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HOP POLE: THE FINAL PUSH

The campaign to save the Hop Pole Inn needs your vital support and investment NOW to secure its rightful place at the heart of our community for decades to come. Thanks to some monumental fundraising, expert advice and volunteer time, Phase 1 of the project has been completed on-budget. To date, £900,000 has been raised from a successful community share issue supported by nearly 600 people, together with a variety of grants and donations, many of the latter coming from the local community.

£300,000 is still needed to complete this project and, in an attempt to raise the remaining funds, a second community share issue was launched in October at the Hop Pole AGM, attended by 110 people who gave their unanimous support for plans to proceed.

If the funds cannot be raised, however, the team will be forced to abandon the project and the Hop Pole will be lost to the community forever. If successful, it will reopen in the summer of 2024 as a sustainable and vibrant village pub and hub. Joining the campaign to reopen the Hop Pole will be a valuable long-term investment on many levels.

For more details and to **buy shares** in this local asset, visit <https://www.limpleystokecbs.org/get-inn-involved> and click on 'Apply for shares'.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the campaign so far.



Wiltshire Council is seeking your views on which bus services and other public transport options you would like to see in the county, which is particularly timely given the continuing uncertainty surrounding our local No 94 bus.

Your comments will help to inform Wiltshire's draft Public Transport Policy, which aims to support road-based public transport countywide.

Have your say by taking part in the public transport review survey at <https://wiltshirebusreview.commonplace.is>.

The consultation ends at 23.59 on Friday, November 10.

A36 repair work to start next summer

Drivers could face months of delays next summer when work begins to repair retaining walls on the A36 between Bathampton and Brassknocker Hill, which will be carried out under traffic signals, with some overnight closures.

More details at <https://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/>

Have your say on Bradford traffic issues

Bradford on Avon Area Board will be hosting a highways event on **Wednesday, November 1** at the town's St Margaret's Hall to discuss topics such as traffic, air quality, congestion and transport in the community area.

The evening begins at 6.30–7.00pm for informal networking, with the meeting itself taking place from 7.00–9.00pm.

Wiltshire Council's Director of Highways and Transport, the Cabinet Member for Highways, and local Wiltshire councillors will be in attendance.



School governors needed

Freshford School is looking for two local residents to join the Local Governing Committee (LGC) to fill immediate vacancies for MAT-appointed* and Foundation governors, to start in January 2024. These are volunteer positions with a typical commitment of 10 to 12 hours per month. As a governor, you will visit and spend time in the school and attend up to six LGC meetings a year.

No prior experience of working in a school is necessary. The school is particularly – though not exclusively – interested in hearing from people with experience in management or design of buildings or facilities. To apply for the Foundation governor role, you need to be willing to uphold the Christian values and distinctiveness of the school.

To learn more, contact the co-chairs of governors for an informal chat: sara.buchanan@freshford.bwmat.org or caroline.ford@freshford.bwmat.org.

*Freshford is part of the Bath & Wells Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) <https://www.bwmat.org/>

Church Lane closure

Advance notice that part of Church Lane will be closed to all traffic on **Tuesday, December 5** for 3 days to enable Wessex Water to carry out urgent stop-tap repairs and associated works. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible.

For more details, contact Wessex Water 0345 600 4600.

All welcome at FLiSCA AGM

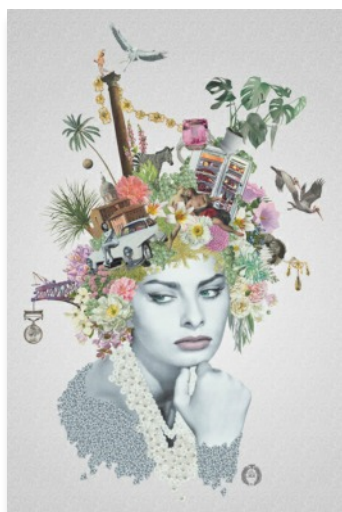
You are invited to the FLiSCA AGM at 7pm on **Wednesday, November 29** at Freshford Village Hall. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be provided.

