

# **WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Newsletter for July/August 2010**

### **Cllr. Andy Wheeler**

We are delighted to welcome Andy Wheeler, our newest councillor, who joined us in July, replacing Geoff Collier. Andy is an active member of the community and hopes to represent the younger generation in particular.

### **Fingerpost at Staple Ash**

Some of you will have noticed that the armless traditional black and white fingerpost has been removed. We have taken it away for restoration, so hopefully in a few months time, it will be back again, pointing the way to West Dean, Chilgrove and Chichester.

### **West Dean Cemetery**

We now have enough money in place to make a start on the restoration of the historic Lychgate and adjacent walls. This is a specialist task, which will hopefully take place over the next few months. Residents are asked not to park in front of the Lychgate, to enable full access to those working on it.

### **Rural Crime**

Both PCSO Carly Churchill-Wright and Sgt. Roberson attended our July meeting to remind us to lock cars, garages, sheds and outbuildings, these being particularly vulnerable to theft. After a car was taken, she made house to house enquiries and found that many people failed to lock their vehicles. There is also a worrying trend for dishonest suppliers or their staff to tip off criminals when new items of equipment have been purchased or delivered. All crimes and suspicious activity should be reported on **0845 60 70 999**, even if you leave a message on Carly's mobile. She might be off duty or on leave – the only way to get crime logged and a Crime Number is to ring the 0845 number.

***Next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 15 September 2010 at 7.30pm in Room 115 at West Dean College. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak during the public session.***