

Limpley Stoke

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Comment on clean air zone update

Bath & North East Somerset Council wants local people to have their say on its updated Clean Air Zone (CAZ) proposals before the plans are finalised and submitted to the Government in December. Weekly events are being held across the city, where staff will be on hand to answer questions.

In a bid to reduce the city's harmful levels of nitrogen dioxide – a pollution linked to asthma, heart disease, dementia and reduced lung development in children – the centre of Bath will become a CAZ from the end of 2020, with most higher emission vehicles, except private cars and motorbikes, being charged to drive in the zone.

To view details of the updated scheme and to have your say:

- go to the website at bathnes.gov.uk/breathe
- attend an event (details online or call 01225 394041)
- or visit a B&NES library to pick up a leaflet and questionnaire.

The consultation runs until Sunday, October 20.



Tales of turnpikes and taverns

Guest speaker at the **October 23** meeting of the Local History Society meeting is Dickon Povey, who will talk about 'Tolls, taverns and turnpikes: by stagecoach from London to the west', including horrors, hold-ups and hilarity.

Annual membership of the society costs £10; visitors pay £3 per talk. New members always welcome.

Freshford & District Local History Society meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Freshford Memorial Hall **at 7.30pm**. Contact: 01225 723447 / peter.pennyjones@gmail.com.

Have your say on community priorities

Wiltshire Council's Area Boards team is asking people to complete a short survey on what is important for their community, from social care to recycling. The survey has been developed as part of a review of local priorities.

The team wants to make it easy for everyone in the county to participate and engage in their community and influence decisions that will affect their local areas. Follow this link to complete the survey: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards. **The survey ends on Sunday, October 13.**

The results will be used to help inform local priorities for the next three years through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Wiltshire Area Boards.

Village Hall AGM

Limpley Stoke Village Hall Management Committee's **AGM** is on **Monday, October 14** at **7.30pm** in the hall.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance grounded by CAA delay

Wiltshire Air Ambulance (WAA) has been grounded temporarily due to a delay by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in issuing an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) following tests on its helicopter. The charity's Bell 429 air ambulance passed the CAA's inspection in August.

WAA spokeswoman, Jill Crooks, said: "We are waiting for the CAA to issue the Air Operator Certificate for our Bell 429 helicopter in order for this to return to work.

We took the decision to let the MD 902 [a back-up helicopter] go at the start of August, given the impending inspection of our flight operations by the CAA, which was successful, and were told the issuance of our own Air Operator Certificate would be imminent.

"In addition, the owners of the MD 902 wanted it for another contract and we had already spent £314,000 on the contingency arrangement. We are of course extremely frustrated with this situation but continue to respond to medical incidents in our Rapid Response Vehicles."

Ms Crooks added: "We remain operational, providing critical care in Wiltshire and surrounding counties up to 19 hours a day." Paramedics are attending emergencies using two Rapid Response Vehicles, which are equipped with the same specialist medical equipment as that carried by the helicopter.

WAA has reciprocal arrangements with neighbouring air ambulances to respond to emergency incidents.



Cotswolds walks

Three Hills Round, Bath Saturday, October 5, 10am

The latest round of free, guided Cotswold Walks includes an 8.5-mile circular walk to the north-east of Bath which includes ascents to each of the three hills: Bannerdown, Holt Down and Little Solsbury. The views from these hilltops are said to be the best in the area, weather permitting.

Starting point: The George pub, Bathampton, BA1 7NB. Take a packed lunch.

Marshfield: town and valleys Tuesday, October 29, 10am

A 5-mile morning walk along Marshfield High Street to the almshouses, then taking valley footpaths south-west to St Catherine Valley and returning through field (some stiles). Lunch choice of two pubs or teashop. Families welcome.

Starting point: Marshfield Market Place.

Full details at cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Free training courses for dementia carers

Family carers of people living with dementia will be able to find information, tips and support at free training courses in Trowbridge this autumn.

The weekly sessions run by Alzheimer's Support will help people understand what is happening to their relative or friend as different types of dementia develop and focus on what they can do to support them. There are also sessions on the practical aspects of caring, including financial and legal issues.

Alzheimer's Support community services co-ordinator Kate Sharpe said: "We run these courses twice a year. People pick up invaluable tips for how to support their loved ones and how to look after themselves. Just meeting others in a similar situation can be helpful and carers who come often continue to get together informally after the course has ended."

The courses, funded by Wiltshire Council, are held on Monday mornings at Trowbridge United Church in Stallard Street and are free to family carers. The sessions run until November.

