

Limpley Stoke news

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Safer route for walkers



Councillor Johnny Kidney (above, far left) was on hand to carry out official ribbon-cutting duties at the opening in July of a new footpath on Winsley Hill. The pavement, which was installed by Wiltshire Council, provides a safe route at the rear of the lay-by on the B3108 for people walking to and from the canal. Previously, walkers had to step out into the busy road so as to squeeze past vehicles parked in the lay-by.

The £20,000 cost of the pavement has been funded by Wiltshire Council and Winsley and Limpley Stoke Parish Councils. The idea for the path came from Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group (WHTAG), whose latest project is for a footbridge close to the canal bridge.

The opening event was attended by Dr Trisha Waters, chair of WHTAG, and members of the group, representatives from the two parish councils, and invited guests.



The new path behind Winsley Hill lay-by

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Village BBQ

LIMPLEY STOKE VILLAGE BBQ is on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 at the top of King George V play park, Woods Hill, from 4pm to 7pm-ish, weather permitting.

Bring your own food to cook on the barbie and something to drink, plus plates and cutlery.

Enquiries to gtaylorBA2@gmail.com.



Local road closure

Part of Lower Stoke and Crowe Hill will be closed temporarily on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10** between 7am and 6pm to enable Openreach to install a new telegraph pole.

The closure is from the Lower Stoke junction with Woods Hill to Cliffe Drive. Work should take one day to complete, depending on weather. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses but delays are likely. More details from 0370 050 0792.

The first of an occasional article on local issues by Michelle Donelan, MP



One of the staples of the great British summer is the village fete, so I was delighted to join Cllr Johnny Kidney at the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Summer Fete where there was an array of stalls selling local food and drink and helping local causes and charities. These kind of events all count toward the common goal of maintaining and building local community spirit, as well as providing local Limpley Stoke's residents with a chance to raise certain issues with me. Having spoken with a number of people from the village throughout the fete, I was told that traffic and road safety, particularly with regard to the A36, are key issues that residents are concerned about.

Earlier this summer we were reminded of just how important properly marked, safe roads are when two people were hospitalised after a collision just outside the village on the increasingly notorious A36.

As a result, Cllr Johnny Kidney and I had a very good response when looking for ideas and suggestions from local residents about what they would like to see done. At the 2018 Autumn Budget, the Chancellor announced the allocation of a £420 million fund to local authorities to help them improve road quality. So my goal now is to try to help secure some of this funding and to work with Highways England to put these ideas and suggestions into action on the roads they manage. The A36 itself is managed by Highways England and we have pressed the urgency of Highways England resurfacing and relining the A36 at the junction with Church Lane and Midford Lane in response to local concerns.

But there are some more measures that were suggested that do not require a huge amount of funding, one of which was a 30mph speed limit on the A36 where it passes through the village – a method that has been tried and tested in other nearby villages in Somerset and is gaining support across Limpley Stoke. This is something that I am working with Cllr Johnny Kidney to explore further with the Highways Agency. The science behind such a speed limit reduction is very encouraging – a person is nearly six times more likely to survive a collision at 30mph rather than 40mph.

Cllr Kidney and I have also been liaising to explore an idea suggested at a Parish Council meeting to see whether a filter

lane can be created on the Dundas Viaduct to aid cars turning right onto the B3108 from the A36. This could significantly reduce the amount of traffic rat-running through Limpley Stoke's lanes, which in turn would result in noise and pollution reductions.

Initial discussions with highways engineers suggest there are structural constraints that would be difficult to overcome, however we are keen to take the idea to Highways England for a definitive view. We are also very keen to work with the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council to look into other solutions to rat-running on narrow lanes such as Woods Hill.

So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Limpley Stoke residents for all of their help and support as we push for safer roads in the area. The community is clearly very passionate about local issues like this and I look forward to seeing the changes implemented in the coming months.

If you would like to discuss this issue or any other, local or national, please do get in contact with me by emailing michelle.donelan.mp@parliament.uk or call 01249 704465.

