

Healeyfield Parish News



Autumn, 2016

Autumn Festival

Saturday 8th October 2016
3pm until 5pm

Come along and join us for an afternoon of Autumn fun and entertainment, broth and hotdog's will be available to buy, entry is free!

Enter our Autumn competition & create an animal from vegetables, a garden in a biscuit tin or decorate 3 cupcakes.

(Entry form for competition is on last page)

There will also be fantastic entertainment, provided by 'You, me and him'

Scarecrow Competition

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th October

Judging to take place on Saturday 8th (am)
-so make sure your Scarecrow is on display.



Autumn Garden

It's been a wet and warm year perfect for growing but not so good for getting the grass cutting done. I hope a few of you have tried some vegetables or fruit growing for the first time. I would love to hear from you and maybe some pictures.

September

Anyway gardening is always a busy time there's always something to do. Now is the time to give the greenhouse a clean out ready for winter. Wash out seed pots and trays and clear out old plants and weeds. Give the paths a wash with a hot solution of Jeyes Fluid but ventilate the greenhouse well for a couple of days. Repair any broke glass and clean out the gutters.

Pick autumn fruits such as apples, pears and raspberries. Dig up remaining potatoes before the slugs damage them. Sow the seeds for perennials and hardy annuals. Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird proof netting. Plant spring flowering bulbs.

October

Start raking up the leaves up off the lawn. Give the lawn a rake over if you have dead grass and moss. Now's the time to care for your lawn give it a feed ready for the winter months.

*Move tender plants into the greenhouse away from the first frosts.
Plant out spring cabbages, onions, broad beans, spinach and rhubarb.*

November

*Dig out the annuals and replant the borders with winter bedding such as pansies, wallflowers and polyanthus. Pansies always make a good show and are easy to look after. Plant shrubs and bushes and *prune the roses back and divide perennials this will help with the shape and flowering for next year.*
Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display
*Don't forget to feed the birds. this will encourage them into the garden over the winter time. Enjoy your garden.**

I will be here to help you along your way and if any one would like to email me with any questions on gardening just drop me a line at -
michaeljo1@sky.com

Cllr Johanna Forster





Queens Birthday Tea

Castleside Celebrates the Queens 90th Birthday in style.

Over 70 people came to the village hall to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday in June. Everyone pulled together and brought something to eat which provided a feast fit for a King (or Queen).

Every child at Castleside Primary School, made a birthday card for Her Majesty, the cards were all displayed on the walls around the hall and a card from each year group was chosen to be sent to the Birthday Girl herself.

Miss Frankie Archer had every ones toes tapping with her wonderful violin playing, with some even getting up to dance.

Finally, a toast was made to Her Majesty the Queen by our Chair of the Parish Council Adam and everyone enjoyed a glass of prosecco.

This lovely afternoon demonstrated that community spirit is very much alive in Castleside and I hope that we are able to enjoy many more events like this in the future.

Look out for our Festival of Autumn this October when we hope to bring everyone together again for a bowl of broth & some more wonderful entertainment, this will go hand in hand with our scarecrow competition.

Thank You to you all

In Our Village...



We have a Green Field Burial Services on Millers Hill Lane, Rowley just off the A68. The site is owned and managed by Keith Watson who lives in the village.

It's a peaceful and tranquil with views across the Derwent Valley make this home to a number of different species of birds and wildlife.

The site also has a Chapel and a Chapel of Rest which are wheelchair friendly along with a carpark and other facilities. The site was consecrated in 2014 so as well as graveside ceremonies, the Chapel and Chapel of Rest are available for funeral services, which can be carried out by a vicar, priest and humanist or by family and friends.



There is a seated area that is lovely to sit for quiet reflection and take in the beautiful surroundings of the Derwent Valley. The site is located on the rural bus route.

