

## 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:** Jan Oakman (Tuesday evenings) : 859313  
Fiona Fallon (Wednesday evenings) : 01985 846133

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### Websites

#### **Community Hall Website:**

[www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk](http://www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk)

#### **Westbury Leigh Village Association Website:**

[www.westbury-leigh.co.uk](http://www.westbury-leigh.co.uk)

### Local Trades Directory

**Acer Tree Surgeons** Nick Cranston: 31 Westbury Leigh, 0870 3830124,  
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**Advertising & Marketing Consultant** - Stephen Miell  
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**Bright Glass - stained glass commissions and beginners' courses**  
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[www.brightglass.co.uk](http://www.brightglass.co.uk)

**Jewellery-making courses and graphic design service**  
Sarah Perrett: 16 Westbury Leigh, 826303, [sarahjane.perrett@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahjane.perrett@btinternet.com),  
[www.beadbuffet.co.uk](http://www.beadbuffet.co.uk)

**Reiki treatments**  
Viv Lane: 160 Westbury Leigh, 865574, [guidedreams@btinternet.com](mailto:guidedreams@btinternet.com)

**Renovate - painting & decorating, carpentry & general property maintenance**  
Steve Perrett: 16 Westbury Leigh, 826303 or 07887  
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**Sewing service - curtains, blinds and dressmaking, alterations, repairs**  
Anne Poole: 117 Westbury Leigh, 858711, [options@fsmail.net](mailto:options@fsmail.net)

**Solicitor** Tony Wilkin: 74 Westbury Leigh, 824528, [tonywilkin@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tonywilkin@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Vines and Lipscombe Design Group - Architectural and Planning Services**  
Vaughan Lipscombe: Boyers House, Black Horse Lane, 864866, [vlipscombe@lineone.net](mailto: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](mailto:jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk)).



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**Next Village Association Meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

#### **Here's a list of Christmas events to be held in the Community Hall for your diary:**

Sat 27th Nov 7pm for 8pm start	Annual Quiz night: £2.50 per person and a maximum of 6 people per team.
Wed 1st Dec 10am to 12 noon	Monthly Market. Come along to have a chat and coffee with your neighbours. There'll be lots of extra stalls and a raffle.
Sun 5th Dec 3pm	Carol Concert with music from the Westbury Players.
Mon 6th Dec 7.30pm to 8.30pm	Village Association meeting in the upper hall. This may be your first chance to have a mince pie this Christmas season.
Sun 19th Dec 3pm	Children's Crib Service

#### **Some of the other events in and around Westbury:**

Fri 26th Nov 5:30pm	Christmas lights switched on and many shops open until late to help with the celebrations.
Sun 28th Nov 4pm	Advent service (candlelit): St Mary's Church, Old Dilton
Sat 11th Dec	Christmas activity day in the town centre.
Sat 11th Dec 10:00– 11:00	Westbury Library: Christmas craft and stories for children aged 4-12. Free but please book in advance
Mon 13th Dec 11:00 – 11:30	Westbury Library: Christmas Rhyme Time For 0-3 years olds and their parents/carers Free event – wear something Christmassy!

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### Westbury Leigh Wildlife

Recently our children caught a glimpse of a Sparrow Hawk resting briefly on our garden fence (not so lucky for any small birds?). This prompted me to think of other relatively rare or unusual sightings of wildlife around Westbury Leigh.

For instance, earlier this year our garden was visited frequently by Redwings during the snowy weather, presumably it was easier to find food than out in the fields where they are usually seen. The only time we have seen a thrush in our garden was during the snow was when one came to feed on the few dropped apples we left.

A few years ago in the winter we were visited by a small flock of Waxwings which has been the only time I have knowingly seen them. Another two highlights this year have been a Blackcap and Comma butterfly, both in our garden, although we did see more Comma butterflies by the Biss down Mill Lane.

Perhaps you would like to come and tell us about any of your sightings around the village, over a mince pie at the December meeting. **Brian Osborne**

### Village Supper

The annual Village Supper was held in the Community Hall on 9th October. Over 70 residents enjoyed an excellent meal of cold meats and salads, followed by homemade apple pie. The entertainment was "locally grown" and included music and "Pam Ayres" style poetry readings. We're looking forward to more of those next year!

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day has now passed for another year, but in Wiltshire reminders of military activity are never far away. The Visitors' Centre in Westbury recently had an exhibition of wartime Westbury. Do you have memories or stories to tell about Westbury Leigh during the Second World War? If so, come along to the next Village Association meeting and tell us about them.

### Winter Gardening Tips

We are all closing and tidying up our gardens for the winter now but do leave some seed heads for the birds and insects. It is not too late to plant tulips, this can be done any time in November and beginning of December before the ground cools down. Also Broad Beans if you are a vegetable grower - Aquadulce is a good one. Now is a good time to mulch your garden so it can be drawn down by the worms over winter.

Don't throw away your gathered leaves – put them into a black bag and make air holes in the bags and make your own leaf mould – the longer you leave them the richer it gets – like wine!!

Did you know that you can get bags of compost, mulch etc much more cheaply at Warminster and Trowbridge recycling centres and it's even cheaper if you take your own bags and fill them?

Last thought – don't forget to feed the birds this winter – if it's anything like the last they will need it! **Lynne Sonnet.**

### Advertise Your Event.

Are you organising or supporting a fund raising event? Send us a small summary of the event and we'll include it in the next newsletter. OK, we don't have a huge delivery area, but we do deliver 350 copies of the newsletter. So if you would normally only talk to your neighbours, then that's an additional 348 households! Remember, we only print about 6 newsletters a year, so contact us early or you may miss this opportunity. And it's free!

### Did You Know?

That the Westbury Leigh war memorial is in the Community Hall? 27 villagers were killed in the First World War and 7 in the Second. 2 of those killed in the First World War were Elkins (as in Elkins Ford) - a long-established Westbury Leigh family.

That the Westbury War Memorial used to be in the Market Place in front of the Town Hall? It was removed in 1960 to provide more parking spaces and replaced by the memorial near the library. There is also a memorial (without names) in All Saints' Churchyard. It is unusual for a town to have two memorials.

That there are individual memorial plaques in All Saints' Church? They commemorate deaths in the Indian Mutiny and Boer War as well as the First and Second World Wars.

### Christmas Puzzle

**How many Christmas words can you find?**

**There are at least 25!**

**Logic problem from last newsletter:** Brian has a three gallon and a five gallon measuring device. He needs to measure exactly four gallons of fuel to go into his tractor, How does he do it?

**Answer:** Fill the five gallon container. Pour all but two gallons into the three gallon container. Empty the three gallon container. Put the two remaining gallons from the five gallon container into the three gallon container. Fill the five gallon container one more time. Pour one gallon from the five gallon container by filling the three gallon container. Now the five gallon container contains four gallons.