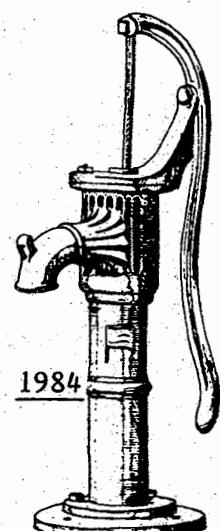


# PARISH PUMP

WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1984



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 13th	10.30 a.m.	10-penny Library
October 19th	7.30 p.m.	Social Committee A.G.M.
October 31st	7.00 p.m.	Halloween Party
November 5th	7.00 p.m.	Bonfire Night
November 17th	2.30 p.m.	Xmas Fayre
November 24th	7.30 p.m.	Wine & Cheese Party
December 8th	7.30 p.m.	Christmas Concert
December 9th	6.30 p.m.	Family Carol Service
January 5th	-	Peter Pan

## VILLAGE PUMP

Well folks, by now most of you will know that we have retrieved a part of the old Village Pump from the well. This was achieved with the help of several other people who do not live in the village, but they volunteered their time and skill to help us. Now our aim is to try and find the other part, which we think may also be down the well. This will mean a little more work and the help of our friends again. If it is found we hope to restore it as a feature, although not in working order. This may take quite a while to do, but we will keep you all informed of the progress we make.

## PUMPKIN CONTEST

The Pumpkin Contest held on 20th September in the White Hart was well attended with 42 pumpkins exhibited from a total of 62 plants sold. David Lewis won the Trophy with a weight of 105lb 4oz, Bill Williams coming second and Barrie Walters third. The Wooden Spoon was won by Denise Instone and the engraved wineglass for the best appearance went to Colin Payne. We would like to thank Mrs. M. McEwan-Smith for presenting the prizes and Carol & Phil for letting us use the White Hart for the judging again.

## BONFIRE

The Bonfire and Firework Party will be held once again on November 5th in Jim's field, starting at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are available from Cliff Biddle, Keith Williams and Bill Adolpho and the cost is £2.50 per family. Drinks will be supplied but a plate of food from each family would be appreciated e.g. sausages, jacket potatoes. Please try to buy your tickets as early as possible as we have to obtain the fireworks well in advance of the event.

SINGERS (or those that like to sing) needed to boost present group to prepare songs for Village Concert and annual Carol Singing around the village. Practice every Sunday at 8.00 p.m. at Weston Cottage, starting 4th November.

Whilst on the subject of the Concert, rehearsals for Hans Christian Anderson start on Friday 12th October. Will all children wishing to take part meet at the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting The first Annual General Meeting of the Weston-in-Gordano Social Committee will be held on Friday 19th October 1984, in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 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 Wednesday 17th October 1984.

Your attendance at the meeting will be welcome.

10-Penny Library We would like to raise some funds to supply our resident 'artist' with materials for the increasing

number of posters we are putting up. To this end we shall be starting a 10-penny Library on Saturday 13th October. This will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every Saturday morning and it will cost you 10p to borrow a book. Bring a book back and you will receive 5p credit towards your next one! Tea and coffee will be available.

If anyone has any spare books to help start us off, we would be very happy to take them.

## Halloween Party

### BEWARE!!

On Wednesday October 31st.

When things go bump in the night

As witches race across the sky

The owls hoot and blink,

There is only one place to be

And that is in the Village Hall -

To join in the fun for the children's Halloween Party

7p.m. - 10 p.m.

Tickets 50p to include a Witches Supper

So Watch Out for more details.

Concert This will take place on December 8th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available from November 14th. This year the children will be putting on a musical production of 'Hans Christian Anderson' and our adult singers will be treating us to some seasonal music.

Peter Pan The Theatre Royal are putting on a production of that old favourite Peter Pan over the Christmas season. We are getting together a coach party to see it at the matinee performance on Saturday 5th January. Cost will be £4.25 to include 50p contribution towards the coach (the Old Vic do not give concessions for children). The balance of the cost of the coach will be paid from Social Committee funds. So that we may all sit together in the theatre, we must have payment by 1st November. Any Social Committee member will take your booking and a receipt will be given.

Barbecue A Barbecue was held at Stoneycroft on the 14th July to raise funds for a music centre for the Village Hall. Sixty seven of us were there and three barbecues were kept going by three valiant stokers. We sat out at tables on the lawn in a floodlit garden and were very happy to do so until

"the rains came". On invitation we all gave a fairly good impression of a Dunkirk scramble and ended up in the lounge, cheek by jowl without a noticeable break in conversation or drinking (the Bar was accessible from inside as well as outside - good planning!).

The funds raised enabled us to purchase our Music Centre and have some over for future events. The help given by the Social Committee was first class and in addition Denise Instone gave considerable time and effort. Thankyou one and all.

Village Picnic & Take-Off Olympics The year of the Olympics did not pass un-noticed by Weston-in-Gordano and on the August Bank Holiday Monday the athletes (aged 3 to some mature age) turned out to compete in sprints, distance, long jump, hammer throwing (Olympic sized wellie and cycling and equestrian events. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were won and all this was preceded by a game of Rounders involving just everyone. Picnics were brought, the weather was kind, help was plentiful and a special thank-you Mr and Mrs Pike for the provision of the Olympic Stadium (the cows were moved and for their enthusiastic help).

Barn Dance The Barn Dance held on Saturday 22nd September was a great success, 83 tickets being sold. Everyone who went had a very good time; the Texas Hotpot with Idaho Potato went down well and made a nice change. Forest Brown were a lively band and with Dave Blitt as Caller were very patient with us while we were getting the dances right.

