

COMMUNITY CENTRE 100 CLUB DRAW



### Dog Show & Fete

To be held on the Playing Fields on the 20th July 2013. Being organised by the Women's Institute

## FUNDRAISING

The Parish Council has been generous and very supportive of the improvements to the children's play area at the recreational field, organised in part by Liz Lewitt, and of the wonderful work of Carol Samford in designing and planting many saplings in diamond formations in the Sheep field area. However, to continue with the proposed improvements will need many more people to become actively involved and structured fundraising events to take place. Grants and Lottery funding often have strict criteria about the type of projects they will support and many require a community to 'match fund'. So if the community can raise £10,000 then the grant agency will match it. This way the agency knows a project is important to the community and is sustainable.

The Pavilion could be used perhaps for regular 'Jumble Sales' Cake/jam sales perhaps. Some fresh ideas would be good.

If anyone is willing and capable of organising such an event, please contact the Parish clerk at the Town Hall, or by email :clerk@mitcheldeancouncil.org or 'phone 544723.

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

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## NEWSLETTER

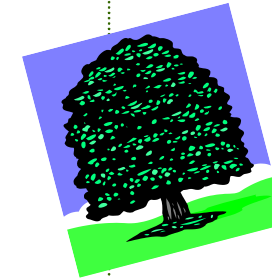
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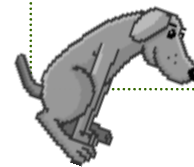
**Playing Field** – we have been told that the tree which has a hole in the trunk is probably not in a dangerous condition, but we are getting it examined properly to be sure.



### The PAWS event

which was held on the playing field recently was very successful, and it is hoped that 200 dog owners will be signed up within six months. The dog wardens have increased powers now and people found allowing their dogs to foul will be dealt with severely.

We are looking at ways of dealing with the dog walking track, which is very muddy.



**Hawthorns Road.**  
We have been told that Hawthorns Road, Drybrook will probably be closed until March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Grit/Salt bins.

The County Council found that they were not able to fill the grit/salt bins during episodes of heavy snow. They have supplied the Parish Council with some bags of grit which parishioners will be asked to arrange to collect when their local bins need refilling. Grit bins are being refilled at present by the County Council as and when resources allow.

### ***Could you become a Councillor?***

Becoming a councillor is a most rewarding experience. It gives you the opportunity to help your local community and be part of a dedicated team providing key services for your area.

Being a councillor is a great way to gain political experience and useful skills in public speaking, debating and problem solving.

**New councillors are good news.** They mean fresh ideas and fresh enthusiasm, and that must be good news for the local area.

#### **To be eligible you must be:**

- *A British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic or the EU and resident in the UK.*

- *At least 18 years old on the day you are nominated.*

- *Either on the electoral register for the council area in which you are seeking election, or have lived or worked in that council area for at least the last twelve months.*
- Having a criminal record may disqualify you from being a councillor.

#### **How much do I need to know?**

The main qualifications are an interest in your local community and a willingness to learn; Knowledge, experience and confidence will soon follow.

Throughout your term as a councillor you will receive support and assistance as necessary from the Clerk who is a professionally trained member of staff employed by the 'corporate body' and who is responsible for ensuring Mitcheldean Parish Council carry out their statutory functions and duties within the given legislative guidelines. The Clerk can also assist with training requirements, either offering 'in-house' training or arranging additional training via the County Training Partnership (CPT).

You may also 'call' on the experience of a fellow council member, some of whom have been a councillor for a number of years!

#### **What should I do if I am interested?**

You may like to consider attending a Parish Council Meeting which will provide you with 'first hand' experience of how Mitcheldean Parish Council conduct council business, giving you a better understanding of the work of a councillor and the commitment involved.

Whilst the 'term' of election is usually for that of a 4 year period, Council member vacancies do occasional occur mid-term, these vacancies are publicised on the Council Notice Boards and on our Website. Vacancies may be addressed by either means of a Bye-Election or Co-option.

**Neighbourhood plan.** The Parish Council is discussing whether to write a Neighbourhood Plan. This would set out how the parishioners would like the village to develop. It would involve quite a lot of work, but if anyone would like to help or contribute to a neighbourhood plan we would be very pleased to hear from you. We would also ask you to look out for the Housing Survey which will be delivered to you in a month or so. In addition to housing questions there will be some which the Parish Council would like you to answer and which will help us to decide on the future of Mitcheldean.

A Public Consultation Event may be organised later in the year to identify possible development sites.

### **CAR PARKING CHARGES**

The fight continues, following the cabinet's refusal to listen to the wishes of the Full Council. They say they will reconsider the issue in July.

### **THE BAD WEATHER HAS DELAYED THE RESURFACING WORK THAT IS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE PARK AREA**

**Drains!** It was reported that the drains on The Stenders and at the back of Glebe Close are blocked. Action has been taken to sort the problems out.