

Hurworth Parish Chronicle

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Chairpersons Comments

An interesting few months since the last edition of the Chronicle.

Val Hughes and Andy Coakes left the Council due to other commitments. Val, on the Council for some years, worked on many projects, including, the Parish walk programme and the installation of exercise equipment at the Grange. She is still involved in the organisation of the Produce/Craft Show at the Country Fair. Andy was only on the Council for a short time but his contributions towards various issues were very useful.

Tony Winnett, Andrew Robinson and Michelle Edwards did not stand for re-election to the Council in May. Tony served on the Council for a long time. A past Chairman, he worked tirelessly on all issues brought before the Council and recently set up, with volunteers, the Contingency Plans should an emergency occur in the village. Andrew started planning a neighbourhood information hub for the village and this will continue to be developed.

Michelle looked after allotments and organised the installation of a Defibrillator machine at the Grange. At May's election we lost Chris Pratt from the Council. He was a long- standing member who was past Chair and represented Blackwell until the recent boundary changes and, with his local knowledge, contributed to a wide variety of Council matters. Our thanks go to them all for their hard work and commitment during their time on the Council.

At the election we gained five new Councillors and welcome them to the team. We now have some younger enthusiastic members with new ideas.

The disabled entrance at the front door of the Grange is now complete and the widening of the vehicular entrance /exit to the Grange onto the main road is to be started soon.

EPOCH are making the area enclosed by the model railway at the Grange into a wild flower meadow which should burst into bloom in the coming months. This area will be dedicated to the Armed Forces veterans.

On 25 th June-Armed Forces Day- the appropriate flag will be flying on the village flagpole.

With a greater police and 'community speedwatch' presence to tackle speeding in the village, the speed monitor data shows that, overall, there has been a small decrease in the % of those drivers who are speeding. We have requested a flashing 20 mph signs at the start and end times outside the Academy and 30 mph repeater signs through main part of the village and will continue to pursue this matter with the DBC.

The Annual Assembly was well attended by about 100 residents and showed an increased interest in a variety of community affairs.

Our Parish footpath walks will take place again this summer, so look out for details of these on the Parish website and notice boards.

The ever popular outdoor concert at the Grange on Saturday 16th July and the sixth Country Fair on 17 th September looks as though it will be bigger and better than ever this year. We hope that you will be able to support these community events

Margaret Williams
Chair.



Planning Update from Hurworth Parish Council

Following public concern, HPC has now passed a motion to uphold the existing Parish Plan policy which affirms the Council's commitment to oppose large scale developments.

We have established a Planning Working Party to 'resist larger developments over ten units and to protect the village from other character changing developments'. We will be engaging specialist consultants to assist with our work in this area.

We are beginning a Neighbourhoods Plan in order to protect our village, green spaces and local heritage. We will be seeking your views and engaging our community in this process.

At the time of writing no outline planning application has yet been submitted regarding the Roundhill Road 'Banks Group' development. It is anticipated this could be July/August and we will keep you informed.



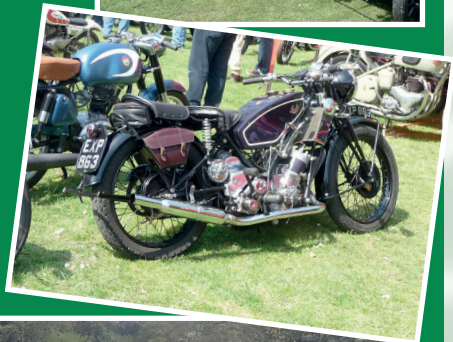
Hurworth Community Association & Teesside Yesteryear Motor Club

Classic Car & Motorcycle Show Sunday 8th May

On what was possibly the warmest day of the year up to the 8th May, crowds flocked to Hurworth Grange to witness a magnificent display of 350 Classic Cars, Motorcycles & Bicycles.

The standard of preparation was outstanding. Star of the show was the fabulous silver Jaguar SS100 pictured below. Over £3400 was raised for Community Association Funds.

