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Westwood Update

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Welcome to the June and July edition of the Westwood Update.



Westwood Parish Council is appealing for volunteers to help complete the village's proposed Neighbourhood Plan. The council is now preparing an updated version and is looking for people to assist in finalising the document before presenting it to residents for consultation. "If anyone has some time available, particularly members of the original team who helped start the process, we would be very pleased to hear from them". Please contact John Bishop on 01225 868271.

Meadow In My Garden has taken on the Park Building lease and work is under way to modernise the interior with new flooring, funded by the parish council as part of the previously agreed lease budget, a new kitchen and toilet facilities.

The council is still awaiting a response from the current contractor regarding the 2026/27 grounds maintenance specification. Meadow In My Garden will also carry out low-maintenance planting schemes in selected areas around the park. Scrub clearance work has been completed around the mine shafts. Affected areas have been reseeded with grass and further native planting will be introduced following essential repair work to help screen the structures. Repairs have been carried out to swing seating in the play area, with plans to replace one damaged seat. The parish council will investigate creating a Boules pitch and is exploring grant funding.

An additional digital speed indicator will be installed in Upper Westwood, close to the Park Building. Although there has so far been no response from local landowners regarding land for allotments, the parish council is exploring possible options.

The council has also agreed terms for Westwood United Youth Football Club to use the Windy Ridge playing fields for weekday evening training sessions, as well as 5v5 and 7v7 youth matches at weekends. Anyone interested in getting involved should email Alan House at **alanhouse833@gmail.com**.

THE CROSS GUNS REOPENS

We are excited to be opening The Cross Guns for the summer season.

Unfortunately, having uncovered structural issues whilst safely removing historic asbestos, we are now awaiting engineering proposals and listed building consent before we can fix them. Therefore for summer 2026, we have upgraded the "Deli Shack" one deck down from the pub, where we will serve a limited menu, light snacks, ice creams etc. This will stand in for the kitchen insofar as it can, and drinks will of course continue to be served from the pub. We look forward to getting stuck in this winter to put right the structural defects, and make sure this historic pub's fabric is properly secured for decades, if not centuries, to come.

Opening hours: Wed, Thurs, Sun and Bank Holidays Bar: 11.30am - 8pm. Deli shack: 11.30am - 7pm. Fri & Sat: Bar: 11.30am - 9pm Deli shack: 11.30am - 7pm.





No. 10 Tea Garden
9-5pm Fri-Sun &
Bank Hols
Breakfast 9am-12pm



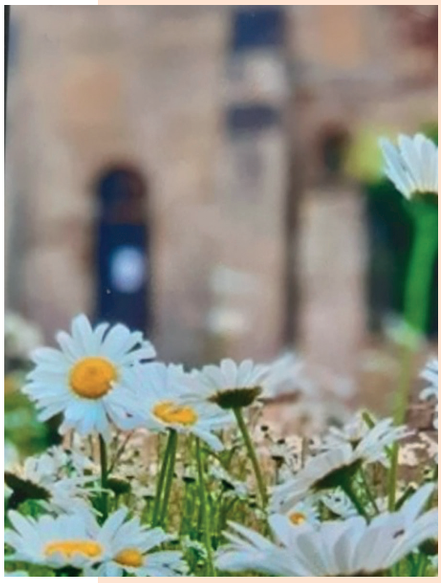
The New Inn
Wed-Sat 12-3pm
and 6-10 pm
Sun 12-4pm



Iford Manor Kitchen
Wed-Sun & Bank Hols
11.45am-2.30pm
Supper Club selected
Fridays



Iford Manor Café
Wed-Sun & Bank Hols
9am-4.30pm



From the Rector...

Reflecting on the past year at St Mary the Virgin has been a privilege as we prepared for our annual meeting.

Rooted in Christ, St Mary's continues to be a welcoming presence at the heart of village life. Our worship and music have flourished, supported by our dedicated organists and the beautiful Evensong with Cantare, and many have been met through weddings, funerals and services of thanksgiving. Hospitality now accompanies our services, strengthening our fellowship. Our partnership with Westwood and Iford Primary has deepened, and I continue to be inspired by the children and staff as we explore themes of planting, Creation, and the Holy Spirit – often marked by the joyful appearance of all sorts of animals and the dove in our storytelling and singing! We are now developing a mission plan to explore wider participation, including 'fresh expressions' for services with our new Lay Worship Leaders, encouraging stronger engagement with local families and children. We warmly invite you all to explore the joyful life of St Mary's as we seek to grow our welcoming church into a place of nourishment for everyone at the heart of Westwood. Please feel welcome to be in touch, and do come along to any of these services:

7 June – Morning Prayer – 11.15am
14 June – Holy Communion – 11.15am
21 June – Matins – 11.15am
28 June – Holy Communion – 11.15am

5 July – Holy Communion – 11.15am
12 July – Holy Communion – 11.15am
19 July – Holy Communion – 11.15am

If you have a little time to spare, your help would be welcome with church cleaning. Helpers meet for an hour or so on Tuesdays. Either just come along or contact Sue Lindsey on **07835 738827**

Bradford on Avon Flower Club

Over spring, the Club has enjoyed a varied line-up of events.

