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Chair's Charity

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Cecilia Wharton, continues to raise money for her chosen charity, Parkinsons UK. Cllr Wharton has so far raised £2,894.81 and would like to thank everyone who has contributed. Councillor Wharton's term of office as Chairman ends in May when a cheque will be presented to the charity.

Fly A Flag for the Commonwealth

Monday 14th March celebrates Commonwealth Day – the Parish Council is holding an event on Monday 14th March at Brandon Community Hall to celebrate the friendship, equality and diversity of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth flag will be raised by the Chairman of the Council at 10.00am following the reading of the Commonwealth Affirmation. Local schools and churches have been invited to attend. More than 850 flags will be raised in locations around the United Kingdom, Channel Isles, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and Commonwealth countries. The Parish Council is proud to be part of that celebration.

Consultation on Youth Services

Durham County Council is currently consulting on proposals to change how they deliver youth support in County Durham. At present youth provision is delivered through the One Point Service which focuses on each transition period for children, young people and their families from early years up to 19 years. Youth provision for 13 to 19 year olds is provided through voluntary attendance at youth sessions held in Youth and Community centres. In the Parish area this provision is provided under the umbrella of Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project which has 10 youth club drop ins per week in Brandon, Esh Winning, New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor. The County Council proposes to deploy council resources according to need which could mean moving away from the provision currently provided in the existing centres to support for young people with identified social needs and to school based support. Please take this opportunity to

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respond to the consultation at www.durham.gov.uk/youthsupportconsult or telephone 03000 267 968. Your views are really important.

Mid Durham AAP

The Mid Durham Small Grants Fund was recently granted a £20,000 boost for 2017/18 by the Mid Durham AAP Board. The Fund has been a resounding success with over 150 different community groups across the Mid Durham AAP area accessing the fund on a regular basis. Grants of up to £400 can be awarded to groups to pay for ongoing running costs, equipment, activities and a whole lot more. A spokesperson for the AAP highlighted – 'this is just a brilliant fund which can make a major difference for small local groups across our area, please make use of it as it's there to help you!'. To obtain an application pack contact Lynn on 07557 541413 or email us at mdaap@durham.gov.uk.

The AAP have continued to support the food bank and clothes bank operating out of Brandon Welfare Hall. £2,000 was awarded to each group to support them to continue to provide such valuable services to the local community.

Around the Wards

Brandon

Holocaust Memorial Day—to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day January 27th, the Area Planning Committee for Brandon Carrside undertook some training with the Holocaust Memorial Trust. The day was held in Glasgow and the young people learned new skills and gained knowledge which they planned to share locally upon their return. Funded in partnership with the British Red Cross 2 events, one in Brandon and the other in Durham Community Business College, were delivered to 230 children, raising awareness of the genocide and relating it to the everyday occurrence of bullying and intimidation. The group of 8 young people from across the District have done themselves proud and are off to Nottingham to receive an award for their efforts, dedication and support. This group of outstanding young people will plan more in the future - watch this space. Well done to Reiana Bregazzi, Jade Carter, Ross Debrick, Victoria Hanson, Jordan Higgins, Joe Lund, Natasha Lynn and Drew Watson.

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Easter Egg Appeal– Dawn Wilson from Brandon Clothes Bank is appealing for donations of Easter Eggs which will be distributed to those attending the clothes bank. The deadline for donations is 22nd March. You can contact Dawn on 07707031625 or drop the eggs into Brandon Community Hall on 8th or 22nd March when the clothes bank is open.

Brandon Fun Day will be held on Saturday 4th June in Brandon Park and community centre. Once again the event will be free of charge thanks to funding from local County Councillors Taylor and Turnbull and support from the Parish Council. This will be the fourth year for the event which is organised by Durham Vineyard and local community groups.