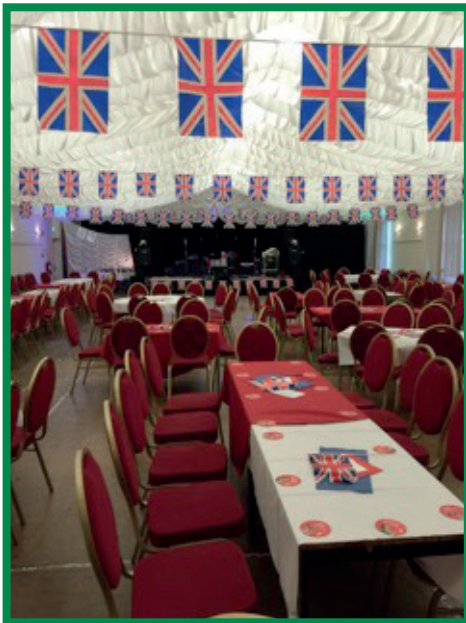
It just gets better and better!





Hurworth staged two events to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The first event staged at The Grange on Saturday 23rd April was a celebration of her actual birthday of 21st April 1926. The Fletcher Hall had been suitably adorned in Red, White and Blue and the capacity crowd were treated to an evening of live entertainment.



Sunday June 12th saw the second celebration, this time for Her Majesty's Official Birthday took place at 2.00 pm on The Green. The weather was unpredictable to say the least. The audience were serenaded by The Hurworth Concert Band and an accomplished selection of patriotic renderings from Avril Leach.

A fitting response made by the village in celebration of the life of the longest serving Monarch in British history. The Village Hall would like to thank the people who attended. The bucket collection along with a donation from the village hall was a total of £100 .00 towards Help for Heroes, many thanks to all who contributed.



Events at The Grange

Saturday 16th July - 7.00pm

Village Hall Outdoor Concert

Gazebo's £100.00 (10 people) - table & chairs included (SOLD OUT)

Field tickets £5.00 per person - bring your own chairs

Tickets - **01325 720177** & **01325 720840**

Hurworth's Sixth Country Fair

will be held at Hurworth Grange on Saturday, 17th September.



Another great community day, with a full schedule of entertainment for all age groups. Punch and Judy to Belly Dancers.

Entry price still only £3.00 and children 50p. Funds go to Hurworth Community Association and St Teresa's Hospice.

Produce, crafts and other exhibition entries please contact Jean Peacock on **01325 720593** or Hurworth Grange on **01325 720840**.

For all other Fair enquiries please contact Val or Peter Allan on **01325 721996**.

For full event details see pages 6 & 7.

Hurworth Country Fair

	Stage	Arena 1	Arena 2	Arena 3	Racetrack with Bookmaker	Arena 4	
10.30				Horse Arena		Pet Registration.	
11.00	Opening Aycliffe Brass Band					Pet Show Many Classes enter on the day.	
11.30	Born To Dance	Live Wrestling	The Mavericks Fly-Ball Dog Racing		Pig Race One		
12.00	Tiffany Dance Team	See Programme at Ringside	All Day Programme				
12.30	Irish Dancers						
01.00	Belly Dance Extravaganza			Jemma & her Shetland Ponies horse display	Indian Duck Race One		
01.30	Born To Dance				Pig Race Two		
02.00	Hurworth Line Dancers						
02.30	Irish Dancers			Jemma & her Shetland Ponies horse display	Indian Duck Race Two		
03.00	Born To Dance						
03.30	Belly Dance Extravaganza						

Entertainment Programme 2016

Band Stand Area	Archery	Marquee 1	Keithorama	Side Shows	Activity Centres	Activity Halls
					Fairground	Crafts
	Public Participation.			Ferret Racing	Miniature Railway	Produce Art Wine Making
Punch& Judy.		Rockliffe Hall Hotel And Spa		Jays Animals. Alpacas.	Pauls Game Arena Climbing Wall	Competitions and Judging
Jay's Animal Emporium					Belly Dancing Workshop	Schools Design Competitions
Punch & Judy				Clervaux Corner Pony Rides	Football	
Aycliffe Brass Band	Exhibition		12.45 -1.45 Band Show		Challenge	
Gymnastics Display	Public Participation			Gymnastics Workshop	Woodcraft Exhibition	
Punch & Judy					Clervaux Crafts Exhibition	
Aycliffe Brass Band	Exhibition			60 Stalls		
Punch & Judy	Public Participation					Prize Giving
Grand Draw						In Hadwin



Scoop it, Bag it and Bin it

DOG POO EPIDEMIC

Those of us who regularly walk the village are becoming aware that the issue of unpicked-up dog poo is an increasing one. The village has a good dog poo disposal facilities and the Parish Council will always respond to suggestions for improvement.

Dog fouling and the health risks:

The main reason for dog fouling laws is because dog faeces are unhygienic and a health hazard. Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to toxocariasis in humans.

