



Heritage Open Weekends

Westbury made a great effort this year to support the Heritage Open Days, and out of a total of 18 events featured in the Forest Area, Westbury featured in four of them. The Bell Tower-Spire tours were once again very popular with visitors to Westbury Court Gardens, as well as with local people wishing to see inside this historic building. The Spire is currently the focus of a study being undertaken by Lampeter University, under the direction of Historic England. The building is taking on a greater national significance and is now considered to be of an almost unique method of construction - in effect an architectural rarity. Walmore Common was also the site of guided tours and these proved to be of great interest, with the public gaining an insight into the management and significance of this unusual place. The Church was also open to the public

with many people having sight of the many inscribed tombstones making up the floor of the aisle. The old weathercock which once adorned the Spire was on display and also Foxe's Book of Martyrs and the old book of Psalms held by Westbury Church. Some points of interest were also highlighted in a leaflet about the Churchyard and it's 65 listed monuments in the form of various types of graves.

The public were encouraged to take the circular walk down to Garden Cliff. Teas were served in the Church and once again proved very popular with the visitors, helped greatly by the fine weather we received. A stall was also set up alongside the Church path with a wonderful selection of homemade cakes which proved a success. The Parochial Church Council would like to express their thanks to all those who contributed to make these weekends such a success. *Simon Phelps*

Parish Council

I was rather late in joining the September Zoom meeting of the Parish Council as I seemed to have lost the link – or more likely I was just losing the plot!

Anyway, I had missed discussion of a planning application for the change of use of agricultural land to provide three glamping pods with associated parking and works for holiday use at Sunnybank, Elton Lane for which more time for consideration was requested. I was just in time, however, for a discussion about a planning application to establish whether the erection of a shed/workshop is lawful, which concluded that this was up to the Forest of Dean District Council to decide. A revised application for a single-storey extension at Lower Ryecroft in the village raised no objections, particularly as we had had no objections to the original plan, which had been rejected by the District Council. Fiona then updated us on the results of two earlier applications which had been granted. Chairman Simon Phelps reported that the so-called ‘eco-village’ plans were still on file but that nothing further had been heard by the District Council from Ridge and Partners, who had suggested the plan.

After hearing that the internal audit had shown the accounts to be in order, we moved on to the saga of the manhole covers in the village. For those who do not live in the centre of the village, I should just explain that the noise of the traffic clattering over loose manhole covers, one in particular, has been keeping people awake and disturbing their days for quite some time now. In fact, it was first reported six months ago when Simon spoke to Severn Trent who

said that they would deal with the problem. They marked the faulty cover but nothing happened and they then claimed that Gloucestershire Highways Department had not yet granted permission for this work. However, when Simon rang Highways, they said they had already given this permission and Severn Trent then said it was now down to their contractors, Amey. Simon then contacted Amey who did a temporary repair but still no progress on getting it fixed. Then – hallelujah – on 14th September, a truck arrived with two men and a new manhole cover, but having waited for two hours in vain for the rest of their team to arrive, they left without doing the job.

Since then, Simon has spent around half an hour every day on the phone trying to get something sorted and has also complained to our MP and contacted the local newspaper. At our meeting, Mike Townsend suggested an e-mail to the Chief Executive of Severn Trent, whose e-mail address he fortunately had, which Simon did, and three days later the road was closed at 9pm and – lo and behold – the job was done. So we shall certainly be hanging on to that e-mail address! Simon has also had to contact Severn Trent several times about a water leak at Westbury Court bungalows which they did eventually fix, after being warned that loss of water supply to a care home in the middle of a pandemic could be risky.

The pavements through the village, particularly between the old vicarage and police station, are very overgrown and Highways have promised to clean these up. Elsewhere in the parish, we reported that the road surface all around the St John’s Point area is absolutely atrocious now and that there is a pot

hole/collapsed drain cover by Cleeve Bungalow. Goose Lane has been resurfaced, which would be good news except that the potholes were not filled first. The ongoing problem with sewage in Rock and Fountain seems to need chasing again as there has been little progress, but a blocked culvert at Boseley has been cleared.

Around the parish

Burial Ground – Simon Phelps and Peter Radley will now be removing the hedge which encroaches on to the cremation graves and two new trees will be planted next year to replace the two that have died. We are still awaiting contact from Richard Williams regarding the extension. In the closed churchyard, one of the walls needs some maintenance work.

Play area – the annual inspection by the Playing Fields Association has been done. No major problems were found but the surface is lifting slightly at the edges and will need attention before long. The signs regarding use of the play area during the coronavirus pandemic had faded and fallen over, so these have been removed and new signs are needed. So far, the advice has been that those using the play area are responsible for ensuring that they keep socially distanced from others outside their household and for sanitising equipment that they touch. The Playing Fields Association and the District Council will be asked for up to date advice on play area use.

Complaints have been received from residents in Northwood Green regarding dog agility events and camping and caravanning so checks will be made with the District Council. There have also been complaints about motorbike scrambling at Elton, which will be in-

vestigated, and the constant presence of the trailer in the parking area in the village. The PCSO and street warden will be consulted about the latter. They have already been consulted about problems with gatherings of people at the Strand.

Footpaths – John Henry reported that the Public Rights of Way team have cleared all the stiles along the riverside footpath but as dogs are unable to get through these, kissing gates would be preferable. These can be provided and Brian Robinson said that he would enquire whether the installation costs could be borne by the County Council.

Traveller site opposite the Severn Bore – A retrospective planning application has now been made. We have had no reply from Mark Harper, regarding our concerns that utilities can be connected to a greenfield site without planning permission, so Fiona will chase him up. The next meeting – again on Zoom – will be at 7pm on Monday 19th October

Di Landon

Nothing's impossible for those who don't have to do it.





For flimsy logistical reasons, Mrs Ed. and I attend the monthly Zoom meetings of the Parish Hall Management committee in different parts of the house and although I am proud to announce that I can now successfully join the meeting without assistance, I encountered an unexpected difficulty almost at once. The screen was filled with the unsettling image of a slightly wrinkled elderly man and no other committee members. Mrs Ed. heard my anguished cry and scuttled downstairs and touched the screen, and lo and behold, there was the ‘gallery’ of my fellow committee members, and the dawning realisation that I had seen myself as others see me (Apologies to Robbie Burns)

Sport.

Our chair Jan D’Ambrogio opened the meeting by announcing the end of the cricket season in Westbury, and Nikki Edginton confirmed that the season had been successfully conducted within the guidelines surrounding the current public health emergency, apart from a minor deviation following a win, when spontaneous high-fives proved irresistible. Clive Tempest, the Chairman of the Cricket Club, congratulating the organisers, observed that everything had been well organised, the play had been entertaining. Plans are in hand to repair the roof tiles damaged by cricket balls. Apparently, according to Clive, rabbits

continue to be a problem, and Nikki confirmed that a couple of options were under considerations.

Jan noted that there had been three friendly football matches, when only four players at a time were allowed in the changing rooms. Clive added that the Football club were grateful to the Rugby club for the loan of their changing rooms. The first league game (away) would be played on September 19th.

Ken Boulton indicated that there was the possibility of a rugby 10s competition. It was agreed that the junior (Diddy) rugby players could come into the Hall on a Saturday morning.

Jan was reconsidering the substitution of paper towels for the air hand driers owing to the expense, but she has ordered wipes for cleaning door handles. Clive urged that whoever used them remember that they should not be put down the lavatory.

Treasurer’s Report.

Sarah Mitten had circulated her report, noting that our reserve remained untouched, with £9k in set aside for future projects, adding that there was grant money available for replacing the battery in the defibrillator

Jan pointed out that we should have to consider the rent levels, as we have continuing fixed costs. In particular cleaning costs were escalating as a result of the Covid crisis. Gen Riley proposed that these additional costs should be passed on to users. Gill Smith agreed, adding that we could be running at a loss if the Hall is used. Sarah concluded that we could survive until the end of November. Mark Brill considered that the sports club, having enjoyed a period of grace, should pay full rent. Jan said that there was a need to

have an accurate calculation of the costs, taking account of such things as rugby training. There were other fixed costs, including car park maintenance and insurance, regardless of changing room use.

Projects

Tim Smith confirmed that Westbury Players were keen to explore the possibility of a ventilation system, even when the current emergency is over. They would be prepared to engage a specialist, at their expense, adding that there could be future legislation to enforce effective ventilation in public spaces such as ours

Severndipity Club (bar)

Gen Riley confirmed that the committee was meeting fortnightly in order to respond to the changing conditions, adding that they had completed their risk assessment. Paying the Severndipity Club insurance in instalments had increased the cost, but made it more manageable in the current circumstances. The committee would seek to anchor the marquee to the patio, and to re-open the bar in the lounge subject to strict protocols, including a one-way system for serving, and the closure of the patio doors. People queueing would be required to wear a face covering, and to complete a track and trace form, and one person per table to fetch the drinks. Should any of these conditions not be met, people would not be served. A maximum of 28 people would be permitted in the lounge.

It was proposed that on sports days, when most bars would be required, we should explore the possibility of taking the temperature of lounge users, which would be the responsibility of the sports clubs.

Gen noted that the ventilation in the

lounge would be switched on during occupation, and it could be noisy. There were only two bars scheduled for September, and Gen confirmed that Joe Liddington had prepared a thorough cleaning regime, and there would be only one person at a time behind the bar, with other committee members providing cover.

Ken Boulton added that the Severndipity committee had been working very hard, but advised that there was a temporary lack of real ale, and for the time being only plastic glasses would be used.

Fundraising

Jan announced that she was organising (i.e. baking) an afternoon tea for October 4th. to be collected from her house. The last one raised £150 and was delicious, so you are advised to book!

Odds and Ends

She went on to say that had taken on the role of Booking Secretary, admitting that it was a bit of a struggle in these Covid times, and hoped people would be flexible. She added that the onus was on users to clean and sanitise after use. She noted that the Zumba class wished to return, and that Youth Project and Mother and Toddler hoped to resume. Jan said that they should liaise with the Age UK if they needed to use the kitchen simultaneously. Gen Riley observed that there was no guidance on the use of chairs, but thought that it was unnecessary to separate the chairs used by the Short Mat Bowls Club

Jan announced the possibility of a Pizza Night on Fridays between five and eight o'clock in the car park, a deal in which the Hall would receive 10% of the takings over £400!

She went on to confirm the booking of three weddings for next August.

A new router in the lounge should give access to fibre broadband and make it a little cheaper

Clive Tempest announced that the Cricket Club had spent £700 on repairing the cricket square. Mrs Ed proposed that members could help dismantle the marquees by the surgery if a date could be fixed.

Replying to a question, Alan Hyett confirmed that the Parish Council would be preparing a report on the state of the play area equipment.

Gen raised the issue of how to deal with the situation if we discovered that someone had tested positive for Covid-19 having visited the Hall. Jan said she and Mrs Ed had done a risk assessment, and that she was aware of a Forest company who did deep cleaning, although it wouldn't be cheap. She closed the meeting, thanking Mrs Ed for her input into the risk assessment. *Ed*

Church Times

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this message, our Harvest services will have begun and the largest part of the harvest work on the land will have been done. The bulk of the tasks for the year will have been completed, and there will be some sense of an ending in the air. But this year has been so dramatically different for all of us, and it continues to be so, that there is a risk of forgetting the pattern of life against which any crisis is set. That pattern, in any ordinary year, would see us turning our minds to matters of remembrance.

The memory is precious but unreliable. Sometimes there is a tendency to overlook the problems that have been faced, sometimes to exaggerate them. As the

nights draw in and we look back on what has been achieved, there is likely to be for many of us a sense of completion, maybe not of everything, but of most things. Few of us will be able to say that our expectations have been fully met, but all of us will recall good days in the last year. But too many of us will be aware of the bad days, the difficult days, the days we would rather forget.

When I conduct a funeral, I am almost always aware that family and friends want above all to remember the best of their loved one, and it is right that this should be so. Even in death at a young age, there is a sense of completeness on such an occasion. I do not mean that heartbreak from an unexpected loss will be lifted, but rather that the deep pain felt will be taken as the sign of a kind of ending. It is also true that death in very senior years will still bring significant pain.

However early or late the event happens, it will also bring thankfulness for the life lived, thankfulness which persists through all our own lives. So it is right that we continue to gather every year on All Souls Day, this year on November 1st, and on Remembrance Sunday, this year on November 8th at Minsterworth. These services will be conducted in a similar way to previous years, though with due regard for our present Covid regulations.

You cannot make the best decisions about the future without reviewing the past. Those we have loved and lost will always speak their wisdom to us, if we but attend to what they have said. Our community and our nation will be much the poorer, should we ever allow the traumatic surprises life may bring to blind us to the love and sacrifice that

has made us what we are. We will not forget.

Best wishes to all, Rev. Steve.

Harvest services will be held as follows:-

Blaisdon	4 th Oct at 9.30am
Minsterworth	4 th Oct at 11am and /or 5pm
Rodley	4 th Oct at 6.30pm
Westbury	18 th Oct at 11am

Churchyard working party

The September churchyard working party was held a week earlier than usual in order to spruce things up before the two Heritage weekends. The main path is now clear of weeds and we have pretty well caught up with the unwanted growth that happened during the lockdown. However, the size of the task does sometimes feel a bit overwhelming, as although our goal is to care for the area around the graves and encourage the growth of wildflowers and wildlife generally, there are just so many graves with no one to care for them, that this greatly affects the appearance of the whole area. So we are looking at possible ways to overcome this and any ideas from local residents would be very welcome.

Our next working party will be on Saturday 10th October between 10am and 1pm, weather and coronavirus permitting. *Di Landon*

Circular definition: see Definition, Circular

A good memory test is to recall all the kind things you have said about your neighbour

Northwood Green Book Exchange GOOD NEWS

As Northwood Green residents are already aware our Book Exchange in the old telephone box has been a lifeline during the lockdown. Most people on their regular walks usually looked in and found a book. I have lost count of the people who have stopped me to say how they valued the facility in the lockdown.

The foresight of our Parish Council in taking it on and setting it up and managing it has really shown its value this year.



Regular users will know our greatest challenge had been the restriction placed by only having a few shelves to fill.

It is not at all easy to retro fit shelves to a metal structure. Many people have looked at it and in the end we made do with some freestanding IKEA shelves sitting on the floor. During lockdown one of our Parishioners, Barry Nelson, found the solution and very kindly fitted extra shelves top and bottom. The number of books we can stock has multiplied by at least five.

This is to give a very big thank you to Barry, what he has done has transformed our book exchange.

Pat Brooke

Book Exchange helper with Michael Townsend

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines

The Royal British Legion is having to scale back house-to house and street collections for this year's Poppy Appeal due to the coronavirus crisis. Thousands of volunteers normally sell poppies for the fundraising campaign ahead of Remembrance Day, but this year the RBL is being forced to cut back on this as the charity fears putting volunteers at risk, as many are in the vulnerable category.



A spokesman for the RBL, which supports members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families, said “Members of the Armed Forces community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them during these difficult times.”

Locally, the Westbury branch of the Legion will be asking permission to put collection boxes in several local premises and it will also be possible to donate at supermarkets and online. Full details of local places where donations can be made and poppies can be obtained will be in next month's WoSP.

Plea to dog owners

The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council have found it necessary to remove the wire refuse baskets from the Churchyard due to advanced decay. It is requested that all litter be placed in the black bin situated by the main gate of the Churchyard. We also ask that dog owners remove all dog droppings from the Churchyard and take them home to dispose of them and do not place them in either the compost boxes or in the black refuse bin.

A timely warning from Mark Brill

The old football season has finally finished and without pause for breath, the new one just begun. Apparently, if you are a football fan and in your mid 50's, you are highly likely to fall victim to a pension scam!

According to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Pensions Regulator (TPR) research, individual losses have ranged from less than £1,000, to as much as half a million. Over three years, those losses are purported to be worth more than £30 million.

Being a closet (whisper it) Aston Villa fan and in the middle of the quoted demographic, this news caught my attention. Trying to be politically correct though, I am slightly unsure if the warning is intended to be gender specific?!?! No doubt any avid lady Villa fans will have shared my amazement at their last day, end of season escapology!

Nonetheless, male or female, the real reason it caught my attention is that scams like this are horrid.

As an independent financial adviser, one has to take a bit of ribbing from time to time, particularly when it comes to explaining what you actually do to a new acquaintance.

Well a key task for me, is to protect people from such irreversibly damaging scams.

Continuing the soccer theme, the FCA and TPR research found 45% of football fans approaching retirement, did not know how to check if an approach about their pension was honest, whilst only 43% approaching retirement, actually knew how much was in their pension pot.

Walmore Hill News

The new term has started really well and it has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school. They seem so happy to be back, seeing their teachers and friends again and enjoying being outdoors in the late summer sunshine!
Our new Reception children love play-



ing and learning in our classroom and refurbished outdoor learning area. They are keen to learn their letters and sounds in our phonics sessions already!

The teaching staff worked hard during the summer break and at the start of term to ensure the learning environment was set up and ready for the children's return. Our Reception and Key stage 1 children now have two classrooms, as well as a refurbished outdoor area. Our Facebook page has lots of information and photos which you might like to look at.

Our topics this half-term are 'Memory Box' for Key stage 1 and 'Wonderful Me!' for our Reception children. We have been drawing portraits in recent art lessons. This week we have been thinking about our senses.

The older children in Key Stage 2 are enjoying learning about



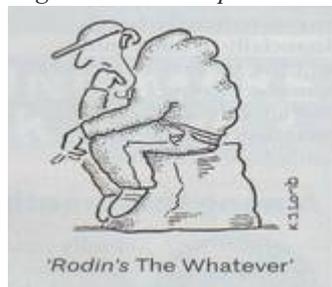
the Romans in their topic 'I am Warrior'. Some of the children have lots of information to share with their classmates from the 'Horrible Histories' series of programmes.

Our own Pre-school group has now opened for 3 to 5 year olds. If you would like to find out more about our Walmore Hill Pre-School group please contact the school office on 01452 750373 or send an enquiry, our school administrator at dmin@walmorehill.gloucs.sch.uk. She will be happy to answer your questions,
With best wishes,
Mrs. Suzanne Loten, Cygnets Class Teacher

Weather Report

If, like me, you have only the faintest or general recollection of last month's weather, Simon Phelps's monthly report is a useful prompt. It seems to have rained a lot for August!

- Warmest Day* 12/8/20 36.5c
- Warmest Nights* 11-12/8/20 and 18-19/8/20 18c
- Coolest Days* 29 and 30/8/20 15.5c
- Coolest Night* 30-31/8/20 4c
- Wettest Day* 17/8/20 42.5mm (41.5 within half an hour)
- Total Rainfall* 196.5 mm
- Days with Rainfall* 16
- Days with Thunderstorms* 4
- Predominant Wind Direction* Southerly and Westerly
- Average Maximum Temperature* 23c



Westbury Sport

Mark Landon

August was a strange month for sport, but with some exceptional moments. Unfortunately, like Macavity the Cat, your correspondent was always somewhere else as the action unfolded. There is, therefore, an element of supposition in some of the below.

Firstly cricket, and the report for the seconds is somewhat brief. Half a game was played against Down Hatherley with only Tom Landon's 71 in 42 balls worthy of note before the game was washed out. Subsequent games were called off due to soggy outfield until the final game of the season against Parkend where Westbury fell somewhat short of chasing down a target of 220, by about....um....150 runs. Highlights were Jacob Browns 11 not out, keeping out their quick bowler who reduced us to 32-9 at one point. To your correspondent's frustration, the two hours he spent during the week fixing Landon Jnr's bat were entirely wasted as the young upstart missed his first ball and was bowled out!

The firsts however have had an astoundingly good summer and finished top of the table, unbeaten. Without doubt the highlight of the month being a 'come from behind' victory against Aston Ingham 1sts. Having been set a target of 206 to win, Westbury staggered, reeled and wobbled to 64-6 with defeat looming against a cock-a-hoop opposition. Wise heads on the boundary were being shaken sadly and eyes cast hopefully towards the as yet unopened bar. "Does anyone have Joe's number" wailed a member of the crowd, anxious to get the bar open and drown their sor-

rows before the players came off and he queue time became longer than the bladder capacity of certain members. However firstly Charlie Gayther (25) and then Jack Weaving (37) steadied the ship with stylish ease and momentum shifted. The chirpy opposition became more serious and focused on the task in hand. As both the batsmen eventually succumbed they were succeeded by Aaron Brown, 17 stone on the hoof (as Bill MacLaren would have said), supported by Ted Edginton. Having assessed the situation and with 70 runs still required and not much time to get there, Brown opened his substantial shoulders and suddenly the ball started to fly to all corners of the playing field, and surrounding fields for that matter. As the target came into view, the Aston Ingham fielding unit tried everything to slow down the charge. With the departure of Edginton only Jim Walkley Cox was left to prevent the innings being closed and he battled to a fine 0 not out whilst allowing Brown to control the strike and we entered into the final over with the game in the balance. However Brown was not to be denied as yet another sweetly timed six closed out the game to general disbelief and ecstasy all round as our hero marched off having struck 59 off a mere 32 balls. Moving on to football, Westbury 1st (only) XI have had a mixed pre season but a fine win (5-2) against Soudley and an entertaining 0-0 draw against local rivals Newnham left Director of Football Tempest satisfied with developments. At a post match press conference, he looked uncomfortable when asked why he'd put 12 players on the

pitch against Newnham until the crowd pointed it out and when challenged to name all his players, stormed out of the conference to queue up for a beer, before his bladder intervened. In other news last years squad has been depleted by player raids from start up clubs in Gloucester and so sadly Regan Warrington will no longer feature in these reports but replacements have been identified and Jerome and Dion are back ! They are not an aging 60's pop duo - they are a red hot striking combination so we expect goals galore.

Football

Whitecroft Res 2 - 3 Westbury Utd

Gareth Bale famously set out his priorities as "Wales, golf, (Real) Madrid" and on the day he returned to the Premiership, his influence on the North Gloucestershire Premier Division was glaringly obvious as Thomas Landon, team captain, was nowhere to be seen having taken off on a golf trip ! A splenetic Director of Football Tempest could barely contain his rage which was ill directed towards the press gallery as if it were their (my) fault.

Nevertheless, as the game started a reshaped defensive line up boasted hundreds of caps (or whatever the equivalent is) as veterans Gary Morgan and Anthony Owens lined up alongside Ivo and Kuman, welcome returnees from last season. However, it is a back line full of commitment to the tackle and positional awareness but slightly short on pace and...er...height.

Meanwhile up front the dream team of Jerome Lee and Dion supplemented with debutant Akeen do possess plenty of pace so the crowd looked forward to a pleasant afternoon basking in the sun

and shouting encouragement- mainly - in a responsibly socially distanced way. Unfortunately Whitecroft Reserves got the better of the first few minutes, scoring early on the break before Westbury eventually settled down, and Akeen particularly showed some twinkle toed skills and opportunities began to appear. After 20 minutes Jerome broke through, using his strength and pace and finished clinically to level the scores. The mid-field trio of Lewis, Manu and Morgan battled for everything and kept things pretty even until just before half time when Akeen broke through for a one on one which initially saw the keeper save but he kept his nerve and netted the rebound to make it 2-1.

The second half saw Whitecroft push forward for an equaliser but were knocked back by a moment of high quality football such as one would see on TV - Akeen beating his man, sliding a pass to Jerome who instantly fed the ball through to Dion who smashed the ball home from close range. It all happened faster than you could say "We're going to screw this up", a magnificent team goal.

Sadly Jerome then left the field with a bad knee injury and, in a scene one **wouldn't** see on TV, was carried to the clubhouse and propped up against the wall whilst the medical team decamped back to the touchline to watch the rest of the game.

Whitecroft pressed on again and from a free kick crossed the ball to their "tall guy" who headed home relatively unchallenged despite plenty of jumping by the defence.

Notwithstanding the referee playing an inordinate amount of extra time, to the disgust of the Italian section of the crowd, Westbury played out the rest of

game shielding at risk and vulnerable keeper, Ivan, apart from one cross which he punched clear - although not in the direction he was punching. Manu and Gary Morgan showed considerable commitment in particular with many deft passes as well. Gary's punishing summer training schedule paid dividends as he won a series of 50/50 challenges that last season he would not have got close to even reaching.

After the game, Director of Football Tempest ministered to the ailing Jerome - possibly beyond his skill level to the extent that Jerome Lee was seen recoiling in terror as the wannabee physio was heard saying, in demanding tones, "I need some Gorilla tape !". Medical updates will be passed on when available, Lee was last seen being carted off to hospital in the back of an old Audi A6.

Run Club

Earlier this summer, Michael Riley set up a running group for like-minded Westbury joggers and runners. We meet at 6pm every Wednesday at the Parish Hall car park and set off around the lanes at a gentle pace. All welcome to join, whether beginners or intermediate. Advanced runners may find some solitude as well, as we won't be able to keep up. Plans are afoot for a run across the Severn Bridge (and back, obviously) and around Mallards Pike, for some variety.

So if you need to get some air in your lungs, shed a couple of pounds or just get out of the house, come and join in - there isn't much else to do at the moment!

Join the Facebook page (Westbury On Severn Run Club) for more information / answers to any questions.

Parish Hall update September 2020

It almost feels like one step forward two steps backwards at the moment with legal obligations becoming more the norm. The hall is open but unfortunately due to so many restrictions and Government Guidelines the number of events and user groups has dropped considerably. We wait to see what happens in October.

Keep washing your hands
Cover face in enclosed spaces
Make space – 2 metres apart
and Keep Safe

Jan D'Ambrogio

Thoughts of an older person

Remember that we old folks are worth a fortune with silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys and gas in our stomachs.

Whilst I may have become a little older since we last met, I have in the meantime become quite a frivolous gal, I have two gentlemen with me every day - WILL POWER helps me to get out of bed and ARTHUR RITUS never leaves me alone.

The preacher came to see me the other day, he said that at my age I should be thinking of the Hereafter.

I told him oh I do that all the time, no matter where I am.....in the living room, lounge, kitchen or upstairs, I am always asking myself "what am I Here after".

With thanks to Myra D'Ambrogio

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