

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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What's On in Westbury Park, February 2024

Tuesday, 6th February, 7.00pm: An Introduction to Upholstery

Westbury Park's WI meets at 7.00pm - 9.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Guide Hall in Westmorland Road.

At this meeting the speaker Sarah will be giving a talk on the history of chairs. Guests are welcome (£4).

Any enquiries about meetings should go to Sue on 07813795936 or westburyparkwi@gmail.com

Wednesday, 14th to Friday 16th February 2024: Matilda - A Play (*not* a musical) in 3 days. Physical Theatre and Devising Workshop

A play in 3 days is a workshop offering children aged 7-11 years the opportunity to devise, rehearse and perform a play under the guidance of experienced drama facilitators.

Cost: £165 per child (sibling and early bird discounts available)

Times: 10.00am to 4.00pm (performance at 4.00pm on Friday)

Venue: St Albans Church Hall, 2 Bayswater Ave, Redland, BS6 7NS

Monday 26th February, 2.00pm: The Lost King (12)

Henleaze Senior Film Club offers this film about the efforts of an amateur historian to find the remains of Richard III, which were lost for 500 years. Starring Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan.

There is easy access to the venue, St Peter's Church Hall, The Drive, Henleaze. Carers are welcome. Refreshments £4.

Thursday 29th February, 7pm: Author event at Max Minerva's

Our local bookshop. Max Minerva's, now in a new home at 47 Henleaze Road, brings us new author Hester Musson to talk about "The Beholders" – her "gothic tale of 19th Century power and complicity".

You will need to book this event online (£5), so head to www.maxminervas.co.uk for full details. Hester studied English Literature at Bristol University. She now writes for Art Fund, the national charity for art, and its magazine Art Quarterly, and blogs for a nature conservation and rewilding organisation

Please let us know if there are any social events coming up in Westbury Park that you would like us to publicise.

Proposed Changes to Resident Parking

Parts of Westbury Park, particularly areas close to Coldharbour Road and The Downs, suffer from parking problems by virtue of being on the edge of designated resident parking areas. Demand for parking in these areas comes not only from commuters but probably also from people living in resident parking areas who choose to park their cars, particularly second and third cars, outside the parking zones to avoid having to pay for a permit (a second permits costs £224, a third permit £560).

Recent proposals by the Council could increase the number of car owners living in resident parking areas parking their cars in parts of Westbury Park – an increase in the cost of a first permit from £56 to £178 and the removal of third parking permits. The Council are also considering reducing or even removing the number of visitor permits which might also impact areas on the edge of resident parking zones.

These controversial changes were agreed at a Cabinet meeting on 23rd January without any public consultation – a last throw of the dice by the Mayor before changes to governance in May with the return to the Committee structure. It remains to be seen whether the proposals agreed on 23rd January will be agreed and implemented by the Committee taking on responsibility for transport and parking after May 2024.