

Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter

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Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must reach me by : for the February 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 25 January 2021
and for the March 2021 edition : 9am Monday, 22 February 2021.

Westbury Village Hall

Westbury Parish Council : Due to the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 virus, until further notice, Westbury Parish Council meetings are being conducted remotely using "Zoom" software. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday, 14 January 2021. Should any member of the public wish to join these meetings, it is requested that they first contact : Mrs Sarah Smith, Parish Clerk and RFO, by email : <clerkwypc@aol.co.uk>.

website : www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk.

Westbury WI : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all meetings are held either outdoors in a member's garden at 2.00pm or - if that is not possible - are held later that day indoors remotely via "Zoom" at 7.30pm. For more information and details of the next meeting, please call Beryl Johnson, WI Secretary (01743 884950) or email: berylanderic@icloud.com; or call Jill Jones (01743 884414) or Cilla Perry (01743 891148)

Westbury Indoor Bowls Club : has been closed for the summer months due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 virus. Dave would like to wish all members a Happy New Year and will let you know when we can start playing again. Until then - stay safe and well. For more information, please call Dave Williams on 01743 884553..

Westbury Photography Club: Due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 virus, the Club will not be meeting again until advised by Government that it will be safe to do so. For more information please email Robert Williams: robertwilliams6@mac.com.

Hall Hire : Due to the Covid-19 virus, the village hall will not be available for bookings until further notice. For more information, please contact Bella 07707639124 (Mobile) (Voice/Text) or email: childsbella@icloud.com

Westbury Exercise Group : Due to the Covid-19 virus, all future meetings have been postponed until further notice. For more information, please send an email to Ruth Morriss: rmorriss73@gmail.com, or leave a voice message or text on 07788123380 (Mobile).

Westbury Youth Club :The "physical" Youth Club has closed; however - conscious that the Covid-19 virus situation is putting a huge strain on everyone, Lee and Hayley are keeping in touch with the young people and will run a "virtual" Youth Club, which is being advertised through their Facebook page. For further information, call Richard Parkes, Chief Executive Officer, Shropshire Youth Association. Tel: 01743 730005 or 07710095802 (Mobile).

Long Mountain CoE Primary School : operates at Worthen and the Pre-School is normally open five days each week from 9.00am - 3.00pm. The School also offers "Wrap Around Care" from 7.45am to 6.00pm during term time, for children registered at the school and aged three years and over. Jane Gill left her post as Head Teacher at the end of December and, from the beginning of the January 2021 term, Mrs Bethany Rowe will be the new Head Teacher at the School. For more information, please contact Long Mountain CoE Primary School on 01743 891320.

West Shropshire Flower Club : Unfortunately, with worsening conditions, meetings have been cancelled and the AGM has been postponed until March 2021. For more information, please call Liz Dawson (01938 570235) or visit: info@brimford.co.uk.

Yockleton Victory Hall

Yockleton W I : Due to the Covid-19 virus situation, formal meetings and other activities have been suspended until further notice. For more information, please contact Daphne Goodwin (01743 884524).

Rea Valley Young Farmers Club : for details of future meetings, please telephone : Rebecca Beckett on : 07528 944632 (Mobile).

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Now that Westbury Post Office has closed and Police Surgeries are no longer held there, much of the information contained in the Newsletters produced by the Shrewsbury Rural West and District's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) based at Pontesbury Police Station, will be of interest to residents of Westbury, Yockleton and surrounding hamlets and can be viewed on the Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter website: wylocalnews.co.uk or, to view issues of these SNT Newsletters and to view the Police Events Calendar, please follow the link below :

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2993/Team-Calendar-and-Events?amonth=2&ayear=2018&submit=Go>

NB : If the Police are attending any events in Westbury, these will be added to their Calendar.

To view the September 2020 SNT Newsletter, please follow this link : <https://wylocalnews.co.uk/police-news>

Anti-Social Behaviour

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Safer Neighbourhood Team

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team members are Inspector Saf Ali and Sgt Rebecca Thomas. Joe Bradley continues as my right hand man and Police Volunteer Arthur Jones is still opening Pontesbury Police Station on Wednesday evenings between 4.00pm and 7.00pm, should you need to attend for for any issue. We have a sign that we put outside the Station if there is an officer on the premises, so - if anyone is passing and wants advice - please call in.

