

Westbury Cricket

After a very damp start to the 2023 season, the sun has been shining on us and we have been enjoying lots of fabulous cricket across the club.

Our U15, U13 and U11 teams are, this year, made up of a majority of players just moving into the age groups, meaning that wins have been hard to come by. What has not been in short supply however is the progress that we have seen week after week across all age groups. Alongside this we have seen the juniors really enjoying their cricket, supporting their team mates, and bringing energy and passion to the field. We are incredibly proud of them all.

The All Stars are also making great progress and are having huge amounts of fun playing the different games that are provided each week. The All Stars focus on cricketing basics and the cry of "show me your All Stars Position" can be heard across the field every week.



The teams assembled for the Ben Nice Memorial match

Ask any All Star you meet to explain the fundamental make-up of a good bowling action and you'll be sure to learn some top tips from them!

In the Senior section of the club, the Westbury Wolfhounds took a win against Ruardean Hill in a game that saw Andrew Cueto making his maiden hundred for the club finishing on 101 not out and Talia Scott producing some amazing bowling with outstanding figures of 4-19 from 6 overs. Congratulations to them both.

The 25th June saw the Memorial match in memory of Ben Nice. It was a wonderful afternoon with a cricket match that was nail-biting to the final ball. With just two balls left, Westbury needed 12 runs to win. The first of these went for 6 but Ben's team managed to contain the last ball to just two runs therefore winning the match.

The game saw Henry Murrell help his cousin Will Nice secure a wicket with his quick wicket keeping (*cont on back page*)



Our June Parish Hall meeting took place on a beautiful hot, summer evening, was well attended and, surprisingly, we all managed to remember that we were starting at 7.30pm now rather

than 8pm! We knew that there was a lot to talk about regarding the doctor's surgery so we got through the normal business as quickly as possible.

Treasurer's report Sarah had only just got back from holiday but reported that the rent from the surgery was now being paid monthly and the Hall accounts were looking reasonably healthy.

Electrical Report Chairman Jan then updated us regarding the electrical problems that had been highlighted in the recent Electrical Installation Condition report, linked to the Hall's insurance. This

has meant a lot of work and hassle for Jan, but most of these have now been dealt with. One problem that needed further investigation was due to be sorted out later that week. However, the need to interrupt the electricity supply for these to be fixed meant that the supply to the surgery was also interrupted and although the electricians went out of their way to reduce the problem by starting work at 5.30am, it did highlight the need for the surgery to have a separate supply.

Jan also reported that the main hall had been repainted but she felt that we should hold off on any further work until we know how much the electrical work is going to cost.

Severndipity Ken Boulton reported that the bar takings are picking up and that the bar used by parents on a Friday evening during Junior Cricket has been a real boost. There are also several bookings for parties in the near future. However, problems again arose with under-age drinking and difficult behaviour at an 18th birthday party and the bar had to be closed at 10pm. It was therefore suggested that we should turn down future bookings for parties for under 25s unless the hosts are willing to pay for private security staff. It's a knotty problem and one that I'm sure will come up for discussion again in the future.

Fundraising The next fundraising event is the Craft Fair on 9th July and schedules will soon be out for the Flower and Produce Show on 3rd September. There were 37 diners at the June Nosh and Natter and I can certainly vouch for the excellent quality of the lasagne, garlic bread and Eton Mess – it was much enjoyed.

On Sat 9th September there will be the first of some new Tribute Nights, this one being a Rod Stewart Tribute Night.

Doctors Surgery Gen Riley reported that, at last, she and Mike Edginton had been able to meet face to face with repre-

sentatives from NHS Property Services and NHS Gloucestershire Primary Care Contracting. She felt that it was a productive meeting and, as well as setting the record straight regarding past problems with the lease, they were able to negotiate the core items regarding the new lease. Gen circulated her notes from the meeting and the Committee were in agreement with the terms of the lease that had been discussed, although there were a few sums and checks that needed to be done before the Heads of Terms can be approved. However, the building will need a separate electricity supply but as the presence of a doctor's surgery in the parish is a benefit to many people in both Westbury and Newnham, it was agreed that we should see if funds can be sourced to help with the costs involved. Additional good news is that NHS Gloucestershire have expressed their desire to maintain services at Westbury for the longer term.

Any Other Business Max Skipsey reported that the Rugby Sevens tournament which was scheduled for July 22nd has been cancelled and Mike Edginton is going to tackle the problem of the pot holes in the Hall car park. Clive Tempest has obtained a quote for roof repairs but it was agreed that the electrical works need to be finished and paid for first.

