

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 Swan : 01985 212556

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

Yoga Classes: Jan Oakman (Tuesday evenings) : 859313
Fiona Fallon (Wednesday evenings) : 01985 846133

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

Local Trades Directory

Acer Tree Surgeons Nick Cranston: 31 Westbury Leigh, 0870 3830124,
nickcranston@acertreesurgeons.co.uk, www.acertreesurgeons.co.uk

Bright Glass - stained glass commissions and beginners' courses

Debs Sage: 23 Westbury Leigh, 07919 476994, debsandnick@waitrose.com,
www.brightglass.co.uk

Jewellery-making courses and graphic design service

Sarah Perrett: 16 Westbury Leigh, 826303, sarahjane.perrett@btinternet.com,
www.beadbuffet.co.uk

Renovate - painting & decorating, carpentry & general property maintenance

Steve Perrett: 16 Westbury Leigh, 826303 or 07887
882962, stephenj.perrett@btinternet.com

Sewing service - curtains, blinds and dressmaking, alterations, repairs

Anne Poole: 117 Westbury Leigh, 858711, options@fsmail.net

Solicitor Tony Wilkin: 74 Westbury Leigh, 824528, tonywilkin@blueyonder.co.uk

Vines and Lipscombe Design Group - architectural and planning services

Vaughan Lipscombe: Boyers House, Black Horse Lane, 864866, vlipscombe@lineone.net

If you would like a free one-line entry in this directory in future newsletters, please give the details to Angela (303941 or jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk).



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Next Village Association Meeting: Wednesday 24th February, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

Alpine Garden Society

The reputation of our Village Community Hall is growing far and wide and is now the chosen venue for the Wiltshire Group of the Alpine Garden Society. Members come from all over the county (and even a few from over the border!).

The Society meets on the second Friday every month at 7.30 pm from September to May in the Hall. The June meeting is outdoors and for the last three years has taken the form of a digital camera workshop at a member's nursery. Each month a speaker gives a slide talk on alpine plants, whether it be a travelogue featuring alpinists in the wild, planting up containers in the garden, or propagation of alpine plants. The meeting finishes with tea/coffee and biscuits. The April meeting is the highlight of the year with a plant show. This features alpinists from all over the world from bulbs to compact cushion type plants. During the judging there is a talk in the upper hall. The December meeting is very informal with a showing of photos taken during the June meeting accompanied by an American Supper.

There are plant sales, a raffle and plant displays at each meeting. Single membership for a year is £5, family membership £8 and there is a £1 per person contribution each evening when there is a speaker. Visitors pay £1 except in April when entry is free.

More information is available at www.alpinegardensociety.net/groups/Wiltshire.

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Visit the News page on the website to see lots of photos of plants grown by group members. This is a friendly group and welcomes new members. If you would like more information please contact Graham Nicholls, telephone number 01761 472187 or Email graplant@aol.com

Village Open Day

Planning for this year's Association Event has started and the date is Sunday June 13th. Let's hope we are third time lucky with the weather!

- **Attractions organised at present:** a fairground organ, a tombola, a well stocked plant stall courtesy of Fairfield Opportunity Farm, book stall, raffle, tea and cakes, and various childrens' activities including face painting, a gnome hunt with a difference, Scalextric track, and a miniature gardens competition.
- **Can you help on the day?** We would welcome help with setting up, making tea and coffee, selling raffle tickets, running stalls and with organising the various attractions and of course clearing away afterwards.
- **Other stalls:** We still have room for a few more stalls if you would like to have one, or even share with someone else. Perhaps jewellery, cards, soaps, pottery, toys, clothes, hats, scarves, gifts, etc, etc?
- **Anything else?** Suggestions for other things that you would like to see or do?

Please come to the next village meeting with any suggestions or anything else you have to say about the day.

Geocaching

You may remember back in February last year reading an article about Geocaching hitting Westbury Leigh. We would like to know if this article inspired any of you to go out and find a cache?

Just to recap for those of you who missed the article: Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called "geocaches" or "caches") anywhere in the world. A typical cache is a small waterproof container (usually a tupperware or ammo box) containing a logbook. Larger containers can also contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little value. Geocaching is most often described as a "game of high-tech hide and seek", sharing many aspects with orienteering, treasure-hunting, and way marking.

There are more than 24 caches hidden within a 2 miles radius of Westbury Leigh with more cropping up all the time. If you haven't started already, why not visit www.geocaching.com to find out more and to get started. It's completely free and is a fantastic way of getting out into the fresh air and exploring places you didn't know even existed!

Did You Know?

That in the hard winter of 1962/3 the snow in the fields around Westbury Leigh was 18 inches deep? And we thought it was bad here in January!

That an educational survey published in 1835 reported that in 1833 there were 6 schools in Westbury Leigh, educating about 80 children? Westbury also had 6 schools, Bratton 3, Dilton Marsh 2 and Heywood 1.

That Boulton Bros (glove-makers) of Becks Mill Westbury Leigh invented a world-famous process called the "Boulton Cut Thumb"? It was also known as the "Westbury Finger". Do you know what it actually was?



Snow – How was it for you?

Whilst the first flake of snow brings excitement and joy to many, to others it is nothing but an inconvenience which can lead to pure misery.

The recent snow fall to some may be considered fairly severe; others may have looked upon it as a mere dusting! How does the January snow compare to snow you have experienced in the village? We would love to hear from anyone who has particular memories or stories of snow in the village.

Do you feel enough was done by the local authorities to ensure the vulnerable were able to access vital services? Did you feel trapped? Was enough done to keep roads and pavements clear? Again we would love to hear your comments and views!