

WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Richard Heaslip, 2 Longfield Drive, West Parley, Ferndown BH22 8TY Tel (01202) 594982

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The Footpath gate – A new pedestrian gate has been installed by WPRA volunteers at the New Road entrance to the footpath leading to Church lane.

New notice board A new Aluminium notice board (the Community Notice Board) has been installed on the wall of the toilets at Parley Cross. A wide range of notices will be displayed on this board for the information of residents.

Woodland Walk Work has continued in Woodland Walk to remove invasive trees. More work will be carried in the Spring to straighten the earth boundary between the Parley Sports Club field and the Woodland walk and the Countryside management team will fell some willow trees which will leave the area ready for the clearance of tree stumps and the removal of the banks of soil in this area.

We have received reports of motorbikes being ridden in the area of the footpath to Oakland Walk and the installation of a barrier or gate at each end of the footpath is being considered as part of measures to allow only pedestrian access to the footpath.

Parley Wood Pedestrian Bridges have been installed over the streams in the Wood which provides much more attractive entrances to the wood and more convenience for walkers on their way into and out of the wood. Work to remove the invasive holly etc. in the western section of Parley Wood has continued with the volunteer chain saw group meeting on Saturday mornings at regular intervals. A great deal of progress has been made but there is still a long way to go. New footpaths will be laid out in the wood with suitable signage as the work is completed.

Tree planting in main road verges - 16 decorative trees have been ordered for our roadside verges. 6 flowering cherries will be planted on the verge opposite St Mark`s Church in New Rd., 4 more trees in Christchurch Rd East, and 6 trees with attractive foliage will be planted in Christchurch Rd West opposite Golden Acres. The cost of the trees has been largely defrayed by the generous donations of Golden Acres and several residents. **If any residents would like to sponsor a tree,**

perhaps in memory of a loved one, please contact Alan Macdonald ((01202 571349) or email - alanmacd@talktalk.net

DCC have planted several more trees to replace flowering cherry trees that have been cut down in New Rd South and at the northern entrance to Mags Barrow.

Dudsbury Heights Fields Motorbikes have also been a problem on the footpath and in the woods south of Castle Rings. Again the Rights of Way officer has been asked for advice re the installation of gates at each end of this length of footpath.

Volunteers The volunteer force of the WPRA continues to grow in number and also in the range of work that is being done. This week, over 70 volunteers were involved in the preparation and delivery of 1600 leaflets to each house in West Parley. We now have more than 20 litter pickers, 8 chain saw volunteers, 16 working party members, 14 waterers, and several lined up for the Coffee Morning help.

Writing to District Councillors

All residents should by now have received our leaflet in which we urge you to write to all EDDC Councillors to protest against the Housing proposals for West Parley. The recent leaflet provides the email addresses of all District Councillors who will be voting on this issue on 5th March.

See the leaflet for points to include in your letter.

Home Library Service is available to all Dorset residents who are not able to easily get to their local library. They could be elderly, disabled, have mental health problems, be a carer for somebody else, or maybe recovering from an operation. It is totally free of charge. If a resident would like to receive the service, they should contact their local library, which is Ferndown Library. Their number is 01202 874542. A member of staff will arrange a home visit, where they will find out what kind of books the person likes to read, if they need large print or talking books, and how many books they would like each time. The books are delivered every 3 weeks by WRVS volunteers, who are fully CRB checked. They will take any books and other materials back to the library, have a chat and make sure everything is well, and pass on any comments or special requests for books to the library staff.

Coffee Morning

Please remember the **Coffee Morning on 7th March** at the Parley Sports Club.

10 am until 12 noon. All Welcome. Tell your friends and bring them with you.

Parley Rotary Club

On Thursday 2 February the Rotary Club of Parley held its official inaugural meeting.

Thirty eight new members, local professional men and women, were formally welcomed into the club. President Ian Pounds, the club committees and members played host to 20 Rotary visitors from across the county.

Parley Rotarians are delighted to be a part of the local community and look forward to supporting charitable causes both locally and internationally through the Rotary International section.

The club's first 'donation' of £600 was presented to local charity "The Bus Stop Club". Club members are currently drawing up a 2012 schedule for charity events, international twinning and members' socials.

Membership is still open and if you would enjoy being a part of the 'new style' Rotary then please contact our club secretary Paul Taylor at taylor121@yahoo.co.uk or Ian Pounds on 01202 894488 or simply come along on Thursday evening 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the **Parley Sports Club**, West Parley. You would be made very welcome and could learn firsthand how you can serve and socialise as a member of Rotary Club of Parley.

Reporting faults to DCC - All Councillors and all residents can make use of this system to report any problem from potholes to street light failure. www.Dorsetforyou.com./reportroadproblems or telephone **01305 221020**

Parley Sports Club

Congratulations to Parley Sports FC U18 team for winning the Dorset division 2 title.

Fixtures for February 2012

Date	Time	Team	Opponents	Venue	League
18-Feb	14:00	Parley first XI	Westland Sports	Away	DPL
18-Feb	13:45	Parley Reserves	Sway	Home	Poole Bay Cup
18-Feb	14:00	Parley A	Mudford Mens Club	Home	BFL Div 3

25-Feb	14:00	Parley First XI	Blandford Utd.	Home	DPL
25-Feb	14:00	Parley Reserves	Bmth Electric	Away	BFPL
25-Feb	14:00	Parley A	Downton Sports	Home	BFL Div 3

Communicating with Residents

We are very keen to consult and inform residents on the work of the Council and we are anxious so extend our circulation of email Newsletters and leaflets etc.

Would you please keep us informed of **any changes to your email address** and please **urge your friends and neighbours to register with the WPPC website** so that we may contact them rapidly with information on a regular monthly basis.

Any help that individual residents who are already on our email list can give to extend this circulation will be very welcome. You may, for instance, wish to print off a few copies of the Newsletter or leaflet and circulate to local residents who you know do have not email facilities. Please contact Alan Macdonald (alanmacd@talktalk.net) if you are able to help in this way.

HELP FOR THE VULNERABLE

Vulnerable residents in West Parley will soon have the opportunity to access a range of local services to help them remain safe and independent in their own homes.

Safe and Independent Living (**SAIL**) assessments are being undertaken through a road show travelling throughout the area during February and March.

The SAIL bus will be staffed by Age UK advisers who are able to undertake assessments on the spot and refer people on to other services to help them remain warm, healthy and safe in their own homes. This referral form identifies up to 18 different actions that can be undertaken to promote early intervention and prevention opportunities for residents. These can range from fitting a smoke detector, undertaking benefit checks, signposting to falls prevention, smoke stop, eating opportunities, exercise classes, and engaging community safety measures. . The referral service is free and many of the interventions that result in this are also free. We only use approved people and ensure that personal information is kept safe and

The bus will be in West Parley at the u/m times

Tesco Car Park, Parley Cross for the Morning of Tuesday 21st February 2012

Tesco Car Park, Glenmoor Road on Thursday 8th March 2012

This is already on both Parish Council Notice boards.