So, although the bar was not open, we went home feeling rather more positive about the Hall and the doctor's surgery than when we arrived. *Di Landon*



A Message from Jan

A quick reminder that the Flower and Produce Show will be held on Sunday September 3rd and schedules can be found in the Parish Magazine, the next edition of the WoSP, on line on our website, or at various locations in the Parish.

Our Nosh'n'Natters are getting pretty popular which is brilliant news. Just let us know if you are coming so that we make sure we have enough food for everyone, and enough room....

Are you interested in helping to keep the Hall running for the future of the Parish? We need to have some new ideas and input into the Hall and new committee members would help to stimulate us, I am sure.

Not all of you like committee work and so, if you would like to help out with fund raising, we are on the lookout for volunteers here too, and I can assure you that we do have fun as well as raising funds to maintain and improve the facilities.

If interested, please contact us on info@wosph.co.uk [or ring 01452 229570](tel:01452229570)

Thanks
Jan

Westbury Parish Hall
Sunday 2nd July at 7pm



Get a team together and come and give your brain a workout. Lots of questions designed for those who are stronger on general knowledge and 20th century events than on what happened last year!



Sandwiches and Bar
£1 per person
Charity member 50p each



Nosh and Natter

at

Westbury Parish Hall

Thursday 13th July 2023

**Food served between
12.30pm and 1.30pm**

Tomato and basil soup

**Home made Scotch eggs with
assorted salads**

Fresh fruit salad

£8.00 two courses £10.00 three
courses

*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

Cafe on the Green

The Cafe on the Green in June raised £154.50 for Gloucester and District Samaritans. Many thanks to all the helpers, bakers and, of course, you - the chatters and munchers.
Kay Manning

Saturday 1st July—Summer Special

Come along to Northwood Green Social Hall to jump start your long lazy days of summer. We will be supporting Artspace this month so forget about the weekend chores for an hour or so and join us for a cuppa, cake and chat from 10—12.



Northwood Green Gardening Club

Our meetings have now finished for the summer, as we are all busy in our gardens. We had a very enjoyable day out at the beginning of June, exploring Westonbirt Arboretum and then visiting the Hookshouse gardens and pottery. Meetings will resume in September but, in the meantime, we have some further garden visits planned.

On the evening of Tues 18th July, the Head Gardener at Highnam Court is giving us a private guided tour - a rare opportunity to see the garden without the crowds, at a perfect time of year. £11 including refreshments.

There are just a handful of places remaining for our coach trip to the RHS garden at Wisley on Sat 16th Sept. The cost for non-members of the Northwood Green Gardening Club is £37, to include the coach fare, entrance fee and a cream tea.

Please contact Karen Johnson on 07879 386573 or email karenfayjohnson@gmail.com for more information.

Vale of Castiard W.I.

On Wednesday July 19th we will be having our annual garden party in a member's garden at Pope's Hill, with a fish and chip supper. We don't have a meeting during August, as so many people are away on holiday. Normal meetings will start again on Wednesday September 20th, when we will have a talk and demonstration by 'Mrs Fishy' on preparing fish, and sharing our favourite fish recipes.

Please contact Gill Western, President, on 07879 532060 or Karen Johnson, Secretary, on 07879 386573 for more information.

Church News

Westbury Church Family Service Sunday 16th July at 10am.

How about a picnic? July is a good time for a picnic so we are going to celebrate the extraordinary picnic that Jesus enjoyed with his followers. But will there be enough food? That's always the important question on these occasions.

I really hope you will be able to join us.

Best wishes Sarah 01594 517157

It is with great pleasure that the members of Westbury PCC announce that the Reverend David Gill is to become the new Parish Priest. Reverend David is already Rector of Mitcheldean with Abenhall and will be assuming responsibility for the Westbury Benefice which includes Blaisdon and Flaxley from early September. In time it is expected that all these parishes will become one benefice. It will be some two and three quarter years since the Reverend Steve Taylor retired and the PCC welcome Reverend David to our community. Simon Phelps

Parish Council

At our June meeting, we were able to move swiftly on to public comments after the usual formalities. A request for some Parish Council funding towards the costs of a defibrillator for the Elton area was requested and will be considered and Gen Riley came to update us on the situation regarding the Doctors' surgery. Progress has now been made regarding the terms of the lease and NHS Gloucestershire seem keen to maintain services in Westbury for the longer term. However, the Parish Hall will have incurred considerable expense and requested some assistance from the Parish Council towards this cost. This too will be considered, although Parish Council funds are rather low at present due to the considerable costs of the burial ground extension and the drainage of the school playing field.

