

## Local Trades Directory

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Community Newsletter

### Getting Ready for Christmas Market

It will soon be Christmas! And Westbury Leigh Community Hall will be hosting a market on Sunday 18th November 2 – 4pm, to help you get ready for it.

Your Wednesday market regulars will be there, plus extra stalls with a Christmassy feel, giving a range of local produce, crafts, homemade cakes and preserves, cards, candles, aromatherapy and more. Come and browse – and buy! – or just drop in for a chat over a cuppa and a piece of Christmas cake.

If you would like to have a stall yourself, please contact Angela on 01373 303941 or [jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk).

### Do you know your Advent Sundays?

For many years there has been a candlelit Carol Service at St Mary's, Old Dilton, on the first Sunday in Advent. On the second Sunday in Advent the Westbury Players have led a service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh. This year will be different! There will be just one Carol Service, at St Mary's, on the second Sunday in Advent (9th December, 4pm).

Do go along: St Mary's is a "redundant church" and is only used for regular services twice a year. It has 18th century box pews and no electricity – the candles aren't just for atmosphere, they are essential!

There are many special events at All Saints' in Westbury during Advent (see [www.whtministry.org.uk](http://www.whtministry.org.uk) for details). And, to start you off: Carols at The Hollies at 7pm on 25th November (which is not an Advent Sunday!).

### Enjoy reading? Want to join a book group?

There's a new book group in Westbury, led by Emily-Jane Rice. It meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday in the month, in the dining room at The Horse and Groom, Alfred Street (coffee and stronger drinks are available at the bar!).

The group is really friendly and welcomes new members. Recent books include *A Gentleman in Moscow*, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* and *The House on the Strand*. Anyone can suggest a book for the group, so you can introduce others to your particular favourites.

For more information about the group, look at its Facebook page (search for "Westbury Book Group").

## Have a fun evening and help moggies!

Marg's Moggies Cat Rescue is a small, family run cat rescue centre based in Bradford on Avon. They will always help a cat in need if they have space – and regularly have vets and owners calling them to take in cats who cannot be looked after any more. They also bring abused or neglected cats over from Romania, working in tandem with charities there, to be able to give them a better chance of a happy home. All prospective cat adopters are home checked by a team of volunteers spread over the area, and, as a responsible rescue, all cats are spayed or neutered, as well as being flea treated, wormed and vaccinated before they are re-homed.

Marg's Moggies is excited to be running its first ever Fundraising Quiz Night, at Westbury Leigh Community Hall, on 9th March, 7.30pm.

For more information about the quiz, or the work of the rescue centre, please see the website [margsmoggies.co.uk](http://margsmoggies.co.uk) or email [margsmoggies@gmail.com](mailto:margsmoggies@gmail.com).

## Goodbye to the Jehovah's Witnesses

By now you will have noticed the "For Sale" sign at the Kingdom Hall at 66a Westbury Leigh. There has been a congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Westbury since the 1960s but they are now on the move to obtain more space. They will still come politely knocking on our doors on a Saturday, but perhaps less often than now.

## Did You Know

That houses in Westbury Leigh are featured in the Wiltshire volume of Sir Nikolaus Pevsner's 46-volume guide "The Buildings of England"? The books are classic companions for history and architecture students. The series is currently being updated and architectural historian Julian Orbach is working on the Wiltshire volume. Julian lives in Bradford on Avon and gave a talk on his work at the 2018 Westbury Festival. Look out for the new Wiltshire volume in bookshops soon!

That a Battle of Britain navigator used to live at Westbury House (now Westbury library)? The history of Westbury House tends to focus on the Victorian period in which Abraham and then his nephew W H Laverton lived there. But other residents are interesting too. John Graham Parsons was a builder, a partner in the company J T Parsons & Son which built Westbury Hospital and the High Street development. In his youth he learnt to fly and although he was considered too old to be a pilot in WWII, he was able to be a navigator. He took part in the Battle of Britain (and survived) and is commemorated on the Battle of Britain memorial at Folkestone.

That Sir Robert Peel, perhaps best known for founding the Metropolitan Police Force in 1829, has a link to Westbury? In 1829 he was a key member of the government, supporting the Catholic Emancipation Bill, but lost his seat as MP for Oxford University. Sir Manasseh Massey Lopes, one of Westbury's two MPs and donor of the Town Hall, gave up his seat for Peel so that Peel could continue with the Emancipation campaign. At the time Westbury was a "rotten borough" with very few voters and probably no-one in Westbury Leigh could vote.

## Time to spare? Want to help your local community? Keen to be part of a team?

Have you ever thought about volunteering for Citizens Advice? There is no longer an office in Westbury, but there are opportunities in nearby towns. Or, if you don't want to travel at all, you could consider Crosspoint, which offers a service similar to Citizens Advice and is based in the Market Place.

Wiltshire Citizens Advice is an independent charity providing free, confidential and impartial advice to anyone that needs it. Last year we helped over 15,000 people and dealt with nearly 37,000 issues. A team of 55 (mostly part time) staff and 133 volunteers helped us provide advice on benefits, debt, housing, employment and other issues across Wiltshire.

We have many voluntary roles to choose from: advisers, administrators, receptionists, campaigners and event assistants. These roles are available at all of our main offices (Chippenham, Trowbridge, Devizes and Salisbury).

Our volunteers join us for a variety of reasons including social interaction, developing skills, a desire to help others or simply to keep their brain active. Last year quite a few volunteers secured paid employment utilising the skills they had developed with us.

To apply or find out more about the roles we have, please visit our website: [www.cabwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.cabwiltshire.org.uk)

## Is walking the Inca Trail on your bucket list?

I've just returned from a holiday in Peru where I walked the 4 day Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. I didn't do too much research before the trip as I didn't want other opinions to cloud my judgement of what I was about to see.

As a dog owner I do regular walks around the local area and there's always a "hill" somewhere along the way, so I thought my general fitness would be OK, but it was really tough. The first challenge is the altitude, so we stayed in Cusco (height of 3000 metres) for 4 days to acclimatise before setting off.

The trail is undulating with 3 significant passes and the highest peak is 4200 metres. During the 4 days you walk up approximately 3000 metres and down 3200. That's equivalent to up and down Snowdon 3 times! The route is clearly defined using the local granite and rock and the longest descent is approximately 1500 steps.

It was stubbornness and determination that drove me on and I'm very pleased to have still enjoyed myself whilst doing it. If I went again I would certainly plan a training day (or 2), up and down Snowdon or in the Brecon Beacons.

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