

Healeyfield Parish News



Summer 2019

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Autumn Festival 2019

After 3 successful years, we are pleased to announce that this years Autumn Festival will be held on

Sunday 22nd September 2019 3-5pm in Castleside Village Hall.

Entertainment from Castleside Primary School Choir

Refreshments will be available.

Competition categories are:

Edible necklace

Decorated Wooden Spoon

Victoria Sponge

3 Decorated Cup Cakes

Homemade Buttonhole

Photo that will make you smile

Handmade Card

3 Home-grown Tomatoes

3 Home-grown Potatoes

Entries can be handed in The Village Hall between 1pm and 2.30pm on the day. Entry form on page 5

Our Annual Scarecrow Competition will take place on the same weekend, so please have your scarecrows out by 10.30am on Saturday 21st .

The theme for this years competition is 'Disney Characters'.

Speeding Traffic

The Parish Council recently met with representatives of Durham County Council Traffic Management Department and Durham Police Traffic Management to raise concerns regarding the speeding of traffic through Castleside following an accident near to Rowley Baptist Church. A vehicle turning into Rowley Picnic site was in collision with a car overtaking a line of traffic on the A68.

The main areas of concern which were raised were:

1. The A68 Allensford Bank – 30 mile an hour area.
2. A692 Drover Road towards Moorside Industrial Estate – 30 mile an hour.
3. A68 Rowley Bank end of Castleside – 30 mile an hour.
4. A68 Rowley (derestricted speed limit).

The actions proposed are that the police to consider if more enforcement can be undertaken on the A68 and DCC to undertake a 7 day speed survey on the A692. Also police and DCC to review current road markings to ascertain if they are still relevant.

As residents of Healeyfield, could you please endeavour to respect the speed limits through the Healeyfield Parish.



Autumn Festival Entry Form

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Please the box for each entry and bring with your entries to the Village Hall on Sunday 22nd September between 1pm and 2.30pm. For Scarecrow entries, please post this slip at the Village Hall before 10am on Saturday 21st September.

Competitions			
Three Decorated Cup Cakes		Decorated Wooden Spoon	
Victoria Sponge		Edible Necklace	
Homemade Buttonhole		A photograph to make you smile	
Handmade Card		3 Home-grown Tomatoes	
3 Home-grown Potatoes			
Scarecrow Competition			
Location: _____			

DOG FOULING



No fouling

Dog fouling is a problem in every village all over the UK. But do you know the dangers and health problems dog fouling can cause? A nasty infection can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. Anyone who fails to clean up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100.

Cleaning up after your dog using a bag, then throwing it on the ground or in a field instead of a bin. Throwing bags into fields where animals are is very dangerous as animals can choke on the bags.

To report a dog fouling offence go to Durham County Councils website or call 03000 26 0000

Shotley Bridge Hospital Support Group

Since becoming a Parish Councillor, three years ago, I have attended the regular meetings, concerning the best way to provide hospital services in the Derwentside area. The last meeting in June was, unfortunately, cancelled but another meeting is planned for the end of this month, too late for the deadline of our Autumn Newsletter. I will though endeavour to update any news via 'The Castleside Friends and Family' page on Facebook.

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) did, however, launch a series of public meetings entitled 'Engagement', beginning on the 27th April last. I managed to attend the Lanchester session. This was very well attended and it was also very well run, with plenty of opportunity to voice our concerns and opinions.

One area of concern to me is the use of the 'Independent' sector. eg rehabilitation beds being provided by local care homes. (Privatisation by the back door?) One of which has been rated 'inadequate' earlier this year by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Others voiced their worries about 'Out Patient Appointments', 'Diagnostic, Theatre & Chemotherapy Services'. Travel time and cost, were points also raised.

Both Clinical and administrative NHS staff attended the sessions and both reiterated what Mike Brierly of the CCG had stated at an earlier meeting in March, that they would 'not railway things through!' However the final decision would be made by the CCG.

