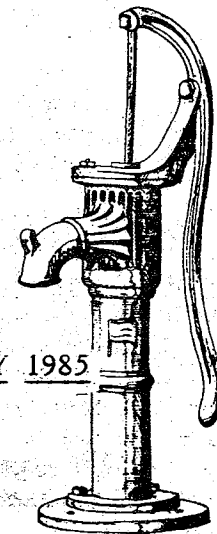


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1985



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th January	7.30 p.m.	Beetle/Bingo
26th January	2.30 p.m.	Jumble Sale
15th February	7.30 p.m.	Give Us A Clue
17th February	11.30 a.m.	Pancake Race
16th March	7.30 p.m.	Ceilidh

EDITORIAL

Here we are, celebrating our first birthday and what a lovely year we have had. We would like to thank everyone for their support during 1984 at all the village events. We would especially like to thank two people who, although they do not live in the village, are always willing to lend a hand, even with unglamorous jobs - Sheilagh Williams and Derek Poole; and special thanks to Ann Redway for all the foot-slogging she has done over the year selling tickets.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Once again we were lucky with the weather on Bonfire Night and even more lucky with the turn-out. Attendance exceeded everyone's expectations and we ran out of virtually everything. How do seventy people manage to get through 150 paper cups? This year we shall just have to double up on everything and keep our fingers crossed! The bonfire was huge again, thanks to many contributors especially Cliff Biddle Jnr, the lovely firework display was provided by Cliff (Snr) and

Keith and the food table was supervised by Joan and Sue. Thanks also to Greg for lending his lights - it was nice to be able to see what we were eating and drinking for a change!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting The first AGM of the Social Committee was held on 19th October 1984. During the year nine new events/projects had been started with only one failure(and the committee was delighted with the support that had been given throughout the year.

As there were no new nominations to stand for election to the Committee, the present members were willing to remain for a further year and the Committee is now made up as follows:-

Chairman	-	Mr. Cliff Biddle
Secretary	-	Mr. Stuart Redway
Treasurer	-	Mrs Gail Williams
Members		Mr. Roy Streames
		Mrs Connie Williams

Halloween Party A very enjoyable evening was had in the Village Hall by 19 adults and 36 children, many came in fancy dress which added to the occasion. Lots of games and fun were enjoyed by all, with an interval for snacks and a 'Witch's Brew' for quenching the thirsty.

Many thanks to all who helped to make it a success, and especially to Geoff Williams for being such an excellent games organiser.

Peter Pan On January 5th fifty-two of us clambered into a coach and travelled to the Theatre Royal to see Peter Pan. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the production, all the children were given a bag of sweets and many remarked that it was especially nice not to have to trudge to car parks for their cars afterwards.

PANCAKE RACE SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY - 11.30 a.m.

Come along to The Close in time for the first race - complete with frying pan and pancake - there will be a mixture of races for Mums, Dads and the Children. Hope to see you all there.

CEILIDH SATURDAY 16th MARCH - 7.30 p.m.

Tickets will be available from the beginning of March.

Councillors have also been alarmed at the proposal to exclude from the Green Belt a large area of land to the south of the village of North Weston. It is felt that developemnt of this land would represent an unacceptable intrusion into the Gordano Valley.

In this connection, there is to be an Open Meeting organised by the Avon Wildlife Trust at the Folk Hall, Portishead, on January 16th at 7.30 p.m. Parishioners may attend in person, or write expressing their views to Jon Gething, Jasmine Cottage, West Hill, Portishead. Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting should let Mr. Gething know in advance.

The village street lighting replacement programme has now been completed, and the responsibility for the lights has passed to Avon County Council. This will mean a substantial improvement in the financial position of the Parish in future years.

Please note that the January Council meeting has been moved from the 8th to the 15th. The following meeting will be held on February 19th. Villagers are invited to attend all Council meetings and time is set aside at the beginning of the proceedings for questions from the public.

Councillors' telephone numbers are as follows:

Present Clerk (until 31st Jan)	Mrs. M. Dann	843911
New Clerk (from 1st Feb)	Mrs. M. Hunt	847145
Councillors:	Mrs. W. Nethercot (Chairman)	845037
	Mr. C. Biddle	849766
	Mr. D. Lewis	849214
	Mr. D. Quas	843310
	Mr. W. Williams	849814

VILLAGE HALL

The last quarter of 1984 saw the installation of the new overhead heating system in the Village Hall and we are extremely grateful to both the Parish Council and Woodspring District Council for the grants made towards the cost of installation. Those that came to the Wine and Cheese evening

Following the success of last year's Barn Dance and because of the legal allowable numbers in the Village Hall, it is suggested that, since this is essentially an adult function, only those children who are really interested in the dancing accompany their parents. There will be some adult-only dances. As usual, there will be a bar and food.

CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

On Sunday 9th December a Children's carol service was held, conducted by Father James. This was a great success, well attended and much enjoyed by all.

On December 23rd the Carol Service in conjunction with the Saint Conygar Singers, was much appreciated by the large congregation.

Services are held every Sunday as follows:-

- 1st Sunday in the Month Evensong, Sermon and Hymns
- 2nd Sunday in the Month Family Service
- 3rd Sunday in the Month Holy Communion, Sermon & Hymns
- 4th Sunday in the Month Choral Evensong and Sermon
- 5th Sunday in the Month Evensong, Sermon and Hymns

A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Our Christmas Fayre held on November 17th was a happy occasion, resulting in the sum of £260.21 being sent via Oxfam for the relief of Famine in Ethiopia. To everyone who assisted, contributed and supported this effort, in any way, our very grateful thanks.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Council have accepted with much regret the resignation of the Clerk, Mrs. A. Dann, as from January 31st. Mrs. Dann has served in this office for the past three years. Following advertisement of the post, the new Clerk is to be Mrs. Margaret Hunt of Waylands, Cadbury Halt, Weston-in-Gordano. Among many other matters dealt with recently, the Council have been greatly concerned over the Secretary of State's modifications to the Avon County Structure Plan. It is feared that these alterations will effectively reduce the influence of local councils over planning matters within their own areas. The modified plan also provides for a radical increase in housing development in the Woodspring area.

were our trial guinea-pigs for the heating and it was proven to be very effective. An enjoyable evening was had at the event and the table of food once again looked deliciously tempting and our thanks go to Mary Streames and all her helpers for the hard work put in. A licence was held for the bar and due to the reasonable cost of drinks, our barmen, Cliff and Keith were kept busy all the evening - many thanks to them.

Our forthcoming events include a much requested Beetle/Bingo evening on Friday 11th January at 7.30 p.m., a Jumble Sale on Saturday 26th January at 2.30 p.m. and Give Us A Clue on Friday 15th February at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be available for the latter event from 1st February. This promises to be a particularly amusing evening for the children! Would anyone like to field a team - we have two so far - what about you teenagers?

AMENITY GROUP

Following our last group meeting, the issues which were raised and actions which followed have been superseded in some cases by the change of events. However, following the Christmas and New Year break, we intend to review our objectives, agree a new form of constitution and continue in 1985 to pursue issues you raise affecting the amenities of our Village.