Welcome to our latest newsletter

Once again it has been a very busy year so far for West Parley Parish Council and all of the associated groups, who work tirelessly to maintain and develop the unique character of our community. It is with great sadness that, this year, we say goodbye to our Chairman John Cullen who has made a real difference with many highly valued contributions to West Parleys heritage.

A BIG thank you goes out to our amazing bands of volunteers who have continued their work ensuring that West Parley remains a beautiful place to live. Their voluntary work ensures that council funds can be devoted to facilities such as the children’s play area on the Recreation Ground, that has recently been added to and the board-walk, opening up access to Parley Wood.

The Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations at the Memorial Hall were a great success. Parley Rotary joined forces with West Parley Parish Council to ‘host’ the party which included live music, stalls, free tea and cake plus a slice of a special cake overlaid with a picture of the Queen. Youngsters from Parley First School who entered Rotary’s nationwide competition to write a poem to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday took centre stage at the ‘Street Party on the Rec’ at the West Parley Recreation Ground. Eight read their poems to a packed house in the Memorial Hall. Shane Dart, President of Parley Rotary said: ‘...the event was a great success attracting more than 500 local people and we are already looking at plans for a bigger better event next year.’ Thank you to Cllr Allen for helping organise this and to all who came to support the event.

Upcoming events include:

Garden Competition: Best Front Garden, Best Back Garden and Best Hanging Basket (Judging Soon).

‘Sting in the tale’: A day of Storytelling and other activities for our children at the recreation ground on Friday 12th August.

Nuts About Nature : 2 hours of fun in Parley Woods, the Parish Council’s hidden gem, with Moors Valley Rangers. Perfect for children of all ages with an interest in nature. Date to be arranged (Keep an eye on the WPPC website).

Outdoor fitness Circuits: Block 3 Tuesday 26th July 2016 through until Tuesday 30th August 2016 6.00pm - 7.00pm Only £1 per week, held on the Parish Council Recreation Ground
This year, West Parley Residents Association continues to be busy. They have entered the Dorset Best Kept Village competition (which is run by Dorset Community in Action) on behalf of West Parley residents. They have also entered the People’s Project category, using the board-walk and pathway in Parley Woods, created by the volunteers over the past 2 years. In addition to this, all of the troughs, planters and hanging baskets have now been re-planted with summer bedding. The red, white and blue theme was chosen in honour of the Queen’s 90th birthday, as well as for the forthcoming Rio Olympics. A big thank you to John Dinsdale, Diana Penwill and their bands of volunteers.

Due to the good growing conditions our verges and hedgerows have had a bumper year and presented a challenge to keep under control. The Resident’s Association has a rolling programme of maintenance carried out on a voluntary basis. To help them it would be good if residents who are able to try to maintain the verges outside their properties which will assist in keeping West Parley looking attractive.

One of the jewels in the crown of West Parley is the recreation ground and sports ground, with its facilities and beautiful surroundings. The Recreation Ground and all of its facilities are owned by West Parley Parish Council, who run them for the benefit of all West Parley residents. We work tirelessly to ensure equity and good access to the sporting facilities, play area, car park and woods through initiatives such as the newly installed board-walk in the woods.

The play area continues to improve with 2 Springers (Betty Bumble Bee and Lily Ladybird) as well as a new play area recently added for the benefit of our very youngest residents. The Village information signs will be in place soon in the Parish Council’s Car Park and outside Parley First School. The Parish Council has successfully bid to have the recreation ground protected by a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). This will protect the spaces and facilities of the recreation ground, sports field and woods as an area that is open to all to use. Signage will be placed around the recreation ground indicating this new status. It is also hoped that we will be able to install some outside cardiovascular gym equipment in the coming year, to encourage active lifestyles. We have received a number of good ideas around the latter development, from residents and hope to incorporate some of these ideas. In addition to the open access of the recreation ground, woods and sports field, we occasionally allow the recreation ground to be used for special events. If you would like to use this wonderful facility please contact our parish clerk at enquiries@westparley-pc.gov.uk to check availability and seek permission. We are continuing to see much proposed development in and around West Parley. Currently under consideration are applications for: Expansion of the industrial Park at the airport, expansion of the Eco recycling facility, changes to the traffic flow at Chapel Gate and changes to the traffic flow at Longham Roundabout. We will continue to monitor these proposals and lobby for the principle of preserving the unique character of the village. Any urgent items are sent out by email. To be put on the mailing list and receive these please email: clr.c Davies@gmail.com

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