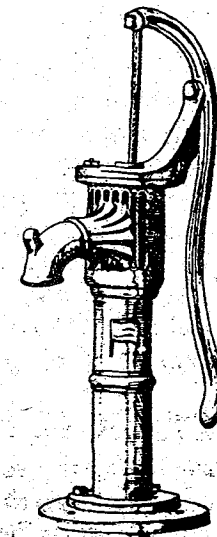


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 10th	10.30 a.m.	Sherry Morning
Nov 23rd	2.30 p.m.	Church Christmas Bazaar
Dec 7th	7.30 p.m.	Wine and Cheese Party
Dec 11th	7.30 p.m.	W.I. Christmas Party

N.B. Watch out for notices for Village Bonfire!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The additional street light at the west end of the village has now been installed and is working adjacent to Church Cottage.

The Council has been requested to provide a street light at the junction of Cadbury Halt and Cadbury Lane. The cost of providing this light would be more than £400, and in view of this the occupants of the surrounding properties are to be canvassed to establish whether a light is required.

The Highways Department have recently notified the Council that they have encountered difficulties in negotiating the purchase of the strips of land needed to implement the road improvement scheme. It appears that compulsory purchase proceedings are likely to be necessary, and as this will take some time it is probable that the scheme, currently in the budget for 1986/7, will now be deferred to a later year.

The community policeman, P.C. Mackie, who is a regular attender at Parish Council meetings, has advised the Council that there have been a number of daytime burglaries in the neighbourhood. Villagers are asked to take care over the security of their own premises, and also to be on their guard and to promptly report any suspicious activity in the village. The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 30th October at 7.30 p.m. Parishioners are welcome to all meetings and time is made available at the beginning of the evening for questions to be asked.

CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

Perhaps it seems quite a time ago but this is the first opportunity to thank publicly everyone who helped to make our Church Fete such an enjoyable and successful occasion. In such an unsettled summer we were particularly fortunate with the weather and once again we were deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Carrad for the use of their garden. The profit including the Draw was £525.

It was also most encouraging to have such a good congregation for the Harvest Festival Evening Service. Extra chairs had to be brought into use and for the first time there was the chance to meet together socially after the service and to enjoy some delicious refreshments kindly provided by parishioners. Apart from the attractive floral arrangements there were many generous Harvest gifts, including a number from young people from the village and even my rather unsuccessful grapes from the Rectory made a useful theme for the sermon!

I am glad that some of you were able to come to the morning Communion at the Harvest Festival. I would like to be able to provide some more Sunday morning Communion Services. Please let me or the Church Council members know what you feel about this.

Looking ahead - the Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday November 23rd at 2.30 p.m. I hope this will have your support. Among projects which we are hoping to complete soon is the restoration of the Church Clock but this is going to necessitate providing a new face. During December we shall be distributing a special leaflet announcing our special Christmas Services. All Parishioners will be warmly welcome at these, as of course to all our services.

With my prayers and best wishes

P.S. We have recently had a visit at Church from Professor Hancock from Portland, Oregon, who was extremely interested in the very fine medieval stained glass at the top of the East Windows. They contain excellent and comparatively rare pictures of medieval musical instruments.

P.P.S. Denise Instone will be holding a Sherry Morning on Sunday 10th November at 10.30 a.m. to raise funds for a Nativity Scene for the Church. Notices will be posted in the shop and on the Village Noticeboard.

NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

Despite the bad summer, the Flower Show attracted a fair number of entries and the quality was again very good. The Shield was won by Mrs G. Challenor and the Junior Cups by L. Williams and ~~S. Instone~~ A. REDWAY

The Boat Trip was a great success, a tour of the floating harbour being followed by a cruise up the Avon to Beese's Tea Gardens for a Barbecue. It goes without saying that the weather was not kind to us and as a member of the party remarked, apart from the temperature we could have been sailing up the Amazon in a tropical storm!

Why not come and join us at our meetings the third Wednesday in every month. We are a small but friendly Institute and have some very interesting speakers on lots of subjects.

We invite people to join us for our Christmas Party on 11th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be £2.50 each to include supper and a glass of wine.

HALL COMMITTEE

The last quarter has seen the purchase of a small cooker which could be very useful for all organisations or individuals hiring the Hall. A small charge is necessary to cover the extra electrical usage and anyone wishing to use this facility should enquire when booking the Hall.

Preparations are already in hand for this year's Wine & Cheese Evening on 7th December. This has proved to be a very pleasant evening where food, wine and conversation are extremely satisfying. Please keep the date free and look out for tickets.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We at last managed to hold our postponed Village Party on 6th July when the weather stayed fine for us. The Obstacle Course was very popular again as were the races and we would like to thank Geoff for organising them. Thanks also go to Joan and Denise for helping with the teas and to Phil and Carole for allowing us to use their garden.

We also had a fine if rather chilly evening for the Barbecue which was well attended. We raised sufficient funds to purchase a Hostess Trolley which is now available to villagers both for public and private events for a small charge. Don't forget also that the stereo radio-cassette recorder is also available for villagers' use. It has been in regular use for a year, and hopefully there will also be a good demand for the Trolley. We would like to stress that use of these items is not confined to the Village Hall; they are also available for private use.