Castleside Primary School bids a fitting farewell to its three retiring

Golden Girls

If parting can be such sweet sorrow, then there can hardly have ever been a sweeter goodbye to savour than the fittingly uplifting one afforded to honour three stalwarts of Castleside Primary School on the final day of the 2015-16 term.

Between them, headteacher Mrs Charlton, Class 2 teacher Mrs Shepherd and Class 5 teacher Mrs Penny contributed a total of 60 years of service towards making the village school the truly special place that it is. It was only right that, in return, that the heavens should shine down on them with the hottest day of the year - and that the children, staff, parents and carers combined to provide them with a send-off to remember.

It started when the bell rang at 8.55pm, with pupils and staff milling around on the schoolyard before Class 4 teacher Mr Gilbert - strategically positioned on the roof alongside a pair of giant speakers and a video camera - unleashed the sound of Bruno Mars and Uptown Funk. The children and staff then launched into a Flashmob dance that future head Mrs Spence had choreographed and children and staff had practised in top level secrecy.

The multitasking Mr Gilbert busted his moves from the rooftop and parents and carers watched from the railings, bursting into spontaneous applause when the music stopped and the children lined up in class order for the start of the school day. Mrs Charlton, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Penny, who had all joined in with the fun, were left shaking their heads in a mixture of appreciation and disbelief.

Mrs Charlton returned to her office still in need of her sunglasses, the room having been decorated in tin foil in the style of a Frozen set. Rumour had it that Mr Robson, the impish former pupil turned teaching assistant, had been up since dawn performing surprise decorating duties.

Mr Robson had also helped to arrange the icing on the cake of the lavish buffet lunch laid on by staff and governors: a huge cake made by Carla Hansford, emblazoned with the school crest and complete with superb models of Mrs Charlton, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Penny.

The leavers' assembly that followed was pitch-perfect too, paying fulsome tribute to not just the retiring teachers but also to the Year 6 pupils from Mrs Penny's class. It opened with a blast of Alice Cooper's School's Out and finished with the leavers and the rest of the classes being clapped out of the hall to the tune of Retirement by the Kaiser Chiefs.

In between, there was a mixture of performance (some songs from the 2015 Nativity production; some brilliant brass instrumentals by pupils; some sublime singing by the school choir, conducted by Miss Barrass) and Year 6 children reading out memories of their time at Castleside. There was also a wonderfully witty poem written and performed by Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Penny, reflecting on their long, happy time on the staff, and a touching, inspiring speech delivered by Mrs Charlton.

Typically, the retiring head made a point of praising all of those who had helped her mould Castleside Primary into a school with the feel of an extended family about it (including the long-serving secretary Mrs Curry, chair of governors Mrs Robson, and her assistant-cum-successor Mrs Spence) while also paying tribute to Susan Laing, the hugely valued teacher who tragically lost her long battle against cancer in March.



It was left to Mrs Spence, chief organiser of the retirement activities (which also included a memorable staff night out at a Beatles and Sixties function at the Derwent Manor Hotel), to put into perspective the monumental contribution made by the three departing golden girls.

“A chapter is ending in the life of our school,” she said, pointing out that Mrs Charlton’s 20 years at Castleside Primary, Mrs Shepherd’s 21 and Mrs Penny’s 19 added up to 60 years of invaluable input. “Mrs Charlton came to Castleside as a teacher

and was both creative and inspirational in this role. The children still thoroughly enjoy times when she returns to the classroom.

“In 2005 she became head teacher, the new captain of our ship. She steered us through good and occasionally tough times with skill and determination. So much of our school - its character, achievements, and even physical appearance - are thanks to her.

“She’s created a family-like atmosphere, with children always at the centre of decisions. Very few staff leave the school. We all feel truly valued and respected. We are like her little class of children.

“She has the ability to change peoples’ lives, sharing the excitement of learning with children and colleagues alike. She leaves with a great deal of sadness among parents, staff, parent and pupils, who have all valued her leadership in many ways. Hers are big shoes to fill.

