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Message from the Chairman

I would like to welcome everyone in reading the last Warbler before Christmas, which brings me on to the Christmas light switch-on that Westfield Parish Council runs each year.

We welcome everyone to come along and get into the festive spirit on the 24 November at 6:30pm.

To add to the cheer, we will be running our outside decorations competition once again – more information inside this edition.

This year we have had a high number of applications for the yearly grants, there will be more information on the website when a final decision is made.

We would like to welcome Caitlin Brown, our new Admin Assistant. I hope she settles in well and we look forward to working with her.

Cllr Geoff Fuller,
Chair of Westfield Parish Council

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Big Local on Somer Valley FM!

The Radstock & Westfield Big Local are excited to be part of a fab new radio show on Somer Valley FM.

Our worker, Rob, has teamed up with Simon from Age UK B&NES and Janine from the Carers' Centre to produce a weekly programme called The Community Show. We showcase the different opportunities for getting involved locally, as well as highlight the services we can access for our health, wellbeing and more! You can listen live at 2pm every Thursday, or on catch up whenever you like!

It's been tons of fun to get out into the community and speak with people about their experiences and what their organisations have to offer. Here's everything we've covered so far!

- We've spoken with Phil from Somer Valley Rotary about our brilliant Dragons' Den that takes place in Radstock or Westfield every year, where we give away £5,000 to support numerous projects that benefit local people – The Rotary generously donated £500 towards the pot this year and Phil was a kind dragon!
- We've talked about the support the Carers' Centre and Age UK can give people affected by loneliness,



including the Carers' Café they've been running at Mardons Social Club.

- We've investigated the ways in which people can volunteer to do good things in the community, including becoming a driver for SWAN Transport - helping people who are older, frail or moderately disabled with no transport of their own, to get out and about.
- We talk about social prescribing, the cost of living, Black History Month, carers' rights, running at the Bath Half for your favourite charity, and much much more!

Tune in every Thursday, 2pm, on Somer Valley FM, 97.5fm, DAB, or online at somervalleyfm.co.uk

Westfield Petanque Club

Sadly, the weather defeated us on our last night of boules. With rain threatening and diminishing light, we retired to a local hostelry to mull over the 2022 season.

We had ended on a high, with a trip to Shoscombe to play the Shambolics. This was a return match, that was played with the same friendly rivalry and ended in a very respectful draw. The food and drink was in plentiful supply, thanks to our hosts, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all. It was decided that this fixture would become an annual event.

2023 season will start on April the 25th, 6pm at Norton Hill Recreation Ground, as usual open to all, so come along and join in the fun.



Westfield Inters continues its success

Youth Connect South West (YCSW) is a registered charity offering support to young people across Bath and North East Somerset. We have a range of services for young people, and all are run in line with guidance from the National Youth Agency. We run a youth group called Westfield Inters for secondary school young people aged 11-13, every Tuesday from Westfield Methodist Church, 6pm – 8pm.

What a summer we had! Young people who attend our Westfield session were offered a summer programme, including a trip to Brean, sports in the park, kayaking and a secret cinema night experience in Midsomer Norton at the Town Hall. For many, the summer programme offered an opportunity to engage in positive activities, socialise with friends and have fun.



Our return after the summer started with some basic life saving skills using CPR dolls, that were kindly donated to the youth club by Airbus. Young people learned about recognising dangerous situations, how to call for help, knowing how to check for response, checking the airways, breathing and circulation. The Youth Work Team showed young people how to use the recovery position and the correct way to start CPR and continue until a defibrillation device or paramedics arrive.



We welcome new members and young volunteers to join our club nights. For more information about sessions in Westfield, please contact Carrie Ford, carrie.ford@ycsw.org.uk 07816182852

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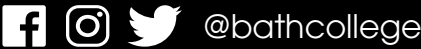
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Front Page photographs

Thanks go to Chris Mitchard for the front cover photo on this edition of the Warbler.

Would you like to see a photo you may have taken on the front cover? What a great way to showcase them to all Westfield residents. Why not send your pictures in to us at council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk and we will consider them. Portrait photos are usually best and seasonal photos if possible.

