**Bournemouth 7s Festival**

This years’ festival is to be held from midday on Friday 23rd May to midday on Monday 26th at Bournemouth Sports Club off Chapel Gate. The event brings together a number of rugby, netball and dodgeball competitions with music events following in the evening. It is one of the largest social events to be held in the area and is enjoyed by thousands of people.

Being close to West Parley, residents hear the noise of the event if the wind is from the east and are affected by the large number of people driving or walking to and from the festival.

The Organisers, Diamond Sporting Group, are keen to reduce the impact on the local community and have put in place a number of measures to achieve this. There will be an increased Police presence from Parley Cross to Chapel Gate and security patrols round the village. These patrols will be looking to minimise any disruptive behaviour and will clear up any litter when they see it.

The live music at the festival will end at 11pm with recorded music continuing till 1am. If any residents experience any problems around the site or in the village they can phone the event control room on 01202 237015 with details or text details on 07531 754767. Gary Smith, the Environmental Health Officer for Christchurch Council, will be on site monitoring the event and will deal with any specific noise issues. His number is 07824 473812.

Organisers hope that by working with the local community the event should run smoothly and have the minimum effect on local people. Full details of the event are on www.Bournemouth7s.com.

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