

## Notice Board

### Village Events and Activities

**Weight-watchers:** Every Tuesday- Contact is Lyn Grimstead ☎: 01373 474761

**Drop in market:** 10 a.m 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 the usual Wednesday 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:** Allan Oakman (Tuesday evenings) ☎: 859313  
Fiona Fallen (Wednesday evenings) ☎: 01985 846133

**French and Spanish Classes:** Sara Starbuck ☎: 825959

### Village Association Contacts

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### Websites

#### **Community Hall Website:**

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

#### **Westbury Leigh Village Association Website:**

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#### **Community Hall**

The Community Hall Management Committee is always happy to welcome new members. If you would like to help in the running of this important asset to the Westbury Leigh community, please contact John Graham-Leigh on 303941.

#### **Reflexology & Herbal Medicine**

.IIHHT VTCT Dip. .I.C.H.M S.N.H.S Dip

#### **Simone Mitchell**

Daytime & evenings, can do home visits if needed.

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**Next Village Association Meeting:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm at the Community Hall (upstairs).

## Thank You!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended and supported this year's village open day. Full details of the day and prize winners inside.



### **Village Supper**

The annual Westbury Leigh Village Supper will be held at the Community Hall 7.30 pm 11th October. Tickets will be on sale shortly at the Visitors' Centre in Westbury (£6 for adults and £3.50 for children). If you would like to take part in the entertainment at the Supper, please contact Eileen Dredge on 822469.

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### **Gardening Club**

On June 9<sup>th</sup> a group of us met in my garden and a useful plant swap was had by all. Next meeting Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct at 19:30 120 Westbury Leigh where we can make some joint orders from Rose and Seed catalogues if anyone is interested.

Lynne Sonnet

## Village Open Day

The sun shone brightly on our first Village Association fundraising event. We had asked for help organising the event in the newsletter, but had no response. It was only the 'stubbornness' of a handful of people that we should have 'events' in the village that drove the day forward. As the day loomed nearer we did wonder whether anyone would turn up, but thankfully well over 100 of you did. We tried to ensure everyone would be able to join in with the activities, and although there weren't very many we hope you enjoyed them.

Our prize winners on the day were:

All the children who entered the Hunt the Gnome competition

Pace a Chain – Alan Feist and Holly Feist

Guess the weight of the tractor (which was 5.4 ton) – Patsy Thomas and Eleanor Osborne

We would like to say thank you to everyone who came along on the day. If you had a good time, that's great, and we hope you will be back for more next year. If you didn't have a good time, please let us know why so that we can do better next year.

Thanks also go to the Fairfield Opportunity Farm at Dilton Marsh who supplied the majority of the plants on a sale or return basis. A huge 'thank you' goes to our friends and neighbours who came along to help on the day, especially to Eileen Dredge and Mary Andrews in the kitchen. The profit on the teas and cakes alone was £64 (which at 20p for a cup of tea or a small cake, just goes to show how busy they were).

The overall profit for the day was a fantastic £198. Together with the funds we already had, this means we can continue with the newsletter and meetings, and have another event next year.

It is with next year in mind that we would like to ask everyone to think about helping to organise the day. We would like to make the whole event much bigger and possibly include open gardens, or an historical village trail, and additional stalls, maybe with homemade jams and cakes. The list of things we could do is enormous, we just need the people to organise it – and, of course, enjoy the event on the day.

Please come along to the next meeting, when we'll talk about the day, and what to do to ensure next year's event is bigger and better.



Guess the weight of the tractor

## Parking restrictions

As expected, the enforcement of parking restrictions by West Wiltshire District Council has been rigorous since they took responsibility in June. Some of the restrictions are no longer appropriate - in particular the yellow lines at the end of Westbury Leigh beyond The Spur (needed when it was a through road) and outside the old post office. The Village Association has learned that the Council are now considering a review of all on-street parking restrictions.

Have you had an 'unfair' parking ticket in Westbury Leigh? Come along to the next meeting and tell us about it.

## Did you know?

That Westbury Leigh school dates back to 1833? Unless you are new to Westbury Leigh, you will remember the Victorian (1885) school building at the bottom of School Lane. The school was originally on Westbury Leigh itself, close to where the Camargue Road mini-roundabout now is.

That 145 Westbury Leigh was built in the 16th century? The original builders - the Cogswells - carved their initials and the date (1591) on a stone lintel inside. Members of the family emigrated to New England in 1635.

That there was an underground tunnel joining The Hollies to The Maltings? In the late 19th century they were both owned by George Knight, a prominent local businessman and mayor of Westbury, who built Courtleigh House.