

April 2020

THE PEW

Priddy Easton Westbury

COMMUNITY

Church Services APRIL 2020

Westbury Sub Mendip with Easton & Priddy

Unfortunately public services in our churches, like all churches nationally, are suspended due to the Covid 19 virus. However the churches will be open every day. You are warmly invited to go in and sit a while. There are some prayer resources inside if you wish to use them or you may just want to sit in peace.

REFLECTION FOR MARCH.

Easter – with a difference. Easter in 2020 will be very different for all of us; we are all thinking very carefully about what we do, who we meet and where we travel. The Archbishops of both Canterbury and York, have taken the major step of suspending public worship for the foreseeable future, so that many of the planned Easter services in our three parishes will not now take place.

People are different, Jesus knew that, so He treated people accordingly. God well knows all this because, it is He who made each one of us.

Jesus can be encountered in many different ways: our task at this difficult Easter Tide is always to discern what it is each person needs; to be able to meet the risen Jesus and to try and help them in their need. Jesus wants to meet everyone wherever they can find Him, even at this difficult time, so that everyone may share His risen life. We can rest assured that Jesus will be with each of us, even now.

I end with the prayer from the Lord Bishop of Bath & Wells:

Loving God, We pray for all those suffering because of the coronavirus, may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician. Amen.

Richard.

PS – If you feel the need to talk, please do not hesitate to contact your churchwardens or myself, our contact details are at the end of the magazine.

VACANCY NEWS

The members of the PCCs (the Parochial Church Councils) met with the Archdeacon and the Area Dean on 24th February. Following this, each PCC met to pick two representatives for their village to become members of the Profile Team. Tim Hind, who is the Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, will represent the Synod. Alison Schwetlick, joint editor of the PEW, will act as editor. This team with assistance from Caroline Bruce, the Parish Consultancy Officer for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, will write the Parish Profile. The profile is an important document which provides a snapshot of our parishes: who we are and who we believe God may be calling us to be. The members of the team are:

Juanita Glass and Robin Maine for Priddy;
Sue Kreter and Jennie Lunnon for Easton;
Linda Mogford and Tory Voake for Westbury.

All the PCCs have agreed on a survey being distributed to all villagers to ask for their views, which will help to inform the vision for the future of your church. In particular it is to find out what is important about their church and what they would like to see happening over the next 5 years or so. It is important that we hear from everyone, not just regular church-goers. The surveys are anonymous but results will be made public. I

It was planned to have a joint meeting in Easton Village Hall on Sunday 26th April at 3 pm. However, due to the Covid 19 virus, that is now on hold. Keep an eye out for details of how we will share the results with everyone.

ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE VACANCY

During the vacancy all arrangements for baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to the appropriate churchwarden;

Priddy	Juanita Glass	01749	675425	mother-glass@hotmail.co.uk
	or Robin Maine	01749	870423	rmaine@hotmail.co.uk
Easton	Sue Kreter	01749	870604	suekreter@aol.com
Westbury	Linda Mogford	01749	870817	lindamogford@uwclub.net

RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT NEWS FOR APRIL 2020

Results for February – On Saturday 1st February the RNLI Folk Night in St James' Hall with Jez Lowe produced a profit of £1,200.

March Events – Our AGM in Winscombe Cricket Club was postponed due to the Corona Virus crisis. However, 2019 was a very successful year when we participated in 30 separate events: 9 collections at supermarkets/garden centres; 4 fair/fete type events; 4 charity card/souvenir sales events; 4 RNLI Meetings; 8 Branch organised events including 2 Folk Nights and 2 Supper Nights; and attendance at the very first Wells Emergency Services Day. The latter event was organised by Wells Rotary and proved to be a great success on a bright but chilly Sunday 1st September both for finance and the RNLI profile in our area. Our Treasurer Steve has reported a profit in 2019 of £22,978.

Events in April and the Future – Responding to the Government advice on control of the Covid 19 virus, the RNLI HQ at Poole have issued the following policy to all its branches:

Indoor and outdoor RNLI events and gatherings should be cancelled e.g. fundraising activity and school visits. All RNLI shops, museums and visitor centres must close until further notice (because they will attract public interest and visitors to stations). RNLI stations must be closed to all but operational personnel and only operationally essential activities such as training, exercises, maintenance and emergency responses should be undertaken.

