

## The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Get on Board and Support our Bus Service -** As reported in last month's magazine, the withdrawal of Government funding will make many bus services no longer commercially viable, and it is likely that the bus service between Yeovil and South Petherton will be reduced. We need you to support this vital service as much as possible.

Do you have a Free Concessionary bus pass? Yes? Then there's no better time to travel for free!!

You can travel free Monday -Friday after 9.30; £3.00 before, & Saturdays are free all day! So why not support local buses, save the environment and save money, "Think Bus"! Please contact South West Coaches on 01935 475872 or follow on Twitter @southwestcoach1.

For timetable information www.southwestcoaches.co.uk

Follow Yeovil Bus Users Group on Facebook www.facebook.com/yeovilbususersgroup

The Parish Council is saddened to report that some irresponsible adults have broken the much-loved Chicken spring rider in the play area which cannot be repaired. We have endeavoured over the past few years to improve our play area by installing new equipment and more recently improving the surfacing around some of the equipment, so playtime is a much more enjoyable experience for our young children. The provision of this equipment costs a lot of money and to replace this spring rider will cost several thousands of pounds.

Calling all parents! Do you park near the school to drop off or pick up your children at the primary school? Concerns have been raised about where and how you are parking, and also the lack of consideration for other road users and pedestrians. This situation is becoming dangerous.

Please consider whether it is necessary for you to drive your children to school. Can you ease the congestion by walking your children to school? If you do need to drive, then please can we ask you to be more considerate when parking so that you are not obstructing the main thoroughfare, parking on pavements or blocking visibility splays.

Come along for an evening of festive fun! The Christmas tree will be lit Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the Borough. Join us in singing some Carols and then back to the village hall for mince pies and mulled wine and maybe someone special will be there to see the children!

What this space for news on how we are planning to celebrate the King's Coronation in May. The Parish Council will be organising a day of celebration for the village for all ages to enjoy. More news of this in the New Year.

## **CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is <u>imperative</u> that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of August and December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm.** Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public, so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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