



Esh Leaves



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

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We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

GORDON COULSON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUITE

The Gordon Coulson I.T. Suite now based at the Langley Park Miners Institute after moving from the Harry Guildford Centre last February, is currently providing I.T. services to the public every Monday between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm, Wednesday 2 pm to 4 pm and Friday 3 pm to 5 pm.

The I.T. Suite is now in its 12th year of operation and was originally based in the same building (then known as the Church Street Community Centre) back in 2002 when it first started, had all of its original equipment replaced a few years ago thanks to a grant from UK Online.

The newer setup includes a combination of **3 All in One, 2 Desktop** and **4 Laptop PCs**. The laptops come with mobile broadband and regular users of the centre are able to sign them out on loan.

The centre uses the **Learn My Way** course from UK Online to provide an online learning system designed to help people take the first steps into the world of computers and the internet. This starts from the very basic (Online Basic) for new learners progressing to a more advanced level (Online Plus). A number of other modules are available if



The 2 Desktop PCs and 3 All in One PCs at the Gordon Coulson IT Suite

the learner chooses to try them and certificates are provided as each stage of the course is completed. In addition to this course we can also provide separate tuition in Word-processing; Spreadsheets and Database to an advanced level and provide help with many other I.T. related subjects. A suitably qualified tutor is on hand to provide any assistance required by the learner.

If you don't want to learn new I.T. skills but just want to come in and use a computer we would still be very happy to accommodate you. Charges are currently £1.50 per hour for use of the Computers with an extra charge for printing of 5p per sheet for black and white and

10p per sheet for Colour.

If you are a prospective learner who would like to learn new I.T. skills but are afraid to try or feel you may embarrass yourself, why not come along and see what we have to offer and be part of a small, friendly, informal group who like a laugh (you can't be serious all of the time). Don't be Technologically Terrified - see what computers can do for you!

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Articles submitted must be in Word format with photographs provided separately at 300 dpi

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents of Esh Parish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

ESH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meetings

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

- Tuesday 13th January at the Langley Park Miners Institute
- Tuesday 10th February at Langley Park Miners Institute
- Tuesday 10th March at Langley Park Miners Institute

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

Parish Council Website

The new Parish Council Website has recently gone live. The website has a new more up to date and user friendly design.

Popular items such as the large selection of photographs are still there with some more added.

We have information on local church services, schools and items on local history. All Parish Council documents are available for viewing including Minutes from all Council meetings. Available in PDF format are most of the back issues of this newsletter.

If you would like to publicise an event you can add it to our

interactive events section via an online form. This will then be viewable to anyone visiting the site after verification by the webmaster.

www.eshparishcouncil.gov.uk

LANGLEY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Langley Park Allotment Association is delighted to announce that they have secured a grant from Awards for All, to create a Community Garden which can be utilised by all residents within Esh Parish.

The garden will be situated on the current Earl of Durham allotments at the rear of Garden Avenue.

It will be open to everyone regardless of age or ability and you will be able to spend time planting up raised beds, cultivating ground level plots or just relaxing in a tranquil outdoor environment. Over 250 hours have already been volunteered by allotment holders on clearing the dedicated area.

Special thanks go to Diggerland for all of their invaluable support, the Community Payback Team who have assisted us with this

area and also strimmed back the over grown areas on the approach to the allotments, the Princes Trust team who have done a fantastic job erecting the fencing, Carillion for donating some materials, Councillors Armstrong for providing additional funding and Esh Parish Council for approving our idea.

We would love as many people as possible to get involved in this community project, so please if you can spare us some time or have any proposals, ideas then please contact us at lpallotments2@gmail.com or ring **07538822449**.

A proposed plan of the garden will be displayed in the Miners Institute in the near future.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

County and Parish Councillors, Clergy and many local residents were present between 10.40 and 11 am on Sunday 9th November 2014 for a remembrance day parade at the Langley Park War Memorial.

The annual event was especially poignant this year as it was the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One which began on 18th July 1914.

The parade was preceded by a Church Service at All Saints Church, Langley Park, which included a ceremony at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier in the Cemetery behind the Church. Other commemorative events over the weekend included an exhibition of World War One





Dignitaries and local residents gather at the War Memorial on November 9th 2014

memorabilia at the Langley Park Miners Institute on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th and a Concert by Lanchester Brass Band on Saturday the 8th of November.

After the Church Service everyone present made their way down to the War Memorial for the parade at which point the names of all of the war dead were read out, wreaths were laid by County and Parish Councillors and other Dignitaries, and the Last Post was sounded by a Bugler. This was followed at 11 am by a minute's silence observed by everyone present.

