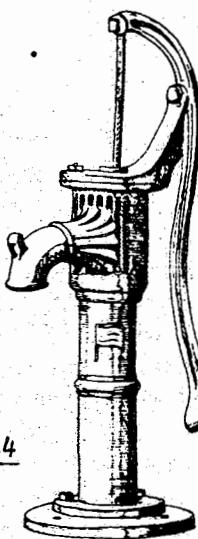


# PARISH PUMP

WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1984

SPECIAL BUMPER EDITION!



## EDITORIAL

Many thanks for the terrific response to the 'pilot' newsletter. We now have five regular contributors, each representing one of the village organisations, so here is the first 'official' quarterly Letter. Space permitting, we shall be able to run regular or occasional articles on gardening, travel or similar; Letters, Announcements, Lost & Found, For Sale & Wanted. Contact Stuart Redway if you would like to contribute an article or place an ad.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 28th	2.15 p.m.	Jumble Sale
February 11th	7.45 p.m.	Barn Dance
February 18th	7.30 p.m.	Beetle Drive & Bingo
March 4th	11.30 a.m.	Pancake Race

## VILLAGE HALL

The end of the year has seen some lively activity in the Village Hall.

The jumble sale on 24th September raised sufficient funds to provide the necessary working materials and the interior of the hall has now been freshened up with a new coat of paint.

Grateful thanks are due to those who gave up their time to wield a brush and due to their hard work the task was completed in one day despite the jovial banter that was prevalent. The Hall Committee would like to undertake the harder task, this summer, of painting the outside and to provide the materials for this another jumble sale is to be held on Saturday 28th January at 2.15 p.m. Collection of jumble can be arranged by contacting Roy Streames or Stuart Redway, and we hope to see you on the day.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was held on 8th October, when the committee arranged its first Beetle Drive & Bingo evening. Great fun was had and it was a delight to see the children given the chance to join in the fun along with the young in heart. The evening was such a success we have decided to try again on Saturday 18th February at 7.30 p.m. The total admission of 50p per person includes all your cards, a raffle and refreshments and many prizes are to be won. Everyone, including accompanied children, will be welcome, so please join us for an evening with a difference.

What can we say about the Wine & Cheese Party on 3rd December? Again this was a terrific success. We would like to thank everyone who came for making the evening so pleasurable. This seems to be becoming an annual event and it is wonderful to see so many villagers, new and old, meeting and mixing together in such a happy and festive atmosphere.

The fortnightly whist drives on Tuesday evenings are still as popular as ever and, as these provide the regular income necessary to maintain the hall, we hope they will continue for a long time to come.

A Very Happy New Year is wished to everyone and we look forward to your continued support.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This year's Christmas Concert, held on December 10th, in aid of the Village Party and the Village Hall was a big success and after expenses £47.89 was raised. £10 was contributed to the Village Hall Fund and £37.89 put aside for the Village Party Fund. Grateful thanks to all who participated on stage, a special mention here to Gail Williams who took over the compere's job at the last moment. Thanks also to Mrs Nethercot and Mrs Ward for supervising the teas, and we must not forget the work done by the backroom boys.

Keep the 11th February free for a BARN DANCE to be held in the Village Hall, dancing to Rumpus Band, caller Martin Hewett. Tickets limited at £2.75 per person to include food. Bar will be available.

New for this year! A Pancake Race will take place on Sunday 4th March. Meet on Village Green at 11.30 a.m. with your own pan and pancake. Prizes!! Please come and make it an event.

#### CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL.

Services are held every Sunday at 6.30 p.m. as follows:

First Sunday in Month	Evensong, Sermon, Hymns
Second Sunday in Month	Family Service
Third Sunday in Month	Holy Communion, Sermon, Hymns
Fourth Sunday in Month	Choral Evensong & Sermon
Fifth Sunday in Month	Evensong, Sermon, Hymns

A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

The Harvest Thanksgiving was held on 9th October and was well attended. A number of children were present and their offerings were received by Father Marriott. All contributions were taken to the Salvation Army Old Peoples Home at Clevedon.

On 13th November the first Family Service was held and this was also well attended. This is now being held on the second Sunday of each month and all children are very welcome.

The St. Conygar Singers treated us to a musical feast at the Carol Service on 1st January and there was also a joyful rendering of 'Away in a Manger' by the children.

#### NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

Nightingale Valley W.I. meet at the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.45 p.m. This can be regarded very much as a village activity since 90% of the membership lives in Weston-in-Gordano.

