

Parish News – March 2018

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Rather sad news to start this newsletter. Rev. Celia Carter who has helped regularly with services at Lasborough is retiring and the congregation will certainly miss her happy smiling demeanour. We will all miss her cheerful contributions to our gatherings. As a consequence the Benefice has had to reschedule the number of services we have in our beautiful church. It has been decided that the third service of the month will have to be cancelled and our regular churchgoers will have to attend other churches in our group. Sad but necessary.

Our neighbouring parish of Shipton Moyne is raising funds for Brain Tumour Support on June 1st/2nd. Opera à la carte will perform The Barber of Seville in the grounds of Street Farm. To look at all the details visit shiptonmoyneopera@gmail.com

The Westonbirt Society meeting in February was one of those presentations where the enthusiasm of the speaker shone through in spades. Unfortunately Mike Howarth's presence was the only thing keeping the room warm! As he has been a volunteer guide for many years he was able to explain facts and history that few others knew about the Arboretum. A really wonderful example of how volunteering can be so rewarding.

Although reported in last month's Newsletter it is worth repeating that the next two meetings are on 21st March at 2pm when Judi Wray-Bliss will talk on the Social Life in Bath in the 18th century and on 18th April at 7pm Paul Barnett, who has appeared on Countryfile and Coast will be delivering a lecture called Fore and Aft about the wrecks at Purton on the River Severn. Go to www.friendsofpurton.org.uk for more information. Yet more fascinating subjects.

The annual parish meeting is to be held on Wednesday 7th March. The agenda is on the Parish Council website and it would be appreciated if parishioners would inform John Shepherd if they are coming (for catering purposes). Also if they should wish to raise any formal questions these should also be notified to John three days in advance of the meeting. Details are on the agenda.

The Parish Cleanup will take place on Sunday 18th March, details similar to last year. Could all community minded residents who are free on that day, please turn out for this important event. We all live in this beautiful village which unfortunately some motorists would ruin if it were not for this annual event. Meet at John and Geraldine Shepherd's house, Woodlands House on the Easton Grey Road at 10:30am to pick up tabards, picking sticks and rubbish bags. Please phone Geraldine on 880287 so that she can acquire enough kit for the day. G.F.