

Healeyfield Parish News



Spring, 2018

Parish Council Public Consultation Event

Saturday 24th March 2018

10am - 2pm

In Castleside Village Hall

We would like to share with you the achievements of the Parish Council over the last few years and our future plans for Castleside and the surrounding area.

We would very much like to hear your ideas and opinions.



The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to Mr Peter Gowland the owner of Gralands shop. For his kind donation of a new set of Christmas lights for the village display in the grounds of St. Johns Church I am sure this was appreciated by all who saw it.

Christmas Lights Switch On



Parish Woods

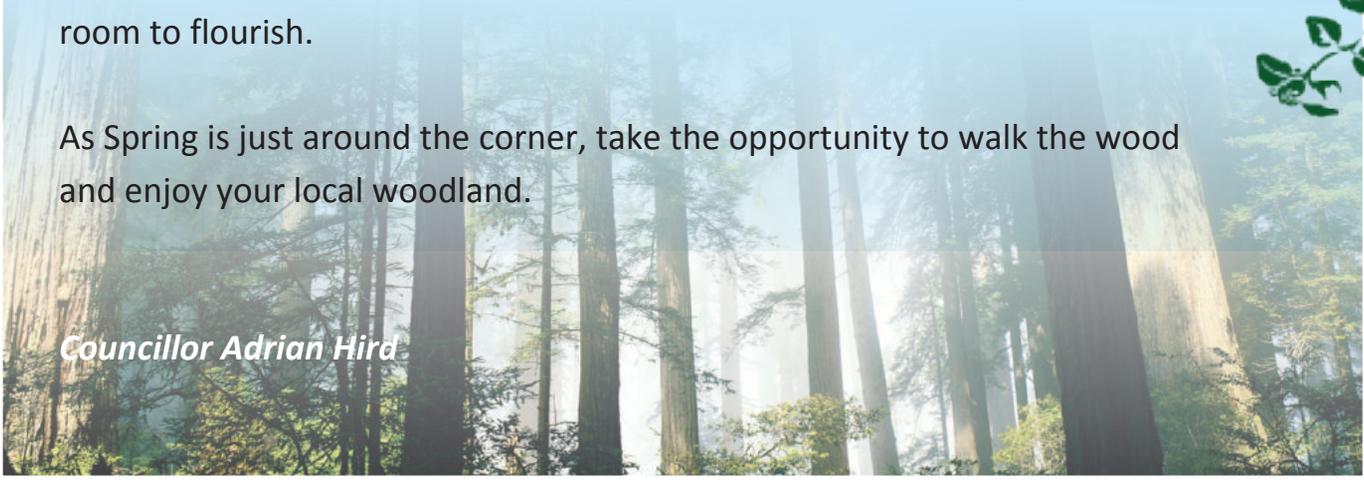
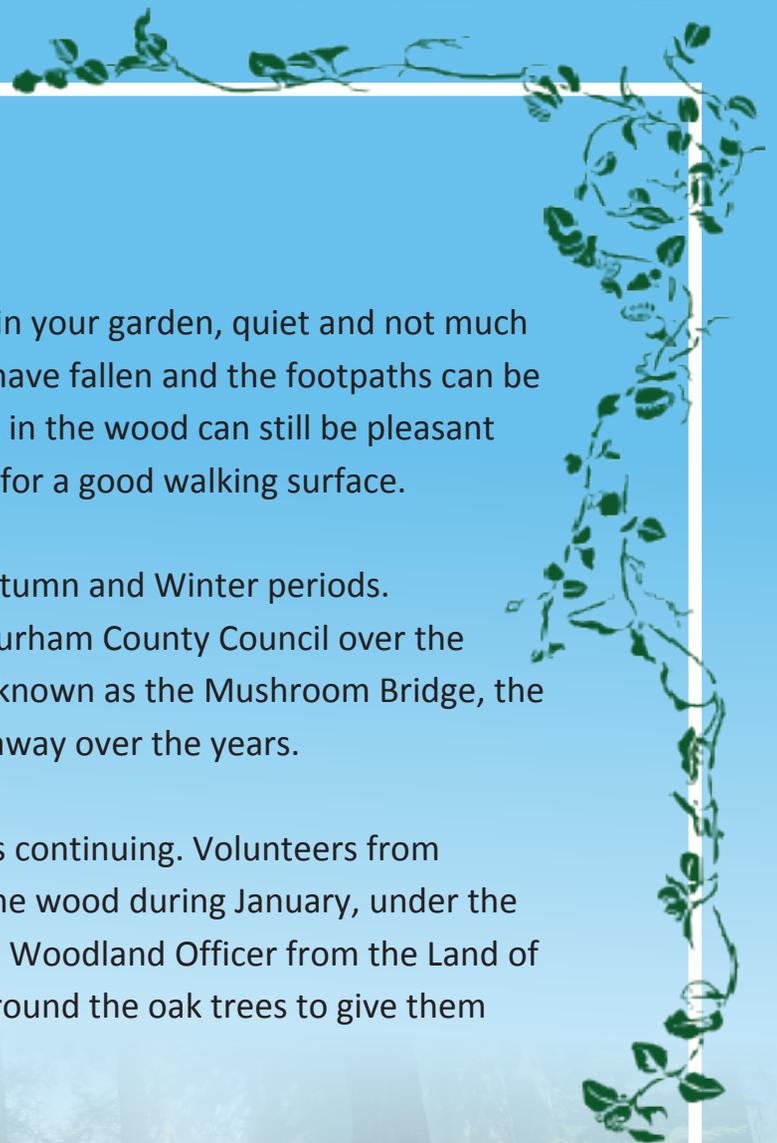
Winter in the Parish Wood is like winter in your garden, quiet and not much to do. Very little is growing, the leaves have fallen and the footpaths can be hard to follow. Pick your days and a walk in the wood can still be pleasant and rewarding. A good hard frost makes for a good walking surface.

