

Limpley Stoke

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Marathon achievers

Limpley Stoke was represented in last month's Bath Half Marathon, which attracted more than 8,000 participants. An estimated 20,000 spectators lined the route to cheer on the runners at the largest charity fundraising event in the south-west.

Nick Catcheside (*right*) ran the race in memory of his late wife Jacqui (*inset*), who died from cancer in 2018 aged 49, leaving behind two young sons, Benjamin and Felix. Nick managed a time of 1:56 and has raised £1,280 so far for Cancer Research.



Tony Sims and Vicki Mowat finished in 1:58 and 2:19 respectively. Many congratulations to everyone on such a tremendous achievement.



Future of 94 bus secured

The future of the 94 bus operated by Libra Travel has been secured through additional matched funding from B&NES.

As a cross-border service, funding previously came from both Wiltshire and B&NES councils, but its future was thrown into doubt earlier this year when a funding dispute led to the sudden withdrawal of B&NES' share of the money for the subsidised route.

Wiltshire decided to meet the entire cost of the service to enable it to carry on serving rural villages both in the county and B&NES until a funding solution could be found. More than 1,300 people signed a petition launched by Cllr Fiona Gourley of Bathavon South ward, which includes Freshford.



Limpley Stoke

Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm
Limpley Stoke Village Hall

A social event for residents and an opportunity to hear about village projects. Complimentary drinks and snacks.

Limpley Stoke resident, Kate Allenby, MBE, two-time Olympic medallist, will talk about her local preparations for the Games and share key moments of her Olympic experiences.

Other talk topics include the local history society and artefacts found at Combe Grove.

Message from Michelle Donelan, MP

“By the time you are reading this, I will have just organised and hosted another ‘Meet Michelle’ event on the evening of Friday 22nd March at the Limpley Stoke Village Hall. These gatherings are a great way for me to hear your thoughts and concerns and I hope to have spoken with many of you there. If you would like to attend any future ‘Meet Michelle’ events or chat with me at one of my surgeries, please let me know by emailing me at michelle.donelan.mp@parliament.uk.



I loved seeing the recent YouTube video by local film-maker Alan Wright about the dedicated team behind ‘Save the Hop Pole’. It shared some really important messages for all of us about looking after our neighbours and what is important. I look forward to coming back to the Hop Pole site soon to see the progress being made and I have no doubt how important this pub will be in the heart of the Limpley Stoke community.

I wanted to remind you that applications for the second phase of our expansion of free childcare in England will open on 12 May. From that date, eligible working parents of children from 9 months old will be able to register to access 15 hours of government-funded childcare a week, with the offer beginning from September 2024.

This is the second step in our plan to grow the economy and give every child the chance to succeed through accessible, affordable and quality childcare, so do make sure you register. If you need any help with this, please do not hesitate to contact me.”

The Rt. Hon Michelle Donelan MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Bursary grant available

Wiltshire Community Foundation offers grants to young people in Wiltshire and Swindon who need support with the costs of studying an undergraduate degree at university.

The One Degree More bursary is £1,600 for each year of the course to help with general living expenses, course costs, books and equipment. The programme is now open for applications for those starting university this year.

Apply by phoning 01380 738985 or visit wiltshirecf.org.uk.

Applications close on **Friday, April 5.**

Summer Arts Programme

The Wiltshire Summer Arts Programme (WSAP) is being created to promote all arts and culture events/activities happening across the county throughout summer 2024.

Its brochure will allow members of the public, both in Wiltshire and beyond, to find out what's happening across the county and how they can get involved.

If you have an event, activity or workshop taking place this summer, email antonia@trowbridgetownhall.com and it will be included in the WSAP brochure free of charge.

Deadline for entries: **Monday, April 15.**

Gas works still rolling on

The final phase of Wales & West Utilities' gas upgrade work through Limpley Stoke is scheduled to start on Woods Hill in the second half of **APRIL** and is due to be completed towards the end of **MAY**.

More information at <https://one.network/?tm=135383213>.

Customer Services: phone 0800 912 2999 or email enquiries@wwutilities.co.uk.

Wiltshire to invest millions on highways

Wiltshire Council is investing millions of pounds into filling potholes, resurfacing roads and tackling the causes of highways flooding throughout the county in 2024/25.

Council leader, Cllr Richard Clewer, says that, while other councils are cutting budgets, Wiltshire is investing an extra £10m into resurfacing and filling potholes.

This is in addition to the £20.7m it receives annually from the government and the £5.2m from the Department for Transport's recently-announced Road Resurfacing Fund following the cancellation of HS2.

Over the coming months, residents in all areas of the county will see more resurfacing work and more potholes, filled thanks to the additional investment.

To report potholes and other highways defects, visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts>.



Views sought on local area

A selection of households in Limpley Stoke have been chosen at random to receive a letter from the Department of Levelling Up Housing & Communities (DLUHC) asking for their views on the local area.

The survey, which is being carried out by research company, Verian on behalf of the DLUHC, contains some questions about the **Hop Pole pub**, which received a substantial grant from the Community Ownership Fund. There's a £5 shopping voucher for each household which completes the survey.

If you have misplaced your letter, phone the survey helpline on 0800 008 3251 or email CommunityOwnershipFundSurvey.helpline@veriangroup.com.

The survey will remain open until MONDAY, APRIL 15.

New partnership for unpaid carers

Wiltshire Council has announced a new partnership to support unpaid carers.

