



BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES

PARISH COUNCIL

QUARTERLY

NEWSLETTER

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May Elections

The recent elections held on 2nd May 2013 have resulted in 9 new elected members for the parish council namely Sylvia Akins and Jill Rodgers in Langley Moor ward, Susan Clifford in Meadowfield ward, Jean Chaplow, Derek Graham, Barry Sims and Jean Chaplow in Esh Winning & Waterhouses ward and David Clegg and Jimmy Jamieson in Ushaw Moor ward. The Parish Council welcomes these new members and would also like to thank former members for their dedication and service to their communities. A full list of members can be found on the facing page.

The newly elected Unitary Councillors for Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor are Cllrs Paul Taylor and John Turnbull and for the Deerness ward are Cllrs David Bell, Anne Bonner and Jean Chaplow. The unitary councillors also serve on the Parish Council.

Chair's Charity Evening

Councillor Anne Bonner and her husband Frank would like to express their sincere thanks to those who supported the charity evening on Friday 10th May at New Brancepeth WMC. The evening raised £986 for New Brancepeth Village Hall which is celebrating its centenary this year.

New Parish Council Chairman

At the Parish Council's AGM on Friday 17th May Councillor John Grantham was appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year. Councillor Grantham has served on the council since May 2007 as a member of Brandon ward. Councillor Grantham who will be supported by Councillor Mrs Sarah Leckenby throughout his term of office was presented with the Chain of Office by former Chairman, Councillor Anne Bonner.

'Well if you had bothered to ask'

The above consultation exercise took place between July and October 2012. The top three concerns identified from the consultation were Young People, Support for the Voluntary & Community Sector and Road Safety and Highways. Leading on from this meetings will shortly be arranged in our villages to try to address these concerns. Look out for dates and venues in our noticeboards and on our website.

Synopsis of Annual Report

The Parish Council's Annual Report is published in June and provides a review of the Council's work throughout 2012/13. Copies of the report will be available at various locations around the parish including Brandon & Esh Winning libraries, Brandon Community Centre, The Orchards, Brandon, Langley Moor Post Office, New Brancepeth Village Hall, Ushaw Moor Post Office, G & S News and Waterhouses Village Hall. Copies are also available from the Council offices and on the Parish Council website. A brief summary of the report is as follows:

- ◆ Maintenance of allotment, grazing and garage sites
- ◆ Grasscutting programme
- ◆ Provision of floral containers
- ◆ Various projects with Mid Durham AAP
- ◆ Support to local community groups and organisations
- ◆ Community Highways Worker scheme
- ◆ Tree week
- ◆ School's painting competition
- ◆ Maintenance of Public Rights of Way

Summary of Accounts

Balance at 1.4.2012	134,553.21
Income 2012/13	<u>182,122.10</u>
	316,675.31
Expenditure 2012/13	<u>181,069.90</u>
Balance 31.3.13	135,605.41

Great North Air Ambulance Service

The Parish Council has supported GNAAS for several years and was pleased to continue this support when a letter was received requesting financial assistance for this vital service. The service runs a fleet of helicopters offering the highest possible level of pre-hospital care across 8,000 square miles in the North of England. On board are specialist trauma doctors and paramedics, who bring Accident and Emergency expertise to the scene, giving the patient the best chance of recovery. As a registered charity, the GNAAS do not receive Government funding and their continued success relies on finding ways to raise the £4m needed every year to keep this vital service operational.

Around the Wards

Brandon

Council supports Family Funday in Brandon– Durham Vineyard, in conjunction with various other community groups, will be holding a free Family Funday on 1st June in Brandon Park. Following the success of last year's event the Council was pleased to assist once again in order to help make this another special day for the local community. Brandon Carrside Youth Project and Brandon Community Hall have also been involved in the planning and running of the event. On the day, there will be inflatables, a climbing wall and family games on the playing field and there will be crafts, face painting and balloons in the Community Hall. All activities will be free. As well as Brandon ward, Langley Moor, Meadowfield and Ushaw Moor wards also contributed to the funding. The Chairman presented the donation to Tina & Peter McLellan from Durham Vineyard at the last Parish meeting.



New Brancepeth

New Brancepeth Village Hall will hold its centenary celebrations this year on Saturday 24th August 2013. Everyone in the village is welcome to attend and join in the festivities. If you have any old photographs or memorabilia dating back over the years which can be displayed on the day, please contact David Bell on 3406086. Look out for further details in the village hall.

Alan Taylor from AT Construction has kindly donated a living Christmas tree for the village hall grounds. The tree is now in situ and will be decorated with lights this Christmas thanks to funding from the unitary councillor's AAP budget. I am sure you will agree that this will be a welcome addition to the village.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning Library held their annual Easter Egg Competition again this year and the council was pleased to provide funding for the prizes for the competition. Local councillors were invited to judge the competition and the standard of entries was very high. Prize winners were:

Girls 5 & Under : Alyssa High, Faith Heron and Hollie Heslop

Boys 5 & Under: Oliver Walker, Charlie Morris and Jake Heslop

6-8years : Poppy Taylor, Charlotte Doogan, Nicole Morris and Lewis Walker

9-11years: Grace Bentley, Fleur Smith, Holly May Mallen, Aidan Kirkup and Aaron Duggan



Acton Road Playgroup recently applied for a donation and the Council were delighted to assist with the purchase of a new water and sand play table. The group has now been running for many years and currently has 20 toddlers and 15 babies attending together with their parents, grandparents and carers.

Langley Moor and Meadowfield

New Members needed for residents groups- Friends of Langley Moor and Brandon & Meadowfield Residents Group are hoping to attract some new members. Both groups are keen to address concerns associated with the villages and make the area a better place to live. Friends of Langley Moor meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.00p.m. in the Parish Council offices and Brandon & Meadowfield Residents Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 6.30p.m. at Sycamore Park Community Centre in Brandon. You can catch up with what is happening in Brandon & Meadowfield by joining the forum at bmrj.createaforum.com . Friends of Langley Moor can be contacted at friendsoflangleymoore@hotmail.co.uk. Both contact details are also on the Parish Council website.

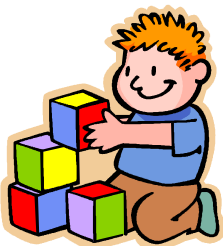
Ushaw Moor & Broompark

The renovation of the Baptist Church has greatly improved this area of Ushaw Moor. To enhance the area further the Parish Council has planted the small garden area to the front of the church with a rockery and also provided two new planters. The Council has also arranged for the paved area next to the Silver Trees Sculpture to be repaired following frequent vandalism to the area.

The Council has recently worked in conjunction with Durham County Council to improve Ushaw Moor Cemetery. Four new floral containers and a new seat have been purchased by the Parish Council.

The Fun Day at Ushaw Moor Children's Centre on 18th May

was supported by Ushaw Moor ward. The fun days, which have also recently been held at Brandon and Esh Winning, are for families who are most in need in our areas. The children enjoyed several activities including messy play and face painting and refreshments were provided.



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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