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Pitman's Parliament

The Miners' Hall at Red Hill, Durham recently launched an appeal to restore the Pitman's Parliament. The appeal offered banner groups, Parish Councils, former DMA lodges and members of the public an opportunity to book their seat sponsorship. There are 150 seats which have a number that corresponds to a colliery. That number marked the place where the union delegate from the pit would take his place for the Pitman's Parliament. Each sponsorship costs £100 and all proceeds go towards the restoration of the Pitman's Parliament. A replica pit token bearing the chosen words from the sponsors will be fixed to the underside of each seat. The Parish Council has sponsored 7 seats for former collieries at Littleburn, Brandon, New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor, Browney, Esh Winning & Waterhouses.

Mid Durham AAP

Active Paths and so much more...

Mid Durham AAP and partners are pulling together a proposal to go to their Board meeting in March to develop a Public Rights of Way (PROW) development and maintenance programme for the Deerness Valley. Building on residents comments from the AAP and Parish Council drop in sessions in 2017 various partners are coming together to work on a proposal which will see a variety of PROW opened up and developed – all of which will lead off and come back onto the rail path that leads along the base of the Deerness Valley, from East Hedleyhope to Broompark. On the back of the paths proposal the Board will also be considering a proposal to look at developing the Deerness Valley into an 'Active Valley'. The AAP's Health and Wellbeing task group have been focusing upon improving physical and social activity and getting more of our residents involved. So alongside the paths project the Active Valley proposal will seek to promote and engage residents, not just in

getting out and about walking and running, but also looking at what other activities that are going on along the valley that residents could get involved in such as yoga, Pilates, volunteering, sports, arts and crafts, gardening, youth clubs, uniformed groups, plus much, much more. It is the intention of the AAP that if these two projects are supported by the Board and go on to be successful then they will look at taking the practice and putting it along the Lanchester and Brandon rail paths.

By the time you read this article the proposals will have been to the AAP Board, so for anyone interested in being involved they should contact the AAP on 07818 510 370 or mdapp@durham.gov.uk to find out if the Board had agreed to support the projects and for more information.

Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

Since Durham County Council withdrew funding for open access youth provision in March 2016 *the Parish Council* has provided funding for a second year so that the youth service delivered by Brandon Carrside Youth Project can continue. Recent activities include the following:

- ◆ Brandon Girls completed their stage three community Key project. The Key is an organisation who supports young people to devise ideas for projects, plan them and complete them with minimal input from adults. The group were rewarded with the money to make their idea a reality The girls purchased toys and gifts to the total of £1000 and volunteered at the Clothing Bank to assist with the distribution of the toys they had bought.
- ◆ Five members of the Area Planning Committee achieved a Heart Start certificate. They took part in a two hour course in emergency first aid as part of The British Heart Foundations Heart month. The group has met again and have secured bag packs to raise money for the project and are planning their own community events to raise money for chosen charities.
- ◆ The Club has successfully provided a Level One Youth Work Course which teaches participants the basic principles of Youth Work to enable them to become Youth Support Staff. 8 people have passed the first course, with further courses running in the near future. The following events are taking

place in April:

Wednesday 4th April – Brandon Carrside Spring Open Day, 1-3pm, Carrside Youth Club

Friday 6th April – Esh Winning Spring Open Day, 1-3pm, Woodland Hall Esh Winning

Saturday 7th April – Brandon sponsored community dog walk in aid of the Dogs Trust. Time TBC

Wednesday 11th April – New Brancepeth Spring Open Day 10am-12pm, New Brancepeth Village Hall

Friday 13th April – Ushaw Moor Spring Open Day, 1-3pm

Around the Wards

Brandon

Brandon W.I. now meet at St Andrew's Church, Brandon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meetings commence at 7pm and visitors and prospective new members are most welcome to attend. The next meeting will be 13th March and the theme will be an evening all about gardening. So why not pop along and get some useful tips and advice on spring and summer planting.

Brandon Boxing Club are looking to move into their new gym at Brandon Sports Club next month. This is an exciting time as the Club hope to create one of the best sporting hubs in the North East with boxing, football and cricket all operating from the area. Alex Oliver, founder of the Club and head coach said



"We have had overwhelming help from our local councillors together with Paddy O'Connor from USL Group, James Potter from Northumbria Water Group and John Dixon from Groundworks Direct who have all played momentous parts in helping our dreams become reality. We aim to have an opening day on Easter Monday, April 2nd where we will invite every person and company who have helped towards this project'. The building will hopefully take the club to

another level in terms of competition and also more classes can be provided, therefore catering for even more members of the community. The beauty of the new gym is that elite level athletes and disabled children will all be training together under one roof with the club trying to help each individual reach their own personal goal.

Langley Moor and Meadowfield

St John's Hall Meadowfield held a burns night at the British Legion on January 26th. Over 70 attended the event and enjoyed a traditional meal, addressing of the haggis and dancing. A total of £222 was raised from the raffle towards the fund. Work on the new hall will hopefully commence in the next couple of months. Fundraising still continues so anyone wishing to help please contact Lesley Baxter 0784 6542035 or see Facebook Stjohnshallmeadowfield. The picture shows Lesley with bagpiper, Paul Martin and Anthony Robb from the band Windy Gyle.



Ushaw Moor & Broompark

The Christmas tree lights switch on event in Ushaw Moor took place on 1st December 2017 and was enjoyed by members of the local community and local Councillors. Fr. David Coxon once again performed the switch on and choirs from Silver Trees and St. Joseph's Primary schools did us proud with some excellent festive singing.

New additions to Broompark Play area..... thanks to funding from local Unitary Councillors, AAP budgets and the Parish Council additional items of equipment catering for older children will be installed at the play area. Work will commence in the Spring depending on weather conditions.

A minutes silence for Councillor William Firby was held at the Council's meeting in January and condolences are sent to Cllr. Firby's family. Ushaw Moor Ward Councillors are planning to install a seat in memory of Cllr Firby in the village in the next few months.

New Brancepeth

New notice board for village.....the Residents Group has secured funding for a notice board for the village which was installed recently. The Parish Council has taken responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the notice board.

New Brancepeth ward once again made Christmas donations to the local schools and churches in the village in December.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning Mining Memorial's future secured..... since the Mining Memorial Group has disbanded the Parish Council is now taking over the responsibility of maintenance and insurance for the statue. This will ensure that the long term protection of the Memorial is safeguarded. The land on which the Memorial is sited will still be the responsibility of Durham City Housing Group.

The Christmas Lights Switch on event organised by the Residents Group was held on 1st December 2017 and was a great success. A new Christmas tree was purchased and thanks to Wharton Landscapes the area has been refurbished so that the tree is not affected by flooding.

Pitman's Parliament.....the Parish Council has sponsored a seat in the Pitman's Parliament on behalf of Esh Winning Banner Group. The token commemorates the former colliery at Esh Winning which closed in 1968.

Year 4 children perform at Durham Cathedralover the past few months children from Esh Winning Primary have attended workshops with musicians from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. The children have worked really hard on their singing and ukulele skills in order to take part in a World Premiere performance of a reworking of Henry Purcell's The Fairy Queen on 7th February. The children were joined by seven other schools from the Durham area. The story was told by two singers, the Orchestra and the children themselves.

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

Silver Trees Centre,Ushaw Moor

11am-12noon-third Thursday

Credit Unions

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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