

## Woodchester Annual Parish Meeting 2010

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010, 7pm

Endowed School, North Woodchester

### **AGENDA**

#### Welcome

- Receive apologies for absence
- Receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Report on the Parish Council's business over the past year
- Opening remarks
- Village organisations and others asked to present any verbal reports
- Conclusion – Thanks

Verbal reports will be made by:

- ❑ Cllr Penny Brown – Woodchester Produce Show
- ❑ Cllr Peter Lead – Village Design Statement

*If you wish to address the meeting, please inform the Clerk*

## Woodchester Village Report 2009/10

**Woodchester Parish Council** – *Cllr Rhiannon Wigzell, Chairman*

The Parish Council was sorry when Simon Peirce resigned as Clerk but fortunate that Duschanka Sutherland ably took on the role and has rapidly settled in and become a much valued member of the team.

The Parish Council works in several different ways. Sometimes it acts as initiator and asks others to help. This applies to big new endeavours such as the fete and the Village Design Statement but also to regular undertakings such as the Litter Pick and the Christmas Carols. These occasions generate a feeling of goodwill and The Parish Council hopes everyone who helps enjoys the process as well as the achievement. The Parish Council would not be able to do as much without the extra help and we are lucky with the enthusiasm and talent to be found in Woodchester.

The Woodchester Fete was re-instated last September and was a resounding success. This year the Flower and Produce Show element will be an event in its own right. The Parish Council hopes there will be another fete soon and would like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to run, or help organise the next one. Thank you to everyone who helped last year and to those who are helping again this year.

The Village Design Statement has progressed significantly, culminating in a questionnaire which is now being analysed, so that the next draft can be written and sent to Stroud District Council for comment. The Council hopes the process will soon

be completed and Woodchester's Village Design Statement approved and adopted. The team were told that the initial draft was the best at that stage seen so far. Thank you to all of you who have helped so far and please continue to help until the final version appears.

The website ([www.woodchesterparish.org.uk](http://www.woodchesterparish.org.uk)) has been updated and upgraded by John Fairley the webmaster with help from Epicado. There are plans for further development, for example, to add a notice board function and a directory of Woodchester based businesses. In the meantime the Council would welcome feedback and suggestions. It encourages us to keep the site current and interesting if we know people are using it. If any individual, business or organisation would like to post anything please contact the clerk ([clerk@woodchesterparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@woodchesterparish.org.uk)) or the webmaster ([webmaster@woodchesterparish.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@woodchesterparish.org.uk)). Thank you to John and Epicado for all their efforts.

Another way the Parish Council operates is when someone approaches it with a suggestion. An example of this would be the Woodchester Word when Paul Lock, the editor for many years, handed over to Iain Dunbar. Iain wanted to expand the Word, change the format, bring it out more frequently and make it self-financing. The Parish Council was able to underwrite the change over costs and individual councillors joined the editorial team. Thank you to Paul and Iain for their enthusiasm and dedication to the Word. Similarly a member of the South Woodchester Amenity Land Trust asked the Council if it would help facilitate a playground on the trust's land. As the provision of a playground is a key action point in the Parish Plan the Council expressed willingness to help research the project and a

councillor offered to join the working group. If anyone has an idea that would benefit the Parish, please come and talk to the Council to see if it can help.

A third aspect of Parish Council work is the ongoing routine things it does. Every planning application in the Parish is considered and Parishioners are welcome to come to Planning Committee meetings. The Clerk frequently reports concerns about the state of the roads in the Parish. The Snow Warden kept an eye on the grit bins, including reporting those that are missing all winter. The Council lobbies Highways about the dangers of crossing the A46; in particular this year we have been suggesting that the cycle track is a readymade underpass to the Frogmarsh end of the village if only access were to be provided on the far side.

As another example of routine work, during the last year the Council has reviewed the condition, size and sites of the Parish notice boards. After looking into costs and types it was decided to commission two new double boards for South Woodchester High Street and Rooksmoor, so that there will be more space for notices in these busy places; replace the old unglazed one in Convent Lane with the one currently in the High Street; improve the positions of the boards in North Woodchester and Rooksmoor; and move the existing single Rooksmoor board to the St. Paul's Rise area which has not had the facility before. All this should take place soon, as the new boards are due to be made by the end of June.

