



Westbury-on-Severn Summer Show

Sunday 1st September

Starts at 12pm at the Parish Hall

PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARY

There will be plenty of things to see and do on the day, including live music and food, entertainment for the children and a variety of craft stall holders on the field and in the hall there will be the

Summer Show Flower and Produce Show

Now in its sixth year

Schedules now at Westbury Post Office,
Chaxhill Service Station, Westbury Parish Hall or
can be downloaded from our Parish Hall website

If you would like to offer your help before the event with putting up marquees and getting the site ready for the big day, or on the big day itself, or after the big day when it all needs taking down, please get in contact on 01452 229570 or

send an email to: <mailto:info@wosph.co.uk>

Thank you



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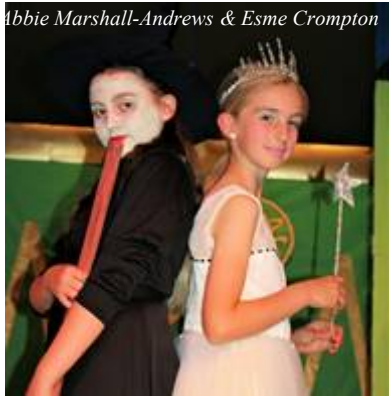
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District Council acts on climate emergency

The council is keen to 'get its own house in order' by reducing its carbon footprint as an example for others. Last month a carbon reduction coordinator was appointed and is now assessing the current greenhouse gas emissions of the council, developing a community engagement plan, researching opportunities for energy saving measures and renewable energy installations, along with increasing the green electricity supply to council buildings. Additionally, a Support Group is being set up to assist in the development of a longer term strategy and every policy, report and decision made will consider the carbon reduction implications.

BARN DANCE

Hosted by Severn Dean Lions Club
In support of Hands Around The World
Registered Charity No. 1097626

At Elton Giant Mazes, Elton Farm, Littledean Road, Newnham, GL14 1JU

Friday 16th August
7:30-11pm

Tickets are available from HATW office:
24 Church St, Monmouth / 01600 229135 / harry@hatw.org.uk

Or by contacting Peter or Cilla on 01452760795 / petercilla.elfton@gmail.com

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

@ WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN

Italian Intermediate

This course is suitable for students who have studied Italian for 2/3 years and can hold a conversation using: present, future and past tenses.

Start: 26 September **Length:** 8 wks

Thurs: 12.30-2.30

Cost: £80

Venue: Westbury-on-Severn Parish Hall, Rodley Rd, Westbury
Painting and Drawing

Suitable for beginners to advanced. Starting with some basic drawing, you will move on to develop your Watercolour and Acrylic painting techniques. (Advice on buying materials/materials supplied for first session or bring what you have).

Start: 23 September **Length:** 10 wks **Mon:** 10-12 **Cost:** £85

Venue: Westbury-on-Severn Parish Hall, Rodley Rd, Westbury
Download the Wyedean School Autumn Term brochure and enrolment form from:

www.wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk
then go to 'Community' > 'Adult Learning' > 'Courses available'

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Kindness.....

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What this country needs is more of the milk of human kindness in the cream of society.

raw, but in this match young Jonny Burrows, having failed to hit the ball off the square all season, launched himself at a high full toss and smashed the ball magnificently over the cover boundary for 6!! The more mathematically astute amongst you would realize that, though impressive, this was still fewer than the 8 needed. At this point controversy intervened as the square leg umpire, well OUR square leg umpire, signalled to the umpire at the bowler's end, ..er...OUR umpire at the bowler's end, that the full toss was higher than waist height and thus deemed a no-ball and must therefore be bowled again with the additional penalty of another run (are you following this?) To steal a phrase, at this stage it was not hard to distinguish between an Oldlands player and a ray of sunshine and their supporters weren't best pleased either. However those are the laws, correctly applied and Jonny Burrows was not to be denied as he scrambled a single off the final ball to win the match and was carried aloft from the field in triumph. Happy days.

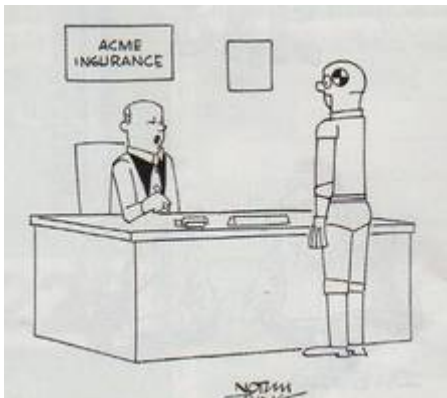
Westbury 2nd XI bt Whitminster XI by 54 runs.

