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Westwood Update

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Welcome to the October and November edition of the Westwood Update.

We hope you've been enjoying the revamped Westwood Update. This is a last call for a new editor/editorial team. All enquiries welcome. As editor for the last two years, it is time to hand over the pen (well, keyboard). It involves no more than half a day a month – almost entirely desk based. Only basic IT skills needed. It is a great team effort - including Mark Hazel for his excellent work making each issue look as good as it does, David Ghent at Minuteman Press who continues to kindly print the Update in colour (at no charge to the village) and then we have our large team who make sure it lands on our door mats every two months. It just needs someone to prompt contributors and the copy together each issue. If anyone is interested please contact Councillor Triggs – it is all laid out and ready for someone new to take the reins (**Elizabeth.triggs@westwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk**).



The next Parish Council meeting is on 7 October at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. The Parish Council are busy with lots of projects - do let us know if you are interested in joining. In good news the shop and post office will be opening by the end of the month, under new management.

INDOOR WINTER SALES

Are back! The first Sunday of October, November and December. Indoor table top sale. 10am opening at the Social Club. £1 entry per adult, goes directly back to the club.

Tables available, £6 single or £10 double.

Preloved, Bric a Brac, crafts, sellers all welcome. Kitchen hatch will also be open for refreshments.

To book a table contact Kayleigh Ramplin or **kayossevents@gmail.com**

BRADFORD ON AVON AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

We are holding an open meeting on Thursday 7th November 2024 at Cumberwell Golf Club. Doors open at 6.30 Demonstration starts at 7.30 with Coral Gardiner (NAFAS Regional Chairman & National Demonstrator).

The bar will be open for a short time before the Demonstration also tea & coffee will be served.

SEN HALLOWEEN FUN



…at Westwood social club during the half term, including crafts, pumpkin carving and a Halloween party across the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Details will be advertised on Westwood Waffle, Kay-OSS Events Facebook page or posters at the Social Club.

Enquires of details or booking to **kayossevents@gmail.com**

Keep an eye out for the start of the Christmas SEN towards the end of November and all weekends of December.







The New Inn

12-3pm, 6-10pm Weds-Sat
12-4pm Sun



Iford Manor Kitchen

Winter opening times:
11 October - 31 March 2025
Fri & Sat 11:45 - 14:30
Sun 11:45 - 14:30

Iford Cider Taphouse

Thu: 17:30 - 22:30
Fri: 17:30 - 22:30
Sat: 12 - 22:30
Sun: 12 - 20:30

The Cross Guns

Mon: 12pm - 8pm
Thu: 12pm - 8pm
Fri & Sat: 11am - 10pm
Sun: 11am - 6pm

From the Parochial Church Council...

With Autumn upon us we look forward to our village Harvest Festival family service on Sunday October the 6th. The church always looks very beautiful for the harvest festival and we are fortunate to welcome Canon Ken Padley from Salisbury Cathedral who will be leading the occasion. All are very welcome - come and join in with some rousing harvest hymns.

As you may already know, November is an exciting time for our village as we will be warmly welcoming Jenny Nelson, our new Rector. Jenny will be officially licensed on Thursday November the 7th in Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon at a special service at 7 pm. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

In addition, the PCC invite all the residents of Westwood to a party to meet and welcome Jenny and her family to the area. This is 12:00 noon on Saturday November 16th at Westwood Manor. If you would like to attend please send a note to **emily@azis.co.uk**. Please do try and make this event as we want to give Jenny a great Westwood welcome!

Best wishes for a peaceful autumn, The PCC
Chris Edwards - Churchwarden 07872 147636



Westwood with Iford primary school

It is lovely to be back in school after the long summer break and to see all our learners busy and industrious in the classrooms.





Our Year 6s are enjoying their smart new hoodies donated by Friends of Westwood School as well as flourishing in their roles as buddies for our new reception children.

Year 6 have also been on their residential trip to Plas Pencelli with Fitzmaurice school. They have made new friends and discovered new skills; rock climbing, caving, canoeing, waterfall walks and a gorge walk through a tunnel in the dark!

We have a few events coming up to which the community are invited; the first ones are our Open Day in December (4th) also and Christmas Carols on the playground with mulled wine. Please watch out for details as we hope you can join us for these.

Heather Saunders
Head of School, 01225 862408

Spiritual Evening at the Social Club. 7.30-9pm, 18 October

Multiple mediums working the main hall providing readings, £18 per person including a dessert. Up to 8 per table, bring friends and family.

Alternatively book in for an individual card reading for £20 per person including dessert.

A few sellers will also be at the event, the bar will be open with a cheap drink menu. Raffle drawn at the end raising funds for PromiseWorks Charity No 1145692

To book email **kayossevents@gmail.com** or contact Kayleigh Ramplin

Westwood Social Club

The summer has gone and autumn has definitely arrived. We had a positive summer season with the support of members; groups, regular events and bookings; games nights (new pool table).

We thank Selwood Housing Association awarding us £2000 Grant to renew the kitchen. Plus Wiltshire Community for awarding us a grant of £2500 to complete the Enfield Room and refurbish the garden area.

We are pleased our plastic chairs are on their way to a school in The Gambia West Africa collected by one of the school's teachers.

Thank you too to Imperial Charity providing entertainers at the Waveley Cafe. The first was roaring success thanks to Martin Smith in August.