Many thanks to all who helped - from decorating the hall, getting the hall ready and also the food of course. A big thank-you to Joan Vincent who supplied the Pumpkin Pie.

We have been asked "What about the next?" So in March are are hoping to hold a Ceilidh, will let you know about this later on.

#### CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

It is with deep regret that we have to report the sudden death of the Reverend William Ronald Thaw Marriott, on Tuesday 21st August, 1984 at the age of 68, at the Rectory, All Saints Lane, Clevedon.

Since 1968 he had been Vicar of All Saints, East Clevedon. In 1971 he became Curate-in-Charge of Weston-in-Gordano; in 1980 Curate-in-Charge of Clapton-in-Gordano and in 1982 Rector of Walton St. Mary and Walton-in-Gordano St. Paul, becoming Rector of the United Benefice of the Five Churches.

Born in Sheffield in January 1916, he first studied chemistry, becoming a pharmacist, and saw active service in India and the Far East during the Second World War.

After demobilisation he went to Chichester Theological College. His love of music was fully exploited there, for he served as Assistant Organist whilst studying for the Ministry. After Ordination he served his title in the Diocese of Derby before moving to Bournemouth, thence as Vicar of St. Saviour's, Poplar, London, coming to All Saints, Clevedon, in March 1968.

Father Marriott, as he was known to many, took a keen interest in the music of the church, and one of his first accomplishments on his arrival in Clevedon, was the reconstruction of the Father Willis Organ at All Saints. He was a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, and one of his joys in life was to be in his garden. He leaves a brother and a sister-in-law.

The Harvest Festival on Sunday 23rd September was conducted by the Reverend Prebendary E.P. James, who will be responsible for Weston-in-Gordano and All Saints, Clevedon, until a new appointment of Rector of the United Benefice of the Five Churches is made.

Our thanks to everyone who made the service such a joyful occasion, which was enjoyed by a large congregation.

The gifts of produce etc., were gratefully received by the Salvation Army Eventide Home in Elton Road. Thank you, everyone who contributed.

Our Annual Garden Fete held at the home of Mr. and Mrs Jeremy Carrad, was a great success, raising the sum of £600 towards the upkeep of our Village Church.

Our grateful thanks to all those who gave such a strenuous support to make this possible, and make this such a happy affair.

The Christmas Fayre will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th November, at 2.30 p.m. Please make a note of this date in your diary, and come and support your Village Church.

The date of the Carol Service will be announced later. The December Family Service this year will be taking the form of a traditional Lessons & Carols service and will be candlelit.

#### VILLAGE HALL

August saw the finishing touches to the decoration of the Hall. This time a number of enthusiasts turned out to lend-a-hand and with the workload shared, the exterior soon took on a brighter appearance. Not content with just painting, the guttering was replaced, the curtains fore-proofed, the windows cleaned and the patio lovingly re-discovered! Grateful thanks are due to all those who helped, turning what was an arduous chore into a pleasurable experience of light-hearted teamwork. Our next priority has to be the installation of a new fixed heating system to meet Fire Officer requirements, and, with the winter rapidly advancing, efforts are in hand to speed up the installation. However, present estimates for the task range from £350 to £800 and the Hall funds have been seriously depleted to meet the recent requirements in the Hall. We therefore hope to be able to run a few events to cover the new heating and we look for and need your support in our endeavours.

The regular Wine and Cheese evening will be held on Saturday 24th November at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Tickets will soon be on sale at £1.75 to include food and a glass of wine. Further wine will, of course, be on sale so please book this date in your calendars for another very enjoyable evening.

We cannot finish this report without grateful acknowledgement of the work done over the years by Mrs Elsie Iles on the Village Hall Committee. It is with regret that we have accepted Mrs Iles' resignation due to other pressures on her and our good wishes are with her.

Mrs Iles' resignation has left a vacant seat on the Committee. Any nominations to stand for election to the Committee should be given, in writing, to the Secretary, Stuart Redway, by 15th October 1984.

#### NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

Flower Show Nightingale Valley W.I. held its annual Flower Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st September. The

classes included all types of vegetables, cooking, wines and hobbies. There were over 200 entries in all. Mrs. D. Nethercot won the adult classes. Mark Instone, Simon Instone and Ian Simons shared the under-9 Cup and Richard Simons won the over-9 Cup.

At the end of August a number of members went on a boat trip around Bristol Harbour waterfront. Everyone who went thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The speaker at our September meeting was Mrs Martin who gave members a talk and then a demonstration of spinning. Afterwards members were able to try their hand at the spinning wheel.

Until the end of the year we shall continue to have speakers on a variety of topics - and anyone who cares to come along is most welcome.

Meetings 7.45 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall.

#### AMENITY GROUP

The last full group meeting (Inaugural A.G.M.) was held on August 16th and a full programme of action points was agreed. The Committee is now vigorously pursuing them. They include:

- Village School
- Refuse Tip
- Village Green
- Traffic Speed
- Conservation Area
- Planning Applications
- Avon Wildlife
- Help with Handbell Project

It should be remembered that some of these items have been "on the cards" for some time and we will see if we can expedite action or offer support to the Parish Council where appropriate.

The next Group meeting date has been delayed but will be announced very soon. At this meeting, in addition to progress reports and general business, we anticipate a notable speaker being present.

FOR SALE

For the second time running, the Editor has forgotten to bring the details of a For Sale Ad to the office. So here are the bare bones of it: Full Brownie uniform with all accessories, also quarter-size Skylark violin. Full details from Sue Ashton, Weston Cottage.