

Notice Board

Village Events and Activities

Weight-Watchers: Every Tuesday- Contact is Lyn Grimstead ☎: 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 & Thursday: 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

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Websites

Community Hall Website:

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

Westbury Leigh Village Association Website:

www.westbury-leigh.co.uk

Community Hall

The Community Hall Management Committee is always happy to welcome new members. If you would like to help in the running of this important asset to the Westbury Leigh community, please contact John Graham-Leigh on 303941.

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£10

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Next Village Association Meeting: Friday 27th February, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

Geocaching Hits Westbury Leigh

Geocaching is a treasure hunting game which involves looking for hidden treasure troves or caches. It's based on the same technology that enables airline pilots to find where they are. Geocaching uses two technologies - Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and the internet.

Geocachers hide treasure chests in secret locations, and then provide clues to their whereabouts on the Internet via www.geocaching.com.

Geocaching dates back to 2000 when the very first cache was hidden. Since then it's become a hugely popular hobby with caches being hidden all over the world from rocky countryside ridges to nooks and crannies in city centred and villages.

Once you've found the location of the cache, open the treasure chest - usually an old army ammunition box or plastic case - and you'll find some small gifts. You can take a gift and then leave one of your own. Before leaving, you should sign the guest book, adding a few words of wisdom.

If you have access to a GPS / Sat Nav system and access to the internet then why wait? It's completely free and easy to get started.

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There are already caches in Westbury Leigh and the surrounding area. It is a great way of getting out and exploring and can be enjoyed by all ages. Visit the website today for more information on getting started.



“Use It or Lose It”

A hundred years ago there were about 10 shops in Westbury Leigh. Over the years they gradually closed down – the last one being the post office, which closed in 2005. Every town and village has a similar story, as we all like the convenience and wide choice offered by supermarkets and out-of-town shopping centres. But everyone is becoming more aware of the need to “think local” and save our towns before it is too late.

It is too late for Westbury Leigh, but think about Westbury. You must have noticed the number of shops closing recently. So make an effort to use those that are left – if you haven’t shopped in Westbury for a while, you’ll be pleasantly surprised at the range and quality of goods that you can get. Don’t forget – it’s not just the High Street and Coopers, there are shops



Scott's in Westbury Leigh c1900

in Edward Street, Haynes Road, Warminster Road, Maristow Street and the Market Place. And there are the markets: in All Saints’ hall every Friday morning, outside the library 9.30 – 12 on the first Friday of the month and in Westbury Leigh Community Hall 10 – 12 on the first Wednesday of the month.

Quiz Night at Westbury Leigh Community Hall

On January 17th, eight teams of four gathered at the Hall to compete in various areas of knowledge and memory. First we had to go down memory lane and identify various old photos taken around Westbury and Westbury Leigh. Then the real test began.

We all brought our own drinks. At the interval refreshments were served and the raffle was drawn. It was a very jolly and enjoyable evening, and for some of us a very humbling one, too, with the realisation of how little we knew!

This evening also raised £130 pounds for the Hall.

Many thanks to the committee members who organised it and worked hard that evening, and friends and neighbours who supported it. We are looking forward to next year’s event.

Parking Restrictions

You’ve probably noticed that there are now double and single yellow lines along Laverton Road and double yellow lines around the mini-roundabouts at the junctions of Leigh Road and Camargue Road with Westbury Leigh. This is to keep a clear route for traffic between Leigh Park and the A350. When the restrictions in Laverton Road were proposed, residents were afraid that they would lead to a dangerous increase in speed along the road. What has your experience been? Has Laverton Road become more dangerous?

Did You Know?

That Westbury Leigh has a rare road sign? The “road narrows” sign in Sandhole Lane is in a style which was introduced in 1933 and lasted until 1963. The sign should have been replaced in today’s familiar style (a red triangle warning sign with a road narrows symbol and no words), but it was obviously forgotten. Over the years the sign has unfortunately lost its red circle on top.



That the Elkins family (as in Elkins Ford) has had an association with Westbury/Westbury Leigh for at least 450 years? An Elkins was a Churchwarden at All Saints’ in 1661.

That in 1897 a malthouse in Westbury Leigh burnt down because there were no horses available to bring the fire engine from Westbury?

Our second Open Day – Sunday 14th June

The sun shone brightly on our first Village Association fundraising event and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a repeat performance this year.

Plans are under way and so far we have organised: a plant stall with a vast number of plants provided by the Fairfield Opportunity Farm at Dilton Marsh, a cake stall run by Westbury WI, tea and cakes, book stall, raffle and children’s competitions. Now we need input from **YOU!**

Open gardens? Would you come along and view the gardens? Would you like to show your garden?

Historical Village trail? Would you mind if we mentioned your house in a trail leaflet? Could you write a couple of sentences about the history of your house?

Other stalls? Do you make jewellery, pottery, hats, scarves, cards, soaps, wooden toys, felt, bags, gift boxes, clothes, sculptures, etc, etc, etc? Would you like to have a stall? Even if you don’t feel you would have enough for your own stall you could always share one with someone else.

Can you help on the day? Many hands make light work, and we would welcome help with setting up, running stalls, making tea/coffee, selling raffle tickets and clearing away at the end of the day.

Anything else? Is there something you would like to see or do? What about the standard ‘summer fair’ tombola and bottle stall?

Please come along to the next meeting and have your say about the day.