

## Notice Board

### Village Events and Activities

**Weight-Watchers:** Every Tuesday- Contact is Lyn Grimstead : 474761

**Drop in Market:** 10 am till 12 noon on the first Wednesday of every month except January (when there's no market). A wide range of local produce, crafts and other wares as well as coffee and chat. As the name says, just drop in.

**Westbury Folk Dancing Club:** Eileen Dredge : 822469

**Exercise Classes:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: Alison Jacobs : 07748 407753

**Westbury Playford (Country Dancing):** Susan Swan : 01985 212556

**Bingo** (Popular sessions – First Friday of the Month): Beryl Drake : 823971

**Yoga Classes:** Jan Oakman (Tuesday evenings) : 859313  
Fiona Fallon (Wednesday evenings) : 01985 846133

### Village Association Contacts

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### Websites

#### **Community Hall Website:**

[www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk](http://www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk)

#### **Westbury Leigh Village Association Website:**

[www.westbury-leigh.co.uk](http://www.westbury-leigh.co.uk)

### Local Trades Directory

**Acer Tree Surgeons** Nick Cranston: 31 Westbury Leigh, 0870 3830124,  
[nickcranston@acertreesurgeons.co.uk](mailto:nickcranston@acertreesurgeons.co.uk), [www.acertreesurgeons.co.uk](http://www.acertreesurgeons.co.uk)

#### **Bright Glass - stained glass commissions and beginners' courses**

Debs Sage: 23 Westbury Leigh, 07919 476994, [debsandnick@waitrose.com](mailto:debsandnick@waitrose.com),  
[www.brightglass.co.uk](http://www.brightglass.co.uk)

#### **Jewellery-making courses and graphic design service**

Sarah Perrett: 16 Westbury Leigh, 826303, [sarahjane.perrett@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahjane.perrett@btinternet.com),  
[www.beadbuffet.co.uk](http://www.beadbuffet.co.uk)

#### **Renovate - painting & decorating, carpentry & general property maintenance**

Steve Perrett: 16 Westbury Leigh, 826303 or 07887  
882962, [stephenj.perrett@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenj.perrett@btinternet.com)

#### **Sewing service - curtains, blinds and dressmaking, alterations, repairs**

Anne Poole: 117 Westbury Leigh, 858711, [options@fsmail.net](mailto:options@fsmail.net)

**Solicitor** Tony Wilkin: 74 Westbury Leigh, 824528, [tonywilkin@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tonywilkin@blueyonder.co.uk)

#### **Vines and Lipscombe Design Group - architectural and planning services**

Vaughan Lipscombe: Boyers House, Black Horse Lane, 864866, [vlipscombe@lineone.net](mailto:vlipscombe@lineone.net)

If you would like a free one-line entry in this directory in future newsletters, please give the details to Angela (303941 or [jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk)).



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**Next Village Association Meeting:** Wednesday 5th May, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

**Village Open Day: Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm to 4.30pm.**

A few weeks from now and the annual Village Association event will be on us, and we will be treated to a great slice of home grown entertainment. What has been arranged so far:

**Attractions:** a street organ, to sit back and listen to. Face painting. A Scalextric track, for the young and not so young to have a go and see who can drive the fastest! Tea and cakes in the Hall, and our raffle.

**Competitions:** 'Name that Cow..... !'

A Gnome Treasure Hunt, you will see parts of Westbury Leigh you may not know about  
A Miniature Gardens Competition for children of Primary School age. Entry forms are at Westbury Leigh Primary School for KS1 and KS2 age groups. Any one who is interested in entering from Westbury Leigh who is not at the school please contact Brian Osborne for an entry form (£1 entry includes a seed tray for your entry). Entry forms must be in by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be on the day and there will be prizes for both age groups.

**Stalls:** A range of stalls are booked including a Tombola, a plant stall, a book stall, card stalls, and others provisionally booked. If you are interested in having a stall we may still be able to squeeze you in but we need to know by 31<sup>st</sup> May at the latest.

**Help is always appreciated!** If you are able to help either on the day or organising beforehand please let us know. We would also welcome any donations towards the bottle Tombola, raffle prizes, plants and books for the stalls, and of course cakes!

Any other suggestions and offers of help for this year (and next year), please come along to our next meeting. We look forward to seeing you then, and if not, then definitely in June!

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Picture from Open day 2009

### **Brambles Update**

There has been intermittent activity on the Brambles building site, and it seems that goods and equipment no longer needed for the current building work are now stored here. We haven't spoken to anyone from Persimmon recently, but it looks as though this could be the next site to be developed.

### **Did You Know?**

That in the 1831 census the population of Westbury Leigh was 1,420? The figures for Westbury, Bratton and Dilton were 2,495, 1,237 and 2,172 respectively.

That in the 1831 census the number of occupied dwellings in Westbury Leigh was 309? A further 37 were unoccupied. Westbury had 474 occupied and 60 unoccupied dwellings at the time. The percentage of unoccupied dwellings seems high.

That Sir Robert Peel, perhaps best known for founding the Metropolitan Police Force in 1829, has a link to Westbury? In 1829 he was one of Westbury's two MPs. At the time Westbury was a "rotten borough" with very few voters and probably no-one in Westbury Leigh could vote.

### **The 'Long Neigh Up' charity Cycle Ride**

In little over 2 months, Westbury Leigh resident Ed Coleman and fellow Westbury cyclist Julian Morris will be setting off on a 900 miles unassisted cycle ride from Land's End to John O' Groats. Their aim is to complete the ride in just 9 days, raising money and awareness for both Macmillan Cancer Support and Spinal Research.



You may remember reading about the 'Long Neigh Up' Cycle ride back in July's newsletter; you may have even attended a fundraising coffee morning back in November which raised over £160 for their chosen charities.

Training is currently going well and so too is their fundraising – they have already raised well over £1000 through the coffee morning and both personal and business sponsorship. The 900 mile cycle ride is being completely self funded so every penny raised will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support and Spinal Research.

To find out more about the 'Long Neigh Up', follow their progress, make a personal donation or even find out about business sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.longneighup.co.uk](http://www.longneighup.co.uk) or telephone Ed on 824215.

### **Save Our Swimming Pool!**

By now, you are probably all aware of the campaign to save Westbury's historic swimming pool for the present and future generations. Wiltshire Council is reviewing all the sports and leisure facilities that it has inherited from the District Councils and will have some hard decisions to make, taking into account the provision of pools and sports/leisure centres across the whole county. Some facilities may be closed down and we don't want the Westbury pool to be one of them. It is not only a well-loved and well-used pool, it is part of the town's heritage, donated by WH Laverton in 1887.

The campaign is led by Bob Lee from Dilton Marsh. With his campaign committee, he has organised online and paper petitions, held public meetings, lobbied the Council and made an application to English Heritage for listing of the pool building. The Village Association supports these efforts, so please, if you haven't already done so, sign the petition (in Dilton Marsh Post Office, the Westbury Visitors' Centre and several other Westbury shops) - and go for a swim!



### **Buses**

At the last two WLVA meetings a point was discussed about bus services. While the Westbury Weaver offers a good service around Westbury throughout the day, only one bus a day travels directly between Westbury Station and Westbury Leigh - at all other times you have to walk or change buses. The Association wrote to Frome Minibuses asking them to consider varying the Weaver routes to give a better service to and from the station, but the company has not replied.

We'd like to know whether this is worth pressing. Would there be a demand for such a service? Could we promise the company more passengers?

Come along to the next Village Association meeting to share your opinion, or contact John on [jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk).