

The Dream Team



The full cast of Westbury-on-Severn School's 'Dream On'

After two years without a live production by the children of Westbury School due to Covid, it was a real joy to be able to see their performance of Dream On, which was staged at the Parish Hall on 7th and 8th July.

This was a musical comedy based on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, with the action moved to modern day Athens during the run up to the Olympic Games. The script was very funny with the role of Puck, the fairy, being taken by Robin Goodfella, a Mafioso (played by Lyra Dawson) assisted by

the two Corleone brothers (Barney Henry and Jacob Hall-Davies).

The use of a magical herb, with the power to make the person it is used on fall in love with the first living thing that they see on waking, causes all sorts of love triangles and confusion, especially when it is used to make Titania (Isla Kift) fall in love with Bottom (Edward Barry), who by now has an ass's head. All ends happily for the four lovers, Lysander (Cole Redding), Hermia (Penny Buik), Demetrius (Joel Lloyd) and Helena (Hailey Kovacs) and the spell is removed from

Titania so that she is reconciled with Oberon (Izzy Waite).

The Rude Mechanicals played by Ella Jones, Edward Barry, Joshua Thomson, Angus Fransham, Adam Hyett and Abbie Swaine are able to perform their play at the wedding of Theseus (Harry Hyett) and Hippolyta (Heidi Morris-Green). Even Hermia's father, Egeus (Pearl Boulton) is happy with his daughter's choice of husband in the end and Philostrate the bartender (Wilf Woodman) was kept busy serving the party goers Alex Mallinson, Ava Jennings, Flora Loveridge, Nia Sheen, Poppy Smith and Jamie Lewis. The children clearly enjoyed the whole



performance and their enthusiasm and confidence were a credit to Claire McCartney and Leanne Roseblade who produced and directed the show. A lot of help and support had been provided by all the staff at the school and by the Friends of Westbury School and the production benefitted from the skills of Matt Fransham on the sound and lighting and Mrs Noad on photography. Westbury Players and Westbury Youth Project had helped with the loan of equipment and so it was a marvellous community event, with a very successful raffle.

I think we can all rest assured that the future of stage entertainment in our parish is very safe, as we have an abundance of growing talent.

Di Landon

Walmore Hill School

The children of Walmore Hill School were rewarded for all their hard work during the past year with a wonderful day of water fun. Julie and Pete Hewlett had provided the plastic to make the water slide, and Tara Tingle had bought all the children ice lollies. A big thank you to all those who helped.



The children had also enjoyed their annual Sports Day at the Parish Hall.



Great concentration was clearly needed for some of the races!

Parish Council

Our July Parish Council meeting was held on a very hot evening but the Hall lounge remained comfortably cool for us. Our County Councillor, Philip Robinson, had sent his apologies.

Sadly, John Henry, who has been on the Council for over eight years, is moving out of the parish and has resigned. He is not moving far away so we shall keep in touch but we shall miss him as a hard-working and clear-thinking councillor with a good sense of humour. He will need to be replaced so if you live in the parish and would like to serve on the Parish Council, please contact Fiona, our clerk at:-

clerk@westburyonsevernpc.org.uk.

Several of us had recently spent some very enjoyable time giving out the Platinum Jubilee water bottles that we had



bought on your behalf for the children at Westbury and Walmore

Hill Schools. At Westbury, they thanked us with some splendid singing, while the Walmore Hill children received their bottles at their Sports Day.

Planning After the formalities, we moved on to planning matters and noted the discharge of conditions on an application for Yew Tree Cottage in Flaxley. We had no objections to the erection of a single storey extension at Crowgate House or the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery at The Paddocks in Goose Lane. Fiona then updated us on the results of earlier applications for Severn View Cottage and Chaxhill Ga-

rage, which had been granted. Chairman (and District Councillor) Simon Phelps reported that a consultation document is to be issued regarding future development plans for the area. He had also taken part in a visit to assess the attributes of several housing developments in the area. He had been most impressed by the first modular housing development in the Forest of Dean which is in Drybrook. This offers a range of options from one-bedroom apartments up to four-bedroom houses, and consists of 65% for affordable rent and 35% shared ownership tenures. The homes have been constructed using energy efficient processes, and their rating will mean that less energy will be needed to heat them through the winter.

Finance The accounts were agreed

Highways Since our meeting, work has started on Church Lane. Mike Townsend talked about the need for warning signs through Northwood Green to alert drivers to the fact that there are no footways.

Around the Parish

Burial ground and School playing field.

Good progress has been made on the new playing field for the school and the drainage work is now complete. The area will be reseeded later this year and the fencing will be done next April. We have since met with representatives of the school, the County Council and the contractors regarding the new lease and various details concerning paths, access and security.

Play area Another split has opened up in the Wetpour surface so Mike Townsend will be mending this soon.

Bus shelters Most of these need a clean so Fiona will share them out between us.

Footpaths There is increasing frustration regarding the lack of action by the County Council when footpaths are blocked by landowners. It was agreed to

Westbury Court Care Home The decision to close Westbury Court had been called in for scrutiny, as some County Councillors were not satisfied with the consultation process, but it appears that the decision has since been ratified.

Parking The problem with parking that was causing an obstruction by the preaching cross outside The Lyon seems to have lessened so the situation will be monitored.

Doctors' surgery We are taking part in regular meetings with representatives from our Parish Hall committee, the NHS, Highways, police and Newnham Parish Council regarding travel arrangements and road safety for people coming to Westbury Surgery. At present, this is mainly collecting data to identify what the main issues are and looking at possible solutions. We felt that community transport may be a better solution than the bus for those travelling to the surgery from Newnham. Westbury makes annual donations to Lydcare, and the service has helped lots of people in the parish for many years, so we are keen to encourage other parishes that use the service to do the same.

There is no meeting scheduled for August, unless something urgent comes up, and so the next meeting will be on Monday 19th September at 7pm. *Di Landon*

Westbury-on-Severn Primary School

We are looking for a Clerk for our Governors. This is an important administrative role supporting the governors of the school who meet nine times a year in the evening from 6pm. We would welcome anyone with any administrative experience. Please contact the school if you are interested or have any questions.

admin@westbury-on-severncofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Road and Rail Works

On the roads, surface dressing work is to be carried out at Northwood Green from the junction with Blaisdon Rd to Oakland Farm. This work will take three days and the provisional dates are 21st to 22nd August and 24th August.

Work is also due to be carried out on Blaisdon Lane during the w/c 22nd August for two days, starting at the north end and working south.

These dates can be affected by events like rain, extreme hot temperatures, machine availability or plant breakdown so can change at short notice and it is best to keep an eye on online information or local signs for updates.

In October, Rodley Rd will be closed from A48 by Parish Hall to Strand Lane from 3/10/22 to 7/10/22 to allow remedial works for Velta Construction. Also in October, Crowgate Lane will be closed (for 39 metres near Crowgate Farm) from 10/10/22 to 14/10/22 for remedial work for Gigaclear

And on the trains.....a reminder for anyone using the Newport – Gloucester line. Buses will replace the trains from Gloucester to Lydney from Sat 30 July - Fri 02 September.

Check before you travel—

Newport to Gloucester

Monday 18 July to

Friday 2 September

We are carrying out major resilience work to help protect this vital rail link on the Severn estuary from landslips. During this period buses may replace trains for all or part of your journey.

Please plan ahead at
nationalrail.co.uk

Networkrail.co.uk/severnestuary
24 hr National Helpline 03457 114141



We started our July Parish Hall meeting with a few updates from last month, as Jan D'Ambrogio has been gathering more information about the proposed upgrade to the security system and possible CCTV, as well as details of potential equipment for the suggested outdoor gym. This would all be too much to go through at a meeting and so Jan will be sending it all out to us so that we can go through it at our leisure ready for discussion at our next meeting. As we do not plan to have a meeting in August, the next meeting will not be until September, but I expect most of us will still be frantically going through these emails the day before!

Treasurer's report

The Hall expenditure is still higher than the income received but this is expected to improve before the end of the year as bookings are picking up and the planned fundraising events will also help. The cost of utilities is down slightly this month to £760.

Projects There are signs that some painting and decorating are now needed and estimates are being obtained for this work. The hearing loop needs more investigation so this is on hold now until next year.

Severndipity New refuse bins have been bought which are a distinct improvement. Opening the community bar on a Wednesday evening has been found to be unprofitable so this has been discontinued. There is a possibility that a Tuesday

or Thursday evening may be more successful as it would help if it coincided with sports clubs' training sessions. As the bar has been running at a loss on some months, the Severndipity Club is not able to pass as much money to the Hall as usual.

Fundraising

The schedules for the Flower and Produce Show on 4th September have been sent out and we are hoping for a good number of entries. Lunches and live music will also be available. The Hall has been awarded a grant for some benches/ planters to further improve the look of the patio.

The monthly Nosh and Natters continue to be popular and the next Parish Hall Quiz is on Sunday 7th August.

Doctors Surgery There has been no progress yet regarding the new lease and rental agreement.

Any Other Business Mike Edginton had been checking the temperature inside the Hall in comparison to outside and this showed that there can be no insulation in the roof as all the external heat is getting through.

Clive Tempest was pleased to say that Westbury Football Club is hoping to get promoted this year and so they may be required to have dugouts. This led to some discussion as to what this might entail, but it turns out that no digging is required! There was also some discussion regarding Rugby and Football clubs use of the changing rooms but by this time my notes had become a little confused - I think they agreed to liaise with each other about this.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th September at 8pm. *Di Landon*

"I'm learning the hokey cokey. Not all of it. But - I've got the ins and outs."
Iain Stirling

Nosh and Natter

Westbury Parish Hall
Thursday 11th August 2022

Food served between
12.30pm and 1.30pm

French onion soup

Raised chicken and stuffing pie, new
potatoes, and salad

Lemon tart

£8.00 two courses £10.00 three courses

Please call us to say that you are coming
and please let us know in advance if you
have any dietary requirements

Please either see in person or call
Gail on 760495/ Jan on 760630

Looking forward to seeing you all and, of
course, if you have not been before, we
look forward to meeting you too

**It's time to rally your team
for the Parish Hall**



**Sunday 7th August
at 8pm
Teams of 4, entry £2 per
person**

*A perfectionist walked into a bar... ap-
parently, the bar wasn't set high enough.*

WESTBURY ON SEVERN FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

at the PARISH HALL

**SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
2022**

**Hall open 12 noon until 3pm
for viewing and discussion of
exhibits**

**LUNCH
SERVED 12 NOON TO 2PM**

**Pre-ordering necessary – call
Jan 01452 760630**

**Choice of Salads £8.00 – ham,
cheese, sausage plait or salmon
(+£3)**

**COFFEE, TEA AND CAKES
AVAILABLE FROM 11AM TO
3PM**

**The bar will be open and live
music from Vanity Trap**



If you have not yet got your Show
Schedule please contact
info@wosph.co.uk

Church News

We had a great Family Service on 17th July making posters to help find The Lost Sheep; luckily it was found in time for us to celebrate with a party at the end.

This month it's 'ALL THINGS WILD AND WONDERFUL' and we're hoping to be out in the churchyard some of the time, so come prepared. As you can see this is a very informal service and it's on Sunday 21st August at 10am at Westbury Church.

Come and see what's going on.

May I also remind you that EVERY Sunday afternoon, unless it's pouring with rain, there will be the most delicious home-made cakes and tea served in our church from 2pm - 4pm. We have some new recruits on tea-duty so come and sample our cakes. *Rev. Sarah Hobbs*

Closed Churchyard Working Party

Our July working party was on a very hot sunny morning, but fortunately there are lots of shady spots in the churchyard. At this time of year, we focus on controlling the 'thuggish' weeds – the docks, elder, brambles, nettles and ivy – and there were plenty of them. Fortunately we had a good number of our hard working volunteers to tackle them, but we were all more than ready to head for the cool of the church for our mid-morning refreshments.

Next month, the job of cutting the long grass will have begun and so, on our next working party on Sat 13th August, we will mainly be working on the area that has been cut to make it ready for the next season.

If you can spare some time to join us, you would be very welcome. *Di Landon*

Westbury-on-Severn Parish Church Friends

100 CLUB

JULY 2022 DRAW RESULTS

1st : 19 Kay Correia £50
2nd : 13 Vicki Hewlett £20
3rd : 69 Phil Woodman £10

Apologies that the results in last month's WoSP were incorrect.

If you would like a chance of winning in our quarterly draw, please contact:

Frances Down (760270).

The next draw is in October 2022.

Cost: £12 for the year, starting from October 2022.

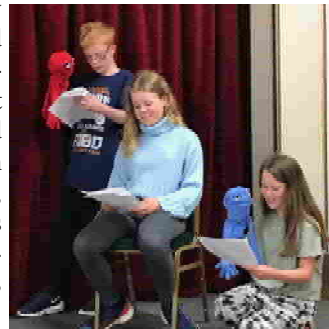
All subscriptions due in September.

Westbury Youth Project

We had a great start to our year, with our theme of 'Dreams and Nightmares' now starting to take shape. Flyers went out to Westbury, Newnham and Walmore Hill schools and resulted in 13 new members. We currently stand at 23 performers with some of the older children taking on directing.

To help them explore their ideas we had a session on script writing. Also Workshops from Bee Daws, a puppeteer – who recently

appeared on Britain's got Talent, and dance from Lauren, who trains roller dancers for GB Olympians.



As is usual we have seen a drop off in some of our older members over the past few years, although it is pleasing to see so many now involved in Westbury Players, with several taking part in 'Snow White Goes West' earlier this year.

We should have a fun packed programme in **November** for the show which will be on **Friday 11th and Saturday 12th** at Westbury Parish Hall. We will have a chorus of puppets, dancing sheep and death by scrabble to name just a few things



Finally I would like to thank all volunteers for giving up their precious time, especially on the Sundays. In particular Gen, Gemma, Anita, Tricia, Jan, Claire, Angel and Jo who all have made the Youth Project possible in previous years. A special thank you to Gemma, who has been our Treasurer for many years, your dedication and help over the years has been amazing.

We had our AGM in July and now I am delighted as we have a new Treasurer Mick Riley and Secretary Kat Hughes along with new committee members.

I am very encouraged by our members this year as they are both keen to express themselves on stage and in creative writing, and I am looking forward to see them grow as we near November.

Nicola Atkinson



With record high temperatures, it's only natural that our thoughts are turning to our Pantomime in January. Performance dates are booked for 20/21/22nd and 27/28th January 2023 and we are just fixing a date for a read through in early September. Rehearsals will start in October and will be on Sundays from 6-9pm. The cast from last year are ready to go (in the main) and the script is written and is now under stern review by script consultant Crompton. However, we are always looking for new and old talent, both for onstage and behind the scenes, so if you are interested in joining in, please contact us at westbury-players@gmail.com to give us some idea of what you are interested in so that we can bring you onto the team.

In terms of age, we aim for 14 plus as Westbury Pantomimes are targeted at an adult audience, although the kids enjoy the Sunday matinee, and that remains an important part of the January performances.

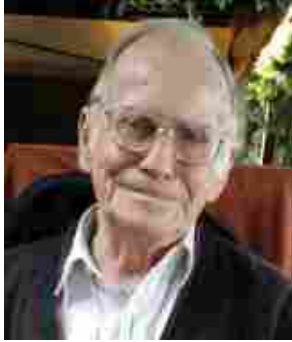
Mark Landon



Panto 2022

Snow White Goes West

Phil Horsley
1927 - 2022



Phil Horsley, who died on the 15th June at the age of 94, was a well-respected and leading figure in Westbury. His son Philip paid the following tribute to him at his funeral, which was attended by so many who remember and appreciate all that Phil did to make Westbury the vibrant community that it is today.

Philip was born in Bream, in 1927, the youngest of three brothers. He went to school at Bream Primary and passed his School Certificate Examination and progressed to Lydney Grammar School.

After school he worked for his father's electrical contracting business for a while before starting selling door to door, insurance and then engineering books. He was called up for National Service in 1944 and joined the Fleet Air Arm and was posted to St Mirren in Cornwall, where he worked on Seafires and Hurricanes as a technician.

Having completed his service, he began working at the Pin Factory in Whitecroft. One evening in 1945, whilst 'promenading' in Bream in his best suit and with slick Brylcreamed hair, he met a young girl, Mavis Hoare. They fell in love and married in 1951, honeymooning in Jersey, which was his only 'foreign' trip until 2015 when he went to France with his son, Philip.

Phil then got a job at Gloster Aircraft Co. at Moreton Valence working in the Experimental Dept on the Gloster Javelin. This engineering job enhanced his skills and he became a superb metal worker, wood worker, toolmaker and sketcher and he was a keen DIY enthusiast. In 1957, he joined Exide Batteries (later Chloride Motive Power) as a service engineer and battery fitter in the forklift and milk float industry.

In 1958, Mavis gave birth to their first son, Philip, and their second son Michael, was born in 1959. He struggled at birth but soon became stronger. The family were living in a caravan at Bream, but Phil knew he had to find somewhere of their own and somewhere to start his keen interest in gardening. In 1961, he took out a loan and purchased Taylors Orchard in Elton, an overgrown plum orchard with a pigsty.

After challenging work clearing the ground as well as holding down a job, they moved the caravan there and renamed the property Ambleside. They both developed the site into an organic freehold and upgraded the caravan to a cedar wood static in the late 1960's, adding a side building and widening the property into a 3 bedroom bungalow.

Phil & Mavis became known in the area for selling their produce, drawing in customers with roadside painted signs of a large tomato and plum, and his work customers also placed orders which he delivered and sold during the working day. He drove miles in his service van covering Gloucestershire and was very proud of his ROSPA safe driving medal which he received a new band for each year.

He had also started to have input into the local community, helping with the newly formed Scout group on the parent committee and getting involved with the committee of Westbury on Severn Parish Hall.

On the 13th December 1976, tragedy struck when Michael was killed in a freak accident by the Silver Fox Café, Broadoak. This severely affected all the family especially Mavis, but the family received strong support from their wider family and the local community, for which they were grateful, and this helped to ease their pain.

In 1983, Phil took medical redundancy and decided on early retirement at the age of 57 and focused on the garden and doing decorating in the local area. He also became more involved in the Parish Hall becoming chairperson. His handiwork also came in useful with repairs, extending the stage and stage steps, making speakers for the sound systems and much more. His biggest project was overseeing Maple Lodge (now the Doctors Surgery), which was quite a complex project but, with the great community of helpers and fellow committee members, it was successfully built and used for many years.

Phil was also elected as an independent Parish Councillor, putting even more back into the community by checking and walking the parish boundaries, ensuring access to footpaths, and helping a friend with the manual work to shore up the river embankment at Broadoak. He was also involved in Friends of Chestnuts Wood, Welshbury camp, protecting the environment, Dean Archaeology, genealogy, pensioners' rights campaign and many more.

Phil was very forward thinking, probably 50 years ahead of his time, with organic gardening, electric cars, promoting environmental issues, highlighting dangers of GM crops, photography, space, space flight and astrology and sound systems including stereo. He was intrigued by a BBC experiment of quadrasonic sound (similar to modern day surround sound) which they broadcast one evening in the 1960's.

In the 1980's, he and Mavis became vegetarian and Phil also kept bees and sold the honey, 'saved' some battery hens from slaughter which soon adapted to the free range life and duly supplied an ample and tasty supply of eggs.

In 2002, he went through worrying times when his son Philip became seriously ill and also around that time, Mavis developed dementia. He diligently and lovingly cared for her until her death on 9th January 2009. After Mavis's death, he continued living on his own at Ambleside maintaining the garden and crops and was very independent until 2020 and the pandemic, when his health deteriorated. This was compounded by several falls, and after contracting a chest infection in hospital, he died in Cheltenham General Hospital on the 15th June 2022 at the age of 94.

Philip junior is immensely proud to have had Phil as a father, and is so grateful for his upbringing and feels that Phil inspired his interest in innovative technology and gadgets. He hopes that both Phil and Mavis may rest in peace and enjoy being together with once again.

Cafe on the Green



Many thanks if you were a helper, baker, or supporter and braved the rainy morning on 2nd July to support the event. A total of £129.50 was raised for the Pied Piper appeal.

The next time the team will be tempting you is on Saturday 6th August, when we will be supporting Art Shape.

Northwood Green Gardening Club

Our programme of speakers has now finished for this season, as we are all busy in our gardens over the summer. We have a full day visit to two gardens near Cheltenham on 11 August. There is a modest charge for the visits, which will include the admission fee and light refreshments. Lunch can be arranged at a local pub at extra cost. Non-members are welcome to join us.

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday 8 September, at 7.30pm in the Northwood Green Social Hall. Pam Turner from Upleadon will give a talk on Alpines around the garden, as well as a practical demonstration of how to plant an alpine container.

Visitor fee £3, annual membership £12.

Please contact

karen.f.johnson@btinternet.com or call 01452 760970 for more details.

Litter

As we know, an enormous amount of litter ends up alongside our roads and in our hedges, much of it thrown out of passing cars. The good news is that the FoD District Council Street Wardens can now issue a Civil Penalty Notice of £50 to the registered keeper of a vehicle if litter is thrown from their vehicle even if they are not the person who dropped the litter. The penalty will rise to £75 if it is not paid within 28 days. Street Wardens will also consider taking action following formal complaints from the public, especially if dash cam footage can be provided.

This is in line with national regulations, which gives local councils the ability to issue a penalty notice to the registered owner of a vehicle if it can be proved that litter has been dumped from their vehicle.

Five Acres Consultation

The District Council is asking the public for their views on draft plans for the redevelopment of Five Acres site and Speedwell Building, Coleford, which includes a new community space, sports, leisure, education and arts facilities. Please complete the short survey here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/communityconsultation5acres> (hard copies available on request from GRCC on 01452 528491), deadline 4 August, and come to the drop-in consultation event at Berry Hill Primary School, Nine Wells Road, Berry Hill, Coleford GL16 7AT on 11 August from 5pm to 8pm to share your views. Draft plans are available to view here: <https://www.grcc.org.uk/news-events/five-acres-consultation> and also at the event.

Morris Dancing at the Lyon

On Wednesday 20th July, we were treated to a colourful display outside the Lyon by dancers and musicians from Forest of Dean Morris. It made for a perfect summer's evening, which was much enjoyed by their audience. The group dance out most Wednesday evenings at pubs in the Forest and the Wye Valley. The tradition goes back a long way but was revived in the Forest in 1968.



So July has been a very busy month, hence the need for the extra pages of WoSP. If you have any news that you would like included in future editions, please email it to diana.landon12@gmail.com and we will include as much as we can.

Westbury Football Club Awards Night

On Saturday 23rd July, Westbury United held their Annual - well excusing a couple of “weird” years - Awards and Presentation Night. It was an evening made very enjoyable for all with some great food (courtesy of Jan D’Ambrogio and her team) and some not so great speeches (courtesy of Clive Tempest). Last season and the 2018/19 season were celebrated, as awards for: young player, most improved player, 1st team players’ player, 1st team player, clubman of the year and leading goal scorer were given out, as well as 2nd team awards for the 2018/19 season.

The winners were as follows:

For the 2018/19 season

Young Player	Jamie Ward
Most Improved Player	Andrew Cueto
2nd Team Player	Sylwester Zientara
2nd team Players’ Player	Geraint Williams
1st Team Players’ Player	Anthony Witts
1st Team Player	Tom Landon
Clubman of the Year	David D’Ambrogio
Leading Goalscorer	Jerome Lee

For the 2021/22 season

Young Player	Harry Howells
Most Improved Player	Morgan Shellham
Clubman of the Year	Jamie Ward
1st Team Players’ Player, 1st Team Player of the Year and Leading Goalscorer.	Ackeen Wright

For the 2021/22 season, Ackeen Wright won 3 awards after a fantastic campaign. It seemed he’d have quite a lot to bring home.



Gary Morgan presenting the awards to:-

Ackeen Wright (Left) Winner of three awards 2021/22



Young Player 2021/22 —Harry Howells



Young Player 2018/19 and Clubman of the Year 2021/22 - Jamie Ward (above)



*Most Improved Player—
Morgan Shellham*

Additionally, “club legends” were celebrated throughout the evening, and it was truly shown how the club is run, with there being much more to it than just the players.

George Ford

Westbury-on-Severn RFC Seniors

Building on a successful 2021/22 campaign Westbury on Severn RFC is seeking players of all abilities - new, returning, experienced and those that fancy giving rugby a go!

You are assured a warm welcome at our family orientated Club, along with top class coaching led by Rych McKenzie (RFU Level 2 qualified Coach), & of course a vibrant social calendar!

Training at Westbury Parish Hall every Tuesday from 7pm - come on down, drop



us a message or call - 07450015368 if you have any questions. Pre-season game on 06 August and fixtures have been released!

RFC Cricket v Huntley

On 15th July, a great evening was had at Huntley Cricket Club, when Westbury on Severn RFC took on Huntley at cricket and had a three wicket win. It was a great game and we came away victorious....we're still not sure how (although we did supply the umpires!...) Thanks to Huntley for the hospitality and to the



guest players and supporters. Winning the toss, W o S

RFC, against local advice, decided to field first. With the first ball going for four it looked like this could be a quick match, but on the second ball, the Huntley batsman swung at the ball and flattened his own wicket, setting the tone for the rest of the innings.

What the game may have lacked in quality was more than made up for by the incidents, humour and banter.

Cheltenham Sevens

It was quite a day at the Cheltenham sevens, despite rather long waits in between, but the lads stuck together and did very well. The first game was vs the Cygnet 7s and a well earned penalty try saw us in the lead. The game was tied, then a confusing yellow card saw Rory off the pitch for two minutes finishing the game 28-7. Game 2 was vs the big favourites of the tournament and Westbury went in with heads not fully up, but ended up taking the lead 2 tries to 1 with brilliant tries from Huggy and Daniel Worwood. However it was only a matter of time before

the fitness ran out and we finished the game with a close 28-19 to the opposition.

The 3rd game was a battle for the bottom. Once again brilliant tries from Huggy, Daniel Worwood and some lads who stepped up to help, finishing the tournament in an extremely close 24-22 match. Absolutely brilliant performances all around — proud of all who competed.



The squad was: Max Kaufmann, Max Skipsey, Robbie Pritchard, Rory Pritchard, Daniel Worwood, Ben Stephens, Dan Herbert, Rychknyx McKenzie, Ben Wood and Huggy (Rych's mate he brought along). Congrats to all — rugby was indeed the winner

Junior cricket

The Junior cricket season of 2022 has come to an end and we couldn't be prouder of all of our juniors. The progression across all age groups has been fantastic to see and the collaboration between Westbury and Newnham has been a huge success

We ended the season with water balloon fun and games which the juniors all loved followed by a BBQ. Special thanks to The Lyon Inn for sponsoring the food

for this event. The juniors, parents/carers and coaches all very much enjoyed and appreciated it.



The Under 11s team

The U15, U13 and U11's all played in-matches during the early part of July to end their league seasons. The U11's and U13's lost their matches however there were some fantastic fielding and individual batting and bowling performances, highlighting the progression across the teams.



The Under 13s

The U15's lost their first match of the month but finished on a high, convincingly winning away at Dymock, with some amazing performances from the whole team.

We have had to say goodbye to some of our U15's this year: Ethan Kane; Will Keene; Kasey Penning; Archie Selwyn; Issy Suehr and Harry Parsons are all

moving on to start their journey into adult cricket. Martin summed it up brilliantly by saying “it has been a pleasure working with them and I am delighted they have started playing adult cricket”. We can’t wait to see what these young people do in the years to come, it’s an exciting time in their cricketing lives.



The Under 15s

On the theme of U15’s we would like to congratulate Will Nice for getting U15’s Coach’s Player of the Year as well as runner up, George Suehr. Exciting times to come for these two juniors who still have another season of U15’s ahead of them.



The Allstars

The All Stars have been showing us how great they are week on week and always with lots of smiles and laughter. We have seen some amazing progression across the group with their cricket fundamentals. Some of the All Stars will make their

transition to U11’s next season and will, we are sure, be showing their new coaches their fantastic straight arms and pointy fingers!

Running a junior cricket section takes a huge amount of hard work and commitment so we would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the running of the junior section. The coaches, coaching helpers, admin, grounds team, parish hall and Severndipidy have all contributed to the on-going success of the junior section and without all the hours they put in, the junior section could not run. We would particularly like to thank Chris Kenny for his work on the Newnham pitch. It has been lovely to see cricket being played at Newnham again and we look forward to a continued partnership into 2023.

As for the coaches, well we’ve decided that a well-earned rest, maybe a cheeky pint or two and some games of cricket across the summer are just what are needed after a brilliant junior season! We look forward to starting the planning for 2023 later in the year and seeing all our fantastic juniors back in action next year.

Emma Nice

Cricket

Exciting times at Westbury CC as the 1st XI went on a run of three, yes three wins in the month to leap up to 6th in the County League 1st Division and, dare we say it, put relegation fears to bed. The month began with Charlie Gayther, clearly stung by last month’s tepid write-up, smashing 93 not out as Thornbury 1st XI were put to the sword. We should remember that Thornbury merit an exit sign on the M5 but Westbury beat them! Ted Edginton picked up 4 wickets as well, as victory was secured comfortably.

Next victims were Cheltenham 1st XI, who have several exit signs, but were left on the hard shoulder as Alex Wyman continued a rich run of form with a fine swashbuckling 70 in a three wicket win. Tom Landon clearly manipulated the media to manage to steal the headlines and a photo in The Forester newspaper for knocking over a couple of teenagers at the end but the WOSP requires a bit more than that to warrant a write up.

We won't talk about the loss to Chipping Sodbury.

Finally Hawkesbury Upton, including an Australian paid overseas player, were left licking their wounds as Jake Bonser smashed a brutal 81 including four 6's and eight 4's ensuring a 5 wicket win.

All in all an excellent month.

The 2nds also had a good month and lie 5th in the CGF Premier division. Wins against Aston Ingham by 8 wickets (Glyn Bayley 5-23) and a strangely low scoring 6 run victory over Woodmancote with Will Hargreaves top scoring with a patient 84 - and yes, that is a euphemism - and so challenging his bowlers to defend a total of 139 which they heroically managed to do with almost all the bowlers keeping the scoring rate below 4 an over, and wheedling them all out for 133.

Lastly, and most magnificently, league leaders Arcadians were sent packing courtesy of Fran Stirrups match winning 109 not out supported by the Hargreaves brothers Jonathan (45) and Will (63) in a much more animated mode, set up a comfortable win as James Walkley Cox bowled a stingy spell of 7.5 overs for only 9 runs and taking 3 wickets.

Although losing to Ullenwood Bharat in the final game of the month left a sour taste in the mouth, it did feature the most astonishing opening (and only) stand seen at Westbury for many a year as the visitors thrashed 335-0 with their ex Cheltenham 1st captain smashing 207 not out.

In reply Rich Edginton returned to form with the bat with 46 not out. Not surprisingly, the total proved insurmountable. "So who got the wickets then ?" was not a diplomatic question to ask for any late arrivals!



We welcome William Nice to Westbury senior teams, son of club stalwarts Ian and Emma Nice and grandson of 2nd team regular Brian Nice. William made his debut on Sunday 17th July against Kingsholm, bowling a tidy 4 overs and scoring 9 with the bat. Congratulations William !

Mark Landon

Women's Cricket

On 17th July teams from Westbury-on-Severn Cricket Club, Down Hatherley Cricket Club, Tewkesbury Cricket Club & Cam Cricket Club enjoyed a morning of softball cricket at The Gillman's Oval, Huntley. Welcomed with bacon rolls, and cooled down with ice creams, the ladies enjoyed several matches of cricket in the sun. Westbury won 1 and lost 1, but had a morning of fun playing some lovely competitive teams.

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