If anyone requires a "home" visit or wants to discuss anything, please just ring me : PC Cookson on 101 Ext 66645 or use my

Work Mobile : 07814 042410 (Duty Hours)

or email us via:shrewsburyrw.sent@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

If you need **to report any crime**, please call West Mercia on the 101 number or report anything anonymously through :

Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

Please do not email to report a crime. Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress, or when life is in danger. For none emergencies please call 101.

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Police Matters

“Overnight Thefts” - the main area of concern - remain. Residential properties are often targeted for petrol type power tools, and farm buildings are always a favourite. Please ensure that “expensive” items are locked or chained when not in use. Colleagues in Shrewsbury have seen an increase in thefts from vehicles and garages on the housing estates within the town overnight and this includes expensive bicycles - which is another item that requires “bolting down” - even when in a garage.

Now evenings have drawn in, check that your security lights are still working and make sure you “lock up” earlier in the evening to prevent unwanted visitors from helping themselves, aided by the cover of more darkness. If you would like me to visit and take a walk around your property, please give me a call on 07814 042410.

Following complaints from locals - there will be some Speed Enforcement Checks being conducted in both Westbury and Yockleton over the next few months.

Stay safe and please get in touch with any questions or concerns.

Please continue to lock up outbuildings and report any sightings via 101 and also via some of the excellent community Facebook pages to alert your neighbours that they are about.

I am still working as usual and if you would like me to have a walk around your property to give security advice, please get in touch. I can manage to shout over two metres but I am missing my usual cups of tea, which would be a pre-requisite for a visit!

As always, keep garages, sheds and outbuildings locked and - if possible - alarmed. Simple battery powered alarms have improved and noise is always a good deterrent if a thief has managed to get into your “Lock Up”. Quad bikes and push bikes continue to be popular amongst thieves, so both need chaining up/bolting down.

Security marking can help recover stolen items and there are a number of options available. Please remain vigilant and ensure everything gets locked all the time - not just last thing at night. Keep in touch with your neighbours by telephone and - for those who use social media - post strange vehicles and unusual events. Neighbourhood Watch is nothing complicated or formal. It's just keeping an eye out, but also letting others know - including me - if you have the registration numbers of vehicles that don't look or feel right. It doesn't matter if it is via Facebook, WhatsApp or a text message. Email me and Joe Bradley via :

shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

If you have outside lights and security lights, make sure they are working. Any garden ornaments of value or interest need to be well secured, as do power tools and garden equipment, as they remain a desirable item for opportunist night-time thieves.

Please be aware of any unusual callers to your house or area, even those who may make themselves look legitimate by offering gardening services or asking for directions. Always try and make a note of vehicle registration numbers or anything distinctive about the vehicle and callers.

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P C Ross Cookson 1324  
SNT Shrewsbury Rural West  
Police Wildlife Crime Officer  
Telephone : 101 Ext. **7704803**

Work Mobile : 07814 042410 (Duty Hours)

**Group Mailbox:** [shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

**Rural SNT based at:** Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road,  
Pontesbury. SY5 0QH

**Web:** [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

*Please do not rely on email to report crime, in an emergency dial 999 or telephone via 101.*

## Refuse and Recycling Services

Following the temporary changes over the Festive Period - Collections have now returned to normal with effect from Monday, 11 January 2021.

**Wednesdays, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January - Refuse**

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January - Green and Recycling**

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Green and Recycling**

The Household Recycling Centres are open 9am to 5pm every day - and were only closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

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*Editor*



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*Mary Pryce*

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*Alex Tucker*



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Charlotte Bromley  
(No 12)

4th Prize : £5

Angie Haydon  
(No 80)

5th Prize : £5

Jenny Howard  
(No 78)

6th Prize : £5

Karen Worrall  
(No 17)

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### 2020

### Annual Bonanza Draw

1st Prize : £50

Emily Evans  
(No 79)

2nd Prize : £25

Mr Brian Knott  
(No 13)

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Editor

## Tree Planting to Celebrate 90 Years of Westbury W I



## Westbury W I

On Wednesday, 9 December 2020 members attended a meeting by Zoom, and were reminded to read the Resolutions on Page 23 of the W I Federation's News.

To celebrate the 90 Years since Westbury Women's Institute was founded, a small shrub called Amalanchier Lamarkii has been planted in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Westbury.

Members read a poem for Advent and a Quiz was held thanks to Frances Peake.

Arrangements were made to join Radio Shropshire to sing Christmas Carols on Wednesday, 16 December.

