



# West Moors Parish Council

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## Carols on The Petwyn 2018

This has been an annual event in West Moors for many years - held on the first Friday in December, thanks to West Moors Youth & Community Club supported by 'Churches Together'.

Station Road was closed for the whole length of the centre of the village, including the car park in front of Penn Court which is where the main events took place. There was a traditional Carol Service led by Pastor Adam Parrett (Pinehurst Community Church) and Rev Ruth Wells (St. Mary The Virgin, the Parish Church of West Moors). The procession set out from St. Martins United Reformed Church at 6pm. Our loyal town crier Mr Iain Mitchell who has introduced this musical feast for nearly ten years, graced us with his poetry inbetween all the festivities.

Many people came to celebrate the arrival of Christmas by singing a selection of traditional carols and listening to readings from the bible by children from St. Marys First and Oakhurst First and Nursery School. A warm glow was undeniable with the trees on the Petwyn being adorned with sparkle and the Christmas Tree lights, once again provided by the parish council.

On offer throughout the night were festive flavours and refreshments (various food vendors, Mulled Wine), fairground rides, various stalls etc.

A visit from Santa kept the excitement going after the concert had ended and the Red Barrow Race (see next page) was enjoyed by all.



In between the activities there was a Christmas Tree Festival hosted by St. Martin's United Reformed Church. Anyone could visit the Church during the evening and admire the creatively decorated Christmas trees. After the carol service in the square the Gospel Choir sang inside the chapel at St. Martin's.

## Red Barrow Race

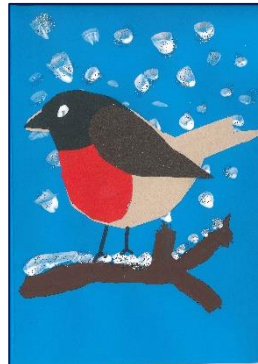
This year's 'Carols on the Petwyn' festivities included a 'Red Barrow Race' for the second time. Each team (one in the barrow, one driver) had raised £100 and their barrows were bright red. They raced around the Petwyn and the section of Station Road adjacent to it. The winner received a medal and a round of applause! It was highly entertaining but probably harder than it looks as the corners are sharp and the public are watching.

Thank You to all those who attended but more importantly thank you to those who volunteered their time to keep people safe; Tim and Steve Linford, Mr & Mrs Bartlett, Cllr Mrs P Yeo, Malcom Adams, Mr & Mrs Ellard, Russell James (First Aid) Cllrs Mr & Mrs Octon.



## Christmas Card Competition 2018

For several years now there has been a competition within the West Moors First Schools for a design for the Parish Council Christmas Card, with the decision being announced immediately after the Carol Service. Although the winner and the runners-up all knew the result, it was still lovely to see their reaction as it sank in that their design had been chosen. The winner this year was Ewan Reid of St Mary's First School Year 1 who received 20 copies of the printed card for his own use and an 'Aqua Beads' set and the two runners-up, both from Oakhurst Community First and Nursery School, were siblings Amelia Parrett Year 4 and Theo Parrett Year 2 who each received 'Create your own Slime Kits'. The presentations were made by the Chairman of West Moors Parish Council, Cllr Mike Hawkes.



Ewan Reid  
Winner



Theo Parrett  
Runner  
Up 2



Amelia  
Parrett  
Runner  
Up 1

## Decorate your shop window Design

The Parish Council offered a surprise hamper of goodies for the winner of the 'Best Shop Window Christmas Display Competition' within Station Road which was judged by the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mike Hawkes on the eve of the Concert. The decorative winner was Mrs Sue Osborne from 'Golden Hands'. Well Done Sue! It was a very stiff competition with 'The School Shop' a close second. Thank you to all those who took part and a big thanks to those that donated prizes for the hamper; Staff and Councillors of West Moors Parish Council, McColls (West Moors), Tesco Express (Park Way), Co-Operative Food (West Moors).

## Who do we help

### **Grant to EDCAB**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Chairman of West Moors Parish Council Cllr Mike Hawkes presented the East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau with a cheque for £300. EDCAB provide free, confidential and independent information about almost any problem.

We thank them for their continuous support.



### **Grant to RBL Poppy Appeal (Ferndown Branch)**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November the Poppy Appeal Organiser for RBL Ferndown Branch, Mr Roy Setchfield, received a cheque for £100 from Chairman Cllr Mike Hawkes.

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance. Last year marked the centenary of the end of WW1. On Remembrance Day 2018 donations to the Appeal in the parish council office raised £36.43.

### **Apprentice Vocational Training Scheme 2018**

In 2016 the Parish Council started the Apprentice Vocational Training Grant for young people aged between 16 and 20 and a resident of West Moors. Applications for the grant, up to £250, can be made at any time, although they will be considered only three times a year; January, July and September. The most recent grants have been made to Zoe Knight, 17 (Cinematography) and Rebecca Watts 18 (Hairdressing). This grant will help them purchase equipment essential to their course. We wish both young ladies success and take pleasure in helping them on their journey.