Meadowfield and Langley Moor

Holliday Park— work has now commenced on the refurbishment of the play area in Holliday Park. Two years ago a masterplan was drawn up for the park with the support of the Parish Council, Mid Durham AAP, the County Council and with input from the local community. The masterplan highlighted the need for improvements to several areas of the park including the play area. Local County Councillors, Paul Taylor and John Turnbull gave generous contributions from their County Council budgets to enable the work to go ahead. In the final stages of consultation with the two local primary schools, several children identified two pieces of equipment which they would like to see included in the design. However funding had not been secured for these until Durham County Council became aware of applying for funding from the SITA Trust. Thankfully the Council was awarded £30,000 from the Trust which will enable the inclusion of the extra equipment plus two wheelchair accessible picnic tables.

St. John's Church Hall – Fundraising for the new hall continues with a total of £431,000 plus £19,000 for the pre building costs being raised so far. Over £10,000 of this has been raised by the local community. The hall has just received notification that its application for charity status has

been successful and the Hall is now a registered charity incorporated organisation. Planning permission has been granted so now a project manager will be appointed to oversee the building control process and help appoint a builder. Updates can be found on Facebook page stjohnshallmeadowfield or contact Lesley Baxter on 07846542035 or lesleypb@aol.com for information on progress.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning Residents Association is to carry out a village appraisal during April. Each house will receive a questionnaire asking residents what they like or dislike and what can be done to improve the village. The survey can be completed on paper or online. Residents <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SZB78C7> Young People <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RPJRZCV>

The bulbs the Association planted last year on Newhouse Road are now coming through and hopefully will give a good display to cheer up the area.

Esh Winning Library Easter Egg Competition will once again be sponsored by the Parish Council. Local councillors will have the pleasant but difficult task of judging the competition on 17th March. Good luck to all the school children taking part.

Esh Winning Cricket Club Protégé shines on world stage Jack Burnham, a former junior cricketer with Esh Winning Cricket Club, has made a huge impact for England Under 19's in the recent cricket World Cup. Jack, who lives with his parents in Esh Winning, scored three hundreds during the tournament held in Bangladesh and was the top run scorer in the whole competition. He scored a total of 400 runs and won two Man of the Match awards. A representative of the Cricket Club said 'we are all proud of Jack and have been for years. This achievement is the latest in an ever increasing list. Just last season he made his first class debut for Durham, scoring a fifty. We all wish him well for the future and hope he continues his progress. The Cricket Club is extremely grateful for the help the Parish Council gives the Club which enables us to continue to develop the cricket talents of the local youngsters.' The Members of the Council also wish Jack continued success in his cricketing career.



New Brancepeth

New Brancepeth Revellers Jazz Band recently approached the Council for assistance with the purchase of new uniforms. The band, formed in 1970, currently has 46 members ranging from age 2 to adult. The Band do a lot of their own fundraising but the Council were delighted to help on this occasion and wish them well for the future.

A weekly coffee afternoon will be starting Wednesday 13 April at 2pm in the village hall run by New Brancepeth Methodist Church. All are welcome to go along.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

New Sculpture for Whitehouse Lane– the consultation with the local community on the proposed sculpture took place on 21st January in Ushaw Moor Catholic Club. All those attending gave really positive feedback on the proposals for a new sculpture and groundworks to replace the former Silver Trees Sculpture. School children from the two local primary schools had been involved in the design process which will depict the local history of the area. A permanent fixing for a Christmas tree will be incorporated into the groundworks so that the local community can hold festive community events.

Ushaw Moor Cricket Club F.C. recently approached the Council for assistance with the costs of their pitch fees. Despite organising raffles and fundraising events throughout the year, the Club struggles to meet its running costs. The Council was pleased to be able to help the Club with their pitch fees and purchase of new equipment.

Poppy Cross for St. Joseph's School– a further poppy cross was installed at St. Joseph's Primary School on 22nd February to mark the commencement of the Battle of Verdun on 21st February 1916. Young people from Carrside Youth and Community Project have made the crosses as part of an intergenerational project to mark the centenary of the First World War.



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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