

## PARISH DIARY

JUNE		
Monday 3rd June 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
Monday 10th June at 7 pm	Environment and Development Committee Meeting—all residents welcome to attend and make comments on planning applications before the start of the meeting	The Boardroom, 1st Floor, The Oval Office, Cobblers Way, St Peters Business Park
Sunday 16th June 10 am till 4pm	<b>WESTFIELD FUN DAY</b> With Luckington Carnival Club and Westfield Parish Council	Westhill Recreation Ground, Westfield

Westfield Methodist Church would like to advise everyone that they no longer hold the Junior Film Club. They now hold a Coffee and Craft morning every Wednesday from 10 am – 12 pm – bring along your knitting, sewing etc. and join them for coffee and a chat while you enjoy your craft, or learn new ones. Contact : Jill Flowers 01761 418176

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### FOOTBALL PITCHES FOR HIRE

An opportunity has arisen at both Norton Hill and Westhill Recreation Grounds to accommodate football teams for the forthcoming season. Changing facilities are available at both grounds and rates are very competitive. Pitches can be hired for the season or on a one off basis. For further information please contact Hazel on 01761 410669 or email: [hazel.franklin@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:hazel.franklin@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk)



# The Westfield Warbler

## Westfield Parish Council Newsletter

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### Message from The Chair of the Council

I am delighted to announce that I have been elected Chairman of the Westfield Parish Council for the forthcoming year. This will be my second year and I hope it will be as good as the last.

I give special thanks to the Westfield Parish Council for their faith in me to lead them through the third year since the Council was formed. Westfield is improving year by year and we welcome the people of this parish for their input and their views.

The Westfield Questers, who are developing the Community Plan for Westfield, are always looking for members, anyone interested should contact them directly on [westfieldquester@live.co.uk](mailto:westfieldquester@live.co.uk) or via Westfield Parish Council.

We also have some events coming up through the summer, such as the Fun Day at Westhill Recreation Ground. For more events please follow the Westfield Website, [www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk).

Many thanks,  
**Cllr Geoff Fuller**

### UPDATE ON THE BIG LOCAL £1 MILLION POUND FUND

The consultation over how the money should be spent, and on what, is on-going. The first public meeting and meetings with individual groups were successful. Stalls will be appearing at events like the Westfield Fun Day and leaflets will be appearing which will ask your opinions. People are coming up with lots of ideas, supporting sport and local clubs, encouraging small businesses to start up and grow. Doing something about traffic and improving the footpaths between Westfield and Haydon are just some of the suggestions. There are more ideas and at the end of the consultation we will be publishing these in more detail for your feedback. As well as 'what' there also have been questions about 'how' we could use the money. Small repayable loans to businesses would mean that we could have a fund that replenishes itself beyond the end of the 10 years, encouraging bids for mainstream lottery funding, with 'seed corn' grants and also asking groups to work together on partnerships bids.

But we still want more ideas and suggestions. If you want to contact me with what you think should be a priority please either email me at [robin\\_moss@hotmail.com](mailto:robin_moss@hotmail.com) or leave a message at the Westfield Parish offices. For more information please see Press Releases at [www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk) **Cllr Robin Moss**

Everyone's welcome to join us for the annual

**WESTFIELD FAMILY FUN DAY**

with

**Luckington Carnival Club**

and

**Westfield Parish Council**



*Chip Pan  
 Display, stalls,  
 Children's rides,  
 BBQ, WPA  
 Tractors,  
 Carboot, Police,  
 Children's  
 Fancy Dress  
 Zumba,  
 Martial Arts,*

*Come and meet your local groups  
 and organisations  
 And lots lots more*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 10 am till 4pm  
 At Westhill Recreation Ground**

**Contact – Kerry 07413752211**

## WESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT 2012/ 2013

### THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

As the Parish Council entered its second year, the aim was to build on the foundations laid the previous year. The new allotment site at Waterford Park was already up and running and the Westfield Allotment and Gardening Society had been created to manage the site. Community involvement with local groups had started to flourish, and internally the Finance and Personnel Committee had established a careful monitoring regime of the Council's budget.