At most meetings there is a guest speaker. A wide range of subjects are covered, recent examples being talks on Oberammergau, Keep Fit, the Social Services, Vitamins and Buttons. At the January meeting Mr. J. Williams promises to give an entertaining talk on Ice Cream and future subjects

will include 'A Trip to Egypt' (February) and Libraries (March).

At the December meeting, immediately before Christmas, members were entertained with a 'no-expense-spared' production of Snow White and the Four (or arguably five) Dwarfs.

New members are welcome at any time. Although the Institute is quite small in size, the atmosphere is warm and friendly.

#### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Since the elections in May, the Parish Council have dealt with a wide range of issues, and certainly far more than could be included in this short account. Three items stand out as being of major importance.

#### Road Improvement Scheme

Following representations made at the Annual Parish Assembly on 28th March, the Council have pressed Avon County Council to agree to the restricted scheme which villagers appeared to want. This principally comprised the provision of a footpath on the north side of the B3124, otherwise leaving the road much as it is.

Great difficulty was experienced at first in even obtaining a reply from Avon to letters sent, but with the help of our M.P., Paul Dean, progress has been made. The County Council have now agreed to include the scheme in the programme of minor improvements for 1986/87.

#### Street Lighting.

The first phase of the conversion scheme has now been completed, with three sodium lamps replacing the old tungsten units in the narrowest part of the village street. Although the conversion costs have to be borne out of Parish rates, the County Council assume responsibility for all running costs of the new lamps as the conversions are carried out. This will mean a very considerable improvement in Parish finances as the scheme progresses. In addition the new lamps are much brighter.

#### New Refuse Tipping Licence Application

Strong objections were raised by villagers following the news of the application for a tipping licence on plot no. 199, which adjoins Mr. Fowler's existing tip on plot 186. The Council has

taken the matter up with Avon County Council, and we are opposing the issue of a new licence. There has been a long history of complaints of smells, vermin, flies and other hazards originating from the present tip, and in addition it is considered that Cadbury Lane is quite unsuitable as an access for heavy lorries.

Correspondence with the County Council was followed by a site meeting in early January at which the whole subject of tipping in the valley was discussed. This discussion included the existing tip on plot 186 and other earlier sites which are no longer used.

The question of the licence application will be considered by the Public Protection Committee of Avon C.C. at its meeting in March. Parishioners who wish to do so may make written representations direct to the chief executive at Avon House North, or to our local County Councillor, Robert Edwards, Nailsea 853175

#### Parish Council Meetings

Forthcoming Parish Council meetings will be held on January 17th, February 14th and March 13th. Parishioners are very welcome at all these meetings and a period is customarily set aside at 7.30 p.m. when questions may be asked.

Alternatively, problems may be raised with individual Councillors, who are as follows:

Mrs. W. Nethercot (Chairman)  
Bay Tree Cottage, Hill Lane 845037

Mr. C. Biddle  
1 Westfield 849766

Mr. D. Lewis  
Old Pound House 849214

Mr. D. Quas  
Woodcroft 843310

Mr. W. Williams  
2 Cadbury Halt 849814

## OTHER EVENTS

The Pumpkin Competition held in the White Hart on September 29th was well attended and attracted 28 exhibits.

The winner was Laurie Nethercot with a pumpkin weighing 49 lbs 8oz. He was presented with First Prize and a trophy by Carole Hodgkinson, the landlady.

Second prize (41lbs 8oz) was won by Suzie Winkworth and third prize by Barrie Walters. Winner of the 'Prettiest Pumpkin' was David Lewis and Reg Winkworth won the 'Guess the Weight'.

The heaviest pumpkin was 'pound auctioned' by John Pearson and won by Jim Dawson. The proceeds of £20 were donated to the National Lifeboat Institution and three other pumpkins were sent to the Harvest Thanksgiving.

The Bonfire Party was held again on 5th November in Jim's Field. Every year more and more people attend and this year we were able to spend £60 on fireworks. Latecomers contributed £11 towards the next party. Refreshments were plentiful and once again we had a huge bonfire.

Cliff Biddle and Keith Williams are willing to collect any burnable waste (e.g. doors) for the next bonfire.

Thanks to Sue Biddle for making the Guy again and to Jim for letting us use his field.

The Carol Singers managed to cover almost all the village this time and £35 was collected for St. Peter's Hospice.

Arthur Vincent is willing to start up a Wine and Beer Making Circle in the village if enough people are interested. Contact Arthur on 844131.

Is anyone missing any plates or dishes from the last two Village Parties or Bonfire Night? A good selection is awaiting the owners at The Old Post Office.