

Limpley Stoke

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Hop Pole's an asset

The Hop Pole Inn has been designated by Wiltshire Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) for a further five years, following an application from Limpley Stoke Parish Council and a successful campaign by local people, including a petition signed by nearly 350 supporters. The information will be entered onto the local land charges register and the property will remain on the list until **April 2024**.



Wiltshire Council made the decision to list the Hop Pole because it is the only remaining public house in Limpley Stoke, since the Rose & Crown applied to change its use to a nursery and offices.

In the recent past, the Hop Pole has been a venue for annual events, celebrations and regular inter-village quizzes. It has hosted village cricket and darts teams, and been used regularly by the Limpley Folk boules club.

The pub, which is owned by the Wellington Pub Company, closed last August and has been undergoing refurbishment. A sign outside the entrance says 'opening soon' but there is still no news of a date.

For more information on LSPC's ACV application, contact Bryony Kohn at bryony.kohn@gmail.com. Details on ACV listings at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningcommunityrighttobid.htm.

Wall takes another bashing

The wall at the bottom of Winsley Hill has been partly demolished again, after a vehicle collided with it. Farmer Robert Godwin of nearby Timothy Rise Farm, said: "Our wall has been knocked down yet again by a car coming down Winsley Hill. On average, the wall gets hit once a year.

"It is very fortunate there were no livestock in the field at the time. I can understand that drivers might be in shock but people need to be aware, when they fail to report the incident, that any animals in the field could then get out into the road, possibly leading to further accidents."



Photo © Sheena Broadhead

she added: "There have been other cases of drivers losing control on the hill. There are many sharp bends and we're campaigning to have the speed limit reduced."

If you'd like to support the group's campaign for improved safety on the hill, visit the website at WHTAG.co.uk or find them on Facebook.

Julia Daniel of Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group, said: "I was very pleased to hear that the driver was unhurt and, luckily, there weren't any pedestrians on the footpath the car crossed." And, while it is not known whether speeding was a factor in this latest incident,

Stone mine talk and visit

This year's **Annual Parish Meeting** is on **Thursday, May 30** at **Limpley Stoke Village Hall** from **7pm**. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be available.

The evening starts with a summary of the Parish Council's activities over the past year, with an opportunity for residents to address the council. Tom Harper of Freshford and Limpley Stoke Environment Group will give an outline of his team's activities.

Highlight of this year's meeting will be a presentation on **Stoke Hill Mine** by Matthew Hawker, director and mine manager of The Bath Stone Group, which acquired the mine in 1982. Mining at Stoke Hill in Midford Lane is believed to have started in the early 19th century, continuing until the outbreak of World War 2, when the mine was requisitioned by the government and used for ammunition storage.

VISIT TO THE MINE

On **Saturday, June 1**, from 9.30am, there'll be an opportunity for residents to go down the mine, for which only able-bodied people over the age of 18 should apply. The reason being that there are 30-plus metres of steep steps into and out of the mine, so pre-existing heart, breathing, blood pressure or mobility issues will preclude anyone with those conditions.

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 20 but further dates may be arranged. The tour and full induction will last around two hours. Stout walking shoes, boots or wellies, and warm clothing suitable for gardening, are required. Helmets, lamps, and hi-vis waistcoats will be issued.

Contact Parish Clerk, Bryony Kohn, on 01225 723749 / email bryony.kohn@gmail.com to register for a place on the tour.

• www.bathstone.com

Café helpers wanted

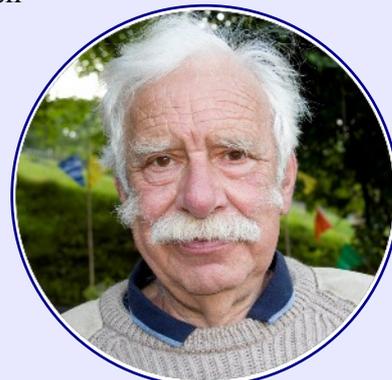
Could you spare some time to help out as a volunteer at the Galleries café? If you don't have time for a full shift, even an hour or two would help. The team is struggling after several volunteers departed for different reasons.

To find out more, email floencerothman@googlemail.com, or drop in and have a word with Mandie or Charlie in the café.

Councillors bid farewell

GORDON TUCKER is retiring from Limpley Stoke Parish Council after 16 years as its agricultural and countryside member. Gordon's farm in Midford Lane is an active one inside the Limpley Stoke boundary, so his sage advice has been invaluable on all manner of topics.

Gordon (*pictured*) has built up an impressive collection of vintage farm machinery over many years, which he managed to accumulate at the same time as working as a lecturer in mechanical engineering at Bath University, Lackham Agricultural College and Radstock Technical College.



Visitors to Cleeve Farm always receive a warm welcome from Gordon and his wife Kathy, whose cakes are legendary. Gordon's presence on the Parish Council will be very much missed. He is wished a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

JOHN MILL has stepped down from the Parish Council, after nearly four years in the role of planning representative, during which time he was main point of contact with Wiltshire Council planners. Despite his best efforts, however, the Parish Council was frequently left frustrated by the planners' reluctance to listen to its concerns over several local planning applications.