Consequently, and with immediate effect, RNLI Winscombe & District Branch are cancelling all future events including those already publicised. In particular, **the RNLI Winscombe Folk Night with Miranda Sykes scheduled on Saturday 2nd May is CANCELLED and the Annual Plant & Garden Jumble Sale scheduled for Saturday 9th May is also CANCELLED.** The Branch Committee will review

the Covid 19 virus situation in line with Government and HQ RNLI policy and will announce new events once these are permitted.

RNLI Winscombe and District Branch thank you for your support to date and look forward to meeting you when our programme is reinstated.

Local Launches in February – Six launches (Minehead – 2, Portishead - 3 and W-S-M – 1). Minehead Lifeboat Station has just taken delivery of a brand new D Class Lifeboat constructed at the RNLI's own inshore lifeboat centre on the Isle of Wight. Two years ago the Minehead station was given the opportunity by the RNLI of helping to offset the £52,000 it cost to build and equip. The station's fundraising committee set to work and raised all the money from the Minehead community within six months. The new boat will be known as Exmoor Belle – the winning name chosen after a competition among pupils at Minehead Middle School by Lilia Guscott, whose father, James, and grandfather, Steve, are both former members of the Minehead crew.

WELLS MEN'S BREAKFAST

The meeting of the Wells Men's Breakfast, due to take place on April 4th, has been postponed in response to the current Covid19 situation, which will be reviewed monthly.

PEW DEADLINES Please note the deadline is 12.00 noon

**23rd April for May edition
22nd May for the June edition**

P **RIDDY**

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL EASTER

FLOWERS, BRASSES AND CLEANING ROTA

APRIL

Weeks 1* Sunday 5th* Janice Robertson
Weeks 2 & 3 Sundays 12th & 19th Dorothy Gibbons and Alyssa Hawkins
GOOD FRIDAY 10TH APRIL
EASTER SUNDAY 12th APRIL
Also, Flower Arranging team for Easter.
Week 4 Sunday 26th Jayne Adams

Weeks marked with * denotes NO flowers only greenery for LENT

MAY

Weeks 1 Sunday 3rd Jayne Adams
Weeks 2 & 3 Sundays 10th & 17th Dawn Payne
Weeks 4 & 5 Sundays 24th & 31st Angela and Lisette Smith

JUNE

Weeks 1 & 2 Sundays 7th & 14th Rosemary Peacock
Weeks 3 & 4 Sundays 21st & 28th Christine Hayman & Shirley Groves

** If you are unable to take your turn, please contact the person on the flower rota with you.

Due to the present situation with Coronavirus and certain people being advised to isolate, we will quite understand if you are unable to go to the Church to clean or do the flowers, but it would be so nice if someone could still place a few flowers in the Church to keep it looking bright and welcoming, for anyone who wishes to come into Church for peace and tranquillity and a quiet prayer.

CHURCH DURING CORONAVIRUS

Although the Church Services have been cancelled for the foreseeable future, the Church will remain open as usual, and I hope EVERYONE will feel they can come in and just sit whenever they feel the need.

With the current restrictions on close contact, public worship in Churches has been suspended. At St Laurence Priddy we would like to maintain contact with our parishioners, so we have put together some prayers and reflections for each Sunday, which will be sent out via email. If you would like to receive this every Sunday, please send Juanita Glass your email address at, mother-glass@hotmail.co.uk. (We will not share your email with anyone else.) In the church there are also some prayer resources which were recommended by Church of England. Please feel free to take a copy if you want to. At this time our thoughts are with you all. Stay safe and keep well.
St Laurence PCC.