We received a few photos in response to our previous request – thank you. It would be lovely if we could have some images of Westfield in all its glory on every edition of the Warbler and getting pictures from residents means that there is a different perspective each time. Keep them coming!



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Trinity Methodist Church is a busy church on the main road through Westfield. As well as being open for worship on Sundays from 10.30am to 11.30am, where everyone is welcome, we are also open for the community on several occasions during the week. Every Saturday morning, we are open for refreshments from 10.00am until 12.00pm. On alternate Saturdays, we have a cake stall and also serve bacon rolls. These coffee mornings are always very well attended by the whole community.

Why not join us at Knit and Natter on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.00pm? Sometimes not much knitting gets done but there is always a lot of hilarity and cups of tea and, quite often, cake. On the second Friday of every month, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, we are open for Friday Club where mainly more mature people can get together for a lovely chat and tea and cake. We sometimes have a speaker or some sort of Quiz. Things can get quite lively and fun is had by all.

We hold 3 or 4 charity fundraising events every year. For instance, in August, a very successful afternoon tea was held to raise money for the local charity, Swallow. It would be lovely to see even more of the community on any of these occasions.

From November 2nd to 20th, every Wednesday, we will be open from 10.00am to sell charity Christmas cards. Tea, coffee and mince pies will also be served. Why not come for a chat and stay warm. The cards will also be on sale on Tuesday afternoons and every Saturday.

In December, over the weekend of the 3rd & 4th, we are once again having a Nativity and Angels Festival when the church will be open to view and there will be a cake stall and refreshments will be served.

Our church hall is available for hire for birthday parties or meetings. Please contact Sue Tandy 01761 232119 or sue.tandy@btinternet.com for more information.



Libraries offer warm welcome

Libraries across Bath and North East Somerset are offering a warm welcome to residents struggling with rising energy costs this winter.

As well as offering a warm space where you can access free Wi-Fi, browse books and download eMagazines and eAudiobooks, the council's libraries can provide information on how to save energy at home and signpost people to partner services offering advice and information on money matters, benefits, jobs, wellbeing services and food support.

Councillor Dine Romero, cabinet member for Children and Young People and Communities, said: "We welcome anyone who is struggling to pay their energy bills this winter to visit our libraries, keep warm and use the wonderful facilities. Our library team can provide a wealth of useful tips on saving energy together with information on support services offered by our partners. Across Bath and North East Somerset there are currently seventeen warm spaces opening their

doors to people struggling with their heating bills this winter, and we hope more will come forward as the temperature drops. You can find a map of where they are on our Livewell website, www.livewell.bathnes.gov.uk/warm-places-map."

People with sensory needs can now also benefit from a dedicated sensory space which has been created at Bath Central Library. It's been fitted out with sensory lighting and toys, a giant beanbag, comfy rug and cushions and a black out tent. Sessions are free and bookable on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bathnes-libraries-28480986035>) with the bookings available for one household per session.

For a full list and map of registered warm spaces available across Bath and North East Somerset this winter, visit our Livewell website.

If you are struggling with the rising cost of living the council and its partners are providing support through the Community Wellbeing Hub on 0300 247 0050.

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Clean and Green action in Westfield

A team of operatives from B&NES have been spending time in each ward tackling problems with overhanging vegetation, dirty street and road signs, weeds and litter that have accumulated over time. B&NES have invested £950,000 on initiatives which include more street cleaning, free graffiti removal on domestic properties and response to issues raised by residents.

As part of the Clean and Green funding they have provided each of the No Place for Litter hubs with hoes, brushes, and shovels to help community volunteers carry out weed removal in their local area. Please contact your local hub if you would like to borrow them. The nearest hub to Westfield is Sean Fletcher in Radstock – radstockinbloom@gmail.com

For graffiti removal from domestic properties there is an online form to complete - www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/GraffitiRemoval/#

If you would like to become a local hub for community weed removal equipment, please email cleanandgreen@bathnes.gov.uk

Here are some pictures of before and after campaigns in Westfield – Fosseway Gardens. It really does make a difference, doesn't it?

The next Action Week planned for Westfield is 6th – 11th February. If you know of anywhere that could do with clearing then let Clean and Green know – cleanandgreen@bathnes.gov.uk

Please also continue to report cleansing issues on Fix My Street: <https://fix.bathnes.gov.uk/>

The campaign is running until March 2023.