Sadly, our beloved Shotley Bridge Hospital looks lost. I think realistically we knew that a long time ago. However, the CCG are still promising provision in the Consett area of services that are currently available at SBH. Three years ago £16.9 million was ring fenced to build a new 'like for like' facility. (This has been eaten away by inflation of course.) It is hoped that this will be used to full capacity, with state of the art sterilising and diagnostic equipment. Also being more centrally situated in Consett itself, it is hoped that staffing levels, which exist at the moment at SBH, will be filled. The only exception being 'Theatre Services'.

Where a nationwide shortage of staff is being experienced; because of this the North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (NDCCG) is proposing that all theatre services will be provided from main hospital sites only in the future.

The best scenario for the completion of a new build hospital appears to be within an eighteen – twenty four months time period. SBH will not close until it is completed.

All offices to support the new building will be located at current unused office space, eg at Stanley. If private builders build any of the new building and if parts are not used, then they could be sold off, or used for different purposes. (Which, personally doesn't sound encouraging, to be honest.)

Mike Clark, from Project Genesis, who will be involved with planning etc thought Mike Brierly's timescale of eighteen – twenty four months was optimistic. There is still so much to do with planning, tenders etc. The proposed site will be on land opposite 'Starbucks' coffee shop. The area will also include leisure, housing and elderly care facilities. New roads and bus services, due to the envisaged increase of traffic flow, will run directly into the hospital and at the end of April 2019 an initial appointment was made between Durham County Council and Project Genesis to begin outline planning for all the above mentioned facilities.

As much as we all regret the 'running down' of our local hospital over the years, I think we have little or, no option, but to accept these changes. However I hope, as I'm sure you do, that further alterations to the plans are not made to the detriment of residents of Derwentside. We have a growing population, which needs NHS facilities in our own area. Being ill is not a choice. It is a worrying time for patients, family and friends alike, I do so hope they take this into their consideration.

Councillor Kris Spencer
(Personal Views)



Come Eat Together at Castleside Village Hall

Age UK County Durham have now started providing a 2 course meal for only £5 here is Castleside.

This is held on 1st Thursday in each month from 12 noon - 2pm.

Anyone who would like more information about the monthly lunch or to book a place please contact the Come Eat Together Team on 0191 374 6577 or email cet@ageukcountydurham.org.uk.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Did you know that our local WI group in Castleside has been going since 1925? Some of our group have been members for over 50 years and our oldest member, Elsie is 94yrs old. Due to low members, some local groups in County Durham have closed their doors, which is such a shame.

We have a meeting every month in the village hall, the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm. We have entertainment and food and great way to socialise and make new friends. Our village group has doubled in size over the last 12 months, having members ranging of all ages.

If you would like to see what we do, we can be found on facebook, Castleside WI or would like to come along, contact Jo Forster, Secretary Castleside WI Tel; 07743 010457.

Welcome to Castleside Village Hall

Available for hire from £40 for 2 hours and £10 for every hour thereafter. Fully licensed bar available. The Hall can easily hold up to 120 people and has a large stage kitchen area available. It's ideal for birthday parties, christenings and much more. Please follow us on Facebook.

The hall is run by a group of volunteers come along and support us.

Here are some of the events we're planning for 2019/20

10th August - Charity race night come and join us for a fun filled night of drink, laughter, fun and races in aid of these three amazing charities Macmillan, MS society and Alzheimer's society Please contact Nicki for any more info: 07583476251 OR Jackie on 07881301640

1st September - Follow George an experience where children will have the freedom to explore and create using nature as their palette but in fun and safe environment. Tickets are priced at £5 each please contact Vicki on 07572517591.

21st September – Comedy Night Come along for a night of fun and laughter.

27th Oct - Halloween party for a fun family fancy dress party were we play party games with food and drink and competitions.

8th Nov - Murder night Fun, funny and deliciously brain teasing, Can You Catch the Killer? A mix of live game play with a high quality theatrical performance.

