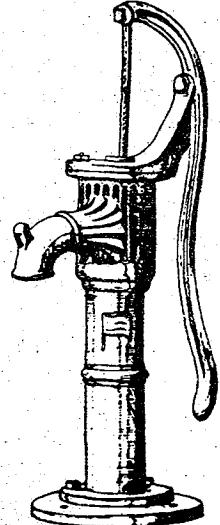


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER APRIL 1984

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 8th 6.30 p.m. Christ Light Mission

April 12th 8.00 p.m. AGM Village Hall Committee

April 24th - Annual Parish Meeting

May 11th 7.30 p.m.. Beetle Drive & Bingo

May 12th - Coach Trip

June 23rd - Village Party

VILLAGE HALL

If you have been to the hall lately you will have noticed several changes brought about by the high standards required in order to obtain essential licences. The basic items, such as white lines on all steps and outside lights have been attended to but larger works are needed such as emergency lighting and a new heating system. Despite the extra work involved, this is an exciting phase in the Hall's life and the current number of bookings fully justifies all the improvements which we hope to complete.

The Jumble Sale on 28th January was a success with £26.56 being made. Grateful thanks to all who participated - customers and helpers alike.

The second Beetle Drive & Bingo on 18th February was another fun evening. A big thank you to Paul Alexander for his entertaining 'calling'.

In order to try to attract a few more people, the next Beetle/Bingo will be held on a Friday evening - 11th May at 7.30 p.m. Please come and join in the fun - you will be pleasantly surprised.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held on Thursday 12th April 1984 in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00 p.m. Any nominations, other than from the present committee, to stand for election to the committee should be given, in writing, to the Secretary, S.C. Redway, 6 The Close, by Tuesday 10th April. Your attendance at the meeting will be very welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Barn Dance on 11th February was a great success. Rumpus Band played to a full house in the beautifully decorated Hall and despite the limitations on space, everyone danced until they were exhausted! The Bar was very popular and we had a super Ploughman's Supper - thanks Jeanette and John.

Sunday March 4th saw a good gathering of families and spectators for the first ever Village Pancake Race. The course was in The Close, up to the top and back again.

The programme started with a Dad's race, followed by several different classes for the children, who had some very fast times. The next to show fleet of foot were the Ladies. The winners in the childrens races were given money, with a lollipop for each child who had taken part. The adults had a small prize for first and second, with the last home having the booby prize of a lemon.

It is hoped that the Old Post Office chickens did not suffer any ill effects from the tossed, dropped and stepped-on pancakes that were sent over for them.

A happy hour was had by all, spectators and participants alike. Can we make this an annual event????

It is hoped a day trip can be arranged on May 12th. Provisional itinerary:- Short visit to London Airport.

Picnic lunch in Windsor Great Park.

Visit to Windsor Castle.

A leisurely drive home (not motorway) with a stop for refreshments en route.

As there are a limited number of seats, anyone interested contact Roy Streames - 848144 - approximate cost £4.00 per seat.

Good news for Wimbledon fans - the Village Party this year will be held on June 23rd; and good news for Mums - no Fancy Dress! If anyone would like to help or has any ideas for new activities, see Gail Williams. Full information will be posted on the notice boards closer to the date.

Would anyone like to take part in a Scrabble Championship? We would like to run one in the Hall if enough people are interested - contact Roy Streames.

NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

Nightingale Valley W.I. have started the year with guest speakers on a wide variety of topics.

March is a particularly busy month as the Institute is acting as host at the W.I. Spring Group Rally to be held at the Folk Hall, Portishead on 28th March. We are providing the refreshments for about 100 and the entertainment (all will be revealed in the next issue).

On April 14th the Institute will hold its Birthday Party - in the Village Hall - to which members of the village are invited. Tickets to include buffet £1.25 from Marilyn Ettery or Anne Redway.

Guest speakers for the meetings on 18th April and 20th June are Marianne Scrivens - Lacemaking and Mrs McEwan-Smith - Storytelling. Anyone who would like to join for the evening would be most welcome!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council were disappointed at the failure of their recent attempts to prevent the spread of refuse tipping in the valley. The Public Protection Committee of Avon County Council granted a new licence for the recommencement of tipping on plot 199, off Weston Drove, in spite of repeated objections.

The apparent problem is that the planning permission which had been granted for the plot as long ago as 1952 was not subject to a time limit. The County Council are under a duty to grant a licence where such a planning permission exists, and have very little power to refuse to do so.

Investigations are still proceeding to establish whether the tip on plot 186 is higher than is permitted under the terms of its planning permission.

The Parish Council has expressed concern to Woodspring District Council over the state of the building and waste land

adjoining the access to the Court Farm development. Woodspring have served Notice under Section 65 of the Town and Country Planning Acts requiring the owner to improve the site, but the matter is now under appeal in the magistrates' court.

Similar representations have been made to Woodspring over the deteriorating state of the Old Barn near the church. Woodspring are taking steps to secure urgent repairs to this Grade II listed building.

Various minor matters have occupied the Council's time, such as the maintenance of footpaths and the provision of road nameplates which will shortly identify Hill Lane and Silver Street.

The Parish will seek a rate precept of £1,500 for the coming year, of which £500 will be allocated towards the street lighting conversion programme. This scheme, although initially costly, will dramatically improve parish finances over the next few years as it progresses.

The annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th April.

Parish Council meetings are scheduled for May 8th, June 5th and July 3rd.

OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Anyone wishing to take part in the Pumpkin Competition this year please contact Cliff Biddle as soon as possible in order that he may sow enough seeds. Garden-ready plants will be supplied sometime in June at 50p each. Those who took part last year are already on the list.

Some people may not know that we have a set of handbells in the village. These have not been rung locally for many years but some people have expressed an interest in forming a team. We are presently trying to obtain a repair estimate and hope to hold a demonstration (visiting team) and talk in the summer. We would also like to know the history of these bells. Further details in next issue.

Keep Fit started off with an enthusiastic burst, 22 members enrolling on the first night. Our weekly meeting lasts for just one hour from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Village Hall each Monday. New members always welcome and it will only cost you 50p to complete the current course (3 sessions).

CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL.

April 1st.

Mothering Sunday.

6.30 p.m. Family Service

(Friday) Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.00 p.m.

Passion Sunday.

No service in the Church on this day.

You are invited to meet the Christ Light Mission Team in the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. They will be showing slides of their various activities.

Come and talk with them over a cup of tea.

Palm Sunday.

No service in the Church on this day.

The Christ Light Festival Service will be held at the Colston Hall, Bristol, at 2.15 p.m.

April 15th

A coach to the Colston Hall, commencing at All Saints' Church, Clevedon, will pick up anyone wishing to go, at 1.20 p.m. at the White Hart Inn, Weston-in-Gordano. (Prospective passengers please contact Mr. Howard on 844566 as soon as possible.)

EASTER DAY

Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

Choral Evensong 6.30 p.m. (with the St. Conygar Singers.)

Low Sunday

No service in the Church on this day.

Walton-in-Gordano Church Patronal Festival of St. Paul will be celebrated by the United Benefice at 4.00 p.m. at Walton-in-Gordano.

Dedication Service 6.30 p.m.

Patronal Festival 7.30 p.m.

June 24th

June 29th

All other services as normal. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Advance Notice!

Our Annual Garden Fete will be held on July 21st, in the garden of Barn End, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Carrad. Please make a note of this important date.