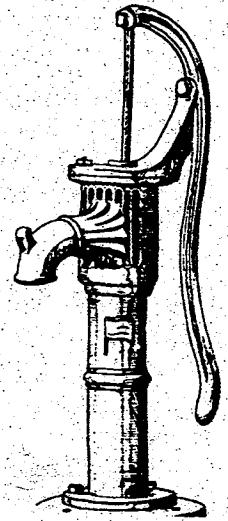


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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Statutory Annual Meeting of the Council was held in May, and Councillors Lewis and Williams were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

The Council has continued to take an interest in the tipping sites in the valley, and site meetings have been held with officers of Avon County Council to discuss various aspects of the tipping operation. Particular areas of concern included a large recent excavation which had resulted in spoil partially obstructing one of the leachate ditches designed to retain noxious liquids flowing off the tip. This matter is currently in the hands of the County Council, who are also investigating the possibility that tipping may have been going on without a licence on another tip which was completed some time ago.

Councillors were surprised to learn recently that a reassessment of the many listed buildings in the village had taken place without the knowledge of the Council. As a result, several buildings had been downgraded. This matter has been taken up with the Conservation Officer of Woodspring District Council, and a reply is awaited.

According to the County Council Estates Department, land purchase necessary to the road improvement scheme is proceeding satisfactorily, and villagers may have seen Notices in the press in connection with Listed Building Consent for demolition works.

Future Parish Council meetings will take place on July 15th and September 9th, there being no meeting in August.

As usual, time will be set aside at 7.30 p.m. for members of the public to raise any matters which are of concern to them. The present membership of the council is as follows:

Mr. D. Lewis (Chairman)	849214
Mr. W. Williams	849814
Mr. C. Biddle	849766
Mrs. W. Nethercot	845037
Mr. D. Quas	843310

ACTIVITY GROUP

This has been started for the children in the village ages from approximately 9 upwards (us olduns also included) to enable them to have an additional activity outside school.

To date we have had slides on canoeing and practising of canoeing in a 'bat' at the pool at the White Hart (many thanks to Phil and Carol) where John Broadway has been teaching the kids the basics of canoeing. Thanks to John for giving up his Sunday mornings for the last few weeks. We also hired the pool at Shirehampton to see how well the children could swim. We had a few races whilst there which we all enjoyed.

Brian Instone has been teaching the group about compasses, map reading and orienteering and we went up in the field at the back of the Leonard's (thanks to Fay and Alan) to do some basic orienteering which went down very well. Many thanks to Brian for his time and effort involved.

We have also had a game of rounders, and in the Village Hall - snooker, darts, table tennis and shove ha'penny.

The kids hopefully have enjoyed what we have done so far, so if anyone else would like to join - they are still most welcome. It costs a nominal fee of £1 for enrolment and 10p subs each attendance week. Obviously we are grateful for the help the parents are giving as well and if anyone in the village has any special talent you feel we could use to teach the group and can spare a few hours, please contact us.

The next meeting will be held on the 11th July at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. Refreshments available at around 8 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting was held on 30th April, at which two further members were persuaded to join the Committee - Mr. Paul Alexander and Mrs Ann Redway. The Committee now consists of: Chairman Mr. S. Redway, Treasurer Mrs. D. Nethercot, Secretary Mr. P. Alexander, Bookings Clerk Mrs.

A. Redway, other members Mrs. G. Ward, Mr. S. Roberts, Mr. P. Jacobs and Mr. G. Williams.

All bookings for the Hall should be made with Mrs Redway as early as possible and should any of the Hall furniture or accessories be required to be borrowed, please ensure Mrs Redway is aware in order to save the embarrassment of double booking.

We would like to thank Cliff Biddle for arranging for his friends Mervyn and Marion to repolish the floors. They worked exceptionally hard to achieve a renewed shine which cannot be missed as you enter the Hall. Our grateful thanks to Mervyn and Marion.

The whist drives are continuing every other Tuesday evening (as from 8th July) and new Whist Drivers(?) are always very welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On Friday 18th April the Barn Dance was held in the Village Hall. Once again it was a great success with a full house. The Caller and the accompaniment was excellent - or, is it that some of us have improved and know our left from right feet, arms, hands? As anticipated, the food was just right.

Our newest enterprise has been the formation of the Activity Group, initiated by the young members themselves. The first meeting was to arrange a programme and on Friday 9th May John Broadway gave his first talk and demonstration on canoeing. The committee has made application for an award under the Project scheme of the Avon Village Ventures Community Council. The award is made to projects judged to show the most initiative and usefulness. Officials from the Council visited Committee members who gave them details of activities which have already taken place and informed of future plans. The officials expressed interest and we await their endorsement of our application.

On Saturday 28th June, the Village Bar-B-Que was held at the home of Mr and Mrs David Lewis. The weather was good (thankfully since 106 people attended) and the food was to the best Weston-in-Gordano standard and enjoyed by all. It was exceptionally nice to see newcomers to the village together with visitors staying with local residents. Our grateful thanks to David and Chris Lewis for allowing us to use their home and garden and for all the 'behind the scenes' help given by all concerned.

CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

On May 3rd Hazel and Michael McGuerk were joined by family and friends for a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication of their marriage conducted by a family friend the Rev. Peter Allen.

On May 10th was the wedding of Diane Hodgkinson and Andrew Williams. Diane is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Phil Hodgkinson of the White Hart.

On May 24th we celebrated the wedding of Nicola Vines and Paul Knight.

The second "church cleaning" took place on Saturday 14th June. It was sunny and hot outside where we enjoyed a lunch picnic but cool inside to keep up the good work.

On Thursday 19th June some 55 people including 6 from Weston-in-Gordano went by coach to Wells Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Eucharist for the completion of the restoration of the Cathedral frontage. It was a beautiful day and the Service took place on the Green. Some of us were around for Prince Charles' walk-about.

On June 29th was the Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, our Patronal Festival coming on a Sunday this year. The Preacher was Fr. Peter Rundle, Vicar of St. Johns, Clevedon. The service was very well supported and afterwards excellent refreshments were served in the Church.

On Saturday 19th July at 2.30 p.m. at Barn End the Annual Fete will again be held. We hope the weather will be kind, not too hot, - as usual stalls, sideshows and tea Please join us.

On Friday August 29th there is to be a car TREASURE HUNT. Full details in the next Church Magazine or ring Mrs Jacobs on 849184.

NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

The W.I. is very busy at the moment. We have had some very interesting Speakers at our Wednesday meetings and have had several very pleasant trips including Bickton Gardens and Lacock.

We shall be having a Cheese and Wine Party on the 1st August; tickets are on sale at £2 each.

The Summer Show will be held on 6th September this year and the programmes will be available in the near future.

We entertained a group of children from the Cabot School in St. Pauls, Bristol for an afternoon in June. Everyone had a lovely time, the children enjoyed a trip to a farm, donkey

rides, being shown round the Church then tea in Mr & Mrs Williams' garden.

As you can see, we are quite an active W.I. and if you would like to join us we meet on the third Wednesday of every month.

AMENITY GROUP

Inclusive in the action being pursued "in committee" there is an attractive event for your diaries on 3rd August - a Sunday.

No less than nine village residents are opening their gardens to everyone in the village. This will be followed by tea and cakes in the Village Hall. It is not competitive and it should be a lovely opportunity to get together and talk about gardens - or anything!

A detailed letter will be sent to all nearer the date. By the way if you would like to open your garden, Grace Ward will be glad to take your name for inclusion.

Our entry into "The Best Kept Village" competition was made but frankly this year we feel a little "underprepared"! However let's keep our village well-kept anyway.