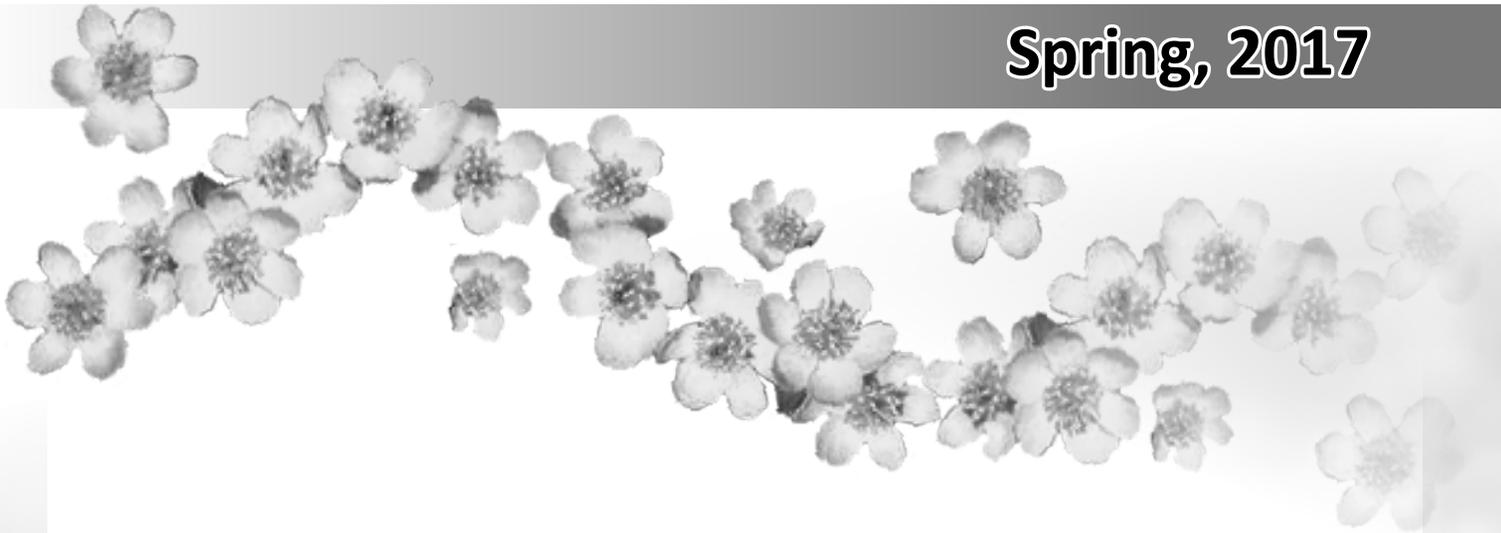


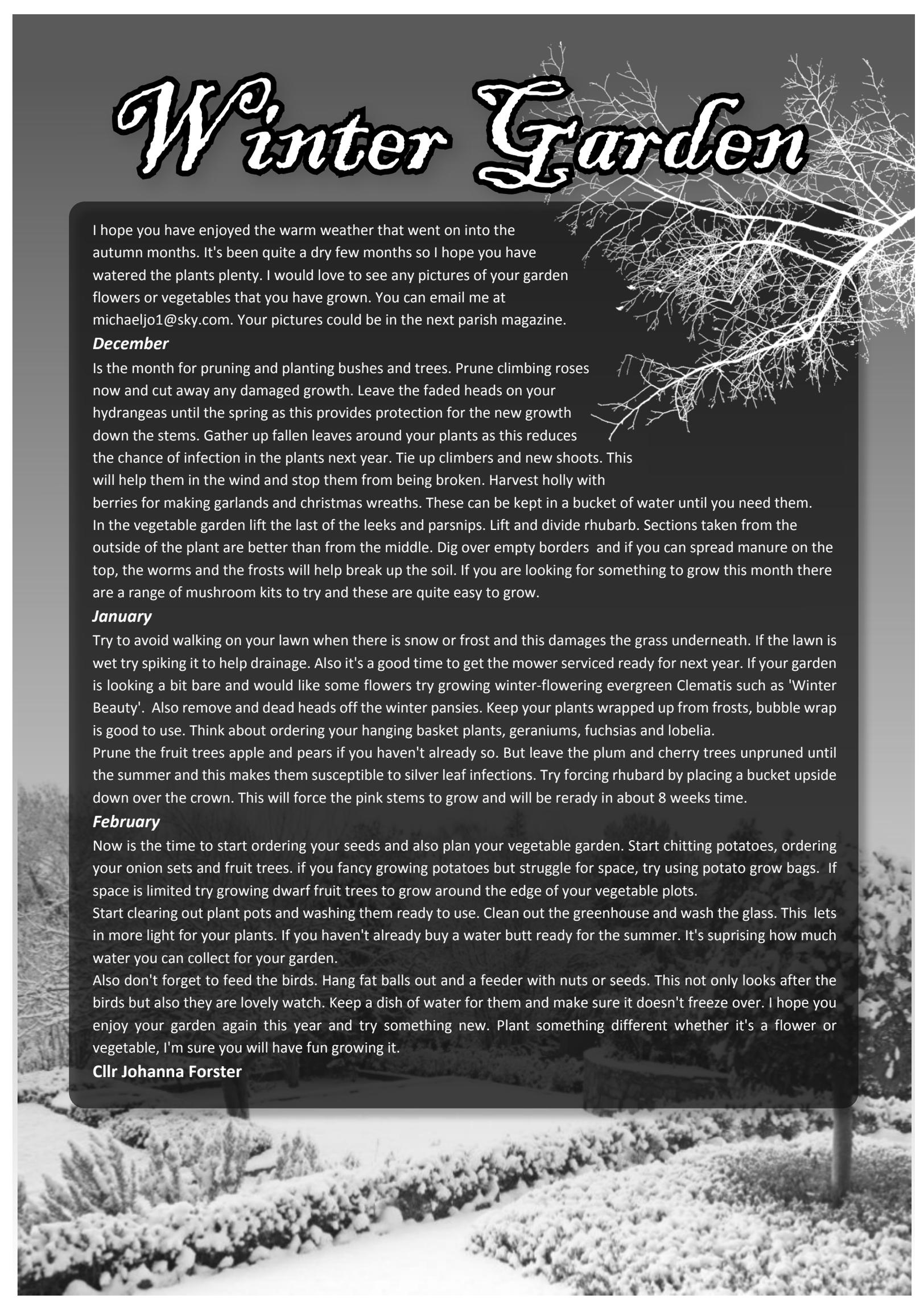
Healeyfield Parish News



Spring, 2017



Winter Garden



I hope you have enjoyed the warm weather that went on into the autumn months. It's been quite a dry few months so I hope you have watered the plants plenty. I would love to see any pictures of your garden flowers or vegetables that you have grown. You can email me at michaeljo1@sky.com. Your pictures could be in the next parish magazine.

December

Is the month for pruning and planting bushes and trees. Prune climbing roses now and cut away any damaged growth. Leave the faded heads on your hydrangeas until the spring as this provides protection for the new growth down the stems. Gather up fallen leaves around your plants as this reduces the chance of infection in the plants next year. Tie up climbers and new shoots. This will help them in the wind and stop them from being broken. Harvest holly with berries for making garlands and christmas wreaths. These can be kept in a bucket of water until you need them. In the vegetable garden lift the last of the leeks and parsnips. Lift and divide rhubarb. Sections taken from the outside of the plant are better than from the middle. Dig over empty borders and if you can spread manure on the top, the worms and the frosts will help break up the soil. If you are looking for something to grow this month there are a range of mushroom kits to try and these are quite easy to grow.

January

Try to avoid walking on your lawn when there is snow or frost and this damages the grass underneath. If the lawn is wet try spiking it to help drainage. Also it's a good time to get the mower serviced ready for next year. If your garden is looking a bit bare and would like some flowers try growing winter-flowering evergreen Clematis such as 'Winter Beauty'. Also remove and dead heads off the winter pansies. Keep your plants wrapped up from frosts, bubble wrap is good to use. Think about ordering your hanging basket plants, geraniums, fuchsias and lobelia. Prune the fruit trees apple and pears if you haven't already so. But leave the plum and cherry trees unpruned until the summer and this makes them susceptible to silver leaf infections. Try forcing rhubarb by placing a bucket upside down over the crown. This will force the pink stems to grow and will be ready in about 8 weeks time.