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Westfield commemorates the death of Queen Elizabeth II

The Queen was a constant presence in so many of our lives and it is no surprise that September was a month of reflection and mourning for the loss of our monarch, who reigned for 70 years.

Her life spanned 96 years and in terms of Westfield, this would have encompassed so many key events in the history of our parish.

- The introduction of mechanical cutters in the mines in the 1940s which took over from hand cutting the coal which had taken place since 1763. Pit ponies were used to drag the wagons through the topple paths to the top surface and their well-being was second to none. If a pony's flesh had been broken there was a major enquiry calling for the attendance of a vet and inspection by an independent mining official. The pit ponies were taken out of commission in 1953. The mines closed in Westfield in the 1970s. When they closed over 10,000 men and boys had been employed in the local pits.
- The establishment of the Women's Institute and their role during the war years in Westfield which included arranging homes for evacuees, joining the ATS, blackberry picking for the Jam Centre, knitting for the Forces, distributing seeds, contributing items to the boxes which went to Prisoners of War each week. In 1945, the WI received a letter from the King and Queen thanking them for the work that had been

done throughout the war. Westfield WI celebrated the end of the war by giving the elderly people a party.

- The building of the Pill Boxes as part of the national line of defence. There were 28,000 of these defences built in 1941. 6,500 of them have survived, six of them still in Westfield.
- The creation of Westfield Primary School in the 1950s.
- In 1966 the Somerset & Dorset train line was closed, the Great Western Railway line having closed in 1959.
- Many businesses have prospered and closed during the Queen's reign. Namely Clarks, Prattens, Mardons, Dando & Dark. But many more have taken their place and the Westfield Industrial estate is thriving.
- The Railway Inn opened in the 1950s.
- The creation of the Parish of Westfield in 2011 and from there, the updates to Westhill Recreation Ground and Norton Hill Recreation Ground, the purchase of Waterside Valley for public use and events such as the Fun Day and the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Westfield had two books of condolence for the Queen, one of which was at the Parish Council office and the other did the rounds of organisations and homes where it was more difficult for people to get out. Both books have been sent to Buckingham Palace with a letter from the Chair of Westfield Parish Council to King Charles III.

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What made you decide you would like to be a Parish Councillor?

My involvement with Westfield allotments led me to work with the council on various matters over recent years and I became interested in the Parish Council role as a way of supporting the wider community of Westfield.

How do you see your role working?

I would like to assist the council to achieve its goals, particularly in relation to the Waterside Valley project. I have worked in health and social care throughout my career and am particularly keen to support people with disabilities to enjoy and be a part of their local community.

I particularly enjoy the local countryside and history of our parish and am keen to ensure that the benefits of our beautiful countryside are accessible and enjoyable for all local people.

What could be improved?

With the increasing traffic through our parish, I am concerned about road safety, speed and anti-social behaviour of some road users.

Outside of being a Councillor, what are your hobbies and interests?

I am retired and enjoy exploring the local area,



walking and cycling and discovering local history with my wife. We have an allotment in Westfield and enjoy growing our own produce and sharing excess through Crop Drop to benefit the local community.

I am also a keen motorcyclist and we enjoy travel and holidays in our motorhome.

I look forward to supporting the local community and Parish Council.



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Grants feedback

The Parish Council is in the process of awarding the grants for this year – more information to follow on our website shortly and in the next Warbler.

Meanwhile we thought we'd share with you some of the feedback we have received from the previous round of grant funding.

Bath Area Play Project

"Yes, grant has been spent in full. The grant was used to ensure the playday was adequately staffed and resourced and used for additional sessional staff to our core year round team. With the funding we were also able to hire an inflatable and the smoothie bike and buy fresh fruit for the children to make their own smoothies with. We also bought resources including paint, cardboard, clay, orbeez and cornflour for sensory play, fairy liquid for bubbles and lots and lots of tape!



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"Families that attended the Westfield Playday were very appreciative; past the 3rd week of the school holidays are often the holiday blues, where tensions increase between parents and children. We had lots of lovely comments which really show the wide-ranging benefits that families get from being able to access the playday in their own community."

