

Parish Newsletter – w.c. 12 August 2019

## Makes the most of summer in Wiltshire

From leisure centres with a host of activities, to exploring the great outdoors - for a fun-packed summer, Wiltshire is the place to be.

With 21 leisure centres across the county, events in your community, historic sites and our iconic countryside, there's something for everyone to get involved with this summer.



### Wiltshire Council leisure offer

Explore what your local leisure centre has to offer. Try out our gyms, swimming pools, group classes or make use of any of our sports halls around the county.

Make sure you are getting the best value for money with one of our membership packages at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-memberships> or find out about promotions this summer, including special student memberships and three month cash memberships at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-promotions](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-promotions). You can use any of our leisure centres with your membership.

Contact your nearest leisure centre to arrange a tour or sign up. Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure) for more information.

### Explore the great outdoors

**Walking:** Take a stroll or stride through the Wiltshire countryside with Get Wiltshire Walking. We offer free group-walks across Wiltshire at the same time and location each week, with three different intensity levels to choose from. These walks are friendly and fun and great for anyone who enjoys the countryside, is looking to get more active, or just interested in meeting new people and getting to know their local area.

For more information, visit Get Wiltshire Walking at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-cycling-walking-and-running>

**Running:** Wiltshire is a great place to be a runner. Join your local group, get motivated and meet new people while you run. There's groups for all abilities, all led by trained group leaders.

For more information, visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-cycling-walking-and-running](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-cycling-walking-and-running)

Explore the couch to 5km approach with our 10-week beginners running courses combining walking, jogging and running. Sign-up this summer for courses starting in September at Royal Wootton Bassett and Malmesbury.

- Royal Wootton Bassett: Wednesday 18 September 20 November, 9.15am at the leisure centre (excluding session half-term 30 October)

- Malmesbury: Thursday 19 September 21 November, 9.15am at Malmesbury Activity Zone (excluding session half-term 31 October)

For more information and to book, visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-cycling-walking-and-running](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-cycling-walking-and-running)

**Get down to earth with nature:** Join our countryside team on bat and butterfly walks or volunteer and help improve Wiltshire's nature reserves. Find out more at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-countryside](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-countryside)

To find out about the latest events, follow the team on Twitter at [@WiltsRivers](https://twitter.com/WiltsRivers)

**Abandoned WW2 village, Imber:** The village of Imber was evacuated in 1943 to aid the training of American soldiers for the D-Day landing and is still deserted to this day.

For a limited time each year, Imber is open to the public and gives you glimpse into the past with tours of the village and activities at St Giles, the village church.

For one day only, Imberbus, a vintage bus service using original London Routemasters, operates between Warminster bus station, the village of Imber and other isolated locations on Salisbury Plain.

Imber open days for 2019:

- Saturday 17 August, 10am - 6pm (vintage bus service from Warminster Train Station)
- Sunday 18 August, 11am - 3.30pm
- Monday 19 August, 11am - 4pm

For more information about Imber open days, visit: <https://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on/imber-open-days-p2531933>

For more information about Imberbus, visit: <https://imberbus.wordpress.com/>

## Things to do for children and young people

### Free swimming

Our popular free swimming programme gives under 16s (15 and under) free access to swimming pools during specific sessions throughout all Wiltshire school holidays.

Free swimming this summer runs until Friday 30 August

We are closed on bank holidays.

The free swimming programme entitles under 16s to one free swim per day. More information is available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-free-swimming](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-free-swimming)

### Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge

Running in Wiltshire until Saturday 7 September 2019, this free national reading challenge is a highlight of the year for many children.

The theme this year is the Space Chase, an out of this world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children aged 4 - 11 will be challenged to read six library books over the summer, receiving prizes along the way and a medal and certificate on completion.

Inspire your children to read and help our super space family track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! As they read library books, they will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

They can also take part in the **Astronaut Training Programme** this summer, which includes six movement, food and hydration challenges for children to complete alongside the Summer Reading Challenge. There is also a free prize draw at the end of the challenge.

## Fun in the Sun

Fun in the Sun takes place in 27 villages across the county during the summer holidays, offering free regular sport sessions for 5-11 year olds in rural locations.

It's a great opportunity to try a new sport or get more practice at your favourite. Sports on offer include tag rugby, cricket, football, dodgeball, tennis, rounders, athletics and team activities.

