

Parish News – July 2017

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One thing mistakenly omitted from last month's Newsletter was the final tally at the Spring Drinks Party this year. Ticket sales were £385 (2016 £395), the raffle raised £275 (2016 £215) and bar sales improved to £226 (2016 £193) This totalled £886 for church funds, £83 above last year's figures indicating that fewer attendees drank and fluttered more than the previous year!

The Westonbirt Society held his first proper gathering in Woodlands Lodge early in June at which we were very fortunate to have local resident, Angela Potter talk on the history of Westonbirt. The talk covered many aspects of the development of Westonbirt and Tetbury from the Domesday Book to the present day and was exceptionally well delivered by Angela. She left Westonbirt School several years ago (let's just say that Elvis Presley was beginning to make his mark) and on returning to the village in the 2000s found herself becoming more immersed in the history of the village, Weston Birt House and the Holford family. The resulting book is a masterclass in meticulous research and well worth the £5 charge- copies can still be purchased from Angela (tel 880203) and anyone who doesn't know from where the

Holford's wealth derived, how the Arboretum developed, how the School was established and where the original Village Street was located should ring immediately. It is a fascinating read.

The next meeting of the Westonbirt Society will be on Wednesday 5th July at Woodlands Lodge when Dr. Tony Walsh, a much missed Romney House GP, will tell us about the history and purpose of the Tetbury Feofees.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 5th, 6th and 7th July at 7pm, Westonbirt School are presenting The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe the well known play by C.S. Lewis. Phone the school for ticket sales.

Although some time away it would be wise to put in a diary note about the 132nd Hawkesbury Upton Horticultural Show which will take place on Saturday 26th August as it's always a wonderful event which harks back to earlier days - carnival procession, fairground rides, tractor pulling competition, shooting stall, Punch and Judy, dog agility display, fruit, veg, flower and handicraft displays and a mouth-watering Hog and Deer roast. The only thing missing is Bowling for the Pig. The event starts at 12:30pm. and finishes with an auction of produce at 7pm. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

While you have your diaries out note that the following Monday 28th August you can enjoy Salieri's 'The School of Jealousy' which will be performed in the Orangery Theatre at Westonbirt School with a long interval for a picnic supper in the beautiful gardens (or indoors in the elegant state rooms in the event of inclement

weather). Tickets are only £35 each for adults, a bargain price for a superb performance and probably a tenth of the price one would pay at Glyndebourne. Info at www.bamptonopera.org . G.F.