Age UK Wiltshire is working with Community First, Alzheimer's Support and many more charities under the new heading of *Carers Together Wiltshire* to provide respite and support to adult, unpaid carers from the age of 18. More information at wiltshire.gov.uk/news.

In an update to last month's item, from April 1 *Carer Support Wiltshire* will no longer provide services on behalf of Wiltshire Council but will continue to work as an independent charity.

Your community your voice
- take our short survey and have your say.

Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Wiltshire Council

A new interactive platform that helps people find out what life is like in their community area has been launched by Wiltshire Council.

Called the Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (CAJSNA), it uses more than 140 indicators across 10 different themes, including children and young people, health, housing, safety and the environment.

Wiltshire residents are being encouraged to read the information (wiltshire.gov.uk/documents) and complete a short survey to share what they think the priorities should be for the future. Feedback will help inform decision-making and shape future planning.

Access the survey until **SUNDAY, MAY 5** at <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/Interview/>.

Beaver talk

Wednesday, May 15, 7pm
Freshford Memorial Hall

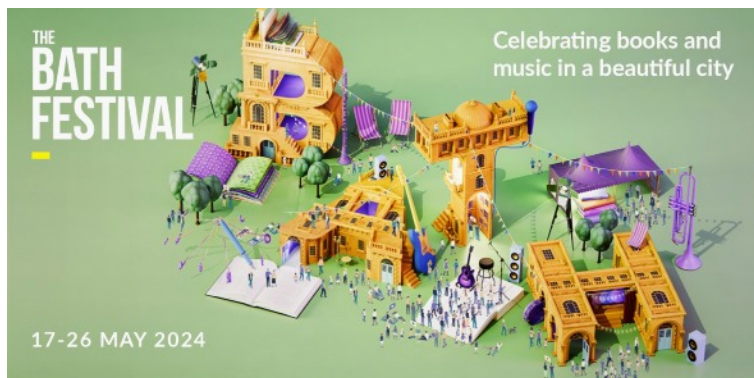


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A talk by Rob Needham, local representative for the Beaver Trust. Having been extinct for hundreds of years, beavers are now being re-introduced because of the benefits they bring for biodiversity and flood protection.

As many of you will know, we now have a healthy beaver population in the Avon catchment area and some specifically in the Frome at Freshford, so do come along and learn more.

Entry free, donations welcome on the night



Booking for the Bath Festival is now open. View the full programme at <https://bathfestivals.org.uk/the-bath-festival/>

Police and Crime Commissioner Election 2024

-  Deadline for registering to vote - 16 April, midnight
-  Deadline for postal vote - 17 April, 5pm
-  Deadline for proxy vote - 24 April, 5pm
-  Deadline to apply for voter authority certificate (if you have no photo ID) - 24 April, 5pm
-  Polling day - 2 May, 7am - 10pm

wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-pcc

Wiltshire Council

Open Gardens 2024

Saturday 1st June

Freshford Gardens
10am - 1pm

Limpley Stoke Gardens
2pm - 5pm

Tea & Cakes from 4pm

Tickets with map £5 for the day
available from Galleries



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Map £3 Colouring Kit £2
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shop 10am-Noon on Mon. 11 Mar
or contact Richard Blaney
01225 720048

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What's on in April

Horticultural Society

Wednesday, April 3

Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Rosemary Verey, 1918–2001

Margie Hoffnung, currently conservation officer at The Gardens Trust, worked for Rosemary Verey for about 11 years. Margie is returning to give a brief biography of Rosemary's life, the influences on her career and an in-depth view of her design process in creating the garden at Barnsley House, her writings and her legacy to contemporary gardeners. Most of this talk's material comes from personal papers which the family gave Margie access to for her Master's dissertation.

Members free Visitors £3.00 Everyone welcome

History Society talk

Wednesday, April 24, 7.30pm

Freshford Memorial Hall

Bagels & Bacon: a 1950s boyhood in the East End of London

Jeff Rozelaar is a semi-retired teacher and professional speaker on land and cruise ships. This talk is based on an autobiographical account of his boyhood in the East End of London from the late 1940s to 1963. It features a host of colourful characters and attempts to convey a liking of London and love of history. The delivery is lively and entertaining, with a mixture of Cockney and Jewish humour.



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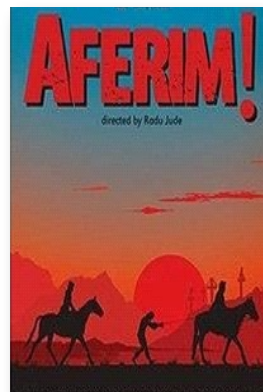
Film Night

Wednesday, April 17

Limpley Stoke Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm

The last of the season's films is ***Aferim!*** (2015) by director Radu Jude. Set in early 19th century Romania, a policeman is hired by a nobleman to find a gypsy slave who has run away from his estate after having an affair with his wife.



Licensed bar, friendly atmosphere and parking available near the hall. For Film Club details, email limpleycreative@gmail.com.

Pop-up pub

Friday, April 19, 6.30–10pm

Limpley Stoke Village Hall

Food, drinks and live music. Cash or card. Profits to Hop Pole campaign.

On this month's menu is steak, kidney and mushroom pie (£8), or veggie option, followed by chocolate cinnamon gateau (£3).

Email your choice to orlamorrish@gmail.com by **Wednesday, April 17.**

Mobile library monthly visit:

Thursday
April 11

10.00 – 10.25am

Uplands Close,
Midford Lane