### **Jean Ware Legacy Award 2018**

This grant is made once each year to a young person aged between 11 and 17 years and residing in West Moors with a proven level of ability in Sport, Design, Drama, Music, or The Arts.

The successful recipient of the 2018 Jean Ware Legacy Award was Daniel Neild who was presented with the trophy by the Chairman of the Parish Council on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Daniel is a footballer, who in 2017 played in the Gothia Cup, the largest youth tournament in the world with teams from 80 nations and 32 teams from England alone, taking part; Daniel was a member of the team reaching the semi-finals. He has also been a member of the county schools squad, representing Dorset in inter-county schools matches.

2018 has been another successful year for Daniel who passed all his GCSEs, gaining level 8 in PE. He has started a 2-year Scholarship with Yeovil Town Football Club which it is hoped will open many doors in the football world. It is a great step in Daniel's future and a huge commitment for himself and his parents, who have a lot of travelling to do.

This award can help Daniel with travelling and kit costs as well as books for his continuing education on a Sports Science course.



*Daniel Neild and Chairman of West Moors Parish Council Cllr Mike Hawkes*

## Keep Britain Tidy

**March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 10:30am**

We are calling on you to help improve the environment on our doorstep. Please join us on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March for our 2019 Big Spring Clean in West Moors. As we did last year we will meet outside the Co-op at 10:30am and clear as much litter as we can until 12noon. Under 14's must be supervised by an adult. Gloves, litter picking sticks and tabards will be provided by the parish council.

We look forward to seeing as many of the Community there as possible.

**To get involved call 01202 861044 or [office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk)**



## Tennis Courts - FREE TO USE

Turn your hump days into pump days.

It's a perfect time to turn down your phone, connect, and be present in the moment. Need an idea for a play date or a mom's night out? Grab your racquets and embrace your inner Andy Murray and get ready for game, set and match! West Moors Parish Council offers an ideal, recently re-painted tennis court at Fryer Field for FREE. It is a hard surface court of the style favoured as a middle ground surface – being faster than clay courts, but slower than grass and often described as offering a true bounce for the benefit of hard-serving players who prefer a fast-paced match.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to book regular use or if you are part of a tennis club and you would like to offer lessons there. We are happy to help. Tel: 01202 861044 or email on [office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk)



## West Moors Parish Council PAVILION TO HIRE

The Pavilion consists of a meeting room which can be hired for various functions being equipped with a screen and projector and having maximum capacity of 60 people. There is a small kitchen with tea/coffee making facilities, toilets, including a disabled toilet. For sports events the building also has five changing rooms with male and female shower blocks. The cost for the Sports Pavilion Meeting room and Kitchen (Morning, Afternoon or Evening) is **£27.50** per session. It is available most evenings except Thursdays when the Council hold their meetings from 7pm.



### Rubbish and Recycling

Most people in West Moors are recycling their waste. Please find below information about items that don't go in your kerbside recycling bin, and what you can do with them. If you can't reduce, reuse, or recycle your waste, please make sure you dispose of it correctly

Item	Best practice	Good practice	Please remember
<b>Food waste</b>	Only buy what you will eat Use up leftovers	Home composting Food waste bin	Never put food in any mixed recycling bin or glass box
<b>Cartons (Tetrapak etc.)</b>	Buy food, drink and sauces in easily recyclable packaging (such as plastic bottles, glass or metal)	Collect and take them to a recycling bank in a car park	Don't put these cartons in any kerbside recycling bin or box
<b>Foil and foil items</b>	Use reusable containers and materials (Tupperware, beeswax wraps, etc) to store and wrap items  Use metal baking trays and tins	Collect and take them to a recycling bank in a car park  Place in the scrap metal container at a household recycling centre	Never try to recycle foil in any kerbside recycling bin or box
<b>Plastic/carrier bags, crisp bags, clingfilm, wrapping and film from food packaging</b>	Use reusable containers/bags	Place in your black rubbish bin  Recycle carrier bags at supermarkets	Don't put these items in any kerbside recycling bin or box
<b>Non-compostable coffee cups</b>	Take a reusable cup when buying a drink	Collect and take to a recycling bank in a car park	Never place disposable coffee cups in any kerbside recycling bin or box
<b>Compostable coffee cups</b>	Take a reusable cup when buying a drink	Check with your retailer about home composting these cups	Do not put compostable coffee cups in any kerbside recycling bin or box:
<b>Batteries</b>	Use mains supply where possible  Use rechargeable batteries	Use your kerbside battery bag . Take to a local recycling facility in a shop or supermarket car park Place in the container at a household recycling centre	Do not place in coffee cup and carton recycling banks: do not place in any DWP garden waste bin

For a list of items that can be reused in the community have a look at our Dorset reuse directory [dorsetforyou.gov.uk/we-need-that](https://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/we-need-that)  
For a list of household recycling centres and recycling banks in car parks, please visit [dorsetforyou.gov.uk/recycling-centres](https://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/recycling-centres)  
For more information about what goes in which bin, please visit [dorsetforyou.gov.uk/which-bi](https://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/which-bi)

## WESTIVAL – Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm, Fryer Field, West Moors.

The Parish Council's third community event is coming, on Saturday 13th July between 12 noon and 4pm. Entry is a suggested donation of 50p only. This year money is being raised for a local charity called 'Amelia's Rainbow'. Over 1,000 people came to the 2018 charity event so let's get that number rising. This year there is a bigger focus on live music, crafts for adults, an even-more enticing raffle and more refreshments. A mini festival you could say.



