

MITCHELDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

Next meeting 14 January 2013

Seasons greetings from your Councillors and clerk.



Chairman Douglas Scott, vice chair Sue Henchley, Katherine Baker, Kay Wozencroft, Jackie Fraser, Andrew Maliphant, Andre Edwards and Andrew Tooze, and Sandra Schwanethal.

All look forward to 2013 and to achieving even more this coming year for this vibrant and dynamic community.



Two new Councillors elected.

Sara Gates and Huw Baker have been successful in their application to join the Parish Council. Three applications were received for the two vacancies; each candidate was asked to give a brief resume and asked what they felt they could bring to the role of Parish Councillor. A vote followed and Sara and Huw were successful. They both hope to take up their new positions shortly.

Christmas Tree lights.

Local electrician Ashley Hornchurch has erected and decorated the Christmas tree in the churchyard. The Parish Council will be looking into purchasing more lights and decorations for next year and will be approaching local businesses and residents for their support.

Tables and balance blocks are now in place in the play area at the recreational field. Local craftsman Ian Graves built and installed the equipment which is all built from locally sourced material.



Murals-the paintings have now been removed from the churchyard railings and will soon be installed in the toilet block.

Car Parking. All Forest of Dean District Council car parks will be free on Saturdays until Christmas -see local press for details. District Councillors Ian Whitburn and Jackie Fraser are still fighting the FODDC over parking charges in Mitcheldean. There is a petition in the local shops for all those wishing to support this controversial issue.

Library. The library opening times have been changed temporarily to allow for further training. It closes at 4 pm on Thursdays instead of 6 pm and opens at 2 pm on a Friday and not in the morning. It also opens at 10am instead of 9 on Mondays and Thursdays. Another Bring & Share evening had been arranged at the Library on Wednesday 12th December.

Waste collection – Households will not be restricted to putting out only one bag of rubbish over Christmas, but the additional bags must be purchased from the District Council- A roll of 10 special bin bags can be bought from the Council for £10. Extra bins are available if there are more than 5 in a household. Confirmation has been received from Marsha Llewellyn, the Environmental Promotions Officer for the FODDC that all coloured and clear glass jars and bottles can be placed in the recycling banks, but not reinforced glass panes or crystal glass.



Walkers are Welcome. It has been suggested that Mitcheldean could apply to demonstrate popular support in the village, and ensure that our footpaths are maintained in good condition. Other local towns which belong include Ross and Monmouth. For more information log on to the website www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk.



The Garden Club are preparing their Winter Planting Scheme. A member of the Parish Council suggested that the Garden Club cut back the shrubs in the Cross Gardens, and remove some of those which are becoming too big.

Play Area. The tree planting around the Play area went well. More bark has been requested for the play area.

Light in Platts Row. We have been told that the problem is not just a bulb, so more work is needed on it. The parish Clerk will continue to monitor the progress of this issue.

No 24 bus. The Parish Council was told that any possible changes to the 24 bus will affect the part of the route to Ross. It will still go to Gloucester. More details of bus timetable changes were published in the Forest Review in a letter from Sue Dubois. The No 23 service will continue to run from Joys Green to Ross.



County Council – Young People, skill pod at Dene Magna. A Skill Pod has been launched at Dene Magna to give skills and career advice and is working with unemployed young people. Businesses are being invited to pledge support.

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£10000 is to be made available to each County Councillor to pay towards Highways Projects. Mitcheldean Parish Council has asked if a proportion of the money could be used to resurface the pavements in the village. Contact County Councillor Brian Robinson for more details.

Funding-requests for funding were received from the Indoor Short Mat Bowling Club and HOOT (hands off our towns).

District Council - Waste Reduction. The parish Council was told that thanks to recycling initiatives there has been a reduction in waste going to landfill, and dry recycling is up to nearly 60%.

Pavilion-users of the pavilion were very pleased to find that the heater had been replaced in the changing room and that the timer for the lights has now been replaced. Thank you to local electrician Ashley Hornchurch.

Website- www.mitcheldeancouncil.co.uk has had hundreds of visitors over the past few months. Local events are displayed, the Newsletter can be read on line and the Minutes and Agendas of the monthly meetings are now available to be read online. Any businesses wishing to advertise on this website can contact Sandra at the Town Hall. This service remains free this year.

Burglary-CPO James Pearce had earlier informed the clerk that a burglary had been reported in Churchill Way.

Local business man Luke Freeman had informed the Council that building work should begin at the Gloucester Road site in the next few weeks.

Precept-Impending changes in legislation concerning the way the unitary authorities calculate council tax banding and how housing benefit is paid is delaying the Parish Council's decision on its funding requirement for 2013/14.

Community Centre 100 club. Mr John Meek with No.93 was the winner for November's 100 Club draw. Mrs C. Claridge won the October draw with number 26.