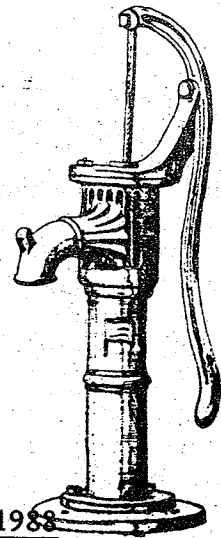


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WESTON-IN-GORDANO

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1988

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 16th	Wild West Night
January 25th	Mobile Information Service
February 28th	Quiz Night
April 16th	Barn Dance
July 2nd	Barbeque

RAG-BAG

Sponsored Slim Nineteen people successfully completed our first Sponsored Slim, the laurel wreath going to Ian Borland who lost 1st 8lbs, well done Ian. Our Walton Bay ladies, Esme and Helen, did very well on both weight loss and fund raising. Altogether a total of f145.00 was raised for Cancer Research. Looking forward to seeing you all again (plus some newcomers we hope) in April.

Quiz Night This raised f36.00 also for Cancer Research. A fuller account is given in the Social Committee Report. The next Quiz will be on February 28th at 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. start. Proceeds to St. Peter's Hospice.

Avon Community Council Press Release

NEW PLACES, NEW FACES

The Avon Community Council's Mobile Information Service is now entering it's fourth year of existence. Our newly appointed information Officer 'Babs Greenwood' has endless enthusiasm and has already helped countless people with their problems.

New timetables have just been launched for the months October to January. Six new villages have been incorporated into the schedule of stops. They are Oldbury on Severn, Timsbury, High Littleton, Hallatrow, Falfield and Cromhall. Hopefully this will help more people who are unable to gain access to existing information services.

The mobile is an 'R' registered ambulance that has been converted to carry as many leaflets as possible and to enable confidential one-to-one conversations with the Information Officer. The range of information carried has been made deliberately broad to cater for the needs of as many people as possible. The service carries leaflets on leisure attractions, brochures for Colston Hall, Bristol Hippodrome, Bath Theatre Royal among others. It also carries health, consumer and DHSS leaflets. All the leaflets and the advice are free. The information is updated constantly to provide the best service possible.

Enquiries recorded during the months January to October were 1,251. It is hoped that with the addition of the new villages more enquiries will be recorded in the months to come, thus proving the effectiveness of the service.

NIGHTINGALE VALLEY W.I.

The final trip for 1987 by the W.I. was to the beautiful Arboretum at Westonbirt. This trip was much enjoyed by all who went. In November was the annual re-election of a Committee. Mrs Instone resigned as President after 3 years of enterprising effort and we enjoyed a variety of activities, trips and expeditions. Mrs Jacobs resigned as Secretary who had the responsibility of arranging these activities, trips and expeditions - thank you both for your excellent efforts, and to other members of the Committee for the willing and necessary support and assistance.

Mrs Challenor was unanimously elected as President and Mrs Ettery Secretary. Mrs Nethercott has rejoined the Committee as Treasurer. We look forward to 1988 with our new Committee.

Before the year ended there was a Christmas celebration at the Star in Tickenham, well attended with husbands etc. invited! - it was very successful.

The last "meeting" was a Christmas party where we were

presented with an oh so simple! Perception Test - which we all failed - and who knows a man called CCELANER? - in spite of this the evening was most enjoyable.

The programme for the first 3 months in 1988 is as follows:

20th Jan - The work of the Womens Police Unit

17th Feb - Mr Best - Vet - His life and work in Kenya

16th Mar - Mrs Ball, "Serendipity", look, touch and hear about antiques and bric-a-brac

Remember, even if you are not a member of the W.I. you can come along for one of these evenings as a visitor.

Gwen Griesse

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Local Plan

A well attended village meeting was held on 11th November 1987. Mr C Mitchell from Woodspring Planning Dept. addressed us and described the proposed Area Local Plan and in particular how it would affect Weston-in-Gordano. Many questions were raised and satisfactorily answered and the general feeling was that the Plan was welcomed. The Parish Council have approved the Plan, and it was stated that future planning applications would be considered in the light of this plan - that means that the whole village is considered "Green Belt". New Buildings will, therefore, only be allowed if there is an undisputed agricultural need.

Village Rates

Villagers will be pleased to note that rates will be the same for 88-89 as in 87-88. Some small reserve of funds has been built up, and it is intended that some of this should be used to keep the village cleaner.