February

Now is the time to start ordering your seeds and also plan your vegetable garden. Start chitting potatoes, ordering your onion sets and fruit trees. If you fancy growing potatoes but struggle for space, try using potato grow bags. If space is limited try growing dwarf fruit trees to grow around the edge of your vegetable plots.

Start clearing out plant pots and washing them ready to use. Clean out the greenhouse and wash the glass. This lets in more light for your plants. If you haven't already buy a water butt ready for the summer. It's surprising how much water you can collect for your garden.

Also don't forget to feed the birds. Hang fat balls out and a feeder with nuts or seeds. This not only looks after the birds but also they are lovely watch. Keep a dish of water for them and make sure it doesn't freeze over. I hope you enjoy your garden again this year and try something new. Plant something different whether it's a flower or vegetable, I'm sure you will have fun growing it.

Cllr Johanna Forster

Land of Oak & Iron in Parish Woods

The Land of Oak & Iron (LOI) Woodland Conservation Team which meets once a week, will be starting some management works in Parish Woods in February and everyone will be welcome to get involved. The work will involve thinning of young birch trees to make habitat piles for small woodland creatures and create areas where small saplings can be transplanted from other areas within the wood.

Peter Downes, Woodland & Access Officer for LOI, will meet volunteers in the car park on Church Street, just up from the cemetery, at 10.30 am on Tuesday 21st and Monday 27th February. No experience is needed, all tools and training will be provided; wear warm clothes and stout footwear and bring a packed lunch – each day will finish at 2.30 pm. It's a lovely sociable group of like-minded people with free tea and coffee provided to keep you refreshed throughout the day!

There are many other exciting ways to get involved in the Land of Oak & Iron, including free training courses, a photo competition, other volunteering opportunities and much more.

Good quality images of life, landscapes, wildlife and industrial heritage within the LOI are being sought, successful images will be used in a 2018 calendar, for Christmas cards and other promotional materials, as well as for the LOI Facebook and Twitter cover photos each month. Images should be emailed to landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk.

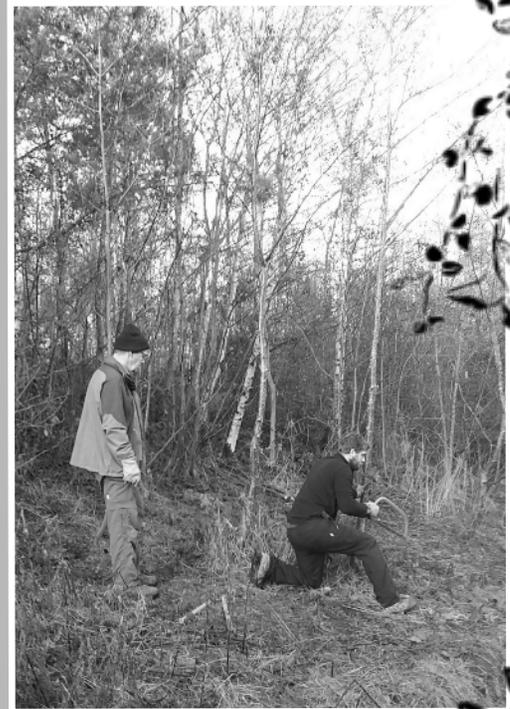
An oral histories project has recently begun, aiming to capture people's memories of life in LOI. The project is looking for volunteers to take part in free interview and recording training to help deliver this project over the next two years; all the information collected will be saved to an online archive for future generations.

The Community Grants programme offers grants of between £500 and £2,000, to grass roots community groups and organisations for projects and initiatives that conserve, enhance and celebrate the heritage of the LOI area. Further information is available on our website; the next deadlines are 30th April and 30th September 2017.

A programme of free ecology and geology training courses will begin again in March, the topics cover a wide range of birds, animals and habitats and focus on identification and survey skills. In the summer there will an archaeology programme, offering opportunities to get involved in surveying and excavation.