Finally, some of the Parish Council's work comes from external bodies, such as being asked to draw up an emergency plan in case a disaster should occur. Woodchester's Council was one of

very few that managed to produce one last year. This year, when a blueprint was distributed the Council was pleased` to see that Woodchester’s plan compared well.

**Planning Sub-Committee** – *Cllr Peter Lead, Chairman*

2009 some 19 applications were permitted, 4 refused, one at appeal and there are 3 outstanding. With each application we liaise with SDC and if necessary speak to concerned Parishioners. However, it became evident at one of our meetings attended by several Parishioners that it is not clear how the planning system works. Consequently, we have written an article featured in the May edition of the Woodchester Word explaining the process.

**Woodchester Produce and Craft Show** -

*Cllr Penny Brown*

The Woodchester Produce and Craft Show will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at The Endowed School with cream teas and stalls on the Church Green between 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. There will be a number of adult and children’s classes. Entry forms will be sent out with the next edition of the Word in August when they will also be available for collection from the Post Office and Pubs. There will also be the opportunity for any non-commercial organizations based in Woodchester to have stalls, free of charge for selling produce, tombolas. The event is being sponsored by Nailsworth Garden Centre and Little People Company.

## **Public Rights of Way** – Sarah Ellis, Highways

### **Completed Projects**

- Extra steps and board walk installed on MWO 18 between Crystal Fountain Village and Woodchester Park
- Steps replaced on Footpath MWO 7 between Selsley and Church Road
- Moss brushed off footpath MWO 16 between Southmead Road and A46

### **Diversions**

- Diversion of footpath MWO 10 Lager Lane abandoned.

### **Photos of MWO 7**





**Photos of MWO 18**





**Woodchester Orchard Pastures Community Orchard** – *Kim Woodford*

“If you go down to the Pastures today, you’ll be in for a big surprise – especially if you remember what the field was like this time last year! Brambles, brambles and more brambles was the coverage it had had for some fifteen years as far as memory in South Woodchester serves, but now.....



Following working parties, machine clearance, some exquisitely executed ‘horse power’ harrowing from Comet and Prince (courtesy of Peter and Anita Brown) and a great number of most excellent bonfires, masterminded by Bert Cossins, the place has been transformed into five really exciting looking allotments and ... the beginnings of a real community orchard, planted with indigenous Gloucestershire varieties - (apart from a Pershore purple plum) ranging from Ashmead’s Kernel to Parlour Door.



So far under the expert guidance of Jane Willoughby and Glen Cossins, we have planted altogether 18 different trees, all donated generously by members of the community who have come along and helped plant them. They are securely 'deer proofed' and will soon be labelled with the variety name, donor's name and any special message requested. There will be more planting in the autumn when we hope to add further Gloucestershire varieties to our stock –all, or virtually all – from around the Severn Vale.

One set of thanks however must be made, plainly and loudly and that is to Peter and Anita Brown (Dennis Brown's Wood and Timber Yard on the A46). Together with 'Comet' and Prince' they have been painstakingly harrowing and ploughing the field in preparation for all the above activity, and without their help we just could not have got as far as we have done. They have also donated two wooden gates to lead into the allotment area which, again thanks to a herd working working party is now 'deer proofed'!



So where is it all leading? Who knows – in three years time we may have a Woodchester Cider or Perry making event – we have already had a Wassail attended by over 40 people who, once they had surrounded the old apple tree in the corner of the allotment field, then wassailed it with cider, and toasted it with toast – Peter Brown let off two rounds from his 12 bore to frighten the evil spirits away, and then we all repaired to the Ram Inn for a very welcome warm mulled Cider!



## **Woodchester Endowed School** – *Gordon Soutar, Headteacher*

The past twelve months have seen our school continue to thrive and our pupils achieve well in so many different areas. The Year 6's who left in July did so with great academic results and the confidence to fully experience the next stage in their education. The year was capped with a wonderful performance of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' which was a delight for all to see. We have progressed this year and seen our pupil numbers rise throughout the year to a very healthy 128 on roll. Our curriculum is varied and pupils are very much enjoying our 'focus fortnights' where the whole school works together on a single theme often inviting guests in or visiting local areas of interest. Our summer term focus this year will be The Romans and we already have great plans in place for local study and, in particular, the Woodchester Pavement. We will be working with local artists to create our own mosaics based on the creatures depicted in this wonderful local historic discovery. Our sports teams have again done us proud this year and we have seen many of our children representing the school at area, district and countywide events. A really notable conclusion to the football season saw Woodchester Endowed finish champions in The Riddiford Shield, a tournament for the whole of the Stroud district. Our building programme has slowed down a little however we have made improvements to the staffroom and are currently refurbishing our old toilet areas into something a little brighter. Our outside environment is much improved and we are using the school woodland on a regular basis. Having put in a number of animal habitats during the autumn we are hoping to see some action this year, hopefully with the use of our live webcam inserted into one of the nesting boxes.

