



Chairperson's Comments

It's been another busy, but successful summer for the Parish Council.

The Art Room at the Grange has been fully refurbished, and looks great; this room is now available to hire through the Grange. You may have noticed that work has started on the footpath around the Grange, which will improve access for both wheelchair and pushchair users. Work is progressing well, and as long as the weather isn't too bad, is due to be completed shortly.

Despite the best efforts of rather inclement weather, the Hurworth show proved very popular with both visitors and those taking part.

I'd like to personally thank Peter Allan and the team for organising a fantastic community get together. Peter has been heavily involved in the Hurworth show since the start, and with his dedication to it, the show has grown into an event that has become one of the highlights of the village calendar. However, he has now decided to step down and pass the role to someone else.

Carol Paylor, and David Wood have decided to leave the Parish Council, and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work, and dedication over their tenure. Carol is sadly leaving the village, and off to pastures new later in the year; so make sure that you wish her luck before she goes!

The guestbook on the Hurworth parish website is proving very popular. The guestbook is an easy and effective way to help highlight problems in the village, such as pot holes, damaged trees, litter and pathways that have become overgrown, so please make full use of it. The guestbook is regularly monitored to allow us to respond quickly to anything that needs to be looked at, and you will also receive a personal update to let you know on progress.

The Council should soon know the timescale for the housing development on Roundhill Road. As soon as we receive an update, the Parish Council will let everyone in the village know the details around the development.

Finally, I'd like to thank the councillors for their continued support and teamwork, and with Carol and David leaving, we look forward to welcoming two new councillors to the team.

LATEST NEWS: The Parish Council has been informed by Darlington Borough Council that it will be necessary to hold an election before 30th November, in order to fill the two vacancies which exist on H.P.C.

Graham Wylie



LITTER PICK 15TH JULY

Despite the inclement weather nine people turned out to help with the litter pick and we managed to cover most of the village. My grateful thanks to all who turned up and I hope to arrange another day in the Autumn. Posters will be displayed with details and hope to see you there.

Dot Oughton



Hurworth Village Hall - Music for All

Many thanks to everyone who attended this event we hope you all had a good night. Our grateful thanks go out to Keith and his staff at Hurworth Grange for all their help and hard work over the week, without them we could not manage. The bucket collection raised £200.00 for Air Ambulance and £140 towards Village Hall funds, thanks to all who contributed.

Village Hall Indoor Carpet Bowls



Monday mornings 10 am to 12 noon.

Thursday nights 7 pm to 9 pm

£2.50 per session - Come along and have a go - you may even like it.

HURWORTH VILLAGE HALL

(Reg Charity No 520830)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Hurworth Village Hall will be held on Friday 17th November 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will receive the reports of the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and will include the election of Officers and Committee Members for 2017 / 2018.

Due to recent resignations new Members to the Committee are needed, so if you have a few hours to spare each month and an interest in Community affairs and wish to be involved please come along and put your name forward. We are a small, friendly Hall, supporting many groups and organising many successful events such as the "Music For All" evening back in July. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to the Hall.

H. Jackson, Secretary

CHANGES IN THE PARISH COUNCIL

Two vacancies have occurred in Hurworth Parish Council, as two councillors have recently resigned.

It is with regret that the council will be losing Carol Paylor, who is expecting to move to France before the end of the year.

Carol joined the council in May 2016 and has made a huge contribution. She has focused on the younger generation, arranging children's craft, art and play events during school holidays to provide activities which benefit their skills and create meaningful hobbies. Carol formed an excellent rapport with Priory Hurworth House School and has strengthened their integration into the community. Although Carol will be leaving us shortly, she has organised a Halloween Party for children and their parents at Hurworth Grange, and this is already fully booked. She also involved the village schools in a campaign against dog fouling and held a competition to design posters, which were put up throughout the village.

Under Carol's leadership, a renewed campaign to reduce speeding has been set up in the village by getting residents to

display Speed Reduction stickers on their bins, and she has been instrumental in the creation of a village based Speed Watch team. This is the first independent Speed Watch group in the North East, with twelve volunteers already trained and operational, and another six are to be trained in October.

Carol will be sadly missed, but will no doubt make a similar impact on her new community when she reaches France. We all thank her for her contribution to our council, wish her happiness in their family's new adventure.

David Wood has also resigned from the Council. He, too, joined in May 2016, but has recently moved out of the Parish. David has played a leading role in the compilation of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, but due to work commitments, and, as father to a young family, has found it difficult to contribute as much as he would have liked to Council affairs. David has offered to continue his involvement in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan. We are sorry to lose David, but no doubt we will keep in contact with his family through their support for Hurworth Grange.

The Grange Bar goes from strength to strength

Hurworth Grange is becoming the 'place to be', as more and more new faces are frequenting the community centre facilities and the Grange Bar.

The increasing interest in football has drawn more younger people to the Centre, where the main field is being used three evenings a week. The bar space is being extended by converting the old 'Pool Room' into a comfortable lounge, where families and customers who prefer the more quiet ambience can enjoy a drink in comfortable seating. This new facility is expected to be finished by the end of October.

The Art Room is now complete and is an attractive facility. It is already being used several days and evenings a week, and has received many compliments. A grant was received for this work.

A planning application has been submitted for the Community Association to build a new entrance to the Fletcher Hall. This will accommodate disabled entry without having to negotiate the corridors and different levels of going through the main building. The new entrance, which will cost £30,000 will benefit the Grange by allowing two functions to be conducted without the inconvenience of sharing corridors and toilets. It will greatly enhance the amenity for disabled persons who wish to attend functions in the Fletcher Hall. The project is being funded through the financial support of Hurworth Parish Council and the Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust. Work will start as soon as planning permission is obtained.

Highways Update

It is pleasing to note, that over the past few months, the readings from three of our speed monitors (Roundhill Road, A 167 Linden Court, and the Otter and Fish) have shown a decrease in the number of drivers who have been exceeding the 30 mph limit. However, the monitor on Hurworth Road near the Academy, still gives cause for concern with almost 50 % of motorists exceeding the speed limit. This is the area where we are still pushing for traffic calming to be set up in the future. In October, Darlington Constabulary arranged another

Speed Watch Volunteer training session for the Group. If you are interested in joining the Speed Watch Group please leave your details with The Parish Clerk:

Tel: 01325 722171

or email

enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk

It will not have gone without being noticed that there has been much activity recently on the village roads, with potholes being filled and road verges mended and lines replaced in the areas where needed.

Margaret Williams

EPICH

(Eco People In Croft and Hurworth, pronounced EPIC)



www.epich.org.uk

Over the last few years EPICH volunteers have planted spring bulbs in sites around Hurworth, Hurworth Place and Croft. You will have seen and enjoyed the show of snowdrops, crocus, daffodils, bluebells and other flowers in many areas.

This autumn we are intending to plant more bulbs for an even better display next spring and in years to come. We would like you to let us know of areas around the village where you would like to see spring bulbs planted. Please tell us of any locations you think would benefit from spring colour and give us an address or brief description of the area so we can find it!

We will supply the bulbs and the planting volunteers - although we are always happy for anyone to come along and help.

The Orchard area in Lychgate was also tidied up with some help from residents and it is hoped to plant some bulbs here.

EPICH Grange projects

Our idea to convert part of the pathway around the Community Centre grounds into a more user friendly surface, making it accessible to all residents has eventually come to fruition. As EPICH were not the landowners our initial grant application was not acceptable, however by working closely with both HCA and HPC a new grant application was finally approved. Planning permission has been granted and construction should be completed in early October. Eventually it is hoped that this path will link up with the Glebe public footpath forming a circular route within the village.

Below work in progress in early October:



EPICH Beekeeping

Over the last few weeks EPICH beekeepers have been busy harvesting honey and preparing the hives for winter. The colony population is in decline as the foragers die however the Queen still lays eggs which will develop into longer living winter bees. Bee entrances have been reduced to stop wasps from

robbing remaining honey stores and colonies have been given an anti-varroa treatment.

EPICH@CLERVAUX honey has been available to buy at Clervaux Summer Fair and also at Hurworth Country Fair.



We are delighted that several members of our community have expressed an interest in helping out in a variety of ways. This is greatly appreciated as it not only increases our numbers but also our skill base. We look forward to working with them on

our projects. If you are at all interested in learning more about our work or helping in any way, please contact our secretary Judith Redfern on info@epich.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.



At the edge of the newly upgraded pathway running past the walled garden and orchard it is proposed to plant a row of apple trees trained as 'stepovers'. For those unfamiliar with this term, a stepover is a single tiered espalier. This form is very suitable for the small garden to mark the edge of a border or pathway, and we hope that some of those who see them, might be inspired to try one or two in their own garden.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP

EPICH would like to thank HPC and HCA for their continued support.

Wilma Campbell
EPICH Chair

OPEN SPACES REPORT

Concerns raised by residents regarding a "new" weed that was taking over part of the riverbank near Croft Bridge opposite the Comet Inn, upon inspection was deemed to be a large area of flowering plants that flourished because the DBC mower hadn't been over that section this year. Giant Hogweed in the same area had their heads lopped off and

have been sprayed twice.

The bench situated in Goblin's Wood has been removed and placed outside the Bay Horse as the original one there was broken.

All the Parish benches will be inspected and repaired if necessary during the autumn months



The Orchard in Lychgate was trimmed back and tidied up. A plaque explaining that quick lime was stored in this area for use when burying the plague victims on the village green has been erected.

In Avon Close and Strait Lane allotments, hedges have been cut back and tidied.



The Knell Gate

A gate has been put up at entrance from the Green, it will remain unlocked. The passageway has been cleared for an area reaching around the elbow, and a

fence has erected so that visitors can see further down the lane to the river. This will ensure safety and maintain resident security.

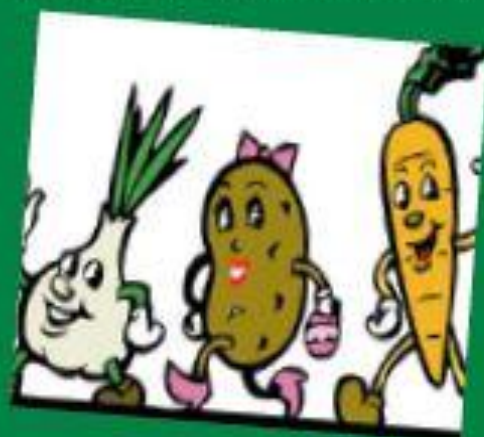


Do you have green fingers?

Would you like to grow you're your own vegetables and flowers?

Hurworth has 48 allotments at Strait Lane and these are available to residents who wish to get fresh air and exercise while growing their own produce.

January starts the new year for allotments, and although there is a Waiting List, usually a number of plots become available. Now would be a good time to register your name for a plot, so if you are interested E Mail or telephone the Parish Clerk with your details.



Art Exhibition at Hurworth Village Hall

VILLAGERS turned out in force on Saturday 30th September for the opening of a two day exhibition featuring the work of four local young artists. The display of stunning work by Rachel Alban, Rohanna Aston, David Fawcett and Hollie Prince is the first art exhibition to be held at Hurworth Village Hall.

Rachel Alban

"Through the study of Persian miniature painting at the Courtauld, I discovered the intimate aesthetics of small artworks – paintings which you have to get up close to and which seem to become more intricate the more you look at them". For a much clearer view of Rachel's work and an insight into her battle with Lyme Disease,

visit: rkalbanart.co.uk



Rohanna Aston

"I currently specialize in portraiture and love working on both people and animal commissions, however I have also undertaken other commissions including natural history and archaeological forms. I specialised in writing, illustrating and designing educational books during my degree and have a very developed and strong visual language".

www.rohannaaston.com or

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David Fawcett

David describes himself as: Natural History Artist, Photographer and Film Maker. David has recently returned from a world tour embarked upon following his graduation. He displayed images gathered from New Zealand, Australia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Cornwall. The 26 Images each form part of a character in his Alpha-Delta alphabet. To explore more of the broad spectrum of David's talent visit:

www.redfawnart.co.uk

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Hollie Prince

Among the work on display were three prints depicting images taken while working with students in Cambodia. The first shows boys collecting leaves for a compost heap. The second shows a tired worker being carried home. In the third a monk is tying a bracelet which collects the wearer's sins for three weeks, it can then be discarded. The stunning Abstract work has already found a home. For more details:

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The organisers can be proud to have produced such a successful and enjoyable event. Let's hope that this occasion becomes a regular fixture on the Village Hall Calendar.

Hurworth Country Fair 2017

A little rain cannot spoil a great day out, although it did take a lot of muscle to push a number of vehicles off the event field at

Hurworth Grange. The 'big push' could even be said to provide an additional climax to this year's fair.



This was the seventh Hurworth Country Fair, and once again it provided a huge variety of entertainment to suit all ages and interests. Mr Alasdair MacConachie, Managing Director of Sherwoods of Darlington opened the fair and thanked all the volunteers and organisers of this wonderful community event. He also took the opportunity to thank St Teresa's Hospice for their participation and that they would be receiving a donation for their most valuable help.

Just to add to the excitement of this year's fair, the BBC filmed the event for a new series which will be starting in January 2018. The BBC crew spent several hours on location and filmed, among general scenes,

the Vikings, Jay's Animal Experience, a pig race and staged an archery match between two of their cast. So watch out, you may be on TV.



The Fletcher Hall was full of the many exhibits of produce, crafts, art, photography and other classes, a total of 78 classes, which residents had registered their entries. The principal winners this year are, Peter Akers - Rockliffe Health Trophy (for the fourth year in succession), Katrina Cockburn - Thomas Watson Trophy and Carole Daniels - Nattress Award.



Meanwhile out on the field, there was so much to see and enjoy. On stage there were five dance troupes, headlined by

the Belly Dance team and the wonderful Irish dancers from Cleveland.



The Vikings invaded the Grange on the Friday evening and set up their seven tents. They slept overnight hardly noticing the light rain, as they sat around their camp

fire. At the Fair they provided battle training for the youngsters, cooking instruction for the ladies and craftsmanship for the D.I.Y enthusiasts.



The South Durham Dog Agility Club put on an exciting display in Arena 5, while Pam and her judges selected the best entrants at the Pet Show in Arena 3.



Jema made her return complete with her cast of racing pigs, racing Indian Runner ducks and her beautiful Shetland ponies. Her horse display was, again, a highlight of the event.

This year there were nearly 60 trade and charity stalls, providing a wide range of interesting items and services. Many were animal

related. There were ponies and donkeys to ride, fairground rides and the Grange's own miniature railway.



Those with a brave heart could either watch or participate in the jousting or American wrestling, or try your arm in the Archery arena.

We sincerely thank all our 24 sponsors who

generously supported the Fair, and without whose financial backing an event of this size could not be staged. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Val and Peter Allan, who initiated the Hurworth

Country Fair and have played a major part in organising the seven events to date, will be stepping down, but we are sure they will still play a minor part in future events

Images By Paul Walters

CARING FOR CARERS.

The idea for this new group came from a carer (Jane) who had been caring for her Mother for many years. During that time she had experienced many difficulties and spent much time searching for solutions. She found that she had to persevere and slowly she has built up a solid fund of information and knowledge into what is available and where to go to source the care that her Mother needed.

Jane realised that there were probably more people in the area experiencing the difficulties that she had encountered and she felt that she would like to share her experiences and knowledge. Not only that, she would like to share the experiences and knowledge of other carers.

With the support of the Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust the first meeting of 'Caring for Carers' was held in The Mustard Tree on Tuesday 19th

September. The invitation was to come for 'Tea and Cake and a Chat'. Transport was provided for those with mobility problems and although a huge crowd did not attend there were sufficient present to explore the objects of the group. There was much enthusiasm and information and first hand experiences were eagerly recounted.

Please do not feel uneasy about coming along – you will be amongst friends – caring friends.

The second Meeting was in The Mustard Tree on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 2pm.

The time and date of the next meeting, will be published in the November Issue of the All Saints Church Newsletter.

For more information and details please contact:

Jane Parsons on 07982240154 or

Ian Bagehaw on 01325 721509.

Neighbourhood Plan Update:

The Questionnaire has been finalised and the finishing touches to the document completed. Three quotations for the printing have been sought and 1800 copies will be produced along with pre paid envelopes for their return on completion. Every household

and business in the Parish will receive a questionnaire (if they have not already done so). The Parish Council are hoping for a high percentage of returns as the results of the exercise will greatly influence future developments in the Parish.

PACT (Police and Community Together) Crime report:

JULY 2017

Burglaries - 2

Westfield Drive – Pressure washer stolen

Roundhill Road – Money and Jewellery stolen from house

Criminal Damage – None

Anti Social Behaviour 8 Incidents

Theft – general - 4

Mowbray Drive – Theft of flower pots

Mowbray Drive – Theft of Bay tree and flower pot

Snipe Lane – Golf club stolen

Church View - Theft of two planters

Theft from Motor Vehicles – 1

The Green, Petrol Hedge Trimmer taken from van

Tawny Owl – A vehicle smashed into a fence

Snipe Lane – Vehicle smashed into pond gate.

Drug Related – Police raid

In Strait Lane

AUGUST 2017

Criminal Damage - 1

Snipe Lane – unknown individual caused damage to Greens & Poles at Golf Club

ASB - 1

Group of youths throwing stones at houses and allotments

Theft General - 2

Theft of Double Axle Trailer from Strait Lane

Theft of Hanging Baskets from Rockliffe

Court Surgery

From MV

Strait Lane: Theft of tools from Van

Animal/Wildlife: Dog chasing sheep at Neasham

Burglary 1 Rockliffe Hall grounds – theft of multiple items from Cricket ground

Criminal Damage - 1 Outside the Spar shop – damage to bonnet of vehicle

September 2017

Theft – general - 2 Strait Lane – theft of mobility scooter, later found in poor condition

Rockliffe Hall – Male left without paying for stay.

RTC - 2 The Green – vehicle bumped into parked vehicle - minor damage

Strait Lane – Overturned vehicle blocked the road – no one hurt

Animal / Wildlife - 2 Hurworth Road – dog on road, no owner

Burma Road – 2 dogs on the road – spoke to the owner, he was in control of the dogs.

Other / Suspicious 2 Snipe Lane – Possible car off road near the location

The Green – Male claiming to be an offender on rehabilitation, and attempting to sell items, but whilst doing so, he was quite abusive

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Councillor's Surgeries

The Parish Councillor's Surgery is held the first Thursday of the month at 6.30pm at The Grange unless notified otherwise.

Council Web Site; The Council website holds information about the council, its business & records of all its meetings. The site is regularly updated and there is a feedback form.

Why not visit www.hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk Where you can leave comments on issues you may wish to raise in our Guest Book.



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