Planning

Some concerns were raised regarding an application for change of use and conversion of a garage to a holiday let/annexe at Thistlemoor in Church Lane as it was felt that the site was too small and there was no increase in parking space. There were no objections to an application for change of use from holiday let to residential dwelling at the Lower White House in New Road or the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of a specialist agricultural vehicle at the Paddocks in Goose Lane. We agreed that lawful commencement of work at Severndale in Strand Lane took place before planning permission expired and there were no objections to the erection of a two storey rear extension with associated works and demolition of the conservatory at Elton Nurseries. Fiona then let us know that an earlier application for work at The Cottage, Jordan Hill has been granted.

Finance

The bill for £39,000 for fencing for the

burial ground and school playing field has to be paid by the end of July but the Public Works Loan Board loan has taken rather longer than expected to come through so funds are rather tight at present.

Highways

Our Chairman Simon Phelps had a very useful meeting with Andrew Middlecote from Highways, together with our County Councillor Philip Robinson and Adrian Brown, the Highways manager for our area, and they were able to go through all the issues with the parish's roads. On the 'to do' list are the clearance of the footways and pavements through the village, discussion with the Internal Drainage Board regarding flooding in Goose Lane, and with Severn Trent about problems in Ampney Lane and the investigation of possible pipe blockages and flooding at Adsett and near the Parish Hall. Some good news is that Hunt Hill is on the list for re-dressing in the next financial year but there will be some patching of pot holes in the meantime. There will also be further investigation regarding flooding at Blue Boys and Acres Corner. New signs will be put up at Jordan Hill railway bridge and Highways have offered to clear the growth on the bridge while the line is closed, but Network Rail have said "No". The Parish Council has been pressing for a 40mph buffer zone either side of the 30mph limit through the village in order to make Jordan Hill, Wintles Hill and the Six Bells crossroads safer and have some support from the Police Road Safety Officer and strong support from Forest of Dean Road Safety Group. However Highways raise problems with the high cost of implementing additional speed limits in order to comply with legislation.

Highways have started to clear the tall vegetation from the junctions and will be starting to cut all the verges very soon.

Simon had already been in touch with Severn Trent about the noisy manhole covers in the village and had that day asked them to make it a top priority, as the noise must be really irritating to those living nearby.

Burial Ground Extension

The fencing work has now been completed as per the plans but no agreement has yet been reached with the County Council regarding the rent.

Climate Change

I reported on the recent Forest Climate Network meeting at which a website called The Great Collaboration, which has been set up by a partnership based in Herefordshire, was highly recommended. The aim of the site is “to provide timely, relevant, accurate data to inform local environmental policy” and it was suggested that a link be placed on each Parish Council website.

Around the Parish

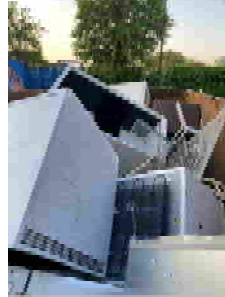
Mike Townsend has done the repair work on the wetpour at the play area and a working party is to be arranged so that it can be given a good sweep. The seats and picnic table need a bit of TLC and enquiries will be made as to whether this can be done under the Fair Shares or Community Payback schemes. Severn Trent have again been asked to repair the manhole cover in the play area.

A couple of footpaths will have to be closed while work is being done on the nearby railway line and quotes are being obtained for work on some of the parish's bus shelters.

The next meeting is on Monday 17th July at 7pm.

Di Landon

I think we were all sad to see Westbury Court Care Home close and it has now been cleared out ready to be put on the market. All the furniture has been taken away, having mainly been smashed flat in



One of the loaded skips at Westbury Court

order to best use the capacity of the skips. One of the contractors present said that some of the items were almost new and commented that, with so many furniture recycling projects around, and in these days

days of austerity, he would have thought that the furniture could have been recycled. If Gloucestershire County Council is as short of funds as we're told, many Council Tax payers might think that they should make better use of their assets.

Closed Churchyard

We had a beautiful, sunny morning and plenty of helpers for our June working party in the closed churchyard. One crew worked on clearing a space all



along the church wall on the south side, while another crew turned all the com-

post in the bins and removed the nettles that prevented people from getting anywhere near the listed 'tea caddy' tombs. It was warm work and we really earned our much appreciated cuppa and cake!

Our next session will be on the usual second Saturday of the month, Sat 8th July, but the August working party will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month (19th) as there is a wedding at the Church on 12th. All volunteers are very welcome.

Road Closures

Elton Lane will be closed from 11th - 13th July from Emmings Farm to The Tump House for a distance of approximately 10 metres for Severn Trent pipe works.