We are always extremely grateful for the help and support that our parents, church and local community give to the school and look forward to seeing you at some of the events to be held in the coming year.

**St Dominic's Primary School** – *Margaret Smith, Headteacher*

Another busy year at St Dominic's Primary School  
In July we 'lost' Jon Millin our popular Yr5/6 teacher. He had started with us as a newly qualified teacher and although it was sad to see him go, it was fitting that he moved on to a larger inner city school to further his career. We were fortunate to replace Jon with Charlie Yolland Jones, who is now two thirds the way through his first year of teaching and bringing a wealth of expertise to our school.

The number on role remains positive, only fluctuating slightly. We currently have 108 pupils and expect a full cohort of 15 infants to start in September.

The school continues to achieve very well academically and has also excelled in sports this year, with the rugby, football and netball teams reaching the finals of their leagues. Progress in the arts has also been strengthened with the choir performing at several venues and the school upgrading its silver arts mark award with a submission for gold.

**Woodchester Playgroup** – *Meryl Smith, Play Leader*

We have had another successful year with an almost full daily intake of children.

We depend greatly on the time and effort of our committee to fund raise throughout the year. This has entailed sponsored bike races, nearly new sale, numerous cake stalls and our annual Christmas fete at the village hall.

This has enabled us to maintain a good standard of toys and equipment for the children at the setting and so enhanced their play, exploration and skills.

Although there have been a lot of changes due to the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation stage we feel we have met the challenge to our best abilities so making us a popular, friendly, safe and happy playgroup.

### **Woodchester Girl Guides** – Jackie Hayes

This year we have produced a joint report for Woodchester Brownies and Guides; partly because the same leadership team run both Units, but mainly because we've had a very active year as Girl guiding UK is celebrating its Centenary and both Units have participated in the same events.

Woodchester Brownies and Guides both entered the District craft show, and a Woodchester Brownie came 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Girls also helped run stalls at the village fete, and joined the District again for a picnic on Rodborough common and for a visit to Cattle Country. September saw the start of the official 100 year celebration and the District Brownies and Guides enjoyed a morning of activities in Nailsworth, followed by an open top bus ride to Penn Wood, where they were entertained, cooked tea over campfires and had a disco. Girls also participated in Nailsworth Remembrance Day and Woodchester W.I. Christmas

concert. Both Units have also been swimming at Stroud, with a Guide making her Promise in the pool.

In the summer, two Woodchester Guiders joined Nailsworth Guides on a trip to Switzerland, where we visited Our Chalet, took part in a Swiss evening, rode on cable cars and completed activities at an outdoor activity challenge park.

Woodchester Guides joined girls from around the County on a trip to Drayton Manor Park, raised money for charity by holding a Body Shop evening, brought a wide of variety of pets along to their pet theme evening, went for a bike ride and have been 10 pin bowling.

The Brownies, meanwhile, joined Nailsworth Brownies on Pack Holiday, had a teddy bears' picnic, joined the District for Thinking Day celebrations and most recently, joined the Brownies around the County for an activity day in the Forest of Dean.

As well as fitting all this in, girls have also attended regular weekly meetings where they have played games, sung songs, taken part in crafts, challenges, activities and completed a variety of badges.

### **Village Design Statement** –*Cllr Peter Lead*

'Following various public consultations and displays, an online survey has been promoted throughout the Parish and a paper copy distributed to every household. Of the 600 or so distributed we had 20 paper copies completed 101 electronic forms completed.

Following this feedback, the group will now produce a draft Village Design Statement and the findings are available to read here at the meeting.

We hope to produce the final Design Statement before the end of the year.'

### **Stroud Beekeepers Association** - *Peter Lead*

The Apiary is located in the Convent Farm and is used by the Association for training at all levels. This year the bees were first checked on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, happily all was well and the eight hives that are there were all buzzing and healthy.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> April a Beginner's Training Day was held at St Dominic's School and the Apiary when 20 people of all ages met and were given a basic introduction to beekeeping.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May a regional bee inspector visited the apiary and gave a most informative demonstration of hive inspection and in particular look out for problems in the hive such as verova mite and wax moth.