Fouling laws do not cover faeces from other animals, because they aren't hosts for toxicara. Toxocariasis causes serious illness and even blindness. It is caused by a parasite known as *Toxocara canis* (also known as Roundworm). These parasites live in dogs' digestive systems. Eggs are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminated soil. If someone ingests infected material, the eggs may hatch into larvae and can lead to toxocariasis.

Toxocariasis usually affects children aged between one and four years. But cases of toxocariasis have been reported in people of all ages. Young children are most at risk because they are more likely to put things into their mouths and less likely to wash their hands properly.

Symptoms of toxocariasis can include seizures, breathing difficulties, a very red and painful eye, and clouded vision, usually only in one eye. Left untreated, toxocariasis can cause permanent loss of vision in the affected eye.

Unfortunately your dog is unable to clean up after itself. It has to rely on you to do the job. Those owners who do not clean up are a minority who give the rest a bad name. To report serial offenders email your concerns to: dishthedirt@darlington.gov.uk



EPICH

(Eco People In Croft and Hurworth, pronounced EPIC)



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EPICH would like to thank John Martin who has had to resign from his role as Secretary and Treasurer as he and Adele, have moved to Ripon. We wish them both well for the future.

Luckily we have managed to persuade our Vice Chair, Judith Redfern to take on the role of Secretary and Peter Allan to resume his role as Treasurer.

In the local community

Our general maintenance work around the grounds of the Grange has continued weather permitted.

During the Easter holidays, EPICH held a free Nature Trail activity at the Grange.

The activity included finding and solving nature based puzzles as well as making a bird feeder to take home. As you can see from the pictures everyone enjoyed the event and EPICH are hoping to organise similar events in the future.



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Beekeeping

Our EPICH beekeepers have been very busy over the last few months. With the warmer weather, the Queens have started laying and the numbers of bees in each colony have significantly increased. Weekly inspections are now necessary to ensure the bees have enough stores and space in each hive. Hopefully we will be able to harvest some spring honey before too long.



Our next project - A wildflower Meadow

The ground preparations and the planting of the wildflower meadow on the inside of the Model Railway area at the Grange, has now been completed. This had been delayed due to the very wet weather conditions in April/May.

This planting will provide attractive floral displays similar to those seen at West Park and Rockwell in Darlington, which will breathe new life into our green spaces giving much needed food for wildlife and enriching the environment for local residents.

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

Farewell to Bev and Tom

On Wednesday 15th June the regulars at the Emerson Arms said a fond farewell to Bev and Tom who have run the establishment for the past two years. The couple have done much to improve the decor and catering facilities. Together they have turned the business around. One regular commented 'they are always generous, friendly and welcoming'. Another stated 'they are the best landlady and landlord you could ever wish for and the have supported many charities'. The couple are moving back into town for personal reasons we all wish them every success for the future.



Saturday 18th June All Saints Summer Fete

From 10.00 a.m. members of the congregation were busy assembling the stalls. In the kitchen buttering and creaming and jamming of scones was at a pace. By 2.00 p.m. all was ready. The fete was declared open by Lynda Gough who is The Area Dean.

There was a good selection of stalls including cakes, books, toys, plants, tombola and hot dogs. It was soon realised that visitor numbers were well below expectation. It became obvious that there was competition for the clientele, a Duck Race at Neasham, Football on T.V. and Touring Cars at Croft. There was a steady flow but we were never rushed of our feet was one comment made in the kitchen. In the afternoon the weather turned cold and it was all over by 3.45 p.m. Takings were £1100 which will be of great help but was well short of previous figures. A big thank you to all who attended or helped run the event.



PACT (Police and Community Together) Thursday 4th June 6.30 p.m. Hurworth Grange

The PACT meeting takes place prior to HPC meeting, all are welcome to attend.

John Angus PCSO gave the police report for the period from 3rd March to 31st May 2016, as follows:-

Total Crimes - 15

Burglaries - 2 - Sanderson Road and Holdforth Grange.

Burglary Other - 1 - Green keeper's store at Rockcliffe.

Theft 6 - Rockcliffe Hall, Hurworth Road, Blackwell Golf Club (2). West end and Westfield Drive.

Vehicle theft - 0

Theft from vehicle - 2 - Blackwell Golf Club and Church View.

Criminal damage - 1 - Blackwell Golf Club.

Antisocial behaviour - 3 - all at Blackwell Golf Club.

Criminal harassment - 0 John Angus reported that Blackwell Golf Club has now erected a high fence this should substantially reduce the incidents at the Club.

