



ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12

This publication is based upon the report given by
Cllr. Mrs Vicki Smith, Chairman of the West Wycombe Parish Council
at the Annual Parish Meeting on 26th April 2012.

Further reports from West Wycombe Community Association, The National Trust, West Wycombe Community Library, West Wycombe Community Association, West Wycombe Combined School, West Wycombe Pre-School, West Wycombe Baby and Todder Group and The Parochial Church Council can be found on our website.

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QUALITY **Q** COUNCIL

Happy Birthday - West Wycombe Parish Council

We became a Parish Council 25 years ago this year after a referendum showed that the residents of West Wycombe wanted a Parish Council to look after the interests of the place that they loved and lived in.

At this year's Fete there will be a stall showing all that we have achieved in the past 25 years, from the burial ground, the allotments, the children's playground, street lighting, the zebra and pelican crossings and very many more things that maybe small but have contributed to making life a little safer and easier for our residents . We have worked hard over the years to try and give the whole area that is West Wycombe what was needed to make it a welcoming, safe and good environment to live in.

Parish Plan

With the help of some of our residents we are working on another parish plan questionnaire similar to the one we did about 6 years ago. The results of the last Parish Plan can be found on the website.

This will go out to all homes and businesses within the West Wycombe Parish.

As the most local form of government we feel this is the way to ensure that we try, where possible, to meet the needs of everyone who lives and works in our parish.

In addition, the Parish Plan will also help when we work with other agencies such as the District Council, County Council and the Police because they can see that we have done our best to consult and engage with our electorate.

Parish Work

Much of the everyday work of the Parish Council is to chase work done by BCC and WDC. Street light and pothole repairs are high on the list. Recently our patience was rewarded with the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS).

We look thoroughly at planning applications but we're sometimes disappointed that some go through that we think shouldn't but understand that WDC can only work to government rules and regulations.

At our monthly meetings we discuss highways issues, the allotments, maintenance of the burial ground and playing field, planning, future plans, finances and items brought up by the members of the public, other organisations and the government. We also report back on meetings and training we've attended individually.

Localism

With much talk of Central Government's idea of Localism bringing policies and decision making closer to the electorate it is difficult for parish councils to know how things will work for them in the future.

We waited for the act to go through Parliament and be made law in November 2011 but The Localism Bill is not much clearer to us now after many seminars and training sessions than it was when it was first proposed.

We are ready to take on the responsibility for some jobs done now by Wycombe District Council and Bucks County Council but not at a cost to our residents.

We would not expect our residents to pay council tax to one of the other authorities then do the job for them at a cost to ourselves.

Double taxation!

This makes no sense at all but it seems to be what we are being offered at present.

Also if local planning can be decided by a number of residents getting together it makes us wonder why we have been democratically elected.

I am sure it will all come out in the wash but at the moment it is quite confusing.

Pedestal Playing Field

A few weeks ago (the beginning of April) in time for the children's Easter holidays, we had another piece of play equipment installed on the Pedestal Playing Field at a cost of over £14,000.

It has taken us a time to save for this, but, by the number of children seen playing on it, it seems we made a good decision in choosing this particular piece of equipment.

We would very much like to make the pavilion on the playing field safe and useable but at present we do not have funds to do this.

We are looking into ways to find the large amount of money needed to renovate the building because it cannot be used in its present state.

We would love to see football clubs using the field again but they will not come until they can use the pavilion.

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Councillor Vacancy

CLlr Carole Dakin decided to step down at the end of April.

Carole has been a parish councillor for 10 years and had been our representative on West Wycombe School's Governing body for many years.

We have always valued her opinions and ideas and will be sorry to lose her but wish her well for the future.

We gave her a small gift as a token of our appreciation for all her hard work for this parish.

We are now looking for a new councillor to replace Carole.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council pop along to one of our meetings and see what we do, then, when we have a vacancy, you could apply.

Details of our meetings can be found on the website together with a list of councillors.

You could make a difference!

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Website

Our website receives 1000 hits a month which, given the size of the Parish is quite remarkable.

You can benefit from this traffic by getting your organisation, community group or business listed in our directory or telling us about any events that are taking place.

To get yourself listed just click on the link "Tell me how I get listed" in the appropriate directory and we will do the rest.

If you have an event that you would like to publicise send the details to: webmaster@mh-p.net and you're event will appear in the News and Events column.

The website is constantly being updated with news, forthcoming events, agendas, minutes, documents and planning applications so there's always something new.

