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Mid Durham AAP

The AAP Board are currently examining the priorities ranked by the Forum members in November last year. The Board decided at their January meeting to continue their existing 3 task groups, namely Community Safety & Highways, Children & Young People and Support for the Voluntary & Community sector. However in addition the Board are keen to explore 'Support for Older People' and 'Employment and Job Prospects'.

Over the next few months consultation and design work will begin on the Ushaw Moor Gateway project. The purpose of Gateways is to reduce average speeds and accidents, improve driver behaviour and increase driver awareness of the issue of speeding through villages. The actual physical design of the gateway will involve the police and the highways authority working with the Parish Council via consultation with the local residents.

The Community Speedwatch scheme, which was launched in 2009/10, will be used as part of the monitoring process for the gateway projects. However to be successful the scheme needs volunteers from members of the public to be present when the speed indicator device is deployed. If you are concerned about speeding in your village or neighbourhood then you can either report this through the local PACT meetings (details available at www.durham.police.uk), contact your police lead officer, Sgt Dave Coxon on 0345 6060365 ext.6684850 or contact the Parish Council.

The AAP's small grants fund was set up to assist voluntary and community groups with grants of up to £400. So far about 53 groups have benefited from the fund receiving funding for projects such as community outings and events, decorating materials, sports kit and general equipment and furniture. Any group interested in applying for funding can obtain an application pack from Durham CVS on 0191 3844801 or the Parish Council office.

Chairman's Charity

Councillor Thomas Akins, the present Chairman of the Parish Council will be holding his charity evening on Saturday 12th March 2011 commencing at 7pm in Browney WMC. The evening will include a buffet, entertainment by 'The Unit', raffles and tombola stall. Tickets cost £3.50 each and are available from the council offices. Proceeds from the evening will be donated towards the local Durham branch of the Samaritans. Anyone wishing to support the event with donations of prizes please contact the Parish Clerk.

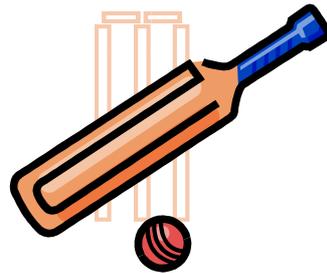
Donation to Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Parish Council was delighted to be able to contribute towards the funding for the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes which is organised by St. Joseph's Church in Ushaw Moor. The pilgrimage will take place between 29th July and 6th August 2011 and young people from the area will be going along to help to support the sick. The young people work very hard during the pilgrimage and are well respected for their dedication during the time spent in Lourdes.

Around the Wards

Brandon

Brandon Cricket Club recently approached the Parish Council for financial assistance towards the provision of two new practice net cages. The Council recognises the valuable service the Club provides to the local community, in particular the younger members of the area who take part in coaching sessions. The club will be running its 2011 Easter Holiday Coaching Camp Monday 18th April to Wednesday 20th April from 9.30am to 3pm each day which is open to boys and girls 10 years old and above. The camp costs £20 for Members and £30 for non-members. For an application form please contact Brandon Cricket Club on 0191 3789288(evenings).



Brandon Carrside Youth Club will be commencing Pilates classes on Tuesday 1st March 10am to 11am. Pilates is a gentle form of exercise which develops core strength whilst improving flexibility and muscle tone. All abilities and age groups can attend the classes which cost £4 per session or £20 for 6 sessions. Contact Julie on 0191 3784975 or Stephen on 07725987753 for more details.

At Brandon & Browney Community Banner Group's recent consultation meeting it emerged that the majority of people wanted to see the Brandon banner design remain the same. The group is now hoping to raise about £15,000 from grants to create a replica banner. The main objective of the group is to parade both banners at future Miners' Galas.

Phase 2 of the upgrade of Brandon Park should progress over the next few months. Proposals for the installation of fitness equipment got the thumbs up following consultation with the public.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

Community Flower Gardens - plans will hopefully be going ahead shortly to create two community flower gardens at Eshwood View and at 'The Roundy'. The local school children will be able to get involved with planting and looking after the gardens.

I am sure you will agree that the Christmas Lights were a resounding success last year. The new location of the lights on the Silver Trees really seemed to make more of an impact when coming into the village.

Ushaw Moor will be the focus of several projects over the next few months. Fixed play provision for toddlers and juniors, skateboard provision and an overall look at activities for young children and young people from 0 to 18 years are being examined. Numerous partners will be involved, including the Parish Council and the Mid Durham AAP, but the main leaders of these projects will be the local community, especially the children and young people.



Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Hedley Hill Terrace Play Area is coming soon! Three designs based on previous choices will be on public display in the village hall at Waterhouses on Monday 14th March between 6pm and 8pm. Removal of the old equipment and erection of the new should begin some time after April.

Look out for the following events at the village hall:

- ◆ Friday 1st April 7pm.concert by the Sing for Life Choir.
- ◆ Saturday 2nd April 9.30am-11am coffee morning
- ◆ Saturday 2nd April 7.30p.m. Ceilidh

Esh Winning ward has once again contributed the full cost of Esh Winning Library Easter Egg Competition which will be held on 21st April. The children really look forward to this event and judging the event is always a very difficult, but enjoyable, task for the local councillors.



Zip Wire coming soon –Teenagers of the village who requested a zip wire to complete the play area on the village green will be pleased to hear that the order for the zip wire has been placed and should be ready for use in 6 to 8 weeks time.

Esh Winning Residents' Group now has its own website. Anyone interested can view the group's objectives, discover meeting times and follow the news of its activities by logging onto ewrg.Durham@hotmail.co.uk

Meadowfield and Langley Moor

Alexandra Knowd, from Meadowfield came 11th in the world in November's World Championships in Metz, France. All 6 Parish Council wards assisted the 16 year old gymnast with costs towards the purchase of her kit and equipment in order to take part in the tumbling section of the 20th World Age Group Championships. To finish 11th out of 30 world class gymnasts was a brilliant achievement for Alexandra. Alexandra attended the February parish meeting with her parents to thank Cllr Akins and the council members for the donation. Well done, Alexandra!



Addison Park will see the first phase of the regeneration of the park commence in March with work starting on the wildlife and garden area.

New Brancepeth

Salt bins for New Brancepeth— following last year's severe winter weather conditions 3 new salt bins were purchased by the Parish Council. The new bins are located at the Pocket Park near Co-operative Terrace, Alum Waters and Braunespath Estate.

Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions

Brandon Community Hall

11 am-12noon- second Thursday of month

Brandon House

11 am-12noon- fourth Thursday

Esh Winning Community Centre

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 Community Centre

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

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