WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

May 2014

**Please note that there are important contact numbers in case of any difficulties trespassers or with the Rugby 7s event.

Second 'Big Lunch' planned for West Parley

Preparations have started to make the Annual Big Lunch even better than last year. Some 500 people attended in 2013 and Organisers hope to improve on this by offering more attractions.

The Big Lunch is a national event aimed at getting neighbours to meet up to get to know new people, try new things and have a party. It will be held at Parley Country Club and Sports fields off Christchurch Road from 12 noon until 5pm on Sunday 1st June.

There will be a dog agility show, children's games and live music. The Club is next to the popular local play area and there is plenty of parking on the Recreation Ground.

You can bring along your own lunch or buy something at the food stalls. There will be a 'Best Table' competition for anyone with a themed table or picnic and a 'Parley Prince and Princess' competition for the under 10s.

A raffle will be held to support Wave 105's 'Cash for Kids' campaign for disadvantaged children and Wave 105 will be advertising the West Parley Big Lunch in the run-up to the day.

Tell us what you see

We are keen to make sure that the Recreation Ground is in use for the whole of the Summer for the benefit of all residents. If you see anyone looking round the area in a suspicious manner or trying to break in, please phone any of the following as well as the Police on 101 or if there is any criminal act going on you should phone 999.

** Linda Leeding, the Parish Clerk on 07979 853697 Cllr John Cullen 01202.582662

Cllr Pat Couper 01202 573833

The faster we can deal with any situation, the more chance we can prevent any trespassing.

Bournemouth 7s Festival

This year's festival runs from midday on Friday 23rd May to midday on Monday 26th at Bournemouth Sports Club, Chapel Gate. Rugby, netball and dodgeball competitions are held with music events following in the evening. It is one of the largest social gatherings 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 are implementing 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 problems around the site or in the village they can contact:

** the event control room on 01202 237015 with details

or text details on 07531 754767

or phone Gary Smith, the Environmental Health Officer for Christchurch on 07824 473812 who will be on site monitoring the event and will deal with any specific noise issues.

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.

Core Strategy

The Planning Inspector has accepted the District Council's plans for massive housing developments in West Parley that would increase the size of the village by a third.

The Parish Council will continue to support residents' views expressed in the current Parish Plan that large developments are not suitable for the village as the roads are already under pressure and other aspects of the infrastructure are not suitable.

We will keep a very close eye on how (or if) the building plans develop and keep you up to date if anything happens.

Support for community groups

WPPC is keen to enable new community groups to form and to encourage existing groups to seek ways to involve more village residents in the local social scene.

Groups or individuals can apply to the Parish Council for grant funding. The application form is on the web site or can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Linda Leeding, on 07979 853697.

Anyone planning to set up a new group or activity may not be sure of local reaction to this, so the Parish Council will pay for the hire of local public space for the first three meetings of new groups. This offer is for West Parley residents only and not for commercial organisations or political groups.

There are many groups operating in the village and residents are encouraged to get involved in local organisations and meet each other. And why not join the 'Volunteers' who help to keep the village tidy, clear litter, distribute leaflets, help at coffee mornings and lunch clubs and help local car transport schemes. Details of current groups are on the Parish Council web site.

Planters round the village

The new large blue planters will soon be put in place in prominent spots as part of our plans to improve the look of the village. If anyone who lives near one of these would be willing to keep an eye on it, please let ClIr Pat Couper know.

Front Garden Competition

We want residents to show off their gardening skills. Please contact Pat Couper on 01202 573833 or clir.p.couper@westparley-pc.gov.uk for more details and entry forms.

Volunteer Drivers Scheme

Since the scheme started in September 2013 it has proved a great success, with fifteen regular drivers who have already completed 280 trips. Those who use the service say how much they appreciate it. There is always room for more drivers if anyone would like to help with a scheme that is very professionally run.

For more information please contact Kate Ward on 01202 577319

Keep up to date with what's happening in your area

We keep the Parish Council web site up to date with local news, details of community groups, local history and general information relevant to residents. Put www.westparley-pc.gov.uk as one of your favourites on your PC and you are just a click away from a great resource. And why not join our small but growing facebook community? Search for 'West Parley Parish Council'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee mornings at Parley Sports Club 10am – 12 noon Health Walks from Parley Sports Club meet at 10am Lunch Club at Parley Sports Club 12 noon – 2pm Judging for S and SE in Bloom every 2nd and 4th Wednesday every Wednesday every Wednesday 8th July