WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Annual Parish Meeting Friday 26th April at the Memorial Hall

Every Year a Parish Council has to account to its residents at an Annual Parish Meeting to say what it has done, how it has spent the residents' money, what it plans next year and beyond. It is also the residents' opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions for the future.

Opening at 7pm there will free tea and coffee and a chance to see a display of West Parley events, scenes, happenings in 2012/13 and the opportunity to talk to individual Councillors. The business of the meeting will commence at 7.30.

Heritage Open Day Wed 17th April at Parley Sports Club 10am – 4pm

The event will run alongside the Coffee Morning and will be a chance to see photos, maps and artefacts connected with West Parley's long history. Residents who can bring along objects of interest found locally will be able to show them to an expert for comment.

Coffee, Lunch and Walks

The fortnightly Coffee Mornings continue to be well attended as do the weekly Health Walks and the Lunch Club. It is lovely to have an opportunity to meet and socialise at these gatherings; if anyone has a friend or neighbour who would enjoy getting to know more people in the village, why not encourage them to come along? A reminder that lunches can be one course for £4.95, two for £5.95 or three for £6.95. Tea and coffee are free.

Appearance of the Village

Despite the extended period of cold weather volunteers have started work around the village. Very soon the areas covered by litter-pickers will be reviewed and those who are 'on the list' will be contacted to see if they are willing to carry on. Anyone else able to help with this, please make yourself known!

Parley Sports FC

The Football club is delighted to announce that it has been nominated for the national FA Respect and fair play awards 2012/13, in the grassroots category. These awards seek to celebrate those organisations and individuals that seek to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment for the game to take place.

Nuts About Nature

The first of these events, under the guidance of two Moors Valley Rangers, took place in Parley Wood on 2nd April. It was unseasonably chilly but the children who attended with their parents or grandparents had great fun hunting for 'bugs' who were a little reluctant to appear thinking it was still winter! Even more fun was had building shelters and furnishing them with all manner of imaginative items. The next 'Nuts About Nature' will be in the school Summer holidays on Tuesday 13th August at 12.30.

Woodland Wildlife

We are currently preparing information boards for the areas around the hall, sports club and wood. It would be very useful to have information on the flora and fauna of the woodland from people who visit it regularly – it would not all be needed for the boards but it would be excellent to be able to compile a guide leaflet with photos and notes from interested residents.

Secret Dealers

Our Parish Clerk has received a request from the makers of the ITV1 Antiques programme, Secret Dealers. They are starting production on the fourth series of the show and looking for people with a passion for collecting from around the UK to apply to be on the programme. Some of the filming will be in the Dorset area.

The show sees three rival antique dealers doing battle in private homes for items they can sell. The competing dealers tour the house inspecting everything of value. The owners are then faced with a bonanza of surprise valuations and cash offers on some of their most prized (or not so prized) possessions. They can either accept or reject the offers and the owners must then face the choice between sentimental attachment and the chance to make a fast buck.

If anyone would like further information, please ask and further details will be forwarded to you.

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 Heritage Open Day at Parley Sports Club 10am – 4pm Annual Parish meeting at WP Memorial Hall 7pm The Big Lunch at Parley Sports Club Nuts About Nature in Parley Wood

17 th Apr	1st May	15 th May
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26 th April		
2 nd June		
13th August		

And some posters here for your information:



