West Parley is a parish in its own right. It has a parish council, two churches, a village hall, a first school, two shopping parades, a surgery, a sports club and sports fields, a playground and four pubs.

At the 2011 census the population of West Parley was 3522. On the most recent electoral register there are 1562 residences. 93.3% of the houses are owner occupied. 37% of the population is aged 65 or over. Only 10% are aged 15 or below.

West Parley’s houses are almost all 20th century, many of them post 1950 garden bungalows, all detached. In the centre, and on the eastern edge bordering the golf club, are larger detached houses, some of them substantial.

A feature of the village is the multiplicity of trees and the handsome grass verges to most of the roads. In the Spring, covered in daffodils and crowned with cherry trees, these can look quite charming.

West Parley was once a small village surrounded by countryside. In the last 60 or so years Ferndown has expanded to our north, and Bournemouth has grown right up to the banks of the river Stour.

Parish Council information boards are on the toilet block at Parley Cross and the shopping parade on Glenmoor Road.

The Parish Council’s Community Noticeboards are outside Parley First School on Glenmoor Road, on the corner of the shopping parade at Parley Cross, on the wall adjacent to the Parish Council’s Car Park on Christchurch Road and there is a small one in the bus stop at Parley Cross.
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PLANNING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Consists of an elected panel of Parish councillors. Planning applications are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the MS Centre, Church Lane, with the exception of August when no meeting is held. Any planning applications requiring a decision between these meetings, will be discussed at Planning Committee meetings which take place on the first Wednesday of the month also at the MS Centre, Church Lane.

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Barbara Manuel
57 Pinewood Rd, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9RP
Tel / Fax: 01202 891197
Email: cllr.bmanuel@eastdorset.gov.uk

Andrew Parry
33 Albert Road, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9HJ
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The County Council provides services for the residents of Dorset. Areas of responsibilities include education, support for children and families, libraries, road and transport, adult social care, rights of way, waste disposal and trading standards as well as many more. For more information about the services provided, to report a road problem or to apply for a school place, visit www.dorsetforyou.com You can also use this website to pay for county Council services, view job vacancies and book an appointment to register a birth. The telephone number for general enquiries is 01305 221000

Your County Councillor is:
Steve Lugg
C/o Council Offices, Furzehill, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 4HN
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Email: cllr.slugg@eastdorsetdc.gov.uk

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
West Parley currently falls within the East Dorset Constituency.

Your local MP is:
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Parliamentary: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
Tel: 020 7219 5808, Fax: 020 7219 6938
Constituency: 18a Bargates, Christchurch, BH23 1LQ
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Tel: 01202 474949, Fax: 01202 475548
Email: office@christchurchconservatives.com

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Tel: 01305 236666
Website: www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

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For non-emergencies use 101
Main local contact: 01202 222222 to talk to the Police about anything which is not an emergency.
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Parley & Longham Safer Neighbourhood Team: 01202 222222

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Ferndown South and West group covers Ferndown and West Parley. Members receive a quarterly magazine with information and advice. If you would like to become member or a volunteer to help distribute the magazines please contact the Chairman
David Ayres 01202 896824
Email: david.ayres5@btopenworld.com

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Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion - St. Mark’s
Fridays: 9.00am Morning Prayer - St. Mark’s

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WEST PARLEY RESIDENT’S ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

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(See advertisement on opposite page)
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The business of the evening is then conducted in an informal manner, occasionally followed by a guest speaker. We have a light hearted approach to a of range enjoyable fund raising projects. We aim to raise these funds for local, national and international good causes in the belief that we can help to make life a little more tolerable for those who need a helping hand. All in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship.
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Interested? Please contact Rotarian Ian Pounds
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For more information please call Dr Peter Pavier 01202 581502 or email: peter@pavier007.freeserve.co.uk

WEST PARLEY TOWNSWOMEN’S GUILD
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PARLEY COMMON
This large area of restored heathland is part of a once extensive area of heath across south and east Dorset. Cattle used to be grazed here and heather turves were dug for fuel and bracken cut for animal bedding as part of local subsistence farming. The open common was split into individual ownership in 1633 and medieval ditch and bank boundaries that can still be found around and within the Common. A large number of trees have been cut in the last 10 years to restore the heathland habitat for protected species, such as lizards, snakes and newts. Summer cattle grazing has been reintroduced here as part of the heath management scheme. Old maps show smugglers tracks across the common heading towards Ringwood.

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The Hall can accommodate around 250 people seated in theatre style for meetings and up to 150 seated at tables for social occasions and activities.
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Our ancient past

West Parley has an ancient history. Worked flints and axe heads from the Mesolithic (10000BC) through the Neolithic Age (5000BC to 2000BC) have been found on the river terraces and the landscape is peppered with Bronze Age (2000BC to 700BC) barrow burial mounds. Three barrows remain within the village, the others being destroyed by housing development.