PRIDDY HISTORY GROUP - April 2020 Meeting Cancelled

Due to the current situation with Coronavirus and following the Government guidelines not to gather in large groups, the decision has been taken by the committee to cancel the History Group Meetings until further notice. Wishing you all well.
Marion Wilkinson Secretary

PRIDDY MONDAY CLUB

Due to the COVID-19 virus we will not be meeting for the foreseeable future, we will monitor the situation and be guided by the government recommendations.
Millie Houghton has kindly set up a Priddy Community Facebook page, (see letter below) should you need any help please contact her via Facebook or 870902. Alternatively if you would like to offer help, she would be very pleased to hear from you.

MILLIE'S LETTER – COMMUNITY SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear All Priddy Locals,

I've set up a support group on Facebook. With the prospect of neighbours having to self-isolate, having a local community page for locals to help one another may be rather useful. I propose that we use this group to support one another, especially those that may be more vulnerable during the up and coming unpredictable future regarding COVID19.

I'm not certain as of yet what help may be needed. But I'll be willing to help go and get shopping, medication and other necessities. I understand this will most probably help and allow those that are more at risk to stay safe at home.

To join this group on Facebook, search for “Priddy community” and you’ll see the photo of the village green looking rather miserable. Alternatively, if you’re not a Facebook user, you can contact me and I will help or match you up with someone else who is willing to help.

If you are willing to help please do also join the group or contact me. If it seems a WhatsApp group may be more suitable I can make that too. Please just let me know your thoughts.

In the longer term having this community page could be beneficial in other ways. Please don’t struggle alone. There’s plenty of people that are so local and willing to help.

Contact me on WhatsApp or text – 07770 906193 (lives in Manor House on The Green). Link to the Facebook page; <http://www.facebook.com/groups/148733336350318/?ref=share>

Best Regards, Millie Houlton

DOROTHY’S 80TH TEA PARTY

I would like to thank everyone who came to my party and for the cards and good wishes. When I first walked into the hall I thought how pretty and professional it looked. It was perfect.

So I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all my family for making my 80th Party so special and Thank You to Stephen for his speech, which made everyone laugh. I am very lucky and proud to have such a lovely

family. It was so nice I didn’t want it to end.

Dorothy.

SHEEP WORRYING

With the lambing season well underway, the National Farmers’ Union outlined how irresponsible dog owners could have, (and do have) a “devastating effect” on Livestock, farmers and their families, and reinforced the **GREAT** need for dog owners to keep their pets on leads **AT ALL TIMES WHEN OUT WALKING**.

Already this year we have seen the traumatic scenes when dogs have chased and injured animals. **PLEASE, PLEASE** don’t think your dog is just going to “play” with the animals.

IDEAS AND THOUGHTS!

Why not use this situation of self-isolation and social distancing to hone your creative abilities. The PEW is always looking for different items from people in the village about what is going on. But as there is not much going on at the moment why not consider sending in an item about how you are entertaining yourselves, keeping fit and using this enforced time at home to develop new skills or hobbies.

EASTON

FUTURE SERVICES

Usually I would be writing about the services in church for the month of April including Easter. However, these are not usual times. As you will have read in the front of the magazine, public services nationally are suspended. The church remains open every day until 5 pm if you wish to go and sit awhile.

If you would like to see the services for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday (that would

have been used in the Benefice) and a Sunday Morning Prayer (that would have been used in Easton), then contact churchwarden Sue Kreter (01749 870604 or suekreter@aol.com). She can either email the services to you or she can arrange for them to be delivered to you.

There are daily prayers on YouTube from the Diocese. The link is <https://www.youtube.com/user/diocesebathwells>

EASTON VILLAGE SUPPORT NETWORK

The next few weeks and months will be worrying and difficult for many people, especially those living alone or with health needs. In Easton, residents have come together to look at how we can best support each other. We have set up a network of volunteers who are willing to offer help with:

collecting food

collecting medication

an occasional friendly telephone chat

walking dogs

house maintenance issues/basic gardening for people who are housebound, unwell, unable to get out or are struggling to manage.

Easton residents will have received a leaflet through their door with the contact details of people in the Support Network. Please do get in touch if you need help or would just like to hear a friendly voice on the phone. If you did not receive a leaflet or have mislaid it, you can contact:

Cheryl on 07503 073928 or email: cheryl@nutritioninanutshell.org

Susie on 01749 870057 or email: susie.weldon@icloud.com

Jane on 07951 313917 or email jane@staton.me.uk

Beware of scams: There have been some distressing stories of criminals posing as health workers to con the elderly and vulnerable. We will introduce a password system for our volunteers which we will share with you when you sign up for support.

