

HILL TALK

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Village Partnership Update

Welcome to the second edition of Hill Talk, Quarrington Hill's Newsletter. The aim over the coming months will be to provide a newsletter which answers the concerns of residents as expressed in their Parish Plan 2 responses. Together with a new style and format it is intended to increase the coverage of events and people in Quarrington Hill. Residents contributions of articles are always most welcome and should be sent to Carole Parkes at 2, Aged Miners Homes or e-mail carolefreedom@yahoo.co.uk The Parish Plan 2 responses have now been collated into an Action Plan which will be displayed in the community centre from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 30th June. This will also give residents an opportunity to comment further on the proposals.

The Village Partnership has already commenced work on some aspects of the Parish Plan 2 and these include: **Newsletter.** The decision was made to change the name of the village newsletter to Hill Talk, and this is the first full edition in the new format and style. It is planned to develop the content over the coming months to reflect life in the village.

Youth Club. For various reasons the lack of a youth club on a regular basis has been a problem for about two years. A re-launch has recently taken place, and we are hopeful that this time there is a basis for this now to become a goer. However, support and attendance by the youth of the village is needed to ensure continuity. The youth club meets on Mondays from 6.00 to 7.30pm in the community centre.

Parish Plan 2
Saturday 30th June
10.30 – 12.30
Community Centre
Please come along your views
matter

Activities for 8-12 year olds. It is hoped that these can come to fruition in the next few months.

Environmental Improvements. Members have started to examine schemes for improving the village so that Quarrington Hill continues to develop and flourish.

New Play Equipment. We will shortly be examining possible schemes for new and improved equipment for the small play area behind the community centre, though this may be held back by an ongoing Durham County Council assessment of outside play areas.

Village residents have aspirations and ambitions, and we will have challenging times ahead meeting them. We hope that more residents may wish to become involved with the Partnership and help to improve our village. Meetings are usually held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm in the community centre. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you do not wish to serve on the management committee.

Community Centre News

The end of October 2011 saw the new management committee complete its first year in office. When we took over we had no idea what might be in store, but hard work by the committee and together with the support of residents has ensured that it was successful, and we have achieved more than we could have hoped for at the outset. The last six months have seen continued increase in usage of the community centre.

The 5th November fireworks display was another spectacular evening with the attendance being over 200 again, and this is now becoming a fixture on the village calendar. Hot dogs and steaming vegetable broth helped to add to the atmosphere of the occasion.

The annual Remembrance Day service took place on 11th November with the children of Cassop School again laying crosses in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice. Among those laying wreaths were the Deputy Mayor of Durham, Councillor John Wilkinson and Councillor Maria Plews.

Traditional Christmas activities proved to be very popular again. The carol service organised by Christ the King Church in Bowburn was again well supported and the homemade mince pies and mulled wine much appreciated. The Christmas party for the coffee morning ladies and bingo evening was enjoyed by all. The children's Christmas party was probably the best supported in recent years with nearly 50 children together with parents attending. James's Hi-Lights Disco provided the entertainment with the children playing games and dancing to use up any surplus energy. A buffet, together with a visit from Santa, rounded off the event. The Christmas tree lights again brightened up the village, but unlike the previous year there was no snow to complete the Christmas card scene.

The Easter Fair was once again a successful event, with the children particularly enjoying the Easter egg hunt in the grounds.

The coffee morning and bingo sessions have continued to be hugely popular and payouts at bingo sessions have continued

Diary Date

Family Fun Day

Saturday 18th August

11.00 – 2.00

to increase.

Carpet bowling is now over a year old and has become a Thursday night fixture in the participants' diaries. Everyone's skills have improved out of all recognition during this time, and the evening has also developed into an enjoyable social occasion. Unfortunately the weekly Zumba evening had to be cancelled recently due to lack of support, but it is hoped to re-start some time in the future.

The toddlers club now meets from 9.30 on Friday mornings and new members are most welcome.

The youth club now meets on Monday evenings from 6.00pm and again new members are most welcome. The management committee has commenced negotiations with Durham Council to progress plans for the future of the community centre. Also, an application for funding to up-grade the kitchen has been submitted, as the first stage of plans to improve facilities in the community centre.

We should like to thank the Parish Council, our County Councillors and the Area Action Partnership for their continuing support, and also Tarmac, PJA Motors and Joyce and Edward Plant for their support, and residents for their donations. Finally, we should like to thank all residents for their continuing support and usage of the community centre.

Police Report

Anti Social Behaviour is the behaviour of the minority that blights the lives of the majority, affecting people who are subjected to it. The term Anti Social Behaviour is defined as “behaviour that causes, or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people.”

Examples of such behaviour are:

- People behaving in a threatening manner
- bullying,
- Littering
- Shouting or noisy behaviour in places where this might be annoying or upsetting (e.g. outside someone’s house)
- Using rude abusive or insulting language,
- Drinking excessive amounts of alcohol which could lead to alcohol related problems
- Using vehicles in an anti social manner (such as wheel spinning or the use of off road bikes).

