

Limpley Stoke

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CORONATION DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 6

CORONATION BIG LUNCH: Sunday, May 7

Bringing friends, family and neighbours together to share friendship, food and fun.

BIG HELP OUT: Monday, May 8

An opportunity to help out in local communities and make a positive change.



FRESHFORD

Coronation Picnic on Memorial Hall field

Sunday, May 7
from 12.30 to 4.00pm.



Bring your own picnic, table and chairs.

Limited number of tables can be booked in advance at kingfreshford@gmail.com.

Entrance free. Jazz band and bouncy slide for the afternoon, thanks to generous sponsorship.



BRADFORD on AVON's free community events:

Saturday, May 6, Victory Field from 10am

Coronation shown live on big screen, followed at 4pm by outdoor cinema

Sunday, May 7, Barton Farm, 12 noon–3pm

Bradford Preservation Trust hosts family fun picnic in front of Tithe Barn. Free tea, coffee and cake. BYO picnic food. Music from Mike Daniels Brass Quintet

Sunday, May 7, Victory Field Coronation Concert on big screen

Monday, May 8, Westbury Garden Big Help Out volunteer open day

<https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/boa-celebrates-the-kings-coronation/>



BATH ABBEY, site of the first coronation of a crowned king of England: Edgar in 973AD.

Royal Celebration Concert:

Friday, May 5, includes music from past coronations and royal events.



Coronation broadcast live from 11am on **Saturday, May 6**, with end-of-service Coronation peal of bells. All abbey services on **Sunday, May 7** will have a Coronation theme.

<https://www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/a-royal-celebration/>

Galleries café extension opens for business

Torrential rain failed to dampen the spirits of loyal customers who turned out for the grand opening of the Galleries café extension at the end of March.

Proceedings got underway with an amusing little number penned by local resident, John Jenkins, performed by members of the Freshford Singers (*top*) – who also happen to be shop volunteers – about everyday goings-on at the Galleries.

Simon Coombe thanked everyone involved in the project, which he said could never have happened without the dedication of Wags Firmin and his team of skilled volunteer builders, the 'Heavies' (*middle*), and the many generous donations.

Special guests Gitte and Stephen Dawson (*right*), without whom there would be no community shop, cut the ribbon to declare the café officially open.



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To better understand customers' needs, the Galleries team would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing a survey by clicking on the link below.

Deadline for responses: May 8

[Galleries Questionnaire](#)

Please address any questions you may have to Simon Coombe at simonhcoombe@hotmail.com.

June date for village fête



Freshford and Limply Stoke Village Fête is on **Saturday, June 10** from 1–5pm on Freshford Memorial Hall field.

Returning to its traditional summer date this year for the first time since 2019, the fête promises a fun time for all, including bouncy castle and slide, live music, speed goal football cage, face painting, dog show, tombola and raffle.

More details next month

Pick up and play



Young people who have never played a musical instrument before but fancy having a go can pop along to Wiltshire Young Musicians' *Pick Up and Play* groups, based at Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon. You can choose to play trumpet, trombone or horn (brass), or clarinet, saxophone or flute (woodwind).

Instruments are provided, the use of which is included in the term fee.

For more details, visit the website at <https://www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk/>

Manage your council tax online

Wiltshire Council has launched a portal that allows you to check your council tax account, make payments, view your bill, set up or amend direct debits, and notify any changes.

If you require additional financial support, there's a range of information and advice on the cost-of-living section of Wiltshire Council's website at:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/7066/managing-your-council-tax-online>

Show support for Winsley Hill safety measures

Wiltshire Council is consulting on its proposal to install double yellow lines on Winsley Hill, from Crockford Farm to the railway bridge.

Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group (WHTAG), who support this proposal, say walking to the canal is a safety issue, with cars parked on the pavement, road, walkway and verge, forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. It is even more hazardous for wheelchair and mobility scooter users, and parents with young children in pushchairs.



Dashcam footage shows a pedestrian with pushchair about to be forced into the road by a car parked on the painted pavement

WHTAG is urging local residents to register their support for double yellow lines on Winsley Hill by contacting **Wiltshire Council by Monday, May 8, quoting reference LJB/TRO/WWPR.**

Email: trafficorderconsultations@wiltshire.gov.uk

Write to: TRO Team, Highways and Transport, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Another win for popular quiz night

Friends of Freshford held another successful Quiz Night in March, with 18 teams taking part at a packed Memorial Hall. *The Grangers* were declared winners, with *The Limpley Stokers* in second place (up from ninth last year) and *The Park Corner Pumpers* third. Congratulations to *The Grangers* for their excellent quizzing skills and clear win. Organisers would like to thank everyone who entered for helping to raise over £1,000.