Some work has been done during the Autumn and Winter periods. A new bridge has been constructed by Durham County Council over the stream to replace the old bridge, locally known as the Mushroom Bridge, the foundations of which had been washed away over the years.

Light trimming of non-indigenous trees is continuing. Volunteers from various woodland groups have been in the wood during January, under the supervision of Peter Downes, Access and Woodland Officer from the Land of Oak and Iron. They have been clearing around the oak trees to give them room to flourish.

As Spring is just around the corner, take the opportunity to walk the wood and enjoy your local woodland.

Councillor Adrian Hird



Meet Thomas

When I moved to Castleside and read about the history, I realised there was nothing to show what was around the village. When I researched Healeyfield Lead Mine, I had an idea of some sort of sculpture to commemorate it's history and Castlesides industrial past. I found Graham Robson who makes coal tubs and explained we needed a leadmining tub, which is different from a coal tub. Graham found an original tub from 1860's which is the right time for Healeyfield Lead Mine. I then had a talk with Tommy Craggs Tree Sculptor who is a local chainsaw carver and told him what I was planning to do.

After getting everything together, including planning permission, it all came together. I have been on Healeyfield Parish Council about 4 years now and being able to do this for our village has been worth all the work. I hope he will be cherished for years to come.

I hear you say why Thomas? In Castleside House, now known as The Smelters, lived the Muse family from the late 1800's. Mr Thomas Muse was a County Councilor for Castleside, a grocer, draper and also owned a gannister quarry. His sons fought in WW1, one of them being awarded the Military Cross. The Muse family seemed to play a great part in the village. Mrs Elizabeth Muse is buried in the churchyard. Thomas John Muse Jn is on the War Memorial in Castleside Churchyard. I thought this would be a good idea to name our Leadminer after a family which has a great amount of history. The Smelters also got it's name from Healeyfield Lead Mine.



Litter Pick



Our litter pick will be held on

Saturday 12th May

Meet at the Scout Hut (Drover Road)

at 10am - 12pm

The scout hut is just along from the village hall. All equipment will be supplied. Refreshments and cake afterwards. Please come along and help keep you village tidy.

Castleside Village Hall

Activities			
Activity	Date	Time	Contact
Art Club	4 th Wednesday	7 pm - 9 pm	Neil Johnson 506451
Beginners Art	Every Tuesday	1.15 pm - 3 pm	Allen Carr 508698
Bingo	Every Thursday	7 pm	Shirley Richardson 508086
Bowls	Wednesday	1.15 pm - 3.15 pm	
History Archives	Thursday	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	Kevin McNamee 509456
History Society	Third Wednesday	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Kevin McNamee 509456
Monthly Dances	Last Saturday	8 pm	David Dixon 509253
Parish Council Surgery	Last Thursday	6.30 pm	Ruth Wright 01388834000
Parish Council	“	7 pm	“
Village Hall Meeting	1 st Monday	7 pm	David Dixon 509253
W.I.	Second Wednesday	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Mavis Parker
Dance Lessons	2 nd and 4 th Monday of every month	7.30 pm	David Dixon 509253
Future Events			
Wedding and Events Fair	Sunday 18 th March	1 pm - 4 pm	
Art Exhibition	Easter Weekend		
Elvis Tribute Night	Friday 11 th May		
Castleside Carnival	Saturday 7 th July	1 pm - 4 pm	

Did you know...

