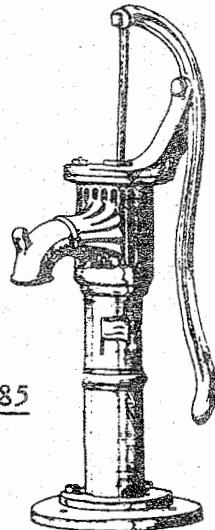


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER JULY 1985

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 28th	7.30 p.m.	Patronal Festival
July 6th	3.30 p.m.	Village Party
July 17th	7.30 p.m.	W.I. Members' Night
July 20th	2.30 p.m.	Church Fete
July 20th	7.30 p.m.	Barbecue
August 3rd	3.30 p.m.	Flower Show
August 15th	-	W.I. Boat Trip
September 9th	7.00 p.m.	Keep Fit
September 21st	8.00 p.m.	Barn Dance

CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

FROM OUR NEW RECTOR (The Revd. John Smart)

It is good to have the opportunity to write to you so soon after my Induction as Rector of Weston-in-Gordano, which is one of the five Parishes for which I am responsible in the East Clevedon and Valley Ministry. Thank you so much for the kind and warm welcome which you have given to myself, and my wife and family.

One of the first occasions when I shall be with you is to celebrate and preach at the Festival Communion Service on Friday June 28th at 7.30 p.m. when we shall be celebrating the Patronal Festival of your village Church. Do feel most welcome to attend, whether or not you are regular worshippers - and afterwards there will be a social get-together in the Village Hall.

I am also greatly looking forward to coming to the annual Garden Fete on Saturday July 20th, starting at 2.30 p.m. at Barn End, and we hope that it will be a well supported and successful Parish occasion.

The date for the Harvest Festival has not yet been fixed. The Sunday Services at 6.30 p.m. will continue to follow the existing pattern:-

1st Sunday in the Month Evensong

2nd Sunday in the Month Family Service

3rd Sunday in the Month Holy Communion

4th Sunday in the Month Evensong with the St. Conygar

5th Sunday in the Month Singers Evensong

On your behalf I would like to thank all those who have continued the ministry and worship of your Church so well during the long Interregnum, especially Fr. Ted James, the Lay Readers and your Churchwardens. Do please let me or your Churchwardens know in cases of illness or where you think a visit from a Priest will be appreciated. Our Rectory is 50 yards from the old one in All Saints Lane, Clevedon and we have kept the old telephone number (873257).

NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

The year so far has been quite successful, with one or two new members joining us.

The Christmas Party and Birthday Party both made a profit as well as being most enjoyable.

Members' Night will be on Wednesday 17th July. We would like to have more new members so if anyone is interested, please come along to that night.

Coming Events

The Flower Show will take place on Saturday 3rd August. All villagers as well as W.I. Members are invited to enter. Exhibits must be staged by 10.30 a.m. on the morning of the event. Schedules are available now from Mrs G. Ward, Mrs M. Jacobs and the shop.

The W.I. Boat Trip will be on 15th August. Tickets available from Denise Instone at £6.50 to include Barbecue. All are welcome.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The A.G.M. was held in May 1985 and it was with regret that we had to accept the resignation of our Chairman, Roy Streames. Grateful thanks go to Roy for his hard work and enthusiasm he has shown for the Hall over the years. However, we were pleased to accept two nominations to join the Committee and we welcome Simon Roberts and Arthur Vincent.

Despite heavy outgoings over the past year for maintenance and considerable improvements, the Committee were pleased to note that the funds are managing to keep abreast of the expenses. The charges for hire of the Hall have therefore been kept at £1 per hour for villagers and £2 per hour for outsiders, plus meter charging for the heating - anyone wishing to hire the Hall should contact Stuart Redway on 847716.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Village Party This will now be held on Saturday 6th July. Should the weather prove to be abysmal yet again, it will be held in the Village Hall. Anyone who will now be able to come, due to the changed date, please contact Stuart.

Barbecue This will be held on Saturday 20th July in The Old Post Office garden (in Hall if wet!). Tickets are again £2.00 and will be available from next week from members of the Social Committee and the shop. Owing to limitations of space, we have to restrict attendance to 14 years and over.

Keep Fit Autumn Session commences on Monday 9th September at 7.00 p.m. The price is 50p per session.

Barn Dance By popular demand we are holding another Barn Dance on September 21st (if we manage to get the Licence in time. Tickets will be available in good time.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Statutory Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in May and the officers remain as before (Mrs. Nethercot - Chairman; Mr. Lewis - Vice-Chairman).

The Council have received complaints of inconsiderate parking of vehicles, especially near the junction of Cadbury Lane with the B3124. This causes great difficulty to drivers emerging from Cadbury Lane as it reduces visibility. The community policeman, P.C. Mackie, has been asked to keep an eye on this problem, and also to watch out for vehicles illegally parked on the pavement.

Agreement has now been reached with Avon County Council for an additional street light at the west end of the village.

AMENITY GROUP

At our recent general meeting, in addition to the ongoing agenda, we added some projects of a nature related to Village life. A letter inviting comment and help is being prepared for general distribution.

Such amenities as a play field for the youngsters, a system of visiting each other's gardens, and a positive approach to the restitution of the village pump are some of the newer items. However, await your letter and consider any part in which you would like to involve yourself.