

## Notice Board

### Village Events and Activities

**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:** Alison Jacobs (Monday evenings): 07748 407753  
Sue Jackson (Monday afternoons): 824267

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

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

**Yoga Classes:** Fiona Fallon (Wednesday evenings): 01985 846133  
Dawn Teasdale (Tuesday evenings): 07974 744930

### Local Trades Directory

**Acer Tree Surgeons** Nick Cranston: 31 Westbury Leigh, 824807 or 07590 986261,  
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**Advertising & Marketing Consultant** - Stephen Miell  
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**Antique Furniture Restoration and/or Woodwork Teaching**  
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**Flooring - supply and fitting of carpet and vinyl**  
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**G T Bookkeeping** – G. A. Trefaut : 07789 376870, [gt\\_bookkeeping@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gt_bookkeeping@hotmail.co.uk)

**Electrician** Vince Macey, All types of electrical work, 61 Westbury Leigh,  
864428 or 07966 470479, [vince@vmacey.co.uk](mailto:vince@vmacey.co.uk)

**Jackie's Dog Salon**, Jackie Macey, 61 Westbury Leigh, 864428 or 07970 062917

**Painting and decorating, floor and wall tiling:** Chris Pearson: 127 Westbury Leigh,  
304810 or 07709 804565, [chrispearson65@hotmail.com](mailto:chrispearson65@hotmail.com)

**Reflexology and Holistic Massage**  
Corinne Hunter: 101 Westbury Leigh, 07710 716652, [Corinne@mirado.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:Corinne@mirado.freeserve.co.uk)

**Reflexology and Reiki**  
Alison Lewis: Hope Cottage, Dilton Marsh, 228010. Home visits available.

**Reiki treatments**  
Viv Lane: 160 Westbury Leigh, 865574, [guidedreams@btinternet.com](mailto:guidedreams@btinternet.com)

**Sewing service - curtains, blinds and dressmaking, alterations, repairs**  
Anne Poole: 117 Westbury Leigh, 858711, [options@fsmail.net](mailto:options@fsmail.net)

**Tutor - English, Maths and Science, all ages including parents/carers**  
Sue Huntley B Ed(Hons), Cartref, Black Horse Lane, 859977 [sue@hsow.co.uk](mailto:sue@hsow.co.uk)  
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**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:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

### **Old School Green**

From 1893 to 2004 there was a primary school between School Lane and Church Lane. When the new Westbury Leigh School opened in Sandalwood Road in 2004 the old building was abandoned and then demolished. The site of the school was developed for housing and the playing field became a public open space.

The open space had no name, so the Village Association thought that it would be appropriate to call it “Old School Green” to ensure that the old school was not forgotten. And to make sure the name stuck, we thought we’d commission a sign. After 2 years spent raising funds, getting the necessary permissions and commissioning a sign from Harry Stebbings Workshop of Norfolk, the sign is in place on the now officially named Old School Green. It was unveiled on 10 October by the Mayor of Westbury, Councillor Sue Ezra, and children from the new Westbury Leigh School.

It is a very attractive sign, handmade from English oak sustainably sourced (and even better, the Harry Stebbings Workshop plants an oak tree for every order). Do go and see it – at the bottom of Church Lane at the entrance to Old School Green. And a big thank you to everyone who has come to Village Association events, spent money and helped us to raise the funds for the benefit of our community.



## Did You Know

That Britton's *The Beauties of England and Wales* (1814) described Westbury as being of considerable antiquity? The 1811 census figures were given as Westbury: 351 houses and 1,790 people, Westbury Leigh: 286 houses and 1357 people.

That Wilson's *Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales* (1872) described Westbury Leigh as having a population of 1,380 and possibly being "Ægglea" where Alfred encamped before the battle of Ethandune?

That Worth's *Tourist Guide to Wiltshire* (1887) described Westbury as having a population of 6,014 and being an intensely dull town?

## Trees and Hedges

The building work at The Brambles at the end of Church Lane is now complete. Earlier this year a number of trees in the copse, which is protected by a Tree Preservation Order, were removed. This appears to have occurred due to a 'mistake' in marking the area of trees on the plans, so that the plans encroached into the copse, the planning consent overrode the TPO, and the trees were removed without any recourse. When the Town Council Planning Committee was informed, members were astounded that this had occurred, but there has not been any satisfactory explanation from Wiltshire Council.

The copse is now designated as 'public open space' and is not fenced off or protected in any way, despite the Environmental Surveys for the planning applications recommending that the copse should be protected as a haven for wildlife in an increasingly built-up area.

Local residents were also dismayed when large parts of the hawthorn hedge around the site were removed, despite being marked as 'desirable to be retained' on the plans. Likewise the Environmental Surveys highlighted their wildlife value, and recommended retention.

There used to be many yards of traditional hawthorn hedge in the area, but with the development, the majority has now been removed. The few parts remaining are invariably full of sparrows and other small birds, and as the soil underneath has not been disturbed there is very little weed growth.

We feel it would be advantageous to replant some of the hedges removed and perhaps when the copse is adopted by Wiltshire Council, we can persuade them to let us enclose the area with a new hawthorn hedge. We are thinking of future fundraising to purchase hedge plants. If you are interested in helping to improve the wildlife habitat around Westbury Leigh, come along to the next meeting.

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## Parking

Have you noticed the new parking restrictions and that some have been taken away? We hope so, as there was a Parking Enforcement Officer in Westbury Leigh checking cars only a fortnight ago. For 4 years the Village Association has been urging first West Wiltshire District Council, then its successor Wiltshire Council, to rationalise the parking restrictions along Westbury Leigh as the length beyond The Spur is now a cul-de-sac and the shop/Post Office has gone. The revised restrictions, in place since the end of August, seem to be sensible. If you think otherwise, please let the Village Association know.

## Village Supper

The village supper was held on 13th October. If you missed it, then look out for the advertising next year. It was a very enjoyable night for all, and plans are already in progress for next year's entertainment.

## Forthcoming events in the Community Hall include:

**Friday 2nd November 7.30pm start – Bingo.**

**Saturday 3rd November 7pm for a 7.30pm start – Quiz night.**

Arrive any time after 7pm ready for a 7.30pm start. £2.50 per player, with a maximum team of 6. A fish and chip supper will be available at extra cost.

**Wednesday 7th November 10am to 12 noon – Monthly Market.**

**Saturday 17th November 10am to 1pm – Christmas Craft Fayre.**

We had our very first Christmas Craft Fayre last year, and this year's event will be even bigger! Not only will there be lots of fantastic stalls with brilliant gift ideas, but also workshops held in the upper hall. We've brought the date forward this year, so you can really get Christmas off to a flying start. So come along. Buy those unique Christmas presents for your family and friends, make a door or table floral arrangement in the workshop (you'll need to bring your own scissors), and then relax and enjoy coffee and cake, while the children take part in the sewing workshop.

**Wednesday 5th December 10am to 12 noon – Christmas Market with lots of extra stalls.**

**Friday 7th December 7.30pm start – Christmas Bingo.**

**Sunday 9th December 3pm – Carol Concert with music from the Westbury Players.**

**Bridge Club - Tuesday 10.15am to 12.30pm**

This is a new weekly event in the hall. There's a table for beginners who would like to learn how to play bridge. Everyone else plays Chicago bridge, so you don't need a partner, just come along and join in. The cost is £1 per week, and this even includes a cup of tea and a biscuit.

*And, as an extra:*

**Sunday 2nd December 4pm – Old Dilton Church - Advent Carols by candlelight.**