29th Nov - Bella Bluebells - Jingle your bells. Join us for a night of laughter with one of the northeast's top female impersonators.
For Tickets please contact Jackie on 07881301640

Date TBC - Bring your family Christmas party. Entertainment for the kids and party games and a chance to meet Santa.

New Year's Eve party come and see the New Year in with us and bring the Family.





Summer of Fun Finale!

Sunday 1st September 1-4PM

Come and join us and book a place for woodland crafts and games with Follow George! You can even toast a marshmallow on our camp fire!

Spaces limited for Follow George activities, booking essential.

Timeslots available: 1-1.45pm (2-5yrs)
2-2.45pm (6-10yrs)
3-3.45pm (2-5yrs)



Please contact Vicki to book your child's place,
Tel : 07572517591 Email: victoriavivers@yahoo.co.uk

Charity Race Night

Saturday 10th August 2019
At Castleside Village Hall, 7pm- late.

Come and join us for a fun filled night of drink, fun and races, in aid of these three AMAZING Charities;
Macmillan, MS Society and Alzheimer's Society!

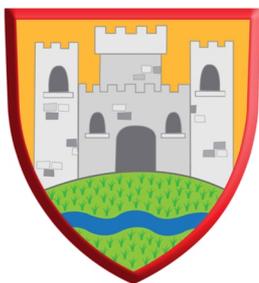
'I am taking on three hikes for these amazing causes and have already completed my first one of 26.7 miles..... Next stop Ben Nevis 😊'

Fully Licenced Bar, raffle and the chance to place your bets and win on some great races!

Pre-sale entry tickets: £3 On the door tickets £4

Please contact Nicki for any more info: 07583476251 or via Facebook; Nicola Jayne Edwards. OR Jackie on 07881301640 or at the village Hall.

CASTLESIDE



PRIMARY SCHOOL

What's happened at Castleside School

The annual trip to London by the Year 6 leavers from Castleside Primary School got off to something of a false start when their train ground to a halt just outside Peterborough Station. Undeterred, and true to their resilient character, Mrs Hart and her class not only remained commendably unflustered by the unscheduled 45-minute stop (and the subsequent switch of train for the final leg of the journey to Kings Cross) but proceeded to savour an action-packed three day stay in the capital.

Based at the London School of Economics, near the British Telecom Tower, the Castlesiders enjoyed a visit to The Shard, taking part in a building exercise at the 17th-floor offices of Sage. Thanks to Mr Thompson for organising that treat, with its panoramic view of the London skyline.

On a visit to the National Portrait Gallery, Mrs Hart's class distinguished themselves with their perceptive answers to the host guide's probing questions, and with the superb quality of their own artwork. Ethan more than distinguished himself at Bloomsbury Lanes bowling alley, claiming the adult' scalps' of Mrs Hart, Mr Robson and Mr Turnbull! There were also hugely enjoyable visits to the expanded Making of Harry Potter exhibition at Warner Brothers Studio in Watford and to the Gillian Lynne Theatre in Drury Lane to see the excellent School of Rock.

The Year 6s, and the Year 5s, also helped to bring down the curtain on another successful school year with two laugh-a-minute performances of the pun-packed production What A Knight! A jam-packed Summer Fair raised a whopping £1,232 – much of the cash coming courtesy of a vote to dunk your favourite member of staff in green gunk (won by Mr Robson).



In June, Class 4 were treated to a visit from John and Dorothy Cornish, son and daughter-in-law of the late, great pitman painter Norman Cornish. The Cornishes spent a whole afternoon talking about the life and works of Norman, and guiding the class through an art activity. They were so impressed with Class 4, they sent an email that night praising the children for their efforts!

The school bade a sad goodbye to Class 3 teacher Mr Gilbert. The much-loved former Royal Navy officer, international canoeist and ace photographer has decided to retire after 15 years at Castleside. Typically, on a trip to the annual Big Sing festival at Sage Gateshead, Mr Gilbert dug into his pockets to buy all Key Stage 2 children, staff and some lucky members of the Great British public a fabulous Fab ice lolly. Hopefully, he will still have a penny or two left for his retirement!