Anti Social Behaviour requires a wide range of interventions and responses to deal with it effectively. Sherburn Neighbourhood Police team in conjunction with Durham County Council are working together to take action against those responsible, so that you can live in a more tolerable environment.



Ring 101 to report antisocial behaviour.

Don't forget to get an incident number.

To assist us with combating Anti Social Behaviour we must first be aware of the problem so with this in mind we strongly urge you to report any such incidents. Once a report has been made we can begin to address the problem. We can do this through a wide range of methods including warning letters, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti Social Behaviour Orders for more serious incidents; we may take action under the Tenancy Agreement for Local Authority tenants.

To report Anti Social Behaviour simply call 101 and follow the instructions we would also recommend that you note down the incident number, which will be given to you by the call handler, to keep for your own records. Reports can be made anonymously and all calls will be acted upon in a timely and professional manner.

Parish Council

The Parish Council will continue in 2012 to meet on the first Wednesday of the month, members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings, they commence at 7.00 p.m in Lansdowne House, 64 Lansdowne Road, Coxhoe. Agendas for meetings are displayed in advance on the Parish Notice Boards, at Lansdowne House and on the web site (www.coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk). Minutes of the meetings are also displayed in these areas once they have been agreed.

At each Parish Council meeting there is a standard item to allow members of the public to raise issues with the Parish Council.

Closure of Hawthorns

Following last year’s county-wide consultation by Durham County Council into the future of community buildings which they owned, The Hawthorns Resource Centre was classed as one of those which would receive no new investment unless new resources became available. DCC proposed to introduce a hire charge for all users of the centre of £5 per hour from 1st April. As a result, the Resource Centre closed on 31st March.

Coxhoe Medical Practice

Appointments: 0191 377 0340



Extended Late Appointments

Late appointments are now available at the surgery one night a week. Appointments will be available from 6.05pm up to 7pm and can be booked with a GP and Practice Nurse up to two weeks ahead. The Nurses will be unable to do any blood test appointments on the late evenings due to Pathology collection service, but will carry out any other procedures.

It is hoped these late appointments will be beneficial to those patients who have difficulty taking time off from their work commitments.

If you require a late appointment please ask the receptionist about the late surgery.

Building Extension

You may already be aware that the surgery is building a new two room extension to the present building and this will give us a new Consultation room and Nurse Treatment room.

The building work is on schedule and it is hoped to be completed (weather permitting) by the beginning of June.

On behalf of everyone at the surgery we thank you for your patience and apologise for any disturbance the building work may have caused you.

Appointments

Our Parish Councillor, Keith Pounder has been re-elected vice-chairman of the Local Councils Committee of the Town and Parish Councils within the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership area, and has been re-appointed to be their representative on the AAP Board and also on the executive committee of the County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC).

Quarrington Hill Banner Group

Work is progressing well on the new replica banner, the original of which was carried at the 1873 Miners Gala. It is expected that the work will be completed before the 2013 Miners Gala day. Prior to that there will be a mining memorabilia day in the community centre.

JOKE CORNER

A sailor captured a pirate and asked him, "How did you get the wooden leg?" The pirate answered "twas the shark that bit it off." "And how did you end up with the hook instead of an arm?" He replied "twas the shark that bit it off." "And the eye patch?" The pirate answered "Ah well now that was the seagull pooped in my eye!" The sailor was puzzled – "How can you lose an eye from a simple bird poop?" "Oh!" says the pirate "twas my first day with the hook!"

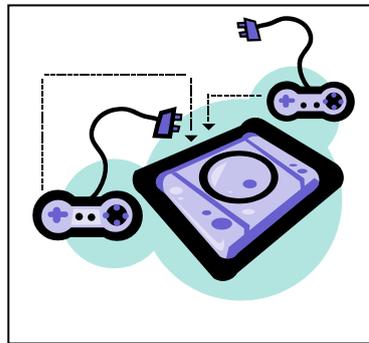
YOUTH CLUB

MONDAYS 6.00PM – 7.30PM

QUARRINGTON HILL
COMMUNITY CENTRE

COMING SOON

Wii and games Consoles!



Pool Tables

Air Hockey

Music

Just hanging out

Only 30pence

Hill Talk in the future

We hope to start a series of articles about people in Q'Hill. Do you have a story to tell or do you know someone who is hiding their light under a bushel? Do you have a hobby or interest you want to tell us about? Jokes (printable please), short stories and reminiscences. Then we want to hear from you!

Contact Carole on 3771315 and let's see how much history, interest and achievement we can uncover.

active life
Centre
@Coxhoe

Presents

The Pauline Ash Singers

In our NEW performing arts studio



An Afternoon Concert

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment featuring old time favourites to sing along to, nostalgic show tunes and operetta.

Wednesday 20th June, 2012
2:00pm

At the Active Life Centre @Coxhoe
(formerly Coxhoe Leisure Centre)
Linden Grove, Coxhoe, Durham DH16 4DW
Tel: 0191 377 1789

Tickets only £3
(Limited seats available)

Available from the Active Life Centre @Coxhoe.
Raffle during the interval.

Complimentary refreshments will be served after the concert.

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