Library drop in: Now that the public libraries have closed, we are also looking at setting up a weekly library drop-in service at the Village Hall for people to swap books, games, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, etc, to help us get through the next few months. Check the noticeboards, Facebook and village emails for more information.

Other sources of help: We know that Westbury village shop is working hard to keep shelves fully stocked and also (at time of press) planning to launch a volunteer delivery service – check out the Westbury pages of The Pew and the Parish Council website: westburysubmendip-pc.gov.uk.

Wookey Hub: Andy Childs of Wookey Hub is offering to deliver food and groceries to Easton residents free of charge. Simply call him on 01749 672784 to place your order.

St. Paul's Church, Easton: Public services nationally are suspended, which includes St. Paul's here in Easton. However, the church remains open to all every day until 5 pm if you wish to go and sit awhile.

Keep in touch

- Check out the various notice boards in the village – next to the Church, on The Green and outside the Village Hall.
- Sign up to the village email group to keep up to date with latest developments. Email susie.weldon@icloud.com or cheryl@nutritioninanutshell.org to be added to the list.
- Check out the Easton Village Community Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/223143938273726/>

Random acts of kindness

Finally, in these difficult times with stories of selfish toilet roll hoarding, panic buying and anxiety, let's all practise 'random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty'. These are unexpected acts of charity or helpfulness and are often practised towards strangers. They can be as simple as paying someone a compliment or saying thank you or smiling at a passer-by – or just making sure you are in touch with your neighbours and are there to help if they need it.

LUNCHES IN LENT

We did manage to hold one of these. Our thanks to Doris and Jane for providing the homemade soup. We were delighted that after visiting several supermarkets in Wells, the usual doughnuts were available. Tim Lunnon was especially pleased as he was given one due to it being his birthday – he also received a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday to You' (without hand washing) from all those present. We raised approximately £69 at the lunch and then another £18 in donations for our three charities - **The Mission to Seafarers, the Samaritans and the MRI Scanner Appeal at Musgrove**. We will be back next year.

CONDOLENCE

We were very sorry to hear that long-time resident, Joyce Woods of Sunnybank, Back Lane, passed away on 3rd March aged 95. Joyce and her late husband Roy came to Easton with extended family members in the 1950's. They had one son, Clive, who sadly passed away a while ago. Joyce leaves a daughter in law, Fleur and two Grandsons, Aaron and Declan. We send our condolences and best wishes to Joyce's family at this sad time

GET WELL WISHES

Once again we are sending our best wishes to those people who are unwell at this time, We especially remember Fleur Wood, who, at the time of writing, is awaiting a liver transplant as well as mourning the loss of her Mother in Law. We also Remember John Evans, who has had an extended stay in hospital and hope that he is now home. We know there are many more people who are unwell and we remember them all in our prayers.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ROOM COFFEE MORNINGS.

We are cancelling the Church Room Coffee mornings for the time being until the Coronavirus has cleared.

We will all miss this event, which provides a time to with friends and family members. Let's hope things will have improved in a few months.
Take care. Frances.

EASTON LADIES' GUILD - WED. 5th MARCH

Our speaker was to have been June Greenway but at very short notice, a trip to hospital prevented her coming so we will hear her at a later date. Luckily, Jenny Burton, one of our members, stepped in with a very varied, interesting quiz. This was accompanied by lovely cakes brought by another member in celebration of a "significant" birthday. This resulted in a very pleasant, sociable afternoon.

The corona virus is seriously impacting on all our lives, including social activities so, unfortunately, we are unable to go to the Den at Pylle for our Spring Lunch which was scheduled for 1st April. And inevitably we must cancel our arrangements for the foreseeable future until it becomes safe for us to socialize once more.

I would like to suggest that our members do all they can to keep in touch with me and with one another by phone. When we cannot venture out the days can seem very long, and with a cheerful chat you will lift your spirits and someone else's too.