Castleside and District Community Association is a registered charity organisation that has a team of dedicated volunteers that ensure the sustainability of Castleside Village Hall.

The hall costs approx. £13,000 per Annum to keep it in pristine condition and running efficiently for all its users.

The building itself is 93 years old and has took pride of place with in the village as a community building for many community groups, past and present and is the centre for many village activities.

The current Committee (who are also Trustees of the building) have over the years organised a succession of extremely successful events that are open to all in the village and surrounding areas. These events have included:

Clairvoyant Nights

Christmas Fairs

Afternoon Teas

Race Nights

Charity Nights

Drag Queen Nights

Halloween Parties

Queens Golden/ Diamond Celebrations.

Children's Discos

Host to Castleside Primary School Extra Curriculum Activities

Busker Nights

Music nights

Carol services

Pantomimes/ Theatrical Shows

Monthly Dances

The Annual Castleside Village Carnival which has ran for over 15 years.

In addition to this the hall has been host to our regular groups over the years, which include Bowls, WI, History Society, Bingo, Art Club, Clart About and have included previously luncheon club, yoga, keep fit classes, pilates, zumba, toddler groups, youth club, dance classes etc.

The hall has also been available for private hire and has hosted numerous weddings, funerals, christenings, birthday parties, board meetings, celebration dinners to name but a few.

The committee has been extremely grateful for all those who have supported the hall over the years and hope villagers, those from surrounding districts and their friends and families will continue to support our hall for many years to come.

As you are probably aware, to ensure the buildings sustainability as a modern venue for our programme of activities within the community, and in addition to guarantee the halls income through private hire the Committee has been undertaking a programme of refurbishment within the hall for the last 5 years. This has included many improvements to the halls facilities and appearance including kitchen refurbishment, the refurbishment of the toilet facilities, a new central heating system and new boilers, decoration of the hall and most recently new double-glazed windows. We are very proud of the building and its state of repair and this is often commented on by visitors and users of the hall.

Over the years we have received support from the Mid Durham AAP, our 2 local councillors Ossie Johnson and Richie Young and the Neighbourhood Budget Scheme but generally we are self funding and raise our running costs from our hire charges and our programme of planned events.

The Hall has also recently been awarded a premises licence for the sale of alcohol.

Castleside and District Community Association is a registered charity no. 520815. Anyone wishing to join our committee, donate to our organisation or book the hall can do so by contacting any member of the village hall committee as listed below. We are not to be confused with " friends of Castleside Village Hall". This is a separate entity who has no connection with the day to day running of the village hall building, any maintenance costs or any running of events.

We are however extremely grateful for a recent contribution from the "Friends Of Castleside Village Hall" for their generous donation of £ 444.35. This was donated after a recent request to their committee for a contribution to the halls programme of refurbishment.

To find out about Castleside and District Community Association and any future events please like our Facebook page Castleside Village Hall or look out on your local community notice boards for our up and coming events. To contact the committee or book the hall please contact the Village hall on 01207 508660 and leave a message or email "the villagehallcastleside @gmail.com".

Chairman: David Dixon

Vice Chairman : Dawn Kentish

Secretary: Joan Collins

Treasurer: Lynn Holburn

Committee Members : Marion Wetherspoon; Karen Craggs; Andrea Dixon; Lesley Johnston; Shirley Richardson ; Jackie Madge; Adrian Hird.

Village Poppy Project

The Parish Council are planning a project to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1, which involves hundreds of knitted poppies and we would love this to be a whole village effort.

Once knitted, the poppies will be sewn together to create a magnificent display, which we hope, will become part of our village history and legacy.

If you don't have any red wool, please contact either Councillor Judith Robson or Councillor Johanna Forster who will be able to provide you with some. When you finish knitting your poppy it would be very helpful if you would leave a tail of wool as this will help us to tie it onto our display.

Parish Councillors will be happy to collect any completed batches of poppies. The Parish Council would like to thank the resident who has already kindly donated some wool to this project.

Patterns are available from : Castleside Community Facebook page, Castleside Village Hall, Castleside Primary School, St John's Church or by contacting a Parish Councillor.



