



Esh Leaves



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

ESH VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

There was an excellent turn out for the January AGM of Esh Village Residents' Association, where, as well as the business meeting, a talk on "Saving Money on Your Utility Bills" and the sharing of useful information about forming an oil purchasing consortium, was well received. After the snow (over 35 cm fell in the village) delayed installation, the first animal sculpture appeared in the centre of the village and it turned out to be a wise old owl, complete with books and spectacles, at the bottom of Hall Road. How many others will you spot?

Plans are underway for a photographic competition, where Esh residents will be encouraged to submit photographs of the village, or views taken from the village. It is hoped that selected winners would see their photographs used to produce a calendar for 2014.

Other plans for the year include additional notice boards for the community, a village open day linked to Heritage Weekend, Knit and Natter and Walk and Talk activities, as well as badminton and gardening clubs, and a possible music event. Kind weather could also see some "pop up" community barbecues.



Langley Park Christmas Tree Lights



Remy Lewis from Langley Park Primary School won the competition to switch on the lights on the village Christmas tree. Afterwards, the children, parents and carers enjoyed singing around the tree and then visited St Andrews Church for mince pies and drinks.

Langley Park environment group who are responsible for fundraising for the Christmas lights, would like to thank everyone who turned up for the Christmas tree lights switch on. Special thanks go to the children of Langley Park school who sang carols on three separate occasions. They would also like to thank everyone who helped with donations and who gave up their time.

Langley Park Environment Group are looking for volunteers to help out with improving the village. If you have spare time and would like to get involved contact Keith (0191) 3732843 for details.





LANGLEY AND ESH JOB HUB

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY

The Langley Park Job Hub (Employment Pathway) commenced 1st October 2012 at the Harry Guildford Centre Langley Park, a joint venture between Esh Parish Council and Believe it Possible Training Coaching and Mentoring Services.

Since opening; the Hub has been busy and has gone from Strength to Strength, helping local and surrounding area Job Seekers with CV'S, Job Applications and enhancing their IT Skills. To date 4 clients out of the 20 registered have gained employment by use of the Hub its facilities and the help available to them, giving the Hub a 20% success rate to date, which with continuation and support we hope to improve on.

The Hub is run by Chris Thompson and David Rider both Local residents, with an extensive range of knowledge and experience. IT support is available through the resident IT Tutor David Rider for all registered users of the Hub. David also runs IT Classes held every Monday & Wednesday 2pm – 4pm and Friday 3pm – 5pm, at the Harry Guildford Centre with a small charge of £1.50 per hour which is open to all residents in the local and surrounding area.

Both Chris and David are pleased with the progress so far and hope that the facility continues to grow with more facilities being sourced through other agencies to help even more Job Seekers gain extra qualifications and the help to gain employment in the coming year.

Just to remind you all the Employment Hub is open every Monday and Wednesday between 10am and 2pm.

No matter what help you may need, CV's, Application Forms, Covering Letters, IT up date or just a chat to see what help is available to your individual need, Chris and David will be more than happy to give you the time needed to get you on the right path towards that Employment Goal or to improve those most important IT Skills.

ALLOTMENT NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the day to day running of the allotment sites at Crossfell and Earl of Durham, have successfully been transferred from Esh Parish to Langley Park Allotment Association. The Association has many aims, but the main priority at present, is to ensure that all of the plots are fully utilised and are being cultivated and maintained in the correct manner.

Work has already begun with regards to contacting everyone who had their name on the waiting lists to see if they are still interested in taking a plot. Several plots have already been taken and there are a few still available, these will be offered in order to those still on the list. If you would like to speak to the Association to discuss anything, then please contact any of the people detailed below or email

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St. Michael's RCVA Primary School, Esh

The Foundation Stage children at St. Michael's have been enjoying their new classroom and garden, which were completed in September. The former Convent building has been converted into a purpose built early years' classroom.

The garden is a safe and sheltered space for the children to learn outdoors. Development will continue in the garden, with an artist due to start working with the children very shortly to develop a den and seating area.

