



West Moors Parish Council

Summer 2012 Newsletter

Introducing the New Chairman

Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council in May. Penny has been a parish councillor since July 2009 and currently sits on the Finance and General Purpose, Environment and Staff and Personnel committees.

On the day after I was elected Chairman I received four invitations to celebrations during this coming year, which brought home that the Parish Council is an important part of our Village, our District and the County. The invitations were specifically for the Chairman of the Parish Council whoever had been elected.

The Parish Council's rules and regulations state that the chairman of the Council and chairman of committees may only hold the position for 3 years so this year we have seen a complete change. I would like to thank Pete Holden and all the retiring committee chairmen for their hard work over the past years, which has left the council well prepared for the difficulties, and the pleasures, we now face.

Photographs: HM Lord-Lieutenant Mrs Anthony Pitt Rivers with Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo.

The dedication Plaque for the tree planted in honor of the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

A group of local residents who attended the unveiling

Queens Jubilee Celebrations

A ceremony to dedicate a tree planted on the Petwyn Village Green to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Of Her Majesty The Queen, was performed by HM Lord Lieutenant for Dorset, Mrs Anthony Pitt-Rivers on Friday 1st June 2012.

The tree (*Cornus Alternifolia* "argentea") and plaque have been kindly donated by Miss Judith Church, a former Parish Councillor and long standing resident of West Moors. The ceremony was attended by local MP Chris Chope, local children and residents as well as invited VIP's.

The Parish Council is most grateful to Miss Church for this kind and lasting donation.



Have you been affected by Flooding

Have you been affected by flooding during the recent bad weather. If you have the Parish Council would like to know so we can pass this information on to the Environment Agency.



NEW WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Your waste collection service is changing in October 2012. Make sure you understand the changes by reading the information that has been sent to every household or visit

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset>

Grass Verges

You may have noticed that many of the grass verges in the village are not being cut as regularly as they have been in previous years. Financial cuts at Dorset County Council have meant that many of our verges are now becoming overgrown and unsightly. The Parish Council is looking into how we can improve this situation but it may take a while to sort out. In the meantime maybe you could help to keep the village looking neat and tidy but cutting the verges near your house.



Overgrown Hedges

The Parish Council is receiving lots of complaints about overgrown hedges and trees growing in residents' garden that are overhanging the public footpath. If you have hedging, trees, shrubs please ensure they are kept cut back and do not grow out over the public footpath. A leaflet is available in the Parish Office explaining that it is the responsibility of the landowner or occupier on whose land the hedges or trees are growing to keep them from interfering with the safe use of the public footways or obscure street lights and road signs.

Please help keep West Moors neat, tidy and safe for our pedestrians and car users by ensure you do not let vegetation from your garden obstruct the footpath.

Oakhurst Play Area

Did you know that there is a children's Play Area adjacent to Oakhurst Community First School. It is open Monday to Friday from around 3.15 till dusk, Saturday and Sunday from 9am till dusk. It is also open all day during the school holidays.

Legacy Award for Sports Stars

In order to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games in London, West Moors Parish Council has announced that it will be making a Legacy Award to an aspiring sports star aged between 11 and 17 who is a resident of West Moors.

The award of up to £1,000 will be granted to someone who has demonstrated a particular talent in sport or other physical activity. If you know someone who may benefit please contact the Parish office for an application form. Terms and conditions apply. Closing date for applications is the 30th November 2012.



Multi Use Games Area Hire

The Parish Council owns and manages an artificial grass football pitch located at Fryer Field. It is fully floodlit for those dark winter nights and is available to hire from £15 per hour, Contact the Parish Council office for more details.



Do you know someone in West Moors who will be celebrating their 100 birthday this year. If so please let the Parish office know on 861044