

EWPC Annual Parish Meeting

East Woodhay PC held a new look Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on Saturday 17th May. The meeting was held for the first time on a Saturday afternoon rather than on a weekday evening. It focused on a single theme that of nature in the parish. The event celebrated the nature projects and activities the community has been working on over the last year and their future plans. It was a great success and had stands and displays from the Schools of Woolton Hill, St. Martins School (see the photos of their stands), St. Thomas's Church, East Woodhay PC, Artists of the Parish and the Scouts. External contributions came from stands set up by the Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust and the Council for the Protection of Rural England. People were able to just drop in to the event for as much time as they wished and have discussions with the presenters on the stands. It also turned in to a great networking event with all the groups sharing ideas. In particular the school children enthusiastically visited all the stands and got quite a few offers for future help with projects. To complete the event the History Society also put up a comprehensive display to commemorate VE Day and World War 2 focusing on the local community. The success of the event means EWPC will repeat this type of APM next year focusing on a different theme.

EWPC at St. Martins Fete

Using the material from the EWPC display at the APM the council set up a stand at St. Martins Fete. The material focused primarily on nature projects within the parish and displayed maps of our ancient woodland and key nature sites. This stand was popular with over fifty visitors to the display. There were some excellent discussions between the community and councillors manning the stands. A couple of key points came up. One was widespread praise for the rebuilt Boardwalk and the second was concern of the impact of the planned Watermill Bridge development on the ecology and infrastructure of the area.

