

Esh Parish Council News



Esh Parish Council Newsletter for Esh, Langley Park, Quebec, Ushaw and Wilk's Hill

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT - How it affects Esh Parish!

The Independent Local Government Commission for England (the LGBCE) is asking people across County Durham to comment on its draft proposals for new electoral arrangements for Durham County Council (available on line www.lgbce.org)

Max Caller, Chair of the LGBCE, said: 'We are publishing proposals for a new pattern of electoral divisions across Durham and **we're keen to hear what local people think of the recommendations.** Over the next 10 weeks, we are asking local people to tell us if they agree with the proposals or if not, how they can be improved.'

Changes affecting Esh Parish:

- **Our present County Ward will cease to exist** (para. 109). The present ward is apparently not electorally viable (the magic number is around 3,500)
- **Langley Park's fate** is to be joined with Sacriston, Witton Gilbert, Kimblesworth and Plawsworth to form a three member ward.(para.105)
- **Esh** (which is described as having 'few connections to neighbouring villages'!) is to be joined with Ushaw Moor, Bearpark and Esh Winning to form another three member ward.(para.109)
- **Quebec, Wilks Hill and Ushaw** don't get a mention!



Random thoughts!

- **Initially the County Council recommended Esh Ward stay the same with one member** – this appears to have been overruled in the interests of mathematics. (para 109) At present we benefit from having a Councillor who knows our area and our needs very well. How would we fare in larger wards where we have little in common?
- **Esh Parish would be split in two.** They don't seem to know where to put Esh Village! (Langley Park 1.2 miles; Ushaw Moor 3 miles. Did they do any maths?) Deerness Valley is not our natural 'neighbour'.
- The Boundary Commission says it **must** have regard to the Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009. This states that the LGBCE recommendations **must 'reflect the identities of local communities'** by '**fixing boundaries so as not to break any local ties**', and '**arriving at boundaries that are easily identifiable**'. (para.13)

These recommendations don't sound too much like this!

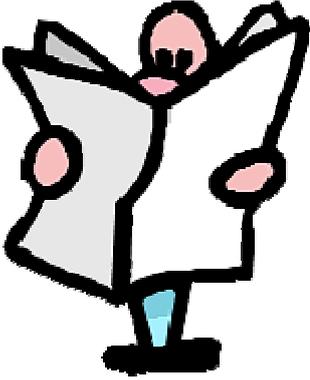
We have until August 1st to voice our objections,

You can write to: The Review Officer (Durham), LGBCE, Layden House,
76-78 Tummill Street , London EC1M 5LG

Or email <http://mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk>

ACT
NOW!

Changes to your Parish Council Newsletter



Our first issue of the newsletter was in November 2010 and its aim was to supplement the twice yearly Esh Leaves in order to keep residents informed about the Parish Council work, local news items and publicise events that were happening in the community.

After reviewing the past 6 months of the newsletter, and the changes to the Parish council's financial situation, it was decided to make some changes and the following decisions were agreed.

- * Esh Leaves would no longer be published in its previous format.
- * The Esh Parish Council News would be renamed "**Esh Leaves**" in order to retain that well known name.
- * Esh Leaves would then become a bi-monthly publication with editions for

Jan/Feb	March/April	May/June	July/Aug	Sept/Oct
Nov/Dec			this	

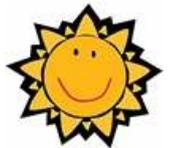
 would allow more time for news, articles and local information to be compiled.
- * The new Esh Leaves would be **delivered** within the Parish Council area.
- * The first edition of the newly named newsletter "Esh Leaves" will be for July/Aug.



You can still send comments, letters, photographs etc. to -
 eshleavesnews@langley-park.org.uk
 or drop them off at the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park.



Langley Park Primary School Summer Fair
Saturday 25th June starting at 3.00 p.m.
Langley Park Sports & Social Club



Church Services in June

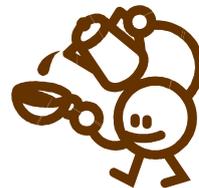
All Saints Church, Langley Park
 Sundays 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion
 Thursdays 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
St Michael & All Angels, Esh Village
 Sundays 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
St Andrews Methodist Church, Langley Park
 All Sunday services 10.30 a.m.

