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## Christmas events in Westbury Leigh Community Hall / Church



### Christmas Quiz Night Saturday 29th November 7pm for 7:30pm

Arrive any time after 7pm ready for the first question at 7:30pm. Entry is only £5 per person, and that includes a ploughman's supper and soft drink. Come in a team of 6 people, or just turn up and form a team on the night - a great way to get to know new people! Reserve your place through the Westbury Visitors' Centre or by contacting Angela on 303941 or [jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk) or Sue on 822659 or [iansuetaylor@gmail.com](mailto:iansuetaylor@gmail.com).

This is one of the Village Association's main fund raising events to cover the newsletter printing costs for the coming year, so make sure the date is in your diary and that you buy lots of raffle tickets on the night!

**Christmas market** - Wednesday 3rd December, 10am to 12 noon.  
**Christmas bingo** - Friday 5th December. Eyes down at 7:30pm!  
**Carol service with the Westbury Players** - Sunday 7th December, 3pm. Advent carol service followed by tea and mince pies.  
**Midnight Mass** - Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm.  
**Christmas Communion** - Thursday 25th December, 10am

### Afternoon Tea Dance

Following a steady start to our Tuesday afternoon social tea dances, numbers do fluctuate – downwards and upwards. We are seeing local dancers and from as far away as Chippenham and the feedback is very positive. The warm and welcoming atmosphere of the hall, its excellent dance floor, the mid-afternoon break's tea/coffee, home-made fare and a 50/50 split between ballroom and sequence dancing with good music all go to ensure everyone has an enjoyable afternoon.

So if you haven't already been, why not give it a try? It's good to stay active. Singles and beginners are equally welcome. It's a good afternoon at £3.50 per person. We'll be there – come what may – and look forward to welcoming you!

**Mike and Angie Dale**

## **Saving Our Car Park**

Many of you already know that the Westbury Leigh community car park could be under threat. You may have seen the recent feature in the *Wiltshire Times* or attended an open meeting at the Community Hall with Gordon King (councillor for Westbury East on the Town Council and also a Wiltshire Councillor).

The car park has been an asset to the village for over 40 years. It was provided about 1970 by Westbury Urban District Council following representations by residents about the hazards presented by cars parked on the street. Since then, of course, car ownership has increased enormously and most houses along Westbury Leigh still don't have off-street parking. It is an essential amenity for our community.

You may remember that in 2006 the car park was under threat of closure as the land was considered suitable for housing development as part of the West Wiltshire District Council's PFI scheme. Residents banded together as an action group and successfully campaigned against the closure: we produced a report on car park usage, lobbied councillors and spoke at council meetings. The Westbury Leigh Village Association was formed from that action group.

The Village Association is aware that Wiltshire Council is under budgetary pressure and has therefore undertaken a general review of car parking, with proposals now at the public consultation stage. The Westbury Leigh car park is included in the consultation: the proposal is to change ownership or change its use. Wiltshire Council has already made its views known informally via Gordon King - it acknowledges the value of the car park to the Westbury Leigh community but does not want to retain the car park itself. It wishes to delegate, to either Westbury Town Council or a community interest group. Gordon has been helping us by exploring the options and collecting the essential legal and financial information.

To avoid any uncertainty, and to ensure that Westbury Leigh retains the car park as a community asset now and for the future, Westbury Leigh Community Project Ltd has now stepped up to express an interest to Wiltshire Council in taking on the car park. The Community Project is the registered charity that runs Westbury Leigh Community Hall: its aims are to provide benefits for the local community.

There will be more open meetings to keep everyone up to date, so look out for notices and fliers advertising them. And if you wish to be actively involved – as taking on the car park will mean a long-term commitment requiring volunteers for administrative and practical tasks – please let Angela know on

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If you wish to have your say about car parks in Westbury (not just Westbury Leigh), do complete the questionnaire on [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). You can find it through the menu on the left hand side: Council and democracy – Consultations – Car parking review. Copies of the consultation are also in the library.

## **Autumn**

The season of mellow fruitfulness as the saying goes, and I think it is a very apt description for this year. After the good summer we have certainly had a mellow and fruitful autumn, with balmy temperatures still and many pleasantly warm days. Although having some spring flowering plants in flower at this time of year is somewhat strange. With plenty of fruit on the trees and hedgerows, some would say it is a sign of a cold winter to come!

It is the first time that I can remember seeing swallows still around in the middle of October, although it was in the Wylde valley and not here. I would guess they were probably swallows from north of the country on their way south, and stopping over longer while there were still plenty of insects about in the warm weather. Seeing red admiral butterflies on Remembrance Sunday is not a first though.

There are still plenty of leaves to fall, and no doubt they will be brought down quickly with a cold snap, since we have had barely one frost this autumn. With fewer leaves on the trees and bushes, it becomes easier to spot the birdlife around, and I always notice the long tailed tits in their family groups flitting through the trees, twittering away to each other.

Recently I heard the call of a woodpecker near our garden, which seems apt as they have been called 'rain birds', and we have now entered a more unsettled phase of weather. As winter approaches it is time to remember to clean out and top up bird feeders and we always leave a few dropped apples under the tree as the blackbirds will make use of them later, along with the odd thrush if we are lucky.

**Brian Osborne**

## **Did You Know**

That the first crop circles to come to public notice were in Westbury? In 1980 the *Wiltshire Times* published a photograph of 3 circles in a field of oats beneath the White Horse. Circles of increasing complexity have appeared in fields around Westbury and Warminster since then, especially in the 1980s and 90s.

That Dog Kennel Lane in Chalford is named after actual kennels? The Laverton family in Leighton House kept a pack of hounds in kennels at the end of the lane.

That the original plan for Leigh Park was only 600 houses? The development was first considered in the Westbury Draft Local Plan of 1986 and construction began in July 1998. Leigh Park now has more than twice the houses originally planned, but doesn't have the supermarket and petrol station intended at one stage.

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