

WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

July 2014

West Parley's 'Big Lunch'

We were blessed with fine weather and a good time was had. The food, the activities and the entertainment were much enjoyed by all who attended and we would like to thank our hosts at Parley Country Club for a superb venue to hold the event.

Appearance of the village

A number of major improvements to the look of the village have been made for this year's entry into the South and South East in Bloom competition.

The new large blue planters on the main roads have been planted up to a design by the experts at Bournemouth Council Parks Department, who have supplied the flowers for the village this year. Their Parks team are multiple gold award winners in this competition. The range of plants in the existing planters is much wider than before.

As part of our efforts to improve on last year's silver award for 'In Bloom' we have started a Front Garden competition in West Parley so that residents can show off their gardening skills. There have been some twenty entries this year and we look forward to even more next year!

The Millennium Gardens have been given a complete revamp and the Recreation Ground is kept neat and tidy. Have a wander round some time to see how good it all looks.

It is noticeable that many residents are cutting the grass verges in front of their houses. This makes the village look so much better. Please keep the good work! The Parish Volunteers have been cleaning and trimming everything for the last few months.

We got a silver award in our first entry last year and a serious amount of effort has gone into working on how we can do better this time. Fingers crossed we can achieve a silver gilt award this time. The results will be announced in the Autumn.

Bournemouth 7s event

With litter patrols going around regularly and more Police patrols around the event, the recent Bournemouth 7s did seem to have less of an impact on West Parley this year than last.

There was still some damage and crime associated with the event and everything we are aware of has been reported to the Police, Licensing Authorities and Event Organisers to see if further improvements can be made next year.

Spreading the word

The Parish Council web site www.westparley-pc.gov contains lots of up-to-date local news, details of community groups, local history and general information relevant to residents.

We would like to put on details of events that local groups are holding or any news about what community groups are up to. We feel that the more residents are aware of things going on here, with opportunities to join in, the more they will get involved.

Send any items of news and details of events to Paul Heaslip, p.heaslip@outlook.com. Paul does a superb job for us maintaining the web site.

There is a new Youth page on the WPPC website, hover on the 'organisations' header to access the menu where the link is called 'wppc youth'.

And don't forget to join in on our facebook page and let us know what's going on where you are. Search for 'West Parley Parish Council'.

Especially for Children

After the terrific success of last summer's events, we are delighted to be hosting another 'Sting in the Tale' story telling on 15th August. There will be two sessions, one for up to age 7 and the other for ages 7 to 11 at Parley Country Club. Other activities will also be going on that day for the children attending the story telling. For further details see the 'Summer Blast' booklet or check the website <http://stinginhetale.org.uk/2014-festival/>

'Nuts About Nature' will also be happening again in and around Parley Wood on 21st August. Details are in 'Summer Blast' and will be on our website when we have them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee mornings at Parley Sports Club 10am – 12 noon	every 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday
Health Walks from Parley Sports Club meet at 10am, - coffee and chat afterwards	every Wednesday
Judging for S and SE in Bloom	8 th July
Front Gardens competition judging	9 th July
'Ask Dorset' roadshow at Sainsbury's, Ferndown	17 th July 4.30 to 6.30pm
'Dreamflight' Charity Fun Day and Football Match - at Parley Country Club	27 th July, all day from 11am
'Sting in the Tale' storytelling and activities at Parley Country Club	15 th August
'Nuts About Nature' at Parley Wood	21 st August