



West Moors Parish Council

Spring 2016 Newsletter

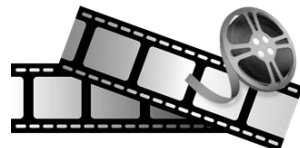


60th Anniversary of West Moors Parish Council

Some think that home is where they were born
Some think it is where they live now
But to me it is where I would like to be most
And that is here, in West Moors town
Community spirit is so very high
In ways that help young and the old
From youth clubs to tea dances to church events too
No-one will ever be left out in the cold
From Pinehurst Road to Gulliver's Farm
lies years of history and tales
A safe place to be, friendly and clean
The pride in this town is off the scales!!

By Amie Fawcett

In 1922 West Moors became an ecclesiastical Parish in its own right. Before then it had been part of Verwood for some 25 years. It was however part of West Parley civil Parish until 1956. On 1st April 1956, the civil Parish of West Moors became independent and was 'born' and a Parish Council came into being to represent the residents of the community. In this anniversary year of 2016 the Parish Council is planning to hold events to celebrate the last six decades.



TUESDAY 24th MAY 2016 7.30PM
ENTERTAINMENT BY WEST MOORS DRAMA GROUP

At St. Anthony's Church on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at 7.30pm.
Festivities include a short play, cheese and wine and a quiz. It is **FREE ADMISSION** but numbers are limited so if you would like to attend please contact the parish office.
QUIZ PRIZES too!!



WEDNESDAY 25th MAY 2016 JUDGING OF FLOWER COMPETITION
SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST. MARTINS CHURCH – PRIZES!

Create a flower display using real, artificial or homemade flowers with a theme chosen by you to reflect 60 years of West Moors. St Martins Church is kindly hosting this event and would appreciate delivery of the flower displays on Wednesday 25th May in the morning from 10am. They will be on display till Friday 27th May.

What's going on?

60th Anniversary of West Moors Parish Council continued...

FRIDAY 27th MAY 2016

HISTORY TALK: *The Legacy Of The Railway*

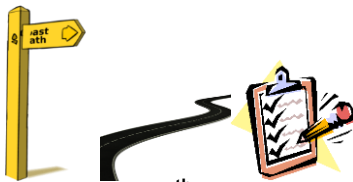
A Talk by Mr Martin Rowley at West Moors Library starting 2pm. Come and find out about where and how it all began.



FRIDAY 27th MAY 2016

MURDER MYSTERY 7- 8.30pm

at West Moors Library. For all crime loving readers come and show off your sleuthing skills - *Who killed Tony Ferdinand?* Tickets available at the Library £3, refreshments and prizes included.



SATURDAY 28th MAY 2016

FAMILY FUN DAY - ACTIVITY TRAIL – PRIZES TOO!

A Family Treasure trail will be taking place in West Moors starting at the beginning of Pinehurst Road and finishing at St. Mary's First School. There will be questions to answer, riddles to solve and again...prizes to be won!!

Discover West Moors whilst spending time with your family and a pot of gold may be waiting for you! Collect your forms between 9 and 11am from the parish office Saturday 28th May. If you post your answers through the parish letterbox by 9am on Monday 30th May we will notify the winners.

SUNDAY 29th MAY 2016

PET BLESSING at the Memorial Hall



Calling all cats, dogs and other pets (on restraints please!!) of all shapes and sizes. You are all welcome to join the community and Reverend Clive Bartlett on Sunday 29th May 2016 at 2pm for the first pet blessing of the year!

Sturts Fun day 9th July 2016

Volunteers urgently needed to join the Funday committee and help on the day. If you are interested in helping with either request, please email either Louise or Joyce on office.admin@sturtsfarm.com or call 01202 854762. Sturts Farm, Three Cross Road, West Moors, BH22 0NF.



West Moors Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 14th April 2016 7.00pm

West Moors Parish Council will be holding its Annual Public Meeting in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, Bond Avenue.

Steve Wallis, Senior Archaeologist at Dorset County Council, will start the meeting by giving an informative talk on the remains of fifty beheaded Vikings found during the construction of the Weymouth Relief Road. It will be followed by Reports from the Chairman of each committee:- Finance and General Purpose, Planning Consultative, Environment and Staff and Personnel.

The meeting will finish with parishioners questions and comments (Anyone may attend but only registered electors of the Parish of West Moors may speak and vote) The Council can explain what it has been doing over the past year and it enables the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of West Moors Parish.

A written record of the meeting will be taken and presented to the Parish Council for their consideration.

Please join us. We look forward to seeing you there. Refreshments will be served.



