



# West Moors Parish Council

Summer 2016 Newsletter

## HM Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Raising of the Flag at The Petwyn.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11am, West Moors Parish Council and some other members of local clubs, met at The Petwyn in West Moors. Parish Councillor Carol Holmes, a dedicated Royalist, raised the Union flag to commemorate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Left to right: Clerk Judi Weedon, a member of Brownies group Erin Larkin and her Mum, Helen Finder ('Eagle' at Rainbows and Brownies), Cllr Rob Smith, Cllr John Bartley, Adrian Lewis (Parish Lengthsman), PCSO Dan Byrne, PCSO Adam Fitzwalter and Cllr Carol Holmes.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations at Brook View

Arthur Woodley, a resident at Colten Care's Brook View care home was presented with a card and a bottle of red wine by West Moors Parish Chairman, Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo. Mrs Yeo, who was joined by the Parish Clerk Ms Judi Weedon, said: "When I heard Arthur was turning 100 I wanted very much to meet him. It's not often you have the chance to talk to someone who has lived such a long and interesting life and it has been lovely to see all the cards and gifts Arthur has received, including his wonderful card from The Queen."

Arthur celebrated his 100th birthday with a party at Brook View, with his two daughters, their husbands, his four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Maggie Tomlin, Home Manager at Brook View, said: "Arthur certainly enjoyed his 100th birthday. "He is a very happy and much-loved resident here at Brook View."



If you wish to know more about Arthur's life, written by Debbie Granville (Deep South Media) click here: <http://www.deepsouthmedia.co.uk/vip-birthday-wishes-100-year-old-arthur/>

From top left to bottom right: Ms Judi Weedon, Cllr Penny Yeo, Brook View team member, Arthur Woodley.

## West Moors Parish Council's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May Entertainment Evening at St. Anthony's Church

The first event to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of West Moors Parish Council was an entertainment night at St. Anthony's Church where almost 70 people attended. Amongst them was Cllr David Shortell, Chairman of East Dorset District Council (EDDC) and his wife Elizabeth. West Moors Drama Group brought their talent to the stage with their play, 'Follow Your Dream'. The cast consisted of Jane Hilliard (Director), Jeanie Ellis, Shelly Seager, Tom Martin, Derek Kearey and Alan Defer (lighting). The Parish Council provided a complimentary cheese and wine buffet that was enjoyed by all. Completing the evening was a comprehensive quiz on the history of West Moors. The evening boasted of wonderful prizes, lots of laughter and an insight into West Moors Parish Council and their role in the village. Parish Council Chairman Cllr Penny Yeo introduced herself and eagerly welcomed anyone to visit the parish office with any queries or attend the council meetings held at the Pavilion (Fryer Field), on Thursdays.

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May Tea Party at West Moors Memorial Hall



West Moors Parish Council welcomed residents from Brook View, Summer Hill Lodge, Chestnut Lodge and Five Gables to share delicious cream scones, strawberries and prosecco all generously donated by Barry Williams, Manager of Tesco express West Moors, along with a wide range of fresh tasty sandwiches generously donated by Sainsbury's Sue Blundell. Councillor David Shortell and Cllr Penny Yeo enjoyed chatting to the guests and watching all the entertainment. Oakhurst Community First School began the party by showing their country dancing skills. This led the way for St. Marys First School Year 4 students who offered a passionate singing performance.....

...Mrs Deborah Dougoud (known as Debbie Sweet Music or part of Sister Chic Band) performed briefly with all the old time songs that got the guests, their carers, volunteers and Councillors singing along too

A beautiful cake was made and presented by Brook View Nursing Home, it was delightful!

Particular thanks go to Tesco Express West Moors and Sainsbury's Ferndown who generously gave up their time as well as their donations to help throughout the event making the afternoon a great success.

### Romany Arts & Crafts Exhibition 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May at The Pavilion.

The Southern Gypsy Council 15 put on a Romany Arts & Crafts Exhibition at The Pavilion, Fryer Field as part of the celebrations for West Moors Parish Council's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The event was a celebration of the English Romany Gypsy culture and heritage through arts & crafts with live exhibitions. There was a traditional Gypsy Wagon and historical pieces on loan from a Romany Gypsy Museum. The highlight of the event was the visit by two local schools.

St Mary's First School visited several times on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May with different year groups each time. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, Oakhurst Community First School walked the entire school over including the reception year, which at one point brought West Moors to a standstill. Once there, the students spent the day participating in different workshops with talks and exhibits on the culture and traditions of the English Romany Gypsy.

The event, which was a great success, was visited by many local people and Councillors including the Chairman of East Dorset District Council, Cllr David Shortell.



The children of Oakhurst were so overjoyed with the experience that they created and presented Margaret Penny, from The Southern Gypsy Council, with a 'Thank you' book containing all their individual messages about their favourite aspect of the exhibition including pictures. One of the attractions there were live chickens. This was the children's favourite memory.

