

Hurworth Parish Chronicle

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Chairpersons Comments

I am pleased to be able to report on several events which have taken place in the village over the last few months.

There was a series of footpath walks which were attended by many residents and the last one ended with an interesting talk and tour of the Grange by Val Hughes and was followed by a scavenger hunt for the family and a barbecue. It is hoped that one or two more walks will be organised in December and will give everyone an opportunity to walk off the excesses of the Christmas period.

Our Speedwatch volunteers and the Police have been active in strategic parts of the village and some speeding motorists have received warnings. A new speed monitor has been installed at the corner of Linden Drive and has been in operation for the last few weeks. The data from other monitors is still also being collected, analysed and passed on to the Police.

The adverse wet weather on the day before the Country Fair in September proved to be somewhat of a challenge for those putting up gazebos, tents, staging and arenas around the field. However, the day of the Fair dawned dry and bright and the show was a great success. The show goes from 'strength to strength' and with lots of varied entertainment there was 'something for everyone', young and old alike.

One big problem in the village at the moment is the amount of dog faeces which is left lying around and is not being picked up and binned by their owners.

There has been a poster competition for our young people to produce a design to encourage irresponsible dog owners to 'pick it up and bin it'. The winning posters were on display at the Country Fair and it is hoped that they will soon be seen around the village, will have the desired impact and prove to be a timely reminder to dog owners.

The entrance/ exit gateway to the Grange is being widened and should allow cars to safely pass each other, rather than causing a queue on the main road or on the Grange drive itself.

On a final note, at the October Council meeting it was decided that the Parish Council will raise valid concerns/objections to the DBC regarding the outline planning application for up to 100 houses on a site on Roundhill Road.

Margaret Williams HPC
Chair.



Hurworth Village Hall Music Event at the Grange

Saturday 16th July

The weather was good and there was a great atmosphere. Approximately 1000 people attended. The quality of the music was very high with The Boyz, DVD R & B Band, The Glam Rock Band Aycliffe Pipe & Drums performing.

the charity collection made a total of £448 & £246 to the North East Air Ambulance and £200.00 to the Village Hall Funds. Very many thanks to all who contributed.

Barbara and Jillian Lawrence would like to thank all who contributed to their charity - Muscles for Mitchell on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, a total of £330 was raised. Very many thanks to all.



PACT Meeting – Chair Paul Walters 7th October

Attended by ten councillors, and five residents. Also in attendance the Parish Clerk.

PCSO John Angus and PC Foley attended.

PCSO John Angus gave the police report for the period from 1st September to 30th September 2018 as follows:-

Total Crimes 12
Burglaries 7
Toss View newsagent - nothing taken
Hunworth Academy - nothing taken
Meadow Brook
Baxby Terrace garage
Hunworth Grange - cash from till
Hornby Close shed, bicycle stolen
Hornby Close

A person has been charged and has been locked up; burglaries have now ceased.

Burglary Other 0
Theft 2
Property opposite post office
Rockliffe Court - £500 stolen, possibly over two week period.

Vehicle theft	0
Theft from vehicle	0
Criminal damage	0
Antisocial behaviour	2
Rockliffe Hall - children swearing in the woods	
Emerson Road - Youth throwing fruit and vegetables	
Criminal harassment	0

The new speed monitor is now operational for past month. The twelve Speedwatch volunteers are still not operational, but the matter will be followed up, to ensure they are commissioned soon. John Angus informed the meeting that this will be the last PACT meeting at Hurworth. A new scheme is being launched designated a Super PACT, where several parishes are invited to attend. It is proposed to hold these in Middleton St George. The reason is that the officers cannot be released for individual parish and village meetings.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance and co-operation.



The Flagpole & Flags on The Green



As well as the Usual National Saints Days

St David's 01/03
St Patrick's 17/03
St George's 23/04
St Andrew's 30/11

We also fly flags for village residents who provide a flag for a countries' National Day.



Stars & Stripes flies on 4th July to celebrate American Independence Day 4th July 1776. It is also flown at half mast on September 11th.



Canadian flag is flown to celebrate Canada becoming a Federation on 1st July 1867.



French flag flown to celebrate the storming of the Bastille 14th July 1789. Also flown at half mast after the Paris terrorist attacks.



Norway celebrates the signing of the constitution at Eidsvoll on Nasjonaldagen May 17th 1814.



Nigeria gained its independence October 1st 1960.



A very interesting flag is that of Peru look out for it on 28th July each year.



One resident wanted to propose to his Austrian girlfriend under the Austrian Flag on the Green, as they were out for a walk. It now flies on Austria 26th October.



Australia Day is the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet of 11 convict ships from Great Britain 26th January 1788.



Texas Independence day celebrates the Declaration of Independence 2nd March 1836.



Help For Heroes this flag flies on various occasions throughout the year.