Esh Laude

Sunday 8.00am Mass
St Joseph's ,Langley Park
 Sunday 9.00am Mass



Coffee



mornings

St Andrews Methodist Church, Langley Park
 9.30—11.00 every Friday
 - with bacon sandwiches!

St Michaels & All Angels
 Saturday 2nd July
 10.00 -11.30



Langley Park



Langley Park Pre-School Playgroup was formed in 2007 on a committee run setting and it continues to meet in Wood View Community Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30—11.25 a.m. in school term-time. They provide a safe varied, educational experience for children from 2½ yrs until they begin nursery.



The fee is £4 per session (kept as low as possible) but it does mean that this does not cover expenditure on room hire, leaders minimum wage etc so it is necessary to have regular fund raising events, seek donations and apply for grants.

In that respect the leaders, committee, children and parents are very grateful to the Parish council and County Councillor Malcolm Campbell for generous donations and to the parents of the children for supporting our fund raising events—little Erin, 5 yrs old, ran in the Great

North Mini Run and donated her sponsor money to us!



Our grant applications have been very successful recently. We have received £300 from the Mid-Durham AAP Small Grants Scheme towards healthy eating—fruit and milk for the children, health and hygiene and to replace art and crafts consumables. We were also granted a magnificent £3,574-80 from the County Durham Community Foundation which will cover almost the whole cost of room hire and leaders wages until the end of this year. In addition we have also been promised £750 from the Co-Op Dividend Fund towards room hire in 2012 All this means we are financially secure for the rest of this year but we know it will be necessary to continue regular fund raising in order to keep our bank balance healthy. Our grateful thanks to you all.

Although we have no spare places at present, most children will be leaving in July to start nursery in September and there will be vacancies then. If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please contact Linda Evans on 07729828921 or call in at the playgroup you will be very welcome. It is never too early as a full waiting list will indicate a successful future for us.



Esh Lunch Club



The inaugural meeting of the Esh Lunch Club saw nearly 30 villagers and friends descend on the Cross Keys Esh on Tuesday 10th May - a great turnout. An excellent buffet lunch of sandwiches, pizzas, quiches and other goodies was followed by trifle or ice cream. There was a great atmosphere and some discussion on how the next months menu would be agreed followed by a raffle to be used for future charitable donations. It was a huge success for organiser Liz Porteus who came up with the original idea. We all look forward to next month.

STOP PRESS— The Cross Keys has now been taken over by Trevor & Gwen Hudspeth (of the Barley Mow Inn, Birtley) and thankfully the Lunch Club will continue.

Drop in advice centre
2nd Wednesday every month
10 -11 a.m. in the
Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street,
Langley Park



CAB advice is :

Independent – we will always act in the interests of our clients, without influence from any outside bodies.

Impartial – we don't judge our clients or make assumptions about them. Our service is open to everyone, and we treat everyone equally.

Confidential – we won't pass on anything a client tells us – or even the fact that they've visited us – without their permission.

Free – no-one has to pay for any part of the service we provide.

Top five CAB client problems in 2009/10 (England and Wales)

- Debt
- Benefits and tax credits
- Employment
- Housing (468,000)
- Relationships and family



How CAB advisers can help

There are a number of different ways that CAB advisers can help people to resolve a problem. Advisers don't tell clients what to do, but explain their options and the possible outcomes of different courses of action. Clients are encouraged to make their own decisions and act on their own behalf. We enable clients to manage their own problems by focusing on their needs as individuals.



All PACT Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Woodview Community Centre from 6.00—7.00 p.m.

- ◆ Tuesday 5th July
- ◆ Tuesday 2nd August
- ◆ Tuesday 6th September
- ◆ Tuesday 4th October
- ◆ Tuesday 1st November
- ◆ Tuesday 6th December

If you have any issues or concerns affecting your quality of life you can discuss it with your neighbourhood Policing Team and try to resolve them.

Road improvements

After discussions between DCC and the Parish Council the following work will be carried out:

- Chicane on Low Moor Road to be made more visible.
- St Michael's Church—red infill screed re-laid between dropped crossings and "SLOW" markings on road.
- Midridge Road to have white lines painted at junction of cul-de sacs.

Also being looked at:

- Improvements to alleviate parking problems Ivy Tce/Aged miners homes.
- Improvements to unloading goods for butchers and surrounding businesses Esh Terrace.
- Ways to develop access to Londis Shop, Low Moor Road –possible verge hardening.

