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Chair's Charity

Councillor Mrs Cecilia Wharton would like to express her sincere thanks to all those who supported her recent charity evening which was held on 23rd October at Newhouse Working Mens Club. The evening was a great success and raised £2,073.81 for Parkinsons UK. Cllr Wharton has so far raised £2,839.81 and will continue to raise funds for the remainder of her term of office.

Beautiful Durham Awards

Beautiful Durham competition celebrates its 30th anniversary- Durham County Council held its awards ceremony for its Beautiful Durham Competition on 7th October at Durham Town Hall. This year the competition celebrated its 30th anniversary. The Parish has sponsored the event for many years and congratulations our local villages and congratulations to residents did extremely well this year:

Best group horticultural project

Awards of Merit:

Brandon Village Community Garden
Ushaw Moor Community Garden

Best sheltered accommodation complex/warden controlled housing area

Winner: The Orchards, Brandon
Award of Merit: Burnigill, Meadowfield

Durham's best kept residential area

Award of Merit: Black Road, Langley Moor

Best floral containers

Winner: The Orchards, Brandon
Award of Merit: High Street, Langley Moor

Best back yard or patio garden

Winner: Diane McQuillan, Esh Winning

Best allotment or kitchen garden

Award of Merit: Diana Snowdon, Waterhouses

Beautiful Durham Schools category

Winner: Esh Winning Primary School

Band brings home the silverware.... The Council recently supported Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band in attending the National Finals in Cheltenham in September. The band put the North East firmly on the map by coming 3rd place out of 19 bands in the 4th section. The band was awarded the Denis Wick Trophy and secretary, Marion Waterworth would like to thank everyone who helped the band achieve this goal.

Mid Durham AAP

Health and Wellbeing...

There are a number of activities going on at Brandon Welfare Hall – Wellbeing for Life are delivering a weekly multi sports session for older adults that includes Boccia, New Age Kurling, Athlefun and Table Tennis. Costing £2 per session it takes place on Wednesday's from 1pm till 3pm. A free walking group is held on a Monday from 10.30am till 11.30am, with refreshments included. On Tuesday's between 12noon and 3pm The Brandon Drop in provides something for everyone, from board games to computers to foodbanks and cooking skills. The drop in provides advice on employment, health and finance and is free to access.

Fly Tipping Cameras The Council is currently having discussions with the other Parishes within the AAP about the possibility of providing fly tipping cameras within the area. Please inform the Council if you are aware of any areas which are subject to fly tipping on a regular basis so this can be taken into account.

Crime in the Parish

Opportunist thieves..... A considerable amount of crime in the area is carried out by opportunist thieves. The Police urge you to ensure your cars and outbuildings are locked and secure to deter thieves from having easy access to your valuables.

Around the Wards

Brandon

Brandon Reds Under 14's recently approached the Council for assistance with the purchase of new football strips. The team started out as an Under 9's team with only seven players but now have 21 players who play on a Saturday and Sunday in 11 a side leagues. Brandon Ward was pleased to be able to help the team and the strips will bear the Parish Council's logo.

Brandon Sports Club F.C. also received a donation recently to help with increasing costs of running the team. The club runs its 4

own fundraising events but find it hard to cover rising costs. A number of new players have joined the club this season which brings additional costs of providing extra kit and training equipment. The Council wishes the Club continuing success.

Brandon Boxing Club spreads its wings– the Club is

currently working on plans to have its own premises in the grounds of Brandon Cricket Club. The Club has gone from strength to strength in the past couple of years and is now looking to relocate from Brandon Carrside Youth Club. In order to access



funding the Club needs the

support of the local community so the Council hopes you will back this excellent facility for Brandon.

Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

continues its good work in our local communities of Brandon and surrounding villages. The Club offers a diverse programme of activities and once again this year have included arts and crafts, cookery, promoting healthy eating sessions, sport and physical fitness sessions including girls boxing, boot camp and football. This year their history project commemorating the centenary of WW1 has further developed allowing the young people to gain an insight into life during the war. Poppy crosses made by the young people have been installed at various locations in the parish and visits have included trips to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester, the DLI and Beamish museums and even a trip to France to visit the Somme Battlefields.

Meadowfield and Langley Moor

The Christmas tree lights switch on29th November in Langley Moor. Local school children will sing carols from 4.30pm and Monty, the butcher, the longest serving business in Langley Moor, will perform the switch on at 5p.m.

Holliday Park -Plans for a new play area in the park should come to fruition when the new equipment is installed early next year.

St.John's Church Hall –the Parish Council recently submitted the planning application for the new community building on behalf of St.John's. Fundraising is still continuing in the local community with the next event arranged for 27th February 2016 at Meadowfield Sports Centre, 1pm until 3pm. There will be craft stalls, refreshments, children's activities and a raffle. Donations for the cake stall would be greatly appreciated. Updates can be found on Facebook page stjohnshallmeadowfield or please contact Lesley Baxter on 07846542035 or lesleypb@aol.com for information on progress.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning Mining Memorial unveiled - following years of planning the Esh Winning Mining Memorial project finally came to fruition when the Memorial was unveiled on 17th October in the grounds of Woodland Road Communal Hall. The local community has been tirelessly fundraising for over 6 years and with help from the AAP, County Durham Community Foundation, Parish Council and local businesses the statue is now in place. Local youngster, Jake Heslop, grandson of one of the founders of the Banner Group, Bob Heslop, performed the unveiling with local dignitaries also present. It was great to see the local community come out in force to show their support.



Fun Day was held in August by Esh Winning Residents Group with the remaining village vote funds. Despite the weather everyone had a great time.

Welcome to new head teachers– local councillors would like to welcome Mrs Louise Keenan and Miss Joanne Sands, the new head teachers at our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning and St.Joseph's, Ushaw Moor, and hope they enjoy working with our local school children.

Esh Winning Christmas Tree Lights Switch On will be held on 4th December at 4.00pm. Local school children will be performing the switch on and refreshments will be served in Woodland Road Communal Hall following the event.



New Brancepeth

Elderly residents Christmas Party.....5th December in the Village Hall.

Village Carol Service....20th December at 3pm in St.Catherine's Church. Everyone is welcome to go along.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

Firework display goes with a bang— the local community came out in their hundreds to enjoy a stunning firework display on 7th November which was funded by the Parish Council in partnership with Ushaw Moor Cricket Club. Credit must go to the Cricket Club and all those involved in arranging the event .

Further enhancements to Broompark Play area will commence soon, following the Parish Council's success in obtaining a grant through Durham County Council's Delivering Differently Scheme. The Council plans to install a footpath, new picnic benches and floral displays to the area.

New Sculpture for Whitehouse Lane— progress continues to be made to produce a new sculpture at the former Silver Trees Sculpture site. Artist, Graeme Hopper, is currently working with the children from the two local primary schools to develop a design for the area. Consultation with the local community will be taking place soon, so look out for details in the village and on the Council's website. This will be your opportunity to have an input into the final design.

Friday 4th December ...Carols Silver Trees School 2.50pm.

Sunday 13th December Christmas Fayre at The Hut 3.30-5.30pm

Monday 14th December...Community Carol Service at St. Joseph's School 6p.m.

The Chairman, Cllr. Cecilia Wharton, Members and staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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 Tuesday

New Brancepeth Village Hall

10-11am-first Thursday

The Silver Trees Centre, 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 the Silver Trees 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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