Thank you to the Southern Gypsy Council for welcoming so warmly the younger generation of West Moors. The introduction to your heritage and artistic skills helps integrate different communities together.

**A BIG Thank You to Everyone that helped during the 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations!!**

## West Moors Parish Council 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations...

### Flower Festival 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> May at St. Martin's United Reformed Church

West Moors Parish Council celebrated their 60th anniversary this year on April 1<sup>st</sup>. On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Alasdair Urquhart, the Marketing Coordinator at Haskins Garden Centre in Longham, along with Susan Hooper, member of NFAS (National Flower Arranging Society), kindly accepted an invitation to judge the flower competition, held at St. Martins Church, West Moors. They carefully considered each entry within the three prize categories and were very impressed with them all. The festival proudly displayed twelve imaginative, high quality arrangements offered by various clubs, groups and schools within the village, all based on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme. West Moors Parish Council was overwhelmed by the support for this event and appreciated all of the entries, considering the time-scale provided. West Moors is a diverse village and this was an amazing opportunity for everyone to come together.

Receiving the prize for the Adult group was Sue Hamlett, on behalf of the West Moors Horticultural Society. Their entry named 'The Petwyn' represented the village green and War Memorial. The winner of the Youth category was West Moors Youth and Community Club. Their entry named, 'History of the Village Bench' wowed everyone who saw it.

The third category was the children's under 10's. This was won by Oakhurst Community First School, with their cross year group effort, "From Little Acorns, Mighty Oaks Grow".

Overall the judges agreed that, "it's invigorating to see different parts of the community converge and celebrate a shared heritage. It was tough to decide who should win and all of the entries are to be commended."



St. Mary's First School  
Year 4



Ferndown United  
Reformed Church



Above:  
Alasdair Urquhart  
and Susan Hooper  
with ; The winning  
Adult Category 'The  
Petwyn',



Above right and below it: The Youth  
category 'The History of the Bench'  
and the children's category 'From  
little acorns mighty oaks grow'

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May Family Activity Trail

The great minds of West Moors were put to the test over the bank holiday weekend in May, as they explored the village answering clues and seeking the final message and answers required to win their prizes. Nearly 30 people came to collect forms but unfortunately there were only 4 winners. First place went to Mandy Carpenter (with her 19 month daughter Holly) who received a family ticket to Farmer Palmers. Second was Stephen Pitchell and third prize was awarded to Anne Chater. Both won a 2 day sports coaching voucher with JSC. Lastly in fourth place came Daniel and Beth Linford (6 and 4 years old) earning a £10 voucher for All Fired Up in Bournemouth. Well done to you all and thank you to everyone who took part. We hope the challenge widened your knowledge of West Moors and fun was had in the process.

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May Pet Blessing

Pastor Clive Bartlett from Pinehurst Community Church rewarded some proud pet owners at West Moors Memorial Hall when he carried out a very unique service for those who wished their animals to be blessed. It included prayers, readings, songs and an individual blessing with each pet. The attendance may have been small but this made it a moving and intimate event.

From left to right: Local residents of  
Ferndown and West Moors;  
Pastor Clive Bartlett, Cllr David  
Shortell and his wife Elizabeth.



## Tennis Courts available

Would you like your local tennis court upgraded?

West Moors Parish Council currently provides free use of the tennis court facility at Fryer Field.

Do you think a new life needs to be brought into that court? If expert coaching was available there would you pick up your racket and join? Would you be happy to pay a small fee for the use of good quality courts?

Please contact West Moors Parish Council on the number below and tell us what you think.



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## FRYER FIELD FREE ACTIVITY DAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016

### Get active and have fun at the Fryer Field Activity Day

An Activity Day with a whole range of things for all the family to do is planned for Fryer Field (located off Bond Avenue) in West Moors on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 3pm. The event is FREE to enter. The Activate Coast & Countryside team from Christchurch and East Dorset Councils will be on hand to give people a taste of sport and fitness activities on offer as part of their project.

West Moors Parish Council would like local people to provide some feedback about which activities they think are important to maintain or improve on Fryer Field and also to help choose some play equipment to upgrade the existing play area.

There will be a classic car and bike show and the band 'Our Propaganda' will be playing live.

Stalls at the event are on offer – they are free of charge for charities and just £10 for any businesses.

Anyone wanting to book a stall should contact Rachel Taylor on 07785 451834 or email [taylor@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk](mailto:taylor@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk)

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"Our Propaganda"

**FRYER FIELD**  
*Activity DAY*

**Saturday**  
**20TH AUGUST 11AM-3PM**  
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LIVE MUSIC • STALLS • REFRESHMENTS

*Bring Your Picnic!*

**Have your say on new play equipment.**

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