Armed Forces Day is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community 25th June.



A resident has added the Red Rose of Lancashire to The Collection. It flies on 27th November. We would welcome any other donations.



The White Ensign flies whenever HMS Hurworth is in Port.

The general rule of thumb, any resident in the village can provide a flag and ask for it to be flown on a specific day. It may be for a specific occasion or to mark a celebration. If you wish to donate a flag please contact HPC (see back page) or contact 'Dogi' Jon Redfern (whom we thank for the article) directly. Tel: 721654

Hurworth Country Fair

17th September 2016



Hurworth Grange hosted the Sixth Hurworth Country Fair on 17th September, in perfect weather conditions. Sunshine and no wind meant that no tents were lost and everybody had a great day.

Police Commissioner Ron Hogg opened the Fair, supported by the Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass band.

The Fletcher Hall was full of excellent exhibits of produce, art, photographic masterpieces, and the Hurworth Dog Poo poster competition for schools. The overall winner of the produce competitions, this year was Peter Akers.

The entertainment just gets better and better every year. Top of the bill was live American style wrestling with the rippling muscles of the combatants glinting in the sunshine. Jema returned this year, and provided entertainment with her Shetland pony horse show,

racing pigs and racing Indian Runner ducks.

The Maverick Flyball Dogs provided noise and excitement, and the Pet Show attracted a huge entry. The entire field was filled with many trade and charity stalls, Punch and Judy, archery, and Jay's Animal Emporium.

The Fairground, Model Engineers railway, and Paul Rocket's games arena kept the younger generation fully engaged, while the non-stop stage show drew huge applause. This year seven dance troupes graced the stage, with, not one, but seven belly dancers provided a fitting climax to the event.

The Fair Committee wish to thank all the sponsors, who generously supported the event, and all the people who helped throughout the year, to establish this as a major community event.

October 2016



Belly Dance Extravaganza



The Climbing Wall proved popular



Impressive Produce and Crafts



High Speed Action



Star of the show



Live Entertainment



The Pork Stakes



Exotic reptiles were impressive

Pictures courtesy of John Burton



Dog Poo Poster Competition

A big **THANK YOU** from Hurworth Parish Council to Hurworth Primary School, 'Little Acooms' Nursery and The Priory School for submitting scores of entries to our competition for local schools to design a poster that encourages dog walkers to 'Scoop their Poop'.

Children created fabulous, eye-catching posters which were displayed and judged at Hurworth Country Fair on Saturday 17th September. Well done everyone!

We are proud to announce that the **five winners** all received their Rosette and £20 cash prize. Do look out for their posters being displayed around the village in the coming weeks. We are proud that so many young people feel strongly about this issue and wish to keep our village footpaths clean.

Remember, for all you budding bakers, gardeners and crafters, there are plenty of competitions to enter in our Country Fair next year!



Remember to report serial offenders e-mail your concerns to:
dishthedirt@darlington.gov.uk

News from Priory Hurworth House School

HPC works closely with The Leadership Team and the staff at The Priory School. We're pleased to strengthen community links and in our July meeting, through working in partnership, we have lots of exciting news to report:

- Come along to a **Community Coffee Morning** on Friday 11th November 9am - 10 am. Meet the staff and the young people and raise funds for charity at the same time;
- **Computer Courses** - the school are throwing open their doors (after school hours) to anyone who would like support with computer skills. Contact Gary to book your place;
- **Community Children's Christmas Party** - The Priory are hosting a free children's party for villagers with Father Christmas, party games and prizes. More information to follow - watch out for posters around the village;
- **Volunteer Project**. Do you have any skills you could share with the young people of the Priory School? Anything from gardening, music, fishing, literacy skills etc etc. If so, we would love to hear from you.
- **The 'Prep' Priory School field.**

The Priory are keen to establish this field as a Community Resource in conjunction with HPC. The Priory has reiterated there are, "No plans to sell." Moreover, that working with HPC, this land could be used for six to eight allotment plots and a community space for all. Ideas are welcomed.

• Westfield Drive

The Priory is working hard to relieve congestion on this road. There is now a staff 'car share' scheme in place and staff are requested to park at the front or in car parks, not on the road;

The Priory, along with HPC, continue to follow up issues with taxi companies.

A regular member of staff, Jason, is now on gate duty every morning to ensure safety and good behaviour. There are regular litter-sweeps by staff and students in this area too.

