

Limpley Stoke news

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Royal visit to village pump

HRH The Duke of Gloucester visited the Galleries Shop last month to officially unveil its new plastic-saving initiative, the Village Pump, as part of Wessex Water's Watermark Awards 25th anniversary celebrations.

The Village Pump is a combined bottle-filling and drinking fountain designed to reduce the need for single-use plastic bottles and, thereby, plastic waste. Locals from Limpley Stoke and Freshford will be encouraged to carry a reusable bottle - available from the Galleries - to refill rather than buy single-use plastic bottled drinks.

After a tour of the shop and café, the Duke was presented with a reusable bottle to fill at the Pump by two Freshford School pupils. The Duke then presented Wessex Water's chief executive, Colin Skellett, with the Queen's Award for Enterprise for Sustainable Development.

Most of the funding for the Village Pump came from the two local villages as a thank you to residents, Gitte and Stephen Dawson, who were responsible for the foundation and success of the Galleries. The Pump's installation was supported by a £500 grant from Wessex Water's Watermark scheme, which is encouraging communities to increase public access to drinking water in honour of its 25th anniversary.

Simon Coombe, FLiSCA chair, said: "We are delighted to receive a royal visit to mark this fantastic occasion: the launch of our initiative to reduce plastic waste locally and the chance to mark the contribution Gitte and Stephen have made to our community.

"We are grateful to Wessex Water for their support and hope that their drinking fountains will help reduce plastic use across the Wessex area", he added.



Top: Freshford School pupils, Bethan and Samuel, with the Duke of Gloucester

Above: HRH meets Colin Skellett of Wessex Water

Left: The Duke is welcomed to the Galleries by Simon Coombe

(Photos © Sheena Broadhead 2018)

Temporary closure of major route

Part of a major route into Bradford on Avon will be temporarily closed to all traffic between **October 3 and 10** from 9am to 3pm to enable Tarmac to carry out carriageway resurfacing and associated maintenance works.



The closure will affect part of A363 Frome Road between the roundabout at Junction Road and the start of the St Margaret's Street one-way system.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs and access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

Wiltshire Council warns that journey times will be impacted by the extensive diversions and that long delays can be expected, due to the narrow nature of the road network in the town. Drivers travelling through Bradford on Avon are advised to seek an alternative route well before reaching the town or add time to their journey.

Further information from Warren Jones (Atkins) on 01225 730360.

Travel plan questionnaire

As part of the proposed redevelopment of Freshford Memorial Hall to include a doctors' surgery extension, the Hall Development Group is required to produce a travel plan. This needs to take into account patterns of use of the Memorial Hall car park, and propose ways to address demand for parking at peak times.

In order to gain a better understanding of the different ways in which people travel to the Hall car park, the reasons for their visit and the demands on parking, it would be helpful if you could take a few minutes to answer a travel questionnaire, which can be accessed at www.freshfordvillage.com by clicking on 'News Flash'. Responses should be submitted by **Sunday, October 7**.

Parents of children at Freshford Primary or Pre-school should complete the alternative questionnaire which will be circulated to you separately.

Hop Pole to re-open

Former tenants of the Hop Pole, Jo and Lily, have returned to the village. The pub, which closed its doors at the end of August, is now undergoing a much-needed refurbishment.

The popular couple, who left the pub in 2015, are hoping to re-open for business some time next month.

Keeping warm in Wiltshire

If you struggle to keep your home warm or worry how you will afford your energy bills this winter, you can contact **Warm & Safe Wiltshire** for free, impartial



advice about keeping your home warm, understanding your energy bills and making energy-saving improvements, or getting assistance during a power cut. Advice can be given via home visits or by phone.

Fire safety alarm and appliance checks can also be organised, in partnership with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, for eligible residents.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from speaking to a trained energy adviser, email warmandsafe@cse.org.uk; call 0800 038 5722; or visit the website at warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk.

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American garden opens

Hundreds of people turned out to see celebrity gardener Alan Titchmarsh open the £2 million new garden at the American Museum last month. The garden, which features 10,000 native trees, shrubs and plants, is designed to enhance the views over the Limpley Stoke Valley.



Photo: © Martin Mitchell

Before cutting the ribbon and declaring the new garden open, Alan Titchmarsh said: “The most important thing is the amount of local people who have been involved in putting together this wonderful landscape, which you will have the joy of watching develop over the years.”



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Barn dance for bridge funds

Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group invite you to a family **Barn Dance** and ploughman’s supper on **Saturday, November 3** from 6pm-10pm at Winsley Village Hall. Music provided by the Cartwheel Ceilidh Band. Tickets £20 adults/£10 children. To book, visit whtag.co.uk.

The Action Group, a not-for-profit limited company, is raising funds for a pedestrian bridge to the Kennet & Avon Canal on Winsley Hill.

Waste collections

Plastic / cardboard:
Monday, October 1
Monday, October 15
Monday, October 29



Domestic waste/ black box:
Monday, October 8
Monday, October 22



Green bin:
Wednesday, Oct 10
Wednesday, Oct 24



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16
Power supply emergency 105
Police (non-emergency) 101
Bradford on Avon Police:
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Mobile library monthly visit:
Thursday, October 4
10.00-10.25am
Uplands Close, Midford Lane

What's On

Kate Adie at History Centre

Author and broadcaster Kate Adie will talk about 'Women and the First World War' on Thursday, November 1, at the Wiltshire History Centre in Chippenham.

Kate Adie became a familiar figure through her long service as BBC Chief News Correspondent, reporting from danger zones around the world. She is also a long-serving presenter of Radio 4's 'From Our Own Correspondent', presenter or contributor to many other radio and television programmes, and author of several best-selling books.



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The talk begins at 7pm and costs £10. Booking is essential: 01249 705500 / localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk.

A talk on the history of ballooning

Freshford & District Local History Society welcomes Don Cameron on Wednesday, October 24, for a talk on 'A History of Ballooning in Bristol' (sponsored and part-funded by FLiSCA).



Don Cameron, MBE, is an aeronautical engineer who founded Cameron Balloons in 1971. The company - the world's largest manufacturer of hot-air balloons - is based in Bristol.

History Society meetings are held at 7.30pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Freshford Memorial Hall.

Annual subscription: £10. Visitors welcome: £2. More information and membership details from peter.pennyjones@gmail.com / 01225 723447.

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Owl Prowl

Calling all owl fans: wildlife campaigner and owl expert, Chris Sperring, MBE, will be at Hinton Friary on Thursday, October 25, at 8pm. This fascinating and fun evening follows on from last year's successful event, when Chris held a hooting 'conversation' with four local owls. Entry £5, accompanied kids go free. Parking available.

More details or to book: contact Tom Harper (Freshford and Limpley Stoke Environment Group) at tjharper@me.com.

Family fun day

Also at the History Centre this month is the annual FREE Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 27, from 10am - 4pm.

This year's theme is 1918. Activities and exhibitions include the 100th anniversary of Stonehenge being given to the nation; of men and women having extended voting rights; of the flu pandemic; and the end of World War One.

To book: 01249 705500 / localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk

Apple Day

Sunday, October 14 is Apple Day from 11am to 2pm on the Galleries Shop terrace. Take your apples and clean screw-top bottles (before 1pm, please) and leave with your own freshly-pressed apple juice. Donated eating apples always welcome.