John has left to assist the Catholic church with its conservation projects. The Parish Council wishes him every success in his new venture.

Midford Lane 3-day closure for gas connection work

Part of **Midford Lane** is to be closed temporarily to all traffic from **Thursday, May 16 to Sunday, May 19** to enable Wales and West Utilities to carry out a new gas connection. The closure will run from property No 34 Midford Lane for a distance of 120 metres in a southerly direction. The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. Further information from Ryan Horton (Wales and West) on 02920 270651.

Sally Roberts

It is my very sad duty to report the death, on April 22, of Limpley Stoke resident, **Sally Roberts**, at the age of 83. Sally leaves a stepson and two stepdaughters.

Sally, like her late husband Geoff, who died in December 2016, was a popular and highly-regarded member of the community.

For many years she was a tireless volunteer on Limpley Stoke Fête Committee, Village Hall Management Committee, and Limpley Stoke Women's Institute which, when its activities eventually ceased, became known as the 'Not the WI' lunch group. She was a valued member of the Freshford Singers, whose seasonal concerts raised much-needed funds for local churches and causes.



Photo © Sarah Wooding

Sally was the first girl from her Basingstoke school to go to Oxford University, where she studied classics, including Greek and Latin. She worked for several years with Wiltshire Social Services and was a keen supporter of arts and wildlife charities.

Her funeral will take place at St Mary's Church, Limpley Stoke, on **Monday, May 13** at midday, followed by refreshments at Limpley Stoke Village Hall.

PC vacancies

Limpley Stoke Parish Council has two vacancies, following the recent departure of councillors Gordon Tucker and John Mill (*see page 2*).

Energetic and enthusiastic residents who could make a positive difference to the community are invited to apply. Each councillor is expected to take responsibility for one or more specific portfolios.

If you're interested in getting involved, pop along to one of the monthly Parish Council meetings. To find out more, email bryonykohn@gmail.com.

Network Rail

Network Rail's controlled programme of vegetation management alongside the railway line is scheduled to continue between **8.00am** and **5.00pm** during weekdays until **May 31**, as well as track-side reviews for maintenance purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns about the work taking place near you, call Network Rail's dedicated 24-hour national helpline on **03457 11 41 41**, visit the website at www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus or email crwest@networkrail.co.uk.

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Domestic waste/ black box:

Bank Holiday
Monday, May 6
Monday, May 20



Green bin:

Wednesday, May 8
Wednesday, May 22



Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, May 13
Bank Holiday
Monday, May 27



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

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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, May 16

10.00-10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane

Website: www.limpleystoke.org



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



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

What's On

Limpley Stoke Movie Night

Tuesday, April 30, 7.00pm–9.30pm
Limpley Stoke Village Hall

Inaugural movie night: **'Volver'** (certificate 15). *Following her death, a mother returns to her home town to fix situations she couldn't resolve during her lifetime.*

Admission £2. Bring your own refreshments ... and cushion.

If you'd like to hear about forthcoming film nights, email dbarnes291@gmail.com. Denise has kindly volunteered to send out one notification per film via WhatsApp.



Bingo reminder

Saturday, May 11, 7pm
Limpley Stoke Village Hall

Raffle, bar, prizes. **Adults only**. Proceeds to Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £15 to include supper and six bingo cards: 01225 723339.

Cantamus Concert

Saturday, May 18, 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, BoA

SILVER SWAN: choral music on a theme of flowers and birds.

Dvorak: Mass in D; Gibbons: The Silver Swan; Lauridsen: Les Chansons des Roses. Conductor: Mike Daniels; organ: Steven Hollas; piano trio: Trefoil.

Tickets: £10/£5 students and under-18s from Wiltshire Music Centre: 01225 860 100 or wiltshiremusic.org.uk.

Licensed bar from 6.30pm.

• cantamuschamberchoir.co.uk

Charity No. 1176478

Village fête

Saturday, June 8
Freshford Memorial Hall
field from 1pm

Main attraction: giant artwork to be assembled by community groups. Live music from Terry Hill Band plus stalls, bar, barbecue, cafe, raffle, fun and games. Open-air evening cinema.

Email organiser Martin Whitbread for details: fete@freshfordvillagehall.co.uk. *More next month.*

Alan Dodge Memorial Talk

Wednesday, May 22, 7.30pm
Freshford Memorial Hall

AGM followed by the **ALAN DODGE MEMORIAL TALK** by Roger Purcell:

“Freshford’s WW1 war memorials: tales of some that died for King and country and a medley of songs they sang.”

Members: free
Visitors: £2.00
Everyone 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.

Plants, teas & cakes

Saturday, May 18, 2.30pm
Rockfields, 51 Middle Stoke

Freshford & District Horticultural Society’s annual **PLANT SALE**.



Tea and home-made cakes.

Entry £1 (children free).
Parking at St Mary’s Church.

Please take labelled plant donations to Rockfields after 10am on the morning of the 18th for pricing and display.