



West Moors Parish Council

Winter 2016 Newsletter

CAROLS ON THE PETWYN 2015 - Children's Christmas Card Competition.

In 2015 the Parish Council ran a children's competition to create a design to become the face of the West Moors Parish Council 2015 Christmas card. Many entries were received from children attending St. Mary's First School and Oakhurst First School from reception to Year 4.

As expected, the standard was very high with some wonderful drawing designs. The designs were initially judged by the schools then nominations were forwarded to the Council for the final decision. There was 1 winner, Miss Daniella Boylan and 2 runner ups; Master Levi Wareham-Mews and Miss Baylee Jegou.

The first prize was a pack of 10 Christmas cards with their winning design, along with an arts and craft set and the two runners up also received an art set.

A presentation was held after the Carol Concert on December 4th 2015, by the Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Penny Yeo. The Village Cryer added to the celebration with a special ode to introduce the occasion.



*From left to right:
Miss Daniella Boylan,
the Town Cryer Iain
Mitchell, Miss Baylee
Jegou, Cllr Penny Yeo
and Rev Andrew
Rowland.*

The Council endeavor to carry the competition out every year so that the children are given a regular opportunity to shine.

The other activities during the Carols on The Petwyn were entertaining especially Santa being rescued by the Fire Service from the roof of the Elephant & Castle. It began with the switching on of the new lights in the trees by the war memorial. These have been very well received with many positive comments.



What's been going on?

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

On Sunday 8th November 2015, West Moors showed their community spirit in the hundreds once again and gathered at the War Memorial by the Petwyn for a two-minute silence to honour those killed in World Wars and later conflicts. Representatives from East Dorset District Council, Ferndown civic leaders, Churches Together, Dorset Police, Fire and Rescue, Army and Air cadets, the West Moors Army detachment, many local schools together with Brownies, Guides and Scouts and several other organisations joined the Parish Council paying tribute on a dark but deeply moving morning. Together, everyone had an opportunity to reflect, to remember and to be reminded of the fragility of human life.



Above: Students of West Moors Middle School

Update on the Yellow Buses new rest stop at The Petwyn

After a meeting with Mr Adrian Glover (Planning and Schedules Manager for Yellow Buses Dorset) on Tuesday 8th December 2015, at which Cllr P Yeo and Judi Weedon (Clerk) were both present, the mystery about the new waiting stop at The Petwyn was laid to rest. The 4c is permitted to wait at the War Memorial in the service road as it is a designated bus stop, in accordance with the NAPLAN (National passenger transport access node). It is an official and at times, an essential turning point for the 4c, which has various problems commuting through West Moors, yet continues to do so. Please support The Yellow Bus Company so we may retain the service through our village and allow the many residents to keep their independence.

Defibrillator Training Sessions

Two Defibrillator (AED)/ Cardiac Arrest Response Seminars have been carried out since the installation of the new AED unit outside the Co-Operative, Station Road. Both of them were organised by the parish council.

The first session was provided by Community Heartbeat (CHT) in West Moors Memorial Hall on Wednesday 4th November, 2015.

A total of 54 people (which included local and nearby residents, parish councillors and members of Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club) attended this free training session.



Above: Residents of local areas and Dave Laut (Volunteer expert trainer for CHT).

The second training session was provided by four members of the SWAS (South West Ambulance Service Trust); Russell James, Carolyn Wills, John Jeyes and Maria McCabe, at The Pavilion.

This saw fewer attendees but was just as beneficial.

West Moors Parish Council thanks Community Heartbeat and SWAS for providing such essential training, a huge thanks to Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club for their very generous donation of the defibrillator and to The Co-Operative for hosting the unit.



Above: Local residents (including East Dorset District Councillor Andy Skeats in the middle) and members of the South West Ambulance Service Trust.

The public need to be aware that if they find someone unconscious they must dial 999 and the emergency services will inform them where to locate the nearest defibrillator and how to gain access to the equipment.

Donation to Coping with Chaos

On Monday 30th November 2015 a donation of £15 was handed to Tessa Masterman (General Manager for Coping with Chaos) to contribute to all the wonderful work they have done and will continue to do. The cheque was from Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club and was delivered by Cllr Penny Yeo. The Lions club gave this to Cllr Yeo instead of giving a flower bouquet, when she attended their Charter Dinner in November 2015 where she made a short speech. Instead of flowers, Cllr Yeo was able to choose her own charity to give money to.

West Moors Parish Council previously awarded Diverse Abilities (Coping with Chaos) with a grant of £346 in September 2014.



Left to right: Tessa Masterman and Cllr Penny Yeo.

Saving West Moors Youth Club

On October 29th 2015 at the full WMPC meeting, a presentation was given by the Youth Worker from WMYC (West Moors Youth Club), Mo Shearing (who presented on behalf of a young member of the club Codie Cowan) and another young representative, Stasia Smith (aged 12), regarding the consequences should WMYC have to close along with the advantages of keeping it open. Arguments presented included; the running costs would still be required to maintain a building that is not used, not having a safe and trustworthy environment for young people if closed with the possible increase in anti-social behaviour and the fact that staff provide a welcoming place to spend time and offer support.

The Parish Councillors commended Ms Smith for her very well written and presented arguments and said how proud they were of all the young people to articulate their views on such an emotive topic. Cllr Lovegrove stated that the parish council would do everything in its power to ensure that the youth club would not be adversely affected by the savings that DCC has to make to youth services.

Grant to Girl Guiding West Moors

Mrs Jane Songhurst, the Girl Guiding District Commissioner for West Moors, came into the office on Monday 23rd November 2015 to personally receive the cheque for £700 for the Girl Guiding West Moors district. This was enthusiastically presented to her by Cllr P Yeo (Chairman). This will help fund the installation of the new loft insulation at the Guide Hall. The purpose of Girl Guiding is to promote opportunities for girls and young women to make new friends, enjoy new activities and work together as a unit.

At the hall on Ashurst Road they can now do this in extra comfort and maximize their energy efficiency at the same time.



Left to right: Cllr P Yeo and Mrs Jane Songhurst (District Commissioner)

Grant to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal.

West Moors Parish Council awarded the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal a grant of £50 in November 2015, in recognition of the assistance the RBL give to West Moors for the Remembrance Day Parades every year.



From left to right: Cllr Jayne Lovegrove; Stasia Smith; Cllr Penny Yeo (Chairman); Mo Shearing (Youth worker)

Christmas Shop Display Competition

At the beginning of December 2015, Lee Pattison, owner of The Blue Barber Shop in the village, invited various shops to take part in the Christmas window display competition. On the eve of the Carol Concert, Cllr P Yeo judged and happily presented the luxury hamper to the winner, Mrs Lynn Johnson owner of The School Shop.

The Chairman hopes the competition will grow over the coming years and become a regular fixture. So traders get designing for 2016 and add that touch of festive magic to your shop at Christmas.



Left to right:
Cllr P Yeo
and Lynn Johnson.

Legacy Award 2015

The presentation of the 2015 Legacy Award took place on Thursday 17th December 2015, before the Full Council meeting began.

Abi Bedford, the winner in 2014, was successful again and with this grant from the Council, Abi can continue to travel to Bath and pay training and league fees for the upcoming year.

Abi's ultimate goal is to play Netball for England, yet short term is to progress to Regional Performance Academy by the end of the Regional Academy cycle (Summer 2016) and play in the Futures league (a junior version of the netball Super league).

Abi is now 17 and coaches the Ferndown Junior Netball Club as well as training to fulfill her own ambition. West Moors Parish Council is very proud to support such dedication.



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