



# West Moors Town Council

Issue 11 Newsletter

## Remembrance Day 2020

For the first time in its near 100 year history, there was no choice but to cancel the proud annual Remembrance Service due to Government restrictions. Nearly 3000 normally pay their respects around the War Memorial at the Petwyn, West Moors. People line the streets of the village to watch the parade and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during conflict. There may have only been a few in attendance this morning, but that doesn't mean that community spirit wasn't present. Hopefully, many were able to remember the fallen through live stream video from St Mary's Church, West Moors.

Armistice Day traditions continued with the 2 minute silence and the laying of many wreaths by the Clerk and Chairman.

Local resident, Mr Nigel Le Grave (Ex-Air Force) paid his respects to his Great Grandfather and 12 other members of his family who served in WW1.

So many Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Brothers, Sisters, Mothers, Grandmothers, Sisters and Friends have been lost, but for most, not forgotten. We all hope that we can commemorate this momentous occasion again next year, the way it fully deserves.



Chairman of WMTCC and the Clerk following the live stream from St. Mary's Church.



Mr Nigel LeGrave paying his respects to many members of family.



Compliments of the 'ATC' (Air Training Corps) (Ferndown).



Socially distanced members of public.

## What have we been up to?

### **New Cemetery Gates, Priory Road**



The new gates at West Moors cemetery, Priory Road are finally up and look great. The pedestrian gate is open at all times but the vehicle access requires a code which can be obtained by contacting the council office on 01202 861044 and filling out an agreement form.

### **West Moors Allotment Sunflower competition**

Another year, more stunning sunflowers! In August, the Tallest Sunflower prize was won by the owner of plot 3, Mr Michael Amos who grew a 10ft 5" beauty!

Mr Amos generously donated his winnings to a local special needs organisation that teach / help less fortunate children gardening, once he can locate a suitable charity.

The Chairman of the allotment association thought it was such a worthwhile and magnanimous gesture that he donated another £25 making the prize a total of £50.



### **Safety Barriers at council office**

In past years, and present, there have been several occasions where vehicles, when parking in Tesco car park, have reversed into the outside wall of the council office. On many of these occasions, the impact has been significant enough to shake the desk, develop cracks in the wall and loosen the windows. The window of the Clerk's office needed re-installing as a result of these collisions. Previous to this, the side window of the front office also needed replacing due to leaks caused by loosening of the window.

Therefore, as a preventative action, with permission from all property owners involved, the council installed safety barriers outside the council office wall. We hope this acts as protection for vehicle users as well as the council building.



### **Small Grants for 2020/2021**

Under the Councils normal grant scheme, the following were awarded grants in August 2020:

**citizens  
advice**

#### **East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau**

East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau were awarded £450 for support to cover costs of helping West Moors residents.

#### **Diverse Abilities**

Diverse Abilities were awarded £500 for supporting children with complex needs in West Moors Centre (Bond Avenue) and play sessions held in parks.





## Legacy Award winner 2019/20 update

Miss Lorna Ross was the lucky recipient of the Jean Ware award November, 2019. Despite lockdown she has been continuing to progress her dancing and has now been accepted to the Pavilion South West Dance Youth dance group called Coast.

The deadline for applying for 2020/2021 Legacy Award is 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Please apply if you are, or know someone that is aged between 11 and 17yrs, demonstrating a special talent in sporting or physical activities or the Arts (such as music, drama, painting or literature).

## Apprentice Vocational Training Scheme update

When young people (aged 16 to 20 years) embark on new careers, training can be costly.

Since 2015, West Moors Town Council have been awarding grants of £250 to assist with purchases of related tools and equipment.

There is a maximum of £1,000 per year available in this Apprentice Scheme and there is still time to apply for this grant.

We would love to hear from you and help you on your way with your career.

Whether it is for you or someone else, please contact the council office on 01202 861044, [office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk), or download an application form and rules from <http://www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk>

We are pleased to say that we have a recipient for 2020/2021 - Miss Faye Morgan, aged 16.

Miss Morgan has recently secured an apprenticeship with 'Jets Engineering', Bournemouth International Airport.

The award of £250 will help towards the cost of tools and uniform.

West Moors Town Council wish Faye the best with her chosen vocation in the aviation industry and her journey that follows.



## Small grants still available for West Moors non-profit community groups affected by Covid

CORONAVIRUS has caused distress, loneliness and economic hardship for many people living in West Moors who are self-isolating or unable to work.

As a result of this, some local voluntary groups that are funded mainly from the subscriptions and/or donations they receive from their members, may have been financially affected.

West Moors Town Council have been offering small grants of approximately £250 to enable affected local groups and/or projects, to continue offering the charitable/voluntary service to the residents of West Moors. Pinehurst Chapel, St. Mary's Church and West Moors Scouts have been successful so far.

### THE GRANT and the APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. The applicant must represent a NON-PROFIT group only.
2. A brief statement of no more than 250 words is required to explain how the pandemic has affected the group financially and how our assistance would benefit organisation.
3. Applications will be considered by the Full Council at the next appropriate meeting upon receipt of the application (meetings are currently held on the last Thursday of every month via zoom).
4. Funds will be available until 31st March 2021.

As we have entered another lockdown, the distress continues. Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01202 861044 or [office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westmoors-pc.gov.uk)



## Carols on the Petwyn - cancelled

Due to Government restrictions, the West Moors Christmas Fair 'Carols on the Petwyn' has been cancelled for 2020.

Every December, usually on the Friday of the first week, The Carols on the Petwyn is hosted by West Moors Youth & Community Club and supported by 'Churches Together'.

Click below for the Youth Club Facebook page.  
[West Moors Youth and Community Club](#)

Many look forward to this event; the Christmas Carols, stalls, music, hot food, Children's Christmas Card competition presentation, red barrow racing and a visit from Santa.

The community may not be able to come together and celebrate Christmas this year, but hopefully 2021 will bring a street full of festivities and people.

## 'Best Shop window Christmas display' competition

What we can still offer, is the Best Dressed window competition.

For the past few years, the Town Council have awarded a surprise hamper of goodies (value of nearly £50) to the winner, judged by the Chairman of the Council.

This year, judging will take place on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.



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THE OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER  
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We can deliver food caddy and dog waste bags (West Moors)**