We have monthly meetings and weekly inspections, anyone interested in joining the Association and coming along to the Apiary should contact Peter Lead on 832383.

### **Woodchester Mansion Trust** - *Hannah Jones*

#### **Patron**

HRH The Prince of Wales has graciously renewed his Patronage of Woodchester Mansion Trust for a further seven year period.

## **Grants & Funding**

North Range Roof repairs: at the end of 2009 Woodchester Mansion Trust was successful with a grant application to The Country Houses Foundation to fund repairs to the North Range roof. The Trust intends to adapt the former servants' quarters of the North Range to student accommodation to serve its successful heritage skills training programme.

Woodchester Mansion Trust has two major bids in process for 2010 and will announce the projects and timetables if the bids are successful.

## **National Trust**

Woodchester Mansion Trust is working in partnership with the National Trust, owners of Woodchester Park. National Trust is fundraising for significant ecological programmes for the Park and Woodchester Mansion Trust supports their fundraising programme.

Meanwhile, the toilet block at the east end of the Mansion grounds will be replaced with an improved and upgraded unit in the coming weeks. This unit is being provided by the National Trust as part of its partnership programme, and it is intended that an entirely redesigned and relocated unit will be provided in the near future.

## **Media**

Woodchester Mansion has made significant appearances on national network television in the last year, appearing as the venue for BBC's *Autumnwatch* in October 2009, while Chairman Stephen Davis was interviewed at the Mansion for ITV's *Countrywise* in July 2009 and Channel 4's *Country House Rescue* in April 2010.

## Woodchester Weddings

Woodchester Mansion will receive a Wedding Licence in May 2010 enabling us to host civil marriages and civil partnerships. Presently two wedding receptions are booked at the Mansion for September 2010.

## Open Days 2010

Month	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Event
May		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>May Day</i>
			9 <sup>th</sup>		
			16 <sup>th</sup>		
			23 <sup>rd</sup>		
		29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Spring Bank Hol.</i>
June		5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Stone Carving Weekend</i>
			13 <sup>th</sup>		
			20 <sup>th</sup>		
			27 <sup>th</sup>		
July		3	4		<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Party</i>
		10	11 (evening Performance)		<i>11<sup>th</sup> Burford Chamber Choir Performance</i>
		17	18		
		24	25		
		31			
August			1		

		7	8		
		14	15		
		21	22		
<b>August</b>	27 (evening performance)	28	29	30	<i>August Bank Holiday 27<sup>th</sup> The Tempest performance</i>
<b>Sept.</b>		4	5		
		11	12		<i>11<sup>th</sup> Heritage Open Day</i>
			19		
			26		
<b>October</b>		2	3		Brewery Weekend (Only Open Once a Year)
			10		
			17		
			24		
		30	31		30 <sup>th</sup> Halloween Party

## Events 2010

Woodchester Mansion hosts the following annual events:

Stone Carving Weekend on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June – for all visitors

Burford Chamber Choir Performance on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Fancy Dress Party on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

The Festival Players outside performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Heritage Open Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Brewery Open Weekend on 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> October

Hallowe'en Party on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**For more details contact Hannah Jones on 01453 861541**

### **Additional Events**

In March 2010 Woodchester Mansion Trust Volunteers hosted a Recruitment Day. Several new Volunteers joined and more are always welcome.

Working parties from Woodchester Mansion Trust have again helped clear areas of the Park woodland under the supervision of the NT Wardens. In return the National Trust supplies Woodchester Mansion with firewood.

Volunteer working parties and craft teams also work throughout the year on maintenance and repair projects in the Mansion.

### **Training Courses**

2010 has seen the re-launch of Training Courses and Lectures at the Mansion – more details to follow.

In May Woodchester Mansion Trust is hosting a "*Get Into Heritage*" taster day with its training partner The Prince's Trust. The 2-week course with our Training Manager and Master Mason Jonny Anderson will be held at the Mansion in May. For further information please contact Hannah Jones on 01453 861541

In the summer of 2010 the Mansion will again host The Prince of Wales's Building Crafts Apprentices training scheme, when twelve of the country's top building apprentices will learn specialised masonry techniques in our celebrated *Living Classroom* environment with tutor Jonny Anderson. HRH The Prince of Wales is Patron of Woodchester Mansion Trust (see above) and WMT Chairman Stephen Davis is Chairman of the Selection Panel for the apprentices scheme. Further information from Edith Platten, Education Director at The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment please contact 0207 6138514.

