




Council status. We will miss Barry's commitment and enthusiasm and thank him for all his hard work.

We will continue to keep all residents informed of our achievements and plans for the future through this newsletter, which will now be edited by Brian Dukes. If you have any comments, criticisms or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Preedy, our Parish Clerk, or your local Councillor.



**Calling all walkers!**  
Will you adopt a footpath?

The Footpath Officer for the Parish Council is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of all footpaths in the parish. Would you like to adopt one or more footpaths in your area and help to maintain them? If so please contact John Litchfield, 01432 870 802 or email: [rectorybarn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rectorybarn@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Good news from the P3 scheme**

We all need good news at the moment, so for those of you who enjoy our footpath and bridleway network, and for landowners with rights of way over their land, the news is good. The Parish Council has been granted a new pot of money to maintain and improve the rights of way for another year and we are already actively making improvements. Four stiles in Checkley have recently been replaced with self closing gates, and more are planned to be replaced in the near future, and at no cost to the landowner! As you know, maintaining stiles in good and safe condition is the responsibility of the landowner, so why risk someone being injured on a dilapidated stile when a new one can be supplied free of charge. Work is also well underway in cutting back hedge growth from stiles and signposts, so your access should be easier. I am delighted that several of our new council members have joined me on the checking and maintenance scheme, so between us we should make significant improvements over the year. If you are interested in joining our team or adopting a path, please get in touch.

**John Litchfield Parish Paths Co-ordinator**

#### **Affordable Housing in Dormington and Mordiford Group of Parishes**

For you to learn more about the possible development, and to allow you to express your views and your interest, a public consultation is to be held at Mordiford School between 4.30pm and 6.55pm on the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone is invited. Please come and have your say.

#### **Next Parish Council meetings (All are Welcome)**

**8.00pm. Mordiford School Hall unless otherwise advertised.**

**September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, 2011**

**January 10th, February 7th, and March 6th, 2012**

#### **The Big T: Summer's Fundraising Spectacular**

Fundraise for St Michael's Hospice in your community during the inaugural Big T week: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

You can be as traditional or wacky as you like with your Big T event. Let your imagination fuel the fun ... what could you do as your Big T? Why not hold a Toga party or a charity Tango session? Perhaps dress up in Tutus and Tiaras for a day?

Collection boxes can be placed on counters in shops, offices or at home. Big T Packs are available free from the Events Team at St Michael's Hospice (call 01432 851000) or download a form from [www.bit.ly/TheBigT](http://www.bit.ly/TheBigT).

Help St Michael's Hospice raise the £4 million it needs this year to continue providing services for free – host or attend a Big T event!

#### **Community Defibrillator.**

Donations made to the memory of Suzanne Stinton-Heeley have been used to purchase a community defibrillator. The Parish Council have suggested that it be sited at The Old Teashop in Mordiford. The first training date for use of the defibrillator is Thursday 21st July in Mordiford School Hall from 6.30-9.30pm. There are 10 places available for the first course. For more information and to reserve a place could you please ring Vince on 07751 000687.

**The Annual Report for Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council** has been available from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. This report will not be sent to each household in the Parish but is available on the Parish Council Website: -

[www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk](http://www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk)

The report contains information about the Parish Council over the last year and a summary of the accounts.

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### Responsibilities : -

**Planning:** Ray Dickson, Peter Davies, Cheryl Shearer and John Lee

**Churchyard and Burial Ground:** Peter Davies, Jan Ashton-Jones, Lorna Radnor

**Footpaths:** John Litchfield (Footpath Officer), John Lee, Jan Ashton-Jones

**Finance:** Nick Brewin, Cheryl Shearer, Brian Dukes, Ray Dickson

**Tree Warden:** John Lee

**Parish Projects:** Jan Ashton-Jones, Brian Dukes, Cheryl Shearer, Lorna Radnor

**Localism Group:** Nick Brewin, Brian Dukes, Cheryl Shearer, Ray Dickson, Jan Ashton-Jones

**HALC Representative:** John Litchfield

**Newsletter Editor:** Brian Dukes

**Parish Clerk:** Melanie Preedy



### YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN AFTER-NOON AT THE IRON ROOM.

Sunday 24th July 2011 2.00pm until 5.00pm

Come and have a look at the inside of the building

Maybe you could use it for an event or a club.

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

Help us to find a future for this building. All ideas gratefully received.

The Iron Room is a valuable resource rented by the Parish Council for use by residents of the Dormington and Mordiford Group of Parishes. It lies on the left hand side of the road as it leads from Priors Frome towards Checkley. When it first came into the hands of the Parish Council it was in a very dilapidated state and many thought it should be demolished. However, through the enthusiasm of a group of teenagers, the Iron Room has been transformed into an attractive clubhouse. Water has been laid on, the floors have been repaired, a kitchen installed and a generator connected. Unfortunately these teenagers have now grown up, are widening their horizons, and no longer need their clubhouse. The room is at present largely unused. In the past it has been used for bingo, whist drives, concerts and other such events. Although it must be admitted it is not quite ready for such events to proceed, funds from grants are available to update the building still further.