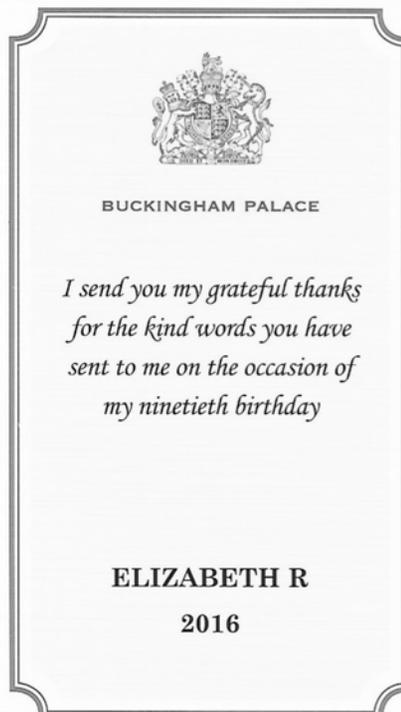
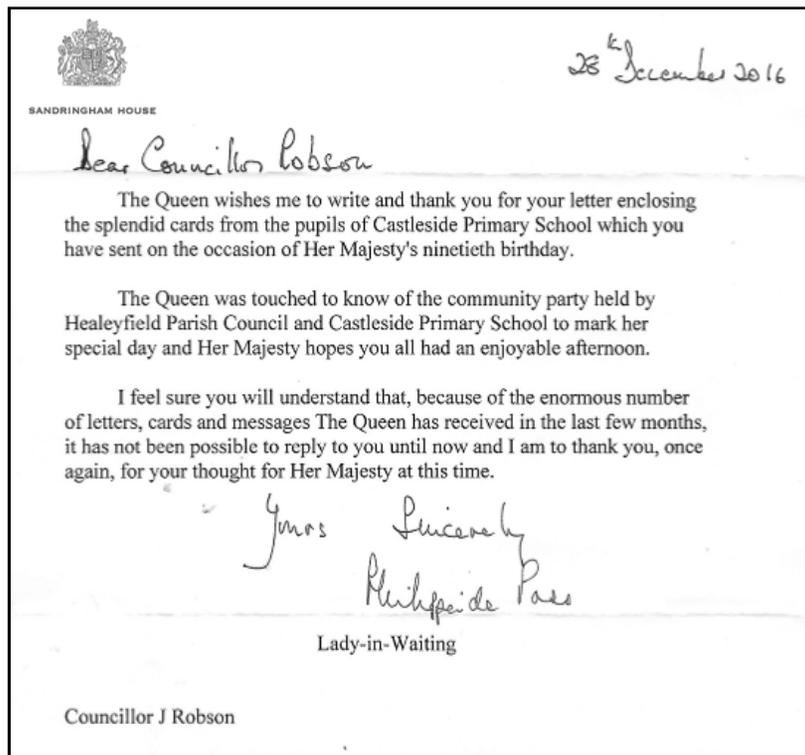
The Land of Oak & Iron focuses on the Derwent Valley and the surrounding area, following the Derwent Valley from Derwent Reservoir to the River Tyne, involving Consett, Rowlands Gill, Prudhoe and Whickham. The LOI vision is to work with local communities and partners to conserve, enhance and celebrate the fantastic natural, industrial and cultural heritage of this area. The Partnership is hosted by Groundwork NE & Cumbria and has been supported by National Lottery Players through a £2.2 million HLF grant.

For more information please visit www.landofoakandiron.org.uk, follow us on Twitter @LandofOakIron, like us on



A Royal Thank you

Back in June 2016, The Parish Council and The Village Hall Committee held a community party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday. I'm sure everyone who attended will agree that a good time was had by all. As part of the celebrations, every pupil from Castleside Primary School made a birthday card for Her Majesty and they were all put on display around the Village Hall. A card from every year group was sent to Queen Elizabeth along with a letter wishing her well and telling her all about Castleside's celebrations. I am delighted to publish a copy of a letter and card sent to us all. Thanking us for our best wishes. Let's hop we are able to have a similar celebration for her 100th Birthday.



Friends of Castleside Village Hall

It has been some time since this topic has appeared in these pages so the Committee thought it would be a good thing to remind everyone of our existence. I have included the accounts up until the end of March this year. You will see that the fund has quietly grown to be a sizeable nest egg. So it is reassuring to know that the Village Hall has a useful emergency back-up. At some point in the future we will have to consider releasing some amount to the Hall, a “surplus”, so that it can do some good.

