



West Moors Parish Council

Spring 2018 Newsletter

West Moors Parish Council Annual Public Meeting

The Annual Public Meeting was held on Wednesday 18th April at St. Anthony's Church hall and was attended by supportive and interested residents. Guest Speaker, Dr Colin Davidson, the Locality GP Lead for East Dorset, started the evening off by giving an informative talk on local issues within the NHS. He had a brief question and answer session before handing over to the Parish Council. The Chairman of each Committee (Finance and Purpose, Planning Consultative and Environment) provided reports explaining what they had been doing over the past year. A variety of questions from the parishioners and their fellow Councillors were received and answered to the best of their ability. There were interesting points raised and discussed and some humour exchanged between the parishioners, the Council and Mr Davidson. This Annual Public Meeting is a legal requirement but was, we hope, enjoyed by all those present. The Parish Council has taken note of comments and requests that were made, and hope that the residents present felt that they had been able to discuss the village and what is important to them. Minutes for this meeting are available on the website (www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk). We thank St Anthony's Church for allowing the use of their Hall for this village event.

West Moors **M.A.D** (Multi Activity Day) 14th July 2018 **CHARITY EVENT- Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance** Between 10am and 4pm at Fryer Field, West Moors- FREE ENTRY

Come along to the second M.A.D event on Fryer Field and experience a whole host of fun, interactive activities and entertainment. In addition to a variety of stalls and games, there will be a super slide and bouncy castle, orienteering games, 30 minute Nordic Walking tasters. For the less active there will be a Birds of Prey display, a classic car show, face painting, free health checks and a dog competition. For the parents, there will be a variety of food and refreshments including a Pimms tent. Don't let your children miss out on interacting with Krazy Kev between 11 am and 12noon.

To keep you in the mood there will be live music from "Our Propaganda" There will also be a raffle with many varied prizes all kindly donated from many organisations and businesses. Tickets for the raffle can be bought now from the parish office or will be available to buy on the day.

This year any funds raised will go towards Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance so there are many reasons for you to join us!!

We thank Brewer & Brewer once again for their generous support in helping fund the publicity for this event.

To get involved please contact Amie Fawcett at the parish office in Park Way, telephone 01202 861044 or email westmoorsparish@btconnect.com.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the day!

WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS SO PLEASE CHECK YOUR DIARY!

What's been going on?

Commonwealth Day Monday 12th March 2018

Since 1977, Commonwealth Day has been celebrated on the second Monday in March of each year, across 52 countries around the world. To follow last year's tradition in West Moors, Children from all three schools, Oakhurst Community First School, St Mary's C of E First School and West Moors Middle School, attended the Ceremony with their teachers at the raising of the Commonwealth Flag on the Petwyn. The children talked with Cllr Penny Yeo after the event, about the meaning of the day and the place of the village within the Commonwealth. At 9.50am Cllr Mrs Carol Holmes read out the Commonwealth Affirmation. At 9.55am Chairman of the Council Cllr Penny Yeo read the message from the Commonwealth Secretary-General (The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC) Thereafter, the flag of the Commonwealth was raised by The Assistant of the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Amie Fawcett.



Top left to right: Cllr Penny Yeo, Roger Long (School Governor at West Moors Middle), Mrs K Beavan (Pastoral Support Officer at West Moors Middle) with her Year 8 Prefects, Cllr Mike Hawkes, Cllr Rob Smith, Cllr Carol Holmes, Ms Kelly Davies (PA to the Headteacher at St. Mary's First) and Mrs Baynham (Year 4 Senior TA with their St. Mary's First 'Saints School Council'), Cllr Jayne Lovegrove (TA at Oakhurst First) with a pupil from each years 1-4.

Railway Interpretation Board.

Before the arrival of the railway in West Moors in 1847, the village was a small rural community with a scattering of houses. In 1866 the Stewart family realised the potential for expanding their horticultural business and asked the Railway Company for a station in West Moors. The latter reluctantly agreed and the station opened on the 1st August 1867 on the land where Castleman Court stands today. The addition of the railway station was instrumental in the growth of the village.

The Brewer family later established a building business and used the railway to bring in building materials, particularly slate and timbers, which unlike the bricks from Verwood could not be easily sourced locally.