The classroom was officially opened on Friday 26th October by the children, who performed a song for their parents and guests and then cut the ribbon into the classroom. Fr. Meagher blessed the classroom and then the children gave their parents a guided tour of their new facilities.

GOOD LUCK

Christine Bainbridge who has worked as a cleaner at Langley Park Primary School retired this month after 25 years of service.



Christine was presented with some lovely gifts from all of her colleagues and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Christine intends to spend her retirement relaxing and travelling. Everyone at Langley Park Primary wishes her well in her retirement.

HELP WANTED AT BROADGATE FARM, ESH WINNING

The former rural centre at Broadgate Farm, Esh Winning is rising from the ashes as LionMouth Community Interest Company. It has attracted some funding from the Tudor Trust, and donations from the Mid Durham AAP, the Parish Council of Brandon and Byshottles and local Councillor Jean Chaplaw.

It has been set up as a non profit making organisation aiming to give occupational day-care and horticultural training to the vulnerable in the community. Eventually it is hoping to open a café and a plant centre. The plants will be grown on site and there is space for vegetable plots to encourage health eating. Paula, a qualified horticulturalist will soon be in post to take care of the plant production, training and grounds maintenance. and is working hard to breathe life into this very worth while project.

We have very limited resources and are looking for volunteers to help us get the project up and running. Areas most in need of assistance are people to run some art and craft workshops, help with the website, accounts and admin, and handymen to help get the woodwork and engineering workshops up to scratch.

We are also asking any former members of the Broadgate Farm Cooperative to get in touch and extend a welcome to anyone who might be interested in having a placement with us.



Contact for details: Reception (0191) 3735531 or mobile 07773535353

Mail: info@lionmouth.org.uk or Paula-lionmouth@outlook.com



PLAYGROUPS

At Woodview Community Centre, **Langley Park**. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 am - 11.25am. Ages 2 - 4 years old. Costs £5 per session which includes a fruit snack and drink.

Contact Marie 07803 125771 and Linda Evans 07729 828921 for details.

At the small hall, **Lanchester** Community Centre. Monday - Friday 9.20 am - 11.15 am. Ages 18 months - years old. Costs £3.75 per session which includes a drink, snack and crafty activity.

Contact Fiona Draper (01207) 529775 for details.

NEW BUSINESS

Langley Park Kitchen Fit Ltd. Contact Shaun (0191) 3732373 for details.

LANGLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL has raised £745.05 for NSPCC. Following on from the fund raising a representative from the NSPCC is to do some work with pupils from year 5 and 6.

ARTICLES If you have any articles or you want a councillor to attend an event. Please contact me on (0191) 3735473 or email me at **Spen01@sky.com** or contact the Parish Office on (0191) 3736687.



Deadline for the next edition is 1st June 2013.

Julie Carr (Editor).



The Pact Meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month in the Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park at 6pm.

This is your chance to discuss issues or concerns with members of the local police force and your parish council. It is often attended by local members of the Neighbourhood Watch. All welcome to attend.

DURHAM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The sessions in the Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park, are held the second Wednesday of every month between 10am–11am. Drop in session no appointment necessary. The Citizens Advice Bureau offer free confidential advice.



Session Dates: March 13th 2013, April 10th 2013 .

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Tuesday 12th March 2013 - 7.00pm Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park
- Tuesday 9th April 2013- 7.00pm Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park.



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Residents are welcome to attend.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday 10 am - 12 .
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help at the Luncheon Club please contact Kevin Elliott on (0191) 3730757 for more information.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Langley Park meets every Friday at Wood View Community Centre at 12 noon. The price is £2.50 for a main meal and a sweet. We have a bus which picks up at Langley Park, Esh and Quebec from 11am and return by 1.30pm. Please contact Kevin Elliott on 3730757 or Sylvia Buxton on 3731644 for further details. .

Esh Lunch Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Cross Keys, Esh.

The Editorial Panel reserves the right to edit all material.