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Schools Painting Competition

The Beautiful Durham Schools' painting competition was once again a huge success with 11 primary schools including pre-school and nurseries throughout the Parish entering the competition. The ward members again had the difficult job of judging the paintings in the schools as the standard is always so high. The council provided book tokens to the value of £1,260 with 1st prize winners receiving a £15 token, 2nd a £10 token and 3rd a £5 token. The winners from each category were judged by the Vice Chairman of Durham County Council, Councillor John Robinson and his wife, Maxine in the council offices on 10th July 2013. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. John Grantham, presented trophies to the following overall winners at the Parish Council meeting on 19th July:

Kori Surtees	New Brancepeth Nursery
Millie Bevington	Esh Winning Primary
Imogen Patterson	Newhouse St. Mary's R.C. School
Morgan Short	Langley Moor St. Patrick's R.C.
Andrew Fenwick	Browney Primary
Rosie Cook	Newhouse St.Mary's R.C.School



Andrew Fenwick and Millie Bevington receive their trophies (above)



Your Money, Your Area, Your Views - Mid Durham AAP Forum Events

The Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) across the County are providing an opportunity for local people to help make decisions on their AAP, using a participatory budgeting activity. Participatory Budgeting (PB) directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget. The process involves residents coming together to discuss and vote on a range of projects developed to benefit your area.

Mid Durham AAP are using the recently developed village action plans to identify the potential projects that residents will be asked to vote upon. In June and July of this year, the AAP, Parish Council and our County Councillors, visited the villages across our AAP and listened to local residents' concerns and solutions. Using this feedback and the feedback from last year's village residents surveys (a combined total of over 800 residents) we have developed village action plans for each of our villages.

For the forum events in October each village will be allocated £5,000 with the AAP, Northern Clinical Commissioning Group and our County Councillors each contributing towards this allocation. We will be going back around the villages (some will be joined up with others) to ask residents to come along and vote on which village project proposal they think should get the £5,000. At the same time we will be using this opportunity to bring you up to speed on the work being carried out on the actions plans, as well as asking you to help Durham County Council to look at shaping their budget allocation over the coming years as they are having to make difficult decisions regarding budget spending and cuts.

The following village sessions will be taking place in our Parish:
15 October (Tues) New Brancepeth, Village Hall, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
23 October (Wed) Ushaw Moor & Broompark, St. Joseph's Catholic Club, 3.30pm - 6.30pm
26 October (Sat) Brandon, Meadowfield & Langley Moor, Meadowfield Leisure Centre, 10.00am - 12noon

26 October (Sat) Esh Winning & Waterhouses, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Hall, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

The project proposals for each of these villages are:

New Brancepeth:

1. New Miners Banner Project
2. Refurbishments to St Catherine's Church – kitchen and roof
3. Environmental improvements to land coming into the village from Ushaw Moor

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

1. Village Gateway scheme for Broompark west and Ushaw Moor east entrance – slow traffic down
2. To be confirmed

Brandon

1. Bowls Pavillion and football changing refurbishment
2. Brandon Welfare Hall refurbishment

Meadowfield

1. Addison Park drainage issues
2. Meadowfield cemetery environmental improvements

Langley Moor

1. Redevelopment of Holliday Park
2. Environmental improvements to several sections of open land

Esh Winning

1. Redevelopment of Hamsteels Community Centre
2. Possible Youth Shelter on Hamsteels Estate (needs to be considered by Cornsay Parish Council)
3. Family activities and event programme

Waterhouses

To be confirmed

More information on the above village sessions, including further detail on the actual project proposals will be available from mid-September. This is a great opportunity for you to influence what happens in your village so please go along to the village sessions in October to cast your vote on the project which you would like to see receive £5,000.

In the meantime if you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council on 0191 3789947 or the AAP on 01207 529844. Your village action plans can be found on our website.

The Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Service continues for another year within our community thanks to funding provided from all the wards of the Parish Council. The service offers valuable free advice on a wide range of subjects such as welfare rights, housing and tax. Details of the sessions are on the back page of this newsletter.

Around the Wards

Brandon

St Andrew's Methodist Church Holiday at Home Week took place from 19th to 23rd August 2013. The event was partly funded by the Health Network who covered transport costs, local County Councillors who covered the cost of food and the Parish Council who funded the arts and crafts programme. This enabled the event to be offered free of charge. The purpose of the event was to attract older people and provide them with entertainment, food and some activity based sessions, and perhaps most importantly to enable them to get out and meet their peers and make new friends. The County Council Leisure and Culture Section, along with Age UK provided games and exercise sessions, as well as some advice sessions. Members of St. Andrew's together with friends from other local churches provided the entertainment. Everyone who attended had a really good time.

Meadowfield and Langley Moor

Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's continue to provide social activities for residents of the area. Meadowfield and Langley Moor wards together with Brandon ward have recently made a donation to the group to provide outings for the club's members.

The Friends of Langley Moor will be holding their next meeting on 12th September at 7.00p.m. in the Parish Council offices, so please go along to join the group.

New Brancepeth

New Brancepeth Homing Society recently benefited from a donation to support the club with the purchase of new equipment. The club has been running since 1950 and currently has over 20 members and 10 lofts.

Don't forget the Harvest Festival will be taking place in the Village Hall on 20th September and the Remembrance Service will be held on 10th November with refreshments provided in the village hall following the service.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Earlier this year Thomas Naylor from Esh Winning applied to the Council for help with his fundraising for a 2 week educational expedition to Malaysia. The expedition was organised by Thomas's school, Durham Community Business College, and will involve working on conservation and community projects around Tasik Chini. The expedition will not only significantly benefit the Malaysian community, but also will teach Thomas and his friends valuable life skills such as communication and team working. Esh Winning ward together with Ushaw Moor ward were pleased to help Thomas and look forward to hearing about his experience.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

Ushaw Moor ward, together with the remaining five council wards, were pleased to support the Durham branch of the Samaritans with a donation to help finance the growing use of the service. In the current financial climate the service, which in Durham is run solely by volunteers, is increasingly becoming a life-line for many people who are concerned about their future.

Ushaw Moor ward were pleased to assist Ushaw Moor

Community Garden by paying for the installation of a directional sign to point the way to the Garden. Since its launch in 2012 the garden has gone from strength to strength and provides a quality community open space which benefits all sectors of the community.

Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions

Brandon Community Hall

11 am-12noon- second Thursday of month

11 am-12noon- fourth Thursday

Esh Winning Library

2-3pm-first & third Tuesdays

New Brancepeth Village Hall

10-11am-first Wednesday

Sure Start, Ushaw Moor

11am-12noon-third Thursday

Credit Unions

Every Tuesday 3p.m.-4p.m. in Esh Winning Library

Every Wednesday 10a.m.-11a.m in Ushaw Moor Sure Start
Children's Centre

Every Wednesday 9.30a.m-10.30a.m. St. Andrew's
Church, Brandon

**'Dog Pooh' bags available free from the Parish
Council offices and various locations in the Parish**

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