“Thank you for being a brilliant boss and friend to us all and we wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement.”

Mrs Spence spoke fondly of Mrs Shepherd’s achievement of having taught in every class in the school. “The work she has done in organising creative weeks and on the musical side has been immense,” she said.

Mrs Spence also praised Mrs Penny’s part in leading school trips to France and Dukeshouse Wood and highlighted her Herculean role in guiding the school football team to the double of League and Champions League winners in the season just gone. “For a school of our size, that is a remarkable success,” she said.

Mrs Spence herself has already played a major role in the Castleside Primary School success story, as a veteran of 25 years’ service, and with her at the helm the legacy of Mrs Charlton, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Penny could not be in more secure hands.

In the meantime, everyone concerned with the wonderful village school can only echo the words of the Kinks, as sung by Kirsty McColl towards the end of the emotional leavers’ assembly: “Thank you for the days.”

Durham
County Council



Helping the lonely

Please spare a thought for the elderly and people who live alone. It means a lot to some one who lives alone to see a friendly face, or even better for some one to chat to even if it's only for 10 minutes. There are a number of helplines that are available even if you feel lonely and need to talk or are worried and need help. If you know a neighbour needs help call one of the helplines for some advice. There is always **someone** to help.

Silver Line 0800 40 70 80 90

is free to call day or night and is confidential. No question is too big or problem too small.

AGE UK Customer Services 0800 169 8787

are here to help you get involved or any questions or concerns.

BT Nuisance/Malicious calls helpline 0800 661441

free to call if you are receiving unwanted calls.

Home Heat Helpline 0800 33 66 99

if you are struggling to pay your fuel bill or worried about how to keep warm during the cold winter months.

Pension Service 0845 6060 265

a national helpline if you have questions about your pension or planning retirement.

SANeline 0845 767 8000

offering emotional support for any one affected by mental health problems.

Useful Contacts

Durham County Council

03000261000 - (stray dogs, street cleaning litter and dog fouling, graffiti, fly tipping)

Derwentside Homes 0800 783 9295 or 012

Call your **local police** 101 in an emergency always call 999



Castleside Village Hall

Castleside and District Community Association Committee Members

Chairman - David Dixon

Secretary - Janette Archer

Treasurer - Lynn Holburn

Member - Amy Hill

Member - Dawn Kentish

Member - Shirley Richardson

Village Hall Office

Telephone: 01207 508660

Monday 8am - 10am

Tuesday 9am - 11am

Wednesday 9am - 11am

Thursday 9am - 1pm

Friday 9am - 11am

Castleside Village Hall



Castleside Cafe at The Village Hall

Come and enjoy Alison's home cooked lunches!

EVERY THURSDAY AT 11.30am - 12.30pm

2 course with tea/coffee only £4.20

Home deliveries available £4.50

The Bakery is open for:

Corned beef & potato pie

Mince beef & onion pie

Ham quiche or cheese and onion

(all in small medium or large)

sausage rolls scones fresh cream cup cakes



ALL ARE WELCOME

Please book in advance on Tuesday or Wednesday 10-30am-1pm

Ring - 508660 any other time - 590494

You can also pre-order from the Bakery for collection on Thursday

Hire of the Hall

Castleside Village Hall is an ideal venue for all sorts of events and activities. The hall has a good sized stage and there is a newly refitted kitchen. The kitchen can be used to provide refreshments and caterers can be recommended, or kitchen staff may be available if required. As well as the large hall, there is a smaller committee room available for hire. Disabled toilet facilities are available.

