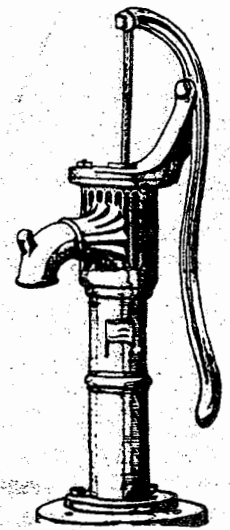


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO NEWSLETTER MAY 1987

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

We are busy preparing for our first ever Flower Festival from June 27th - 29th. A team of flower arrangers have been assembled under the experienced direction of Mrs. Fowles and plans are in hand for a Summer Evening Concert and Buffet on the Saturday evening. Tickets for this will shortly be on sale price £2.00. The Theme of the Festival is 'All glory laud and honour'. The official opening will be by Mr and Mrs Jeremy Carrad. Our Parish Church will be open each day from 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. for viewing the floral arrangements. As part of the Festival Weekend there will also be a display of Village Arts and Crafts in the Village Hall. This will also be the venue for refreshments, including Ploughmans Lunches and Strawberry Teas throughout the weekend. The proceeds of the Festival will be shared between our Church Fabric Fund and Christian Aid. The weekend also coincides with the Patronal Festival. On Sunday June 28th there will be a simple Family Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Songs of Praise at 6.30 p.m. On Monday June 29th there will be a Festival Eucharist at 7.30 p.m. at which the preacher will be Preb. Denys Goodman, Vicar of St. Mary's Bathwick. We are looking forward to what we hope will be a really enjoyable event for both Church and village. Do take part and let as many as possible know about it.

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 24th There will be no Service at St. Peter and St. Paul on this day. We are invited to the Rogation Day Service and Procession at Walton-in-Gordano beginning at 3.00 p.m.

Friday June 5th Following last year's success we are again having a Car Treasure Hunt leaving from the White Hart at 6.30 p.m. Entries will cost f2 for adults and f1 for children. Denise and Brian Instone are kindly organising this.

Friday June 12th Sybil and Norman Hawken are holding a Wine evening at White House Farm in aid of the Garden Fete.

Saturday July 25th This is the day for our Summer Fete to be held at 2.00 p.m. in Barn End (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Carrad).

Hand Bells Would you like to learn to ring the Hand Bells? Mrs Anne Brown from Nailsea has kindly offered to give some lessons. If you are at all interested contact Marilyn Ettery (843802) who will be organising the arrangements.

During May our Group of Parishes will be welcoming a new Assistant Priest Fr Keith Turns. He and his wife Linda will be living in Chestnut Grove, Clevedon, but he will be serving all our Parishes.

ALL OUR OWN WORK

It is a known fact that we live in a talented village, where all kinds of hobbies and interests are pursued by the young and the not-so-young. Often, to coin a phrase - "Lights are hidden under bushels!", which is rather a pity.

During the coming Church Flower Festival from June 27th to 29th, refreshments will be served in the Village Hall. At the same time we hope that visitors while enjoying their light refreshments will be able to view some examples of our village hobbies, arts and crafts - an exhibition called "All Our Own Work"

It is not intended to be a competition. There will be no categories. There will be no entry fees. There will be no prizes ... only the satisfaction of having others see and appreciate your particular talent.

So, please get in touch with Paul Alexander, 3 Meadow Drive (844905) or Stuart Redway, 6 The Close (847716) who will not object to being snowed under with contributions! No, they don't want them just yet .. merely an indication that you'd like to participate.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

While no-one could complain of being cramped at the meeting held on March 24th, the object was achieved, and four new Village Trustees were appointed. They are:-

Mr. C.J. Biddle, 1 Westfield

Mr. P.R. Jacobs, Old Farmhouse

Mr. T.M. Broadbent, Court Farm

Mr. P. Scrutton, 2 Meadow Drive

and when the necessary legal proceedings are completed, negotiations with the Charity Commissioners can go ahead towards registration as a recognised Charity.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

One of the highlights since our last publication has been the Barn Dance. The band was once again with excellent 'calling'. It seems the Caller now recognises regulars and his instructions were very specific and humourously pointed, which means we know who he is "getting at". Some of us intended to be more modest in our number of dances but the enthusiastic calling for "another pair" we irresistible and few dances were missed. The food was as good as ever, the dancing reasonably executed, we are getting there with fun. The company was excellent, it was nice to see several resident visitors and newcomers to the village. An event which shouldn't be missed, buy tickets as soon as they are advertised for this is becoming a popular event.