It is worth congratulating those responsible for the condition of the Hall and its facilities. Visitors to our annual Art Exhibition often comment on the appearance of the Hall and how pleasant it is to visit. I have been told that the same good comments are heard at other events. I have some experience of visiting Halls in the area and can confidently say that this is one of the best.

It may be that there are people in the village who would like to contribute towards ensuring that the Hall remains an asset to the village. You can do this by contributing a small sum monthly or by an occasional lump sum. If you would like to help, please leave a note addressed to the “Friends of the Village Hall “at the Village Hall with your contact details and I will get in touch. There are details of our bank account on the Healeyfield Parish Council website.

Friends of Castleside Village Hall Accounts for Year ended 31st March 2016

INCOME		EXPENDITURE
Balance 01.04.15	£7,800.35	NIL
Annual Donations	£0.00	
Monthly Donations	£1,258.00	
Total	£9,058.35	

NOTES

No expenditure
Current monthly donations £105.50

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Introducing

PCSO Rachael Farrimond-Wight



I grew up in Consett and after living away from the area for many years, recently moved back taking up the role of Community Liaison Officer.

I am based in Consett and cover Stanley too, my job is to meet with residents and listen to their concerns and, working with the wider policing teams, address any issues affecting our community.

I am enjoying my new role and I really hope I can help and support local people. I am looking forward to getting out and about and meeting more people, being back in my hometown reminds me how passionate people are about the area we live in.

I have recently done some work with Moonrise Primary and The Grove Primary for Hate Crime week. Many of the schools in the local area have pupils who originate from Poland or have family who are Polish and wanted to learn more about their traditions. We had a fantastic afternoon in each school where we learnt a lot including some basic Polish, what Poland looks like and the pupils even got to try some traditional Polish foods. The pupils, and many parents, all had a fantastic time and although learning a lot realised that we maybe from different backgrounds but we all have the same ethics and values.

Another part to my role is crime prevention. As the dark nights draw in a quick reminder for all of your own personal and home security routines seems as though it is in order. A spate of shed thefts in the wider area is a timely reminder to ensure all of your belongings are securely stored and safely put away until the winter passes. Also in the dark nights when going out remember to keep a light on which makes it look like there is someone home but is also some personal security for you to return to a lit house.

I look forward to keeping you up to date on any local issues in the next issue, but please, contact me if you would like any crime prevention advice or have any community news you would like to discuss, my contact details are below.

You can also sign up to our "Keep in the know" system which will allow you to receive regular updates for your local area. Please log on, if you haven't already, <https://www.keepintheknow.co.uk/> to stay up to date. Stay safe in the dark nights!



PCSO 8009 Rachael Farrimond-Wight
Community Liaison Officer
Telephone: 101 ext 752455
Email: Rachael.Farrimond-Wight@durham.pnn.police.uk



Phillip Marshall

My name is Phillip Marshall and I live on the Castlehills estate with my fiancé and dog. I am delighted to join Healeyfield Parish Council as a local Councilor and it is an opportunity I very much look forward to, helping improve the local community we live in and enhancing the good work the parish is already doing.

I wanted to become a parish councilor because I believe that I could help make a difference to the community by making a clear stance along with the parish that we will not be defeated as a community in these times of austerity and we shall continue to thrive. I have been involved in many projects, a lot been voluntary and it is something I take great pride in, helping young people seek their aspirations along with helping community projects succeed in capturing different funding streams that is available to them. I am a very approachable, friendly individual and someone who will listen to your views and act in the communities best interests.

Castleside is a beautiful village with a great sense of community spirit and one that unites in the times of difficulty but celebrates the achievements of the village, its people and a village that recognises how important our local history/heritage is and something that encompasses us. Thank you very much for reading, any questions my details are below.



 safcphilly@hotmail.co.uk

 07470178870

Gymnastics Coach from this Parish receives M.B.E from Prince Charles

Karl Walton, a Volunteer Director of Deerness Gymnastics Academy, was honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for Services to Gymnastics.

Every week 800 people visit the Academy at Ushaw Moor near Durham which specialises in acrobatic and tumbling disciplines of gymnastics.

Five years ago the club faced uncertainty due to the closure of its training base in a council run leisure centre, where the club had been since 2002. Karl gathered support to take over the building and created Deerness Gymnastics Academy. He received the Northern Echo Local Hero's Award in 2014.