2nd Oct Waveley Café 11am - 1pm

5th Oct Grand Clothes Swop

6th Oct Table Top Sale and Café 11th Oct

16th Oct Waveley Café (Imperial Charity) Jeff Law Guitarist & Vocalist

25th Oct 2024 Monthly Quiz

26th Oct Live Music Band Junk Yard Dogs

30th Oct Waveley Café 11am - 1pm

16th Nov Wiltshire Caledonian Pipes Night : Scottish and Celtic Music.

11th Dec Christmas Wavely Café (Imperial Charity) Frank Hackett - Irish Folk /Accordionist

Notice to Members: The AGM is 11th Oct 2024 @ 7pm. Annual Membership Subscription £10 is due 1st Oct 2024

Westwood Social Club - Great venue to hire. We welcome new members. **westwoodsocialclub.co.uk** or our Facebook page.

Westwood Summer Show

After a very wet start to the weekend, many thanks to everyone who helped to erect the marquees and set up the site on Saturday morning in the rain, we were really pleased that the sun came out and to see so many people on the day.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the judging, stewarding, parking, manning stalls, the gates, the incredibly busy tea rooms and refreshment stands. Special thanks to everyone who at the end of the day packed up the site so efficiently. Thanks also to those who organised and performed in the Saturday evening show, it was great fun. You are all very much appreciated.

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Craft and Produce Show, it was great to see so many exhibits from the Westwood School children.

Please get in touch if you have any ideas on how we can improve the event or if you would like to get involved and join the planning committee.

Wendy Packer: **wendy.packer54@gmail.com**



John Philpott judges a French apple tart at the Westwood Summer Show. (Photo: Trevor Porter/Wiltshire Times)



Diana Barlow judges the onions at the Westwood Summer Show. (Photo: Trevor Porter/Wiltshire Times)



(First prize – Clement Snook, a lego animal)

The successful winners were:

David Lewis Cup for most points in fruit and vegetables **Kay Crawford**

Challenge Class **Sam Say**

Neville Day Cup for best exhibit in fruit and vegetables **Kay Crawford for herbs**

Downside Cup for best exhibit in flowers **Sheila Biles for a collection of garden flowers**

John Philpott Trophy for best exhibit in cookery **Paul Slade for a chocolate sponge**

Richard Phillips Cup for best exhibit in art and craft **Annette Dinely for a felted item**

Ken Miller Cup for best exhibit in home brewing **Janet Hudson for a cordial**

Childrens best exhibit **Rory Hamblin for a collage**

Childrens' winner for most points - **A four way tie Elspeth Snook, Clement Snook, Jasper Hamblin, Lenny Green**

Westwood Parish Council Cup for most points overall **Kay Crawford**

Friends of Westwood School



We had a very successful Friends of Westwood School (FoWS) Annual General Meeting in September, with lots of new faces which was brilliant to see.

Over the previous school year we raised **£5,577** through a variety of events and activities, ranging from the annual scarecrow trail and Christmas Carols, to the discos and a very successful quiz!

However, we spent far in excess of this at **£15,112**, which we could do due to a build-up of reserves in the previous years. This money was spent on a number of projects across Westwood-with-Iford School, including outdoor play equipment, books for the library and the Big Day In at the end of the year. FoWS have also funded iPads, a dictionary pen, children's Christmas and Easter gifts and leavers hoodies, as well as some marketing to attract new families to the school. In the coming year we are hoping to raise money to fix broken playground equipment, school trips (such as the recent Bath Literacy Festival) and to continue to keep the brilliant library topped up with new books.

If you would like any information about FoWS please do follows 'Friends of Westwood School' on Facebook, or contact the Chair, Rhiannon Eveleigh via **chair@friendsofwestwoodschool.org.uk**.

Westwood Speedwatch

If you are concerned about speeding in the Village then why not help? New members to the Team are most welcome (contact **brianoliver212@gmail.com**). You receive a short training course from the Police / CSW Team. We count for about 1-hr on days over a 2-week period every few months; you do not have to commit to all of the counts.



We have only managed 2 sessions covering 8-counts this year due to adverse weather and availability. Of the 715 vehicles counted, 71 were speeding (9.9%), regrettably this being about the norm over the years. It is hoped that the Traffic Calming infrastructure opposite the New Inn Pub will reduce the incidence of speeding and we will continue to monitor this.

Brian Oliver | Westwood CSW Team Leader

NEXT ISSUE

Please send content for the next Update to **village.update@westwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk** by 15 November. Please limit to 150 words, images welcome. Editorial discretion may be exercised.

Westwood Fantasy Football League

With the Premier League starting up again, I have been putting the final touches to my Fantasy Football team. I have been competing with my family for a few years now for a bit of fun, with mixed results. It is a game that has been gaining in popularity over recent years, and so I had the idea of throwing down the gauntlet to see if there are players in Westwood who would be up for joining a village league. There are no cash prizes, only the kudos of being the champion of Westwood at the end of the year, for which a trophy will be presented. League entry will be restricted to residents of the village, it would be fantastic to see lots of people joining the league and having a bit of fun.

You will need a code to join the league which is **hmue6v**

Keith Steggall

Westwood Update – distribution coordinator

Is there anyone who is able to take on the job of distributing the Updates to those people who deliver them? The job is not arduous, but needs a driver (or a keen walker) to go round the village with the individual bundles. The 550 Updates need to be counted out and packaged and then distributed - about 2 hours work every 2 months.

If you are interested please contact Sue Lindsay on **01225 863503** or **07835 738827**

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