Sessions take place on a weekly basis and are delivered by fully qualified sports coaches.

To find out more about Fun in the Sun, visit: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-fun-in-the-sun>

For more activities for children and young people this summer including a wide variety of sports camps, regular leisure centre activities and roller/swim discos

visit: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-activities-for-young-people>

## Revised planning application for Salisbury's Maltings

A revised planning application has been received by Wiltshire Council for a new hotel, interim library, gym and café on the site of the former British Heart Foundation store at 30-36 Fisherton Street, Salisbury.

This proposed development forms phase one of the wider vision for the Maltings and Central Car Park regeneration project, as set out in the recently endorsed Masterplan.



A previous application was refused by the Strategic Planning Committee in June 2019, on design grounds. The committee determined that the bulk and design of the proposal did not reflect the characteristics of Fisherton Street and Salisbury in general.

The resubmitted application has been completely redesigned, although it retains the original proposal for an 86-room hotel, gym, and new library. The main differences found in the redesign are: the removal of one floor; the building is now all under 40ft apart from two lift shafts; the use of a wider range of materials; a new two-storey civic-style atrium to the library entrance, orientated towards the Playhouse and City Hall; a new café space and public plaza to the Fisherton Street frontage, with the building drawn back to allow a greater view of the United Reformed Church; and the roof of the building is proposed to be finished as a sedum brown roof, which will provide habitat within the urban environment.

To view or comment on the full application, please visit our planning portal (<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>) with the application number 19/07427/ful.

## Flood plans

It's the middle of summer – and we have had flooding in Cheshire, Manchester and the northern counties. A slow-moving weather front dumped so much rain in one event it has caused hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Not least it has and will cause grief, stress and hardship to those people and communities affected by this weather for months even years after the event.

We were lucky in Wiltshire this time – it could easily happen to us, and in fact has – ask the residents of Shaw & Whitley or Broad Hinton and Minety.

Weather patterns are changing - the pattern of rainfall showing as being more intense for shorter periods.

This type of flooding is difficult to prepare for but making plans about what your community and individual homeowners can do before, during and after a flood will help get you back on your feet quicker than if you don't have a plan.



Finding out if your community is at risk of flooding from surface water, and rivers is easy. Making a plan just takes a bit more effort and some community involvement but we're here to help.

Contact [weather.team@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:weather.team@wiltshire.gov.uk) - we have templates, advice, information and the experience of neighbouring parishes to assist you in getting your community prepared.

We can't stop flooding – but knowledge and preparedness will help should the occasion arise. Drop us an email – we're here to help.

## Help shape Wiltshire's plans to 2036: Invitation to consultation event

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As part of the review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy (renamed Wiltshire Local Plan), the council is undertaking further consultation with town and parish councils.

This will build on the workshop events that took place in October and November 2018 (a report of these events can be viewed on the council's website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review>) and is in addition to the the town based workshops held May - July 2019. These meetings will be open to all town and parish councils and will have a rural focus.

Along with providing an update on the progress of the Wiltshire Local Plan review, the purpose of these meetings will be to develop ideas about rural policies and discuss the complementary roles of the local plan and neighbourhood plans. Further background information will be sent in advance of the meetings.

To ensure the venue is as convenient to as many people as possible, three separate events will be held and you are invited to send representatives to one of the meetings detailed below.

- Wednesday 18 September, 6pm – 8pm at Marlborough Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA
- Wednesday 25 September 6pm – 8pm at Nadder Centre, Tisbury, SP3 6HJ
- Tuesday 1 October 6pm – 8pm at Calne Library, The Strand, Calne SN11 0JU

Please note that in the first instance attendance is restricted to two representatives from each parish or town council. An additional place is available if you would like to also invite a representative of your local neighbourhood plan steering group.

To ensure that we can plan in advance of the meeting, please could you inform us by **Friday 6 September** of your representatives and indicate which event you will be attending by either email to [spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk) or phone 01225 713223.

Please note this meeting is restricted to invited representatives of the town and parish councils only as the objective is to enable an honest and open discussion about how the Wiltshire Local Plan can plan positively for rural Wiltshire.

## Quick links

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Area Board information: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards)

All the latest news releases: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news)

Community virtual notice boards: <http://ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/>

Roadworks: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures)

What's on at City Hall in Salisbury: [www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk](http://www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk)

A blog for Wiltshire's arts community: <http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com>