In February, Caroline Cooper's *"The Wonders of the Wye"* demonstration gave us an insight into the River Wye, its castles and its festivals. Also in February, we held a *"Tray for a Valentine"* workshop, focusing on using pave to create flower "food"! Arguably, our most popular event was an Ikebana workshop with Miyuki Griffin: an introductory talk about its history and Japanese culture, demonstrating how she creates her designs; then we set to work to reproduce using our own flowers with individual attention on how to make our designs really special!

In May, we welcomed Germaine Smith to demonstrating *"New Ideas for Flowers in the Home"*. Bradford-on-Avon Flower Club meets at Holt Village Hall on the 1st and 2nd Thursday of each month. New members and visitors are always very welcome. For more details, please contact **jillcampbell51@gmail.com**







Westwood Social Club News!

We have launched our Lottery as part of Wiltshire Community Lottery which raises money for good causes in the county!

Westwood Social Club provides a much loved and valued service for the community. All income from the lottery will be used to fund a Solar Electricity system which will massively reduce our carbon footprint and running costs. Tickets cost just **£1** a week with a top prize of **£25,000**. There's a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked. Please help by regularly buying tickets. **Play the lottery, support Westwood Social Club - it's that simple!**



Friday opening. During June we are opening at 5pm every Friday: an opportunity to enjoy the garden and an early pint or two.

Summer Skittles league The Charger Cup starts w/c commencing 22nd June – get your team together and let's have an amazing summer.

World Cup Football Watch at Westwood Social Club - open for the duration of the England matches.

Not forgetting! Tai Chi 10am Tuesdays; Fortnightly Wednesdays Waverly Café plus Craft & Knitting Chat session; Friday Bridge Club 9am for 10; Bingo Thursday at 8pm and skittles Charger Cup; Monthly Quiz the last Friday of each month and the Pizza van will be in the car park. Or perhaps hire for a party or event - our rates are so reasonable.

Contact: **www.westwoodsocialclub.co.uk**



KAY-OSS

We hope you saw our scarecrow at the Social Club at half term. This has been keeping us busy, so there are fewer events lined up, but we are excited to be holding our first ever SEN Prom for all ages, on Friday 26th June 5-6.30pm at Trowbridge Rugby Club.



Westwood Parish Rooms Charity – The Summer Bunting is Up!

Sundays – Manor Teas: Although not matching the open days of the National Trust Westwood Manor in May, June & July, we have Sunday Manor Teas, courtesy of volunteers from the Church, Friends of Westwood with Iford School and Westwood WI. Look out for details on the notice board outside the Parish Rooms or our Facebook update on Westwood Waffle.

Saturday bookings: Always remember, we are available for private hire on Saturdays for all sorts of parties, weddings and family gatherings. With such a professionally furnished kitchen and the tables, chairs, and place settings for up to 60 guests, this is a splendid village facility. As always we still remain a very popular centre for activities such as Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Art Groups and Watercolour Painting Classes. **We are always looking for willing volunteers to make this very popular facility a continuing village success story.**

Seek us out at **bookingsparishrooms@gmail.com**

Westwood Women's Institute

WI members and other creative people in the community have been busy working to replenish the poppy cascade for the church.



Thank you to all who have sent poppies; we will continue to need donations, knitted or crocheted . There was also a productive session in the Park Building, attaching and mending; the next will be on Thursday 4th June, from 10 to 2 and all are welcome. A tour of the renowned flower arranger Pam Lewis's extensive gardens in Devizes in May was well attended. Thirty three members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and Pam demonstrated several arrangements, comprising garden and cultivated flowers, whilst giving us tips and anecdotes of her experiences. We are now looking forward to a talk on 15th June by a former Bletchley Park girl, Victoria Walsh, and a garden party in July. As always, potential new members are always welcome to come along to the meetings at 7.15 for 7.30 in the Parish Rooms.



Westwood Summer Show

Monday 31st August

Preparations are well in hand for this year's show. Schedules have been delivered throughout the village and we hope that there is something there that will tempt you to enter, ensuring a bumper crop of exhibits.

Site set up will take place on Saturday 29th August at 10am. Any help will be very much appreciated so please do get in touch. In addition to the Flower Show there will be all the usual Church Fete stalls. Some lovely Flower Arrangements will be on display in the Church, perfect for a quiet moment.

The city of Bath Brass Band will be there to entertain us throughout the afternoon and teas and cakes will be available in the Parish Rooms. Can all trophies please be returned to 62 The Pastures for engraving prior to the show?

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HARD COPY

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Facebook page Westwood Waffle has news, issues, items to give/sell and generally *"all things Westwood"*.

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