

A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WESTFIELD

Waterside Carnival Club, originally based at the Clarks Factory Westfield, no longer takes part in the carnivals due to a lack of members, but continues to raise money by working at the Glastonbury Festival each year. Various good causes benefit from the monies raised.

Recently the Club presented a defibrillator to the local community in recognition of all their support over the last four decades. The box is donated in memory of the late Mr Larry Dando, a lifelong member of the Waterside Carnival Club.

Receiving the defibrillator on behalf of the local community, Chair of Westfield Parish Council, Cllr Geoff Fuller said, "This is a great asset to the community and huge thanks go to the Waterside Carnival Club for all their work in fundraising, purchasing and commissioning the defibrillator, to Simon Jones of L&F Jones and the Elm Tree Pharmacy for their help in the siting of the box and to Mark Denning of AF Denning for the installation and electrical works".



Cllr Robin Moss, Rob Pawley and Cllr Geoff Fuller

WESTFIELD FUN DAY

Sadly the weather was against us for this year's Fun Day, we hope next year will be better.

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The Parish Council ran a competition to Guess the Number of Sweets in a Jar and Shannon Kingman was the lucky winner. Well done Shannon, hope you enjoyed the sweets.

The next events are the Midsomer Norton and District Carnival on Thursday 14th November followed by the Christmas Tree Light Switch on which will be on Thursday 28th November at 6.30 pm by the Christmas Tree at the top of Elm Tree Avenue.



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A Message from The Chair of the Council

Welcome to the September Westfield Warbler. I trust everyone has been enjoying the summer and their holidays.

As people may have noticed, this Council has secured the permanent speed sign that has been erected near Westfield School and there has been a positive response to the smiley face that it shows when the correct speed is kept. September also sees the grant funding applications being considered. It is still not too late to apply, the deadline is 16th September and there is more information overleaf.

The Westfield Questers held a meeting in June for the general public to get involved in what they would like to see in the community. This was well attended and a questionnaire will be sent to every household in the parish for people to fill in. If there is anyone who wishes to join the group they can get information on the Parish Council web site.

Finally there have been many complaints regarding litter and dog fouling in and around the parks. The Council would urge people who use the parks to use the bins that are available or report any such incidents to Westfield Parish Council.

Cllr Geoff Fuller
Chair of the Council

A SMILEY FACE FOR WESTFIELD

Westfield Parish Council was delighted to see the installation of the smiley face speed indicator device outside Westfield Primary School.



Fosseway / Wells Road suffers from relentlessly heavy traffic along a particularly narrow stretch of road. The safety of pedestrians and in particular of children on their route to school has been of concern to many people.

Cllr Geoff Fuller, Chair of Westfield Parish Council said, "this is an important part of a much needed initiative to address the problem of speeding through Westfield and our thanks go to Bath and North East Somerset Council and in particular to Stefan Chiffers for recognising the need here and arranging the installation of the speed indicator device."

Paying tribute to the efficient installation of the device by Traffic Technology Ltd earlier in the day, Stefan Chiffers of Bath and North East Somerset Council commented, "we are hoping all drivers will display the smiley face to increase road safety near the school."

Pictured above from left to right Cllr Sue Hamilton Parish Councillor, PCSO Rob Hendra, Mrs Carver of Westfield Primary School with her group of children from the Nurture Class, Miss Maggs Deputy Head of Westfield Primary School, Cllr Geoff Fuller Chair of Westfield Parish Council and Stefan Chiffers of Bath and North East Somerset Council.



WESTFIELD GRANTS

Westfield Parish Council has been looking back at some of the initiatives which took place last year as a result of its grant funding scheme.

Radstock Scout Group spent their grant in full to help increase the car parking facilities which resulted in an improvement in the overall look of the grounds and much better parking. WISH used their grant for a variety of trips including a Christmas shopping trip to Exeter, day trip to Weymouth and holiday to Bognor Regis.

Radstock Baptist Church purchased furniture and equipment to allow free breakfasts to be held on Sunday mornings, and to support 'New Horizons' (a group for adults with learning difficulties). A contribution towards a television allows presentations to be given to a variety of groups from a laptop connection. A new door improves access to the building and is especially useful for double push chairs for the Parent and Toddler group, Jigsaw.

Midsomer Norton and District Carnival spent their grant on such things as overnight security, marshalling services, traffic management, road closures to assist with the staging of the annual Carnival. Excellent feedback was received in respect of the 2012 event. And, PEOPLE purchased a laptop to enable them to provide taster sessions and encourage potential volunteers to gain network experience. The shop continues to provide a safe space for those with learning disabilities and senior members of the community to meet and socialise.

Would some grant funding help you develop a voluntary activity in Westfield? Whether you are a new group, or a well-established organisation please contact Westfield Parish Council. We are committed to enhancing the life of the Parish in as wide a variety of ways as possible and would like to support local organisations with grant funding of up to £1,000, and with larger amounts available in exceptional circumstances.

The deadline for receipt of completed application forms for this year is Monday 16th September 2013. You can download an application form from our website www.westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk, or request one to be sent by post or e mail by contacting Westfield Parish Council at council@westfieldparishcouncil.co.uk or calling **01761 410669**.

PARISH DIARY		
Monday 2nd September 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 9th September 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
Monday 7th October 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 14th October 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTON HILL RECREATION GROUND?

Westfield Parish Council has applied for a grant from Sport England to convert this piece of disused hard standing at Norton Hill Recreation Ground into somewhere which can be used and enjoyed by local people.

The grant allows the Parish Council to install a basketball hoop, with integrated fence at the far end, an all-weather concrete table tennis table in the middle, and a petanque court backing on to the tennis court fence. Petanque is a good sport for people of all ages and abilities and the Parish Council will invite the Bath League de Petanque to visit and encourage the setting up of a local petanque team.



The Parish Council sees the development of this piece of land as a priority because experience shows that it quickly becomes overgrown with weeds. So we are planning to complete the work in the early part of next year.

But there is a lot more we would like to do at the Recreation Ground and the Parish Council is setting aside funding over the next few years to add to the play equipment for older children, an age group which, with the exception of the football pitch, is not catered for at the site at the moment.

We plan to hold a consultation event next year to identify exactly which pieces of play equipment are the most popular with older children and install them opposite the existing play area. We are also looking to re-vamp the younger children's play area, and remove completely the toy town equipment, which will not last much longer, replacing it with something new.

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:

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FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE



As your children grow older, you may be faced with all sorts of unfamiliar problems and issues. If you are unsure of where to look for information, call the **Family Information Service**. We will endeavour to respond promptly to enquiries and if we are unable to help we will put you in touch with people who can.

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