

WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

New Councillor

Mr Simon Jordan has been co-opted on to the Council. A local businessman, Simon is heavily involved with the Parley Sports Club and keen to see it develop and become more of a community facility.

Appearance of West Parley

The spring flowers on our verges and in the troughs on the railings at Parley Cross and the planters opposite the Porsche showroom are looking good and we are delighted to see that our farmer residents have made a lovely job of cutting most of the hedges bordering the main roads in the village. The cherry trees and daffodils on our roadsides are also in bloom.

Woodland Walk and Parley Wood Apart from final tidying up, work will cease at the end of March until September/October in order to allow wild life to re-establish itself in the woodland. We are very grateful to all who have helped with the progress made so far. The Community Payback Team, the volunteers (Chain saws and our working parties), Mr Trelawney Dampney (Eco Systems), for removing the tree roots, and Parley Sports Club staff have all been extremely helpful in giving up their time to this work and we are very grateful to them all.

Tree planting in main road verges – 12 of the 16 decorative trees ordered have been planted. The 6 trees originally intended for the Christchurch Rd East verge opposite Golden Acres have been planted in New Road North on the verge between the 2 entrances to Mags Barrow. If we had proceeded with the planting as originally planned the trees would have prevented hedge-cutting machinery to reach the hedge behind the verge. Due to the generosity of several residents and two local companies, Golden Acres and Mr P Bamborough, the cost of the trees is negligible.

Signs The Recreation Ground Sign has been installed in the Recreation Ground facing Christchurch Rd East and new "Welcome to West Parley" signs have been installed at the entrance to the village in Glenmoor Rd and Golf Links Road.

The Working Parties Following the installation by our volunteer working party of an octagonal base in the Recreation Ground, a **small pavilion** has been erected which will provide a shelter and seating for parents and other residents who use the area. We are very grateful for the generous contribution by the **New Milton Sand and Ballast company** of the materials required to build the octagonal concrete base.

Already we have found broken glass in the pavilion and 6 bottles on the children`s playground. On one occasion 15 cider and lager bottles and cans were picked up. We hope that residents will report any anti-social behaviour, under-age drinking and litter in this area (or any other area within the village) to the police immediately so that we can stamp out this appalling behaviour as quickly as possible.

Floral Display Parley First School are to be involved in the design, planting and minor maintenance of the Floral Display to be introduced at the Glenmoor Rd shopping parade. This will involve 5 large oval planters being installed and planted in May. The watering of all of our planters at Parley Cross, Glenmoor Rd and opposite the Porsche showroom will again be carried out by volunteers. With the further development of the display we would welcome more volunteers to help with this important task. If any residents, particularly those living near to the Glenmoor Rd shops could help with this task, please contact Alan Macdonald (alanmacd@talktalk.net or (01202) 571349.

Pick it up

During the consultation with residents over the Parish Plan many mentioned the issue of **dog mess** on our open spaces and pavements. We have even found bags of it thrown behind shrubs on the roadside. This is of particular concern around any areas that children are likely to use and is an appalling anti-social habit. We are aware that most dog-owners pick up any mess made by their dogs and we hope that anyone seen not disposing of the dog mess in an acceptable way will be reported to the police.

Coffee Morning

Over 50 residents have attended each of our first two Coffee Mornings which have been held in the newly furnished room at Parley Sports Club to meet friends and make new ones and judging by the buzz around the room the events have been a resounding success. Our **next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday, 4th April** at from 10 am – 12noon at Parley Sports Club. All residents will be made very welcome.

Master Plan

The Council has agreed in principle to a plan for consistent and co-ordinated improvements to the area which includes the Recreation Ground, Woodland Walk, Parley Wood and the Sports Club grounds in Christchurch Road so that we can improve the facilities for residents to enjoy. Much of this work has already started.

Improvements to the Sports Club include provision of public toilets and a catering area with an outside servery as well as exterior improvements with more seating, lighting and a refurbished car park. A major internal refurbishment is planned as funds become available. Full details will be shown at the **Annual Parish Meeting** on **4th May** at the Memorial Hall..