The next meeting would be on held on Wednesday, 6 January 2021.

*Beryl Johnson : Secretary  
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## FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES : JANUARY 2021

**(Every week 9:30am on Zoom or in person services)**

Sunday, 10 January 2021 : at St Mary's, Westbury  
commencing at 11:00 am

Sunday, 17 January 2021 : at All Saints, Worthen  
commencing at 11.00 am

Sunday, 24 January 2021 : at St Mary's Westbury  
commencing at 11.00 am

The next service at Holy Trinity, Yockleton  
will be on Sunday, 7 February 2021  
commencing at 11.00 am

*Rev. David Moss  
Rector for the Parishes of Westbury, Worthen and Yockleton  
The Rectory, Westbury. Tel: 01743 884165  
Email: davidmosswwy@gmail.com*



**January 2021 : A New Year's Message**  
**From the Rector of St Mary's Church, Westbury**  
**Holy Trinity Church, Yockleton and**  
**All Saints Church, Worthen**

Traditionally the Church would have celebrated Sunday, 10 January 2021 as Plough Sunday, historically held on the first Sunday after Epiphany (the visit of the Magi or wise-men) and therefore the Sunday falling between 7 January and 13 January.

In the past the Church played a more prominent role in society and accordingly no work on the land would begin until the day after Plough Sunday. A small horse-drawn plough would be displayed in the Church and it and the land blessed accordingly.

A local farmer would be invited to present seed to be blessed by the Priest in a format like:

*Blessed are you, Lord of creation, soil and seed are the gift of your hand. Signs of your generous love and the miracle of new life and growth. Bless all soil and all seed, the potential they hold that all may have plenty and be filled. God bless the soil and the seed. God bless our soil and our seed.*

In times gone by, there wasn't as much confidence in man's ability to farm and bring forth a harvest as there is today, a lot more seemed to be left to providence and so God's blessing was sought.

Plough Sunday formed part of the Church-Agricultural calendar :

- Plough Sunday in January where we prayed for a blessing on the land and the labourers who prepared the ground.
- Rogationtide in May where parishioners would 'beat the bounds' or walk around the parish boundaries and pray against mildew or any other crop disease.
- At the beginning of the Harvest season, the first fruits of the harvest were presented in the Church, on 1 August Lammas-tide - meaning 'loaf Mass' - was celebrated. Bread loaves were made from the fresh wheat crop. These were used as the Communion bread during a service to thank God for the harvest.
- Then Harvest Festival where thanks were given for the ingathering of the crops. Originally an Autumn 'moon' festival - harvest is from the Anglo-Saxon word hærfeſt, "Autumn". The first full moon nearest the Autumnal Equinox is called the Harvest Moon.

The structure of our calendar mirrors that of the command of God to the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land; a kind of reminder that man is not as powerful as he thinks. He is at the mercy of nature; we can plant and water, but only God we are told can bring about the growth. Deuteronomy 26 :

*When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his*



*Name and say to the Priest in Office at the time: "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us". The Priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God.*

Hebrews 13:16

*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

If 2020 has told us little else, it has reminded us that it is good to stop and take stock of man's short passage on earth; to recognise man's limitations and to face our own mortality. The laws of nature are finely balanced and we should remember to care for the land and not to exploit it.

Whilst ploughs are not used much anymore, technology has advanced into new more efficient methods of farming, but the Plough remains the symbol of all our labour in the countryside, the foundation of the farmer's work and even the image of our relationship with the land. It is an amazing design, both simple and effective. When I was at Agricultural College we had to study how it cut and turned the earth, burying any trash and allowing the frost to get at it.

So at the beginning of another year, we salute this symbol of the Plough and through it we pray that the Lord would give his blessing to it and to us, and to all the work and workers on the farms of our parish.

*Reverend. David Moss  
Rector for the Parishes of Westbury, Worthen and Yockleton  
Tel: 01743 884165  
Email: davidmosswwy@gmail.com*

## **The Winter Boots**

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this)

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her pupils to put on his boots ?

He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said : "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet."

She looked and - sure enough - they were. Unfortunately, it wasn't any easier pulling off the boots than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the correct feet. He then announced : "These aren't my boots !" She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream: "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to.

Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they got the boots off when he said : "They're my brother's boots, but my Mum made me wear them today." Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry, but she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots BACK on to his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked : "Now, where are your mittens ?" He said : "I stuffed them in the toes of the boots " !