Dudsbury Camp is an ancient promontory hill fort built in the Iron Age from 800BC to 43AD. There are two large defensive earth rings around a large open space of about 8 acres. Tall wooden ramparts would have been on top of the rings. Built by the Durotriges tribe along with other Dorset forts, such as Badbury Rings, Maiden Castle and Hod Hill, this large feature must have need a large labour force to build it and there would have been a wide area of settlement around the hill fort for a considerable time.

In earliest manuscripts Parley is spelt ‘Pirige-Leah, an Anglo Saxon name meaning ‘Pear Tree Field’. The use of the term ‘field’ indicates an ordered agricultural life and there is no reason to believe that West Parley was any different from numerous other Saxon river settlements with farming dominating, as it still does, the fertile plain of the Stour. The Domesday Book records only 60 inhabitants here: little changed over the next 500 years.

How the land was used

From Saxon times to the Middle Ages local people would use the open system of farming, having a number of strips of land of one or just half an acre on the good ground across the Stour valley. They would also be able to use the local heath to graze their animals, collect wood and cut turf for fuel and use the open common grassland to graze animals.

West Parley has been owned by a succession of Lords of the Manor from around 1310 but in 1575 Sir Henry Weston sold his lands in West Parley to the sitting tenants as the medieval farming system died out, allowing the better land to be parcelled up into farms so that the tenants could invest in new farming methods and improve output.

For some time the heath was left unenclosed, but this was done in 1633 with local yeoman farmers being given ownership of long strips of land in a north / south alignment that are reflected in the landscape even now.

There would have been a number of tracks across the Common as local people moved livestock from their plots in the Stour valley and carried goods and livestock to market. The steady movement of horses and carts across the landscape meant that as one path spoilt another would be created and there were probably different paths for summer and winter as parts of the Common became waterlogged. Trees would have been cut for wood and grazing by cattle, sheep and pigs would have kept saplings at bay.

A growing community

From this time Parley was a slowly growing collection of small farms, such as Barnes Farm, Stocks Farm, Church Farm and Wood Town Farm, as well as numerous smallholdings and houses, including The Horns public house. Much of the settlement was along the prevailing east / west axis from Wimborne to Christchurch and south to the Saxon All Saints Church that was the main focus of village life.

Better houses, such as the larger farmhouses,
were built in brick from clay fired locally but many houses were built of cob with heather roofs that fell into disrepair if not maintained. In the 1920s it was estimated that some 40 cottages in the area had been lost within living memory.

Recent Times
Parley was a fairly self-sufficient community that changed little until about 100 years ago. 19th Century census returns reveal a small and remarkably stable population with a number of old established families as yet little influenced by the rapid expansion of neighbouring Bournemouth. West Parley became an occasional tourist destination from Victorian times using the ferry at Redhill to cross the river and residents used to go to Bournemouth to sell local market garden produce.

The Stour could be crossed with care in a horse and cart when the river was low but the deaths of two local girls in 1908 added pressure for a better river crossing to link the expanding Ferndown to Bournemouth.

The construction of the Ensbury bridge, first in 1910 and again in 1923 after the first collapsed, transformed both West Parley and Ferndown, with the main road to Bournemouth, creating a new Parley Cross and with it a new village centre with shops, post office and a garage. WW1 suspended major development but by the late 1920s / early 1930s the core of the current village was established yet the population was still only around 400 residents.

Much of the land along Christchurch Road and to the north west of Parley Cross, still at the time part of the vast tract of wild heathland, was sold for development, either as individual plots to people intent on building their own homes, or in more substantial portions to developers. A second wave of development in the 1960s and 1970s created the village we have today.

Massive development round the conurbation and the increase in vehicle traffic has resulted in West Parley, and Parley Cross in particular, becoming dominated by the impact of this traffic. The junction is one of the most used in Dorset and is regularly subject to long traffic jams at peak times.

Did you know?
- West Parley parish used to be much larger, including West Moors and part of Longham but was reduced with local government reorganisation in 1956 and 1970's.
- Many family names have been noted in road names locally. Ellesfield Drive, Cammel Road, Plecy Close, Brune Way are named after past Lords of the Manor.
- Gibbet Firs, just outside the parish boundary to the east, is the site of the last gibbet in the south of England. It was used in 1804 to display the bodies of 2 criminals executed for murder at that spot. The base of the gibbet remained in the ground until about 25 years ago but part of it now forms the base of the sundial on the entrance path to All Saints Church.
- The Guide camp within the hill fort at Dudsbury was started in 1931 after the land was donated by Lady Wimborne
- West Parley has numerous old oak trees within the village. The medieval open farming system cleared away a lot of the scrubland and woods leaving unfelled trees as field boundaries. The oldest ones, around the Dudsbury area, are between 300 and 350 years old.
- Parts of West Parley are protected by legislation. Parley Common is designated a Site of Special Scientific interest, there is a conservation area at the end of Church Lane, including some houses, the former Rectory and the 12th Century Church and numerous old trees have preservation orders on them. Dudsbury Camp and the barrows are scheduled monuments.
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