Congratulations are in order to Class 4 teacher Mrs Draper, who has given birth to a bouncing baby boy, and to roving teaching assistant Mrs Walton, who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl!

On the sporting front, the school football team finished a fantastic fourth in the Tony Reather League, ending their season on a high by holding champions All Saints to a draw in the Ted Johnson Shield competition at Delves Lane. Goalkeeper Frankie has joined the Newcastle United Academy and marked his debut for the Magpies' Under 8s side with a brilliant display in a 14-2 win against Sunderland!

Frankie and the whole school featured in a video message brilliantly directed by Mr Robson that was sent to the England women's football team on the morning of their World Cup semi-final against the United States. The Lionesses were guided to the last four by manager Phil Neville and his assistant Bev Priestman, who made her debut as a footballer in Mr Davison's school team at Castleside. Former head Mr Davison came back into school to play a cameo role in the video, which Bev – whose sister Mrs Bowns is a teaching assistant in Class 1 and whose nephew Marshall is in Class 4 – proudly showed to the England squad.

It has been a busy, rewarding year for present head Mrs Spence and her staff and they look forward to more of the same when the 2019-20 term opens in September.

Parish of St. John, Castleside

Priest-in-charge: The Rev'd Martin Jackson, St Cuthbert's Vicarage, Church Bank, Shotley Bridge, 01207 503019 – Mobile 07972262412 email martin.jackson@durham.anglican.org

Normal Services

Each Sunday at 9am apart from second Sunday in each month at 4pm

Coffee Morning

Last Saturday each month from 10am

Bereavement Group

Second Monday each month from 1.30pm

What's on at St Johns Community Hall

Monday		Wednesday	
Mums and Tots	9am - 11am	Slimming World	5pm - 9pm
St Johns Players drama group	7pm - 8 pm		
Tuesday		Thursday	
Yoga	12:30pm - 1:45pm	Karate	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Youth drop in (11-16 years old)	4:30pm - 6pm	Community Spirit	2 nd Thursday of each month
Dance Club 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday	7:45pm - 10:30pm	Coffee morning - Tea and treatments	9:30am - 11:30am

For more information or to book the hall please contact Hilary McGeorge (01207) 500649



Rowley Baptist Church

(Celebrating 367 years in 2019)

Sunday morning - 10:30am

Sunday Evening - 6:00pm *(2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays only)*

Communion - held 2nd Sunday evening and last Sunday morning service

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th September

RECHARGE

Cafe-style church. Castleside Village Hall Sunday 20th October 2019 at 6pm.



Messy Church

Is geared towards young families with a wide range of fun activities based around a theme, a meal ;
all free of charge. Under eights must be accompanied by an adult.
1st Friday in each month from 3:30-5:30 in the Scout Centre.



The Grove Methodist Church

Regular Sunday services 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 at 10:30 inc Cake Stall!

ST. PIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH *at Moorside*

Sunday service commencing 11:00am

Monday 10:00am

Tuesday 10:00am

Wednesday 7:00pm



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:

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 on the third Wednesday each month 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:

Mr Jonathan Coates

19 Oakwell Court, Hamsterley Vale, Newcastle upon Tyne NE17 7BD

Tel: 07588826026 Email: contact@healeyfieldparishcouncil.co.uk

Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:		
Name	Address	Telephone
D.Dixon	Middle Heads Farm, Rowley	509253
J.Forster	19 Park Terrace	07743010457
A.Hird	20 Hillgarth	07762357391
J.Robson (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	39 Castlehills	582955
A.Pearson (<i>Chairman</i>)	Conway House, 35 Consett Road	07808734057
K.Spencer	9 Front Street	07719088404
A. Wallace	6 Castlehills	
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.

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