It was truly amazing!!! What an amazing playday.

Special thanks to the guy who was playing knights with the kids. He'll need a week to recover from so much running around!

"You don't get stuff like this for free anymore; the staff are so supportive, and it has made such a difference for the children to have their packed lunches provided as well. I was really worried about the summer holidays but think I can honestly say, they have had more fun this summer at your play sessions than I ever thought possible!"

"These sessions have been a godsend. Seeing all your happy faces and making us feel so welcome. And the amount of things you have for the children is amazing – they can't stop talking about what they have done and they are so tired out. Don't know how you guys do this everyday – thank you just isn't enough."

"I wouldn't change anything – this is so brilliant and the formula is right. How you support SEN children to interact and be involved has been outstanding. Wonderful to be able to do something as a family without being judged or asked to leave. The staff are amazing and this has made such a difference to us as a family."

"We don't really leave the house as everything is so expensive but these sessions being free and something we can walk to has been a life saver."

Prattens Bowls Club

"The nature of Bowls as a pastime is that it principally attracts an older generation who wish to remain active and who are very skilful players but can find even a short flight of stairs difficult to negotiate, particularly while carrying the bowls and associated equipment. We have at least one member of the club who is registered as disabled, an active member of another local club plays from a wheelchair and has to bring



his own ramp to get from the car park. Additionally, some ex-members who are frequent spectators also have disabilities. All of the above objectives have been achieved. Additionally, even able-bodied members like myself find the ramp a lot easier to use, rather than the steps. We sometimes hold social fund-raising activities in the main Prattens Westfield Club building rather than the Bowls Club House; the ramp makes it a lot easier to move anything we need from the Club House to the main building. Another benefit is that it makes it a lot easier to move deliveries of products for green maintenance from the car parking area."

Westfield Primary School

"The children really enjoyed planting the bulbs in the autumn, some came up but I think some mice ate some too! We enjoyed some nice bright flowers in February and were able to talk about the importance of early flowers to bees and other pollinators."

The Garden club children planted out the aquatics and have already enjoyed seeing newts in our new pond area. We potted up the wildflower plugs together and are about to plant them out. Lots of classes have been accessing the new pond, which is thanks to your previous grant."



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New swings at Norton Hill Recreation Ground

Thanks to two grants from Awards for All and the Sperring Charity, Norton Hill Recreation Ground will see the old and rotting swings replaced with modern alternatives.

The first will be a 'you & me' swing which allows an adult or older sibling to swing opposite a toddler. And the second is a five-way swing in a circle, giving a much more sociable experience.

The Parish Council commissioned this work in October and whilst we understand that there is a lead in time



for the equipment, we do hope it will be installed by early 2023.

Westfield Voices

We have had a busy summer, with performances for Pensford Evergreens, Chilcompton Golden Hour (they enjoyed our performance so much in the winter we were asked back) and a visit to Bloomfield.

And with the Christmas season upon us, we continue to be busy, starting with the Westfield light switch on, followed by three carol services, in St Peter's, in Writhlington and Holy Trinity in Coleford.

In the New Year we hope to have a bit of a well earned rest, and work on a few new pieces so we are ready for our planned Charity concert in May.

We have welcomed a few new members and some of us have moved round the sections, so we are particularly looking for new sopranos (although all voices are always welcome). You don't need to be able to read music, and there are no auditions. If you have ever fancied singing with a choir, come and try us out. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at St Peter's church Hall from 7:15 to 9:00pm.

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Westfield Christmas Lights Switch On Evening

The now traditional switching on of the Christmas lights in Westfield is nearly upon us. This is the 10th year that the event has taken place and it is appreciated by so many people in the parish.

Attendees get to enjoy the mulled wine or soft drink on offer, along with a mince pie of course! The Midsomer Norton and Radstock Silver Band are yet again on hand to serenade us and to accompany the lovely singing of Westfield Voices and the children of Westfield Primary School. Father Christmas will be waiting to see what the children of Westfield are expecting from him for their Christmas presents and will do his best to comply on the big day! Revd Ian Rousell will be sharing some words with us and the lights will be

switched on by two children from the Brownie and Rainbow groups of Westfield.