All this rather stole the thunder from the 2nds who crushed division leaders Whitminster CC courtesy of a most magnificent 119 no by in form opening batsman Fran Stirrup who batted exquisitely all afternoon. In setting up a total of 216, Westbury knew they were bowling against the finest batting line up in Division 7 including the opening batsman who was leading run scorer in the Division, possibly in the league, and so had much to do to win the game. Whitminster set off on the chase with some aplomb smashing the ball around the lightning outfield. However, Arron

Leece Williams managed to break through and take the critical wicket of their star batsman who dragged the ball onto his stumps and Leece Williams' golden touch extended to taking 3 catches as well, as the Westbury bowlers worked though the batting line up. Many of their lower order had not actually had a go at batting for the preceding weeks due to the prodigious form of the top 4 batsmen. A lesson in turning a strength into a weakness - ha ! As the opposition crumpled to a 54 run defeat thoughts turned to celebrating a golden Saturday for Westbury Cricket Club.

Westbury 1st XI completed a successful month with fine wins against Ullenwood & Bharat and Hatherley & Reddings which technically should be considered as four wins but in reality is only two as merger mania sweeps through the leagues. The 1sts stand 2nd in Division II.

Sadly the 2nds fortunes were less rosy as they slumped to a soggy defeat at Tormarton and then lost a nail biter against Painswick leaving them hovering over the relegation zone in Div VII.



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As expected, there are several conditions to the permission, namely that work on extending the burial ground cannot start until "the new playing field facilities have been completed, laid out and made ready for use by the school and thereafter maintained for such purposes in perpetuity." There has to be a schedule of playing field maintenance and independent monitoring approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Sport England, a fully implemented drainage scheme, and details of the boundary fencing, paths and surfacing between the playing field and the school also have to be approved by the Planning Authority.

So there is much to be done and the school holidays are upon us, but we are still hoping that we can get together with the school governors and get

started. As mentioned above, a priority is to get estimates for the work needed, but we also need to discuss how much of the new field will be required by the school and, as the whole field is no longer classed as agricultural land, what might be a suitable use for any area not required by the school. The lease has to be discussed with the County Council and all concerned need to look at what grant funding is available to help with the costs. The Parish Council has formed a sub-committee to work on this and we feel that it is really important, now that the planning decision has been made, for us all to join forces as a community to make sure that we end up with the best possible facilities, both for the school and for all our residents, both young and old.

Closed churchyard

Our monthly working parties have continued to be well supported. We have had visitors from other churches that are following the God's Acre programme, which encourages wildflowers and wildlife, but they have all been responsible for much smaller churchyards, and seeing the huge area that we are trying to cope with has made them feel much better! The plan to have some areas of short grass, some of medium and some that is left until the end of the season is only partially successful, and we shall be looking at the plan and discussing this with the grass cutting contractors before next year.

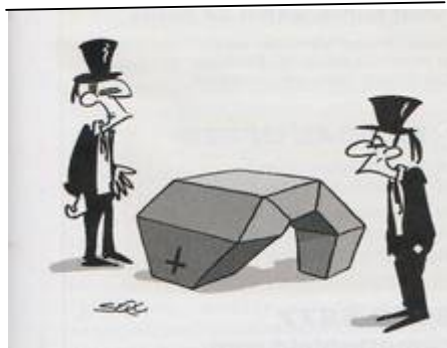
Post Office We have now heard that the District Council has agreed to include the Post Office/Lecture Hall on the List of Assets of Community Value following our nomination. After dis-



cussion it was agreed that we would put in a request to become the preferred bidder, after which there will be a period of 6 months for the community to develop proposals and raise capital to purchase the asset. A Parish Council sub-committee has been formed to do this and they are seeking advice from the group in Newnham who have been successful in saving the George for the benefit of their parish. To save the Post Office will require a huge community effort, so a public meeting is to be held – further details as soon as possible.

Other matters John Henry and I are hoping to arrange a visit to Gatwick House Care Home. Northwood Green Social Hall has now got a defibrillator which is just awaiting electrical connection. Fiona has been asked to arrange another First Aid Course covering resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator, and hopes that this will be in September or October. A letter of thanks had been received from Severn and Wye Smokery for our nomination for a CPRE award. The presentation is to be held in the autumn. Although there is not usually a council meeting in August, this year it is highly likely, but if not the next meeting will be on Monday 16th Sept.

Di Landon



"Another yoga fatality"

Edginton tucked into the opening bowlers and the score ticked along at a healthy rate, whilst your correspondent watched admiringly from his position as umpire, and the total moved to 88-0. Edginton looked to be moving towards his second 50 in as many weeks when the first change County (over 70's) bowler bowled him out, which was a shame. Soon after Fran Stirrup was also dispatched just short of a 50, expertly adjudged LBW by the (by now) somewhat jaded umpire. This turn of events brought in turn Ian Martin and Gary Morgan to the crease. As they set about building a partnership Martin was sadly adjudged LBW by the fading umpire, causing some consternation in the dressing room. Fortunately the below diagram, based on state of the art Hawkeye technology, completely exonerated the aforementioned official, clearly proving the ball was going on to hit the stumps.



From there the innings wobbled somewhat. Jason Saunders was quickly out after being stumped by the wicket-keeper. His explanation that when he went to put his foot back behind the crease he found "it wasn't there, it was just a hole!" speaks of the somewhat tatty state of the wicket. Westbury limped to a final total of 175 which was

neither disastrous nor particularly intimidating for the opposition. The Poulton innings got off to a poor start as Ian Martin, still smouldering from previous perceived injustices, took a fine catch in front of his throat at first slip, and their star batsman saw his off stump pinned back by Tom Landon. The Poulton No 3 managed to put together 50 runs, aided by Landon Minor dropping him with a particularly poor effort, that in terms of "soft dolly catches" was a full on Barbie wrapped in cotton wool sitting in a bed of candy floss. Fortunately the baby faced assassin, Jacob Brown, came on to bowl a fine spell of off-spin and rattled through the rest of the batting order to pick up 4 wickets, leaving Poulton bereft on 116 all out with their Captain sitting disconsolate on the boundary, head in hands in despair.

Westbury 1st XI beat Oldlands 1st XI by 1 wicket

Throughout the country a consensus was arrived at that there had never been a game of cricket so astonishing as the World Cup final match between England and New Zealand. Westbury 1st XI, however, challenged that view as they defeated Oldlands XI by 1 wicket. The preceding 5 hours or so passed off without much drama and the game seemed to be slipping away from Westbury chasing a total of 249 until Jonny Burrows, batting at No 11, faced the last ball of the match needing 8 to win. Not since our own Dennis Dunn charged in to bowl at Charfield with 7 needed off the last ball, has a situation seemed more hopeless for the batting side. As readers may remember, we don't discuss what happened at Charfield that day, the wounds are still too

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN AT WAR Memories or stories of WW2



This is a request for help with a book I am writing about Westbury-on-Severn, and in particular of events during WW2.

Did you live here during those war years or have your family told you stories about that time? Do you remember how the war effected the parish? Was a member of your family in the ARP, Home Guard or Special Constabulary? Were there any air raids? Are there any stories of POWs working on the farms? Did any girls become GI brides? What did the area do to help the war effort – i.e. fundraising, digging for victory, making and mend etc. etc.

I am looking for stories and anecdotes that will paint a picture of how the war effected this part of the country. Any photographs or written records of the parish during that time would be most helpful and add colour to the story of Westbury-on-Severn at War.

I am also looking for any other stories and images you might have about life in this remarkable parish. Were you a guide or scout, brownie or cub? Have you been or are you still a 'Westbury Player'? Were you in the WI? Any tale to bring the parish to life will be appreciated.

Please contact me on 07908 374291 or email me at jennycare@btinternet.com.

All contributions will be credited.
Many thanks in anticipation

Jenny Care



Saturday September 14th Flaxley Music Day

1pm-6pm

The Friends of Flaxley Church are delighted to announce the 2019 Music Day at Flaxley Church.

We will have an afternoon of varied music, art and more.

There will be no charge for entry or for refreshments.

We would love to welcome you to Flaxley Church.



Cricket

By Man in the Hat Mark Landon

Westbury 2nd XI 175 all out
Poulton 2nd XI 116 all out

Westbury 2nd XI travelled to Poulton, chasing a victory that would put some daylight between them and the relegation zone. Despite the excellent facilities, and exquisite Cotswold backdrop, the teams took to the field playing on a wicket that stretched the definition of "patchy" to its outer limits. Rather strangely, not 10 feet away was an immaculate looking strip that we weren't playing on - such is the fate of 2nd team cricket.

Having lost the toss, Poulton gave Westbury first go at batting and, immediately, opens Fran Stirrup and Rich



Chair of the Parish Hall management Committee, Jan D'Ambrogio, opened the July meeting with a few housekeeping announcements. The exterior door from the bar cellar is to be replaced, so the security company Allcooper would be arriving to de-activate the alarm; the recycling bins were now being correctly used and the new, safer, expensive stepladder had found a secure resting place in the corridor. There was to be a safety training session on the 23rd July and all interested parties were invited to attend. Jan noted that the main hall men's loo was none too fragrant and was in need of refurbishment. In defence of men, it was suggested that the aroma may be due to damp, the origin of which might not be the users.

Treasurer's Report

In anticipation of her absence, Sarah Mitten had circulated her report and in her capacity as Booking Secretary, also supplied a 2018/2019 comparison. Ken Boulton noticed that it did not include a sports fixtures analysis, and it was suggested that the sports clubs were in the better position to provide this. Jan commended a report, adding that prompt invoicing had resulted in a profit of over £3,000. Noting the substantial reserve figure, Mark Brill proposed that this should be reviewed, as holding cash does not, of itself, serve the community.

Project List

Jan had received a quote to replace the

two car park facing fire exits with aluminium rather than uPVC doors, and was seeking further tenders. As the amount was substantial, it was suggested that we look into the availability of grant funding.

Severndipity Club (bar)

Despite the unseasonably bad weather, June had been a good month for bar takings, although the electronic tills still caused problems, particularly when all the settings were knocked out by a power cut.. The search is on for a replacement for Dean Mitten, who leaves his post as joint bar manager at the end of August.

Looking forward, we have four weddings booked for September 2020 .

Odds and Ends

The cricket dinner is scheduled for October 4th. Nikki Edginton reported that a person or persons unknown appeared to be taking an early morning shower in the changing rooms, apparently using pleasantly scented soap. She observed that it had to be a keyholder as there was no sign of a forced entry, and speculation around the table was rife, but inconclusive.

Mark Brill announced that Jim Brass would be making his extensive knowledge and expertise available to the bar-becuing team at the Summer Show.

Andrew Landon passed on the latest fire risk assessment, prepared in conjunction with Mark Brill. Jan thanked them for their efforts, and further discussion was continued in the bar. *Ed*

If you find a road with no obstacles, you'll probably find that it doesn't lead anywhere.

Nothing makes a person more productive than the last minute.

Parish Hall Events this month

Summer BBQ

2 August 6:30pm

Family event with live music from Who's Toned

and Food & Bar available from 6:30pm

Quiz Night

4 August 8pm

Nosh & Natter

8 August 12noon

Country & Western

10 August 7:30pm

Westbury Summer Show

1 September 2019 from Midday with the Flower & Produce Show

Craft Stalls, Family Entertainers, Live Music,

Annual Tug of War - The Lyon vs The Parish Hall

Homemade Food, Bar Open from midday

Meetings

Parish Hall Management Committee

13 August 8pm

Regular Groups

Short Mat Bowls

Every Monday 7:30pm, Weds 1:30pm

Fitness Class - Fitsteps

Every Tuesday 6:15pm-7:00pm in the Main Hall from

Westbury Rugby Club Training

Every Tues from 7pm contact Ken Boulton 01452 760285

Westbury Football Club Training

Every Tuesday 7 - 8.30pm

Zumba Gold Low Impact

Every Thursday 9:30am-10:30am

Mother & Toddler

Every Friday 9am-11pm in the main hall

Community Bar Open

Tuesday from 8pm

Saturday from 5pm

BT Sport now showing in the Lounge Bar

Future Events - Watch this space

Supper Night - Coming soon watch this space

Parish Xmas Party - Saturday 6 December

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Correction

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Westbury Parish Hall

WANTED - BAR MANAGER

Part Time experienced Bar Manager required to share the responsibility of running the Parish Hall bar. This is a job share with up to 40 hours per month depending on events held at the hall during the month.

If you are interested please contact us info@wosph.co.uk



"I said we need to update our equality and Diversity profile, you deaf old bat"

WESTBURY ON SEVERN PARISH HALL PRESENTS

SUMMER BBQ

LIVE MUSIC

BAR OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND @ 6PM

OUR ANNUAL FAMILY EVENT COME AND JOIN US

Royal British Legion

At a well-attended meeting of the Westbury branch, we were reminded that planning for the Poppy Day appeal is already underway and Ernie Pemberton will be attending a meeting of the local collection organisers at Highnam Court in August. Sue Pemberton reported on progress on the tapestry with the names of all the soldiers from Westbury who were killed in the World Wars, which is to hang in the church. Sue had also received a letter of thanks for the donation made to Kim Botley, who had swum the Serpentine in aid of Combat Stress.

Local branch fundraising this year will include the Poppy Lunch on 3rd November at Northwood Green Hall, which will be a delicious 3 course meal prepared by Pauline Hayward and her team. Tickets will be on sale from 1st Sept, so more about this in next month's WoSP. Funds are available through our local community support team to help any ex-service personnel who may need assistance so if you, or anyone you know, has served in our forces and needs help of any sort, please contact Beryl Watts (760946) or Caroline Phelps (760765). *Di Landon*



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Burial Ground Extension

Just to update everyone on what has been a controversial subject - the planning application for the change of use of land to provide an extension to the burial ground and a replacement playing field for the school was presented to the Planning Committee on 11th June, with an officer recommendation of approval. At that meeting, members resolved to grant planning permission but, as a result of the objection from Sport England, the application had to be referred to the Secretary of State for consideration before the planning permission could be formally issued. We have now heard that the Secretary of State has decided not to “call in” i.e. stop this application.

As expected, there are several conditions to the permission, namely that work on extending the burial ground cannot start until “the new playing field facilities have been completed, laid out and made ready for use by the school and thereafter maintained for such purposes in perpetuity.” There has to be a schedule of playing field maintenance and independent monitoring approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Sport England, a fully implemented drainage scheme, and details of the boundary fencing, paths and surfacing between the playing field and the school also have to be approved by the Planning Authority.

So there is much to be done and the school holidays are upon us, but we are still hoping that we can get together with the school governors and get

started. As mentioned above, a priority is to get estimates for the work needed, but we also need to discuss how much of the new field will be required by the school and, as the whole field is no longer classed as agricultural land, what might be a suitable use for any area not required by the school. The lease has to be discussed with the County Council and all concerned need to look at what grant funding is available to help with the costs. The Parish Council has formed a sub-committee to work on this and we feel that it is really important, now that the planning decision has been made, for us all to join forces as a community to make sure that we end up with the best possible facilities, both for the school and for all our residents, both young and old.

Closed churchyard

Our monthly working parties have continued to be well supported. We have had visitors from other churches that are following the God’s Acre programme, which encourages wildflowers and wildlife, but they have all been responsible for much smaller churchyards, and seeing the huge area that we are trying to cope with has made them feel much better! The plan to have some areas of short grass, some of medium and some that is left until the end of the season is only partially successful, and we shall be looking at the plan and discussing this with the grass cutting contractors before next year.

Post Office We have now heard that the District Council has agreed to include the Post Office/Lecture Hall on the List of Assets of Community Value following our nomination. After dis-



cussion it was agreed that we would put in a request to become the preferred bidder, after which there will be a period of 6 months for the community to develop proposals and raise capital to purchase the asset. A Parish Council sub-committee has been formed to do this and they are seeking advice from the group in Newnham who have been successful in saving the George for the benefit of their parish. To save the Post Office will require a huge community effort, so a public meeting is to be held – further details as soon as possible.

Other matters John Henry and I are hoping to arrange a visit to Gatwick House Care Home. Northwood Green Social Hall has now got a defibrillator which is just awaiting electrical connection. Fiona has been asked to arrange another First Aid Course covering resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator, and hopes that this will be in September or October. A letter of thanks had been received from Severn and Wye Smokery for our nomination for a CPRE award. The presentation is to be held in the autumn. Although there is not usually a council meeting in August, this year it is highly likely, but if not the next meeting will be on Monday 16th Sept.

Di Landon



“Another yoga fatality”



Chair of the Parish Hall management Committee, Jan D'Am-brogio, opened the July meeting with a few housekeeping announcements. The exterior door from the bar cellar is to be replaced, so the security company Allcooper would be arriving to de-activate the alarm; the recycling bins were now being correctly used and the new, safer, expensive stepladder had found a secure resting place in the corridor. There was to be a safety training session on the 23rd July and all interested parties were invited to attend. Jan noted that the main hall men's loo was none too fragrant and was in need of refurbishment. In defence of men, it was suggested that the aroma may be due to damp, the origin of which might not be the users.

Treasurer's Report

In anticipation of her absence, Sarah Mitten had circulated her report and in her capacity as Booking Secretary, also supplied a 2018/2019 comparison. Ken Boulton noticed that it did not include a sports fixtures analysis, and it was suggested that the sports clubs were in the better position to provide this. Jan commended a report, adding that prompt invoicing had resulted in a profit of over £3,000. Noting the substantial reserve figure, Mark Brill proposed that this should be reviewed, as holding cash does not, of itself, serve the community.

Project List

Jan had received a quote to replace the

two car park facing fire exits with aluminium rather than uPVC doors, and was seeking further tenders. As the amount was substantial, it was suggested that we look into the availability of grant funding.

Severndipity Club (bar)

Despite the unseasonably bad weather, June had been a good month for bar takings, although the electronic tills still caused problems, particularly when all the settings were knocked out by a power cut.. The search is on for a replacement for Dean Mitten, who leaves his post as joint bar manager at the end of August.

Looking forward, we have four weddings booked for September 2020 .

Odds and Ends

The cricket dinner is scheduled for October 4th. Nikki Edginton reported that a person or persons unknown appeared to be taking an early morning shower in the changing rooms, apparently using pleasantly scented soap. She observed that it had to be a keyholder as there was no sign of a forced entry, and speculation around the table was rife, but inconclusive.

Mark Brill announced that Jim Brass would be making his extensive knowledge and expertise available to the barbecuing team at the Summer Show.

Andrew Landon passed on the latest fire risk assessment, prepared in conjunction with Mark Brill. Jan thanked them for their efforts, and further discussion was continued in the bar. *Ed*

If you find a road with no obstacles, you'll probably find that it doesn't lead anywhere.

Nothing makes a person more productive than the last minute.

Parish Hall Events this month

Summer BBQ

2 August 6:30pm
Family event with live music
from Who's Toned
and Food & Bar available from 6:30pm

Quiz Night

4 August 8pm

Nosh & Natter

8 August 12noon

Country & Western

10 August 7:30pm

Westbury Summer Show

1 September 2019 from Midday
with the Flower & Produce Show
Craft Stalls, Family Entertainers, Live
Music,
Annual Tug of War - The Lyon vs The
Parish Hall
Homemade Food, Bar Open from mid-
day

Meetings

Parish Hall Management Committee

13 August 8pm

Regular Groups

Short Mat Bowls

Every Monday 7:30pm, Weds 1:30pm

Fitness Class - Fitsteps

Every Tuesday 6:15pm-7:00pm in the
Main Hall from

Westbury Rugby Club Training

Every Tues from 7pm contact Ken
Boulton 01452 760285

Westbury Football Club Training

Every Tuesday 7 – 8.30pm

Zumba Gold Low Impact

Every Thursday 9:30am-10:30am

Mother & Toddler

Every Friday 9am-11pm in the main
hall

Community Bar Open

Tuesday from 8pm

Saturday from 5pm

BT Sport now showing in the Lounge
Bar

Future Events - Watch this space

Supper Night - Coming soon watch this
space

Parish Xmas Party - Saturday 6 Decem-
ber

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Correction

In last month's Parish Hall report, I
mentioned that Dan Long was thanked
for his work on the trunking. Either my
eyesight or my note writing is not what
it was, as it was Dean not Dan who had
done this work! So my apologies to
Dean Mitten, especially as he has done
such a grand job. *Ed*

Westbury Parish Hall

WANTED - BAR MANAGER

Part Time experienced Bar Manager
required to share the responsibility of
running the Parish Hall bar. This is a
job share with up to 40 hours per month
depending on events held at the hall
during the month.

If you are interested please contact us
info@wosph.co.uk



"I said we need to update our equality and Diversity profile, you deaf old bat"

WESTBURY ON SEVERN PARISH HALL PRESENTS

SUMMER BBQ

LIVE MUSIC

BAR OPEN



FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND @ 6PM

OUR ANNUAL FAMILY EVENT COME AND JOIN US

Royal British Legion

At a well-attended meeting of the Westbury branch, we were reminded that planning for the Poppy Day appeal is already underway and Ernie Pemberton will be attending a meeting of the local collection organisers at Highnam Court in August. Sue Pemberton reported on progress on the tapestry with the names of all the soldiers from Westbury who were killed in the World Wars, which is to hang in the church. Sue had also received a letter of thanks for the donation made to Kim Botley, who had swum the Serpentine in aid of Combat Stress.

Local branch fundraising this year will include the Poppy Lunch on 3rd November at Northwood Green Hall, which will be a delicious 3 course meal prepared by Pauline Hayward and her team. Tickets will be on sale from 1st Sept, so more about this in next month's WoSP. Funds are available through our local community support team to help any ex-service personnel who may need assistance so if you, or anyone you know, has served in our forces and needs help of any sort, please contact Beryl Watts (760946) or Caroline Phelps (760765). *Di Landon*

**WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN
AT WAR
Memories or stories of WW2**



This is a request for help with a book I am writing about Westbury-on-Severn, and in particular of events during WW2.

Did you live here during those war years or have your family told you stories about that time? Do you remember how the war effected the parish? Was a member of your family in the ARP, Home Guard or Special Constabulary? Were there any air raids? Are there any stories of POWs working on the farms? Did any girls become GI brides? What did the area do to help the war effort – i.e. fundraising, digging for victory, making and mend etc. etc.

I am looking for stories and anecdotes that will paint a picture of how the war effected this part of the country. Any photographs or written records of the parish during that time would be most helpful and add colour to the story of Westbury-on-Severn at War.

I am also looking for any other stories and images you might have about life in this remarkable parish. Were you a guide or scout, brownie or cub? Have you been or are you still a ‘Westbury Player’? Were you in the WI? Any tale to bring the parish to life will be appreciated.

Please contact me on 07908 374291 or email me at jennycare@btinternet.com. All contributions will be credited.

Many thanks in anticipation

Jenny Care



**Saturday September 14th
Flaxley Music Day**

1pm-6pm

The Friends of Flaxley Church are delighted to announce the 2019 Music Day at Flaxley Church.

We will have an afternoon of varied music, art and more.

There will be no charge for entry or for refreshments.

We would love to welcome you to Flaxley Church.



Cricket

By Man in the Hat Mark Landon

Westbury 2nd XI 175 all out

Poulton 2nd XI 116 all out

Westbury 2nd XI travelled to Poulton, chasing a victory that would put some daylight between them and the relegation zone. Despite the excellent facilities, and exquisite Cotswold backdrop, the teams took to the field playing on a wicket that stretched the definition of “patchy” to its outer limits. Rather strangely, not 10 feet away was an immaculate looking strip that we weren’t playing on - such is the fate of 2nd team cricket.

Having lost the toss, Poulton gave Westbury first go at batting and, immediately, openers Fran Stirrup and Rich

Edginton tucked into the opening bowlers and the score ticked along at a healthy rate, whilst your correspondent watched admiringly from his position as umpire, and the total moved to 88-0. Edginton looked to be moving towards his second 50 in as many weeks when the first change County (over 70's) bowler bowled him out, which was a shame. Soon after Fran Stirrup was also dispatched just short of a 50, expertly adjudged LBW by the (by now) somewhat jaDED umpire. This turn of events brought in turn Ian Martin and Gary Morgan to the crease. As they set about building a partnership Martin was sadly adjudged LBW by the fading umpire, causing some consternation in the dressing room. Fortunately the below diagram, based on state of the art Hawkeye technology, completely exonerated the aforementioned official, clearly proving the ball was going on to hit the stumps.



From there the innings wobbled somewhat. Jason Saunders was quickly out after being stumped by the wicket-keeper. His explanation that when he went to put his foot back behind the crease he found “it wasn’t there, it was just a hole!” speaks of the somewhat tatty state of the wicket. Westbury limped to a final total of 175 which was

neither disastrous nor particularly intimidating for the opposition. The Poulton innings got off to a poor start as Ian Martin, still smouldering from previous perceived injustices, took a fine catch in front of his throat at first slip, and their star batsman saw his off stump pinned back by Tom Landon. The Poulton No 3 managed to put together 50 runs, aided by Landon Minor dropping him with a particularly poor effort, that in terms of “soft dolly catches” was a full on Barbie wrapped in cotton wool sitting in a bed of candy floss. Fortunately the baby faced assassin, Jacob Brown, came on to bowl a fine spell of off-spin and rattled through the rest of the batting order to pick up 4 wickets, leaving Poulton bereft on 116 all out with their Captain sitting disconsolate on the boundary, head in hands in despair.

Westbury 1st XI beat Oldlands 1st XI by 1 wicket

Throughout the country a consensus was arrived at that there had never been a game of cricket so astonishing as the World Cup final match between England and New Zealand. Westbury 1st XI, however, challenged that view as they defeated Oldlands XI by 1 wicket. The preceding 5 hours or so passed off without much drama and the game seemed to be slipping away from Westbury chasing a total of 249 until Jonny Burrows, batting at No 11, faced the last ball of the match needing 8 to win. Not since our own Dennis Dunn charged in to bowl at Charfield with 7 needed off the last ball, has a situation seemed more hopeless for the batting side. As readers may remember, we don’t discuss what happened at Charfield that day, the wounds are still too

raw, but in this match young Jonny Burrows, having failed to hit the ball off the square all season, launched himself at a high full toss and smashed the ball magnificently over the cover boundary for 6!! The more mathematically astute amongst you would realize that, though impressive, this was still fewer than the 8 needed. At this point controversy intervened as the square leg umpire, well OUR square leg umpire, signalled to the umpire at the bowler's end, ..er...OUR umpire at the bowler's end, that the full toss was higher than waist height and thus deemed a no-ball and must therefore be bowled again with the additional penalty of another run (are you following this?) To steal a phrase, at this stage it was not hard to distinguish between an Oldlands player and a ray of sunshine and their supporters weren't best pleased either. However those are the laws, correctly applied and Jonny Burrows was not to be denied as he scrambled a single off the final ball to win the match and was carried aloft from the field in triumph. Happy days.

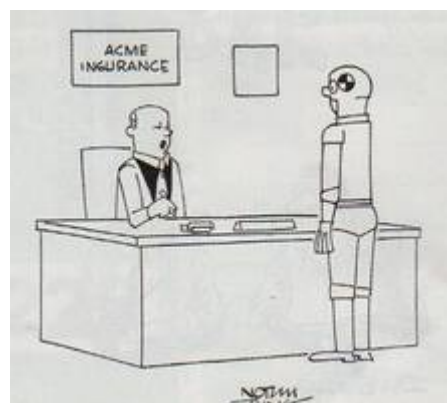
**Westbury 2nd XI bt Whitminster XI
by 54 runs.**

All this rather stole the thunder from the 2nds who crushed division leaders Whitminster CC courtesy of a most magnificent 119 no by in form opening batsman Fran Stirrup who batted exquisitely all afternoon. In setting up a total of 216, Westbury knew they were bowling against the finest batting line up in Division 7 including the opening batsman who was leading run scorer in the Division, possibly in the league, and so had much to do to win the game. Whitminster set off on the chase with some aplomb smashing the ball around the lightening outfield. However, Arron

Leece Williams managed to break through and take the critical wicket of their star batsman who dragged the ball onto his stumps and Leece Williams' golden touch extended to taking 3 catches as well, as the Westbury bowlers worked though the batting line up. Many of their lower order had not actually had a go at batting for the preceding weeks due to the prodigious form of the top 4 batsmen. A lesson in turning a strength into a weakness - ha ! As the opposition crumpled to a 54 run defeat thoughts turned to celebrating a golden Saturday for Westbury Cricket Club.

Westbury 1st XI completed a successful month with fine wins against Ullenwood & Bharat and Hatherley & Reddings which technically should be considered as four wins but in reality is only two as merger mania sweeps through the leagues. The 1sts stand 2nd in Division II.

Sadly the 2nds fortunes were less rosy as they slumped to a soggy defeat at Tormarton and then lost a nail biter against Painswick leaving them hovering over the relegation zone in Div VII.



“You realise your premiums will be high”

District Council acts on climate emergency

The council is keen to 'get its own house in order' by reducing its carbon footprint as an example for others. Last month a carbon reduction coordinator was appointed and is now assessing the current greenhouse gas emissions of the council, developing a community engagement plan, researching opportunities for energy saving measures and renewable energy installations, along with increasing the green electricity supply to council buildings. Additionally, a Support Group is being set up to assist in the development of a longer term strategy and every policy, report and decision made will consider the carbon reduction implications.



BARN DANCE

Hosted by Severn Dean Lions Club
In support of Hands Around The World
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At Elton Giant
Mazes, Elton Farm,
Littledean Road,
Newnham, GL14 1JU

Friday 16th August
7:30-11pm

Tickets are available from HATW office:
24 Church St, Monmouth / 01600 229135 / harry@hatw.org.uk

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ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING @ WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN

Italian Intermediate

This course is suitable for students who have studied Italian for 2/3 years and can hold a conversation using: present, future and past tenses.

Start: 26 September **Length:** 8 wks

Thurs: 12.30-2.30

Cost: £80

Venue: Westbury-on-Severn Parish Hall, Rodley Rd, Westbury

Painting and Drawing

Suitable for beginners to advanced. Starting with some basic drawing, you will move on to develop your Watercolour and Acrylic painting techniques. (Advice on buying materials/materials supplied for first session or bring what you have).

Start: 23 September **Length:** 10 wks **Mon:** 10-12 **Cost:** £85

Venue: Westbury-on-Severn Parish Hall, Rodley Rd, Westbury

Download the Wyedean School Autumn Term brochure and enrolment form from:

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Kindness.....

Is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tale.

What this country needs is more of the milk of human kindness in the cream of society.



Westbury-on-Severn Summer Show
Sunday 1st September
Starts at 12pm at the Parish Hall
PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARY

There will be plenty of things to see and do on the day, including live music and food, entertainment for the children and a variety of craft stall holders on the field and in the hall there will be the

Summer Show Flower and Produce Show
Now in its sixth year

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If you would like to offer your help before the event with
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day, or on the big day itself, or after the big day when it all
needs taking down, please get in contact on 01452 229570 or
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Thank you



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