If you don't know the building and few people do, perhaps you would like to check it out to see how it might meet the requirements of your particular group for a place to meet. To facilitate this, members of the Parish Council will be enjoying a picnic there between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Drop in and see what you think. Park on the common and walk the 100 yards up to the Iron Room. A cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit or a slice of cake will be waiting for you.

### Mordiford Green

Negotiations with the landowner are not yet complete so development is on hold. Funds for development were allocated by you, the parishioner, when you voted for the use of the Dedicated Budget last year. The Parish Council would like to hear what kind of development you would like on your Village Green bearing in mind that just £500 is available to spend this year. Would you like a flag pole, some seating, a flower border, some shrubs or what? We already have a notice board on the green!

### Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

At the beginning of June next year we will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Representatives of the Dormington Community, the Parish Council, parishioners, the school, parents and the Church of the Holy Rood are planning to meet to discuss how the community should celebrate this amazing occasion. If you would like to help organise any celebrations or if you have any brilliant ideas as to how we should celebrate, please leave your contact details and suggestions with the Parish Clerk as soon as you can.

### **Affordable Housing, Play Area and allotments.**

A phone call from Tina Wood, Housing Officer at Herefordshire Council, has been received by the Parish Council to tell us that the sale of the field next to Sufton Rise for affordable housing has reached its final negotiations. Tina and Kat (from West Mercia Housing) were at the Parish Council meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June and presented copies of their tentative plans for the area. In addition to plans for affordable housing, plans for additional parking, a children's play area and a number of allotments were also included.

For you to learn more about the possible development, and to allow you to express your views and your interest, a public consultation is to be held at Mordiford School between 4.30pm and 6.55pm on the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone is invited. Please come and find out more.

If all goes well a planning application could be submitted as early as August.

### **Garden Waste**

You don't have to walk very far in this parish before you see fresh garden refuse dumped. Unfortunately, other than in your own garden, there are no areas where you can leave your garden waste to decompose. This practice is inconsiderate and actually illegal. An individual disposing waste in this way can be fined up to £2000.

Much of the refuse deposited could be dealt with in the gardener's own garden, by making compost. Compost bins are available through the County Council for as little as £8 (plus £5 for delivery). As long as thought and a little time is given, good quality compost can be made out of garden refuse. Lawn mowings can be used as long as they are mixed with more open, fibrous, material.

Some items of plant material are not suitable for the compost bin. For example, the heavy prunings of an evergreen hedge should not go in. They can be dealt with at the County Council's recycling plant at Rotherwas. There they have a very large compost maker. Much higher temperatures are reached and the material is constantly aerated. High quality compost is produced and is available from the Rotherwas depot.

If you have green material which you can not compost yourself, you can deliver it for processing at the depot, free of charge.

The County Council does operate a green bag system to collect garden refuse but unfortunately this material goes into landfill sites and is not recycled. Green bags are collected at the same time as other refuse. You can obtain green bags from Garrick House in Hereford. They cost 60p each to cover the cost of handling the contents.

Herefordshire Council do not allow the use of black bags to dispose of garden refuse.

### **Review of Herefordshire's subsidised bus network and community transport – Have your say**

Herefordshire Council is facing significant budget pressures due to central government funding cuts and it is having to consider how best to support bus services in the future. The council also wants to explore the role of community transport to see if it can provide greater support for the areas and people that conventional bus services can't reach.

To help inform how these services may change, a consultation is being held with the public starting from 17 June 2011 and closing on 15 July 2011.

This consultation is seeking your views and priorities for bus services in Herefordshire. If the County Council is unable to achieve all of the required savings through contract efficiencies they may need to consider some service reductions or withdrawal. They want to take into account your priorities to help determine the best course of action and to ensure that any changes to the bus network support those priorities.

You can provide your views by downloading the consultation form and returning it to the freepost address identified on the form or alternatively you can complete it online.

The Herefordshire County Council webpage for public transport is: - [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport/public\\_transport](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport/public_transport)

### **Wake-up Call to Mordiford Residents.**

Last November, more than 200 people signed the petition to re-instate the Post Office in Mordiford. Thanks to all of you, we got the Post Office back on May 5th. for just 5 hours a week. We also have a thriving Tea Shop which serves delicious breakfasts, light lunches, tea and coffee. This service is there everyday. Milk, bread, icecream, tea coffee, sugar, eggs, fruit, biscuits and sweet are also available. The Tea shop has a five\*\*\*\*\*star rating from the council. I beg you to please use this local facility. If we don't use it we will lose it again and then we will not get it back. You may think the basics are more expensive than the supermarket but what about your petrol costs to go and get it? Have you been into the Post Office in High Town lately? The queues are a mile long. It is a nightmare. Come on Mordifordians, use your local shop and Post Office. If we use it, Lulu Young may be able to get the shop hours extended and also the Post Office. It is up to us.

Judith Hereford