

Notice Board

Events

Next Meeting: Friday 21st September, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).



Village Barbecue

Steve Brewer (landlord of The Hollies) has very generously offered to host a free BBQ (drinks not included!), to celebrate the survival of our car park. The BBQ will be held in the Hollies garden on Sunday 9th September 3 – 6 pm. All Westbury Leigh residents are welcome. See you there.

Westbury Leigh Community Hall Annual Village Supper

Saturday 6th October, 7pm for a 7.30pm sitdown.

Tickets available from the Westbury Visitors Centre, £5 for adults, £3 for children under 14.

The evening will include supper, a raffle and local entertainment. Please bring your own knife, fork, spoon, plate and glass.

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www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk

Westbury Leigh Village Association Website:

www.westbury-leigh.co.uk

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Design a Logo Competition Reminder

We are running a competition to design an official 'Village Association' logo, which represents both the village, and its residents. Be as creative as you like; all we ask is that designs are submitted in a format no larger than an A4 piece of paper. All entries should be received by Friday 14th September and should be dropped off to any of the following addresses:

- 23 Westbury Leigh
- Phipps Manor, Westbury Leigh
- 68 Westbury Leigh

The winning entry will be decided at the September meeting, where all entries will be on display. As well as seeing your logo on all future newsletters and publications, you will receive a small prize too! This competition is open to everyone and we would love to see entries from the children of the village. Please include your name and address on the back of your entry.

Gardening

Anyone interested in starting up a gardening/garden group? I would like to be involved in starting this. I have a few ideas but would be quite grateful for ideas and enthusiasm from others. If you are interested please contact Lynne Sonnet on 827728

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About a Parish Council

Some interest has been expressed in creating a Parish Council for Westbury Leigh. Such a body would represent the local community in place of, and be equivalent to Westbury Town Council. We have more information and would be happy to provide details to anyone who has an interest in pursuing this further.

Why a Parish Council?

Our first tier local government body is Westbury Town Council, and part of our Council Tax goes to that body. The suggestion is for a separate Parish Council instead, representing just Westbury Leigh. The Parish Council would look out for the village's particular interests. Nearby villages such as Dilton Marsh and Steeple Ashton already have Parish Councils.

What would it cost?

Nothing! The costs involved would be met by a Council Tax precept, which would replace the sums which currently go to the Town Council.

Do we need even more politicians?

It's very unlikely that the major political parties would be interested in such a small parish council. Much more probable that the councillors would be Independents – local residents with no party agendas.

How could it be established?

The local community would petition the Minister via the District Council. The petition would define the area the Council would represent and carry the signatures of not less than 250 residing electors. See this in detail at http://www.nalc.gov.uk/Toolkits/Create_a_Council.

What would the Parish Council do?

Look after Westbury Leigh's interests in such matters as planning, parking places, signs, traffic calming, grants to village organizations and many others.

Councillors

Parish councillors are elected by the public and serve four-year terms. To be a parish councillor requires time and commitment. A councillor will usually spend a couple of hours a week on parish business and this will increase if they are a member of a permanent or short-term committee. Most councillors serve on at least one committee.

Ian, Sue and John

Westbury Leigh History

Do you remember Westbury Leigh in the "good old days"? Do you live in an old house with an interesting history or architectural features? Or would you just like to find out more about Westbury Leigh and its history?

If you are interested in joining a group to talk about and capture memories of Westbury Leigh, its people and houses, or would like to contribute to a future "Memories of Westbury Leigh" column in the Newsletter, contact Angela Graham-Leigh on 01373 303941 or jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk or come along to the next meeting of the Village Association.

Angela



Living in a Cul de Sac

When Leigh Park and the surrounding road layout were first planned, the intention was to close Westbury Leigh at the Dilton Marsh end, making a long cul de sac. As we know, a roundabout and a connecting road (The Spur) were built instead. As The Spur has been closed for a period for works related to the Black Horse Lane housing development, we had the experience (temporarily) of living in a cul de sac, as originally intended.

Did you notice a significant reduction in traffic? Was it quieter? Easier to cross the road? Should we campaign for a permanent cul de sac? Come along to the next meeting of the Village Association and share your views.

Angela