Introduction of Apprentice / Vocational Training Grant Award scheme applications now open for July 2016

West Moors Parish Council are pleased to announce the introduction of an Apprentice and Vocational grant scheme.

It is a scheme to support young people aged between 16 and 20 years to assist them with purchase of related tools and equipment essential to their training. **THE GRANT** of up to £250 can be awarded to a single individual as a lump sum after proof of cost incurred is provided. **THE APPLICANT** must be; A resident of West Moors for 12 months prior to the date of application and must be able to prove their acceptance and/or attendance on a recognised apprenticeship or vocational training scheme.

The successful applicant must agree that West Moors Parish Council can publicise the grant awarded, at any time in any form of media.

Applications will be considered 3 times a year, no later than the 31st July, 30th September and 31st January each year.

If this is of interest to you or anyone you know please contact the parish office on 01202 861044 or email

westmoorsparish@btconnect.com or

alternatively visit us at 4 Park Way, West Moors, Dorset, BH22 0HL or download an application form the <http://www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk>

Community Notice Exercise in West Moors on Tuesday 26 April 2016

Emergency Services, Local Councils and Health Services supported by volunteers from British Red Cross, St. John Ambulance and Rapid Relief Team are carrying out an exercise in West Moors.

Up to 200 actors and responding staff will be in the area between 7am and 6pm. Actions have been taken to reduce the disruption to local people.

You may notice some extra traffic in the area, including emergency vehicles and increased use of car parks.

Dorset County Council hope this day does not affect the residents and businesses too much.

Grant to New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau

The Parish Council is delighted to have awarded a £200 cheque to Mr Andy Clapper, the CEO of the New Forest Branch for Citizens Advice. It was a pleasure to meet him on Tuesday 1st March. West Moors Parish Council last contributed £200 to New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau in March 2015.



*Andy Clapper and Cllr
Chairman Mrs Penny Yeo*

Annual Revenue Grant to West Moors Youth Club:

West Moors Parish Council generously provided West Moors Youth and Community Club with a £3,300 cheque in March to support the running of their facility which helps to maintain all the wonderful support they offer the younger community.

Allotment Update

The Parish Council have been working with Sturts Community Trust to provide allotments for the village. We are pleased to announce that progress has been made and currently we are waiting for the installation of water to the site. The parish council is hopeful that within the next few months some allotments will be available at Gulliver's Farm. There is a waiting list but if you would like to add your name to the list please feel free to contact the parish office.

Budget: Council Tax Update

The Parish Council set its budget in January and decided on the amount of funding it required to maintain its services.

Due to Dorset County Council removing its funding from youth services the Parish Council has had to add additional funds to its budget to ensure that the West Moors Youth Club can continue to operate. The other main reason for the increase in your Parish Council's portion of council tax is the reduction in Council Tax Support grant from £4,149 to zero. This means that a Band D household will be paying £37.19 per year to the Parish Council, an increase of £2.98 from last year. If you require more information the Parish Council's budget can be found on the Parish Council website under Council Spending.

Britain's Big Tidy Up



A Keep Britain Tidy event took place on Saturday 5th March from 10.30 am -12:00 noon.

Cllr Lovegrove was very pleased with the turnout.

Volunteers included; West Moors Parish Councillors, Andy Skeats (EDDC Councillor), Kurt Hallam (West Moors Youth Club), 15 or more residents from Sturts Farm and about 12 members of the community. A substantial amount of litter was collected by all.

On behalf of West Moors Parish Council a huge thanks goes to all the volunteers for turning up on such a cold day, together with the Epi Centre who provided free hot drinks for all the volunteers. Sturts Farm deserved a special thank you, as they did an amazing job.

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday	10.00 – 1.00
Tuesday	10.00 – 1.00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10.00 – 1.00
Friday	10.00 – 1.00
Saturday	10.00 - 11.00

Introduction to marriage allowance by HMRC

You could be entitled to £212 per year if you are married or in a civil partnership and one of you has an income below £10,600 (paying no tax), the other pays tax on an income lower than £42,385 and finally you were both born on 6 April 1935 or later.

You can claim online at gov.uk/marriage-allowance. Or call the income tax helpline on **0300 200 3300** which is open 8am-8pm Mon-Fri and 8am-4pm Saturdays. Alternatively, claim by letter to **Pay As You Earn, HM Revenue and Customs, BX9 1AS**.

You will need names, dates of births and National Insurance numbers.

Once you start receiving the benefit, you can continue claiming whilst your circumstances remain the same.

Skate Park repairs

A Special Thanks to Maverick Industries for carrying out remedial repairs and painting to the half pipe at the skatepark free of charge. West Moors Parish Council and the younger generation of the community are very grateful.