As part of the ceremony at the War Memorial the fourth paragraph of the poem *The Fallen* by Laurence Binyon was read out as reproduced below:

*They shall not grow old as we
that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Editors note

A list of all local residents killed in action from the First World War up to Northern Ireland can be accessed on the Parish Council website at www.eshparishcouncil.gov.uk

LANGLEY PARK BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club at Langley Park has now completed their fixtures for the 2014 season.

We participate in three leagues: Durham and District (Saturday afternoons), South West Durham (Monday evenings) and South West Durham Veterans (Wednesday Afternoon). The bowling green is also available for social/leisure use when it is not required for league games etc.

We are very keen to recruit new members of all ages both male and female (men must be over 60 years of age to be a part of the Veterans team). Membership has dwindled over the years so new members are always made welcome. Bowls of various sizes are available for use and help and guidance will be given to any new starters/members.

Due to Council cutbacks over the last couple of years all clubs that have hitherto had their greens maintained by the

council will now have to make their own arrangements to have them looked after. This affects around thirty clubs around the region but not Langley Park as all maintenance and green care has been carried out by a group of stalwart members who have given their time and effort over many years to ensure the club can continue.

This club has a long and proud history and is currently the longest serving member of the Durham and District League (86 years) and indeed was a founder member.

The Green will be tidied and maintained shortly by some of the members and will lay dormant over the winter months.

A date has not been set yet for the spring meeting but will be around March next year, keep a lookout for posters in the Newsagents and Post Office etc.

Why not come down next season and support your local Bowls club (you could have a drink at the bar too). The membership fee is £15 per year but new starters would probably only need to pay a nominal fee of £5.



Derek Henderson mowing the Bowling Green

Personally I have only been involved with the club for four years and sadly during that time some longstanding members and team mates have passed away e.g. Keith Longstaffe, Joe Gauden and John Westgarth all fine gentleman and a privilege to have known. Joyce Congleton and Mavis Dixon sadly passed away in recent years both were valued members of the Bowls club. Derek Henderson, a stalwart of the club retired at the end of the current season. He had taken the lead role in maintaining the bowling green over many years, arranged annual charity days to benefit local charities, acted as master of ceremonies at various functions and worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the benefit of the club. Derek was for many years a superb bowler and it was a privilege to play alongside him. He will be greatly missed.

Anyone wanting information on the above can call me anytime on **07786864162** or email **desmondrichards87@yahoo.com**

Des Richards
Chairman
Langley Park Bowling Club

USHAW COLLEGE

Ushaw College was founded over two hundred years ago and has a rich and fascinating history with some of the finest Victorian architecture in the North East.

The College intend to open up their chapels and performance spaces for an exciting and varied programme of folk, classical, jazz and choral music as well as talks, plays, exhibitions and services. The impressive buildings and grounds, which are also being restored, are worthy of a visit

themselves and will be open, along with a gift shop and Café.

Coming up in the early part of the New Year will be an organ recital by Roger Fisher on Saturday 17th January at 2 pm, a Folk Concert on Friday 20th at 7.30 pm and an organ recital by Jonathan Clinch on Saturday 14th February at 2 pm.

Other planned events for next year are:

- Royal Northern Sinfonia*
- Renaissance with Ben Rowarth*
- Westland Choir: Pergolesi*
- Stabat Mater*
- Jazz: Paul Edis Sextet*
- Jazz: Virtuoso*
- Jazz: Customs House Big Band*
- Jazz: James Birkett & Bradley*
- Johnston Guitar Duo*
- Kathryn Tickell and the Side*
- Organ Recital: Robert Sharpe,*
- Capella Novocastriensis*

Tickets for all concerts and events may be booked in advance at tickets@ushaw.org Application may also be made by post to: Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 9RH. Please mark your envelope with the event of your choice and include S.A.E.

POLICE REPORT

Operation Spoke

Operation Spoke is a bicycle security marking initiative introduced across Durham Constabulary earlier this year.

Since January officers from Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team have been hosting

marking events within every ward area which has also included engagement within schools. As a result we have received a fantastic response from the community and early in November we managed to identify our 1000th customer during an event at Shotley Bridge. Megan Charlton from Shotley Bridge was our lucky 1000th customer and the winner of a free hamper of goodies donated from Tesco Extra, Bits 4 Bikes, Sunderland AFC and magazinesubscription.com.

Within the hamper Megan received numerous bicycle accessories, 12 months free subscription to Mountain Biking UK magazine and two free tickets to a Sunderland AFC match at the Stadium of Light.

PCSO Lisa Jackson said “we would like to encourage everyone to take this opportunity to have their bicycles and scooters security marked FREE of charge as it is a massive theft deterrent as well as increases your chances of having your bicycle returned to you if lost or stolen. Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team are hosting events across the area all year round and would encourage people to contact us on 101 if you would like your bicycle or scooter security marked.”



The 1000th Bicycle Security Marked