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# NEWSLETTER

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SEASONS GREETINGS FROM  
ALL YOUR COUNCILLORS

**A FREE bus service is now in operation to transport Mitcheldean residents to and from Drybrook to enable them to use the post office. A large Willetts bus picks up outside Mitcheldean library three mornings a week. The sudden closure of the letter box outside the old post office upset many residents and an appeal has been made to supply a temporary box in the centre of the village until the work at the CoOp is complete.**

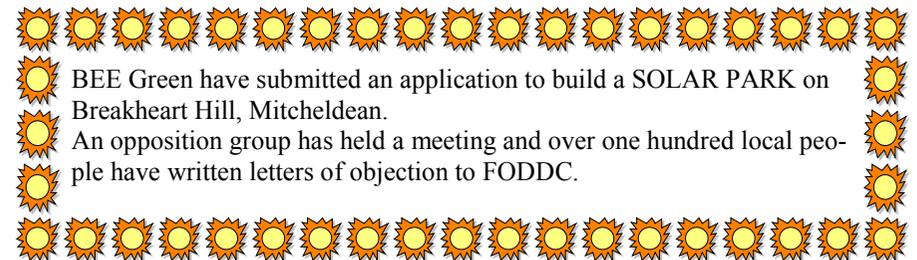


## The village is alight.

**A mixture of twenty decorations now adorn the village shops and lamp posts.**

**This project was identified over three years ago when carrying out the Parish Plan, as something the residents felt would benefit the whole community.**

**Special thanks go to Ashley Hornchurch & Martin (electricians) and all those who helped erect the tree.**

  
BEE Green have submitted an application to build a SOLAR PARK on Breakheart Hill, Mitcheldean.  
An opposition group has held a meeting and over one hundred local people have written letters of objection to FODDC.

All planning applications affecting Mitcheldean are available online at [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk) Freeman's development, along the Gloucester Road, has recently submitted a revised style of housing on the 32 house site.

Plans available at [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk) or at the Town Hall by appointment.

A committee has recently been formed to evaluate if Mitcheldean is going to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to get involved in planning decisions in Mitcheldean, please contact the parish clerk.

If you can think of a project or scheme that would benefit the community in some way please speak to your local councillor about it or come to the monthly meeting and address the council yourself.

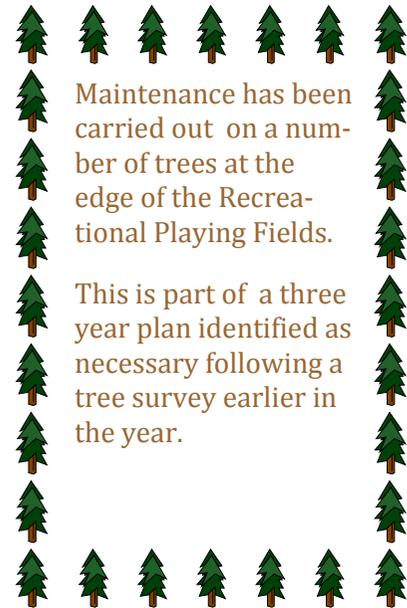
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	13 January	Monthly Meeting Full council
Monday	10 February	Monthly Meeting Full council
Monday	10 March	Monthly Meeting Full council

*MPC, The Town Hall, High Street, Mitcheldean*

Mitcheldean Old Folks Club enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Castle Lodge in Ross.  
Transport was provided by Michael's Travel and paid for by the Parish Council.



Maintenance has been carried out on a number of trees at the edge of the Recreational Playing Fields.

This is part of a three year plan identified as necessary following a tree survey earlier in the year.

District Councillor Brian Robinson reported that the Cabinet is considering the Council's draft budget for 2014/5 with no increase in Council Tax.  
However, further cuts in government grants in future years mean additional savings will need to be made in the medium term.  
[See his full report in the Parish Minutes](#)

The 2nd Mitcheldean Scout Group will be using the Pavilion in the new year.  
If you know of a group that would like to use this facility, please contact the parish clerk.

District Councillor Jackie Fraser reported that a sub-committee of the new car parking charges committee were embarking on holding a survey via the telephone and internet. 300 –500 responses are hoped for.

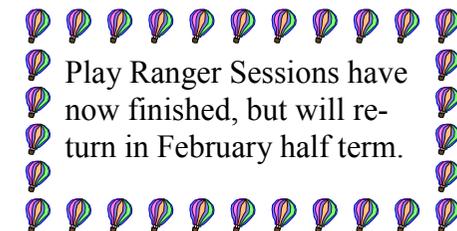


A Pyramid, Tetrahedron, Supernova, Climbing Wall and balance beams have recently been installed in the play area on the Recreational Fields.

This project was supported by the European Agricultural fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas. Funding from Forest of Dean Local Action, part of the RDPE programme for England.

Following an emergency meeting at the Community Centre, called for by Steve Parslow, a new management committee has been formed with several new members stepping forward to help keep the Centre running.

The ditch at the bottom of the Dirt Jump field adjoining Glebe Close, has now been cleared. and the drain rebuilt It is hoped the work will alleviate the problems the excess water has been causing.



Play Ranger Sessions have now finished, but will return in February half term.

The Council has taken delivery of a number of bags of Rock Salt that will be available for distribution when the bad icy weather hits. It is hoped that a local farmer will help with distribution as the Parish Council has no vehicle of its own. If you are able to help please contact the parish clerk.