



West Moors Town Council

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Carols on the Petwyn 1st December, 2023



The Carols on the Petwyn is a very special traditional evening in West Moors, always having a lovely atmosphere.

For over 2 decades, West Moors Youth Club and West Moors Town Council has had the joy of bringing people together for this much-loved event, despite how COLD it usually is! The evening signals the start of the festive period for many. Well done to the children that won the arts and craft prizes in the Elf Hunt competition and also bravo to Santa for his magical arrival on the most festive motorcycle West Moors has ever seen!

Father Christmas spent time chatting to crowds that greeted him and his Elves, in Penn Court, where sweets and presents were handed to all the boys and girls. The evening began with Bournemouth Youth Marching Band and children from local schools singing carols, and was topped off just nicely, before the night unwound, with some beautiful music from Charlotte Geary.

West Moors Town Council are very lucky to have such a wonderful group of volunteers in West Moors, as regardless of the icy temperatures, the road marshals still gave up their time and the feelings in their fingers and toes, for the community, that were able to enjoy the evening.

Our Carols on the Petwyn Angels were;

Mr and Mrs Postawa, Malcom Adam, Mr and Mrs Ellard, Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo, Stephen Linford, Dee Elston, Jayne Phillips, Cllr Trevor Salt, Cllr Colin Way, Paul Brealey, Nigel Barclay, Rosie Brown and Cllr Mike Hawkes.

An event cannot happen without volunteers. West Moors Youth Club and West Moors Town Council thank you very much and look forward to many more Christmases with you all.



Christmas Tree Festival

St. Martin's URC opened their doors to the public, on Wednesday 6th December, so they could enjoy the Christmas Tree Festival.

It is a completely free event, but donations are welcome, and will go to the church's chosen charity. This year it was 'Dementia UK'.

The church was transformed into a small forest of trees, each one created by a different group, representing different themes; a charity looking to raise awareness, a community group who have made a tree to highlight their work, or an organisation to highlight their services.

'This is Your Council' tree, by West Moors Town Council, boasted lots of baubles with Cllr's images inside and laminated pictures of Council assets services.



For many, the tree festival heralds the arrival of the festive season (as well as the Carols on the Petwyn!), so Christmas has now officially begun!

Memory Tree 2023

Just a reminder that the council are offering a memory tree to help you reflect and remember your relatives and/or friends that are sadly, no longer here.

Short notes, written in a heart or star, will twinkle in the day and moonlight until the New Year dawns on us. Pop into the office for the template and either write it there and then or take it away to think about it. We look forward to helping.



Christmas Card Competition

Since 2015, the children attending local First and Middle Schools and/or that are residents of West Moors, have been given the opportunity to design a Christmas picture for West Moors Town Council to send out as their Christmas card.

The children can use any style, that can be scanned onto the Christmas cards and judged by an independent judge.

As in previous years, the decision making was very difficult, so much so, that the judge could not decide on just 2 runners up, so he sponsored a 3rd Runner Up, for this year only.

The Winner, Nalani Silk, year 7 drew a cosy village Christmas scene.



Nalani will receive a pack of 20 printed Christmas cards with her winning design on the front, as well as an arts and craft gift.

Runner up 1, (Right) Rowan Reedman, Year 5, showed loyalty to his School and local Council, with both their logos in the design.



Runner up 2, Dalia Ardelean from year 7.

Runner Up 3 Madison Trim from year 7.

The Runners Up will all receive an arts and craft gift too. Thank you to everyone that took part.



Remembrance Day Sunday 12th November 2023

*“Unless we've felt the fear and dread,
through many years whilst chaos spread.
We can't appreciate the pain, that many
suffered again and again.
Many souls died at war, survivors wonder,
what was it for?
For freedom, progress, end Hitler's reign, To
bring us peace & calm again.
Men and Women brave and strong, fought
for us, all day long.
Over a hundred years have passed, still war
breaks, many hearts. Soldiers dying to
defend, our country, freedom, will it end?
We must thank them, we must know, that
we are lucky to grow old.
Life is busy, not always sweet, but be kind to
everyone you meet.
Be thankful that we live and breathe, help
build divine humanity.”*

West Moors Town Council thanks everyone that joined together for the parade and service at the Petwyn on Remembrance Sunday, to commemorate and pay tribute to those that gave their lives for us and each generation to come.



Community Speedwatch

West Moors Community Speedwatch is now well underway, having held 4 sessions so far. After a session is complete, the CSW data is uploaded onto the Dorset Police Community Watch system and speeding vehicles are checked for Tax and MOT. Any vehicle speeding gets a warning letter on the first occasion, on the second occasion a stronger letter and if monitored 3 times, it is likely that a Police Officer will visit the driver.

The next session is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12th December.

Thank you to our volunteers for giving up their time and thank you in advance to our volunteers for all sessions in the future.

Volunteering:

We currently have 8 volunteers, and the equipment is on loan from DP, which after 3 months the Council will purchase. It would be great to have more volunteers, so the less time that each one needs to give to the scheme and the more monitoring that can be done.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Cllr Salt on:

CllrSalt@westmoors-tc.gov.uk and cc the council office on: office@westmoors-tc.gov.uk

You can find out more about the scheme at

<https://www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk/enforcement-operations/community-speed-watch/>

or by contacting the Community Speed Watch coordinator: Maria-Louise Attwood 07709 718960.



The Spinney Improvement Project

Starting in September this year, a local group of volunteers embarked on a mission to upgrade the community green space, The Spinney (located between Heatherdown Road and Southern Avenue). This refurbishment is now complete, after just two and a half months, as they have brought it to a standard that people can now enjoy and appreciate.

The Spinney Improvement Group have cleared paths, scrub and brambles, and more, to keep the space accessible, and the area lighter and more inviting to walk through.

They have also planted crocus and daffodil bulbs and wildflowers seeds.

Come the Spring, they hope to introduce the 'Bug Barracks', inviting the local Scouts and Guides groups to take part. Thank you to you all.

Jubilee Copse update

Having been planted in January 2022, the young trees in the Jubilee Copse, have fought through two winters, but in June 2023, the Council noticed that they were decaying and were surrounded by weeds. When planting large numbers of saplings, it isn't realistic to expect them all to survive. This is due to a number of variables.

However, those that held on, desperately needed tending to, so two community volunteer sessions were held this year (June and September) to carry out maintenance on these saplings. It proved to be very labour-intensive work though, and WMTC were determined not to abandon this project. So, thanks to the hard work of Evergreen Services, the Jubilee Copse has been transformed, and there are 170 saplings remaining, that we hope will flourish, encouraging the Jubilee Copse to become an asset to be valued and enjoyed. **(See below)**

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