

Sherburn Village

Parish News

April 2018



Chairman's Remarks

This past year has been a period of sustained progress for your Parish Council. We've embarked on a number of projects throughout the village in an ongoing effort to make your village a better place to live. It's a continuing struggle to maintain the services that you as residents deserve despite cuts to our budget but I'd like to think that we've gone some way to achieving this.

The traffic problems that have plagued residents of Park House Gardens for a number of years became a priority as the grass verges resembled ploughed fields which resulted in slippery road surfaces and kerbs. In conjunction with County Councillors Hall & Kellett and Durham City Homes the Parish Council embarked on a series of hard standing & verge hardening to alleviate this problem. It is envisaged that it will take a further two stages to complete the verge hardening with the first of these planned to take place in June/July this year.

The benches throughout the village have recently been showing their age and the Parish Council decided that a full overhaul was needed. This involved removing them, two at a time, sanding, oiling and painting them. The oil used was microporous and will preserve the benches from the frost whilst protecting them from the sun. Hammerite was used on the metal work which will inhibit rust and is long lasting. Whilst this wasn't expensive it was felt that it was better to spend a little more to ensure that the benches will be protected for at least 10 years. The work was carried out by **Skill Mill** who employ ex-offenders and endeavour to teach them a trade as a means to help them in finding permanent job. I'm sure you'll agree that they made an excellent job of the benches and we, as a Parish Council, will be seeking to utilise their skills for other projects in the village.



Once again, all the hard work by the Councillors regarding the tubs and hanging baskets has reaped its rewards with the Best Large Village award from Beautiful Durham for the 2nd year running. It's an ongoing project which despite many hours of back breaking work planting, weeding, feeding and watering gives us a vast amount of pleasure. Can I request volunteers to water tubs near their homes or business? The Parish will plant and maintain the tubs, as usual, all that's needed is weeding and watering in the summer. You can contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk to express an interest.

Maintaining and enhancing the leisure centre football pitch has always been a priority for the Parish and to this end we consult with the users on a regular basis. After one such consultation it was felt that there was a need for 2 dugouts to be built in order to reduce injuries to players. Sherburn Village FC, with the help of the Parish Council, are in the process of achieving funding from Durham AAP with sponsorship from County Councillors' Hall & Kellett. It's hoped that these will be built and available for use of all the football teams for the commencement of the 2018/19 season.

Sadly, this will be my last Chairman's Remarks for Sherburn Village Parish Council. I've served as Chairman for 5 years and during this time I feel we have achieved a great deal of what we set out to do. Initially we had major problems with the

Leisure Centre and I admit at times I despaired as to whether it was feasible to keep it open. The heating was a major problem as it was old, inefficient and quite frankly obsolete! Despite numerous enquiries from businesses & charities it always boiled down to the heating system & electrics. After an enquiry from Durham City Gymnastics the Parish decided to embark on securing the finance needed for a new heating system. This wasn't taken lightly as the capital needed was over £100,000 and the only way to finance this was through The Public Works Loan Department which is under the direction of the Secretary of State. We were the first Parish Council to apply for this scheme using the biomass boiler to secure payments from the Government to pay for the loan. It's been a great success and the Leisure Centre is now thriving and more importantly the users are actually warm! I believe that the future of the Centre is now secure for the foreseeable future and will serve our community for many years.

Even though I'm standing down as Chairman I will still remain a Parish councillor and hope to continue serving for many more years. I wish the future chairperson every success and will help them in any way possible if needed.

Jimmy Leadbitter – Chairman

Thank you

As you will have noticed from our Chairman's Remarks Jimmy is stepping down as Chairman. He has gone above and beyond his duties as Chair and has always been at the end of the telephone to give help & advice to the residents of the village. I do believe, with reference to the Leisure centre, if it was not for his patience, hard work and sleepless nights the building would not still be here now. The Gymnastics club has proved to be such an asset to the village.

Janet will also be pleased to have her husband back and they may be able to enjoy her retirement now. Jimmy, on behalf of all the Parish Councillors and residents of Sherburn Village.

Thank you.



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First World War Commemoration Event

As many will be aware this year is the 100th anniversary of the Great War. This was widely expected to be the war to end of all wars but sadly this wasn't to be. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers left their homes to fight a war in countries that some had never even heard of. Indeed, thousands left Durham, many from Sherburn and surrounding villages. Tragically many did not return to their loved ones and were buried in unknown graves in a distant land. This is not a time to debate the rights & wrongs of war but to honour the working men & women who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Parish council has set up a working party with representatives from the Parish Council, St Mary's Church and the Army to organise a Commemorative Day which will take place on Sunday, November 11th. We hope that other organisations or individual's will come forward with ideas to make this a really special, dignified occasion to honour those who suffered so much.

We have lots of ideas at the moment and some of these include the laying of poppies at the war memorial; the planting of a tree; placing of a bench in the churchyard; an exhibition of war memorabilia, medals, uniforms etc in the Community Centre; the hanging of bunting throughout the village centre and the lighting of a beacon on the village green. These are all in the planning stages at present and fingers crossed it will all come together on the day!

If you have any ideas, items you would like to loan (be assured they will be taken care of) or interested in becoming involved please contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk via the website, email or telephone (details are on the back page)

Let's make this a once in a life time event.



