



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Westfield's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on
Thursday, 25th April 2013 at
7 pm in the Methodist Church Hall,
Wells Road, Westfield
Please come along to raise your views about the
Parish. Refreshments will be provided.



Are you keen to support a local charity
which helps families
and provides opportunities to meet and play?

New members are needed
to join the Management Committee.

Willingness to attend 6 meetings a year for 90 minutes,
ability to share decision-making and accountability
is necessary.

For more details contact us 01761 417557 or
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Charity No. 1017312

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If you would like to have an article published or advertise in the
next edition of the newsletter please contact the
Parish Clerk on 01761 410669
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WESTFIELD IN BLOOM

Is there a small piece of planting
which you would like to do to
brighten up your neighbourhood? Perhaps some flowers
around a street sign or lamp-
post?

Community participation for
Westfield in Bloom is really
welcomed. So Think floral,
and please let us know how you
would like to improve the neigh-
bourhood. See Officers' Con-
tacts.

A Big Thank You to the Snow Wardens

The Westfield Snow Wardens
did an amazing job at keeping
some key pedestrian areas grit-
ted during the recent spell of
snow and ice. The mild winter
last year meant that this was the
first year the volunteers had a
chance to make a big difference.
And they certainly stepped up to
the challenge so far this year.
The Parish Council would like to
thank all the Snow Wardens for
their hard work ... but more
volunteers are needed either for
gritting or for storing the grit.
If you are interested in helping
with any of the above please
contact the Parish Clerk. See
Officers' Contacts, for Address,
Email and Phone Number.

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Quality Status for Westfield



QUALITY
PARISH
COUNCIL

the logo above, is the bench-
mark for parish and town councils.
The Department of Com-
munities and Local Govern-
ment describes the scheme as
*"vital to re-invigorating local
democracy. The Quality Parish
and Town Council Scheme has
played an important role in
improving the quality of man-
agement and administration of
parish and town councils."*
The benchmark demonstrates
that they are properly and ef-
fectively managed, with mem-
bers and officers
upholding a high standard of
conduct. They work in partner-
ship with other groups and
bodies, understanding and
articulating the needs of the
community.

Cllr Rob Appleyard, Chair of
Bath & North East Somerset
Council said *'Congratulations
to Westfield Parish Council for
joining Paulton and Keynsham
as the third local Council in
B&NES to achieve this signifi-
cant accreditation. We look*

*forward to finding opportunities
to work with the Quality Coun-
cils in the months ahead.'*
Chair of the Council, Cllr Geoff
Fuller was delighted to report
the award at the Parish Council
meeting, thanking the staff for
all their input.

Photo: left to right –
Finance Officer, Hazel Franklin,
Chair of the Council, Geoff Fuller,
Administrative Assistant, Brenda
Burridge and Parish Clerk, Lesley
Welch.



LOCAL BUTCHERS CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENARY

G. Mitchard and Sons West-
field was started in 1913 by
Brian Mitchard's grandfather
Gilbert, hence the G which has
been retained. Gilbert was a
miner by night and a butcher
by day. The business was
then taken over by John Gilbert
Mitchard known affectionately
as Jack and then by his son
Brian. Brian and Barbara
made a lot of changes to the
premises. After buying and
moving into the two houses
next door he was then able to
build a large preparation area
with extra refrigeration to en-
able them to run their business
efficiently.

The business had its own
slaughter house until 17 years
ago where Brian slaughtered
not only cattle, sheep and pigs
for his own business but also
from local farms for their own
private use.

The animals were always well
cared for prior to slaughter with
hay and water overnight and
treated with great respect and
kindness. Animals are still
sourced from local farms and
are now slaughtered in Frome.
Brian's son Christopher is a
partner in the business and
now looking to take over.

Christopher is renowned for his
prize winning home cured bac-
on, sausages, pork pies and
burgers. Chris also had a gold
award for our secret recipe
faggots which are very popular



G. Mitchard and Sons, 2013

not only with our customers
but also Pubs, Restaurants
and Fish and Chip shops. Bri-
an is treasurer for the Mid-
Somerset Master Butchers
Association and a keen sup-
porter of the South West Area
Association for which he has
also served as President.



G. Mitchard and Son's 1913

RADSTOCK SCOUTS' CENTENARY YEAR

The year 2012 was a particularly important one for 1st Radstock Scouts. Situated in the north-eastern corner of the parish, the scout group draws its members from Westfield, Radstock and surrounding villages. Since 1991 girls have been welcomed into all age groups, making it a truly co-educational movement. The 1st Radstock Scout Group was founded in 1912 and originally met in the old Palace Cinema in Coombend. Little is known about these early years.

