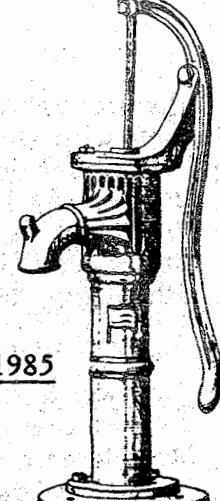


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd April

Annual Parish Meeting

27th April

7.30 p.m.

W.I. Birthday Party

8th May

8.00 p.m.

Village Hall Committee

22nd June

AGM Village Party

EARLY WARNING Pumpkin plants will be available for the Pumpkin Contest late May/ early June (depending on the weather) We shall be contacting all those who took part last year but if anyone who has not participated before would like to join in, please contact Cliff Biddle or leave details at the shop.

## CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

Following the death of Father W.R.T. Marriott in August last, the Bishop of Taunton, acting as Commissary for the Bishop of Bath and Wells, intends to institute the Reverend John Francis Smart M.A. to the Benefice on the 4th June next at 7.0p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Clevedon.

Father Smart is looking forward to his Ministry amongst us, and hopes to have the chance to meet us all as soon as possible after his induction.

The Easter Services will be:-

Sunday, April 7th, Easter Day:

Holy Communion 8.0a.m.

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

Normal Services will now revert to the usual time of 6.30 p.m. with the advent of the lighter evenings.

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.

Advance Notice Our Annual Garden Fete will be held on 20th July 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 make a note of this important date.

#### NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

The Birthday Party this year will be held on 27th April starting at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £2.25 each and include supper and a glass of wine.

The coming year promises to be very successful with lots of new members and many interesting speakers.

The date of the Flower Show in July and lots more fund-raising events to be decided on.

#### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

First of all thank you to all who helped and attended the Beetle/Bingo evening and the Jumble Sale, both held in January, not forgetting all the effort put into the fortnightly whist drives. Everyone is welcome to join in the whist drives, so "come on down" to the village hall at 7.30 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays from 2nd April 1985.

This year's Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday 8th May, in the Village Hall commencing at 8 p.m. We would welcome some new blood on the Committee so any nominations, other than from the present committee, to stand for election should be given, in writing, to the Secretary, S.C. Redway, 6 The Close, by Wednesday 1st May 1985. Your attendance at the meeting will be very welcome.

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Ceilidh The Ceilidh held on 16th March was well attended without being too crowded. The band was excellent once again and everyone had plenty of opportunity to dance until their feet were sore. Many thanks to Gwen and Denise for helping with the meals at the very last moment and, should anyone want to know how to remove pickle from a kilt - ask Gwen!

Village Party This will be held on 22nd June in the garden of the White Hart. Good news, bad news - no Fancy Dress this year but .... we shall be having a Talent Contest so get practising. Entry will not be restricted to children so we hope to see some adults up there as well.

As usual, adults are very welcome to attend the party, whether they have children or not, and we shall be especially pleased to see grandparents and/or grandchildren.

Fuller information will be posted on the notice boards closer to the date.

Keep-Fit These sessions are being continued into the Summer Term this year but we could do with a few more members, so come along ladies and get in trim for your summer holiday. Every Monday 7.00 p.m.

Advance Notice This year's Barbecue will be held on 20th July in the garden of the Old Post Office. Proceeds this year will go towards a hostess trolley or similar to enable us to expand our catering facilities.

#### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Council have received a request for additional street lighting at the western approach to the village. Officers of Woodspring and Avon Councils are now investigating the practicalities of this proposal.

The saga of the road improvement scheme continues, and the Parish Council are aware of the concern of villagers, especially those whose properties may be affected. It is hoped that a copy of the current road improvement plan will be available for inspection at the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on 23rd April 1985.

Another item on the agenda for the Assembly will be the possible provision of a bus shelter in the village. Parishioners will be invited to express their opinions on this subject.

Dates for future Parish Council meetings are April 9th, and May 7th. (Parish Council A.G.M.). Parishioners are invited to attend all meetings and may put questions to councillors at the start of the evening.

#### ROAD ACTION GROUP

The 1984 Annual General Meeting of the Weston-in-Gordano Road Action Group was held in the Village Hall on 7th February 1985. Twenty-four people attended, the most so far, and five new members joined.

A new Steering Committee was elected comprising Messers. G. Kelsey, T. Broadbent, F. Dickman, E. Pascoe, C. Warfield and Mrs G. Williams. Mr. G. Kelsey was elected Chairman. The plans of Avon County Council to purchase strips of land in order to expedite construction of the footpath and buffer strip were discussed at length. We were informed that the Parish Council was expecting to hear from Avon County Council re the proposed 'Scheme A' in the near future. Support was offered by the Chairman of Weston-in-Gordano Amenity Group on behalf on that group.