If you are planning a wedding reception, anniversary party, funeral tea or children's party please ring the hall at the times shown above, or contact:

David Dixon

Telephone - 01207 509253

Mobile - 07712892317

Activities

Art Club – 4th Wednesday 7pm - 9pm - Neil Johnson 506451

Beginners Art – every Tuesday 1:15 - 3:00 - Allen Carr 508698

Bingo – every Thursday 7:00pm - Shirley Richardson 508086

Bowls – Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30pm - Phyllis Shipley 581711

Castleside Cafe – Thursday 11:30am - 1:30pm - V. Hall 508660

History Archives – Thursday 10:30am - 12:30pm - Kevin McNamee 509456

History Society – Third Wednesday 7:30 - 9:30pm - Kevin McNamee 509456

Monthly Dances – Last Saturday 8pm - David Dixon 509253

Parish Councillor Surgery – Last Thursday 6.30pm, followed by,

Parish Council at 7pm - Ruth Wright 01388 834000

St John's coffee morning – Last Saturday 10 - 12noon - Bernice Disberry 507941

Saturday Supper Dance – 2nd Saturday 8pm - Doreen 560681

Village Hall meeting – 1st Wednesday 7pm - D Dixon 509253

Whist – Alternate Fridays 7:15 - 9:15 - Bernie Jones 588615

W.I. – Second Wednesday 6:30 - 9:30pm - Mavis Parker

1st Thursday – upstairs 7:00 - 8:00pm - Morag Syron 500967

Hatha Yoga - Monday 7 - 8.30pm - starting from 11th April 2016

Pilates Monday 6pm - 7pm - Marie 07515769763

CASTLESIDE CLUB

All details can be found on our new website www.castlesideclub.co.uk

We also have our own Facebook page.

The club has recently been refurbished, the function room holds up to 160 and can be hired free for Christenings/Weddings/Parties/Funerals.

Opening Hours

All Evenings 7pm - 11.10pm

Monday and Friday 2pm - 5pm

Saturday 1pm - 5pm

Sunday 12pm - 4pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons - Closed

What's on?

Sunday - Dominoes, Bingo and £50 cash draw

Tuesday - Line Dancing at 8pm

Wednesday - 4 ball lotto draw and Domino handicap

Thursday - Quiz and Bingo (Buffet for entrants)

Friday - Domino handicap and the Joker Draw (Potential £500)

Saturday - 'Open the Box' Key Draw

Join us by the warm glow of an open fire at...

The Fleece Inn Front St. Castleside

Warm your wits at *Wednesday's Quiz
Night + sandwiches*

Play a game or two of dominoes on
Friday evening (with hot snacks)

Enjoy Saturday night's cheeseboard.



Real ale & Good craik!

What's on at...

The Horse & Groom

Sharpen up the grey cells, create an invincible team and join us for our Thursday QUIZ night. Be entertained by Live Artists

Watch for the boards outside for details.





Castleside & District Photography Club

The Scouts Centre, Drover Road Castleside, DH8 9RE.
We meet every Tuesday evening at 1900 hr till about 2045.

All interested are welcome to attend.

A full range of photography subjects and tuition are covered at all Levels.

For more information please look at the website
www.castlersideanddistrictphotographyclub.co.uk

or contact Michael Ball 07552789077

Joining 1st Castleside Baden-Powell Scouts Group

Beavers (5yrs-8yrs) meet Tuesday - 6pm-7pm :

Wolf Cubs (8yrs-11yrs) meet Wednesday - 5.45pm-7:15pm :

Scouts (11yrs-18yrs) meet Wednesday - 7.15pm-8:45pm:

Rover Scouts 18+ Tel. 01207 508384

for more information **Come along to Scout HQ and find out more. *Contact:07896942378***

What's on at **St John's Church**

Weddings and Baptisms by appointment with **Rev. Martin Jackson** 503019 martin.jackson@durham.anglican.org.uk

<p>ST JOHN'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING is held on the last Saturday of the month 10:00 - 11:30 St John's Community Room</p>	<p>The St John Players meet every Monday between 7pm and 8:30pm. They would welcome new talent to tread the boards.</p>	<p>St John's Church Choir meet between 7:30 and 8:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Church. New voices would be most welcome</p>	<p>Dance Club 1st and 3rd Tues- day of the month. £2.00 Includes tea/coffee/ biscuits</p>	<p>Weekly Activities/ Groups Mums and tots Monday 9am</p>
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Enjoy warm Fellowship at the services of the

Grove Methodist Church

A regular Sunday service commencing
10:45am

The **THURSDAY GROUP** is an informal
'get-together' held on alternate
Thursdays at 1:30pm with chat, invited
guest speakers and refreshments.