Speed Watch

New volunteers have been active in Hurworth Place and The Chase area and this is having a good impact. More volunteers would be most welcome.

Hurworth Allotments

Have you ever thought about cutting down on the food bills, having seasonal fresh veg and fruit every day without the hassle of driving into town to the supermarket, making new friends in the village, fancy a new hobby or, just want to brush up on forgotten gardening skills? If the answer is 'Yes' to any of these, then why not get an allotment?

In Hurworth, we are lucky enough to have 2 allotment sites; Strait Lane, which is the larger of the two, and the Grange, which is in the Grange's original kitchen garden. Availability of gardens is limited, but they often come available towards the end of each year (the £15 rent is payable at the start of each calendar year). The Parish Council have a waiting list at the Grange allotments, but nobody is on the waiting list at Strait Lane, and any available gardens are given to the person who is next on the list.

If you're new to allotment gardening, don't worry, as there are lots of fellow gardeners who are always happy to share their knowledge, spare plants and gardening equipment with you. Having an allotment is hard work, but the feeling of achievement and satisfaction of cooking a meal out of the veg. that you have grown cannot be beaten, and neither can the taste!

To register your interest in getting an allotment, please feel free to contact Peter Allen on:

01325 722171 or email, enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk



Improving Our Village



Graham Wylie and Carol Paylor recently joined Hurworth Parish Council in 2016, and one of their duties is highways.

Highways includes being responsible for roads, footpaths and dog fouling; each of these has its own problems, but together Graham and Carol will support the residents in any way they can.

They have enlisted in the community speed watch programme, and will be tackling speeding in the village over coming months; so watch your speed! We would like to thank everyone for the superb response from our community with many volunteers coming forward for Community Speed Watch. If you would like to join us to combat speeding in our village, do contact us. Twenty minutes of your time can make a real difference.

Tackling dog fouling will be aided by the local schools, and the Parish Council has approached our local school children to engage in a poster competition to raise awareness over dog fouling in our village. Entries will be exhibited at The Country Fair and winners will see their posters displayed in the village.

This initiative will also be enforced by local volunteers, so please make sure that you clean up after your dog.

If you have any problems in any of these issues, please contact either Graham, or Carol via the Hurworth Council on

01325 722171 or email,
enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk



Military Gentleman Takes 'Early' Retirement



Tony Winnett

Despite pleas from his fellow councillors, Tony Winnett retired from the parish council in April, and did not stand for re-election. Tony joined Hurworth Parish Council in February 2012 and was Chairman for two years.

Tony took on a leadership role and introduced several new initiatives which included the formation of the Parish Contingency Plan, and recruited the team who will now take this forward. He assisted in the foundation of the LEADER Group, of which he has become a member of the funding committee. This Group embraces funding opportunities for small businesses, village halls and farmers within our region.

As a member of CPRE (Campaign of Protection of Rural England), Tony introduced the council to the organisation, which assists in protecting green areas and discourages planning developments in the villages around Darlington. In our fight to protect the village, such contacts are of great value.

During Tony's work with the council, he and his wife Trish, have supported many community events, and have actively participated in the annual Country Fair, many Grange and Village Hall events. His recent knee problems have partially curtailed his dancing and golf activities, but you will see him every day walking his dog, and overseeing the discipline of dog walkers with their poop bags!

We wish him happiness in his retirement, but hope he and Trish will still support the community events.

Well respected councillor bids a fond goodbye



Chris Pratt

According to the permanent Register of Councillors, 14th May 1991, an energetic young man joined Hurworth Parish Council. This person is a well-known gentleman farmer, with long and close ties to the pioneers who built up and funded the villages of Croft and Hurworth.

Chris Pratt has served the council for twenty five years representing Blackwell, and has looked after their interests, right up to the day Blackwell left Hurworth Parish, due to the boundary changes which took effect in May this year.

Chris took up many roles during his service to the parish including being Chairman of the council, and an authority on land ownership, land law and planning regulations. His work has been greatly appreciated by his fellow councillors, and all are sorry to see him depart.

Chris was a pioneer of the Hurworth Country Fair, and until he retired and sold his very large tractor, he helped stranded visitors and exhibitors, each year, by towing them off the event field at Hurworth Grange. This has left us with a problem!

Chris has seen the parish council develop, become very pro-active, and has witnessed many changes, with it finally achieving the national Gold Award. Chris, we thank you for your many years of commitment to the community.

Hurworth Parish Council

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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.

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