Radstock Scout Troup in camp at Kewstoke 1939



In 1933 land at the old quarry in Wells Hill was donated under a declaration of trust for the 1st Radstock Boy Scouts and a purpose built Scout Hall erected; the opening ceremony was held on 12th July 1934. The scout hall was requisitioned

along with South Hill House by army officers and the Air Observation Corps at the beginning of the Second World War. After a period of closure in the 1960's the Scout Group was reactivated in 1974 with a thriving Cub Pack and Scout Troop. In June 1987 the scout hall was destroyed by fire, but after working tirelessly to raise funds the Cubs, Scouts and parents raised the funds to rebuild the hall which was reopened on 8th July 1989. In September 2005 the Scout Group was re-launched and has grown from strength to strength with a total of over 70 youngsters age 6 to 14 now attending Beavers, Cubs and Scouts each week. Mercury Explorer Scout Unit

A Message from The Chair of the Council

On behalf of Westfield Parish Council I would like to wish everyone a Happy 2013. I would just like to update you on events thus far. The Grant Funding presentation was held on the night of the Christmas light switch on. I would also like to give thanks to all those who took part in the Christmas Light Switch on. Good Luck to all those who were awarded the Grants and hope it helps you in your vol-



untary and charitable causes.

In December a time capsule was buried and a stone placed on the top to commemorate the first year of the Parish Council. The Capsule will be opened in fifty years' time to show how life was at the time in Westfield.



A Flag pole was erected at the rear of the Christmas tree to fly the Westfield, Union Flag and St George's flags on the appropriate dates.

Cllr Geoff Fuller

for young people aged 14-18 has recently started meeting at the Group's headquarters. A number of special events were held during 2012 to mark the Scout Group's Centenary, including a Window Spot Competition, an open-air music festival 'Woggle Fest', a service at St Nicholas Parish Church, and all sections of the Group enjoyed centenary-themed programmes throughout the

year. Funds were raised for Worldwaterworks, a local charity which sends survival boxes to parts of the world in the immediate aftermath of natural disasters and members took part in Scout Community Week. 1st Radstock Scout Group was delighted to receive a grant from Westfield Parish Council towards work on its grounds. This has helped to finance phase one of a project to extend the usable area of the former quarry.



1st Radstock Scout Group Official Centenary Photo.

Big Local

Last summer Robin Moss went onto the Big Local steering group, representing Westfield Parish. He has since been elected as Chair of the group.

"Last summer there was a public meeting about the £1,000,000 that has been granted to Westfield and Radstock by the National Lottery, under its 'Big Local' programme. Most of us at the time said that we weren't happy with the delay in getting the money, and wanted to see some progress. As a result a steering group of 11 was elected

Since that meeting I think we have made steps forward. National Lottery wanted a community consultation to take place and made extra money available. We appointed Curo's community development team to do this work, and you should be seeing adverts, leaflets, questionnaires as well as maybe a knock on the door in the next few weeks. We also get a support worker, and Julian Mellor was appointed after interviews, again this is extra to the 1M. We hope that you will all let us know your views, not only on where the money should be spent, but also how (for

example maybe not on projects that local councils should be funding !)

We are planning an open residents meeting in March, to be able to explain in more detail what is happening, and how soon the first of the £1M will be arriving, (hopefully by the summer !). Watch the local papers for details."

Robin Moss
Chair
Big Local Steering Group

A CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOOD. WE ALL WANT IT!

No one likes dog mess. As a responsible dog owner you can do your bit by helping to reduce dog mess on the streets and in the parks.

When you are out with your dog! If your dog needs to go while you're out, "scoop the poop". You can buy all sorts of different poop scoops cheaply at pet shops and some supermarkets. If you don't have a poop scoop with you, you can use a newspaper or a plastic bag.

If you use a poop scoop, you will not need to touch the mess directly. Many designs of poop scoop involve a plastic bag

which can be tied up before you dispose of it.

Please ensure you dispose of it in a litter bin, and remember to wash your hands as soon as you can afterwards. Dog mess can contain a number of things which can make people ill—best known of which is infection with toxocara canis, which is a roundworm. If the eggs of this worm are swallowed, this can result in a range of symptoms from aches and pains to bronchial conditions. In rare cases, eye sight can be damaged.

The risk to human health is small. You can reduce this

further by: - **Worming your dog regularly** - **Always clearing up after your dog** - **Good hygiene practice.**

The Law An offence is committed if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its faeces. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions, the law, or not to have a device available to remove the faeces. This could result in a prosecution and fine up to £1,000 (level3)

Dog Warden
Environmental Services-
Bath & North East Somerset Council