



Esh Leaves



Esh Parish Council newsletter for Esh, Langley Park, Quebec, Ushaw and Wilks Hill

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FRIENDS OF DURHAM HOSPITALS

The Friends of Durham Hospitals held a special AGM at Langley Park Methodist Church on Thursday May 15th to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary (60 years) of the organisation.

Among those present were Mrs Winnie Wilson of Langley Park and Mrs Mary Bell of Sacriston who were both founder members of the organisation and former volunteers in the coffee shop at Dryburn Hospital.



Maud Lowdon, Eileen Bowyer and Mavis Hammell



Mrs Bell (above) and Mrs Wilson both receive flowers

Also invited were members of the Shakespeare Trust, Bill Reese (ex Treasurer), Durham Hospitals Radio, Willowburn and St. Cuthbert's Hospice's Patients Council. In addition twenty members of the Langley Park Friends and ten members of the Durham Friends were invited.

The Friends of Durham Hospitals began in June 1954 following a meeting at the then Dryburn Hospital (now University Hospital of North Durham). In March 1955 a branch of the Friends was formed in Langley Park and the new group were soon busy with fundraising activities such as organising beetle drives, whist drives, flag days and numerous other events. The first money raised by the Langley Park branch was used to equip a hospital ward with wireless headphones.

During the period 2013/14 the Friends donated the following to

Lanchester Road Hospital, Earls House.

- Christmas gifts £204
- Pool Table £619
- Bowes Lyon Unit
 - a) TV and Stand £319.99
 - b) TV Bracket £74.99

Donations also went to Whinney Hill Centre who received £297.99, Willowburn Hospice and St. Cuthberts Hospice who both received £2000.

Anne Crossman, Secretary

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meetings

The meeting dates for the next few months are as follows:

- Tuesday 14th October at the Langley Park Miners Institute
- Tuesday 11th November at Quebec Village Hall
- Tuesday 9th December at Langley Park Miners Institute

All meetings are at 7pm and the public are welcome to attend the non - confidential part of the meeting after which they will be asked to leave. Agendas are posted on the Parish Council notice boards and the Council's website.

Gordon Coulson IT Suite

The Parish Council continue to run I.T. sessions in the Council office at the Langley Park Miners Institute.

We are open on Monday and Wednesday 2-4 pm and Friday 3-5 pm and charge £1.50 per hour with a small extra fee for printing. We have 5 desktop PCs and a number of laptops available for public use.

We can provide tuition from a basic up to a more advanced level including surfing the web and using email to Word-processing, Spreadsheets, Database and more.

If you are an I.T. novice, or have some experience but would like to progress to a more advanced level, why not pop in and see what we can do to help you.

Langley Park Lodge Banners

The Council are very interested in finding out the whereabouts of the following Langley Park Lodge Banners. Could anyone with any information please contact the Clerk on 01913736687 or email geoff.smith@langley-park.org.uk



WORKING TOGETHER IN LANGLEY PARK

On Friday 8 August, residents from the village worked alongside PCSO Ian Larmouth, members of the Langley Park Environment Group and 2 of Tesco's Community Group Champions based in Consett to collect about 25 bags of rubbish from around the village.

The Neighbourhood Wardens supplied the equipment and arranged collection of the bags.

Refreshments were available in the Miners' institute after the litter pick and all concerned felt it had been a worthwhile couple of hours to improve the environment of the village.

Further litter picks will be arranged next year so keep a lookout for the posters. In the meantime, let's care for our village by making sure we take our litter home or put it in a bin.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR THE OVER 40s

Are you over 40 and have been meaning to start some exercise but haven't got round to it yet?

Are you free for an hour from 1pm to 2pm on a Wednesday?

Then come along to the Miners' Institute for some gentle exercise organised by Age UK and led by Sarah Hodgson, our local fitness instructor.

The class costs £2 with the first one free.

We would love to see you there.

Visit the Parish Council Website
at
www.eshparishcouncil.gov.uk

QUEBEC VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall at Quebec is presently running the following events:

Every Monday 50-50 6-6:45 pm,
Every 2nd Monday each month
Woman's Institute 7-10 pm,
On Tuesday Tai Chi 7-8:30pm,
On Wednesdays Boxer Fit
workout between 6 and 7 pm
and Aerobics between 7:15 and
8:15 pm,
Every Thursday Sequence
Dance 7:30 to 9:30 pm,
Friday Sentao and Zumba
fitness training between 6:30-7
and 7-8pm respectively,
Every Sunday Insanity Workout
between 9:30 and 10:30 am.

For more information about these, or to book the hall telephone Jeanette Reay on 07972566253.

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Heritage Weekend

Both local Churches are going to be open to the public on Sunday 15th September between 12 pm to 5 pm as part of the National Heritage Open Day weekend. More details can be found on the County Council website www.durham.gov.uk

The Gospel Choir

Esh Gospel Choir performs concerts both locally and further afield. Rehearsals are every second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall. For more information contact Steve Bradley on 07891752459 or s.p.bradley@durham.ac.uk

Residents' Association

This summer Esh Village Residents' Association planted and maintained 28 flower tubs scattered around the village and

plan to continue with winter planting in October. A community picnic on the village green in June proved to be a success; while Badminton-Table Tennis Club, Knit and Natter, the Gospel Choir and Luncheon Club continue to attract people from the village and beyond.

