

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: Ben Parkes (Tuesday evenings) : 01225 920826 or 07514 462459
Fiona Fallon (Wednesday evenings) : 01985 846133

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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,
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Advertising & Marketing Consultant - Stephen Miell
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Bright Glass - stained glass commissions and beginners' courses
Debs Sage: 23 Westbury Leigh, 07919 476994, debsandnick@waitrose.com,
www.brightglass.co.uk

G T Bookkeeping – G. A. Trefaut : 07789 376870, gt_bookkeeping@hotmail.co.uk

Jewellery-making courses and graphic design service
Sarah Perrett: 16 Westbury Leigh, 826303, sarahjane.perrett@btinternet.com,
www.beadbuffet.co.uk

Reiki treatments
Viv Lane: 160 Westbury Leigh, 865574, 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

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 iandaaraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk).



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Next Village Association Meeting: Wednesday 2nd March, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

Trees

No doubt many of the older residents can remember the countryside populated by large elm trees before the devastation caused by Dutch Elm Disease. There is evidence in hedgerows around Westbury Leigh of elm saplings, some of which are still surviving. But most eventually succumb to Dutch Elm, since they are suckers growing from elms that have died from the disease.

So it is good news that Westbury Leigh School is now taking part in the Great British Elm Experiment, organised by The Conservation Foundation. This involves various organisations around the country being supplied with elm saplings propagated from cuttings taken from parent trees which appear to have resistance to Dutch Elm Disease. Westbury Leigh School have received their sapling, which will shortly be planted in the school grounds. Then the children will be able to monitor and provide information on the growth of the sapling to The Conservation Foundation.

Let's hope that in time this experiment will herald the return of the elm and the traditional English landscape.

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Use Your Local Market

The monthly market at Westbury Leigh Community Hall is your chance to shop locally and have a coffee and chat with your neighbours. The market meets from 10am to 12 noon on the first Wednesday of every month and the proceeds go towards the upkeep of the hall.

At each market around 10 stallholders sell a variety of items, including many arts and crafts goods, bric-a-brac and farm produce. Tea and coffee is made by the members of the Westbury WI and a raffle is also held.

The market needs your support because without your custom it is in danger of dying out. With your support the market could be even bigger, and several local traders have expressed an interest in having a regular stall, including the recently opened Westbury Deli, Maristow Street.

The next market will be held on Wednesday 2nd March, so put the date on your calendar now and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

The Real Fish Shop

Have you ever wondered why the fishmonger in Maristow Street is only open for a few hours a week? Well it's simple!

Most of the week he is dedicated to driving around Westbury and the local villages delivering fresh fish right to your doorstep. Where else would you get such a service? Special orders can be catered for or simply choose from the wonderful selection of that day's catch. So this really is real fish and as fresh as you can get it. Just ring 01373 865424 to find the day and time for your area and off you go.

Chancel Screen

If you're familiar with the inside of the Community Hall, you've probably noticed that there's a glass screen above the folding doors that separate the hall from the church. At the time of the building's conversion the panel in the centre of the screen was left blank, in the expectation that a suitable engraving could be added later.

The Community Hall Committee is commissioning a noted West Country engraver, Tracey Sheppard, to design and execute the engraving. They would like the Westbury Leigh community to be involved - that's you. Ms Sheppard's proposals for the design will be exhibited in the hall soon and you will have an opportunity to say which one you consider the most appropriate. Come along to the Village Association meeting to find out more and look out for notices giving the date of the exhibition.

Did You Know

That in the 1880s there was a Reading Room and Lending Library in Westbury Leigh? If you know where it was, do let us know.

That before public libraries became widespread, most towns and villages had Reading Rooms? The Laverton was built in 1874 for cultural purposes, including a Reading Room. Corsley still has a Reading Room in use.

That in the 1950s and 1960s Westbury Library was in the Town Hall in the Market Place? If you remember it, come along to the next meeting and share your memories. You have probably heard that the hours of the current library in Edward Street will be cut shortly by 5 hours a week. Do use our library - it may be small, but it is a valuable asset to Westbury and Westbury Leigh.

World Book Night

World Book Night takes place on Saturday 5th March. And the Village Association is joining in!

Supported by publishers, booksellers and libraries, one million books (25 different titles) will be given away on that evening, absolutely free, across the UK and Ireland. Why? Just to share the pleasure of reading and to bring people back to reading or encourage them to start.

The Village Association's book is "Dissolution" by C J Sansom, the first of a highly acclaimed series featuring the Tudor lawyer, Matthew Shardlake. It is a vivid picture of life (and death) in the turbulent times of Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell.

We have 48 copies to give away. So come along to the Community Hall 7pm - 9pm on 5th March and collect your book (while stocks last). There will also be a book stall, refreshments with homemade cakes and an opportunity to join a book exchange group.

Logic Puzzle - A Man in a Lift

A man who lives on the tenth floor takes the lift down to the first floor every morning and goes to work. In the evening, when he comes back; on a rainy day, or if there are other people in the lift, he goes to his floor directly. Otherwise, he goes to the seventh floor and walks up three flights of stairs to his apartment. Can you explain why?

Christmas Word Search Answers:

Angels	Augustus	Baby	Bethlehem
Elizabeth	Emmanuel	Frankincense	Gifts
Gold	Herod	Inn	Jesus
Joseph	Manger	Mary	Myrrh
Nativity	Noel	Peace	Promise
Saviour	Shepherds	Star	Swaddling