**For more details contact Hannah Jones on 01453 861541**

**The National Trust** – *David Armstrong, Head Warden*

Over the past year a firm of landscape consultants have been employed to produce a Parkland Plan for Woodchester Park. The plan reviews in detail the history and development of the park and sets out future management aims. From the Plan an initial 3 year work plan, funded through Natural England's Higher Level Stewardship Scheme, has been produced. The programme will involve the recreation of further areas of the historic parkland, opening up of views, archaeological survey and repairs to historic structures, enhancing the landscape for greater horseshoe and other bats and generally improving the overall experience for visitors.

As part of the first phase, this summer we will be carrying out a bat survey to establish the use bats are making of this important "bat landscape" and identify how we can enhance the habitat through our programme of pasture restoration.

The old coach house and stables area behind the Mansion are to be surveyed, recorded and cleared.

The woodland along the drive down to the Mansion is to be cleared back to the historic boundary (it was planted up with mainly conifers in the 1960's) this winter, the stumps removed, fenced and included in the grazed area.

We are planning to produce interpretation that will show the vision for the Park and future works that are to be carried out to achieve this.

The National Trust is purchasing a replacement lavatory building to be sited at the Mansion. This will hopefully be open to all visitors throughout the year.

A local company is trialing ice cream sales in the NT car park this summer. Hopefully all the hot weather we are due will make this a popular addition.

The numbers of visitors visiting the Park as shown an upward trend over the last few years, and this spring seems to be the most popular yet judging by the use of our car park.

Unfortunately we have no real estimate of the numbers visiting.

There have been a number of incidents involving dogs and our tenant's sheep and this is something we are trying to address. There have also been a number of reports of unauthorised quad bikes in the Park.

Moth surveying is being carried out throughout the year so hopefully we will have a good idea of how important the site is for these insects.

There is a geological guided walk being run jointly between ourselves and the Gloucestershire Geology Trust at 10.30 on the 27<sup>th</sup> August. If anyone is interested please book (01452 814213).

As an aside, I have been in correspondence with someone regarding the TV series, Arthur of the Britons, a lot of which was filmed in the park in 1973/4. It starred Oliver Tobias and included many well known names such as Brian Blessed. If anyone has any memories of this being filmed, photographs etc, I would be very interested in hearing from them.

### **Woodchester Freelance Network** – *Louise Tickle*

The Woodchester Freelance Network began last year with a good deal of interest, and many people turned up to the first four or five meetings. From autumn, attendance tailed off and despite some efforts to create activities that people would enjoy, I think, sadly, that the group perhaps didn't have sufficient focus to give people a reason to continue coming. For that reason, and because I don't have the time to continue to publicise it, I've decided that at this time, the group should be shelved

### **Woodchester Historical Society** – *Nigel Brooke-Smith*

Woodchester Historical Society meets approximately 4 times a year, mainly in the Undercroft of St Mary's Church.

We are a small group of people and would be happy to welcome new members. It is not necessary to know anything about the history of Woodchester to join us.

Our programme for the rest of this year consists of a walk around Dunkirk millponds, a talk by Arthur Price on 'the Building Stones of Woodchester Mansion' and the AGM which also be a World War 2 memories evening.

We continue to work towards computerising village records, censuses, baptisms, marriages, burials etc., building up a database of village residents mainly in the nineteenth century and supporting the Village Archive.

We have prepared leaflets of self guided walks around both North and South Woodchester with an historical theme which can be purchased for a nominal sum.

For further information contact:- Jill Merriott-White 01453 872999 or Nigel Brooke-Smith 01453 872586 (or [nigelbs@mac.com](mailto:nigelbs@mac.com))

### **The Priory Church of the Annunciation** – *Josephine Heffernan*

We are three quarters of the way through our year of change. For the first time in 165 years we are without a resident Priest but we are fortunate to have Fr William (Bill) Watson, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's, Stonehouse, providing us with Pastoral Care as a 'Priest in Charge' I say fortunate because Fr Bill has been very gentle with us, firm and understanding, and the Parish survives.