The event is always such a joy and the start of that Christmassy feeling.

The lights on the lampposts have always been something to cheer travellers as they work their way through the main centre of Westfield and this year they have been extended right to the end of the parish, past the college.

Christmas lights display through Westfield

Christmas Lights illuminate the dark nights and lift the spirits. Our Christmas lights display through the centre of Westfield has generated some lovely comments and it's good to hear people's enjoyment of them. Even taking into account the economic climate, Westfield Parish Council feels it is important to continue with the Christmas Lights display this year.

The supply of the lights is under contract, so the only increase would be in the electricity used.

Therefore, to help mitigate the rising costs, the lights through Westfield this year will come on at 4pm and will go off at 10pm, reduced from 3pm to midnight.

By reducing the timing of the lights by one third, we will still have an amazing display for everyone to enjoy, but without an excessive increase in electricity charges.

We hope that you as residents understand the need to reduce the timing of the lights and are supportive of this decision. Thank you.

Get the decorations out for a chance to meet Santa!

As the evenings get darker and it feels as if both world and national news are combining to make life harder for us all, why not spread a little joy this December?

The Westfield Christmas Trophy is up for the taking again – just put on a Christmas display outside your house – it certainly does not have to include electric lights, it just needs to be eye catching. No need to send in an entry, judges will be touring Westfield on Friday 23rd December to pick the winning display. They will present the Christmas Cup that same evening.

So, for the amazing chance to have Father Christmas knock on your door and present you with the Westfield Christmas Trophy, why not get those decorations out and spread the joy!



Waterside Valley Consultation

The Management Plan for the Waterside Valley is moving on apace. Somer Valley Rediscovered, a strategic green infrastructure project led by Bath and North East Somerset Council, Wessex Water, B&NES Public Health and Natural England, have identified the land as part of a project to improve biodiversity within B&NES. They achieved a grant of £923,246 from the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) Green Recovery Fund.

The funding will be used for nature recovery projects such as grassland restoration and the management of woodlands and watercourses which will benefit a whole host of wildlife including insect pollinators, bats and wild orchids at five key sites: Haydon Batch in Radstock, Waterside Valley in Westfield, Midsomer Norton Town Park, Wellow Brook Walk and Staddlestones Open Space in Midsomer Norton.



Councillor Sarah Warren, deputy leader and cabinet member for Climate and Sustainable Travel, said: "Securing this funding will allow us to improve biodiversity in support of our ecological emergency commitment. The five sites will make it easier for residents to access greenspaces within walking distance of their home, which has proven benefits for mental and physical health.

"The grant will also fund improvements to make the sites more accessible including welcoming entrances and better paths which will enable more people to enjoy the sites and to spend more time in nature."

The scheme proposes to set up a new volunteer group to carry out practical conservation tasks across all the sites and will also work with Natural England and the local primary care network to provide Green Social Prescribing activities. There will be opportunities for all to learn more about local wildlife with events running throughout the seasons.

Councillor Geoff Fuller, Chair of Westfield Parish Council, said: "The Parish Council highly values the work of Somer Valley Rediscovered in facilitating these improvements and we have worked with them from the outset to set in place a sustainable plan to improve biodiversity and accessibility."

While all this was going on we had our own consultation with residents of Westfield to establish what outcomes they would like to see in the Waterside Valley. We consulted the youth group, the Waterside Valley Focus Group, we consulted on Zoom, social media and in person at two consultation



events across the parish – one in the evening and one in the daytime. We also had a permanent display up at the Parish Council offices for drop in comments.

The results were heartening, with nothing but genuine interest and encouragement to move forward protecting the wildlife and nature at the site, making it inclusive with pathways and signage and some imaginative suggestions to make the area vibrant for all.

As one response said: "Accessibility is key for many people. My parents grew up playing there, then myself and my sisters, then my own children. As my parents became disabled in their late 60s and 70s, it was heartbreaking for them not to be able to visit any part of Waterside Valley ..."

And another said, "we very much like the treatment of the springs, with potential for flowers which grow in wet conditions".



Thank you again. All the comments are being taken into consideration and it is good to know that we are moving forward together for a Management Plan for the site.



WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER

12th – Live band, D-State at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

14th – The Jester CC Carnival Party at West Hill Sports and Community Centre

18th – Midsomer Norton and Radstock Lions Race Night at West Hill Sports and Community Centre.

19th – Live band, Bombshell at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

19th – Music with Pete Holden at West Hill Sports and Community Centre.

23rd – Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting 10am at the Oval Office, Cobblers Way.

23rd – Swallow's Café Neighbourhood Policing Surgery, 12 noon.

24th – Westfield Christmas Light Switch-on, 6.30pm by the Christmas tree.

24th – Thursday social with Ryan Turner, 2pm -5pm at West Hill Sports and Community Centre

24th – Music with Pete Holden at West Hill Sports and Community Centre

26th – Live band, Silvertrain at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

26th – Music with the Overboard Duo at West Hill Sports and Community Centre

26th – A Victorian Christmas at Radstock Museum, 2-4.30pm

26th – Winter Train Services at Midsomer Norton Railway Station, running until 31st December.

DECEMBER

3rd – Live band, AngelHeart at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

3rd – Just Jed at West Hill Sports and Community Centre

3rd-4th – Nativity and Angels Weekend at Trinity Methodist Church, 10am-4pm on 3rd and 2pm – 4pm on 4th.

5th – Carer's Café at Mardons, 10am

5th – Full Parish Council meeting, 7pm at the Oval Office, Cobblers' Way

8th – Thursday Social with Pete Holden at West Hill Sports and Community Centre

10th – Music with Play it Again Steve at West Hill Sports and Community Centre

11th – Christmas Fayre at Mardons Club, noon-5pm. Free entry and all welcome.

12th – Environment and Development Committee 7pm Meeting, at the Oval Office, Cobblers' Way.

14th – Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, 10am at the Oval Office, Cobblers' Way.

16th – Family Christmas Bingo with Luckington Carnival Club at Mardons Club, all welcome.

17th – Christmas Party with Call the Shots at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

17th – Music with Shazam at West Hill Sports and Community Centre.

21st – Swallow's Café Neighbourhood Policing Surgery, 12 noon.

22nd – Christmas Social with Barry Kardan at West Hill Sports and Community Centre.

23rd – Live 80s tribute duo, Outatime, at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

23rd – Christmas decoration competition judging.

24th – Kid's Christmas Party at Mardons Club, 1pm. Free entry and all welcome.

24th – Mr Lee Ross at West Hill Sports and Community Centre.

26th – Boxing Day Family Disco, 12 noon-2.30pm at West Hill Sports and Community Centre.

26th – Just Jed, 4pm-7pm at West Hill Sports and Community Centre.

31st – New Year's Eve with Dr Fraggie at Mardons Club, entry by ticket only.

31st – New Year's Eve at West Hill Sports and Community Centre with The Echoes.

JANUARY

4th – Longfellow Café Neighbourhood Policing Surgery, 10 am

14th – Live band, The Dance Monkeys at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

18th – Swallow Café Neighbourhood Policing Surgery, 12 noon

21st – Live band, From Jovi (Bon Jovi tribute), at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

28th – Live band, Snappa, at Mardons Club, 9pm. Free entry and all welcome.

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Westfield Primary School



Troy from Year 3 trying out our giant pumpkin for a seat.

The plant was grown this spring by some children in Year 5, from seed collected by Year 2 last autumn from a pumpkin grown by Year 6 the previous year!

Westfield Primary School sent us these lovely pictures of Father Christmas. They're all fantastic – we hope he visits you all this Christmas!



Tabitha's Santa



Seth's Santa



Dolly's Santa



Ayda's Santa



Lewis' Santa

Chloe's picture

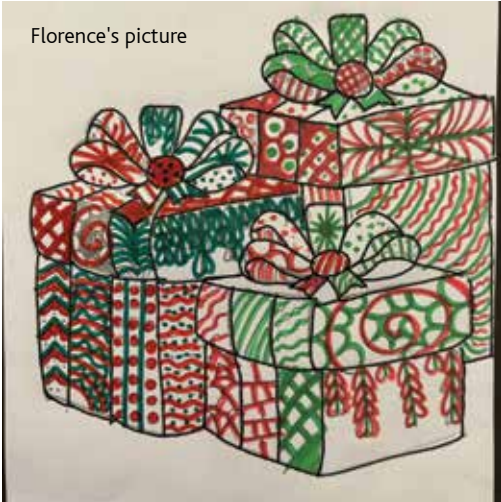


Alex's picture



Year 6 at Westfield Primary School created these pictures after looking at zentangle art. This form of art is made up of beautiful designs created by a specific method from simple structured patterns.

