



Esh Leaves



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



At a briefing meeting in December representatives from Esh Parish were informed of the above event that will be taking place. The Etape Pennines is an 78 mile cycle challenge taking place on traffic-free roads in the stunning scenery of County Durham and is open to individuals between the ages of 18 and 80.

While recognising the wider economic, social and tourism benefits, councillors raised serious concerns over the length of time the road through the village would be closed and its effect on businesses and residents alike — on the day of the event **the road through Esh Village will be closed from 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.!**

James Tibbetts and James Higgs of IMG Challenger World explained that there would be full consultations with businesses and residents and felt they could overcome any difficulties. They have organised a similar event in Scotland for the past four years.

- ◆ Road closures were required for rider safety with the number of riders taking part.
- ◆ Major roads intersected by the route will be facilitated by Crossing Points.
- ◆ IMG will be working with NEAS and DCC to ensure all services that are critical to people are maintained on event day e.g. The roads remain open to All Blue Light Services.
- ◆ **IMG and DCC will be undertaking a full programme of resident and business consultation in the new year to ensure all people who will be obviously affected by the closures are aware of the event.**



A public meeting has just been arranged for residents and businesses that will be affected by the 'Etape Pennines Cycle Race' with James Higgs of

IMG Challenger World and Mike Richardson, Corporate Events Team, Durham for

**Thursday 16th February, 6.30 p.m.
at Esh Village Hall**

There will be a presentation and then a question and answer session. More details to follow.

Further details of the event can be found on:

www.etapepennines.co.uk



An apology!

Apologies to those of you who did not get your copy of the Nov/Dec Esh Leaves

and

further apologies for the lateness of delivery which meant some items

were too late to support the events that were happening. I'm afraid these were due to circumstances beyond our control and we trust it will not happen again.

Ed.



Good news for Langley Park Angling Club

A few weeks back I was left a message by an angling club asking me to get back to them. When I did get back in touch I was informed, after a pleasant phone conversation, that Cornsay Angling Club had folded some time ago and they had something of interest to tell us. Now Langley Park AA and Cornsay AA have a long history and both clubs were members of the "Browney Fellowship". The clubs used to fish together and against each other many times a season with several people being members of both clubs.



When I spoke with the chairman of the club, Mr. Fred Mills, he informed me that Cornsay AA would like to donate the remainder of their club funds to LPAA's Junior Section! Langley Park Angling Association would like to express its sincere thanks to Cornsay Angling Association and Mr. & Mrs. F Mills and also the late Tom McKenna for the sum of £1197.16 an extremely generous gesture. We also made a public thanks to Cornsay AA during Langley Park Angling Clubs presentation evening.

Early discussions have suggested that LPAA look into the possibility of purchasing a new trophy for the Junior Section with the name of "Cornsay Angling Club trophy" (or something similar). This would keep the name of the Angling club alive for many more years. Further discussions about the allocation of the funding will take place at the next meeting in December."

John Merrigan

Please note that the club will be taking new membership applications in January 2012.

Application forms are available from the club website:

www.langleyparkanglingassociation.weebly.com



"Receiving the donation from Cornsay Angling Club. November 2011."
From Left to right: Freddy Mills (Cornsay Angling Club, John Merrigan (LPAA Sec.) and Paul Elliott (LPAA Treasurer)

Woodview Community Centre



The committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the people and businesses who donated towards the cost of the Christmas Tree for the village this year. The tree looked lovely and managed to stay upright despite the

gale force winds. The Co-Op on Front Street has agreed to do the fundraising for next years' tree and anyone wishing to get involved or donate can just pop into the shop. A special thanks goes to 'Oliver's Trees' for putting up the tree and dressing with lights free of charge.

Community Spirit



The Centre is currently preparing for the Annual General Meeting at the above Centre. This means we are looking for you, the people of the village to come and be part of our forward looking, forward thinking committee and help keep this a community centre alive for the village to be proud of.

If you would like more information, or you would like to volunteer your services please contact:

Alison Spenceley (Sec) at 6 Wood View,
Langley Park or ring 0191 3731876

Power to the People!

Tree planting at Langley Park



1st Langley Park Rainbows, Brownies and Guides collected Sainsbury's Active Kid Vouchers, and as part of this scheme we were put forward and won a draw for 30 Assorted Trees from the Woodland Trust. Esh Parish Council put us in touch with the Countryside Warden, who was delighted to help us, by suggesting the railway line in Langley Park. After a site meeting one cold wet morning it was agreed Sunday 20th November would be to be the big day and decided that only the older Brownies and Guides should be involved.

