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New Code of Conduct for Members

According to provisions in The Localism Act 2011

parish councils are required to adopt a new revised code of conduct. Consequently at the Parish Council meeting on Friday 20th July the council adopted the new code of conduct for Members. A copy of the code is available on the parish council's website.

Schools' Painting Competition

The Beautiful Durham Schools' painting competition was once again a huge success with 12 primary schools including pre-school and nurseries throughout the Parish entering the competition. The ward members always have the difficult job of judging the paintings in the schools as the standard is always so high. The council provided book tokens to the value of £1,260 with 1st prize winners receiving a £15 token, 2nd a £10 token and 3rd a £5 token. The winners from each category were judged by the Chairman of Durham County Council, Cllr Linda Marshall and her husband, David on 10th July in the Council offices. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Anne Bonner then presented a small trophy to the overall winners (see below) at the Council meeting on 20th July.

Kate Hughes	Langley Moor Nursery
Harvey Wright	Reception class, Browney Primary
Mason Ainsworth	Years 1 & 2 Esh Winning Primary
Elisha Dawson	Years 4 & 5 Brandon Primary
Leah Porter	Years 5 & 6 Browney Primary



Kate Hughes



Harvey Wright

Well done to all the children who participated. Photos of all the winners can be found on our website www.brandonandbyshottlesparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will take place on 2nd May 2013. If you are interested in becoming a councillor you can find more information on the Parish Council's website under Council Information– How to Become a Councillor. The election process is also explained. Why not come along to our next meeting on 21st September at 6.30pm to see how the Council works.

Doorstep Callers

Are you concerned about cold calling in your area? If so, you may be able to request a Cold Calling Awareness Zone. Durham County Council are working with local residents to set up these zones to assist residents in dealing with such callers and to deter doorstep cold callers operating in the area. If you are interested in finding out more about this please call 03000 260939.

Consultation Exercise

Well if you had bothered to ask me.....there is still time to let us know what concerns you about living in your village and what you think could be done about it. The AAP and the Mid Durham Parishes want to work together to improve your village. Questionnaires are available in the Council offices or on our website.

Around the Wards

Brandon

A summer programme of activities was organised by Carrside Youth & Community Project with the help of the Parish Council. The council donated £1,500 towards the costs of the events which included a number of fun, exciting and educational activities which benefited youngsters throughout the holiday period.

The More Than Gold Fun Day held in Brandon Park and the Community Centre on 24th July was a huge success and well attended by the local community. The Olympic spirit definitely took a hold with lots of activities taking place such as athletics, football, volleyball, fencing and judo. David Miller, an Olympic torch bearer was available for people to have their photo taken with a genuine Olympic torch which had taken part in the relay.



Hot dogs, snacks and drinks were available and a special thank you goes to Durham Vineyard for providing a free barbeque and cream team for the bingo club. Thank you to all who contributed to the event and worked so hard to make the day a resounding success.

Family Fun Time enjoyed at Brandon Children's Centre

Brandon ward contributed £100 towards two events held in August for local children. The days included face painting, messy play, little diggers and bug hunt and much more as well as a special visit by Jet and Ben, the Police dogs, on the 16th August.



Meadowfield and Langley Moor

Great news for Addison Park, at the last AAP Board meeting an area budget application for £10,000 was approved bringing the total raised for Stage 2 of the scheme



to £60,000. This will mean that new play equipment, which has been chosen by the local community and school children, will be installed in September/October and an opening event will hopefully be held in the October school holidays.

The Holliday Park consultation took place in the Park on 9th August and a further event will be held in The Boyne Play Pit on 12th September from 4pm to 7pm. Please come along and have your say on what improvements you would like to see take place in the park.

The Friends of Langley Moor Group has now had four meetings and have now secured funding for the installation of a Christmas tree. It is hoped the switch on of the lights will take place on 4th December at 4.30pm. Look out for more details nearer the time. The next meeting of the group will be on 6th September at 7pm in the Parish Council offices. So please come along. The group will also meet on 4th October at 7pm.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning

The Highways Committee of the County Council agreed on 12th July that the field by the doctors' surgery would be registered as a **Village Green**. Now that the green belongs to everyone in the village, no building can be erected on it as it now has protected status. Your Parish Councillors wish to thank all residents who helped in any way to bring this about. We received photographs and 83 letters of support to aid the application. This green has always been there for all villagers to enjoy and as it is so precious we had to safeguard its use.

The show house has opened at Oak Green next to Hamilton Close. This is a small estate of two and three bed houses which has begun the real regeneration of the west end of the village. All these dwellings are for private sale.

Waterhouses

Look out for forthcoming events at The Village Hall:

The Produce Show is on Saturday 8th September and includes the usual Scarecrow and Sunflower Competitions.

The next **Family Night** takes place on 15th September. This continues to be a very popular event with children's games before the film show.

There is an **Indoor Treasure Hunt** on 21st September and all are welcome.

New Brancepeth

New Brancepeth ward have recently contributed to the summer activity programme provided by Carrside Youth Project which has been well attended by local youngsters. Planters have also been provided at the Village Hall, Primary School and Methodist Church and are now flourishing and giving some welcome colour to the village. Don't forget the **Harvest Festival** will be held in the village hall on Friday 14th September at 6.30pm and the annual Remembrance Service will begin at the Village Hall at 10.am . The members wish the staff and pupils at the new Studio School success when the school opens in September.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

Fireworks Display returns to Ushaw Moor - Ushaw Moor ward has donated £300 to Ushaw Moor Cricket Club in order to provide a fireworks display in November. The event will be once again welcomed in the village and bring the local community together. Be sure not to miss it!

Enjoy an afternoon tea at St. Joseph's - thanks to a partnership between St. Cuthbert's Care and St. Joseph's Parish, afternoon teas will be held in the Catholic Club between 1pm and 3pm every Thursday at a cost of £2 per person. Why not go along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

Congratulations to world champion acrobatic team

Acropolis! The team made up of Richard Hurst and Matthew Evison from Esh Winning, Dorian Walker from Durham City and Jesse Heskett from Sunderland secured first prize of £100,000 in the recent 'Let's Get Gold' competition shown on television a couple of months ago. The team train at the world class Deerness Gymnastics Academy at Ushaw Moor and the prize money will go towards the running of the Club. It's great to see local youngsters doing so well.

Jubilee celebrations at Broompark W. I. took place thanks to a donation from the Parish Council. Everyone had a lovely party and will have some special memories of the historic weekend.

Centenary Celebration for St. Luke's Church - the Parish Council has given a donation to St. Luke's Church to assist with the costs of celebrating the church's 100th birthday. A service will be held on 12th September to mark this momentous occasion.

Two new 'dog pooh' bins have been installed in Broompark.

Please be a responsible dog owner and make use of these bins. Don't forget you can get free 'poo bags' from G & S News or from the Parish Council offices.

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 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

'Dog Pooh ' bags available free from the Parish Council offices and various locations in the Parish

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