It's been a busy year at the Galleries so why not pop along to learn about:

- how your community shop and café are responding to customer feedback
- the impact of the new extension on the café business
- future building projects to improve the business
- where FLiSCA grants have been awarded this year

Limpley Stoke Pop-up Art Gallery

Online gallery and art consultancy, *Modern ArtBuyer*, run by Jessica Lloyd-Smith, will be hosting its annual Open House pop-up in Limpley Stoke over the weekend of **November 18 and 19**.



As always, there will be a carefully curated collection of original paintings and affordable limited-edition prints by artists from the Bath area and further afield, in a relaxed home setting.

Throughout the weekend, Jessica will be on hand to offer advice around artwork selection, framing and hanging. Whether you're on the hunt for the perfect gift or after some art inspiration for your own collection, please pop in and enjoy a coffee or glass of Prosecco at Sylvan Lodge, 1 Cliffe Drive, Limpley Stoke, BA2 7FY on Saturday/Sunday, November 18/19, 10.00am–4.30pm.



The 2024 Freshford and Limpley Stoke calendar, featuring images of the local area, will be available to purchase in the Galleries shop from mid-November.

Proceeds from sales will be split between Freshford & District Horticultural Society (who fund it) and the Galleries shop.

Energy Group Open Day: Oct 28

Freshford and Limpley Stoke Home Energy Group's Open Homes Day is back on **Saturday, October 28** at **Freshford Village Hall** from 2–5pm.



To find out more about energy- and money-saving measures, who not go along and talk to local people who have taken the plunge, see how they've improved their homes and ask questions. A small cash donation of £5 is requested to cover costs and to enable future events.



Fabulous food, drink and entertainment are on offer at Freshford **FIREWORKS PARTY on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3** at Freshford football field, Abbey Lane, BA2 7TD. Gates open 5.30pm. Please walk to the venue if you can.

Advance tickets (adults £7 / children aged 4+ £4) from Galleries Shop or at buytickets.at/freshfordpta.

What's on

Film Night

Wednesday, November 8
Limpley Stoke Village Hall
7.00 for 7.30pm film start

This month's film, **A Separation** by Iranian director Asghar Farhadi, won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 2012.



A married couple living in Tehran are faced with a difficult decision: improve the life of their child by moving to another country or stay in Iran and look after an ailing parent.

Licensed bar, friendly atmosphere and fabulous films.

To book membership (£25 for the season) email limpleycreative@gmail.com.

History Society talk

All The Queen's Jewels 1445-1548: Power, Majesty and Display by Nicola Tallis

Wednesday, Nov 22, Freshford Village Hall, 7.30pm

A return visit by the local historian and author, Nicola's latest book celebrates the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Nicola will fill in some details of this national collection of jewels and copies of her book will be available for purchase.

This is the last meeting of 2023 so wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be available after the talk. Please bring something to share.

Members free Visitors £3.00 Everyone welcome

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Horticultural Society talk

Wednesday, Nov 1, Freshford Village Hall, 7.30pm

Black Shed Flowers

Created in 2017 by flower farmers and florists, Paul and Helen Stickland, Black Shed specialises in a spectacular range of cut flowers and foliage, produced without chemicals or pesticides. From early March to November, the flowers are sold from the farm near Sherborne in Dorset.

Members free Visitors £3.00 Everyone welcome

Pop-up pub

Friday, Nov 17, 6.30–10pm
Limpley Stoke Village Hall

Food, drinks, music, and board games. Cash or card. Most of the profits go towards Hop Pole campaign.

Chicken in creamy mushroom sauce (£8), followed by banoffee pie (£3). Vegetarian option available.

Email orlamorrish@gmail.com with your choice of veggie or non-veggie and whether you'd like pud.

Qigong for beginners

A four-week Qigong class starts at Limpley Stoke Village Hall on **Friday, November 3** at 10am. Qigong is a low-impact exercise suitable for all levels. Email Emily at

healthyqigonginbath@outlook.com for more details and to book a taster class.



Big Band returns

A reminder that the **Park Lane Big Band** will be at Freshford Village Hall on **Friday, November 24** (7.00 for 7.30pm), for what promises to be a wonderful night of music.

Entry by advance ticket only (£15) available from <https://www.friendsoffreshford.org/get-involved>; email friendsoffreshford@gmail.com or phone 01225 722374.



Mobile library monthly visit:

Thursday, November 23
10.00 – 10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane