

Esh Parish Council News

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about 'The Tute'



Plans are going ahead for the lease of the Langley Park Institute to be transferred from the Community Association to the Parish Council. After discussions with CISWO (Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation) it was agreed that this would take place and allow the Parish Council to go ahead and secure the building prior to putting together an action plan for its development for the benefit of the community. County Cllrs Joe Armstrong and Malcolm Campbell have both committed funding to allow the building to be made secure and watertight while a steering group and action plan is put together.

The need for development was recognised by a partnership of agencies, the Parish Council and local County Councillor Joe Armstrong in a Needs Survey carried out in 2009—a copy is available at the Harry Guildford Centre.



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.

Freedom of Information?



Stop! this news-letter is threatening to put local newspapers out of business!

Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles

Local Authorities, **Parish and Town Councils** were to be banned from publishing their own weekly/monthly newsletters which are, apparently, threatening to put local newspapers out of business! However the NALC has won a victory with the Department of Communities and Local Government over its guidelines for the code of publicity and lobbying. Local (parish and town) councils will be allowed to publish its newsletters or magazines once a month, while other tiers of local government will be restricted to publishing its magazines or newsletters on a quarterly basis.

The revised code includes rules such as -

- Advertising should be balanced, factually accurate and not likely to be perceived by the public as a political statement or a commentary on contentious areas of public policy.
- Councils should not publish news papers in direct competition to local press.

So the Journal, Northern Echo and Durham Times can now breathe easy as we are no longer able to be in direct competition to them!!!





NHS Health Trainer Service

Health trainers work with a broad range of people and can provide you with a structured one to one session to support and motivate you in managing your condition, taking into account personal circumstances, barriers and motivations. As part of your support you will be provided with details of all the local activities and support groups in your local area to help you feel more supported with your condition. The Health Trainer service will put you into touch with local people who can help you work towards a healthier lifestyle.

They can help in three ways:

- Help you to improve your diet
- Help you to stop smoking
- Help you to become more physically active

Your health trainer will help you to set and achieve your goals through helping you with your motivation, taking control and living with your condition and developing a plan of action tailored to your needs.

If you think you need the services of a health trainer, contact the health trainers on: 01207 523666.



Its not all ' and Jerusalem!'

Ask people what they know about the Women's Institute these days and they probably mention 'Calendar Girls', or jam and 'Jerusalem', but there's much more to us than that.

It all began in Stoney Creek, Canada in 1897. The first British WI was founded in 1915 in the Welsh village of Llanfairpwllgwynrygllgogerychwyrndrobwilllantysiliogogoch (honest!!) Its aims were twofold. To revitalise rural communities and to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during World War1.

The spirit of these aims still applies today. We help members develop new skills (and yes this sometimes means how to make the best jam!) but we are also involved in campaigns both at home and abroad that affect women and children.

With over 205,000 members the WI is frequently consulted by Governments, and was influential in the introduction of equal pay in 1942, breast cancer screening in 1975, Aids awareness in 1986 and EU legislation in 2006 to reduce hazardous chemicals in everyday products. On going campaigns are concerned with violence against women, climate change and working with OXFAM to improve maternal healthcare in other countries.

Besides the 'global influence' the WI is alive and well in our parish area. There are three local groups. At each monthly meeting after the traditional singing of 'Jerusalem' we are given interesting and inspirational talks and demonstrations. We raise money for local charities, and make cultural visits (How could we not go to see Calendar Girls!) We dine out together occasionally and whatever we do is done with lots of fun and laughter.

Esh Leaves WI - meets in C of E school, Esh on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Contact Gillian Wesson tel. 0191 3731415

Hamsteels and Quebec WI -meets in Quebec Village Hall on the second Monday of the month at 7.15pm. Contact Janet Jarvis tel. 0191 3731688

Langley Park WI - meets in St Andrew's Methodist Hall, Langley Park on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm. Contact Audrey Whitfield tel. 01913731316

Why don't you come along to a meeting and find out more about us. New faces are always welcome. Ring the group president or just turn up.



Langley Park Library Book Club Success!

After only just two meetings the Book Club has proved to be such a huge success that it is having to split into two groups! The next meetings are now Tuesday 15th March & Friday 18th March 2pm-3pm and both groups will have different books to read and discuss. The original group has read Jojo Moyes 'Ship of Brides' and has now started reading SJ Bolton's 'Awakening'.

More details from:

Langley Park Library
Old Co-operative Buildings,
Front Street, Langley Park
0191 3735448

We 
Book Club

Langley Park Care Home



You are invited to a
Pie & Pea Evening on
Thursday 7th April
at 6 p.m.
Adults £4
Children £1

With fancy dress for children, a quiz, raffle and Tombola it promises to be a good time for all.

(Donations for the Tombola and Raffle would be gratefully accepted)

In order to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding in April we are looking for wedding dresses, hats etc that we can dress up with.



Anything gratefully received so drop it off anytime at Langley Park Care Home, Front Street
Tel : 3735599



Church Services

All Saints Langley Park
All Sunday Services at
9.45 a.m.

Family Service 4th Sunday of the month.

St Andrew's Methodist Church Langley Park
Sunday Services at 10.30 a.m.

St Michael and All Angels—Esh

First Sunday of the month 10 a.m. Service
All other Sundays 9 a.m. Service

St. Joseph's Langley Park
Sunday Mass 9.00 a.m.

St Michael's Esh Laude
Sunday Mass 8.00 a.m.

Lents Groups for everyone

There will be a choice of an afternoon or an evening group during Lent.

*Tuesday 15th March 7p.m. at Langley Park Roman Catholic Church—'Jesus' Legacy of Love'

*Thursday 17th March 1.30 p.m. at Langley Park Methodist Church—'Matthew for Everyone'.

News from the

Mid Durham Area Action Partnership

Small Grants Fund

So far 53 different voluntary and community sector groups throughout Mid Durham have benefited from our small grants fund. Successful projects include funding for community outings and events, newsletters, decoration materials, sports kit and general equipment and furniture. There is still approx £3,000 remaining, with a maximum of £400 per project and one month turn around.

For an application pack please contact Julie at Durham City CVS on 0191 3844801.

Youth Provision

A project bid to support and develop youth provision in Castleside, Burnhope, Lanchester, Langley Park and Esh Winning/Hamsteels (in partnership with local members, Parish Council's, the Local Children's Board and Durham County Council's Positive Activities for Young People) will be taken to the Board in March.

Area Action Partnership -Your area,your action, your partnership.

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Meet your Parish Councillors



**Keith Heartfield
Langley Park**

Keith was born in 1954 in London and has been married for 31 years to Barbara and is a

father and grandfather. He worked as a printer/print manager, until moving to Langley Park 10 years ago. His interests are guitar playing, gardening, walks in the country and he has been chairman of Woodview Community Centre for the past 5 years, running a tea dance for older residents each Friday. He is interested in the environment and joined the parish council in order to further his interests and to enhance village life for all. Although he feels life is quieter here in Langley Park, there are lots of issues that need addressing, and hopes that as a parish councillor he will be able to take a more active role in tackling them. Items such as litter, more facilities for children and teenagers and to encourage people to be more active in their community and take a pride in it are high on his agenda.



**Ray Partridge
Quebec**

Ray was born in Walsall in the West Midlands and grew up in Birmingham and supports Aston Villa F.C. (Well someone

has to!) Has lived in Quebec 7 years and has two grown up children. He works in the Magistrates Courts Service in various areas of the North East (Hartlepool, Bishop Auckland, Consett and now Chester-le-Street) Has played rugby for West Hartlepool, Durham City and Bishop Auckland, run for Crook & District A.C. and Elvet Striders and played Sunday football for The Hamsteels F.C. He now plays 5-a-side twice weekly and does a bit of social cycling, easy running and gentle snow-boarding and likes to do a bit of sailing when he can (when on holiday in warm climes !!)

He is a registered volunteer with Durham Wildlife Trust and a board member of Derwentside Trust for Sport and the Arts. He says 'I can't believe how lucky I am to live in such a beautiful area and want to see it prosper and remain a wonderful place to live !



**Malcolm
Renneberg
Langley Park**

Malcolm has lived in Langley Park all his life, attending

Langley Park Primary School. He still lives here with his partner Hazel.

After many years in the motor trade, as a panel beater, he has a keen interest in restoring cars as well as enjoying gardening and spending time with the grandchildren.

He has been actively involved with various community groups and committees and enjoyed the challenges they brought.

Malcolm is passionate about the village and views his role as a Parish Councillor as being able to help move forward and improve the village and promises to be proactive in order to meet the needs of the community.



Working with the Community (part1)

Esh Parish Council intends to actively engage with the following sections of the community:

- ◆ Residents of the parish
- ◆ Local youth groups
- ◆ Groups representing the elderly
- ◆ Residents Associations
- ◆ Voluntary Organisations
- ◆ Community Associations
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Businesses within the Parish
- ◆ Church Groups
- ◆ Councillors - public service representatives and staff

Effective engagement can only be achieved through providing information to these sectors and seeking residents views. The Council already employs a number of methods to do this:

- * Contact details of the Council Offices and staff and individual Councillors are available in the

Council's newsletter and on the Council's website—www.eshparishcouncil.gov.uk

- * The Newsletter informs the community of the activities of the Council, and is made available at public venues throughout the Parish.
- * Notices of meetings are posted on the Council's notice boards at Langley Park and Esh and Quebec and on its website.
- * The notices indicate that the Council gives the public the opportunity to participate in meetings. The Council's policy on public participation is available on its website and at the Parish Council offices.
- * The Council's website provides details of its services and activities and provides access to the Council minutes and number of documents.
- * The Parish Council publishes an Annual Report by the 30th June each year and it is delivered to every household in the Parish area. A summary of the report is outlined in the July issue of the Council's newsletter.
- * Representatives of the Council attend local voluntary organisations and some Councillors are members of these voluntary organisations in their own right.