In the next few weeks we'll be doing some work re-organising the site to make things easier to find and we'll also be adding a new section "History of West Wycombe" and a Photo-Gallery.

If you have any memorabilia from times gone by or photographs of life in the parish please email the details to webmaster@mh-p.net and if you send a photograph please remember to provide a caption.

Affiliations

Wycombe District

Association of Local Councils

Cllr Danny Callaghan is Vice Chairman of this association and Sharon is the Honorary Secretary.

Bucks Association of Local Councils

Cllr Vicki Smith and Cllr Danny Callaghan are on the Executive Committee of this group and Danny is also the Vice Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Marlow and South West Chiltern Local Area Forum

Wycombe District Council Rural Forum

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Cllr Vicki Smith is a member of this Police led group.

Wycombe District Council Standard's Committee

Cllr. Vicki Smith has been a member for a number of years.

Wycombe Air Park JCC Committee

Our representative is Cllr Neil Timberlake.

Members are kept busy making sure West Wycombe Parish Council warrants it's qualification as "A Quality Parish Council" as we continue our quest to ensure every decision we take, makes the Parish of West Wycombe a better place to live and work.

Parish Council Meetings

We have a small number of people who attend our meetings but we would welcome more.

Although you cannot participate in the meeting we do put aside a small amount of time for anyone who wishes to address the council on a subject which appears on the agenda. To raise matters that are not on the agenda please contact the Clerk or any councillor. Full details are provided on the inside back cover and on our website at www.westwycombe.org.uk

Agendas are published on the website at least three clear days before the meeting and minutes appear after the meeting following their approval. The agenda can also be found on our notice boards throughout the parish.

The meetings dates for the remainder of the year are as follows.

July 12th
September 6th
October 11th
November 8th
December 13th

Maybe if you come along to a couple of meetings it might stimulate your interest sufficiently for you to want to participate.

None of us are getting any younger, new, young blood will be welcomed.

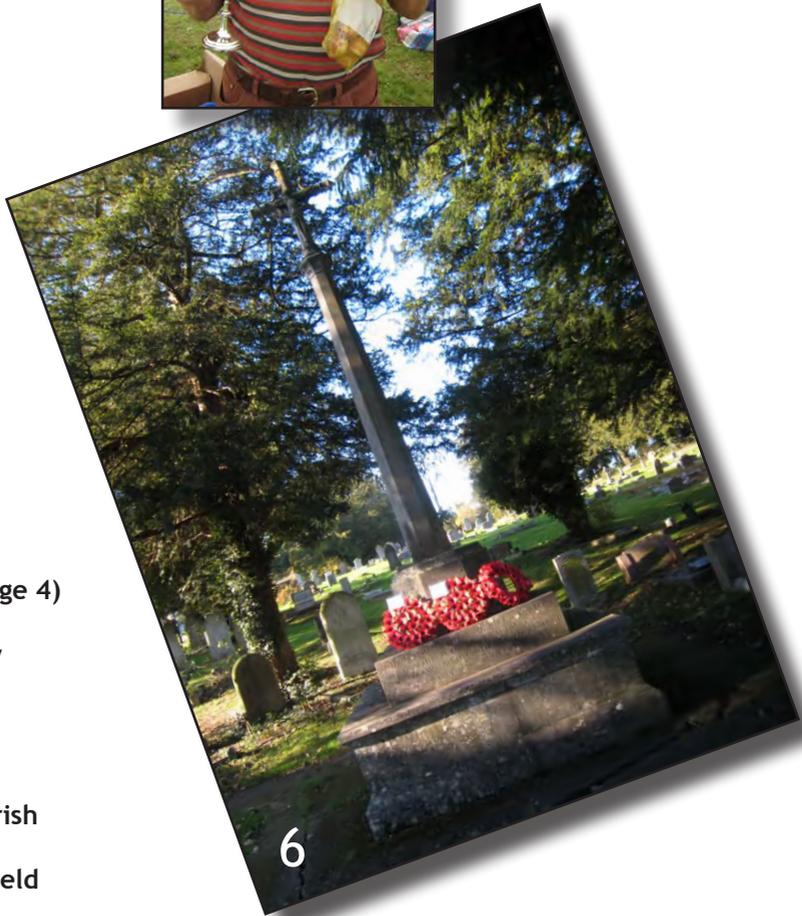


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- 2. Our Clerk, Sharon H
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- Allotment Competition
- 3. Charmaine Gallaghe
- 4. Dave Gerrard
- 5. John Hardwick
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- 7. The latest addition



