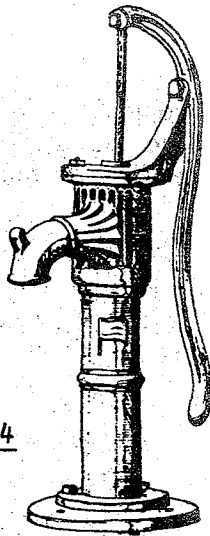


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER JULY 1984

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 9th	8.00 p.m.	Bell Ringing Concert
July 14th	7.30 p.m.	Barbecue
July 21st	2.30 p.m.	Church Fete
August 18th	-	Village Hall painting
August 27th	-	Village Picnic
September 1st	3.00 p.m.	Flower Show
September 10th	7.00 p.m.	Keep-Fit
September 22nd	8.00 p.m.	Barn Dance
September 23rd	6.30 p.m.	Harvest Festival

HANDBELL RINGING

Did you know that this village possesses a set of handbells waiting to be rung again? All that is needed is lots of enthusiasm to assist in raising the necessary money to restore the bells to their original condition so that they can be successfully rung again in the village.

On Monday 9th July at 8.00 p.m. in the village hall we shall be welcoming from Bristol The Price Handbell Ringers. They

will be giving a short concert, and their director, Ryan Price (who is Chairman of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain) will be offering lots of information and advice on the ringing and the restoration of handbells. Our bells will be there for all to see! There will be refreshments and the cost of the evening will be 50p (30p for children). Tickets at the door or in advance from Gail Williams (Old Post Office) or Sue Ashton (Weston Cottage).

CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

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

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

Advance Notice

Our Annual Garden Fete will be held at 2.30 p.m. on July 21st in the garden of Barn End by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Carrad.

We shall be allowed to walk through the garden of Barn Close to have tea in the Village Hall, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. D. Pearce.

Please come and support your Village Church.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on September 23rd at 6.30 p.m.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Members: Cliff Biddle, Stuart Redway, Roy Streames, Connie Williams, Gail Williams.

Well, didn't we have a smashing time at the Village Party! Despite our worries about the weather, the afternoon broke clear and sunny if a little windy.

We started off with the Funny Head Competition and Mrs Nethercot and Mrs Ward had a very difficult time judging all the excellent entries. The winners in the Under Fives Section were: Daniel Roberts - Robot; Abigail Winkworth - Flower Pot; Jacob and Thomas Davies - Punks. Up to Eight: Lucy

Ashton - The Lost Key; Simon Thomas - Hilda Ogden and Ben Roberts - Robot. Over Eights: Peter Ashton - Town Dump; Lee Smith - Devils Island and Helen Vaughan - Ascot.

The Assault Course proved very popular again and was followed by the Treasure Hunt (thanks Gill and Marilyn) for the older ones and a String Competition for the tiddlers.

The winners in the Treasure Hunt were: 1st. - Richard & Ian Simons; 2nd - Nicholas & Christopher Ettery; 3rd - Natalie Warfield. The winners of the String Competition were Abigail Winkworth, Thomas Davies and Lee Wyatt.

The Tea Table was nobly manned by Joan and Denise again and there proved to be plenty for all. The Old P.O. chickens had their first feed since the Pancake Race!

Well and truly refreshed, we embarked on the Games, starting with the Dressing-Up Race. We must remember to supply the grown-ups with larger wellies next year! We followed with a Skilt Race and a Sack Race and, running out of time, ended with a Wheelbarrow Race. Many thanks to Geoff for supplying the qualities most needed in a Games Master!!

Our thanks go to: Portishead Fire Brigade for bringing their Fire Engine along, Ann for running the Raffle, Kate, Judith and Emma for helping throughout the day and last, but not least, to Phil and Carol for letting us use the White Hart Garden again.

We have a busy quarter ahead, starting with the Bell Ringing Concert on 9th July - see page 1.

Barbecue On 14th July Connie and Geoff Williams are holding a Barbecue in their garden (Stoneycroft, Hill Lane) to raise funds for a Music Centre for social activities in the village. This starts at 7.30 p.m. and there will be a bar. Tickets are £2.00 and are obtainable from any member of the Social Committee.