### EVENTS



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in May with the planting of ornamental cherry trees by Councillors and children at Westfield Primary School and Fosse Way School.

Following many months of preparation, June saw the return of the Fun Day at Westhill Recreation Ground, now hosted by the Parish Council and Luckington Carnival Club.

Thanks to local volunteers, Remembrance Day in November was marked with Union flags outside the local shops.

The much loved annual illuminated carnival took place in mid-November thanks to the Carnival Association. This year the Parish Council set up a stand offering hot chocolate and mince pies to local people.

November saw local residents, churches, schools, community groups, silver band, Westfield Ladies Choir and the Parish Council come together around the newly planted living Christmas Tree for carols and the switching on of the lights.

The time capsule to commemorate the first year of the Parish Council was buried in December. It included items from local community groups, together with some everyday articles which residents 50 years hence should find interesting!

Two public consultations were held in January and February to encourage local people to view and comment on the many documents which comprised the planning application for a superstore in Westfield.

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The Big Local for Radstock and Westfield has £1 million to spend on improving our community. Chaired by Parish Councillor Robin Moss, the Steering Group in March invited residents to join them to discuss where the money could go.

Links with Norton Radstock College continued, with the photographic students undertaking to photograph Parish Councillors individually for the website.

The voluntary Snow Wardens readied themselves for winter, supported by the Parish Council which purchased a second gritting machine. Their work in keeping some key pavements clear was widely appreciated by local residents and plans to extend the scheme across the Parish were put in place.

The Community Plan for Westfield led by the Westfield Questers continued in its work to consult local people to create a vision for the future of Westfield.

Supporting local organisations is vital and this year the Parish Council awarded grants to the Carnival Association, the Silver Band to start a beginners group, the Community Bus to bring play opportunities to Westhill recreation ground, PEOPLE, Swan Advice Network, Radstock Baptist Church, Radstock Scout Group, Meadow Rangers and WISH.

### AWARDS

Congratulations to the Westfield Allotment and Gardening Society for receiving a highly commended award from the Princes Trust. This was a remarkable achievement in its first year.



The Parish Council was awarded Quality Status in October, demonstrating effective management and an understanding of the needs of the Community. The Parish Council manages the Westhill Recreation Ground which offers football pitches, a bmx track, play area and wild flower garden and the Norton Hill Recreation Ground which includes a public tennis court, the Norwest Bowling Club (encompassing a public rink), play area, football pitches and pavilion. Westfield Parish Council manages the contract for emptying most of the dog bins in the Parish and is a local voice on planning, highway and environmental issues. It arranges the hanging baskets at the local shops, the Christmas Lights and the flags both over the shop and at the newly erected flagpole.

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL 2012/13

It does not seem that long ago but believe it or not this is our second year as a Parish Council and as Chair in this the second term I write to give the highs and lows. Thus far the low is that we lost a very fine Councillor in Ted Pack. Ted was involved with the Finance and Personnel Committee and instrumental in putting Westfield Parish Council in a very stable position. He was analytical right

down to the decimal point, Ted will be sadly missed.

*Photo courtesy of Norton Radstock College photography students.*



The Westfield Quester which was formed by some of the residents of Westfield

Parish has been involved in getting the community working together and they are looking for more volunteers to join their group.

Also Snow Wardens were in action this year and the feedback has been very positive. The work taken out by the Wardens has been much appreciated by the Parish. Anyone interested in becoming a Snow Warden please contact Westfield Parish Council.



At the 2012 Annual Parish meeting it was raised by a resident that a footpath might be a good idea leading from Upper Court into the Norton Hill Playing Fields. I am pleased to say that this was completed in the middle of 2012. The footpath leads on to a hard standing which was cleared of all its weeds in February. It is being discussed by Council to see what is to be done with this area. **Cllr Geoff Fuller.**