Chris 01749 870763

EASTON VILLAGE DOG CLUB

The Loose Cannon: how many of us owners have met this dog? He is usually male, aged between 6 - 18 months, often large and ALWAYS has no recall!! We hear his name but he doesn't appear to have any knowledge of it. His owner is often embarrassed and remorseful. Sometimes real mental or physical damage can be caused to a young and vulnerable dog on one of his first ventures out into the world.

So, how do you make sure your precious, cuddly pup doesn't turn into the "dog from hell"? By teaching a good recall right from the first day that you collect your puppy. Start with calling him for cuddles and treats, games and play, meals and walks, anything that he will enjoy. Anytime he's coming towards you, call his name and be so pleased with him when he reaches you. But, what if he is engrossed in an interesting sniff? Ignoring you, deaf to your voice? Don't waste time and energy repeating his name and getting no response. Go briskly up to him, give a rough nudge in his ribs, make a sound such as "oi you" usually works pretty well! Clap your hands and run away from him, calling him and making him think he will have an amazing time when he reaches you. Repeat this in the house, garden, field until you are confident enough to start putting some distractions in.

Pups always want to be with other pups because that's where they've had most fun. You have to make yourself the centre of his world and be the fun that he is looking for. Come and join us and we will help you to get it right. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm for pups and 7.30pm for dogs.

This article came to mind after meeting a large young male dog, with no recall, on the beach whilst on holiday recently. A few days later I met a lovely family of Mum, two small girls and a young whippet bitch. They are doing their best to train their youngster, not helped when they met this dog. He came bouncing over with neither owner being able to recall their dog! Don't be put in the same embarrassing situation.

NB. Dog club is continuing to run. Classes will be held outside and all participants are asked to observe the 2 meter space at least between dogs. For queries, or if you are new to the group, please call Sheila Spencer on 673885 as places will be limited for the time being.

BUS STOPS ON EASTON HILL - DELAY

County have informed the Parish clerk that there is an approximate 12-week delay in the installation of the bus stops, due to a request for utility information on underground services at the site.

WRAG

Wells Refugee Action Group would like to thank everyone who brought clothes, fabulous winter coats and waterproofs, blankets and sleeping bags to the Easton pop-up cafes. These will go first to Refugee Action Taunton and from there will be shipped out to the refugee camps in the Greek Islands or to camps in Syria, Lebanon etc.

We will let you know of future collections as we follow the work of charities such as Hope and Aid who provide the convoys.

WRAG met today and, in the light of recent government advice, we have decided to postpone our promises' auction for the time being.

WESTBURY

WESTBURY WALKS

This is one of a series of 20 walks around Westbury-sub-Mendip written by Nick Mayor and Austin Little. Future editions of the PEW will feature the other walks. A detailed route description, including a map, for each costs 50p and is available from the village shop.

Should this or any other walk description need updating or correcting, please email details to westburywalks@gmail.com

15: RAMSPITS

This circular walk of around 3.6 miles starts at the Village Cross and takes you through Hollybrook and up to, and then around, the deserted settlement site of Ramspits. After exploring the landscape around Ramspits, the walk then crosses the Lynchcombe and Cook's Fields Nature Reserves before dropping down the lanes back into Westbury.

The walk is mostly over paved roads and easy grassland terrain; it does, however, include one steep climb up Lynchcombe. There are numerous gates and stiles and it is possible you may encounter the occasional electric stock control fence. You should anticipate the walk taking 1-2 hours.

Underfoot conditions (if wet): Fair, although it can be muddy at the lower end of Hollybrook. If you follow the suggested route around the deserted settlement of Ramspits, **please take extra care** because the ground is very uneven in places.

PRIMROSES, PAINTING AND PLANTS WEEKEND, MARCH 7-8

Around 150 people wandered up the church path beside the primroses to view pictures on display by the village artists, buy plants grown by the village Garden Club, drink tea and cake, and, if brave enough, climb up the church tower to look at the view.

The range and quality of the pictures on view was amazing – from beautiful landscape watercolours to quirky life drawings. We were all astounded at the level of artistic talent that exists in our village!