Future events include the Barbecue which will take place on Saturday 11th July at the home of Mr & Mrs Geoff Williams, Hill Lane. Watch for posters.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council retired recently, and two of our number did not seek re-election.

David Quas had been a Councillor for the past eleven years, three of them as Chairman. His knowledge and experience will be much missed, especially in the field of environmental matters. Business pressures, involving spending much of his time in London, make it impossible for him to continue in office.

Dinah Nethercot traces her continuous period of service back to 1961, and has represented the village on our own Council.

and on Long Ashton R.D.C. In recognition of her outstanding contribution to parish affairs, in this and several other spheres, a small presentation was made to her on April 29th. at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Road Improvement Scheme

It has recently become clear that the scheme has been put back in the County Council's estimates to 1990/1. The Council have been assured that this is solely due to difficulties in acquiring the necessary land, which is proceeding to Compulsory Purchase proceedings and will almost certainly involve a Local Enquiry.

Avon say that, should the land become available more easily than anticipated, the scheme will be brought forward again. They also insist that there are no plans to alter the agreed scheme for provision of footpaths without drastically changing the character of the village.

Planning

Applications have been considered, and recommendations made, in respect of:

Extension to 1 Hill Lane - approved

Storage of caravans at Weston Lodge Farm - refused.

Oral evidence was given over two days at the Examination in Public of the County Structure Plan First Alteration.

The Green Belt Subject Plan will be up for discussion soon, and a major item of interest to the Parish will be the proposal to abandon the village fence around Weston-in-Gordano. The effect of this, it is believed, will be to make the village part of the Green Belt, and therefore subject to more stringent planning control than at present.

Finance

The precept for the coming year will be f960, an increase of 4%.

New Council

The new Parish Council, returned unopposed, consists of Messrs. Biddle, Lewis and Williams as previous, and Jim Sulley and Basil Tyler who replace the retiring members.

The first meeting of the new council will take place on Wednesday May 20th at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Parishioners are reminded that time is made available to them at the beginning of each meeting to ask questions and make comments. Parish Council meetings are all open to the public and villagers are encouraged to take an interest in Parish affairs.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Activity Group

We have for the last few months had our interests focused on our regular course of judo for the boys and self-defence for the girls and ladies. This has been given by Bob Bridges and his assistant, who are both qualified instructors in not only the above "sports" but also jujitsu, karate and other unspellable words! We are glad to say that the course has been a greta success, for both teachers and students, and Bob has suggested that mmaybe we would like to run s similar but more advanced course later this year again, which we are considering. These lessons have been of great benefit to all who took part and even to those who were interested observers, and we hope that none of what we have learned need ever be used!

In the coming months plans are in hand for evening swimming sessions - a great success last year, yachting, canoeing, outside games and a few other good ideas tucked up our sleeves, so please come and join us and support us and bring along your own suggestions too of any activity you think the rest of us may enjoy.

THE GORDANO VALLEY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME

Of course you have heard of this legend! One day indeed it may become a fact one day! Hopes rose recently when it was seen that "A long awaited sewage disposal scheme is to be constructed for Portishead and the Gordano Valley".

At the recent A.G.M. of the Portishead Ratepayers and Residents Association, representatives of Wessex Water with a wide variety of supporting Visual Aids gave a long and detailed explanation of what was involved. However, it was obviously more of a Portishead scheme, because after questioning it was made very clear that the "Gordano Valley" part can be described only as a long-term ... no, better make that a very, very (you could add on a few more very's if you like) long-term development, before we actually become a "priority".