

Healeyfield Parish News



Summer 2022

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Chairman's Annual Report 2021/2022

Healeyfield Parish Council has continued to work to meet the needs of the community by listening and responding to local issues, and has worked with other stakeholders to accomplish this despite the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Pandemic along with the ever changing restrictions has directly caused a reduction in council activities that we would have normally facilitated. Now that these are totally lifted, we are now on a path to 'get back to normal'! Zoom meetings of the council served their purpose to continuing but it is far better to be in-person!

The parish council has continued to try and keep Castleside and the surrounding area looking it's very best. Over the past year we have continued to cut the grass throughout Rowley, the verges close to the Cemetery Gates and also opposite Maudville. We have continued to provide flower tubs throughout the parish which have been planted throughout the all seasons.

The parish council has invested significantly in the repair, restoration and replacement of the number of benches situated throughout the parish. Phase one has been completed with phase two having just commenced.

The Parish Wood continues to be a wonderful asset to our local community. A local business uses the wood regularly for children's activities and parties. Over the past year, a number of trees were felled and/or cut into 4m lengths to ensure the health and safety of those visiting the wood. The parish council are currently exploring plans to make further access improvements to some access points in conjunction with Durham County Council.

Our service of remembrance in 2020, was very low key with very few attending due to national restrictions, so it was good to pay tribute to our fallen in our usual way this year. The parade and service was exceptionally well attended by villagers. Clergy, parish and county councillors, uniformed organisations, village organisations, local schools and residents paraded from outside of St Johns Church to the War Memorial. The parade was led by Mr John Stafford of 102 Battalion REME, playing the bagpipes. As usual, clergy from all churches which serve the parish of Healeyfield led the service with a poem being read from a pupil of Castleside Primary School. Representatives from across organisations that serve the parish laid wreaths.

At the end of November, the Parish Council once again held the Annual Christmas Light 'switch on' in conjunction with St Johns Church, bringing Christmas cheer to the centre of Castleside. The well attended event hosted Castleside Primary School Choir and Consett Brass and was supplemented by Rev Phil Carter. A good crowd gathered on what was an exceptionally cold night.

Cllrs Judith Robson and Kris Spencer once again led the annual 'Big Clean Up' litter pick in conjunction with Durham County Council. Whilst the numbers attending were not as high as in previous years, there as still a lot of litter collected. Mr. Richard Holden MP also participated.

Plans are well underway to celebrate HM the Queens Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June 2022. The lighting of a beacon, Fireworks display, civic service, 'Jubilee Jive' and a street party are all arranged and are hoped to be well attended by residents. Commemorative mugs are also ordered for each property in the parishes area. The Platinum Jubilee is a once in a lifetime event, the Queen will almost certainly be the last and therefore only British monarch ever to mark a Platinum Jubilee.

The Parish Council regularly reviews its budget and always ensures best value for any work that it undertakes. It has been necessary to increase our precept for the financial year 2021/2022 by 11.96% or £2.35 per year (based on band 'D' property).

The council are extremely grateful to Ms Lisa Standish who has worked tirelessly throughout the year ensuring that the council achieved its objectives and all of her efforts are truly appreciated. Sadly, Ms Standish has recently tendered her resignation. The parish council are in the process of appointing a new person to the role. This has been advertised widely and a rigorous appointment process followed to ensure that the right person is appointed.

The council still has one vacancy for a parish councillor and continues to advertise this in each newsletter that is published as well as on our website. We had hoped to recruit to this position, but sadly no one has yet come forward.

Healeyfield Parish Council has achieved a great deal over the past year, despite the impact of COVID-19, and there are a number of things already planned for the future. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of such a wonderful team of councillors. Each one has worked hard to ensure they represent the residents and have certainly stepped up to the council's motto of 'striving to keep our community thriving'. I wish to thank all fellow councillors for their hard work and dedication over the past year and for their support in another year as chairman. I must also thank the Parish Clerk and Responsible Officer, Ms Lisa Standish. Lastly, my thanks to Douglas Oliver and Mike McGaun our County Councillors for their advice, support with local issues and for keeping us up to date with the decisions and events at Durham County Council.

*Adam Pearson
Chairman, Healeyfield Parish Council 2020/2021*

Parade and Service of Remembrance

Sunday 14th November 2022

Parade to Cenotaph

Gather outside of St. Johns Church from 2.30pm.

Parade departs at 2.40pm.

Service of Remembrance

Castleside Cemetery, 3pm.

Lest We Forget...



Autumn Festival

Healeyfield Parish Council are delighted that our annual Autumn Festival will take place this year after a 3 year break due to the Covid pandemic.

It will be held at Castleside Village Hall on Sunday October 9th 3pm until 5pm.

The competition categories this year will be:

- 3 Decorated Buns
- Garden in a Biscuit Tin
- Edible Necklace
- Painted Stone (max size 5 inches)
- 5 Stems (of your choice) in a vase
- A4 Autumnal Collage
- Pot of Home Made Jam

Entries to the Autumn Festival can be dropped off at the Village Hall from 2pm on the Sunday: Tea, coffee, juice and cake will be available.