Castleside Pupils Reach for the Stars!



Pupils and staff at Castleside Primary School have hardly had time to catch their breath, with such a whirlwind of activities since the start of the 2017-18 academic year.

The tone was set with a highly successful trip to Beamish Museum for the annual Beamish Agricultural Show. The school earned a huge pile of certificates. There was one for Outstanding Achievement by the whole school and first place for the floral display, thanks to Mrs Chapman from Class 2.

Class 3 pupil Daniel Blackie won first place for an animal made out of vegetables and also set a record time in the hobby-horse show-jumping competition. The tricky obstacle course featured a water jump and several fences and Daniel and his wooden horse, 'Flash', managed to get

round in just nine seconds.

In October all of the Key Stage Two children spent a hugely rewarding day on Holy Island. Pupils and staff particularly enjoyed the time they spent hunting for fossils on the rocky beach. Between them, they unearthed bucket-loads of tiny beads which came from crinoid marine creatures 450 million years ago – fossils St Cuthbert is believed to have used in his rosary beads. Pupils also visited Lindisfarne Priory and St Mary's Church.

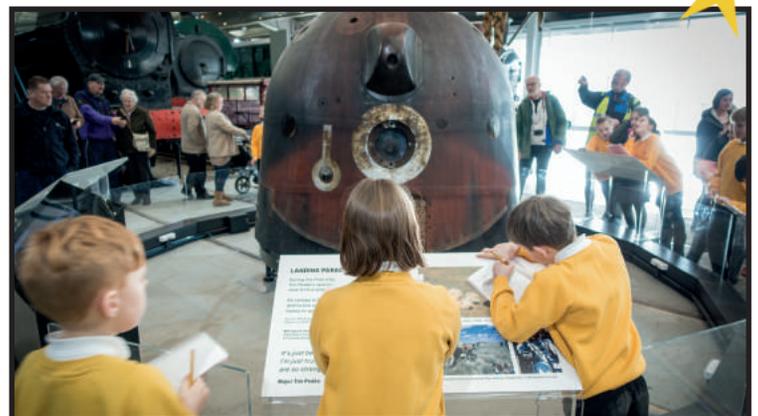
Year 5 pupils enjoyed a week of outward bound activities at Dukeshouse Wood in November and then, in the run up to Christmas, there was a seemingly endless succession of events. The Christmas Fair drew packed crowds to the school hall, which was adorned with a huge Christmas tree, donated by Michael Connor of Michael Connor Forestry. The event earned a bumper sum of £1,252.

The school choir sang carols at Tesco in Consett and earned £100.57. The school Nativity Play, 'Lights! Camel! Action!' was also a roaring success, and the excellent Year 6 Christingle service at St John the Evangelist in Castleside was described by Head Teacher Mrs Spence as "possibly the best I've ever seen." Thanks to the generosity of families and carers, there were collections for the Food Bank and Salvation Army, which were gratefully accepted.

Sadly, the school bade farewell to two highly valued veteran members of staff at Christmas. Class 1 teacher Mrs Franklin took up a new position at a local special school, while Class 2 teaching assistant Mrs Chapman decided to retire. Between them, this dynamic duo clocked up 31 years of invaluable service.

The spring term started with Mrs Cassidy moving from Class 3 to Class 1 and Mrs Draper arriving to take over in Class 3. The whole school enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal in Newcastle to see the hilarious Peter Pan pantomime. Class 4 savoured the special treat of a trip to the Shildon locomotion Museum to see British astronaut Tim Peake's space capsule.

As the term progresses, the pupils and staff will be striving to keep reaching for the stars!



Who Was Nanny Mayer?

Many people in the Castleside area will have heard of Nanny Mayer's Incline. Keen walkers in the area may well have passed up or down the incline on the public footpath which runs from Waskerley towards Horsleyhope Mill and Charlton Howl. The incline was part of the track of the Stanhope and Tyne Railroad, opened in 1834 to carry limestone from quarries near Stanhope to the coast. It was one of several inclines on the line necessitated by the hilly terrain encountered on the route, particularly on its western part. It was what is known as a self acting incline where the weight of the loaded wagons descending the incline hauled the lighter, empty wagons travelling in the opposite direction up the incline.

