

Local trades

Westbury Leigh seems like a quiet residential area, but there is actually a lot of business activity. In spite of the closure of the village shop and Post Office, there are still retail premises (Elkins Ford, M&J Engine Services, Buddhamama, The Hollies) and business premises at Courtleigh House and The Maltings. And, of course, there are all the tradesmen and craftsmen: electricians, builders, decorators, tree surgeons, makers of jewellery and stained glass, dog groomers and many more.

The newsletter is delivered to more than 300 households in Westbury Leigh and we think it would be of benefit to the community to include a local trade directory. If you would like a free one-line entry for your business, please give the details to Angela (303941 or jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk). If there is enough interest, the directory will be in the next and subsequent issues of the newsletter.

Notice Board

Village Events and Activities

Weight-Watchers: Every Tuesday- Contact is Lyn Grimstead ☎: 474761

Drop in Market: 10 am 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 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 Fallon (Wednesday evenings) ☎: 01985 846133

French and Spanish Classes: Sara Starbuck ☎: 825959

Village Association Contacts

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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



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Next Village Association Meeting: Wednesday 7th Oct, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

Have you got your tickets yet?

The nights are drawing in and we are rapidly approaching one of the biggest events held in the Community Hall.

The Annual Village Supper

Saturday 3rd October 7pm for a 7.30pm meal.

Tickets are on sale at the Westbury Visitors' Centre, £6 for adults and £3.50 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 an evening's entertainment for £6????

Remember:

- Bring your own knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl and glass.
- If you want to drink wine or beer you'll have to bring that too, as the hall doesn't have a licence to sell alcohol.
- All you need to do on the night is to enjoy your supper, and then sit back to watch the entertainment
- This really is an event unlike anything else!

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Tradecraft Stall will be in Westbury Leigh Community Hall on 24th October from 10 to 12 selling a wide range of food, confectionery, craft goods and Christmas cards. Please come and join us, browse, enjoy coffee and maybe buy. Contact Penny on 822757 or just turn up.

Wiltshire's Orchards: Use Them or Lose Them!

Westbury Leigh used to have extensive orchards, which have now been built over. Here's how you can help to prevent the further loss of orchards in Wiltshire.

Orchards are hotspots for wildlife and are composed of a network of habitats. They provide an abundance of food sources and support a number of UK Biodiversity Action Plan species that are rare, protected or scarce, such as the Noble Chafer beetle. The fruit of orchard trees provide a valuable produce that can also be enjoyed by you, the people of Wiltshire.

Since the last world war, Wiltshire, along with its neighbouring counties, has lost many of its traditional orchards. This has primarily been caused by changes in land use, development and agricultural intensification. English Nature's research report on traditional orchards in England revealed that since the 1950s the area covered by orchards has declined by 57% (Lush et al 2005). As a result, traditional orchards have recently been added to the UK Biodiversity Action Plan as a priority habitat and an inventory has been undertaken by the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), with the aim of conserving this distinctive habitat.

Wiltshire Traditional Orchards Project (WTOP) has been set up by a group of volunteers working in partnership with the PTES. WTOP aim to halt further loss of orchards across the county and prevent further neglect to this valuable habitat.

Very little is known about Wiltshire's orchards and WTOP are having to start from scratch to find out exactly what still exists. As Wiltshire is a large rural county the project needs your help. We are looking for:

- volunteers to become orchard surveyors – people who are happy to go out to a pre-defined site and undertake a survey of the condition of the orchard
- orchard owners – if you have fruit trees on your land, whether these be for personal or commercial use, we would love to hear from you

If you would like to get involved please contact WTOP at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Elm Tree Court, Long St, Devizes, SN10 1NJ, tel: 01793 815029 or email: orchardwilts@hotmail.co.uk

For further information, see our website: <http://sites.google.com/site/wiltisorchards/>

Old School Green

We have heard that during the summer residents around Old School Green experienced noise and disturbance late at night and even in the early hours of the morning. This happened a number of times over a period of several weeks. Linked to this, there was also an increase in litter.

The incidents were reported to the police and the problem now seems to have been solved by effective policing, with late night patrols in the area. The residents cleared the litter themselves and with the reduction in the nuisance problem the littering has declined.

Have you had a similar experience? Come along to the next meeting and let us know.

Did you know?

That Old Dilton Church still holds services? There is a Harvest Festival and an Advent service every year. The dates are given at All Saints' Church, Westbury Leigh and usually on posters around Westbury Leigh. It is worth attending, if only for the atmosphere (box pews and candles).

That Leigh Road used to be called Lower Road? It is marked as Lower Road on 1887 and 1926 Ordnance Survey maps - if you know when it became Leigh Road, please let us know!

That Westbury Leigh (the road) used to be called Leigh Street? Again, if you know when it became Westbury Leigh, let us know!

Long Neigh Up

During July 2010 Westbury Leigh resident Ed Coleman and fellow Westbury cyclist Julian Morris are planning to cycle over 900 miles unassisted from Land's End to John O' Groats in just 9 days, as part of a year long fundraising campaign, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Spinal Research. To find out more about the "Long Neigh Up", sponsor them and then follow their progress on the ride, visit www.longneighup.co.uk or telephone Ed on 824215.

To kick start their fundraising campaign they will be holding a coffee morning / bring and buy sale at Westbury Leigh Community Hall on the 14th November from 10 am till 12 noon. Stalls include cakes, plants, toys, white elephant and face painting. If you have any items you would like to donate but cannot come, please contact Ed on 824215 for collection.



Ed Coleman and Julian Morris