Come along, enter one of the competitions or just enjoy a cuppa and a chat with your friends & neighbours.

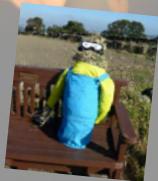
We plan to have a slide show running during the afternoon showing photos from our Jubilee weekend.

This event is aimed at bringing our community together after two years of being forced to be apart.

Scarecrows!

This years Scarecrow competition will all take place on this weekend and we ask for scarecrows to be out for 10am on Saturday 8th October, this years theme is :

'Favourite Movie Character'



Jubilee Celebrations in Castleside

This year Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. The whole of the UK celebrated in style over a four day Bank Holiday weekend and Healeyfield was no exception.

What a memorable time we all had.

The celebrations began on the Thursday evening when over 400 people gathered around our very own beacon at the top of Drover Road. After a very wet start to the evening, the rain stopped just in time for everyone to be able to enjoy some delicious food and drink provided by No 1 Diner and chat with friends while we waited to join the rest of the country and Commonwealth to light our beacon at the designated time of 9.45pm.

Our Jubilee Beacon was lit by Richard Holden MP, who braved the cherry picker to mark this historic occasion.

As the night sky grew darker the gathered crowd and nearby residents were treated to a spectacular firework display. It truly was a night to remember.

On Friday an ecumenical Civic Church service was held at St Johns Church, giving thanks for the 70 years of service given by our Queen, followed by refreshments and a wonderful Jubilee celebration cake.

By Saturday it was time to let our hair down and dance the night away at our "Jubilee Jive". This was a sell out event at Castleside Club, where we were entertained by the marvellous band "Second Wind" with a collection of hits from the 50's, 60's & 70's, pausing half way to enjoy pie & peas. A fantastic time was had by all.

The final day of the Jubilee weekend saw us all gather together at Castleside Village Hall to enjoy a community picnic. The Village Hall committee opened the Village Bar to provide refreshments and Strawberries & ice cream.

The school field was alive with children and adults competing in sports day races and the play park was full of laughing children playing carnival games, very kindly provided by a local resident.

The climax of the weekend came when Castleside School choir sang two beautiful Jubilee themed songs, which was followed by the packed hall waving flags and singing along to some good old fashioned patriotic songs, including the country's favourite "Sweet Caroline". Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee was a once in a lifetime event and in Healeyfield we had a weekend of memories that will last a lifetime.





Platinum Jubilee Mugs

As part of this year's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Healeyfield Parish Council are providing every household, who would like one, a bone china commemorative mug.

Many of you have already received yours, however if you have not yet collected your mug or had it delivered, we will be at the Village Hall on Friday 9th September between 2pm and 4pm and Saturday 10th September between 10am and 12pm.

Mugs will also be available to collect on Sunday 9th October at our Autumn Festival.

If you are unable to come to the Village Hall to collect your mug, please contact a Parish Councillor (details on back of this newsletter) and they will happily arrange for a mug to be delivered to your home.

Cllr Judith Robson

What's On at Castleside Village Hall

Current Schedule of Classes and Meetings.

Monday

Weekly	Belly Fit Sage 24 th May	10.00am – 11.00am
Weekly	Castleside Village Crafters	1.00pm – 3.00pm
2 nd & 4 th	Dance Lessons TBC	7.30pm – 9.00pm

Tuesday

Weekly	Beginners Art – Back in July	1.15pm – 3.15pm
Weekly	Village Sewing Bee – booking required	6.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday

Weekly	Jackie Gunnion Yoga	9.30am – 10.30am
Weekly	Baby Movers –book direct	10-45am – 11.30am
Weekly	Little Movers – book direct	11.30am – 12.15pm
Weekly	Bowls TBC	1.30pm – 3.30pm
2 nd	WI Back in July	6.30pm – 9.30pm
4 th	Art Club – Back 23 rd June	6.30pm – 9.30pm

Thursday

Weekly	History Archives – Back in September	10.00am – 12.00pm
Weekly	Book Swop Café	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Last	Parish council	6.30pm – 9.30pm

Friday

Weekly	Nature, Nurture Creativity Kids Club	
	Starting 11 th June – Booking Essential	9.30am – 10.30am

Saturday

Weekly	Rock Fit	10.00am – 11.00am
Weekly	Superhero Family Workout Coming soon	11.15am – 12.00pm
Last	Monthly Dance TBC	7.00pm – 11.00pm

Contact thevillagehallcastleside@gmail.com or Jackie 07881301640, for more details.



Community Tree Planting Update

Trees planted by the community in March this year are doing very well, with lots of them now taller than their tubes. Hopefully Durham County Council will be hosting a community day on **17th September** (details to be confirmed), inviting the community to participate in some tree maintenance activities to ensure the young trees are in a good strong location for the upcoming winter.

