

PARISH DIARY

NOVEMBER		
Thursday 28th a 6.30 pm	Westfield Christmas Lights Switch On Event at the Christmas Tree. Everyone welcome	On the junction of Elm Tree Avenue and Wells Road.
DECEMBER		
Monday 2nd at 7 pm	Westfield Parish Council Meeting All residents welcome to attend and make comments before the start of the meeting.	The Boardroom, 1st Floor The Oval Office, Cobblers Way, St Peters Business Park
Wednesday 4th at 6 pm	Westfield Fun Day Meeting All Residents Welcome	Westhill Gardens Sports & Social Club, Westhill Road
Monday 9th at 6 pm	Snow Wardens' Meeting If you can help at all with gritting the area please come along for a cup of tea and a talk	The Boardroom, 1st Floor The Oval Office, Cobblers Way, St Peters Business Park
Monday 9th at 7 pm	Environment and Development Committee Meeting—All residents welcome to attend	The Boardroom, 1st Floor The Oval Office, Cobblers Way, St Peters Business Park
Wednesday 18th 15.30—16.30 pm	Avon and Somerset Police—Beat Surgery for Radstock and Westfield PSCO Mandy Ware will be attending. Please come and join her to raise any issues that you may have. Would you like some crime prevention advice? Have you heard of Immobilize?	Whisty Hall, The Tynning, Radstock

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NEW HOUSES IN WESTFIELD

A big welcome to all the new residents of Westfield Parish who have moved into the new houses off Nightingale Way and also Perry Close. We hope you will enjoy reading the Westfield Warbler which is delivered every quarter.

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The Westfield Warbler

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A Message from The Chair of the Council

Westfield Parish Council welcomes you to the December Westfield Warbler, I am writing this in November and the Carnival season is up and running. 14th November sees the procession pass through Westfield once again with the bright lights music and dancing majorettes. Many thanks to the Midsomer Norton and District Carnival Association for their hard work.

Westfield Parish Council is also hosting this year's Grant Funding awards at 5.45 pm on the 28 November at the Methodist Hall, followed by the Christmas Lights Switch On at 6.30pm. Westfield Ladies Choir will be with us again and the Silver Band will be in attendance, two local school children one from Westfield Primary and one from Fosse Way have been chosen to switch the lights on and the Carnival Association has offered to do the stewarding for the event.

I hope people have noticed the play equipment at the Norton Hill play area. Two Councillors, Diana Cooper and Sue Hamilton donned their painting clothes and brightened up the climbing frame, many thanks to you both.

We as a parish would like to welcome our new residents that have moved in to their new homes in Perry Close and the new development off Nightingale Way on the former Alcan site.

Many thanks and Merry Christmas to all.

Cllr Geoff Fuller
Chair of the Council

WESTFIELD'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Join us for the switch on of the Westfield Christmas Lights on Thursday 28th November at 6.30pm. We will be congregating around the living Christmas Tree which is on the corner of Wells Road and Elm Tree Avenue opposite Westfield Methodist Church, for carols and the count down to the switch on by two local school children selected by Fosse Way School and Westfield Primary School. This is followed by tea, coffee and mince pies at the Westfield Methodist Church Hall.

This is just the second year of Switch on events at Westfield and last year the comments were really encouraging, "a lovely event, with 300 people estimated as attending and no negative comments". Please come along and enjoy this community event.



A BIG THANK YOU to Mike Selway of Norton Green Farm Nursery, whose advice, was instrumental in saving the living Christmas Tree this summer. It is looking a lot healthier now.

CARING FOR CARERS

It's an unseasonably warm Friday afternoon at the Carers' Centre in Radstock, and a group of unpaid carers of varying ages are taking advantage of Barry Hulme's watercolour class. "The thing about watercolour," says Barry, "is it takes more care than with oil or pencil drawings. If you make a mistake, it's not easy to put right."



The carers come from a variety of backgrounds, a former GP and BBC costume designer amongst them. They're here to meet new people and learn a new and absorbing skill. But they're also here to take a break from an activity we may all have to undertake at some time in our lives. Looking after a friend or relative who has become frail, physically or mentally ill, disabled or is experiencing drug or alcohol problems.

The Carers' Centre is based in Bath and Radstock and aims to give carers a break from their caring as well as renewing their confidence. It also supports them to become more socially active and get back into the job market

To help them do this, volunteers like Barry are invaluable. As well as leading the watercolour class, he also volunteers as a driver, taking carers to many of the "Give Us A Break" activities that the charity runs.

For Barry, volunteering has taken up a huge part of his life, especially since his retirement from the utility supply industry. As well as setting up a youth club in Clandown and serving as a school governor, he's also worked with volunteers for the BCVS and Millennium volunteers. He's

a keen music fan and spent 16 years helping in the welfare tents at the Glastonbury Festival. "I've always enjoyed volunteering," says Barry, "but it's a two way street. It keeps me active and I get to meet and help many lovely people."

The Carers' Centre is always looking for new volunteers to help support its carers. Volunteers can help our telephone service, drive our carers to events and activities and provide admin support in our busy office.

If you think you might be able to help us, call the Carers' Centre on (01761) 431388 or email us at info@banescarerscentre.org.uk. www.banescarerscentre.org.uk

THE COMMUNITY BUS IN WESTFIELD

Family sessions started on 10th September and continue every Tuesday morning 10-12 noon during school term times. The sessions are free, but a contribution towards tea/coffee is welcome. You will find the playbus parked in the car park of Westhill Club, Westhill Road.

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WESTFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

The Church is pleased to announce that it has recently undergone a refurbishment.

NORTON HILL PLAY AREA – what's new?

Westfield Parish Councillors Diana Cooper and Sue Hamilton donned old clothes for a painting day at Norton Hill Play Area in a bid to help spruce up the park. The rain held off



long enough for them to complete the work, leaving the park looking so much brighter and more welcoming.

The moving and improving of the fencing so that the play area includes the adjacent bank and trees takes place this month.

Local School children are being consulted on a new piece of multi play equipment to replace the toy town unit which has given many years of enjoyment, but is now steadily rotting away.

To meet the gap in play provision for the older age range, young people are also being consulted on two new pieces of equipment to be installed adjacent to the younger children's play area.

SNOW WARDENS IN WESTFIELD – COULD YOU HELP?

Last year Westfield was selected as one of 15 pilot areas in Bath and North East Somerset and was given the necessary equipment and training to enable a small group of volunteers to grit the pedestrian routes.

Westfield Parish Council invested in a second pedestrian gritter for the parish, so that more areas might be covered.

The volunteers go out when snow is forecasted and grit the footpaths in their immediate vicinity, using the equipment and salt provided by the Council. However, we will be able to cover a much wider area of the Parish if more volunteers come forward to help in this work.

The amount of time you give is up to you, it might simply be a couple of hours. Or perhaps you might be willing to collect and store some bags of grit in your front garden so that the volunteers can fill up their gritting machines as they go along, instead of taking a long trek back to their own homes to fill up. In any event, if you can help at all please come along for a cup of tea and a talk about the scheme at a Snow Wardens' Meeting on **Monday 9th December at 6pm** as detailed in the Parish Diary overleaf.

WESTFIELD FUN DAY 29TH JUNE 2014

If you would like to see more at Westfield Fun day or in Westfield in general, then we would like to open the fun day to local residents to put forward their ideas, help organise activities on the day or possibly before, if this is of interest please come and join us on Wednesday 4th December at 6pm at Westhill Sports and Social Club, this is open to all people in Westfield to come and put forward ideas, help organise things for the day or possibly before.

Hope to see you all soon

Kerry Coe
Luckington Carnival Club

