

Parish News – October 2016

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On a very pleasant evening in early September the Mystery Walk took place around Lasborough. About 14 walkers and 4 dogs took part with sadly no children on this occasion, probably due to schools having reopened. Skirting around Lasborough Park the walk took in parts of the valley not normally open to the public. Many ongoing building and woodland changes were observed before returning to Lasborough Barn. Thanks are due to the Rausing family for kindly allowing access but all roaming walkers should understand that this annual consent in no way implies a public right of way.

The Barbecue at the Barn staged very professionally by the Hewett family was, as always, an enjoyable finale for the walkers. Rather surprisingly many attendees were still sitting in their cars as the walkers plodded into the yard and upon enquiry it turned out that they were listening to Helen Titchener's trial on The Archers. As 7.15 passed and they joined the throng the talk was more about a particular domineering husband than the beautiful countryside that had just been explored. Once the alcohol came out and the burgers were sampled blood pressures appeared to return to normal.

Continuing with a BBC theme, many readers will not know that on Friday, 7th October, Woman's Hour will be 70 years old. Also taking place on that day will be the Autumn Term Lecture given this year by Professor Christopher Dunn, a renowned pharmacologist with years of experience in bone marrow transplantation, haematology and the effects of spaceflight on the body. His lecture will be entitled "Living and working in the space shuttle: effects on the body." The lecture starts at 7pm. with drinks from the cash bar from 6:30pm. Admission is free with, as usual, a post lecture supper for £15. Please book a place for the lecture by emailing asalih@westonbirt.org . Please indicate whether supper is required.

Autumn has arrived and the Harvest Festival and Supper hooves into view on Sunday, October 16th. The church service at Lasborough will be held at 6pm. and then followed at 7pm. by supper at Westonbirt School, by kind permission of Natasha Dangerfield. Tickets costing £8 for adults and £2 for under 16s can be obtained from Fizz Baber, 880430, Andy Clarke, 880273, David Hewett, 890296, Kirsty Winston-Davis, 880063 and Geoff Fitch, 880511. Please bring a raffle prize and salad to share on the night. Any garden produce to decorate the church is also welcome as long as it looks wholesome and appealing enough to be sold at auction that evening. Having said that the auctioneer is never too picky.

The school are inviting any interested parishioners to join them for Holy Communion in the Chapel at 7pm. on October 2nd followed by hot chocolate in the Great Hall. Please email asalih@westonbirt.org to ensure that enough bread, wine and chocolate are provided.

From 5.45pm. onwards on November 4th the School are holding their Fireworks Party to which all residents are invited. So put the year plugs on all your pets and then come to join in the fun. On November 18th from 4-8pm. the school are holding an (early) Festive Fair with wine tasting to which we are also cordially invited.