If you would like any more information, please contact HPC enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk or The Priory directly tel. 7 29080





Highways

Our headlines for September 2016:

- RON HOGG has agreed to contact Gloucestershire force which has an ANPR speed reduction system in place. This is with a view to adopting something similar in Hurworth and County Durham. We will be meeting with him at the SUPER PACT meeting on Tuesday 25th October, Dinsdale Court, Middleton St. George. If you feel strongly about speeding in our village, do come along!
- Brenda Bowles (Highways Engineer for DBC) has confirmed the Spar parking spaces will not proceed due to the scheme being unenforceable and due to residents' concerns.
- Additional 30mph repeater signs within Hurworth are not permitted by DBC. The Borough Council would support variable message signs in their place.
- Another school keep clear marking will go on Roundhill Road and is scheduled when the next batch of works are due. Our lollipop lady will then at least be seen from the Spar end of Roundhill Road.

MOTORISTS PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

- The Highways Inspector performed a site visit to the house on Roundhill Road undergoing significant works near school crossing to advise contractors of safer working practices in light of pedestrians' concerns.
- If funding becomes available, Safer Routes for Schools will be a priority outside the Primary School. This would mean a much-needed 20mph zone.
- The Arboricultural Officer has received details of trees shrouding lights in the village. Work is actioned to cut back shrubbery etc.
- Arriva – Parishioners sent footage of a bus mounting the pavement at speed when a young person was on that pavement. John Rochford from Arriva has dealt with this matter and intends addressing HPC to reassure our residents at the next HPC meeting.

- **Taxis on Westfield Drive** – another complaint has been made by The Priory School to a Middlesbrough company whose taxi mounted both pavements either side whilst doing a three-point-turn on 4:10:16.
- **A Taxi speeding on Westfield Drive** narrowly missing a 4 year-

old resident was reported to DBC, Hurworth Primary School and United Taxis.

TAXI DRIVERS PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN OUR VILLAGE!

- Priory Staff now operate a car share scheme to help reduce congestion on Westfield Drive.

Are you WHEELIE concerned about speeding?

We are about to launch a wheelie bin sticker scheme to remind motorists of our 30mph speed limit in Hurworth. Many other villages have used this scheme with success. HPC will invite residents on main routes in and out of the village to join a scheme to remind motorists to SLOW DOWN. HPC will provide stickers (design to be decided and ideas welcomed) to be displayed on wheelie bins on bin collection days only. Participating residents must agree to put their bin out for collection and wheel it away as usual after collection. After all, we do not want to create any more problems with unsightly bins being left out! If you would like to be involved in this project or you have any ideas to support our village to tackle speeding motorists, then please do get in touch with Graham Wylie and Carol Paylor.

enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk



Hurworth Characters



Jillson & Barbara Lawrence

Barbara was born in Stockton. Jilly was born in Darlington. Barbara went to Primary School in Hartburn then onto Oxbridge Girls School in Stockton. By school age Jilly had moved to Hurworth. He went to Hurworth School for all his education years. Being just a small village in those days children did spend all of their education years at what is the Primary School today. After leaving school Barbara worked at Whitlocks in Stockton which were a cheese import/export business.

Jilly first went to work at The School Furnishing Company Ltd. Barbara went on to work for The British Viqueen which was part of ICI in Stockton. She worked in wages and accounts. Jilly later went to work in Stockton at the J.W. Wells a Shop Fitting Company, working in Design and Estimating. They first met on a blind date in Stockton meeting outside the cinema. They were married at Saint Peters in Stockton in 1966. The couple have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July.

They first lived on the Grange Estate in Hurworth. Moving to Hornby Close in 1972 when the house was built. Barbara then worked for the Northern Echo then moved to Alderson Plant Hire, again in wages and accounts. Jilly was still working in Shop Fitting but had started his own business with a partner. The business was called Datum but when his partner retired Jilly set up another business on his own called Datum Joinery.

In 1974 their first child was born a girl called Susie. In 1977 another girl was born and she was called Julie.



They now have two grandchildren who are twin girls born to Susie. They are now 16 years old and attend Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College.



Jilly has always had a keen interest in MUSIC as he says "is my life". He plays the trumpet but is able to play many more instruments. When he was just a lad he used to ring the church bells at All Saints. He also was a member of the Boys Brigade which was run by Ted Swales in the Old School House.

He was a founder member of the Hurworth Concert Band in the 70's with Peter Dodson. Peter was a peripatetic music teacher. They set it up in the Grange. In 1982 Jilly became a member of the Darlington Operatic Society he was there for about 20 years. The Musical Time Machine was formed. 20 years ago and made tens of thousands of pounds for charity.

Jilly also plays the trombone with the Don Parr Big Band and is also the vocalist. They practice weekly at the Grange. Jilly attends a Ukulele group who practice and rehearse

in Neasham. Jilly's time is also taken up with music in the Village Hall. He has also part of a group called So Shoddy Waddy who perform at many venues including The Gateway Club in Harrogate Hill. This is a club for youngsters with Down's Syndrome, learning difficulties and various disabilities. They have a great time. They become totally involved for three hours as also do Parents and Carers. The couple are also involved with Muscles for Mitchell a charity for children with the muscular disease called Duchenne.