Castleside WI ladies back in force

After an almost two-year break due to COVID 19, the ladies from Castleside WI have restarted their monthly meetings. Gathering together for fun, friendship and of course cake!

In January the ladies enjoyed a talk on Genealogy followed in February by a fun session of indoor archery. Everyone had a go and amazingly some members even got a bullseye.

March saw members have a go at felting, a surprisingly relaxing craft, where needles and wool were used to create some beautiful pictures, something that can be done whilst having a good natter.

A demonstration on microwave cooking was on the menu for April, with everyone enjoying a sample of the three-course meal created in super quick time.



Along with the monthly talks and demonstrations, WI members enjoy meeting together for a chat over a cup of tea and usually a very tasty treat.

Over the coming months the ladies are looking forward to having a go at card making, a talk by Northumbria Blood Bikes and a strawberry supper.

Castleside WI meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Castleside Village Hall at 7pm, new members are always welcome.

Friends of Castleside Village Hall

The Friends of the Village Hall continues to work for the future of the Village Hall. There are a number of contributors to a fund which can be available to assist with essential work at the Hall. Anyone who uses the Hall will know how the Hall Committee have improved it over the period of the pandemic. The Friends were able to help in a small way.

The Committee would like to hold an Annual General Meeting for active contributors this year, probably in early October. This will be publicised by a notice in the Village Hall, so please look out for it. Although the Treasurer has a record of the monthly contributions into the bank account, we do not have contact details for those who contribute. So, if you would like to be sure to hear about the AGM, can I ask that you leave your details at the Village Hall. Simply write your name and contact details – preferably an email address – in an envelope marked “For the Attention of the Friends of the Village Hall” and put it through the door of the Village Hall.

If you would like to become a contributor to the Friends, please contact me in the same way and I will let you have details. A small contribution each month – usually £2 per person – will make a difference.

Secretary, Friends of the Village Hall.

Village Christmas Tree 'Switch On'

Thursday 24th November 2022 at 6pm
in the grounds of St Johns Church,
Castleside.

Featuring:
Consett Brass and
Castleside Primary School Choir



The Grove Methodist Church

Regular Sunday Services commencing at 11.00am

Our Ladies Thursday Group meets on alternative Thursdays at 1.30pm and
all are welcome.

Coffee Mornings are held on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30am

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

 [Castlesidechurch](https://www.facebook.com/Castlesidechurch)

Normal Services

*Each Sunday at 9am apart from second Sunday in each month at 4pm
Each Wednesday at 10am, The Eucharist. Followed by tea/coffee.*

Coffee Morning

Last Saturday each month from 10am

Prayer Shawl Group

First Monday each month from 1.30pm

Bereavement Group

Second Monday each month from 1.30pm

Knit and Natter

Third 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
Gentle Exercise	2pm - 3pm	Community Spirit	2 nd Thursday of each month
Youth drop in (<i>11-16 years old</i>)	4:30pm - 6pm	Coffee morning - Tea and treatments	9:30am - 11:30am
Dance Club 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday	7:45pm - 10:30pm	<i>For more information or to book the hall please contact Hilary McGeorge (01207) 500649</i>	

ST. PIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH at Moorside

Sunday service commencing 11:00am

Monday 10:00am Tuesday 10:00am Wednesday 7:00pm



Showing the heart of Christ within and beyond our church community



Rowleybaptistchurch

Web: www.rowleybaptist.co.uk

Sunday Mornings at 10.30am
Sunday evenings at 6pm
 (2nd, 3rd and 5th in the month)
All are welcome!

Follow us on Facebook or check our website for latest information.

Castleside & District Photography Club

Monday Evenings at 7:15pm all year round

Contact: Malcolm Boyd m.boyd163@btinternet.com Tel: 01207 590907



We are a small club set up to assist people develop as photographers. Within our membership there is have a range of abilities and have members who who attend on a social basis. We are affiliated to the Northern Counties Photographic Federation (NCPF) and take part in their competitions we run club competitions and are integrated with other local clubs.

We welcome all who are interested in a friendly and informal way.

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 Club

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**](mailto:kaymac123@btinternet.com)

HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council can be contacted via the Clerk:

Mr Ian Robson

39 Castlehills, Castleside, Consett, County Durham. DH8 9RL.

Tel: 07790492384 Email: contact@healeyfieldparishcouncil.co.uk

Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:

Name	Address	Telephone
A. Pearson (<i>Chair</i>)	'Conway House', 35 Consett Road	07808734057
J. Robson (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	39 Castlehills	07905951509
D. Dixon	Middle Heads Farm, Rowley	509253
A. Hird	20 Hillgarth	07762357391
K.Spencer	9 Front Street	07719088404
W. Todd	23 Castlehills	
A. Wallace	6 Castlehills	

County Councillors are:

Mike McGaun		03000 269075
Doug Oliver		03000 269078

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.