St Mary's Hill House, the Presbytery, not needed for a resident Priest at the present time, is to be let. The Parish Office is moving to a room in the Poor Clare Convent while small group meetings will take place in private homes, St Dominic's School or The Quiet Place' Poor Clare Convent. Contact can be made via

“The Parish Office, C/O Poor Clare Convent, Convent Lane, South Woodchester.

Incidentally if any of your readers need a meeting room/rooms The Quiet Place has excellent facilities, including a kitchen for continuous cups of tea/coffee. The Sisters would be delighted to welcome you [www.poorclares.co.uk](http://www.poorclares.co.uk).

### **Woodchester WI** – *Fleur Vallender*

As a small W.I. made up of fourteen members we have been kept fairly busy over the last twelve months. Our speakers have entertained us with a variety of talks which included travel to Thailand; the discovery of the Grand Canyon; by narrow boat to Norway....

Members have helped raise funds towards keeping the W.I. running by a sales table at meetings, & serving refreshments at the village fete & other village meetings. Skittles evenings have been enjoyed by several of us throughout the year by joining with other W.I.'s in our local group & competing for the County Cup ; also joining Avening WI for a friendly game. Others have sung with the Glos. WI choir at Cheltenham Town Hall and last year accompanied Aled Jones! We also organised the 21st Woodchester Village Concert which was well attended and as usual put the spotlight on local talent. The retiring collection raised over £156 for the James Hopkins Trust. Members also visited the Glos W.I. Craft Exhibition held in Tewkesbury Abbey, which was wonderful, plus hearing the Choir perform in the Abbey as part of G.F.W.I. 90<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. Last but not least, we have also enjoyed a fish & chip supper, a garden party at our President's home, a delicious

meal in the New Year at the Royal Oak, our local pub & for a Christmas Party with a difference dressed up as Tramps for a "tramps supper".

### **Village Hall – Malcolm Swait**

The Village Hall continues to thrive. Over the course of the past year the lighting has been updated and the boiler is due to be replaced in August helping to make energy savings. The accounts are healthy and hire rates are due to be held with no increase for a further year

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The Course Calendar is posted on all the notice boards, and there is one on the hall notice board.

If any one is interested in running a course, please contact Bob Ludlow on 01453 872340.

Saturday and Sunday available for private events at an all-in cost of heating, lighting and cooking facilities.

Please contact Mrs Kath Gay on 01453 873348 for availability.

### **St Loes Exhibition Fund** – *George Bastin*

2009/2010 saw an encouraging increase in applications for funding at a time when our investment income has fallen slightly. Applicants have to demonstrate a financial need and this sometimes discourages some applicants. However the Trust awarded grants to 8 students. They also provided £300 each to the Woodchester and Amberley schools for books for their library and a book to each school leaver in both schools.

After over 20 years in office as honorary treasurer Geoffrey Yates wants to stand down and the Trustees are looking for a replacement. The job is not time consuming but occupies half a day every quarter on writing cheques and keeping the cash book together two or three evenings at short Governors' meetings. If any parishioner is interested in applying for the post please contact George Bastin, Chairman of the Governors in confidence on 872526.

If there any parishioners who wish to apply for grants they are urged to apply as early as possible after the award of a place at university and by 1<sup>st</sup> September at the latest to the Chairman or Secretary at the above address.

### **Parish Councillors and Clerk**

Rhiannon Wigzell (Chairman)	872353
George Bastin	872526
Penny Brown	873431
Gervase Hamilton	872837
Peter Lead	832383
Malcolm Swait	873254
Paul Syrett	878553
Duschanka Sutherland (Clerk)	833313

### **District and County Councillor for our area**

Stephen Glanfield	01452 812950
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**Finance Report for Woodchester Parish Council (unaudited)**  
**Period until March 31, 2010**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£21,261</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Precept	£11,000
Interest	£11.12
VAT refund	£106.70
Advertising revenue	£770.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£11,887.82</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£33,148.82</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Gen admin	£574.18
Insurance	£865.71
Accommodation	£281.00
Subscriptions	£372.00
Website	£341.86
VDS	£198.88
Training	£190.00
Maintenance	£1,720.00
S137	£140.00
Chair	-
Audit fee	£240.25
Salary	£3,509.93
Bank charges	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£8,433.81</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£24,715.0</b>
Lloyds 7527828	£5,543.00
Lloyds 437181	£20,127.00
Uncleared credits	-
Uncleared debits	£955
	<b>£24,715.00</b>

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