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Westbury Leigh

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Update on car park

You may be wondering what is happening about the car park, as it's now nearly a year since the threat to it came to Westbury Leigh's attention. Westbury Leigh Community Project Ltd (WLCP), the registered charity that runs the Community Hall, is still talking to Wiltshire Council and is still on track to take ownership of the car park. Solving the drainage problem is not a trivial exercise and Wiltshire Council want to get it absolutely right as a permanent solution. This is taking longer than expected, but it is worth waiting – and WLCP will not take responsibility for the car park until the work is done.

In the meantime, there is activity behind the scenes and WLCP will soon have legal documents to look at about the transfer of ownership and ongoing responsibilities. If you are, or know, a local lawyer with experience of property transfer in the public sector and would like to help (ideally pro bono), please let Angela Graham-Leigh know on jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk.

Westbury Leigh Community Hall Village Supper

Saturday 24th October 7pm for a 7.30pm meal.
Tickets are on sale at the Westbury Visitor's Centre or from Angela or Sue (contact details inside this newsletter). £8 per person (there will be a reduction for children under 14).

When it comes to value for money this has to be top of the list. Where else can you buy a two course supper and entertainment for £8????

Remember:

- Bring your own drinks and glasses
- No need to bring your crockery and cutlery this year as they will be provided
- All you need to do on the night is to enjoy your supper, chat to your friends and neighbours, and then sit back to watch the entertainment
- This really is an event unlike anything else!

Westbury Arts and Music Festival

This is the 8th year of the festival, which starts on 25th September with an evening of choral music at The Laverton and runs until 11th October. This year there are more events than ever before. As with every year, there is a mixture of new and old. Thanks to generous sponsorship and support many events are free or a lot cheaper than you might expect.

There is singing - with opera to blues and folk to choral, music - from harmonica to organ and drums to a classical trio, art - with a professional great war exhibit, through work of local schools to pottery and crafting. There are authors, poetry, lectures, walks and talks... the list goes on!

Have a look at www.wmafestival.co.uk or look out for posters and ticket sellers in the town!

Did You Know

That in 1863 Joseph Harrop (owner of Boyer's Mill, in Black Horse Lane) summoned 19 power loom weavers who had gone on strike? They were objecting to an 11-year old timekeeper who had no clock and often rang the work bell earlier than their start time of 6am. The average weekly wage was 6s and if they were late by the bell wages were docked (eg 1s for 3 minutes). Harrop won the case and the weavers were fined.

That in 1868 Harrop himself was in court for intimidation of voters but the case was dismissed? According to the newspaper reports, he was booed on both occasions. He was not popular in Westbury!

That in 1929 the working foreman at Leigh Maltings had to work a 7-day week? The proviso was that only absolutely essential work was required on Sundays. The foreman was paid 65s a week with a discretionary bonus of 2s a week, with 7 days' paid holiday a year and a rentfree cottage. The Maltings traded until 1963.

Westbury Leigh Christmas Craft Fair and Second-hand Book Sale Sunday 15th November 2pm to 4pm

The Craft Fair has started to become another Westbury Leigh tradition and each year we try to do something a little different. This year we are including a secondhand book sale. For those of you who enjoy a wander around the stalls and like the idea of getting Christmas off to a flying start then this is your chance to do so. If you would rather forget about Christmas until Christmas Eve then this is perfect for you too, as you can purchase loads of lovely books to read while you're curled up on the sofa!

We have a number of stalls reserved already, but there is always room for more, so if you are crafty and would like to reserve a stall then please get in touch. If you want to clear out those novels you've already read and donate them to our sale then please get in touch.

If you want to just come along on the day, then all you need to do is put the date in your diary and we will see you there. The admission is free and there's always homemade cakes for sale.



People targeted repeatedly with pension scams, say Citizens Advice

Over 55s are being repeatedly contacted with cold-calls and emails offering fraudulent pension opportunities, warns Citizens Advice. Over four months after the pension reforms came into effect, figures from the national consumer body find that two in five Citizens Advice pensions staff across England and Wales have seen people targeted repeatedly with pension scams.

Albert Ball, Project Manager at Wiltshire Citizens Advice Pension Wise said: "Pension scams threaten people's financial security. Scammers are finding new ways to go after people's pension pots including offering free pension reviews and promising to invest funds that don't necessarily exist. "If you've had an offer or signed up to a pension scheme you're unsure about, I urge you to contact your local Citizens Advice where our staff can offer free help and support."

Common signs of a pension scam

- High rates of return: any promotion offering you a much higher rate of return than other investors
- Time pressure: if you are told you must give your details within a short time frame or sign paperwork from a courier
- Early access: an offer to help you access your pension before the age of 55

How to avoid being scammed

- Never be rushed into making a decision
- Check if the company contacting you is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
- If you are unsure, contact The Pensions Advisory Service on 0300 123 1047 or contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06
- Look at the FCA's Scamsmart warning list, which gives the names of investment schemes that are known scams. www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart
- If you have already accepted an offer you think is a scam, report it to Action Fraud
- For further information on pension scams, visit pensionwise.gov.uk

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