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Receipts and Payments Year Ending 31st March 2012

RECEIPTS - year ending	31/3/2011	31/3/2012
Precept	30,000.00	37,500.00
Interest	1.55	1.34
HM Customs 2009/2010	2,462.96	-
HM Customs 2011/2012	-	2,472.57
HM Customs 2010/2011	4,867.91	-
Burials/Memorials	1,166.00	1,105.00
Refund towards telephone line	443.79	553.64
Allotments	216.00	234.00
WDC Community Leaders Fund	260.00	250.00
BCC Community Leaders Fund	-	1,300.00
West Wycombe Caves - Play equip	2,000.00	-
Mike Henson Pres. - Play equip	500.00	200.00
Mike Beatty - fete	50.00	-
Anonymous donation - fete	100.00	100.00
WW Comm Assoc - fete	100.00	325.00
West Wycombe Est - recycling base	250.00	-
Mrs V. Smith - New Years Day Walk	50.00	72.50
Fete	1,200.50	1,352.16
Southern Electric refund	20.83	308.20
Cancelled Cheque	-	120.00
Total	43,689.54	45,894.41

Fete - Saturday 14th July - West Wycombe Park

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PAYMENTS - year ending	31/3/2011	31/3/2012
Administration	14,052.66	17,599.43
S137 Payments	288.66	150.00
Street lighting & air quality	6,205.40	6,177.93
Burial Ground	2,885.43	3,465.17
Training	50.00	20.00
Subscription	381.40	409.47
Allotments	2,511.11	125.00
Pedestal Playing Field	4,268.37	3,015.65
Highways - cleaning/salt	233.20	1,258.60
Play Equipment	18,000.00	-
Fete costs	869.60	777.78
Allotment Car park	503.61	-
VAT on purchases	4,867.91	2,472.57
Hard Standing for Recycling Area	725.00	725.00
Fitting Christmas Tree Lights	180.00	180.00
Total	55,117.35	36,376.60

Cumulative Balance

Opening Balance	17,908.60	7,346.45
Income	44,555.20	45,894.41
Total	62,463.80	53,240.86
Expenditure	55,117.35	36,376.60
Balance	7,346.45	16,864.26

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Financial Report

We have finished our financial year with a higher than normal balance as we were saving for phase 2 of the play equipment which was installed during April.

Following a public consultation, The Precept was increased to allow the second phase to be completed. We received money from our District and County Councillors - this money was to go towards play equipment, bollards in front of The Pedestal Garage and for celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Mike Henson (mh-p Internet Limited), West Wycombe Community Association, Mrs V. Smith and an anonymous donor made donations towards the equipment. This year we also had a higher income from the Burial Ground.

We had to spend money to create the fete: marquees, toilets and entertainers all cost money but ensured that the whole community had a good day and £1400 was raised by the community towards Phase 2 of the play equipment project.

We had to spend more money on salt/grit for the salt bin at the Garden Centre and paid for the recycling area to be concreted. We finished the year with a balance of £16,864.26.

Fete - 2011

We organised our second Fete last September on the Pedestal Playing Field with stall holders again giving us half of their takings towards the play equipment.

We were very pleased that the community became involved and turned out to support and help us on the day.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge all the hard work our local National Trust Rangers put into this day too because we wouldn't be able to put on the Fete without the help of the team from Hughenden Manor.

For the past two years the National Trust have successfully put on a "Meet the Neighbours" afternoon in West Wycombe Park, which has been well received and enjoyed by many of us.

This year we decided to have a joint event with the National Trust and combine the Fete with "Meet the Neighbours" in West Wycombe Park on July 14th and hopefully make a bigger and better occasion to celebrate Her Majesty the Queens Diamond Jubilee Year.

We have set up an events committee who would very much welcome anyone who would like to participate and others who can help both before and during our forthcoming events.

Parish Council Officials - 2012/2013

Chairman:

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West Wycombe Jubilee Fete

14th July 2012

West Wycombe Park

Join us in the grounds of West Wycombe Park for a day of fun and entertainment including:

Falconry display, vintage car exhibition, pony rides, tractor tour of the grounds, Pat a Pet

Plus live music, theatre and dance performances

PLUS - Food court, tea and cakes, ice cream, candy floss, guess the weight of the cake, face painting, art display, tombola, National Trust display, much, much more...

FREE ADMISSION



This event is presented by West Wycombe
Parish Council and the National Trust
Contact clerk@westwycombe.org.uk or call
01494 448048 for more details
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