



West Moors Town Council

Issue 4 2022 Newsletter



WESTIVAL 2023 SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 8th July 2023. 12-4pm

WESTIVAL 2023 is on the horizon! Please put Saturday 8th July 2023 in your dairies, as it is the only annual community event in West Moors, with something for everyone and entry will again be FREE.

If you have a catering company, a stall, or entertainment service you would like to bring, or alternatively, if you would like to help on the day or towards sponsoring the event, please contact Amie Fawcett on 01202 861044, 07776 175387 or email: office@westmoors-tc.gov.uk



Memory Tree 2022

When we lose a loved one, the reality is that we don't forget, move on, and have closure, but rather we honour, we remember, and include our memories into our daily lives.

Why not share your memories of any or all of your loved ones, by writing a message on a star, or dove, or both, and we will hang it on the Memory Tree for you, outside Dixon Kelley, on Station Road

It was an honour to be trusted with such sentiment from so many last year Please contact the office if you are interested.

Carols on the Petwyn 2022

The Carols on the Petwyn is a very special evening in West Moors

Over the years it has created many memories for people of all ages there.

The event exists thanks to West Moors Youth Club as they coordinate the stalls, hot food and drink, the road marshals, fairground rides, the road closure, Santa's visit, and more. Money raised from the stalls helps fund the Youth Club.

Churches Together can be thanked for the popular procession, range of favourite carols and readings and the schools that support the talented children that are the heart and soul of the service.

Bournemouth Youth Marching Band bring their enthusiasm every year, during the procession and the carol service. This year was no different.

For many years, West Moors Town Council has taken pride in presenting the winners of the Council Christmas Card Competition their prizes after the carol service, introduced by the elaborate local Town Crier, with his proclamations and impactful presence.

From West Moors Middle School Miss Madison Trim (Winner) and Holli Tulley (Runner Up 1) were invited to the stage, and Layla Stroud (Runner Up 2) from St. Mary's First School.

The Town Council ensured the trees on the Petwyn were decked with their twinkling lights and the motifs on all the lampposts were illuminated, as well as the Christmas Tree they provide.

Even though it is a short event, the Carols on the Petwyn is always enchanting as it has become tradition for the Community to come together not only to celebrate Christmas but to give the Children an opportunity to shine with their performances.

A huge thank you should go to all those volunteers that supported the event in different ways in the bitter weather, as well as all the people that came to enjoy it, making the atmosphere as great as it was.



Christmas Tree Festival

St. Martin's URC opened the doors to the Christmas Tree Festival, from Wednesday 1st December until Saturday 3rd December. West Moors Town Council entered a modest display to reflect the Council as a whole body, showing its members, facilities, responsibilities and staff. The Council wanted to remind everyone, it is here to support you and hope the entry brought a little smile and also awareness to how it can help. A big thank you to Muriel Moore and her team, for all her hard work for another year.



Photos by Paradox Photography
View from Penn Court

Poppies on Petwyn

A big thank you to Muriel Moore of St Martins URC and anonymous artist (Post Box cover), West Moors. St Mary's Church West Moors and 1st West Moors Scout Group, in particular Lynne Anderson, who was invaluable, a true scout, that made the initiative possible. The organising of this beautiful tribute, lining the benches, trees and bushes on the Petwyn, was in recognition of Armistice (Remembrance) Day.

Another testament to the Community Spirit of West Moors on a wet Saturday morning.

The White poppies signify peace without conflict and the Purple poppies are in tribute to the millions of animals which served and died in both World Wars.



Remembrance Day 2022

On Sunday 13th November, Remembrance Sunday, we remembered the fallen in masses. The Royal British Legion apologised to West Moors Town Council and St Mary's Parish Church for the inadvertent reading of the wrong list of names at the Petwyn, and for any distress this caused. They did read the names of the fallen from West Moors in the afternoon at a service in Ferndown.

Every year it is clear that so many are grateful for the lives of the brave women and men of West Moors who made the ultimate sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom.

This year was especially poignant as it was the first Remembrance since the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who made her first public speech as a Princess during World War II, on 13 October 1940, with a radio address to the children of the Commonwealth, and who had a deep affection for the Armed Forces.

West Moors Town Council thank everyone who contributed to the overall display of the poppies, volunteers for the Parade Service and the many positive comments from members of the public.

Grants awarded

A Grant of £900 was awarded to **Home-Start Wessex** for 2022/23 to help fund targeted support to families living in West Moors, provided by specially trained Home-Start volunteers. Offering home visits, they hope to help improve the families' mental wellbeing, parenting and coping skills, increase confidence and help them reconnect with their Community and access local services.

Civility and Respect

Poor behaviour is prevalent in all areas of life, but in work, it can have a detrimental impact on staff wellbeing and public service. Good governance is fundamental to ensuring an effective and well-functioning democracy at all levels.

To encourage the positive behaviour, a 'Civility and Respect Project' has been founded by the Civility and Respect Working Group and is supported by representatives from across the sector including the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), National Association of Local Councils (NALC), County Associations and One Voice Wales (OVW), Debbie Dapct - Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils (DAPTC). West Moors Council immediately signed up to this Pledge, on 25th August, becoming the first of many to do so.

The Council agrees to treat Councillors, Clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers, with civility and respect in their roles.



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS



Litter Picks – September and November 2022

Last month, the rain did not dampen the litter picking spirit of our lovely ladies and gentlemen of West Moors. Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo and residents Val Kelly, Rosie Brown, Christine Risby, Malcolm Adam and Alan Postawa, braved the conditions and filled and collected 10 bags of rubbish from West Moors streets.

On Saturday 3rd September, there were lots out in force, retrieving 20 bags of rubbish, in less than 2 hours.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all the volunteers that come together to carry out each litter pick. They are all such a credit to the local community. West Moors Town Council, and each volunteer, is committed to combating the litter problem, to make the Community a cleaner and greener place to live, work, and visit. Many do their own litter picking in between the Council organised ones. Litter blights our streets. Community Spirit fights it.



The next litter pick is planned for Saturday 7th January 2023, same time at the office – 10am start.

Grant received: Tesco Community Grant

West Moors Town Council's Outdoor LED Tennis Court Lighting Project came third in October, chosen by Tesco Customers to receive a grant award of £500.00.

Voting was held between Friday 1st July and Thursday 30th September. This award will go towards the installation of LED lighting which will not only benefit the users of the courts but also the recently renovated skate park.

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Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

It was with great sadness that we mourned the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the nation's figurehead for seven decades. Many are still mourning.

Britain's longest-reigning hereditary monarch, since the age of 25, died peacefully, aged 96, with her Family in Balmoral, on September 8th.

As a sign of respect for Her Majesty's dedication and service to the Nation and the Commonwealth, WMTC flew the Union flag on the Petwyn at half-mast.

Additionally, that evening's meeting was adjourned, after a two-minute silence was held by all Committee members present.

A Book of Condolence was available at West Moors Library, Station Road.

Mourning is very personal, so people remembered Her Majesty in different ways.

Chair of West Moors Town Council, Cllr Rita Burke laid flowers on the War Memorial on the Petwyn, which residents were also invited to do.

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