Sadly the final passenger service ran on the evening of 2nd May 1964. Goods traffic continued for a further 18 months and the line remained open for fuel traffic until the track was finally lifted in 1974.

The Castleman Trailway now uses much of the former track bed and is accessible to walkers, cyclists and equestrians on certain parts.

A resident of the village, Mr Eddie Prowse, felt that the railway heritage should not be forgotten so he initiated and coordinated the project to record this history for all. With donations from West Moors Parish Council, East Dorset District Council, Martin Stewart of Stewart's Garden Centres and Keith Brewer of Brewer & Brewer the funding was complete. Aster Housing provided the land at Castleman Court together with the manpower and material needed for installation. Eddie Prowse has expressed his gratitude to all those involved. An opening ceremony took place on Saturday 24th March followed by complimentary hot refreshments at The Tap & Railway.

Bottom left: Mandy Baker (Granddaughter of Fred Newcombe the coal merchant who operated from the



station yard. (Newcombe Rd is named after him) and Kevin Simcocks (His grandfather, Mr. Waterman, was the signalman at West Moors Signal Box for a number of years)

Who do we help and What do we do

Star Award for Councillor Development

West Moors Parish Council were recently chosen as being one of only 12 out of 160 Councils in Dorset to be awarded a Star Award for Councillor Development (training) from the DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils) Chairman of the Council Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo received a framed Certificate which is displayed proudly in the parish office.



AskNED-How can we help?

AskNED is a Non-Emergency Directory. It is a service that combines the questions that members of the public have asked with contact details of those that can help. It also includes common questions asked of partner organisations.

AskNED offers help and advice around a whole host of topics and gives you information about what you should do and who can help. Try it and see, it could answer your enquiry without you having to call 101. Just go to dorset.police.uk/AskNED. If you think



that there is an area of police work that isn't covered in the knowledgebase, or see something that needs rectifying, please let them know using their feedback button at the bottom of the page once clicked on the link above.

Apprentice Scheme 2018

In 2016 the Parish Council started the Apprentice / Vocational Training Grant for young people aged between 16 and 20, to help them meet the cost of tools and equipment essential to their course. Applications for the Grant, which is for up to £250, can be made at any time, although they will be considered only three times a year, in January, July and September. We are pleased to say that to date, two awards have been made, to Ben Watts and to Charlie Hewitt.

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

email westmoorsparish@btconnect.com or alternatively visit us at 4 Park Way, West Moors, Dorset, BH22 0HL or download an application form from the Parish Council website www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk where you can also find the criteria for making this award.

Jean Ware Award 2018

This Award is given annually to a resident of West Moors aged between 11 and 17 years who has demonstrated a particular talent in sport, physical activities or the Arts, such as music, drama, painting or literature. The recipient will receive up to £1,000 to help towards the cost of equipment, clothing, extra coaching or travel.

Charlotte Ayton, a long jumper, who was our winner in 2017 has been doing well. She has jumped a season's best of 5.52m at Bournemouth in April. This gives her entry standard to the English Schools athletics competition later in the summer. She is still aiming for a personal best this year but needs to beat 5.59 which is her current personal best. The award is made only once a year, with the closing date for applications being 30th November 2018. If this is of interest to you or to anyone you know, you can get details and an application form from the Parish Office at 4 Park Way, West Moors, or from the website www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk

Reuse, Refill, Refresh

#RefillDorset launched in July 2016 and already has over 20 Refill stations in the Dorset area. The scheme is run by Litter Free Coast and Sea, with the help of Dorset Wildlife Trust. West Moors Parish Council are proud to have recently joined this scheme. Refill is a free tap water initiative designed to reduce plastic pollution and promote healthy hydration by making refilling a water bottle easy, social and rewarding! If you're interested in joining visit refill.org.uk/Dorset



Litter Pick Saturday 17th March 2018

West Moors held a Keep Britain Tidy litter pick on the morning of Saturday 17th March, when members of the public and parish councillors went around the village including car parks collecting rubbish. While the village is generally not too troubled with rubbish, we were surprised and slightly disappointed to find over **12 bags** were filled during the two hours of work. We sincerely thank all those who took part and the Dorset Waste Partnership for collecting the filled bags and providing the necessary equipment.



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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday	10.00 – 1.00
Wednesday	Closed
Saturday	10.00 - 11.00