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Chair's Charity Evening

Schools' Art Competition

The Parish Council has run a Schools' Art Competition since 1989. The theme this year was 'Beautiful Durham' and once again some excellent, colourful pictures were created by our local children. The local councillors have the very difficult, but pleasant task of judging the paintings within the schools and the Council provides book tokens of £15, £10 and £5 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 categories. The 1st prize winners' pictures were then judged by the Chairman of Durham County Council, Councillor Jan Blakey and her husband Alan at the Parish Council offices on 7th July. The overall winners received a trophy from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Cecilia Wharton at the Parish meeting on 17th July. Winners were Luke Rowntree, Esh Winning Nursery, Kara John, Browney Academy, Digby Younger, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Lily McMillan, New Brancepeth Primary and Leah Vaudin, Silver Trees Primary.

Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs Cecilia Wharton, will be holding her Charity evening on Friday 23rd October 2015 between 7p.m and 11pm in Newhouse WMC in Esh Winning. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Parkinson's UK. The evening will consist of live entertainment from top class cabaret act 'The New Yorkers', a buffet, tombola and raffle. Tickets are £5 and are available from the Club or the Council offices.

Mid Durham AAP

The Mid Durham Intergenerational Project (MDIP) has been developed by Age UK County Durham with support from the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership to promote positive engagement between young people aged between 5 and 24, and older people aged over 50. There has already been a number of events where young and old have come together. The MDIP is also supporting the AAP's desire to create dementia friendly communities. Local groups can be provided with free Dementia Friends Information sessions, lasting about an hour, which are fun, friendly and informative. Anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend and the Project has Dementia Friends Champions who are trained and supported by the Alzheimer's Society. If you would like to become a Dementia Friend please contact Karen Gibson on 0191 3746562 or email Karen.gibson@ageukcountydurham.org.uk.

The AAP have supported the Durham County Council managed 'employability' scheme which aims to get people back into work. The Employability Mentor will provide one to one support whilst searching for a job. They will help you to create your CV, support you with job applications and letter writing, and improve your self-confidence and interview techniques. They will advise you on becoming self-employed and provide direct links to employers and training opportunities, as well as offer continued help and support once you have secured your new job. Funding may also be available to help with training and work wear to help improve the client's job prospects. To find out more about the scheme please contact 03000 262383.



Kara and Luke receive their trophies from Cllr Wharton

The Well Being for Life service supports people to live well by helping to address factors which influence their health. The service will build capacity to enable people to be independent, resilient and maintain good health for themselves and those around them. Health Trainers will work with you to recognise the issues that are affecting your wellbeing and help you to make positive changes. Your local Health Trainer is Martin who can be contacted on 07919625594 or Facebook Mid-Durham Health trainers.

Around the Wards

Brandon

A Summer Programme of Activities organised by Carrside Youth & Community Project was held during August with the help of funding from all 6 Parish Council Wards. A variety of activities were on offer including days out to Wet & Wild, South Shields and Chillingham Castle Ghost Tour. In house youth club sessions were also held at Brandon, Esh Winning and New Brancepeth. All the activities were chosen following consultation with the young people from our villages.

Brandon Community Hall will be holding open days on Saturday and Sunday 5th & 6th September to showcase the updated facilities which were made possible from contributions from Councillors Taylor and Turnbull's Neighbourhood Budget monies. The Hall recently approached the Parish Council for financial assistance towards provision of the entertainment on the Sunday and the Council were happy to support the event with a contribution of £300.

The Brandon Drop-in has now been running for nearly two years and the organisers would love you to pop in and visit them. The drop-in meets every Tuesday, from 12-3pm, in Brandon Welfare Hall and offers something for everyone: a place to chat and play some board games, use the computers or even receive some private computer tuition, improve your literacy and numeracy skills, learn some cooking skills to produce tasty meals on a budget, receive help with your finances from their debt Advisor, access the foodbank (with voucher), or just relax and enjoy the toasties and cakes. All their services are free, so please drop-in for some time-out.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning Ward was pleased to assist with funding towards the provision of free play sessions during the school holidays. Every Monday multi-sport mayhem sessions were held on the field in Esh Winning and Fridays there were environmental themed sessions. The programme was delivered by OASES, Leisureworks and Durham County Council. Sessions were also held in Meadowfield and Ushaw Moor which were supported by the local parish wards.

New Brancepeth

New Brancepeth WMC Football Club recently approached the Council for assistance with the payment of their pitch fees for the coming season. The Council believes in supporting our local groups and sports clubs as far as possible, therefore the local ward Members agreed to support the request which will help the Club continue playing and hopefully attract more local people to the team. The Club play in the Durham & District Sunday League and for the last four years have won Division 4, were runners up in Division 3, 3rd in Division 2 and runners up in a Cup Final.

Langley Moor and Meadowfield

Transformation of Gap Site - local schoolgirl, Bethany Arthurs, 3, of Langley Moor Nursery School cut the ribbon to officially open the Boyne Place outdoor community area on 5th July. The project was progressed by the Friends of Langley Moor Group(FOLM) who worked closely with the Parish Council, local County Councillors Paul Taylor and John Turnbull, the AAP and Durham County Council. Funding for the project was secured from S106 monies which are financial contributions from developers to the local community agreed as part of the planning process. I am sure you will agree the area has been totally transformed and hopefully will attract residents and visitors to the local area. If you would like to join FOLM, meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Council offices.



St.John's Church Hall in Meadowfield— a further £37,000 has been raised from grants since the last edition of our newsletter which now leaves £89,000 to be raised towards the £500,000 target. The pre-planning application has been sent to the County Council who have advised amendments to the original plans. The frontage of the building will now be brick and the green cladding will need to be changed to a different colour, possibly grey. The group is through to the Asda Living Green Token Scheme at the Arnison Centre from the 1st September, so please support the Hall when you are shopping in the store. Lesley Baxter will be there on Saturday 19th September between 10am and 4pm with the plans for the Hall and a collection tin. Anyone wishing to support Lesley can contact her on 07846542035.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

New Silver Trees Sculpture installed at Silver Trees

Primary— Following removal of the Sculpture at

Whitehouse Lane, rather than the trees be disposed of, a smaller version was installed in the grounds of the school on 4th June. The local Parish Councillors worked with the Headteacher of the school, Mr Truman, and sculptor, Graeme Hopper, who came up with a



suitable design. Initial discussions have since taken place regarding proposals for a new sculpture to replace the Silver Trees at Whitehouse Lane. Mr.Hopper is working on a design for the whole area and the Parish Council will then be consulting with the local community and schools in the coming months. Further details of the consultation will be published soon.

New Signs at Broompark Play area— 2 new signs have been erected at the play area welcoming visitors to the site. If you notice any problems with the equipment or area in general please contact the Parish Council.

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 Thursday

New Brancepeth Village Hall

11am-12noon-first Thursday

Former Sure Start, Silver Trees School Grounds,

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 Former Ushaw Moor

Sure Start , Silver Trees School grounds

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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