

Local Trades Directory

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Westbury Leigh

Community Newsletter

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A special window in Westbury Leigh

Have you walked past 14 Westbury Leigh recently? No 14 is an 18th century cottage that was a bakery at some time and has a traditional shop's bow window. Jane and Geoff have been putting displays in the window since last Christmas, changing them to suit the season or the occasion. They use their own collections or buy items in charity shops and boot sales, specifically for the window. The window display for Remembrance Day was sourced from Geoff's own collection of militaria. They would like to raise £500 for Help for Heroes and you can help by donating on www.justgiving.com – search for "Jane Pilgrim".

And all this work on the displays is just for passers-by, as Jane and Geoff cannot see the displays from inside the cottage. It's worth talking a special trip to walk past! Look out for the Christmas display, which will be traditionally Victorian.



Getting Ready for Christmas Market

It will soon be Christmas! And Westbury Leigh Community Hall will be hosting a market on Sunday 17th 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, flowers, 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.

Carols for Christmas

There's nothing like a good carol service to get you feeling Christmassy.

This year the candlelit Carol Service at St Mary's, Old Dilton, will be on the second Sunday in Advent, 8th December at 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!

If you can't make it to St Mary's, on 15th December (4pm) there will be a traditional carol service at Westbury Leigh Community Hall, followed by tea/coffee and mince pies.

And don't forget the Christmas Bingo! Eyes down at 7.30pm 6th December at Westbury Leigh Community Hall. Lots of prizes and a good Christmassy atmosphere!

Lighting up for Christmas

You've probably noticed that the lights are already up in Westbury. They will be turned on at 6pm on 30th November. This will be part of a day of celebrations: a funfair in the High Street from 11am and a market in Maristow Street, Edward Street and All Saints' Parish Hall 1 – 7pm. It should be a fun day!

If Westbury lights aren't enough for you, lights will be switched on in Warminster and Trowbridge on the 30th too. Warminster has a market in the Civic Centre 10am – 4pm followed by a switch-on celebration 4 – 8pm at St Lawrence Chapel. Trowbridge has a Lantern Festival 10.30am – 6pm which includes a parade through the town centre and a switch-on ceremony in the Town Park.

Bath no longer has a switch-on ceremony. The lights will be quietly turned on at 3pm on 21st November. The Christmas market will be open 28th November – 15 December.

Salisbury has a switch-on ceremony 5.30 – 8pm on 21st November in the Marketplace. Guildhall Square will host a Christmas Market 30th November – Christmas Eve and an ice rink from 30th November – 5th January.

And don't forget that Longleat has a Festival of Light, on now until 5th January. There's lots to do and see – and not too far away!

Do you like poetry? Do you enjoy sharing your favourite poems?

A new group, the Poetry Appreciation Circle, is meeting at Westbury Library, 6 – 7pm on the first Thursday of every month. The members enjoy each other's favourite poems, whether published or unpublished, traditional or their own work.

For more information, contact the Library on 822894 - or just go along on the night.

War on fly-tippers

Wiltshire Council has launched a new campaign to encourage people to report fly-tippers in Wiltshire. If you spot someone fly-tipping in Wiltshire, report them to the Council and as a reward you'll get a gift voucher of up to £200 following the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice or a successful prosecution.

You can report fly-tippers or fly-tipped waste via the [My Wiltshire app](#).

There are a lot of quiet areas around Westbury Leigh that attract fly-tippers (the paths off Old Dilton Road, for example), so do keep a lookout.

It's election time again... No politics, just some facts and figures

Westbury has a long history as a constituency. It was first represented in Parliament, as a Borough, in 1449. It had two MPs but only a very small number of electors, who owned specific properties in and around the town centre. Westbury became known as one of the "rotten boroughs", which were abolished in the 1832 Reform Act.

Westbury remained as a constituency after 1832, but covering the whole parish of Westbury, instead of just the centre. The number of MPs was reduced to one. The electorate was (male) owners of property valued at £10pa or more – all 318 of them. Further Reform Acts in the 19th century extended the franchise. In 1868 (a few years before secret ballots were introduced) the electorate was 1,046.

In 1885 the constituency of Westbury was enlarged to include all of West Wiltshire and the electorate rose to 10,566.

The 1918 Representation of the People Act gave the vote to almost all men and to women of 30 or over who owned property or were married to a property owner. The electorate in Westbury rose to 18,862. In 1928 the franchise was further extended to include almost all women and the electorate in Westbury rose to 38,128.

On 1st January 1970 the age of majority – and the voting age - was changed from 21 to 18. The electorate in the Westbury constituency rose again, to 68,464.

Melksham was detached from the Westbury constituency in 1997, but a general increase in the population of West Wiltshire meant that by 2005 the electorate had risen to 82,380.

In 2010 Westbury constituency was renamed South-West Wiltshire and Bradford-on-Avon was detached. This gave an electorate of 72,820, which had risen to 76,043 by 2017.

Goodbye, Kingdom Hall

You may have noticed the Planning Notice outside the Kingdom Hall. Over a year after the building was put up for sale, a developer has applied to demolish it and build five three-storey houses on the site. Assuming that planning permission is granted, that part of Westbury Leigh will soon look very different from now.

The deadline for comments is 14th November – so probably passed by the time you receive this - but you should still be able to see details of the plans (and comments made) on the Wiltshire Council website. The application number is 19/09803/FUL.

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