

# WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Survey

Many thanks to all those who returned these – the results were collated and some are already being acted upon. A report about the survey will be available before too long. Anyone who offered help in any way should have been contacted by now but unfortunately a few people omitted contact details.

## Lunch Club

Residents who returned the survey were generally in favour of a Lunch Club and, due to the good offices of Parley Sports Club who offered a venue and a chef, this is to commence soon. Thursdays from 12 noon until 2pm is the proposed day and time and it is hoped to begin on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Look out for further information soon on the website and on posters on the local noticeboards.

## Grass verges

Last summer (between the rain showers!) a number of residents did a grand job keeping the verges cut and looking lovely. Their work is much appreciated in the effort to keep West Parley a green and pleasant place to live and it is a shame to see that there are still car drivers who park with two wheels on the verge. Whether there is grass there or not, this is an obstruction to pavement users; please ask your visitors and tradespeople to park considerately.

## West Parley Health Walks

Snow caused the postponement of the first planned walk but the weather was kinder on 6<sup>th</sup> February. A group of 21 walkers set off from Parley Sports Club at 10 am, walked along the Dudsbury footpaths towards the river and found that the floods had gone down. They arrived back for coffee at about 11 am and joined in the coffee morning.

The walks are under the guidance of the rangers based at Moors Valley and being a 'guided' activity they have ask walkers to fill in a form with a few details the first time they come along. It is worth getting there 10 minutes before the 'off' and making sure the reading glasses are handy – or it may be more convenient to email [karlprince@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk](mailto:karlprince@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk) to ask for a form that you can fill in online and return in advance.

## Young Person's Award

WPPC would like to support a young resident of the village with a monetary award. The award will be given to someone from 12 to 18 who is involved in a charity or community or sporting project and whose endeavours would benefit from a little support. The details of this scheme are being finalised and an Application Form will be available on the WPPC website within the next month.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee mornings at Parley Sports Club	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Health Walks from Parley Sports Club:	13th Feb, then weekly at 10am from Parley Sports Club.	

## AND FINALLY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY

At 6.30pm on **Monday 25 February** the District Council will hold their **FINAL MEETING** to approve plans for covering the green belt in West Parley and other neighbouring communities with thousands of houses. The plans then go to an Inspector for a Public

Enquiry in the summer. Only about 40 people from the district comprising West Parley, Colehill, Wimborne, Corfe Mullen, Verwood, will be allowed to attend and only 5 minutes in total is allowed for public speaking. Please keep this date free so that you can come along and help give strong support to a protest against the suppression of free speech. Further details will be provided to all households very soon.