Don Parr Big Band



So Shoddy Waddy

Daughters Julie and Susie sing with some of his groups often in the Village Hall. Barbara supports him throughout all his musical activities because she so thoroughly enjoys them.

Barbara's main interest has been Flower Arranging, she was part of a group who in the 70's were based in the Grange but in the latter years they were moved to the art room because the Grange was being refurbished. This caused problems especially for the older members who found great difficulty climbing the stairs with their flowers and all their gear. So classes were moved to the Village Hall. The lady who ran it retired, so Barbara took over. This continued for 30 years. Then the numbers began to dwindle as the money dropped there was no way they could pay the rent. Now Barbara is President of the Hurworth Flower Club working alongside Wendy Maloom and Kay Duggan, also founder members.

Over the years Barbara has done dozens of flower festivals, demonstrations and workshops. She has been member of the Darlington Flower Club the last 30 years. She partakes in various Craft classes and demonstrations all over the area, making cards, decoupage and parchment.

In November Barbara is retiring after being Treasurer of the Village Hall, with John Gent as Chairman for 30 years. They have done an awful lot together. The Village Hall over the years have put on 40's and 50's nights, Royal Wedding Night, Orient Express Night and Jubilee Night and many more celebrations. There are Photos in the Village Hall where you can see much of what has been achieved. I'm sure we all agree that they will be a greatly missed. The Village Hall needs new committee members who can be assured that any advice they may require is only a phone call away.

Both Barbara and Jilly have been good for Hurworth. They are a pair popular and multitalented characters and we wish them well for the future.

EPICH

(Eco People In Croft and Hurworth, pronounced EPIC)



www.epich.org.uk

Last autumn EPICH volunteers planted 4000 bulbs in sites around Hurworth and Hurworth Place and many of you will have seen and enjoyed the spring show of snowdrops, crocus, daffodils and bluebells.

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.

Suggestions to -

www.epich.org.uk

www.epich.org.uk/facebook.asp

Judith Redfern

EPICH Vice chair & Secretary



Wildflower meadow.

Our wildflower meadow project at the Grange, which was delayed due to inclement weather in the Spring, has finally started to blossom. It is still in its early stages of development and will continue to mature next year. The wildlife are already enjoying the benefits.



Wildlife Map

One of our members, Jaime Westwood, has created a child friendly wildlife map, which describes the flora and fauna to be spotted whilst enjoying walking along Hurworth public footpaths.

Thanks to a donation from HPC this leaflet will be printed and made available to the community through schools, playgroups etc. for all to access.



Beekeeping

Judith, Tony and myself have been making weekly visits to the apiary not only to ensure the bees stay healthy and harvest honey, but also to prepare the colonies for the winter months.

We have had very positive feedback from those of you that have tasted our local honey. The last few jars are available to buy from Rockliffe pharmacy and View hairdressers (above Spar).

Ideas for the future.

We are always looking for opportunities to help the local community get closer to nature. One idea is to convert part of the pathway around the Community Centre grounds into a more user friendly surface, making it more accessible to all. As part of our research EPICH would welcome and appreciate your comments and suggestions.

PLEASE HELP

For EPICH to continue our work in the local community we need more volunteers. This involves a monthly meeting to discuss projects (with drinks and nibbles) and for those of us who can make it, a weekly two hour work party meeting at the Grange. All ages and abilities are most welcome.



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

We have reached a critical stage for EPICH in that without your help we may not be able to continue these local projects.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP

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

Wilma Campbell

EPICH Chair

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 18th November 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting will receive the reports of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and will include the election of Officers and Committee Members for 2016 / 2017.

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



Anyone interested in forming an indoor bowls club the village hall would like to hear from you. We have acquired the equipment all we need now is players. Please contact Bill Drumm - 01325 720694

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For Parish Clerk - Peter Allan & Enquiries
Phone 01325 722 171 E-mail: enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk

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.



Hurworth Parish Council Members

Cllr Margaret Williams (Chair)	8. Friars Pardon, Hurworth. DL2 2EA
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Cllr Janine Forester	11 Church Row Hurworth DL2 2AQ
Cllr Peter Foster	End View Cottage, Hurworth Moor. DL2 1QJ
Cllr Elaine Hedley	43. Westfield Drive, Hurworth. DL2 2ET
Cllr Richard Lawley	18 Sanderson Road, Hurworth. DL2 2AU
Cllr Carol Paylor	4 Bryan Close, Hurworth. DL2 2AS
Cllr Jean Peacock	25 Belgrave Terrace, Hurworth Place. DL2 2DW
Cllr Paul Walters	Copee Haven, Roundhill Road, Hurworth. DL2
Cllr David Wood	The Red House, 40 The Green, Hurworth, DL2 2AA
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