We are hoping to hold a Village Picnic on 27th August (Bank Holiday), with a paper chase, rounders etc. Apart from bringing your own food, this will be free. Further details later.

Keep-Fit classes start again definitely on September 10th 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. We shall be running for two terms only this year. Hopefully we shall have our new Music Centre by then!

Barn Dance Following the huge success of our last Barn Dance, we are planning to hold another on 22nd September. We are still finalising arrangements and notices will be up in good time.

NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.45 p.m.

The June meeting was an extremely entertaining evening thanks to our Guest Speaker, Mrs. McEwan Smith, who told of her early experiences in farming.

The Institute will hold its annual Flower Show on Saturday 1st September in the Village Hall. Schedules are available from Mrs. Denise Instone and we hope that the village will support it as in previous years.

Our July meeting will be a members night, and as there is no meeting in August, our next guest speaker is Mrs. Margaret Martin to talk on spinning. As always, we would be delighted in welcome any new faces.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Tipping in the Gordano Valley. The Parish Council have continued to monitor events on the tipping front. The Chairman of the Public Protection Committee of Avon County Council has confirmed that the height of the currently active tip is excessive, in spite of previous assurances to the contrary, and steps are being taken by the County to rectify this.

Parishioners who are inconvenienced by breaches of the licence conditions governing this tip are requested to notify the Parish Council in writing, giving dates and times. The relevant conditions can be checked with any Councillor.

Road Improvement B3124 The Parish Council are corresponding with Avon County Council over the progress of the road widening scheme, and hope to clarify the confusion which arose from letters from Avon to parishioners.

The relevant authorities are being asked to investigate the camber of the road near the site of a recent accident at the western end of the village. The County Engineer is to be sounded out with a view to "sleeping policemen" being provided at this point, to reduce the speed of traffic.

Amenity Group. The Council have noted the re-activation of the Weston-in-Gordano Amenity Group and are investigating the possibility of a joint Conservation Group in the village, to be represented at the Woodspring Conservation Forum.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The past quarter saw the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee on 12th April. It was disappointing to see the lack of interest but on the other hand, perhaps this only serves to indicate satisfaction at the way the Hall has been run over the previous year. Mr. Keith Williams was elected to the Committee to join Mr. R. Streames, Mrs D. Nethercot, Mr. S. Redway, Mrs G. Ward, Mrs R. Iles, Mrs G. Williams and Mr. C. Bessant.

The Beetle/Bingo evening on 11th May was again successful and it was pleasing to see some new faces. Our resident caller came up against some stiff competition when one of our younger villagers called the last card in a rather amusing manner. Our grateful thanks to them both.

June saw the Hall used twice in one week, from dawn to dusk, for the elections. It is a pleasure to receive such complimentary comments from the polling staff since they see all sorts of halls and, having to sit in them for 15 hours at a stretch, have plenty of time to ponder their situations.

Please mark your calendars for August 18th and 19th - a big event in the life of the Hall as it is to be repainted on the outside, new guttering put up all round and the curtains fireproofed. Please come and join in the painting - we all have a good time.

Don't forget you can book the Hall for your own events by contacting Stuart Redway (847716). Preferential rate for villagers.

AMENITY GROUP

The inaugural meeting of the Weston-in-Gordano Amenity Group was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 28th June.

Prior to the acting Committee addressing the group, we were entertained (and educated by a splendid audio visual presentation by Mr. Keith Giles. The subject: "The Colours of Gordano". What more apt or better a subject on which to focus our minds on the aims of the Group to preserve such beauty.

The presentation was of extremely high quality and our thanks go to Mr. Giles.

Having, as yet, no formal constitution, it is the intention at the next Group meeting to properly elect officers and

committee and to discuss some positive actions which are in the minds of the Group and Committee.
See you then.

NOTICE BOARDS

There is a Notice Board on the wall of the White Hart. This is used by all the village organisations to let us know what is happening and when. The Social Committee also have the use of Notice Boards inside the White Hart and at Mr. Adolpho's shop.

Can I help you with your gardening care? Ring Nigel on 844189.