Sunday 20th November turned out to be cold and foggy, but by 10.30am a group of 6 adults and 8 children arrived all kitted out in wellies, waterproofs etc. and ready to start. Cllr. Stephen Madison and family turned up too and after a safety talk from Glenn Haggon, the Countryside Warden everyone went off with spades and trees, after all the trees were planted - blackthorn, elder, hazel among them, we cut back the existing trees and bushes, the girls having great fun with the tree loppers. By this time the fog had disappeared and the sun was out. Next was a litter pick and what a pick! finding old mops, a scooter, brushes, old carpet, a broken window pane and a roll of barbed wire. Everyone had great fun as well as gaining a badge for helping the environment.

Gillian Wesson & Cllr. Stephen Madison

Esh Village Residents Association

Following an open meeting in the Cross Keys at the end of October 2011, where concerns were expressed that our small village could suffer as a result of council cutbacks and the recession, Esh Village Residents' Association and Neighbourhood Watch was formed. With wider support, a committee of eight are meeting regularly, hoping to raise the profile of Esh; seeking to find ways of improving facilities, developing community spirit, enhancing the environment and organising events.

Projects so far have involved

- ◆ Replanting flower tubs and tidying around the cross on the village green, while children from Esh Church of England School planted crocuses under the trees.
- ◆ Organising the village Christmas tree, with John Hankey donating the tree, David Oliver (Oliver's Tree Services) erecting the tree and financing the testing of the lights and David Young connecting the lights. Not only did we have a tree, but also we discovered a commitment from people in the village to be supportive and be involved.
- ◆ A litter pick, and general tidy up, with residents helping, or donating to the Residents' Association fund. Applications for grants have been made, but these take time.



It is hoped to make June 2012 a month of special events and activities, as we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic Torch passing through the village and long summer days (we hope). We aim to involve as many people as possible in this and in other aspects of community life, so ideas and comments would be welcomed at :

eshresidentsassociation@gmail.com

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



Meet your Parish



Councillors



Correction

Cllr. Julie Carr

Finance Committee

Publicity Committee

Langley Park

Tel. 01913735473

Green Dog Walkers in County Durham



The majority of dog walkers are responsible owners who pick up after their dogs without question. Those who don't pick up can make walking the dog a miserable experience for others; from treading in another's dog mess to feeling "under the spotlight" from passers by who may have also fallen victim to the blight of our pavements and open spaces.

The Green Dog Walkers campaign was the idea of a local community group (Community Green Initiative) from Denny and Dunipace in Scotland who approached Falkirk Council for advice and support to help develop their idea.

If you see someone wearing a Green Dog Walkers wrist/armband it means they have taken the pledge to:

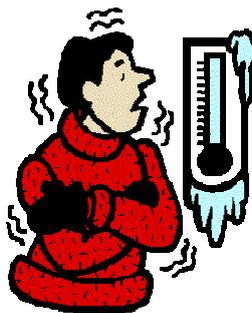
- always clean up after their dog
- carry extra doggie bags
- gladly give you a poop bag for your dog - just ask.

For more information please contact the Civic Pride Team on 01207 218654 or by visiting :

www.durham.gov.uk/greendogwalkers



PERSONAL WINTER PLAN



The County Council has produced a leaflet about being prepared for winter conditions and especially how to stay safe, healthy and be prepared for adverse weather. Contact details included in the leaflet reflect the emergency services, highways services, registered traders scheme for those emergency repairs, Age UK etc. There is space for personal details of your doctor, pharmacist etc.

Copies can be picked up at :

The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park



I would like to thank all those people who helped and supported the Festival of Trees, which was held in St Andrew's Methodist church for four days prior to Christmas.

This event was organised by 'Churches Together'.

St Andrew's was a warm and welcoming venue festoon with fourteen Christmas trees from local businesses and community groups.

Many thanks to all those who gave their time to decorate a tree, they were - the ladies from the Fish Shop, Stuart Wright, the Luncheon club, Steps the detached youth project, Jane the Barbers, Julie from Lace Hairdressers, Langley Park Nursing Home, Kingsway Nursing Home, the Playgroup, All Saints Sunday School, St Joseph's Church, St Andrew's Church, St Michael's Church, Esh and last but not least Esh Laude Catholic Primary School. In fact the Esh Laude Catholic Primary School's 'Promise tree' was voted the favourite tree by all those who came to the event.

£94 was raised by donations for the charities Shelter and Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.

Kevin Elliott