Plants walked off the Garden Club stall which was laden with good quality, bargain-priced varieties, some very unusual. We look forward to seeing some very pretty gardens in the village this summer!

It was a treat to have the opportunity to climb up the church tower. Some of the bell ringers were on hand to give

interesting talks about the bells and take the bravest up onto the church roof to look at the view.

All of this washed down with tea, coffee and delicious cake provided by the Friends of Westbury Church.

Thanks to all the artists, gardeners, cake-makers and helpers who made it all happen, and to everyone who came and made it such a successful weekend. £359.60 was raised towards church funds.

CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Do you enjoy expressing yourself through writing Poetry? Perhaps Short Stories are more in your line or even writing Books for Children.

If the muse is currently with you, why not take the opportunity of entering the Wells Festival of Literature's Competitions. Not only could you have the satisfaction of seeing your work on the short list but as one of the top four winners you would walk away with a very useful nest egg. Although an International competition there are prizes for the first local writers too.

CHURCHYARD SUMMER MEADOW PROJECT – PRIMROSES AND BEYOND

The Church of England estimates that 10,000 of its 16,000 churches have churchyards. That's the area of a small national park. It's a precious resource which can make a huge difference to the biodiversity of the UK.

It is the grassland habitats within churchyards that are particularly important for wildflowers, butterflies and insects. Churchyards may be the only fragments of unimproved, wildlife-rich grassland remaining locally and can be an important refuge for the species of these habitats. Even churchyards that are less wildlife-rich are still important. They can provide a link between other sites, allowing threatened species to move and spread.

Over the years, one area of St Lawrence churchyard has been developed as a spring wildlife area, shaded by the ancient yew tree, where primroses, daffodils and bluebells flourish and slow worms can be found in the native grasses. Key to this has been a suitable mowing regime.

There is an opportunity to extend wildlife habitat by creating a summer meadow at the far west end of the churchyard. Currently this area is mown regularly. However, by allowing the grass to grow over the summer, it will provide a wide variety of grasses and flowers beneficial to wildlife.

The grass will be mown between autumn and spring as usual, then allowed to grow as a meadow between March and late summer. Initially we will carry out regular flower and grass surveys to find out what we have. Based on the results, we will decide the way forward, for example, whether to introduce plug plants, when best to mow.

We believe it is possible to manage our churchyards in a wildlife-friendly way, while being sensitive to its primary function as a burial ground and a peaceful, contemplative space.

Pam Booth and Pippa Mains

FRIENDS OF WESTBURY CHURCH

AGM on April 1st CANCELLED due to the current health scare

MARCH WINNERS OF PLAYING FIELD 100 CLUB

1st prize £20 - Lyn Dolby
2nd prize £10 - Peter Laws

WESTBURY FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Tuesday 31st March Closing date for latest grant applications from Village residents and Village organisations. Request application form from Peter peterbright60@btinternet.com or telephone 01749 870640 for a paper

copy.

Sunday 17th May: The traditional **Friendly Society Parade** with Wells City Band, roll call outside Pub, Church Service and Club Day lunch in the Village Hall **has been cancelled for this year.** The Coronavirus demands on gatherings make it undesirable. **Watch this space.....**

Saturday 25th July it is possible that there will be a ticketed live music event with Ian Towers in the evening as a Friendly Society Fund raiser.

Saturday 1st August it is possible that a Picnic Day on the Playing Field will be organised with most of the things that have traditionally happened on Village Day.

WESTBURY SOCIETY

We meet once a month – September to March, in the Village Hall on a Thursday at 7.30pm. There is an archaeology group that meets on Wednesday mornings – enquiries to Andrew Buchanan westburysociety@gmail.com [Entry £2.50 and under 16s free.](#)

19th

March Barry Lane lecture 'Westbury Archaeology - the Story of Hollybrook'. As this meeting did not happen it has been transferred to 19th November.

Thursday 30th July 15th Annual Parish Glow-worm count. 9.00pm start at Medlar House and finishing about 11.00pm. Details from Peter 01749 870640

The Autumn meetings are

17th September Doug Robinson on 'Local Geology and Local Building Stone'.

