

Local Trades Directory

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Community Newsletter

Beware of swans!

If you walk around Westbury Leigh you'll know the old millpond off School Lane. It lies between Westbury Leigh back gardens and the Caspian Gardens houses/flats and looks very pretty, especially in the spring sunshine. It is home to numerous mallards and moorhens and is visited on occasions by other waterfowl such as tufted ducks. There is also usually a pair of swans.

The swans living on the pond at present have been there for about 2 years. They are obviously finding their small pond rather boring, as they have taken to wandering into the gardens and, much more excitingly, on to Camargue Road – to the consternation of drivers! The swans are particularly interested in a white camper van which is often parked on

Camargue Road. As it is big and white, do they think it's a giant swan? Is it a threat? One of the swans has been pecking at it vigorously!

Ducklings sometimes venture from the pond on to Camargue Road too, so if you're driving along it, do watch out.



Eat cake! Buy books!

What better way to spend a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon?

Come and browse our selection of “pre-loved” books at Westbury Leigh Community Hall, 3 – 5pm on 11th May, and have a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake to help you choose.

There will be a large selection of fiction and non-fiction of all types at bargain prices – 50p each or 3 for £1 – plus some “specials” individually priced.

Enthusied by the *Great British Sewing Bee* but don't know where to go next?

Well, this month, local business “Anne Poole Sewing Services” (117 Westbury Leigh) becomes “Sewing Anne”. After years of undertaking sewing repairs and alterations part-time, ex-teacher Anne has decided to offer small group sewing lessons and workshops in her home. Requests so far include How to Do Simple Alterations, Making Children's Clothes, Adapting Patterns and Drop-in Advice Sessions. She also has plans for a programme of “make & take” sessions such as “Kimono-in-a-Day” and the “Best-Ever Sports Bra”. There will be something for all abilities – you don't even need your own machine.

Further information can be found on the Sewing Anne Facebook page. If you have any suggestions for classes then feel free to email sewanne117@gmail.com

Bonfires – Please be courteous.

As we start to enjoy spells of nicer weather and lighter evenings, most of us will be drawn to our gardens for both recreation and relaxation, others will take the opportunity to hang the washing out. As things really heat up, cooling rooms down by opening windows becomes necessity.

Unfortunately, the pleasures that spring and summer bring us can cease abruptly, when the dreaded smell and ash of a bonfire wafts through the village. Forcing your neighbours to run around saving their washing and slamming their windows will not boost your friendship!

There are no laws against having a bonfire. Where bonfires break the law is when they cause a nuisance to others. There are certainly times when it is more courteous to do so. Not everyone has a green bin and burning garden waste may be your only option, but please consider others before igniting. Thank you.

Do you have a few hours to spare? Do you want to contribute to the local community?

Westbury Leigh Community Hall is a registered charity and offers a facility for residents of Westbury Leigh and the surrounding area for parties, events and regular classes such as yoga, Pilates, bridge, sewing and art. The Management Committee is responsible for the smooth running of the Hall, which involves maintenance, safety, bookings, publicity and financial management.

The Committee is looking for new members, in particular, local residents who have a financial background or experience as Treasurer for a small organisation. The Treasurer role on the Committee requires a time commitment of 5 – 6 hours a week but for general Committee members it's flexible: it depends on what you volunteer for!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Angela on 303941 or jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk.

Did You Know

That there were brick and tile works in both Eden Vale and Penleigh? Abraham Laverton acquired a brick works in Eden Vale in 1875, which continued in operation, under his heir, W H Laverton, until early in the 20th century. W H Laverton also had a brick works at Penleigh, which became the Westbury Brick and Tile Pottery Company and was still in business until at least 1960. Bricklayers could apparently tell from the size whether they were using Westbury or Penleigh bricks.

That the way that the bricks were laid can help to date your house? English Bond, with alternate rows of headers (short face of the brick) and stretchers (long face), is the oldest bond, popular until the late 17th century. This was followed by Flemish Bond (alternate headers and stretchers in each row). Modern brickwork is normally Stretcher Bond. There are a lot of brick buildings in Westbury Leigh and Westbury to check out – and a lot of websites that can help you identify bonds (eg www.theheritagedirectory.co.uk).

That Springfield Road (off Eden Vale Road) used to be called Union Lane? It ran alongside the workhouse (aka Union). In 1904 the workhouse was renamed (for census purposes) Eden Lodge and Union Lane was renamed, to remove the stigma attached to workhouses. Town Councillor Sally Hendry has written a book about the history of Westbury's Workhouse (now William Court) – available from the Visitor's Centre.

Use it or lose it

Westbury High Street is looking very sad now: there are so many empty shops and Kevin's Menswear (a double shop) is due to close shortly. Even two of the estate agents have gone (one only to Haynes Road). The only bright spot is that we have a Post Office again!

In its heyday Westbury had a bustling town centre. 80 years ago, according to *Kelly's Directory* for 1939, there were about 110 shops, mainly in Warminster Road and Edward Street (the current High Street did not exist then). There were even 10 shops in Westbury Leigh.

There are still about 70 shops in Westbury (including “services” such as takeaways and hairdressers). We are lucky to have a butcher, a florist, craft shops and, of course, Davies's, our very own “department store”. Do use them – even if it takes a bit more effort than just doing a supermarket shop. Without customers, the shops will die, and essentially, so will Westbury.

If you would like a free one-line entry in the directory in future newsletters, please give the details to Angela (303941 or jandagraham-leigh@blueyonder.co.uk).

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