



West Moors Parish Council

Summer 2018 Newsletter

West Moors MAD (Multi Activity Day) held on 14th July 2018 at Fryer Field



If you were looking for a quintessential village fete, you would have been amongst the 1,000 people or more that attended the West Moors Multi Activity Day held on Fryer Field on Saturday 14th July between 10 am and 4pm. A variety of attractions and activities were on offer. Traditional fete games and stalls run by West Moors Parish Council, tombolas and raffles, cakes stalls by Brook View and West Moors Youth Cub, other features such as Kids Sumo, Crazy Kev, live music and Pimms from the staff of the Elephant & Castle. Both St. Martins United Church Gospel Choir and "Our Propaganda" rock band were generous enough to give their time to perform to the crowds that gathered in the stifling heat of the day.



Local organisations came together to offer a taste of what is available in the community of West Moors; West Moors Flower Group, Scouts, Girl Guiding, Ferndown Leisure Centre, Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club, Sheduction (Thieves target sheds for power tools, cycle and sports equipment. These stolen hand tools are used to break into homes. The police together with the Dorset Crime Prevention Panels offer sheduction to weed out the thieves), High Mead Farm who were kind enough to bring their little animals that the children enjoyed a cuddle with as well as their gorgeous Billy the goat. Unfortunately the Dog Show was cancelled the day before due to the weather conditions but people still thoroughly enjoyed the classic cars on display.



There were arena events that brought wonder to all. Oakhurst Community First School's SAMBA group kicked off the day, Crazy Kev entertained for an hour, and The Starlight Stretts were the last to take the floor with their delightful display of line dancing.

Those with a competitive streak took part in the finale before the raffle, the favourite Tug of War. We managed to round up two teams of 8 and medals were presented to the winners.

A fantastic raffle was drawn at the end of the day with wonderful prizes as well as the winner of the Guess the Amount of Jelly Beans and also the name of the gigantic Lion being announced. The lucky parents of Lily now have a new addition to their family!

West Moors Parish Council would like to thank Brewer & Brewer for once again sponsoring the publicity costs for the event and all the volunteers who made the day run as cool as it could be despite the extreme heat! A grand total of £1320.50 was made, yet over £1,633 was spent on the day.

Mr Nick Mills, sound engineer and resident of the village was an invaluable asset to the event as he offered his equipment and technical support throughout. A big "thank you" goes out to him.

An additional thank you needs to be offered to the public for respecting the field in regard to litter. It was very minimal and is a result of the bins being used appropriately and the community looking after its facilities. Well done!

A good time seemed to be had by all and the next event will be hard to exceed this year's but let's try!

(Photos to left © Mags4D)



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**Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
Mr and Mrs Bizzell**



**West Moors Parish Council game
'Human Fruit Machine'**



**West Moors Parish Council Raffle Stall
Cllr Julie Octon, Clerk Mrs Judi Weedon and
Cllr Chris Octon**



**'Sheduction' stall to the left and guests
chilling out**



'Our Propaganda' live band. © Mags4D



**'St. Martin's United Reformed Church Gospel
Choir' from West Moors © Mags4D**

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John Bizzell, from Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance stated he had a lovely day and the public showed lots of interest in their charity. They raised £100 from selling products on their stall as well as money from their donation buckets scattered around the venue. West Moors Lunch & Friendship club kindly donated £50 from their £120 profits on the day. The host of the event, West Moors Parish Council donated DSAA a cheque for £250.00.



The inflatable darts game was a hit.



The climbing wall was enjoyed by many.



The parish stall provided various games which the children seemed to enjoy. Splat the Rat, Human Fruit Machine, Higher or Lower, skittles, guess the amount of jelly beans and guess the name of the teddy bear.

Weekly Fire Alarm at the Fuel Depot

The parish council gets many enquiries about the siren heard every Friday at noon from the fuel depot. The depot is home to the Defence School of Petroleum and also to the Dorset Fire & Rescue Service Training Centre. The siren is the evacuation alarm for the staff on site and is tested weekly to ensure that it will work when needed.

It is also tested twice a year when a full practice drill is carried out to ensure that all staff remain familiar with the procedures which includes a roll-call.

Once every three years a full live exercise is carried out with all the emergency services, councils and agencies, to ensure that everyone who may be needed should an accident ever happen on site, involving the bulk fuel holding, has had experience in the necessary procedures. The live exercise was carried out in February this year.

Because there are civilian and military organisations at the Depot, there are two sets of regulations. The civilians work under the Health & Safety Executive COMAH Regulations (Control of Major Accidents) and the MOD work under MACR (Major Accident Control Regulations). These give clear instructions on, among other things, emergency planning in respect of the site and also outside the site boundaries (eg in the village).

For many years the depot was an MOD Top Tier establishment with a requirement to keep local businesses and members of the public informed of what to do should an accident occur. However, in recent years it has been downgraded to a Lower Tier which is why residents within a 5km radius no longer receive leaflets. Also, the risk to anyone outside the boundaries of the site has been greatly reduced, which is the real reason we don't have to be warned about them! The "Off-site Emergency Plan" is now carried out by the District and County Councils in conjunction with emergency services.



Please look after your hedges

The cutting back of highway hedges and trees is the responsibility of the landowner or occupier on whose land the hedges and trees are growing. They must not interfere with the safe use of public footways and roadways or obscure street lights and road signs. Dorset County Council as the Highway Authority enlists the local Parish Council to help deal with any offending hedges and trees on an informal basis. If the land owner does not co-operate then the Parish Council will inform the highways department. (Tel: 01305 221020 or dorsethighways@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

Please contact West Moors Parish Council if you have any concerns with any overgrown vegetation within West Moors.

Please keep your dogs under control

There is a possibility that the deer in the plantation may be being disturbed by the dogs that are not on leads. This could be the reason why several local residents have had issues with them entering their gardens and destroying flowers and plants etc Please can you ensure that where possible you keep your dogs under control near these deer. Thank you.



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