Why not encourage your young ones to enter the children's drawing competition to design a logo for West Moors. It is just for fun not for the Council to replace their existing logo. Entry is just 50p with a prize of £50. Or for yourself, search for the right words and enter the adults' poetry competition writing a poem about West Moors. (£1 entry and £100 prize). Contact the parish office for more details. There will be an array of Classic cars, a beer tent, climbing wall and more. Raffle tickets can be purchased and competition entries made at the parish office now and up until and on the day of the event. There are some splendid prizes on offer. If you would like to have a stall, offer any services or are part of a band and would like to be part of it all please see website for details [www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk](http://www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk), call 01202 861044 or email [office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk)

# Why not become a Parish Councillor?

## What is a Parish council?

Parish Councils are elected councillors from the local community. They decide what services and projects the council will deliver and, as you will have seen through this newsletter, there are many different things that can be done.

There are currently 120,000 councillors in England serving on 10,000 parish and town councils. The Council is not a 'voluntary organisation' (although candidates do put themselves forward for election and are not forced into it!) nor is the Council a charity and particularly (a common mistake) it is nothing to do with the church. In West Moors your parish councillors do not get paid although they can recover expenses such as petrol costs for going to a meeting outside the village.

West Moors Parish Council is strictly audited every year to check that finances have been dealt with correctly and also that every decision was made within the authority granted to councils. Because of this audit system – or despite it? – Parish Councils are acknowledged to be the most non-bureaucratic and the cheapest kind of local authority in the country.

## What can they do?

Parish Councils were created by Act of Parliament which does limit what they can do. However, the basic responsibilities of a Parish Council are "to improve the quality of life for residents" and "to give communities a democratic voice" which means in practice that your Parish Council can actively work towards bringing positive benefits to the community and also react to what the community tells it that it would like to see within the Parish. In the case of West Moors that has been improving the children's play areas, sports facilities, ensuring no charges were imposed for car parking, organising litter-picks, hosting Community events, providing allotments and many other benefits to the village. Parish Councils are not political (unlike the County Council) and each councillor makes their own decision on any vote. Parish Councils must by law meet at least four times a year – your Council meets once a month – and the meetings must be open to the public, although of course just occasionally a confidential matter will mean the public and press can be excluded.

## Why Become a Parish Councillor?

Being a parish councillor is both a rewarding and privileged form of public service. You will be in a position to make a difference to the quality of people's daily lives and prospects. As a local councillor, your residents will expect you to respond to their queries and investigate their concerns; this can be truly rewarding and certainly educational!

### West Moors Parish Council areas of responsibility include:

- Administration of Fryer Field recreation area which includes a sports pavilion, a multi-use games area (MUGA), football pitches, skatepark and children's play areas.
- Administration of West Moors Cemetery located in Priory Road.
- Administration of the Petwyn Village Green located in Station Road.
- Administration of Allotments located at Gulliver's Farm
- Provision of some street furniture including benches, bus shelters, entry signs into the village.
- Consultation on all planning applications within the village.
- Provision of small grants to local organisations which help the village.
- Liaison with Dorset County Council with regard to rights of way and footpaths.
- Management and operation of CCTV covering the Fryer Field and MUGA area.

The Parish Council has 3 committees dealing with various functions and activities: the Environment Committee, the Finance and General Purpose Committee and the Planning Consultative Committee.

## GIVE YOUR COMMUNITY A VOICE



Become a Councillor



## Dog Waste Bags

Biodegradable Dog waste bags are available to purchase from the parish office. 100 bags in a packet for only £2.50



Please remember the importance of picking up your dog waste, help reduce the amount of dog fouling within West Moors.

A big thank you to those responsible dog owners that do this already.

## Food Caddy Bags

Biodegradable food waste bags for your kitchen caddy are available to purchase from the parish office. 52 bags on a roll for only £4.



## Food Caddy bins and glass boxes

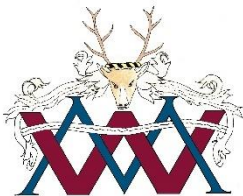
The parish council hold stock of 23L and 7L Food caddy bins as well as the green glass-recycling boxes at all times. If any of these have been broken or gone missing simply visit the parish office at the address below and we can replace them. Any broken brown caddy bins can go in your large recycling bin that gets collected fortnightly. There is no charge for this service.

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**Wednesday Closed**  
**Saturday 10.00 - 11.00**

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