COFFEE MORNINGS are held on the 1st
Saturday of the month @ 10:30
Cake Stall!!

Watch the Noticeboard for forthcoming
events throughout the year.



Messy Church

Is geared towards young families with a wide range
of fun activities based around a theme, a shared
meal and worship; all free of charge. There are
crèche facilities for the very young but under eights
must be accompanied by an adult.

At the Grove Methodist Church
every 3rd Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 in the
hall.



At Castleside
every 1st Friday
from 3:30-5:30
in the Scout Centre.

Rowley Baptist Church

On the A68 between Castleside & Rowley

Sunday morning - 10:30am

Sunday Evening - 6:00pm

Communion - 2nd Sunday pm

Last Sunday am service

The 'Open-Door' Group meet @ 7:00pm every 3rd Thursday for an evening of fellowship
(except July & August.)

ST. PIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH at Moorside

Sunday service commencing 11:00am

Monday 10:00am

Tuesday 10:00am

Wednesday 7:00pm

Thursday 10:00am, the children of St Pius' Primary School invite you to their regular
act of worship on Friday at 9:00am in the school hall.

HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council can be contacted via the Clerk:

Mrs R.E.Wright

1 Northbridge Park, St Helen Auckland, County Durham
DL14 9UG

Tel: 01388 834000 Email:

healeyfieldparishcouncil.clerk@gmail.com

e-mail: healeyfieldparishcouncil@live.com

Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:

Name	Address	Telephone
D.Dixon	Middle Heads Farm, Rowley	509253
J.Forster	19 Park Tce, Castleside	7743010457
A.Hird	20 Hillgarth	7762357391
J.Robson	39 Castlehills	582955
A.Pearson	Conway House, 35 Consett Road	7808734057
K.Spencer	9 Front Street	7719088404
County Councillors are:		
Ossie Johnson		03000 268732
Richie Young		03000 268794

ATTENDANCE AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Healeyfield Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of each month (apart from August and December) in Castleside Village Hall at 7pm after the Parish Surgery. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Parish Council recently adopted a public participation policy, providing residents with the opportunity to speak on agenda items at Parish Council meetings.

If there is a specific issue that you would like to discuss, you can contact the Parish Clerk who can then add the item to the agenda. This must be done at least ten days before the meeting. Contact details can be found above.

If you have access to the Internet, you can view minutes by visiting our website - www.parishes.durham.gov.uk/healeyfield

The Parish Clerk is happy to send the minutes of Parish Council meetings to interested parties by post to a home address or by e-mail in line with our publication policy.

Interested in learning about the past?

Come along, once a month to the

History Society

7:30pm in Castleside Village Hall.

New members & visitors always welcome.

We have informal meetings most Thursday mornings from 10.30am. This is when we work with the extensive archive material. Contact details below should you wish to attend.

(01207) 509456 or 502038

kaymac123@btinternet.com

We have been able to introduce new features and reports from around the area but we would love to include more so... have you any news for our next issue?

*Deadline date: 15th June 2016
As well as news this could include:*

Stories

Poems

Puzzles

Jokes/Riddles

Photos

***Anything of interest!!
Contact the Clerk***

The Parish Council runs an evening surgery in the upstairs room of the Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month between 6.30pm and 7.00pm (not in August or December).

If any resident of Healeyfield has a query you are very welcome to attend these surgeries. The Clerk and several of the councilors are usually in attendance and your query will be answered as quickly as possible.



AUTUMN COMPETITION

Name

Address

Phone Number.....