

## Notice Board

### Village Events and Activities

**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:** Alison Jacobs (Monday evenings): 07748 407753  
Sue Jackson (Monday afternoons): 01373 824267

**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  
Sara Cheesman (Wednesday mornings): 01225 868001

### Local Trades Directory

**Acer Tree Surgeons** Nick Cranston: 31 Westbury Leigh, 0870 3830124,  
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**Advertising & Marketing Consultant** - Stephen Miell  
39 The Spur, 827725 or 07856 801261, [stevemiell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevemiell@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bright Glass - stained glass commissions and beginners' courses**  
Debs Sage: 23 Westbury Leigh, 07919 476994, [debsandnick@waitrose.com](mailto:debsandnick@waitrose.com),  
[www.brightglass.co.uk](http://www.brightglass.co.uk)

**G T Bookkeeping** – G. A. Trefaut : 07789 376870, [gt\\_bookkeeping@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gt_bookkeeping@hotmail.co.uk)

**Reflexology and Holistic Massage**  
Corinne Hunter: 101 Westbury Leigh, 07710 716652, [Corinne@mirado.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:Corinne@mirado.freeserve.co.uk)

**Reflexology and Reiki**  
Alison Lewis: Hope Cottage, Dilton Marsh, 228010. Home visits available.

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

**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:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

### **Jubilee**

Happy 2012! This will be a momentous year, with the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics to celebrate. The Village Association and the Westbury Leigh Community Hall management committee will be working together on Westbury Leigh's Jubilee celebrations.

So far, we are planning a Jubilee-themed quiz on the evening of Saturday 2nd June and a Jubilee lunch on Sunday 3rd. Perhaps tickets for the lunch should be at 1952 prices? Pre-decimalisation coins accepted? Ration books required? Someone somewhere must have an old ration book! And what would have been on the menu for a summer lunch in 1952?

If you've got some ideas or would like to help, do come along to the next Village Association meeting. We want to make the Jubilee a community event to remember!

### **Parking**

In November/December you probably saw the Wiltshire Council notices around Westbury Leigh about proposed changes to the current parking restrictions. The Village Association is very pleased that one of the proposals is to remove the restriction outside the old shop/Post Office – we have been urging the Council to do this. Unfortunately, there is no proposal to remove the 23-hour restriction on the car park. Overall, the new proposals seem reasonable but do let us know if there are problems when the new parking restrictions come into force.

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

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### Did You Know?

That before the Ballot Act of 1872 voting was in public? This encouraged bullying and bribery and there were many challenges to election results. One of these was in 1869, when Abraham Laverton successfully challenged the election of John Phipps in Westbury in 1868. Mr Phipps's election agent was James Harrop, who owned Boyer's Mill in Westbury Leigh (in Black Horse Lane).

That Abraham Laverton built Prospect Square for workers who had been evicted for voting for him in 1868?

That Abraham Laverton also challenged the result of the 1880 election (unsuccessfully)? This was based on allegations of undue influence on voters, including free drinks in pubs in Westbury and the surrounding villages. One of the pubs named was The Anchor Inn in Westbury Leigh (now called Anchor Cottage).

### Craft Fayre Thank You

We would like to say thank you to everyone who came along to our first Christmas Craft Fayre. It was a very enjoyable morning, and we hope you will be back again this year.

Thanks also to all the stall holders for producing such a huge assortment of goodies and decorating the stalls so well. With all the decorations in the hall, the Christmas music, and the mince pies, it certainly was a good start to the festive season. A huge 'thank you' also goes to Eileen and Beryl, for keeping everyone so well supplied with refreshments.

The overall profit for the day was £80. Together with the funds we already had, we are well on our way to being able to purchase a sign to commemorate the old Westbury Leigh School.

### Brain Teasers (From newsletter 23 – answers at bottom of next page)

- a) You can take away the whole and still have some left. You can take away some and still have the whole left. What is it?
- b) Alex bought a bag of apples on Saturday, and he ate a third of them. On Sunday he ate half of the remaining apples. He ate one more on Monday and one more on Tuesday, and then ate half of the remaining apples on Wednesday. On Thursday he looked in the bag and saw that there was just one apple left. How many apples did the bag have to begin with?

### White Horse (or not so white!)

The Westbury or Bratton White Horse is the oldest of the Wiltshire horses. There has been a white horse on the site for at least three hundred years or so. The earliest mention of it was in 1742. It was originally very different in design to the present one, and was perhaps Saxon or earlier in appearance. In 1778 it was re-cut to a design nearer to its present day appearance. A century later the horse had become somewhat misshapen, and in 1873 it was restored according to the directions of a committee appointed for the purpose, and edging stones were added to help hold the chalk in place. The shape of the present horse dates from this restoration. In the early twentieth century, concrete was added to hold the edging stones in place. In the late nineteen-fifties, it was decided that it would considerably reduce the maintenance costs if the horse were covered in concrete then painted white. The concreting was repeated in 1995, and English Heritage treated the horse to a facelift back in 2006 but since then, the state of the horse has deteriorated.

The Town Council are looking at ways of raising the necessary funds to restore the White Horse so what can we do to help? If you would like to help to organise a fund raising event, or you know of suitable grants that could be applied for then please let us know.