Who then was Nanny Mayer after whom the incline is named? She was born Ann Scott at



Mayer Family Graves, Muggleswick

Wolsingham on 25th June 1775, the third daughter of William and Ann Scott. William was a labourer at Linnew, a now abandoned farm near Wolsingham. In 1800 Ann married John Mayer, a native of Barnard Castle who was two years her senior. The marriage was witnessed by John and Thomas Elliott, members of the family which farmed at Dean Howl Farm, Castleside. John Mayer was a lead miner and, of course, Dean Howl is the location of a very ancient lead mine, the remains of which can be seen today.

By the time of the opening of the Stanhope and Tyne Railroad in 1834, Ann, by now a widow, was living at Tween House which was located near the foot of the incline. It seems that she saw the opportunity of supplementing the income from her farm by opening an ale house on the premises to serve the thirsty railway gangs working in the area. This became known as the Railway Inn and its popularity ensured that the name Nanny Mayer was attached to the incline and lives on even to the present day.

Ann Mayer lived quite a long life and died at Tween House on 7th January 1860 aged 84 'of old age'. She is buried in the Mayer family grave in Muggleswick churchyard and her gravestone tells the story of a rather tragic family life. Inscribed on the back of the stone is:-

'After many years as a tribute of affection this inscription is placed on this stone to mark the burial place of Ann Mayer of Tween House born 1775 died 1860 by her grandson Wm. Mayer 1889'

William Mayer was a very successful iron founder who had moved to Dumbarton and who was to become President of the British Foundrymen's Association. His grave is also in Muggleswick churchyard. In 1919 he provided the bronze railings which surround the family grave – he had already donated the ornamental gates to Waskerley church which bear his initials and the date 1897.

Although Ann lived into old age the inscriptions show that she had outlived many of her children. Recorded are: Thomas aged 12, Jane aged 2, John aged 9 months, another John aged 7, Matthew aged 7 weeks, Jane aged 11 and William aged 26. Her husband, John, is also commemorated having died in 1819 aged 47. Ann, however, lives on in the name of Nanny Mayer's Incline.

Nanny Mayer's Incline



Brian Page, 2017

(Castleside History Society)

St John's Church / Community Hall

St John's Church / Community Hall recently held a very successful Open Day in November 2017 with many local attractions which included Samba Drumming, Durham Rug Makers, Well Being for Life, Dancers from St John's Players, Karate Display, Consett Heritage Display, Hand Massage, Disco Hire by Jeff Hannant, Community Spirit, Face Painting, Pemberton Hand Made Cards, Photographic's memories of past events.

The hall is available to hire for Community Events, Private Bookings and Parties by contacting - Telephone: 07858229399 or via Facebook: St John's Church Hall Moorside.

Forthcoming Events include: Race Night (Family Fun Night) Friday 16th March 2018 - 7.00 pm plus free entry, bar and refreshments available.

Come along and cheer the horses along (the louder you cheer the faster the horses run).

Dancing to Lyne Valley Duo on Friday 18th May 2018 - 8.00 pm to 11.30 pm - All Welcome.

Please see below the regular events which take place:

DAY	TIME	GROUP
Monday	9.00 am - 11.00 am	Mums and Tots <i>Come along to a warm and friendly group</i>
	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm	Drama Group <i>New members welcome</i>
Tuesday (1 st and 3 rd)	7.45 pm - 10.30 pm	Dance Club <i>£2 per person which includes tea/coffee and biscuits - all welcome!</i>
Wednesday	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Slimming World
Thursday	5.30 pm - 6.30 pm	Karate

Services for Lent and Easter

Palm Sunday

Sunday 25th March at 9.00 am
Procession of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

Good Friday

Friday 30th March at 2.00 pm
The Liturgy of Good Friday

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 29th March at 7.20 pm
Holy Communion and Vigil at the Garden of Repose

Easter Day

Sunday 1st April at 9.00 am
Sung Eucharist and the Easter Liturgy

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.



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

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

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
P. Marshall	Castlehills	07470178870
County Councillors are:		
Ossie Johnson		03000 268732
Jude Considine		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 (6.30pm-7pm). Everyone is welcome to attend.

The councils public participation policy, provides 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.

Friends of Castleside Village Hall

The Friends of Castleside Village Hall is a fund set up and managed by representatives from organizations within the village. It's aim is to act as a fund 'of last resort' whereby should the sustainability of the hall be threatened for what ever reason, the 'Friends' fund can be called upon to help prevent potential closure.

A more detailed article about what the Friends fund is all about will be included in the next newsletter.

The Parish Councils website is full of up to date information including: events, newsletters, financial information and minutes.

It is also an Ideal way to contact our clerk.

Check out our website at www.healeyfieldparishcouncil.co.uk