Florence's picture



Taylor's picture



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Poetry from Westfield Primary

Westfield Primary School's six and seven year olds in Year 2 have been reading and writing fairy stories this term. They wrote their own poems to describe what we might find at the top of our very own magic beanstalk – here are some of them:

At the top of my magic beanstalk
You will find:
A fun fair with candy floss
A street of beautiful shops
A zoo with a panda and a parrot
A dragon with hot breath
A disneyland with lots of characters
And
A beach with balls and sand

By Flynn

At the top of my magic beanstalk
You will find:
A giant eating a fried burger
Candy shops down a road
A huge, glass castle
A big, bouncy house
A slide
A rainbow dragon in the sky
And
Some beautiful butterflies

By Justin

At the top of my magic beanstalk
You will find:
A harvest festival with sharing food
A girl and boy dancing
A glass shoe and Red Riding Hood
My friends
A hotdog
A family picture
A tall giraffe
And
A huge pirate ship

By Ruby S

At the top of my magic beanstalk
You will find:
A fun fair with a burger and fizzy drinks
Candy shops with gold cakes and gold chocolates
A beach with mermaids and fish
An arcade with a mini snakes and ladders
An octopus that squirts gold ink
And
A huge giant eating fried chicken

By Ayda

At the top of my magic beanstalk
You will find:
A farm with golden sheds
You might see the Statue of Liberty
A giant, statue shop
Cool games
And
Some white chickens

By Freddie

At the top of my magic beanstalk
You will find:
Lots of dangerous dragons diving
Some unicorns eating yellow food
Rainbow snakes
A cave made of ice
and
A golden crocodile

By Layla

At the top of my magic beanstalk
You will find
A beautiful, rainbow forest
Butterflies in the sky
The hot rainforest
A giraffe and some donkeys
A sweet shop with lots of sweets
And
Chocolate fingers

By Ellie-Mae

THINGS TO DO

MONDAY

- Tai Chi at Trinity Methodist Church, 11-12 noon – contact Joan.connor@blueyonder.co.uk for details.
- Yoga at Trinity Methodist Church, 6.30-7.30pm 7.45-8.45pm – contact pjames19@live.com for more information.

TUESDAY

- Knit and Natter at Trinity Methodist Church, 2-4pm. Charity Christmas cards for sale from 2nd November.
- Youth Club at Trinity Methodist Church, 6-8.30pm – contact Youth Connect on contact@ycsw.org.uk for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- Yoga at Trinity Methodist Church, 7.30-8.30pm.
- Westfield TT running club, see Facebook for more information.

- Westfield Voices at St Peters' Church, 7.15pm-9pm.
- Bingo at West Hill Sports and Community Centre, eyes down at 7.30pm

THURSDAY

- Martial Arts at Trinity Methodist Church, 7.45-8.45pm.

FRIDAY

- Tai Chi at Trinity Methodist Church 11-12noon
- Tea and Chat at Trinity Methodist Church, 2nd Friday of the month to meet and have tea and a chat. 2pm – 4pm.

SATURDAY

- Coffee morning at Westfield Trinity Methodists, 10am - 12noon. Some occasions there will be a quiz, others a speaker, but always someone to have a chat with.

SUNDAY

- Westfield TT Running Club, visit Facebook for more information.
- Bngo at West Hill Sports and Community Centre, eyes down at 7.30pm



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It's getting festive at Mardons!

It's been a busy time at Mardons Club since the last edition of the Warbler. There's been a fabulous Summer Party night, lots of incredible bands, a jam packed Quiz Night and a spooky Halloween Party!

While weekly entertainment continues, the club are now preparing for the festive season.

This year Mardons are extremely pleased to host a Christmas Fayre in aid of Combe Lea Care Home, on Sunday, 11th December. Organised by June Mitchard, she has already secured many stall holders and crafters, making it the perfect opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts.

