

Parish News – May 2017

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After many years of discussion the issue of a village hall for our joint parishes appears to be moving in a positive direction. Woodlands Lodge, formerly known as Tiggers, next to the Leisure Centre has been made available by Westonbirt School for hire by the public and in response a group of villagers have formed the Westonbirt Society (which is, of course, open to residents of Lasborough and Bowldown). They hope to organise events which should be of interest to a wide range of residents. Plans are in hand for local history, gardening, Mahjong, antiques and wine appreciation groups as well as regular monthly meetings. The first will be on June 7th at 7pm. when Angela Potter will give a talk on the history of Westonbirt. The annual fee for membership will be £15/person and it is hoped that this community effort will be well supported across our parishes. To join and for further information call Mo Aldridge (Chair) on 880431, Kathy Clarke (Secretary) on 880273 or Bob Davis (Treasurer) on 880867.

The annual Spring Drinks Party was held once again at the Beaufort Polo Club by kind permission of the Tomlinson family.

We were blessed with good weather which allowed the youngsters to run around outside, probably to the relief of the older, hard-of-hearing residents in the recently redecorated clubhouse. As usual the opportunity to socialise with villagers from all over our joint parishes was relished and we were particularly pleased to welcome Bob and Peggy Davis and Neville and Ruby Copley who have all moved in to the estate yard within the last year. The highlight of the evening was the recognition afforded June Goatley who recently retired as one of our churchwardens. Her successor, Annabella Scott presented June with an enormous and beautiful bouquet and expressed the thanks of all churchgoers for the many years of devotion that June has given to St Mary's, Lasborough. Thanks are due to Ian and Lindsay Hilton for stocking and running the bar, to Andy and Kathy Clarke for overseeing the organisation of the event (before slipping away to cruise in the Mediterranean!), to June Goatley for the inevitable post party cleanup and many others, too numerous to mention for handing round the plentiful nibbles and running the raffle. Thanks also to those who brought prizes for the raffle and prepared the mouth-watering canapés. At the time of writing the income from ticket sales, raffle and bar are unknown but will be reported in next month's missive. Someone (probably with too much crockery) forgot to take home a small white soufflé dish and a wooden bowl. These can be collected from June Goatley at Sherbourne Cottage in the village street.

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