Village Orderly

It is arranged that a village orderly will be employed, on a parttime basis, to keep the village clean. A grant for this is available from Woodspring D.C., and a further grant from them could be obtained, if the mechanical road sweeper was

not used in the village. Because of the irregularity and poor performance of the sweeper, the Council have indicated to Woodspring D.C. that the village would prefer a grant.

Footpath to Nature Reserve

To ensure this footpath is retained as such, the support of villagers is essential. Forms are available from Councillors or the Clerks, and users (and particularly long time users) are asked to complete forms and give to Mrs. Hunt (or any Councillor). DO YOU WANT THIS PATH?!!

Telephone Kiosk

It appears that the only safe way to prevent our old red Telephone Box from being replaced is to have it become a listed building. The D.o.E. have been contacted to this end.

Traffic through Village

After representations to the local police, they have agreed to periodically check speeds of vehicles passing through the village, especially at times when people are going to, or coming from, work. The local police are also to check on cars parked on the main road, because such parking can make entry to, or exit from, this road very hazardous.

Road Improvement Scheme

All the relevant papers for the compulsory purchase orders necessary are now with the D.o.E. They have been requested to expedite these and the Council are pressing Avon C.C. to complete the scheme as soon as possible.

Future Meetings

The next meetings will be on 3rd February, 2nd March and 30th March, at 7.30pm in the village hall. As usual villagers can raise matters before the official business starts.

Bill Williams

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The French have a word for it "bonhomie" while Roget's Thesaurus has several alternatives. But whatever you like to call it, there was plenty of it in evidence on December 5th in the Village Hall during the Cheese and Wine Social. This was the fifth such annual event put on by the Village Hall Committee and to date is thought to have been the best.

It was well attended with a packed Hall, a bustling Bar and an array of refreshments going far beyond the Cheese and Wine label, and thanks are due to all those who helped to make this such a jolly, enjoyable and entertaining evening, not forgetting the volunteer (or was he "pressed"?) auctioneer, who rounded it off in his own inimitable style.

All in all (and I have refrained from including a pun .. "all in Hall") it was quite an evening!

There's not much else to report from the Village Hall Committee except to say we have another Committee Meeting on January 13th .. and to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

Paul Alexander

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The last few months have proved to be quite active for the village with a good variety of activities taking place. The Shirehampton swimming pool was hired for an evening session at which both adults and younger members of the village enjoyed a most relaxing and sociable, as well as energetic if you chose to be so, time, and this will be repeated again in a month or so. Also another Barn Dance went with a swing in October, and we look forward to seeing a few more villagers at the next one which has been booked for April 16th. These really have proved to be most enjoyable evenings, so don't miss out next time.

The quiz night held in the village hall was another new venture for us which seemed to be a great success. It was attended by 14 teams of four with most of the village 'groups' being represented, and also some very welcome private entries, thank you 'Plum Tree Cottage', and well done on your 4th position. The Sailing Club 'A' Team took first prize, with the lounge bar of the White Hart 'Deer Hunters' in second, and a close third being the church entry of 'The Smart Set' - we have a feeling that a little outside intervention took place here, could this be so?! The evening raised £36.00 which has been donated to the Cancer Research Fund, it also gave us all a great deal of enjoyment, though taught a few of us that we have a lot to learn, and we thank the organisers Stuart Redway, Gail Williams, Simon Haigh and Ian Borland for all the work they put into the evening. Our thanks must also go to Connie Williams and her

gang of young helpers for the evening refreshments, and to Geoff Williams for introducing the evening. Another quiz evening has been arranged for 28th February, so please get your team entries into Gail Williams or Gwen Griesse as soon as possible.

As most of the village will have heard, some way or another, again this year we, and a really good band of full voiced followers, toured the village carol singing, bringing good cheer to you all, and a few sore throats to us, and a few sore ears to the listeners. But we did enjoy ourselves, and so did most of the recipients, and we managed to collect a grand £76.28 for the Children In Need Appeal. May we also say a heartfelt 'thanks' to Gail and Keith Williams for the lovely refreshments half way round - it oiled the old chords well, and also to Connie and Geoff Williams for the delicious sustenance, our cups were running over!

Our next event is the Wild West Night to be held on January 16th, an evening of Saloon Bar fun and entertainment, so hurry for your tickets from any Committee Member, there are very few left. The summer bar-be-cue has now been confirmed for July 2nd, so please keep that date free. All events and happenings in the village are advertised on the public notice board at the White Hart, so please keep an eye on it. Which just leaves me to say that the Social Committee wishes you all a Very Happy New Year, and an active and enjoyable one too.

Angela Borland, Secretary