distribution to local doctors' surgeries. Good work, team.

Garden waste

Wiltshire Council has delayed renewal of subscriptions to the chargeable garden waste collection service, due to the pressures on services caused by COVID-19. The subscription renewal period will now not begin until **June 15** this year and customers who have already paid should continue to have their garden waste collected until June 30.

Collections of garden waste will continue, provided the council's contractor has sufficient staff to maintain service delivery, given the risk of absence as some staff need to self-isolate. Several neighbouring local authorities have already suspended their garden waste collections.

Clean air zone on hold

Bath's clean air zone, which was due to go live this November, has been put on hold due to the coronavirus crisis. B&NES Council has been advised by the Government to delay the start date to January 2021 at the earliest.

Limpley Stoke woods



Former Limpley Stoke resident, Jane Goodwin, writes:

"Did you know that Limpley Stoke woods contain plants which indicate ancient woodland? Forming part of the wildlife corridor extending down to Monkton Combe and the Midford valley, they can be accessed via the public footpath running from the A36 to Waterhouse Lane. The woods are a valuable wildlife resource and a recognised 'Wiltshire Wildlife Area'.

Walkers may have spotted the odd 'Private' notice appearing recently. There has been no need to do this before but other owners of the woodland and I are keen to direct walkers to keep to the footpath so as to avoid breeding birds, including ground-nesters.

Plans for maintenance and restoration of my bit will be put forward, once we are able to get out more, but my priority at the moment is to keep the footpath open. Please beware of branches falling from the odd ash tree near the path, especially when the winds come.

I am indebted to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Cotswold Wardens and other volunteers, as well as my family, who have helped to maintain and protect spaces for the wildlife to flourish over the years."

Jane Goodwin (01225 751452)

Bobby Van Trust

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust continues to offer its services during the current lockdown to the over-60s or those aged 18+ with a registered disability.

Officers are on hand to give telephone support and advice on a range of home security issues and will continue to secure the homes of victims of house crime (leave a message on 01380 861155).

'Stay Safe Online' volunteers can offer telephone advice on a range of issues, from improving cyber security awareness to cyber and scam prevention advice (leave a message on 01380 861191).



LiFERAFT update from our crack team of community volunteers



Now that we're entering our sixth week of lockdown, you might like to have a look at some **well-being** information, which includes details of meditation sessions, fitness classes and various cultural activities.

Direct link here:

URL:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15vAMUDL93-rfF8f5W4ox1hbwiKSjOJfV9OrovxkzLk/edit>

and a list of **local suppliers 'open' for business.**

Click here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fIMtGBjF7SiLsS9_Ca23bnhOleWc-5i9jU_B2tzfOk8/edit

GALLERIES STAFF PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS

The Galleries has been encouraged by the volume of sales and by residents committing to its support during the crisis, following a record month during March, when takings were higher than at any time in the last 10 years. Nearly 50 more residents have opened accounts, enabling them to shop more simply. To register for an account, email your details to david.galleries@gmail.com.

Opening times:

Monday-Friday 13:00-17:00
Saturday 09:00-12:30

Online / telephone orders:

Monday-Friday 09:00-16:00
01225 800207 /
orders@galleriesshop.co.uk

CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

Many Bristol and Bath attractions offer virtual online tours. The best tours of cultural venues in the region you can access without leaving your sofa are listed here:

<https://gobathbristol.com/blog/virtual-tours-of-attractions-in-bristol-bath-and-beyond-to-enjoy-from-your-sofa>

BATH FESTIVAL

Almost every performance has been postponed or cancelled but musicians, authors and artists are coming together to share inspiring content from all corners of the globe.

A weekly guide to a few of the events you can enjoy online is available at:

https://bathfestivals.org.uk/blog/your-virtual-weekend-2/?utm_source=The+Bath+Festival+E-Newsletter&utm_campaign=b5b8f07941-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_12_56&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_843679ee96-b5b8f07941-58151505

KEEP FIT

Nicky Whitaker, who used to take classes in Limpley Stoke village hall, is now running classes online Monday to Friday (£6.00 per household). Call her on 07739 629705 for details.

NEWS of LiFERAFT has spread beyond our village boundaries, with Beckington, Hinton Charterhouse and Winsley following our lead in setting up similar organisations.

An elderly gentleman from Bradford on Avon phoned John Adler, Freshford Parish Council chairman, to express his admiration for the LiFERAFT initiative, adding that he was exceedingly impressed with the speed with which it was put in place, how responsive the service is and the clear community spirit behind it. He felt it was important for everyone involved to know they are having a positive impact in ways unknown to them, and that it is people like them who make him proud. Well done, everyone.

At the time of his call, he had been experiencing some difficulty in getting the support needed but Bradford on Avon now has its own volunteer support groups in place.

PRESCRIPTIONS and MEDICATIONS SERVICE

Friday, May 8 is the early **May Bank Holiday** so there will not be a medicines delivery service to the Galleries on that day.

The service will operate as usual between 14:30 and 15:45 on Tuesday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 12.

Book exchange closed for now

The Lower Stoke book exchange (housed in the former telephone kiosk) has been closed for the time being due to safety concerns about borrowing books, as COVID-19 is thought to linger on paper for up to 24 hours. The book exchange will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so.

Just prior to the closure, the Wiltshire Times carried a feature on the various uses for disused phone boxes adopted by villages across the county. Local resident, Maggie Westgarth, was pictured outside our 'book box'.

Photo © Trevor Porter



WASTE COLLECTIONS

Household waste

Monday, May 4
Monday, May 18



Blue-lidded bin

Black box

Green waste

(chargeable)

Wednesday, May 6
Wednesday, May 20



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

MP: Michelle Donelan

01249 704465

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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:
CANCELLED until further notice

Website: www.limpleystoke.org



[limpleystokeparish](https://www.facebook.com/limpleystokeparish)



[@LimpleyFolk](https://twitter.com/LimpleyFolk)

Hold your fire!

Wiltshire Council is asking residents to avoid lighting bonfires, especially during lockdown, to allow vulnerable neighbours with respiratory conditions to breathe more easily.

Please spare a thought for **all** your neighbours-in-lockdown who might wish to spend time in their gardens (particularly with the glorious weather of recent weeks), dry their laundry outside in the fresh air and leave their windows open, without being overcome by smoke and smuts. Thank you,.

Beware of telephone scams

A Freshford resident has reported receiving a call purporting to be from NatWest, offering telephone banking to the over-70s without the need for secondary authentication codes sent to mobiles. **This is NOT a NatWest service.** The caller, who had the resident's surname, claimed the offer was displayed on NatWest's information pages (although nothing about the 'service' appears there) and the number dialled from, supposedly in Bristol, is not listed. **Please be alert to these calls.**

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