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Talking Newspaper

The Parish Council were once again delighted to support the production of the Visual Impairment Problem Solving in County Durham's Talking Newspaper. Harry Henson received a cheque for £2,000 from the Chairman, Cllr Anne Bonner, which would fund one month's issue of the Newspaper. Many of the visually impaired people in County Durham are elderly and live alone, often in poor economic circumstances in areas of high deprivation. The Talking Newspaper is often their only link with other visually impaired people who share common problems. If you would like to get involved with the service please contact 0191 3866511.



Around the Wards

Brandon

Brandon Village Community Garden Team Members have transformed a former derelict allotment into an amenity that can be enjoyed by the whole community. The area, boasts a wildlife pond, wild flower meadow, recycled raised vegetable beds, fruit trees, greenhouse and seating areas with tables. The team are inviting residents from neighbouring villages to join them as 'Friends of the Garden'. This would involve becoming a Garden Member and to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere or to help with occasional garden maintenance. For more information contact Garden Team Leader, Tom Sharples on 07710359584, or by email:

tomsharples@alcheme.me.uk. The garden can be seen on the Brandon Village website: www.brandonvillage.org.uk

Fruitful Durham is a new social enterprise which has its base at Brandon Community Hall. Using surplus free fruit they produce a seasonal range of products and garden, tree and propagation services. If you have any surplus crops please contact the group on 07779672370 or email fruitfuldurham.co.uk.

The Annual Remembrance Service took place at Brandon Village War Memorial on Sunday 11th November and was attended by local council members, the British Legion and other members of the community. Wreaths were laid to commemorate servicemen and women who lost their lives in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts. The Council once again arranged the services of Durham University Band to play at St. John's Church and at the Memorial. The band were once again excellent and really made a difference to the service. The Members of the Council would like to express their thanks to the band and to members of Brandon Village Residents Association who provided refreshments after the service in the Community Garden.

The Lord Crewe Charity Fund has awarded grants towards the cost of apprenticeships to 3 young people in the parish area. The young people are students at New College and the council wishes them every success with their studies and for the future.

The Committee of Brandon Community Hall is exploring the possibility of including table tennis in their programme of activities at the Centre. Preliminary discussions have been held with Tony Taylor, NE Regional Development Manager for the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA), who is himself a Brandon resident, and enthusiastic about having the opportunity of helping develop a club in his home village. Anyone who is interested in playing table tennis and/or becoming involved in the establishment and development of a club in Brandon Community Hall can contact Tony on 078 555 36361 or email 'tony.taylor@etta.co.uk'.

New Brancepeth

New Brancepeth Working Men's Club F.C. recently requested assistance from the Parish Council towards payment of their pitch fees. The local ward was pleased to help the club with their request and wish them good luck this season.

The village hall will once again be hosting the elderly residents' Christmas party on 1st December and everyone is welcome to attend the village carol service on 23rd December at 3p.m.

Meadowfield and Langley Moor

The new play equipment has now been installed. Unfortunately the launch event had to be postponed because of bad weather but this will be arranged in due course.

Holliday Park gets a make-over— local volunteers teamed up with Parish and County Councillors and Durham County Council's civic pride and clean and green team to paint the fencing and gates. A masterplan for the park is currently being developed by the Parish Council, Durham County Council and the Mid Durham AAP following consultations held during the summer.

The Friends of Langley Moor Group will be hosting the inaugural switch on of the Christmas tree lights on 2nd December starting at 4.20pm. The tree will be located on the grassed area opposite Lloyds Bank. Local school children will be singing carols, the Salvation Army Band will be playing and one of Langley Moor's oldest residents will be performing the switch on. Refreshments will be served in the Boyne Play Pit following the event. Please come along and enjoy this special event for Langley Moor.



The Annual Bulb Planting Challenge was launched on 1st October when local parish and county councillors, volunteers and local primary school children planted 200 crocus bulbs along the verge of the A690 in Langley Moor. The launch was part of Durham County Council's bulb planting challenge. Lets hope for a colourful display in the spring.

The Speedwatch Scheme was recently deployed at Brandon Lane following concerns about speeding traffic travelling past Langley Moor Primary School. If any residents have an issue with traffic speed in their area and would like to be a volunteer for the scheme please contact the Parish Council.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning

The new bus shelter has been erected at Wood View. Our ward of the Parish Council helped with the cost.

The official opening of Eshwin Hall (Old Miners' Memorial Hall) on Brandon Road took place on Friday 19th October. Our ward councillors welcome this new development and wish the residents a happy time in their new home.

Once again, the village will have a lighted Christmas Tree during December. Our thanks are due to the residents of the village who filled the jars in the shops with their loose change and to the Parish Council who will pay the cost of the electricity.

Waterhouses

The following events will be held in the village hall in December:

Dec 1st...Coffee and cakes morning, 9.30 – 11.00 with a special Christmas Theme.

Dec 5th... Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch for residents of Waterhouses and village hall members from other areas.

Dec 7th...Lighting of Village Hall Christmas Tree with carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

Dec 14th...Christmas Quiz with hot turkey sandwich at 7.30p.m.— contact Beryl on 0191 3734442 by Dec 1st to reserve your place.

Dec 15th...Family Night at 7pm.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

The Fireworks Display at Ushaw Moor Cricket Club, which was sponsored by the Parish Council, was a huge success and well attended by the local community. A big thanks to all who were involved in the organisation of the event.



St.Lukes Church Centenary celebrations were a great success and the local members would like to thank the church for their hospitality.

The local ward has recently made a donation to the Tea on Thursdays group to help with costs for a Christmas event. The group meets at St. Joseph's Church Hall every Thursday between 1pm and 3pm and currently has about 40 very enthusiastic members. New members are very welcome to attend and join the activities.

New Play area comes to fruition - the new play area opposite Deerness Gymnastics Academy has now been completed. Following concerns of young children in the area, the Parish Council has worked together with Mid Durham AAP, Ushaw Moor Together, local unitary councillors and the County Council to fund the new equipment. Look out for details of the launch event in the village and the Council's website.

The Baptist Church in Ushaw Moor has recently set up a programme of activities called 'Open Door' on Monday afternoons from 2pm. to 4pm. Details are as follows:

1st Monday -a film

2nd Monday—games, quiz, hand massage

3rd Monday — a talk

4th Monday—craft and other activities

Pittington Brass Band will also be playing on 15th December.

Christmas events for your diary include the Community Carol Service which will be held on 17th December at St. Joseph's Church at 6.30p.m. and the Christmas lights switch on at the Silver Trees in the centre of the village on 7th December at 3.30p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Chairman, Councillor Anne Bonner, Members and staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Seasons Greetings

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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