To find out more or to book a place, visit alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk or call Kate on 01380 739055.

Wiltshire sets standard for litter-free roads

Wiltshire Council has been asked for advice on how it keeps its roadsides predominantly litter-free on the strategic road network, so that other authorities can learn from its experience, following an independent national road cleanliness survey.

The survey – which was undertaken independently by *Keep Britain Tidy* after the organisation was commissioned by Defra – aims to understand the current litter situation and the issues affecting local authorities and other land managers that have responsibility for keeping these highways clean, as part of the Defra Litter Strategy for England, which sets out its determination to tackle roadside litter.



Six different areas of roadside in Wiltshire were analysed for the survey, with each section being visited and assessed twice to give 12 ratings in total. The county's roadsides achieved one grade of B+, six B grades and five B- grades. Achieving a 'B' grade rating means "predominantly litter-free, with some minor instances of the issue".

Bridget Wayman, Wiltshire Council cabinet member for highways, transport and waste, said: "We welcome this rating from Defra and *Keep Britain Tidy*. However, we recognise that there is much more to do, which is why we have recently launched several anti-litter campaigns such as 'Don't be a Tosser', 'Bin the Butt' and 'CleanUpWilts', with much more to come. Wiltshire is a beautiful county and we are committed to keeping it that way."

Wiltshire spends £2.8m each year cleaning up litter, money which could be better spent on other services, for example, paying for 87,500 potholes to be filled, or providing 70 additional placements for older people.

To keep its highways as clean as possible, Wiltshire Council undertakes regular inspections for early detection of litter problems, schedules proactive litter-picking, and responds to residents' reports.



WASTE COLLECTIONS

Domestic waste/ black box:

Monday, October 7
Monday, October 21



Green bin:

Wednesday, Oct 9
Wednesday, Oct 23



Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, October 14
Monday, October 28



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16

Power supply emergency 105

Police (non-emergency) 101

Bradford on Avon Police:

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0752 897 2236

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

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/

mywiltshire-online-reporting.org or

phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit:

Thursday: Oct 3 / Oct 31

10.00-10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane

Website: www.limpleystoke.org



@limpleystokeparish



@LimpleyFolk

What's On

Round Britain adventure

Bath Sailing Club will be hosting a talk on **Monday, October 14** by Will Hodshon on his record-breaking, non-stop circumnavigation of Great Britain. Will and his life-long friend, Rich Mitchel, sailed the 60-year-old, 16-foot, open Wayfarer sailing dinghy, *Nipegegi*, unaided for the 1,390-nautical mile (2,237km) journey, completing in 15 days and 4 hours. They finished where they started, in Salcombe, Devon, on July 1 this year, in what was a remarkable feat of endurance and seamanship. The previous equivalent record for the fastest open-dinghy sailing around mainland Britain was 32 days, set in 2014.

The talk has added interest as Will Hodshon lives and works locally. You can listen to him describe the challenges of this amazing adventure at **The Village Club**, 58 High Street, **Bathford**, BA1 7SN, starting at **7.45pm**. Non-members welcome.

The expedition's aim was to raise funds for the Water Smart Foundation which is, in turn, presenting the funds to two ocean-minded charities (RNLI and Surfers Against Sewage). Bath Sailing Club will be donating and non-members are encouraged to do the same on the night. For more information, visit the website at nipegegiroundbritain.com/ and BBC Report www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-48824473.



BATH SAILING CLUB

is a small, friendly group which meets at The Village Club, Bathford High Street, at 7.15pm for 7.45pm on the second Monday of the month throughout winter. Members have a common interest in sailing, although not all of them are active on the water, and new members are always welcome. Find out more at bathsailingclub.org.uk/ or email bathsailingclub@gmail.com.

Friary Bat Watch

Join Laura Mullholland, chair of the Wiltshire Bat Group, on **Saturday, October 5** from 6.30 to 8.30pm for an evening of bat facts and guided wander around Friary, near Freshford, hopefully encountering species such as the greater and lesser horseshoe and common pipistrelle. Laura will explain why bats are so special, why the area around Bath and Bradford on Avon is so important for their conservation and what we can do to help them.

Children are welcome to come along. The evening starts with hot punch (soft drinks available) and sausages.

This is a free community event but Wiltshire Bat Group would be grateful for any donations.

Booking is essential: visit <https://www.ruralskillsbath.com> or email office@ruralskillsbath.com.