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Village Supper Saturday 4th October 7pm for 7.30pm

We took a year out but the Village Supper is back! Arrive any time after 7pm ready for a 7.30pm meal. Everyone is welcome and the cost is only £8 for adults and £5 for children. It's a ploughman's style supper and soft drinks will be available. Please remember to buy your tickets in advance, and on the night you need to bring along your knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl and glass. We don't have an alcohol licence but you are welcome to bring your own wine and beer.

The entertainment is booked and there will be the compulsory raffle of course. Make sure the date is in your diary. Tickets will be available from;

- Westbury Visitor Centre
- Sue Taylor – 01373 822659
- Angela Graham-Leigh – 01373 303941

Autumn Craft Fayre Saturday 18th October 10am to 1pm

We're sticking with the annual craft fair but have decided to avoid the Christmas rush and get in early this year.

This is your chance to really get Christmas off to a flying start. You'll be able to buy those unique presents for your family and friends, or something just for yourself. There's going to be a huge display of things to buy, including a fancy bag to carry everything home in!!!

Even if you don't buy anything, the admission is free, and you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of homemade cake, which is a pretty good way to start your Saturday.

Social Tea Dances

Weekly Tuesday afternoon social tea dances from 2pm to 4:30pm will be commencing on the 30th September in the beautiful Westbury Leigh Community Hall. Dancing will be a mix of sequence, ballroom and Latin American – all to carefully selected and well-known music. Dances will be hosted by recently arrived local residents Angela and Mike Dale. Come along with your friends and enjoy an afternoon's social dancing with tea/coffee and home-made cakes, all for £3.50 per person. Singles and beginners alike will be welcomed. For further information please contact either Angela or Mike on 01373 229319, 07899 955969 or email: angiedale@talktalk.net. We look forward to welcoming you!

Remembering the Great War

The Westbury war memorials have an unusual history. The first was a memorial cross in All Saints' Churchyard. This does not have names as it was erected before the end of the Great War. It was dedicated on 4 August 1918, the 4th anniversary of the outbreak of war and (though no-one knew at the time) just 3 months before its end. The cross was rededicated last month at a ceremony on 17 August.

In common with towns and villages across the country, Westbury wanted its own memorial, with the names of the men who were killed. Another memorial – an obelisk of Bath stone – was unveiled in the Market Place (outside the Town Hall) on 17 July 1921, before a crowd of over 2,000 people. The memorial was removed in the 1970s as it was a parking obstruction and a new memorial of York stone was unveiled on 11 November 1974. This was in the grounds of Westbury House (the library) and was later moved to its current position in Edward Street.

You have probably noticed that the war memorial has now been renewed. The names have been recarved on black marble to replace the worn engraved stone and split into World War 1 and World War 2 remembrance (they were together on the earlier memorial).

The memorial in Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh, was put up in 1924 at a cost of £50 as the congregation felt that the Great War dead with a connection to Westbury Leigh should be commemorated in their village, as well as on the town memorial.

Members of the congregation were urged to contribute as a means of showing their appreciation of the supreme sacrifice, and raised all the money needed. The memorial was unveiled and dedicated on 29 September 1924.

Forthcoming commemorative events in Westbury are:

12 September: 7.30pm All Saints'. Mons to the Marne – a talk by Tony Coutts-Britton
11 October: 7.30pm All Saints'. All Quiet on the Westbury Front – a play with music, poetry and film.

Changes to postal collections

You may have noticed stickers appearing on post boxes and pillar boxes in the area. As part of a national review of its services, Royal Mail has decided that it will no longer make timed collections from under-used boxes (typically those with fewer than 50 envelopes a day). In Westbury Leigh this will affect the boxes in Laverton Road, at 44 Westbury Leigh and at the corner of Mill Lane. From 15 September, there will be one daily collection from each of these boxes – not before 9am on weekdays and not before 7am on Saturdays (the mail in the boxes will be collected by the postman on his round). There will still be timed collections from Edward Street and Tesco Express in Leigh Park. And don't forget that the Post Office in Dilton Marsh has now reopened, with extended hours.

Summer Ramblings

We are fortunate in Westbury Leigh that every year swifts visit us and nest in some of the older buildings. So to me it is always a sign that summer is here when you hear them 'screeching' in the evenings. They are the first of the migratory birds to leave, usually in August while the swallows and martins leave in September. However this year they left during the last week of July, which in a way made the summer seem shorter!

Butterflies have done well this year, and it is good to see the return of more Tortoiseshells, with Peacocks, Red Admirals and other butterflies also well in evidence. Apparently it has not been such a good year for the Large Whites (cabbage whites), but it is not clear why. Early in August we visited the RHS gardens at Rosemoor in Devon, and were amazed at the number of butterflies we saw, including many Silver-washed Fritillaries, which are the same size as Red Admirals and Peacock butterflies.

An unwelcome sighting recently was of an American Signal Crayfish in the Biss brook along the footpath down Mill Lane. They are larger than our own crayfish and carry a 'crayfish plague' that is passed on to the native species causing them to die out. Not good news.

I think that we can all agree that we have had a good summer this year, even though August has been somewhat unsettled. Due to the mild winter, spring and summer have been early this year with flowering and fruiting of plants being up to two weeks earlier than usual. Certainly many indigenous species are ahead when it comes to fruit, with apples, blackberries and elderberries abundant in August.

Looking at the wider landscape, farmers started harvesting earlier than usual with much of the wheat being cut in July when the weather was better! It seems that with the wet winter and plenty of sunshine in early summer the crops have yielded well, but the downside is a real crash in grain prices. **Brian Osborne**

Westbury Music and Arts Festival

Do have a look at the website www.wmafestival.co.uk. It is crammed with information about the events and you can book tickets online. This year's festival will start with a concert/exhibition at The Laverton on 25 September and finish with the Opus One Swing Band at The Paragon on 12 October - and there is so much in between!

In Westbury Leigh there are two events: Sticky Toffee Jazz at The Hollies on 1 October and a history walk starting/ending at The Hollies on 11 October. Don't forget to get your tickets!

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