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FOR BRADFORD ON AVON, CHIPPENHAM, CORSHAM, MELKSHAM & VILLAGES

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Moulton archive secured for the nation

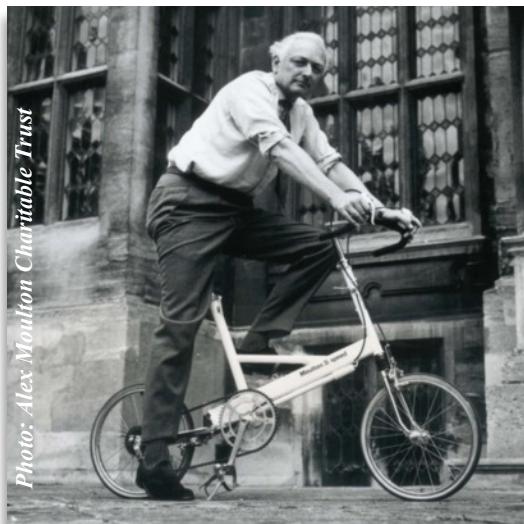
An important part of Wiltshire's history will soon be accessible to the public, thanks to a national grant. Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre (WSHC), working in partnership with the Moulton trustees, has secured a National Archives grant of £39,000 to preserve what is thought to be one of the most complete and historically significant sets of company records in the country: those of engineer and inventor, Dr Alex Moulton (below).

The Moulton archive, which is deposited at the WSHC in Chippenham, contains important business records (dating from 1848–1956), of early pioneering rubber manufacturers, Spencer Moulton, and the business, estate and personal archives of Dr Alex Moulton of The Hall, Bradford on Avon, who died in 2012, aged 92.

The work of Stephen Moulton, friend and agent of Charles Goodyear, inventor of the vulcanisation process, led to the growth of the rubber industry and had a far-reaching impact on the industrial economy of the UK. Dr Alex Moulton's award-winning inventions include the revolutionary, small-wheeled Moulton bicycle and the iconic Mini car's suspension system. The documents reflect his professional career, personal life and the evolution of the Grade 1-listed Hall estate in Bradford on Avon.

The grant will enable WSHC to employ an archivist and to recruit volunteers to help catalogue the records, which is expected to take about 18 months to complete, so that it can be used by visitors to the centre.

The nationally-recognised centre is funded by Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council and has state-of-the-art facilities to preserve and make available more than eight miles of archives dating back 800 years.



Community grants available

FLiSCA (Freshford & Limpley Stoke Community Association), the charity which owns the Galleries shop and café, was set up to support the community.

Over the last 10 years, the charity has handed out 90 grants worth £50,000 to a wide variety of groups and associations. These grants range from less than £100 to support a local society, to £1,000 or more as seed-funding for major repair works to important community buildings.

This year, thanks to the hard work of all its volunteers and staff, and the support from Galleries customers, FLiSCA has been able to award another £6,500 to worthy causes, including the renovation of Freshford War Memorial, the flourishing FLEWG (Freshford & Limpley Stoke Environment Working Group), and a new projector for Limpley Stoke Village Hall.

But FLISCA is keen to do more. If you have a good idea for something which could bring people in the community together and you need a bit of funding to get it off the ground, contact fliscamail@gmail.com for a grant application form. If you have any questions, contact Simon Coombe on 07966 027637.

Galleries celebration

Get your tickets to a ceilidh, with music from the Pibley Band, at Freshford Memorial Hall on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** (6.30-10.30pm) and help celebrate the tenth anniversary of the opening of our community shop.

Fish and chips served from 6.30pm.
Fully-stocked bar.

Tickets (adults £10/children £6) from Galleries shop.



Hedgehog heroes wanted

When did you last see a hedgehog? Sadly, numbers in the UK have fallen by more than 30 per cent over the last 10 years. Garden pesticides, contaminated water, loss of habitat and traffic have all led to a dramatic fall in hedgehog numbers and there are now thought to be fewer than one million hedgehogs left in the wild.