Following a 'Full House' earlier in the Year, Luckington Carnival Club return on 16th December for an evening of Family Prize Bingo. All ages are welcome to join in and play along.

Call The Shots will perform at the Club's Christmas Party on Saturday, 17th, and as an added bonus, Outatime will turn back the clocks on Friday, 23rd December to deliver an 80s Tribute Night.



Luckington's recent Quiz Night

The infamous Kids Christmas Party is happening again on Christmas Eve. It's always a wild and crazy afternoon full of all manner of mayhem, and of course Father Christmas will drop in and say hello. The fantastic free event is open to all, but parents/guardians must remain throughout.

The super popular Dr Fraggie Band will be entertaining everyone on New Year's Eve this year, along with a support disco. This is a 'ticket only' event and tickets will be on sale soon!

Looking ahead to the New Year, Mardons will be introducing several new bands, so go along to give them a warm welcome. Rescheduled from earlier this year, the highly anticipated Snappa will be treating visitors to their impressive pop/rock performance. Both Dance Monkeys, a great new party band and a special Bon Jovi tribute night with From Jovi are also lined up for January, entry is free and all are welcome.



Dance Monkeys Band

Dr Fraggie Band are set to perform on New Year's Eve

See all that's happening by following:
[Facebook.com/mardonsclub](https://www.facebook.com/mardonsclub)

Westfield In Bloom

RHS It's Your Neighbourhood is a unique scheme for volunteer led community gardening projects/groups who are focused on improving their local environment through community gardening. They can be working in their local street, estate where they live, a back alley they share with their neighbours, or the local community centre's outdoor space. Almost any outdoor site being looked after by the local community qualifies for this scheme.

The number of areas in Westfield that take part in this initiative is growing and the most amazing results were achieved:

- The Westfield Allotment and Garden Society achieved a Grade 5, Outstanding, for their Waterside Road allotments and for the newer Larch Court site.

- SWALLOW Garden had rave reviews, also achieving Outstanding status.

- Westfield Primary School achieved Outstanding for the awareness of ecology issues.

- Fosseway School were graded 4, thriving, which is exceptionally good for a first time entry.

Westfield in Bloom were awarded 'Silver Gilt' in the pennant class. An outstanding effort for beginners.

Can you think of an area of Westfield that would benefit from community gardening?

Would you be prepared to be involved in getting volunteers together to transform a space?

Any interest should be forwarded to Cllr Eleanor Jackson, see page 31, who would be delighted to welcome you to Westfield in Bloom.



Flower displays in Westfield

As the days are, no doubt, getting gloomier and certainly shorter we thought we'd publish some photos of the lovely hanging baskets that were on display in the summer.

Many thanks to Rob Wicke for the stunning colours that brightened up the drive through Westfield.

We look forward to next year's display.



Planter at Wesley Avenue

You may have noticed that whilst the flowers disguise it somewhat, the wooden planter in the green space at Wesley Avenue is nearing its end of life.

It has given good service over the years, but the structure is rotten now.

The Parish Council is using s.106 funds to create a brick planter in its place. The planter will take the form of two interlinking circles, in brick to match the houses behind it.

We hope that this will be an attractive and long lasting feature in the Parish.

The Parish Clerk

As the darker nights draw in our thoughts and energies turn to the Christmas Lights display through Westfield and our traditional Lights Switch On event on Thursday 24th November, 6.30pm at the top of Elm Tree Avenue. We hope you can join us for some free refreshments and live music.

Parish Council meetings were put on hold for several weeks in September during the period of national

mourning for the Queen. Two Books of Condolence circulated around the parish, expressing the range of thoughts and emotions at this sad time. These Books have now been sent to Buckingham Palace.

On a lighter note, I am happy to say that the grant funding application to Awards for All for new swings at Norton Hill Recreation Ground was successful and we are now in liaison with the supplier for their installation.

Thank you to all who took part in the consultation on Waterside Valley this summer. We had a great range of suggestions and thoughts from all parts of the community, young and old. These are being collated into the final Management Plan which we shall display as soon as it is finished.

May I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Lesley Close

Parish Clerk

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