

Notice Board

Village Events and Activities

Next Village Association Meeting: Tuesday 15th April, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

Weight-watchers: Every Tuesday- Contact is Lyn Grimstead ☎: 01373 474761

Drop in market: 10 a.m 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 the usual Wednesday coffee and chat. As the name says, just drop in.

Westbury Folk Dancing Club: Eileen Dredge ☎: 822469

Exercise Classes - Monday & Tuesday: Alison Jacobs ☎: 07748 407753

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

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

Yoga Classes: Allan Oakman (Tuesday evenings) ☎: 859313
Fiona Fallen (Wednesday evenings) ☎: 01985 846133

French and Spanish Classes: Sara Starbuck ☎: 825959

French Conversation Classes: Lynne Bohana ☎: 864294

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Websites

Community Hall Website:

www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk

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Association Matters

Adrian Bass has volunteered his services as Vice Chairman. Adrian has lived in Westbury Leigh for many years and his support to the Association will be invaluable.

Sandhole Lane

Have you tried walking up Sandhole Lane recently? It is officially classified as a road (suitable for vehicle use), but is often little more than a muddy and overgrown track. Good for the wildlife (there are badgers) but not so good for walkers. Adrian has contacted Wiltshire County Council about the state of the lane and there is good news! During the summer the County Council will clear the lane completely and cut back the trees and undergrowth

(minding the badger setts), so that it can be used as a footpath again. Some initial clearing may also be done in the spring.



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Westbury Leigh Cul-de-Sac Proposal

The following statement was provided by WCC:

“On the request of the Town Council, WCC have investigated the request to install a point closure in Westbury Leigh to stop through traffic.

1992 traffic flows through Westbury Leigh prior to the Leigh Park development showed 24 hour, 2-way traffic flows of 6,600 vehicles, with 9% HGVs (a high proportion). Both the AM and PM peak hours had 2-way flows of about 800 vehicles.

2 traffic surveys were recently undertaken, one near the Baptist Chapel and one near The Hollies pub. The busiest site was near The Hollies, with a 24 hour, Monday to Friday flow of 1,624 vehicles and the busiest peak period showed 140 vehicles (in the PM peak). These figures are very close to those expected in the Transport Assessment for Leigh Park.

In terms of speed, The Hollies location had the higher speeds, with an average speed of 23 mph and 85th percentile speed of 30 mph (ie 85% of speeds measured were under 30 mph). There is therefore no speeding issue.

It can be seen from the figures that the volume of traffic now is very low, it is less than 1/4 of the levels before Leigh Park and at its busiest is only 140 vehicles (2 way flow) in 1 hour. This is comparable to, or lower than traffic flows on many estate roads around the county, including in Westbury. Much of this traffic will be due to residents of Westbury Leigh rather than through traffic, so would remain even if a closure were undertaken. Any closure would also inconvenience a number of existing residents (including some elderly people) if the bus service were to be diverted via Leigh Park.”

WCC cannot justify the cost of a road closure or spending further time on this proposal and therefore Westbury Town Council has decided not to pursue the proposal at this time.

Figures provided by the Council show that the great majority of vehicles exceeding the speed limit were doing less than 35 mph, and fewer than one vehicle in a thousand exceeded 40 mph. None went over 45 mph. Many more vehicles were travelling at less than 20 mph than were doing over 30 mph.

'Old School' Green

Work has commenced on landscaping the remaining piece of ground behind Salisbury Close where the primary school used to be. This is to be an area of trees, shrubs and grass, with a footpath running through the centre. Come along to the next meeting, see the landscaping plan and contribute your ideas of how we remember the school.

Village Open Day

We are still looking for ideas and volunteers to help with a village open day this summer. We have pencilled the afternoon of Sunday 13th July in the calendar and hope to organise something centred around the Community Hall. Please come along to the next meeting or ring / email one of the village contacts to find out more.

History Group

Do you have any photographs of old Westbury Leigh? Or any memories you would like to share? Come and join Angela Graham-Leigh at the next meeting of the History Group: 7.30pm 9th April at 18 Westbury Leigh.

Snowdrops

On Sunday 10th February a small group of us went to the snowdrop weekend at Heale House near Salisbury. It was a beautiful sunny day, blue skies but cold – perfect for viewing snowdrops.

It seemed a very popular attraction, there were cars lined up on the drive when we got there.

There were cakes and refreshments for sale by the river, supplied by the local church, these were very popular. There were also plant sales.

The snowdrop walk by the main house and where you can't usually go into, were amazing. Thousands of snowdrops up the banks and along the sides of the stream interspersed with yellow flowers. Many photographs were taken.

We then proceeded round the rest of the garden and streams, borders, bridges, ponds and frogspawn. A great day was had by all. We ended up at one member's house for tea and delicious cake bought at Heale.

Lynne Sonnet

