

Parish News – September 2017

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Last month's Newsletter contained a flyer regarding the Harvest Supper. As it was a little in advance of this lovely event some people may have forgotten to diarise and buy tickets, so to repeat, book Sunday 17th September at 7pm. at Westonbirt School and phone Fizz Baber (880430), Geoff Fitch (880511), Andy Clarke (880273), David Hewett (890296), or Sue Hansen (880419) for tickets which are £8 per adult and free for children. As well as attending, please also consider donating a raffle prize and bringing a favourite salad to share.

The next meeting of the Westonbirt Society will be held in Woodlands Lodge on 6th September at 2pm. when Alison Barnes will be talking about her work as a botanical artist.

The meeting after will be our own version of Antiques Roadshow when Philip Taubenheim, local antiques expert and auctioneer of Wotton Auction House will be talking about his work and valuing items brought along by parishioners. Bearing in mind the size of the Lodge and the probable popularity of the event it might be wise to only present Philip with small items and not a plethora of long case clocks. The meeting will be on 4th October at 7pm.

Mary Hinton who spoke to us at our last meeting about the decline in hedgehog numbers was very entertaining and informative but her daughter stole the show by passing round a young hedgehog which drew much sentimentality from male and female attendees alike.

Our neighbouring parish of Leighterton is holding a Village Garden Fete on Saturday 16th September at 3pm. in the glorious grounds of Meads House GL8 8UW. Admission is free and if you wish to enter competitions for cake baking, flour arrangement and photography, email theboxwellwithleightertonnews@gmail.com As is traditional at such rural English events the attractions will be very varied and include Beat the Goalie, raffle, tombola, barbecue, fancy dress, face-painting, tug of war, skittles and coconut shy. Whatever happened to Bowling for the Pig?!

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