

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,
nickcranston@acertreesurgeons.co.uk, www.acertreesurgeons.co.uk

Advertising & Marketing Consultant - Stephen Miell
39 The Spur, 827725 or 07856 801261, stevemiell@hotmail.co.uk

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

Reflexology and Holistic Massage
Corinne Hunter: 101 Westbury Leigh, 07710 716652, 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

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 28th March, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).



The Village Association and the Westbury Leigh Community Hall management committee have started planning for Westbury Leigh's Jubilee celebrations. There will be a Jubilee-themed quiz on the evening of Saturday 2nd June and a Jubilee lunch on Sunday 3rd. This will leave you all plenty of time to join in the Jubilee events in Westbury as well and/or join in the national events (or just watch them on television).

Tickets for the lunch will go on sale soon: we will be charging 2/6d so start saving your old pennies and sixpences now (but we will accept 25p if you don't have any old money!). Weather permitting, the lunch will be outside the Community Hall and we will have an exhibition of 50s memorabilia inside the Hall. And we'd love you all to come dressed in 50s clothes.

We do need your help though: What would have been on the menu for a picnic in 1952? Can you grow some red, white and blue flowers and bring them to decorate the Hall and grounds over the Jubilee weekend? Do you have any memorabilia for the exhibition? Please come along to the next Village Association meeting if you've got some ideas or contact Angela Graham-Leigh or Sue Taylor. The Town Council is lending the Village Association some bunting, so if you would like to borrow a length to decorate your house, please let us know.

Village Association Contacts

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Community Hall Website: www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk

Westbury Leigh Village Association Website: www.westbury-leigh.co.uk

Update on the Brambles.

As I am sure many of you are aware, the building work has begun at the Brambles Development site to the north side of Westbury Leigh at the end of Church Lane. It is one of the final areas for development on Leigh Park and was originally to be a Persimmon Homes development, but is now under the Westbury Homes PFI initiative. Consequently there are 25 affordable homes being built of various sizes ranging from bungalows to a 3 storey block of flats, which is sited closest to Church Lane next to the old School Green.

The PFI planning application was initially for 28 homes, but this was reduced after objections were raised at the planning meeting concerning the density. Since building work has started one section of the old hedge along the North West boundary has been removed, despite being designated as 'retention desirable' on the original planning documents.

Also, more alarmingly, there is an ongoing situation regarding the copse at the end of Church Lane, which is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). A neighbour noticed that it appeared part of the copse was to be included in the actual development, with fencing being erected inside the copse, and with tree removal imminent.

The Council has been contacted, as what was being attempted does not seem to appear on any planning application maps, and would involve the removal of trees with a TPO, so should require approval. We await the outcome. If you have any more information about this, please contact Brian Osborne.

Wednesday morning yoga

Come and try a gentle Hatha yoga class, suitable for the over 40's. Yoga improves strength and flexibility, helps combat back pain, enables you to relax, strengthens your immune system and reduces stress and anxiety. Beginners welcome. Contact Sara on 01225 868001 or visit www.sarayoga.co.uk.

PS – attending the yoga class means that you'll never miss the monthly market. Not only will you improve your health, but you'll be able to pick up a few extra vegetables, the occasional birthday card and lots of other bits and pieces. Plus, as an extra reward you can take home a yummy cupcake as your prize!

Energy Best Deal

Everyone has been hit by rising energy costs over the last few years and they are forecast to continue to rise. Staff from Community First have been trained to deliver presentations that will help people make their homes energy efficient, ensure they are claiming the right benefits and are on the best available energy tariff.

If you or a neighbour would like to hear how to reduce your energy costs then come and listen to a presentation at the Community Hall on Monday 23rd April 4pm to 5.30pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Did You Know

That in the Domesday Book (1086) Westbury was recorded as having 9 beekeepers? These were the only beekeepers recorded in Wiltshire. Westbury Leigh still has a beekeeper (have you noticed the "honey for sale" sign at 97, Westbury Leigh?)

That John Wesley preached in the open air in Westbury in 1748? He reported that the congregation behaved well, in spite of the town's reputation for roughness.

That WH Laverton presented a Jubilee garden to Westbury to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897? It was not used in the way Mr Laverton intended and was closed after 6 years. (What happened? Does anyone know more about that?)



World Book Night: Monday 23rd April 7-9pm Upper room at the Community Hall

Many of you came along to Westbury Leigh's participation in World Book Night last year, when "Dissolution" by CJ Sansom was distributed free. This year Westbury Leigh has two "givers", so you have the chance of two free books: "Rebecca" by Daphne Du Maurier and "The Player of Games" by Iain M. Banks. The purpose of World Book Night is to share the joy of reading with those who don't read much already, so do come along, even if you are not a keen reader, get your free book and browse (and perhaps buy) at the book stall. There will be drinks and refreshments too, so a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

And if you are really not into books... We'll have a jigsaw stall as well! (Guaranteed, no pieces missing!)