15th October Jim Hardcastle on 'The Future of the Mendip Hills AONB'.

19th November Westbury Archaeology Group – 'The Story of Hollybrook'.

..... and in the Spring we have John Dickson on 'Mendip Reptiles' and Jodie Lewis on 'Mendip Archaeology'.

If you wish to be on the email list for the Westbury Society let Andrew Buchanan know – westburysociety@gmail.com Entry for these meetings is £2.50 for adults and under 16s free.

WESTBURY VILLAGE HALL

Use of the Village Hall: In the present circumstances the use of the Village Hall and thus its income is effectively zero. However, current funds will enable some electrical upgrades and work to the exterior of the building, which will each start in April.

Puppet Show: On 6th March Angel Heart Theatre brought their production of Mazy Meg and the Honeybees to the Village Hall for their 11th visit. An audience of 77 – both young and old were enthralled. After the show the scones and fairy cakes were much appreciated while many took the opportunity to talk to the puppeteers and see the puppets up close. All the cakes eaten and hardly any crumbs arrived on the floor to be swept up.

Thank you to the many who helped with transporting, putting up

and taking down the staging and with supplying the scones and fairy cakes. The show was so much enjoyed that 'Robin Hood' has been booked in for 5th March 2021!

Films are shown in the Village Hall once a month between September and April starting at 7.30pm. Adult tickets are £7 and under 16 £2.50 and the adult ticket includes a glass of wine or apple juice and a variety of finger food. If you have views or suggestions give them to Sue Isherwood 01749 870457

Friday 3rd April. 'Mrs Lowry and Son.' *Has been cancelled due to Coronavirus issues.*

Consideration of what to do for September and onwards will be made in due course. Ideas, offers of help and any other thoughts would be welcome to Sue Isherwood 870457.

WESTBURY INN DINING NIGHTS

The Government recommendations on avoiding unnecessary gatherings has made it not sensible to hold at least the April and May Diners' Nights. Circumstances now are particularly difficult for Andy and Ann-Marie in the Pub. If you have ideas or thoughts please contact Peter Bright 870640 peterbright60@btinternet.com if you want to be added to the e-mail list for this.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are usually held in the village hall at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month, but generally not in August and December. There is talk of using Zoom for the meetings scheduled for **1st April and 6th May.**

TEA AND TOYS

(Westbury Village Hall, Tuesday mornings)

Sadly, due to falling numbers, Tea and Toys will be closed until further notice. Possibility of reopening in the summer, if enough demand. For more information, phone Pippa 01749 870042

WI MEETING IN MARCH

The numbers at our meeting this month were slightly lower probably due to concerns over the virus.

Sue Reece, the president ran through the business of the evening with particular emphasis on encouraging a member to take on the role as treasurer as only a member could take on that role which is a vital one enabling the group to function effectively.

Our speaker for the evening was Brian Wright who has visited us before when he proved himself to be an amusing and informative speaker.

This evening he did not disappoint as he packed in a tremendous number of whacky facts about food interspersed with cartoons and amusing quips. We learnt about food and etiquette through the ages from the Roman times (700 asses to provide milk for Cleopatra's bath! However it was good for getting rid of wrinkles and neutralising the effects of lead poisoning!) to the present day. We found out why certain meals such as afternoon tea became so popular and also discovered the origins of some of the names of common foods such as Sandwich, Garibaldi biscuits and Battenburg cake.

One particularly amazing fact is that the Great wall of China is held together with sticky rice mixed with the mortar! Apparently it makes a very firm bond which does not allow weeds to grow through it! I think we could all do with some of that mortar! Did you know that Pasta has been made since 1154 and the cocoa bean was grown before Christ! We have enjoyed eating our national favourite - fish and chips since 1860.

The evening was rounded off with chatting over refreshments.

Sadly as I write this the Coronavirus is gaining pace and now with advised isolation and social distancing it is unlikely that our group will meet again before June. However, we look forward to a renewed start and welcoming many new faces.

Take care and keep safe.

Margaret Hind

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