She'll be eligible for parole in three years.

*Anonymous*

# Westbury Parish Council

## Meetings

The next meeting of Westbury Parish Council will be held "remotely" using Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday, 14 January 2021.

It is currently anticipated that the next Annual Council Meeting will take place in May 2021.

## News Items

### Merger of Worthen and Pontesbury Medical Practices

For information please visit : <https://www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk./news>

## Road Closures

### B4386 between Woodcote roundabout and Westbury

**Dates** : Wednesday/Thursday : 20/21 January 2021 from 9.30am  
(weather and workforce permitting)

**Purpose** : to repair all outstanding defects on the B4386 between Woodcote roundabout and Westbury

This road closure will not affect school dropping off and collection or any emergency access issues.

### B4387 from Westbury Junction with B4386 to Halfway House A458, Westbury

**Start Date** : Monday, 22 February 2021 : 10.00pm

**End Date** : Friday, 26 February 2021

**Purpose** : Road Closure - Network Rail, Flail Access and Egress 22:00 - 06:00

**Works Promoter** : Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

**Works Promoter Ref** : KL431SBA10M10C220221

**Enforcement pattern for B4387 from Westbury Junction with B4386 to Halfway House A458, Westbury : 22:00 - 06:00**

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking on the following link :

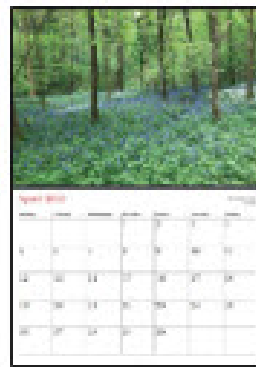
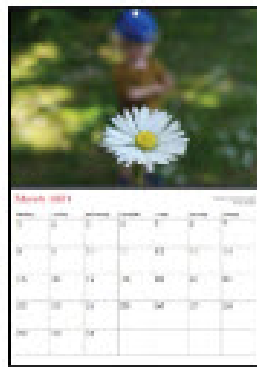
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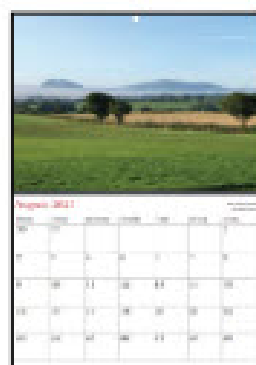
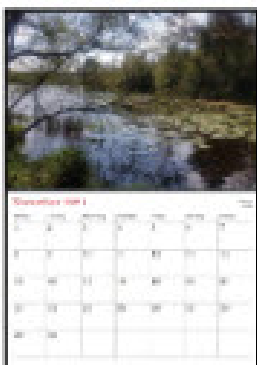
Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006 or contact the Street Works Team on

[streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk).

Source : Westbury Parish Council website  
[www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk)



**A4 Calendars a few still available : £6 each**  
**Proceeds go to Westbury Benefice**  
**Contact Reverend David Moss to order**  
**01743 884165 or davidmosswy@gmail.com**  
 (Cheques payable to : Benefice of Westbury, Yockleton and Worthen)



## **A New Year**

We've put it behind us  
And waved it goodbye  
The year of 2020  
Seen out with a sigh

We've stripped the turkey  
Gobbled up the plum duff  
Measured our waistlines  
Then jogged, and run out of puff

We're now looking forward  
To better times to come  
When we can shop without masks  
And have lots of fun

We're all going to be waiting  
For a jab in the arm  
And when we've been vaccinated  
We'll come to no harm

This year that is coming  
Will make us think twice  
And remember the dark days  
When everything came with a price

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## **Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter**

### **Covid 19 Virus**

As stated in my recent Newsletters, each month - and for many years - 530 copies of the Newsletter have been delivered house-to-house in Westbury, Yockleton and surrounding communities by our team of 20 volunteer distributors, many of whom - like me - are OAPs and have been advised to stay at home.

Understandably, in these extraordinary times, our volunteers are unable to continue. All monthly editions are now only available for viewing or downloading via our new website:

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*Editor*

## **Sabrina Mobile Library**

Following the Government announcement on 4 January 2021, we have taken the decision not to run the Mobile Libraries until further notice - probably not until the current "Lockdown" is lifted - but we will re-assess towards the end of February.

All regular borrowers on our lists will be contacted by the Mobile Library drivers over the next two to three weeks.

*Ellen Powell*  
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