How can you help? Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) says that, by joining its hedgehog Citizen Science Campaign project (#hedgehoghero) and actively contributing to hedgehog conservation where you live, you could play a vital role in saving the county's hogs.

By recording sightings and monitoring their behaviour and movements, you can help WWT build up data on their numbers, create a map to show where the densest populations can be found, and where best to focus conservation efforts in Wiltshire. Gardens or parks are good places to spot hedgehogs, as these areas provide a plentiful supply of food, as well as potential nest sites for breeding, resting and hibernation.

If you'd like to become a hedgehog citizen scientist, sign up for advice and materials to help get you started at wiltshirewildlife.org/hedgehog.

You'll also be invited to produce photo diaries, video blogs and regular written updates to be shared throughout the hedgehog Citizen Science community.

When enough data has been gathered, WWT will produce a map featuring your sightings as well as recommendations for local policy-makers to take steps to protect hedgehog habitats in the county.



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The Galleries shop celebrated its tenth anniversary last month, with Pimm's and cakes galore, to thank everyone who has been involved in making the community shop such a success. The refurbished café is now open for business. (See page 3 for more Galleries celebration news)

Hall AGM diary date

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

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, Sept 2

Monday, Sept 16

Monday, Sept 30



Domestic waste/ black box:

Monday, Sept 9

Monday, Sept 23



Green bin:

Wednesday, Sept 11

Wednesday, Sept 25



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/

mywiltshire-online-reporting

or phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit:

Thursday: Sept 5 / Oct 3

10.00-10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane

Website: www.limpleystoke.org



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

What's On



Bradford on Avon Walking Festival

September 6, 7 and 8

This year's theme is ***Fruits of the Earth***, with half the 18 walks visiting local food or drink producers, or caterers.

Festival walk tickets available from Holidays & Cruises, 32 Silver Street, either in person or by phoning 01225 865725. Once the festival starts, any available tickets must be purchased from registration tent in Westbury House Gardens. Several walks already have limited availability.

- walkbradfordonavon.org/bradford-on-avon-walking-festival/

Limpley Stoke Movie Night

Wednesday, September 25

LS Village Hall

Limpley Creative, a small but perfectly-formed group of local residents, have organised the screening of five classic and art house films in the Village Hall for this autumn and winter.

The first, on **Wednesday, September 25** is ***Toni Erdmann*** (2016), an award-winning comedy in which a practical-joker father tries to reconnect with his hard-working daughter by creating an outrageous alter ego and posing as her CEO's life coach. Certificate 15.

Doors open 7pm.

Subscribe to the film club at
limpleycreative@gmail.com.



From John Wood to the Smithsons

Wednesday, September 25 Freshford Memorial Hall

An overview by Amy Frost of architecture in Bath, through ideas and innovations. Dr Frost is senior curator of Bath Preservation Trust, specialising in British architecture of the 18th and early 19th century.

Annual membership: £10 (subscription renewals due at meeting)

Visitors: £3 per talk. New members 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.

Paragon Singers

Sunday, September 8, 3pm
St Mary's Church, LS

One of Bath's most celebrated chamber choirs, known for its Renaissance, baroque and contemporary music, will perform ***Portuguese Polphony*** and works by Henry Purcell and Sir James MacMillan at St Mary's Church, Limpley Stoke. Tickets £12 available from the Galleries shop or through www.parongsingers.co.uk/upcoming.

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's.

Autumn Supper

Saturday, November 23
LS Village Hall, 7-11pm

ADVANCE NOTICE of the annual **AUTUMN SUPPER**. A film (*title to be announced nearer the time*) will be screened during the evening. Canapés and complimentary glass of wine on arrival; bar selling wines by the glass or bottle; two-course supper served during interval; and raffle.

Tickets £21 (to include supper, film and first glass of wine) available **from Oct 1** from Elizabeth Gee (01225 723339); Barbara Osborne (01225 867566) or Jo Gennard (07769 155299). This is a very popular event (**for adults only**) so you're advised to book early.

Organisers: Limpley Stoke Village Hall Management Committee. Proceeds towards hall running costs.