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Westbury Leigh Car Park

As reported in November's newsletter, Westbury Leigh Community Project Ltd (WLCP, the registered charity that manages the Community Hall) has expressed an interest to Wiltshire Council in taking over Westbury Leigh car park and running it for the benefit of the community. Representatives of WLCP have met with Council officials and the Council is happy in principle for a community asset transfer to take place. The Council acknowledges that a solution must be found to the drainage problem before any transfer and is currently considering options.

If you live along Westbury Leigh, you will have received a questionnaire last month to gauge people's use of the car park and views on whether charges should be imposed. WLCP will consider the views when deciding how to run the car park in future:

- None of those who responded were opposed to WLCP taking on the car park.
- Only 38% of responses were from regular users of the car park.
- Of those regular users, 69% would be willing to pay for continued use of the car park, including paying extra for a reserved space.

There will be a further public meeting when the Council's proposals are known. If you have any questions/comments in the meantime, please contact Angela on jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk.

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Did You Know

That in 1903 Westbury Leigh's elementary school had places for 140 children? The average attendance was 117.

That in 1901 the population of Westbury (including Westbury Leigh and Old Dilton) was 5,558? 67 of these were in the workhouse (now part of William House Court, Eden Vale Road).

That Kelly's Directories started in 1835? They listed all businesses in towns, as well as giving addresses of selected local people – an early Yellow Pages. The 1903 Directory for Wiltshire gives the following commercial and residential entries for Westbury Leigh. Perhaps some of these people lived or worked in what is now your house?

Commercial:

Thomas Alley: baker & shopkeeper

Frederick Henry Bigwood: miller (water)

Boulton Brothers Ltd: glove manufacturers

James Bourne: The Anchor

Charles Case & Son: leather manufacturers

James Chard: market gardener, Japonica Cottage

Richard Crook: shopkeeper

John Richard Deane: Phipps Arms and farmer

Joseph Elliott: bootmaker

James Jones: market gardener

G H Knight & Son: maltsters & hop merchants

William Lester: grocer

Mrs Hannah Miles: blacksmith

William Thomas Poole: market gardener

Benjamin Edwin Scott: grocer & baker, Post Office

Edwin George Scott: grocer & tailor

Henry Waite: miller (water)

Residential:

Rev Edward Ashton (Leigh Manse)

William Sydney Bailey (The Hollies)

George Hudden Knight (Courtleigh)

Rev William Paul Laurence

Rev Charles Noel Swayne

Mrs Trask (Leigh House)

George Woolldridge (Rock Villa)

Walking the dog.

Having acquired a new puppy 2 months ago we are now faced with the dilemma of where to walk on these cold and often wet mornings. So far the best success rate seems to be to 'aim high'.

Driving up to the White Horse is probably the first place anyone would suggest. There's always lots of dog walkers to chat to, but the ground is a little soft so you will all return home with muddy shoes and paws.

The field at the top of Leigh Close is a little muddy but not too bad at the moment. Walking up Leigh Close is fine of course, even Sandhole Lane, Sun Lane and Sparrick Lane are not too bad as long as you are wearing old clothes!

The non-muddy option of course is the Leigh Park estate. You hardly ever meet anyone else (apart from school children and other dog walkers), there's lots of little pathways which do help to reduce the boredom factor and there's not much traffic.

Where do you and your dog go walking? Have you found any good routes around Westbury Leigh? Our puppy Charlie would love to hear about your favourite places.

Sue Taylor

Water in Westbury Leigh

Before the twentieth century Westbury Leigh had no piped water supply and so residents depended on wells. Perhaps you have traces of an old well in your garden or cellar?

In 1899 the Westbury and Dilton Marsh Joint Water Committee was set up by the new Westbury Urban District Council, and during the next sixty years water mains were gradually extended throughout the district. In 1959 water supply was taken over by the new West Wiltshire Water Board, which lasted only until 1974 but has left a memento in the form of a meter cover marked WWWB, on the pavement opposite 79 Westbury Leigh. There are a few other examples of WWWB covers in Westbury Leigh and Westbury, but they are rare.

Water supply today, of course, is provided by Wessex Water Ltd and meter covers are usually just stamped "Water". Wessex Water was called Wessex Water Authority in the period 1974 – 1989 and you can spot a few covers marked WWA. Before 1974 sewerage was provided by Westbury Urban District Council. There are examples of manhole covers marked "Westbury Sewers" on the footpath that used to be the old Penleigh Road, by Becks Mill and in Blackhorse Lane.



Signs of Spring

I am sure many of you have noticed the snowdrops and the first of the daffodils in flower, which makes it seem as if spring is on the way, even though I always think of February as being winter.

With the trees and hedges being open and bare, apart from the evergreens of course, makes it easier to spot birdlife and the odd squirrel.

This winter we have noticed fewer birds coming into our garden for food. We still have the usual blackbirds, robins and sparrows, and a few blue tits and great tits, along with the odd blackcap and wren. Other years we have seen more chaffinches and goldfinches, and I wonder if there has been a better abundance of natural food after the good summer we had. Recently I noticed a female bullfinch down near the school, and it will be interesting if more appear when the buds are on the fruit trees.

Let us know if you have had fewer birds in your gardens this winter as some friends have commented to me that there seemed to be fewer feeding in their gardens this time.

Brian Osborne