Since 2021, the Friends' Quiz Nights and Park Lane Big Band event have raised more than £4,000, which has funded biodiversity projects on the Tynning and enabled grants totalling £2,250 to be awarded to local organisations such as St Peter's Church, FLiSCA, Galleries shop and café, Freshford and Limpley Stoke Fête, Hop Pole Inn, and Freshford School and PTA.

To become a member, and for more details about FoF grants, phone Richard Blamey on 01225 720048; email friendsoffreshford@gmail.com; or visit the website at <https://www.friendsoffreshford.org>.

B3108 closure

Part of the B3108 between Winsley and Limpley Stoke will be closed temporarily to all traffic, from its junction with Murhill to its junction with the A36, for Network Rail to carry out repairs and associated works. The closure is due to start on **May 20 for five nights** between 10pm and 6am. Further information from <https://one.network/?tm=132908960>

ADVANCE NOTICE: CHURCH LANE will be closed from **June 5 to June 16** from 7am to 6pm for resurfacing works. More details next month. <https://one.network/?tm=132602328>

Sponsored walk

Freshford School pupils will take part in a 5km sponsored walk on **Sunday, May 14** to



raise funds for new playground equipment. Local folk are invited to walk with them and/or consider making a donation to their appeal.

The walk, which starts at 10.30am, will loop from school to lford Manor and back. Pizzas, ice creams and drinks will be served on return.

The school acknowledges that it's a challenging time financially for many but would be grateful for even the smallest donation, which can be made online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/the-big-walk>

Contact Gemma Hardy on 07768 773 937 or email gemma.hardy@aspireleadership.co.uk if you have any questions.

What's on in May

Freshford & District Horticultural Society talk **Right plant, wrong place by John Tucker**

Wednesday, May 3

Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm

John Tucker, judge of many a flower and produce show in Wiltshire and Somerset and one of the Society's favourite speakers, returns to encourage us to get the best from our gardens and how, when choosing the right plant for the right place, there are a number of factors to consider to ensure a long-lived, healthy landscape.

Members free Visitors £3 Everyone welcome

History Society AGM followed by Alan Dodge Memorial Lecture:

The Reverend Francis Pocock (1829-1919), founder of Monkton Combe School by Jacqueline Burrows

Wednesday, May 24

Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

After surviving a shipwreck and tropical disease, the 29-year-old curate and his wife arrived in Bath in 1859 to recover their health.

Francis and Sophia Pocock, originally from Berkshire, had spent three gruelling years in newly-established Freetown, Sierra Leone, working among the thousands of African people liberated from slavery by the British Navy.

The couple's visit to Bath turned into a stay lasting almost the rest of their lives, and resulted in the foundation of Monkton Combe School in 1868.

This talk by Jacqueline Burrows, researcher and archivist at Monkton Combe School, marks the centenary, in 2019, of Francis Pocock's death in Bath.

**Members free Visitors £3
Everyone welcome**

Plant Sale

**Saturday,
May 13,
9.30am**

**Freshford
Memorial
Hall car park**

Please bring labelled plants for sale. Payment by cash only. Half the proceeds to Freshford Memorial Hall.



Friends of Freshford Book Stall

**Saturday, May 13
9.30am – 12 noon**

Freshford Memorial Hall car park

**Cash only,
please**



'Top Pole' pop-up pub

**Friday, May 19 , 6.30–10pm
Limpley Stoke Village Hall**

Monthly pop-up pub held at Village Hall in Middle Stoke.

Drinks, snacks, music, and board games.

Bring cash or card. Profits go towards hall.

Correction: St Edith's Pilgrimage Walk

Did anyone spot last month's April Fool joke?

The length of St Edith's Pilgrimage Walk, from St Mary's Church, Limpley Stoke, to Wilton near Salisbury (referred to in last month's history talk details) should have read 40 miles, not 400. That's quite a difference in blisters!

Film Nights

Monthly film nights at Limpley Stoke Village Hall have now ended for the season. Back in the autumn.

Membership info: email limpleycreative@gmail.com

BIN COLLECTIONS

**Blue-lidded bin
Black box
Green waste
(chargeable)**



**Wednesday, May 3
Wednesday, May 17
Wednesday, May 31**



Mobile library monthly visit:

**Thurs, May 11, 10.00 – 10.25am
Uplands Close, Midford Lane**

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