News of the theft of "The Wise Old Owl" wood carving stolen from the centre of the village in early summer hit the local press, but a door step collection by the father of a disappointed little girl, made it possible to buy two replacements, which have been installed with additional security.



Vanessa Tyers, Stuart Wilkinson, Bill Guymer and the Owl

Also purchased, and awaiting installation, is a pair of carved poppies, to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1 that will stand just outside of the church yard.

The Association meet at 7:30pm in the Cross Keys every second Thursday of the month. To find out more please email eshresidentsassociation@gmail.com

LANGLEY PARK PLAYGROUP



Sadly, the end of term in July saw the end of an era for Langley Park Pre-school Playgroup, which is closing its doors after more than

6 years in its current form. The Playgroup has been running in Langley Park since the early 70s, with only a short gap of a 2 years absence after they were forced to move out of the Old Youth Centre. Many people in the village have happy memories of Playgroup, either for themselves, or their kids and some families have had more than one generation sharing the same playgroup leaders!

Playgroup has played a key part in the growth and development of many children in Langley Park, enabling them to develop social skills and to play and learn together. It has also saved the sanity of many a parent and grandparent, giving them a few hours a week of peace! However, the group has been struggling with falling numbers and finding it difficult to remain financially viable, especially with recent government changes that entitle more 2 year olds to free nursery places. When Playgroup started, children did not go to school or nursery until aged 5!

So in July, the long serving leaders, Linda Evans, Marie Cassidy, Wendy Peers and Maureen Saville packed up the playdough and paint, and tidied the toys one last time. I'm sure there are many who are thankful for their care for the kids and their hard work down the years. They certainly have a few memories to share that will make people smile, and there will be many in the area who do. As this issue goes to press it is planned to hold a Farewell Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10th September at St Andrew's Church Hall, for people to come and chat, share memories and have a giggle at the photos they still have, going right back to the 70s.

KICKSTART FITNESS COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDRAISER

Kickstart Fitness will be holding a Community Centre Fund Raiser on Saturday 13th September, at 7pm at Langley Park Sports & Social Club (cricket club). There will be a Disco a Buffet and a Raffle for over 18's only.

This event marks the 2nd birthday of local business Kickstart Fitness and what better way to celebrate than with a good old knees up to raise much needed funds for our local community centres? The event will take place on Saturday 13th September, 7pm at Langley Park Sports & Social Club (cricket club) - Disco, Buffet, Raffle, over 18's only. All proceeds will be divided equally between The Miners Institute Langley Park, Quebec Village Hall and Lanchester Community Centre.

Leading up to the event Sarah Hodgson will be posting details from each of the local community centres on her Facebook Page. Sarah said "I use these local community centres on a weekly basis to run my business from and I am keen for everyone to see what great facilities we have available. This event provides a platform to showcase what goes on in our local community centres and it's a fantastic opportunity for local people to help support their local Community Centres".

To find out more about this event or Kickstart Fitness please contact Sarah Hodgson on 07969092258. Facebook page Kickstart fitness with Sarah Hodgson.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are looking for new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators where you live. It can take up as much or as little of your time as you can spare. We're keen to work with community minded residents who are looking to make where they live and work a safe place.

As a Neighbourhood Watch member you will have access to Voice Connect which is a free and anonymous messaging service and did you know.... being part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme may entitle you to discount from your home insurance premium?

Across the Consett, Stanley and surrounding areas there are currently 142 Neighbourhood Watch schemes covering a total of approximately 5890 homes.

In addition to this, we can provide Neighbourhood Watch signage which acts as a deterrent to any unwanted visitors to your street and estate, along with Neighbourhood Watch window stickers and any specific crime prevention advice or support you may require.

If you would like to know more about being part of a scheme where you live or setting up a

scheme, please contact Vikki Ord, Community Liaison Officer, Safer Neighbourhoods Unit, Consett Police Office, Parliament Street, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 5DL or by calling: 0191 3752455 or email victoria.ord@durham.pnn.police.uk.

For more information regarding Neighbourhood Watch nationally, or to register your Neighbourhood Watch scheme please take a look at www.ourwatch.org.uk.

THE BREAD LADY BAKERY

A new bakery has opened at Unit 2A on the Riverside Industrial Estate at Langley Park.

The bakery is open between 4 and 6 pm on Thursday and Friday and stocks Bread, Tea Cakes, Scones, Cakes, Cheeses and more.

2014 BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL

The 2014 Beamish Trophy Trial for old Motorcycles event will be taking place again this year on Sunday 21st September starting at the New Board Inn, Hill Top, Esh with the first Motorcycles leaving about 9.00am.



Competitor at the 2013 Beamish Trophy Trial