Welcome to our latest newsletter!

As you will know, National & Local elections are due in May this year and we’re delighted that almost all Parish Councillors wish to continue to work on behalf of residents to improve, protect and maintain West Parley. Since taking up the council position we have always listened to what residents say they want to happen here and are keen to make the village a better place for all of us. We are working hard with local groups and encouraging all residents to get involved in community life in and around our village. Keeping you up to date on what is happening is a key part of what we do but, most importantly, we always continue to represent residents’ overwhelming majority view to fight against plans for massive housing and road developments here in West Parley. Many will know that we are very active in this area with much work and commitment, from many volunteers and residents, being carried out behind the scenes and in support of this council’s objectives. More and more is being done, and will continue to be done, to keep this historic village’s identity intact, to generate new facilities that genuinely benefit the residents and to look after what has been here for centuries.

Looking back, 2014 was yet another busy year in West Parley... Our entry into the South and South East in Bloom competition meant that the appearance of the village improved even more and with so many residents becoming interested in the competition a new, regular Gardening Club, has sprung up here which is already showing sign of becoming a great success.

Community facilities have been further improved, including resurfacing the car park in Christchurch Road with good lighting installed. Also, two new boardwalks have been installed in Parley Wood. A number of road improvements, including a new crossing in New Road, 20mph speed limit in Glenmoor Rd, new financial support for the First School and the Memorial Hall and better resources and encouragement for our community volunteers.
2015 Bloom competition planning has started as we would like to improve on the 2014 Silver award and hope more residents will enter the annual front garden competition and the new back garden competition, which is also planned.

We will be replacing the hedging fronting the Rec in Christchurch Road with metal fencing that will match that outside the Memorial Hall. This should open up the frontage so that the Rec, play area and the improved Millennium Gardens are more visible and make the frontage tidier.

We will continue to keep all parish assets as tidy as possible and will be installing new village information signs in a number of places. Local groups will be supported with funding as needed.

We hope to make progress on reducing the speed of vehicles on the main roads and we will keep an eye open for any plans for large scale housing in the village and update you if anything happens.

Groups

NeighbourCare Scheme - Needs Drivers
Contact Kate Ward on 01202 577319

Parish Volunteers - Help around our village
Contact Stuart Cooper on 01202 573833

Clubs

Gardening Club - Meets Monthly
Contact Pat Cooper on 01202 573833

Events

Neighbourhood Watch - Needs More Helpers
Contact David Ayers on 0779656904

POPPs Good Neighbour Scheme - Needs More Helpers
Contact Dawn Jones on 07825206052

A one hour stroll around the village - Every Wednesday
Just turn up at 10am at Parley Country Club

Keep your informed...

We drop off this newsletter at least twice a year to all houses, put items in the 2 monthly West Parley Directory, Neighbourhood Watch magazines, monthly Church magazine and send frequent press releases to the Stour and Avon magazine. Any urgent items are sent out by email. To receive these emails please send your email address to: chrissied2003@yahoo.co.uk

You can also keep up to date with what is happening by looking at web sites:

www.westparley-pc.gov.uk  www.parleycountryclub.co.uk  www.westparleymemorialhall.org.uk

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