Funding for local improvements

Residents suggested many improvements that they would like to see in the village in their responses to the Parish Plan survey. We are anxious to meet the expectations of residents and the annual precept (our grant from EDDC - part of our Council Tax) is not enough to pay for all this. In order to be able to achieve these improvements we have applied to a number of funding sources for grants and so far we have been very successful in getting support from local businesses and external funders for what we would like to do in the village.

Keeping the village clean

We have many volunteers who do an excellent job of litter picking around the village and they still find a great deal of litter. We are aware that most householders pick up the litter which they find outside their own homes and this helps a great deal. We trust that this will continue and we suggest that, where possible, householders help to reduce the chance of animals tearing open the refuse bags by putting out their bags at the last possible moment. This is not always possible in cases where residents leave home early for work.

Parley Sports Club

Team successes The Saturday Reserve team reached the Final of the Dorset Senior trophy on Saturday 10 March, a trophy won by the 1st team 3 years ago. The Final will be held at Dorchester Utd ground on the 26th April 2012 KO 7.45pm. Well done to All involved with the team.

The Sunday Team reached the final of the Sunday Dorset Senior Cup on Sunday, 11 March. This will be held, we think, at Hamworthy Utd ground on the 6th May 2012 KO 10.30am. Well done all involved with the teams!!!

Quiz Night

Parley Sports Club are to hold a **Quiz night** at the Club on **Friday, 20th April** at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start.

Teams will consist of up to 6 people and Tickets will cost £5 per person which includes entry to the Quiz and nibbles.

Any profits will go towards the purchase of the club`s new minibus. For more information or to purchase tickets contact

Sharon Connell (07809641352) email: parleysportsfc@hotmail.co.uk or

Simon Jordan (07976561408) email: simon@oates-construction.co.uk

Alternatively, tickets can be bought at the bar at the club.

Fund-raising at Parley Sports Club

Parley Sports Club, with the full support of the Parish Council, wish to carry out major improvements to the Club House and add Sports facilities and further recreational amenities which will further place the Club at the centre of the West Parley Community. This is fully in accordance with the wishes expressed by residents in the Parish Plan. This venture will require substantial funding and there are many sources of funding available for this purpose.

We hope that a Volunteer, who perhaps has experience of sourcing and applying for funding and who would like to be involved in this important project will agree to assist in this task for the ultimate benefit of the whole West Parley community. The role would entail understanding the needs of the Parley Sports Club in respect of the project, researching available funding and applying for funding. If you would like to help please contact Simon Jordan on **07976561408** or email: simon@oates-construction.co.uk or Alan Macdonald at alanmacd@talktalk.net for further information.

Dates for your diary

4th April – Coffee Morning at Parley Sports Club – 10 am–12 noon

20th April 2012 Parley Sports Club Quiz Night 7pm for 7.30 pm start

4th May 2012 Annual Parish Meeting – Memorial Hall 7.30 pm. The meeting will be preceded at 7pm by a display of things happening in and around the village and some of the Parish Council's future plans - free tea and coffee will be served. The meeting is traditionally an opportunity for the Parish Council to say what it has been up to and where it has spent your money, and for the residents to make points, say what they want, and ask questions. **Do come, and say what you think.**

4th June 2012 - Jubilee Fete

The Parish Council is working together with the Parish Church on the organisation of the Jubilee Fete to be held on the above date. We would be very grateful if about 12 residents would kindly offer to act as stewards at the entrances to the Recreation Ground from about 11 am to 3pm in order to take entry fees etc. If you can help in this way will you please contact Richard Heaslip (rgheaslip@hotmail.com) or telephone 594982 for further information.

Reporting faults to DCC - All Councillors and all residents can make use of this system to report any problem from potholes to street light failure. www.Dorsetforyou.com/reportroadproblems or telephone **01305 221020**