



# West Moors Parish Council

Autumn 2016 Newsletter

## Battle of the Somme Centenary.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July the flag at The Petwyn was lowered to half-mast to mark the centenary of the start of the bloodiest battle in British history. To commemorate the moment the first wave of men went over the top in the battle, a two minute silence was held at The Petwyn at 11am.

Amongst those paying their respects for the lost Somme heroes were; East Dorset District Councillor Alex Clarke and his wife Gillian, Chairman of West Moors Parish Council Cllr Penny Yeo, Reverend Andrew Rowland of St Mary the Virgin Church, Cllrs Mr John Bartley, Mr Mike Hawkes and Mrs Carol Holmes along with Clerk to the Council Judi Weedon.

The date marked 100 years since the biggest loss of life the British army has suffered in one day – more than 19,000 men were killed. The battle lasted from July 1 to November 18, 1916, and almost 400,000 British soldiers died. The Battle of the Somme can often be forgotten by the younger generations but we should remember the sacrifices that were made for us all.



## Allotments NOW OPEN!!

After several years, the time has finally come for local residents to embrace their passion for organic vegetable and plant growing, whilst enjoying the quiet space of their own plot at Gullivers Farm.

Working in partnership with Sturts Farm, West Moors Parish Council has been able to provide 25 allotment plots to the community and hope to be able to release even more plots later this year, to catch the late planting season.

Several potential allotment owners along with the companions from Sturts Farm and Parish Councillors, rallied round on Saturday 14th May to help transform an agricultural field into the layout for allotment plots. Since then, keen growers have moved onto their plots and planted fruits, vegetables and flowers, taking care to protect these from the 'investigations' of the local birds and wildlife! West Moors Parish Council still holds a waiting list for those who may be interested in having an allotment in the future



Left to right: Cllr Mike Hawkes, Chairman Cllr Penny Yeo and Cllr Pete Holden

## What's been going on?

### Buy Your Raffle Tickets to help fund the Upgrade of Fryer Field Facilities



Free Tickets, restaurant and garden centre vouchers, parking passes, spa treatments and more!

For just £1 a raffle strip you could walk away with any of these super prizes!

For more details please visit the parish office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 10am and 1pm, or call us on 01202 861044. Tickets will also be on sale at The Carols on the Petwyn on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and winners will be contacted by phone. Good Luck!!

### Fryer Field Survey 2016



The Parish Council are investigating various improvements and ideas to make Fryer Field facilities appeal more broadly to West Moors residents. Your opinions and own ideas are essential. Please take a few minutes of your time complete the questionnaire at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M73B3ZQ> or visit the parish office to fill in a very short survey on your thoughts on how the current facilities could or should change. What is important to you? Is there a need for new older children play equipment, adult exercise equipment or public toilets? Maybe improved access to neighbouring facilities for example Hatchard's Copse? In less than 5 minutes you can have your voice heard. We are waiting to listen!

### Choose a Design for Fryer Field Play Area

The Parish Council are looking at renewing the play area and would like your views.

There are three designs displayed on an exhibition board in the reception of St. Mary's First School from 12<sup>th</sup> September For three weeks. They can then be reviewed in the parish office.

Please visit and choose your favourite from A, B and C and put a token in the corresponding box.

*Fryer Field play area as it is...*



### Jean Ware Award (Formerly Legacy Award) 2016/17. Apply now!!

In recognition of the commitment and hard work of the late Councillor Jean Ware the Parish Council have renamed the Legacy Award in her memory. This award was set up in 2012 to inspire a generation! A young person between 11 and 17 years can receive an award of up to £1,000 for the period 2016/2017. Are you, or do you know of an aspiring young person with one or more excellent abilities. Do you or the nominated person need financial help with travelling, equipment and coaching or training costs? We would like to support the winning applicant in Sport, Design, Drama, Music, or The Arts. Even if you have won before, why not try again?! What have you got to lose? Application forms can be downloaded from: [www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk](http://www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk) or collected from the parish office. The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Who do we help

### **Apprentice Award Scheme- Further applicants required.**

West Moors Parish Council is very pleased to announce that it has recently awarded its first grant under this scheme to Mr Ben Watts (18), who lives in West Moors. This is to help towards the cost of tools or equipment that are essential to his progress through an apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer. We wish him well in his training.



The Parish Council feel that many young people need this support and that such a scheme will

help to create a bond between young people and the local community and instil a sense of pride on both sides. We are still seeking applicants to help!



**There are 4  
more of these  
grants to be  
awarded  
before April  
2017!  
We are waiting  
to hear from  
you!**

If this is of interest to you or anyone you know please contact the parish office on 01202 861044, email [westmoorsparish@btconnect.com](mailto:westmoorsparish@btconnect.com) or alternatively visit us at 4 Park Way, West Moors, Dorset, BH22 0HL or download an application form from the <http://www.westmoors-pc.gov.uk>

### **Presentation of plaque and rose to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Oakhurst Community First School was presented with a Queen Elizabeth Rose and a commemorative plaque on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, by the Chairman of West Moors Parish Council, Cllr Penny Yeo along with her fellow Councillors Carol Homes and Mike Hawkes and Clerk to the Council Ms Judi Weedon, to mark HM Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. West Moors Middle and St. Mary's C of E First School both gifted each of their students with a commemorative medal which was purchased in partnership with West Moors Parish Council.



Left to right: Cllr Carol Holmes, Cllr Jayne Lovegrove, Cllr Mike Hawkes, Ms Judi Weedon, Cllr Penny Yeo and students of Oakhurst First School.



### **Good News for Fryer Field**

West Moors Parish Council would like to thank the users of Fryer Field over this Summer for keeping litter to a minimum and respecting the facilities. Keep it up!!

## Volunteers required for a Youth Secretary and/or Treasurer for West Moors Youth and Community Club

West Moors Youth and Community Club team members dedicate their time to inspiring and encouraging young people of West Moors to achieve, helping them to develop the confidence, skills and resilience they need for the future in what remains a challenging time. They are urgently seeking two individuals to join the board as Treasurer and Secretary. Do you have the spare time and skills for these positions? If so, please contact the following;

Chairman: Kurt Hallam on 01202 896367, Secretary: Godwin Micallef on 01202 870891 or Youth Leader: Mo Shearing on 01202 826149.

The younger generation of West Moors needs you!!!



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### Get Involved in your Local Community

The Parish Council is the first level of Government throughout the UK. Despite the title it has nothing to do with the church, nor is it associated with any political parties. It is the place where residents themselves can actually help to ensure that West Moors remains as a desirable and pleasant place in which to live.

There are currently vacancies on the Council, so if you feel that you can help make a difference please have a chat with Judith our Parish Clerk in the Parish Office next to Tesco's in Park Way. No particular experience is necessary, but a desire to get involved in local issues would be welcome.

### Contacting Your Councillors

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Cllr Pete Holden  
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Cllr Mrs Carol Holmes  
9 Glenwood Lane, BH22 0EL  
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Cllr J Lewis  
31 Queens Close, BH22 0HW  
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Cllr Mrs Jayne Lovegrove  
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Cllr Robert Smith  
54 Pinehurst Road, BH22 0AP  
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Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo  
10 Blackfield Lane, BH22 0NH  
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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday	10.00 – 1.00
Tuesday	10.00 – 1.00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10.00 – 1.00
Friday	10.00 – 1.00
Saturday	10.00 - 11.00