Upper Rodley Road will be closed on 14th July between 08:00 and 17:00 from Hill Side Farm to Rodley Court for approximately 512 metres for Gigaclear works.

The A40 in Huntley village will be closed for full overnight closures for road resurfacing works from Monday 17 July to Thursday 27 July 2023.

Footpath Closures

The footpath between Broken Cross and Ley will be closed from 10th – 14th July and footpath EWS 18 between Ley Court Wood and Green Farm will be closed from 10th July 2023 to 28th July. These closures are to safeguard the public while works to upgrade the level crossing are undertaken.

Westbury Church Roadside Stall

We were most fortunate to have fine weather for the whole of the day on the 28th May, which helped considerably towards making this event such a financial success for Westbury PCC. We are extremely grateful for all the donations of a very large selection of plants, cakes, produce, books and jigsaw puzzles. The first two hours were extremely busy, the cake stall proving to be particularly popular. Later in the day teas were served in the church with both locals and visitors to the Gardens dropping in. The PCC would like to express its gratitude to all those who helped in setting up and manning the stalls, all those who provided items for sale and all of you who came along and purchased goods.

Simon Phelps.

Save the Date



Weather Report for May

The warmest day was the 18th when the temperature reached 21c and the warmest nights were between 4th and 6th when it was 10C. The coldest night was 15th/16th when the temperature fell to 2C and the days of 6th and 8th did not get warmer than 14C. The wettest day was 9th when there was 14.5mm of rain and some thunder. There were 10 days with rain during the month with a total rainfall of 48.5mm. The average maximum temperature was 17.95c and the average minimum temperature was 6.16c with the predominant wind direction being northerly. Thanks to Simon Phelps for these figures.

Weather Folklore for July

*If the first of July it be rainy weather
'Twill rain more or less for four weeks
together
. . . and St Swithin's Day is on 15th July .*

Walmore Hill School News

All is well at Walmore Hill as we continue to enjoy the summer sunshine. Our volunteer day at the beginning of the month to tidy and organise our outdoor space was a great success. An enthusiastic group of neighbours, parents, grandparents and children came along to help and worked really hard to transform our outdoor environment. There were lots of brambles and nettles to clear as well as lots of weeds! The shed has been transformed into a playhouse and the ground has been prepared for a new pond in the corner of the garden. We were able to eat some lunch together and there were plenty of drinks provided to cool us down on the hottest day of the year! There was a great sense of community as everyone enjoyed working together. Parents and local people donated plants and money.

We also have a wildflower area and lots of flowering plants in containers. The warm sunshine is encouraging the plants to grow and the children in our Nursery love watering the plants when we are playing outside. Hopefully having more flowering plants will encourage a greater variety of insects to visit our school grounds.

We have been looking after caterpillars in

our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes over the last couple of weeks. Most of the Painted Lady butterflies have hatched out of their cocoons now. The children have been so interested in watching the changes that have taken place since the tiny caterpillars arrived in the post.

We have lots of events to look forward to in the coming weeks....Sports Day, Art week and poetry recitals. Some of our older children are learning to play the

ukulele, so hopefully they will be able to play some tunes in front of an audience before the end of term.

Our after-school clubs are continuing to flourish with art, gardening and science clubs being well attended this term. A visiting teacher comes in to school every Monday after-

noon to teach cricket skills to all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Our pre-school group, 'Little Fledglings' is continuing to grow and the children are settling happily in to the life of the school. They particularly enjoy playing outdoors in the sand and water trays, as well as riding on the bikes and scooters. They have so much energy! I'm sure they are going to enjoy taking part in our Sports Day. As the term continues we hope the children will enjoy all of the summer activities we have to offer in our lovely environment.

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- WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK AS PART OF A SMALL, DEDICATED EARLY YEARS TEAM
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Warm and Well



Although next winter may seem far away, it will be with us before we know it. The Forest of Dean District Council's Warm and Well scheme provides help and support to bring more people out of fuel poverty, make homes healthier for those living in the district's hardest to heat properties, and cut carbon emissions by taking action to reduce energy consumption. The service also administers grant funding for those who need it.

Councillor Chris McFarling, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency at Forest of Dean District Council, said: "With a range of funding options available we would encourage homeowners, tenants and landlords to speak to one of Warm and Well's expert advisers and see what measures they could be eligible for and start getting homes ready now."

Last year the service also unlocked £319,000 worth of grant funding to make homes warmer and more energy efficient, contributing towards 49 energy-saving improvements - including the fitting of new boilers, heaters, insulation and renewable energy measures - being made. In most cases the home energy improvements are fully funded.

Residents can contact the Warm and Well advice line on 0800 500 3076 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) or visit www.warmandwell.co.uk for more information.

Memory Café - Tuesday 18th July 2023

The Harvey Centre, Main Road,
Minsterworth, Gloucester, GL2 8JH

The Memory Café aims to provide a fun, friendly, safe and supportive space for people living with dementia or memory loss, their partners, families and carers. Supported by Artspace, Cinderford as part of the Mindscape Project, people can expect to enjoy a variety of craft and activities.

11.00 am Enjoy a cuppa and a cake

11.30 am activities provided by Mindscape tutors

12.30pm – 1.15 Soup and rolls served.

There is no charge for attending this event so why not pop along and join us?

For further information:

Call:07926 986 247

On-site parking, disabled access and facilities. Stagecoach Bus No 22/23 also stops and departs every ½ hour from outside the centre.

Sing to Remember

The 'Sing 2 Remember' community group is run by Gloucestershire-based charity Mindsong, and takes place every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 2pm at Lydney Community Centre. (10th and 24th July)



The free-to-attend sessions give a range of people, not just those living with dementia, a chance to come together and experience feelings of community and friendship through singing.



Car Wash

The Rugby Club had a successful morning raising much needed funds. Thank you to our valued sponsor the Lyon Inn for the fabulous lunch rolls.



A Message from Leicester Teachers

It is indeed a privilege to be permitted to present an article for the 'Pre LTCC Tour Edition' of the WoSP and I'm very aware that the good people of Westbury-on-Severn don't believe anything unless they read it in the WoSP so let it be known

Meteorologists are predicting that week commencing 16th July is likely to be one of the hottest weeks of the year as LTCC will be in Gloucestershire from Friday 14th until Friday 21st July. This will see the week cumulate in the fixture we all look forward to so much with our friends in Westbury at the Parish Playing Field from 2.00pm or thereabouts on Thursday 20th July. (Also I'd like to mention that we love lunching at the Lyon Inn beforehand, where we invariably bump into a few familiar faces).

This year's tour theme, for a change, is being held as a closely guarded secret but rest assured it will be tenuously related to some remote item of news or sporting activity allowing Stew to recycle one previously used on a previous tour (all held securely in 3 shipping containers in an undisclosed but well guarded facility). Also everyone should remember the Bar will be open as per published opening hours and there will be a BBQ after the game to ensure everyone is suitably fed as well as watered. (Advert over) Love to all from Leicestershire xx *Steve Gill*

Yesterday, I was washing the car with my son. He said: "Dad, couldn't you just use a sponge?"

My niece was thrilled to hear that a new car wash was opening up near her house. "How convenient," she said. "I can walk to it."

(*Cont from p1*) hands and Will Nice taking a lovely catch from his Dad, Ian Nice's bowling. What a wonderful way to remember and celebrate Ben. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the day with a special mention to Stu and Jo Barry for cooking a very appreciated BBQ afterwards.



The Under 15s team

We have some exciting events coming up in August to celebrate the club's 70th Anniversary. More about this next time but a date for your diary is Sunday 27th August when the club will be holding a 70th Anniversary celebration with cricket and BBQ fun so please do try to come along and support us.



The Under 13s team

The Junior coaches are looking forward to the final few weeks of the season with our last practice session taking place on the 15th July where there will be the usual water balloon madness! After that they will be lying down in a darkened room for a few days to recover!

WOS Cricket Club

Cricket Fixtures for July

1ST XI		
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY DIVISION 1		
1/7/2023	POULTON	AWAY
8/7/2023	LANGFORD	AWAY
15/7/2023	LYDNEY	HOME
22/7/2023	ASTON INGHAM	AWAY
29/7/2023	HAWKESBURY UPTON	HOME

2ND XI		
CGFL		
PREMIER DIVISION		
1/7/2023	ARCADIANS NINE ELMS 2S	HOME
8/7/2023	WITCOMBE	HOME
15/7/2023	FOREST EXILES	AWAY
22/7/2023	RUARDEAN HILL	HOME
29/7/2023	ANDOVERSFORD	AWAY

3RD XI		
CGFL		
DIVISION 2 WEST		
1/7/2023	LYDNEY 3S	AWAY
8/7/2023	WOODPECKERS 2S	AWAY
15/7/2023	ST BRIAVELS 2S	HOME
22/7/2023	ASTON INGHAM 3S	AWAY
29/7/2023	HIGHNAM COURT 2S	HOME

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