A full time Lecturer and Programme Leader at Northumbria University as well as volunteer leader at the Academy, Karl has inspired a generation of gymnasts with over 100 going on to represent Great Britain in World and European Championships.

Have *Your* Say

As being a Parish Councillor one of things we do is searching for grants that are available for our village. The grants can be used for all different things, a new play area, a statue, helping the community centre or just help your village be a better place. We don't always get accepted for the grants we apply for but it is good when we do have money to put into the village. The defibrillator in the village was money from a grant and also donations. So they do make a difference.

What would you like as a statue in your village? Now is the time for you to have a say. Would you like something about the war, WW1 maybe. Get in touch and let us know. The village is for all of us not just the councillors making decisions, you can too.

Cllr Johanna Forster

Do you look after someone who may be unwell or disabled? If the answer is yes, you could be a Carer.

You might be helping someone with their personal care or be offering them practical and emotional support or just ensuring that they are safe and coping. As a result you might feel isolated, overwhelmed and undervalued. We can offer specialist advice and information, practical help with completing forms, gaining benefits, grants and other funding. We can also help Carers that are in need of a break.

Tel : 0300 005 121 23

Text : 07860 017 632

Email: admin@dccarers.org

Website: www.dccarers.org



THE BIG *Spring* CLEAN

The litter pick is back again this year. We need your help again to keep our village clean and tidy. Last years event was a great success, so lets make this one even better. Please bring friends and family along.

Come along to Castleside Village Hall on Saturday 8th April at 10am.

All equipment is supplied along with tea and cake afterwards.

Contact Jo 07743 010457 or Judith 07905 951509



In Our Village...

We have a very old pub the Horse and Groom. This has been here since the 1700's and was known as the Lane End Inn. This was probably because it was situated at the point where Drover Road meets the main road through the village. This was a public house long before Consett or Castleside were thought of. In cattle droving days it was a well known call house.



winter of 1910.

Drover's roads were used all over the country to move cattle to the big cities such as London. Droving reached its peak in the late 18th Century before railway transport. Over 100,000 cattle were moved every year. The drovers roads would mainly follow high ground with wide grass verges so the cattle could graze as they travelled. Along these roads were alehouses where the herds rested over night. The cattle would be drove by men on horseback and would also need to be fed along the way. The Horse and Groom had its own brewery and also a 'smithy' where the horses could be shod.

The Drover's roads were also used by travellers walking to market and also for moving cattle to new pastures. Along the routes would be stagehouses where the horsemen or jagers could rest and store their goods. This Drover's Road started in Scotland and would come down what we know as the A68 over Alansford and up past the Horse and Groom and through Towlaw heading south.

Cllr Johanna Forster

The inn was kept by one family for 200 years, the last member of which retired when the war started in 1939. This was the Davison family. Mrs Almond was born in this pub and she lived there for 67 years before she retired.

In the photo is Mrs Almond and a maid outside the Horse and Groom. In the next photo is the Horse and Groom in the



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**



Supportive Transport services

Funded in part by Mid Durham AAP.

Supportive will supply a car and driver to take you to health appointments, socials, church, dentist, tea dances etc for a small fee (far less than a taxi).

Up to 2 mile =£1; 2-3 miles =£1.50; 3-4 miles £2.00 and so on up to 9 miles or more £5.00 maximum.

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

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

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

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



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.

Join us on Facebook too.





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**

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

What's on at St John's Church

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

ST JOHN'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

is held on the last
Saturday of the month

10:00 - 11:30

St John's Community
Room

The St John
Players meet every
Monday between
7pm and 8:30pm.

They would
welcome new
talent to tread the
boards.

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

Dance Club
1st and 3rd Tues-
day of the
month.

£2.00
Includes
tea/coffee/
biscuits

Weekly
Activities/
Groups
Mums and tots
Monday 9am

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	07743010457
A.Hird	20 Hillgarth	07762357391
J.Robson	39 Castlehills	582955
A.Pearson	Conway House, 35 Consett Road	07808734057
K.Spencer	9 Front Street	07719088404
County Councillors are:		
Ossie Johnson		03000 268732
Richie Young		03000 268794

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.

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.

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***