The food bank collections organized before Christmas were a great success so it has been decided to continue them throughout the year along with Durham Gymnastics Club. **Collections will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month at Sherburn Community Centre between 10 am & 11 am.**

As well as collecting for the Food Bank, Vicki Wharton from Durham Gymnastics Club, has agreed that all donated items can be stored there until the Food Bank can collect them. A poster will also be in the noticeboard giving a list of the items required and the date & time of collections in case there are changes.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated as you have made a difference to households in need in Durham and possibly Sherburn Village.

Let's keep making a difference!

Angela Leary

Shopping List

Fruit Juice (long life)	Tinned Fruit	Easter Eggs	Jam
Rice Pudding	Sponge Pudding	Cereal	Coffee
Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Vegetables	Milk(UHT)	Sugar
Tinned Fish	Tinned Meat	Savoury Treats	
Household Cleaning	Toiletries		



Sherburn Community Centre – Raymond Pye, Treasurer

The year 2017 was a very successful one for the centre. We are now self-funding as an association as we have made a surplus again.

Grants were secured to enable the refurbishment of the gents' toilets, help towards the Christmas decorations & new cleaning machines.

- Gents Toilet – in January a new toilet was installed
- New polishing machine, scrubbing machine & vacuum cleaner were purchased and are now stored in the new cleaning storage cupboard
- The new Christmas decorations for the centre made a vast improvement on our display & were complimented by the new lighting on the Christmas tree on the village green. The Christmas Fayre was held in the afternoon this year in conjunction with the lighting of the tree on the village green which seem to go down well
- In January/February the ladies' toilets were completely refurbished with new toilets, tiling and painting. A vast improvement!

The centre continues to increase the groups using it including 2 new ones since January 2018.

A big thank you to all who help and support us throughout the year.



Your Village needs your Help

As you seen from the Chairman's remarks regarding the WWI anniversary we will be doing various things over the day, one of these being an exhibition of WWI artefacts & memorabilia. All though we will not have people who were around when the war ended we are hoping that some households will have some items that have been left within the family. It would be great if we could loan them for the exhibition and be assured that they would be looked after but if you would prefer to stay with the item that would be fine.

If you have items that you think you may loan or to make a donation please contact Jan at sherburnnpc@hotmail.co.uk or Angela on 07985255571.

Durham Police Herbert Protocol

This encourages carers, family & friends to identify vulnerable adult who are at risk of going missing, for whatever reason, collating relevant information which can then be used in the event of them going missing. To find out more information contact 101 or Herbert.Protocol@durham.pnn.police.uk



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County Councillors – David Hall & Bill Kellett

Currently we are looking at new areas where residents have requested verge hardening and have arranged installation of dropped kerbs around the village. Included in this also is looking at the parking issues in some areas. We are looking at ideas and the costings before consulting parishioners. The project will necessarily have to run over a number of years due to the number of areas and high costs involved but it is hoped to start the first phases this year. New street name signs have requested for around the village including new village-name signs, where needed, for the entrances to the village which need them. The resurfacing on Front Street and the drainage issues are due to be addressed shortly whilst we continue to press for the resurfacing of local street that need it and have yet to be done. Support has been given to residents with their responses to the proposals surrounding Sherburn Primary School. A new youth project, with the support of the Parish Council, will roll out new youth provision in the village this year.

Cllr Kellett is currently the Mayor of Durham and has been visiting many events and venues over the past months, providing support and encouragement to local groups and causes. In addition, he holds regular surgeries at Sherburn Community Centre.

Both Councillors continue to work with local Police addressing residents' concerns; supporting local groups and individual residents with a range of concerns and issues.



PACT Meetings

Meet outside Sherburn Community Centre

1st May – 11am

10th July – 10am

4th September – 10am

13th November – 10am

Come and meet your local officers.

Attlee Square Luncheon Club

Attlee Square Communal Hall, Sherburn is situated at the outskirts of the village, just behind the Doctors Surgery. It is smaller than the one in village centre, members of the community around the area set up a luncheon club for the over 60's nearly 11 years ago (it is still going strong by more or less the same people who started it). They were the same age as some of those being catered for. They have a cooked lunch with dessert, tea or coffee followed by bingo. Outings and events are arranged including fish & chip suppers, entertainment, cream teas.



Every other Friday morning a group of local villagers meet up outside the Community Centre and we go for walks, lasting no more than a couple hours, usually covering between 3 to 4 miles. The walks start promptly at 10am and people are asked to be there for 9.50 to hear about the proposed route. We are a very sociable group so you are welcome to come along and join us. There are no membership fees.

Contact Paul Tindall on 0191 372 1553 for more information.

The Cruickshank Murder

On May 1st 1868, at around 6pm in The Lambton Arms a man lay dead and another outside dying from a bullet in his head. The murder victim was John Cruickshank, a scotsman & well-loved policeman who served his duties in Pittington. The murderer was David Paton, a fellow policeman who served Sherburn Village. Paton was not known to be the most angelic officer according to Cruickshank and he had been reported to his senior officer. It was said he had been "drinking recklessly whilst serving his duties in Scotland" and Paton was discharged from the force. Paton in complete fury and despair shot and killed Cruickshank with a colt six chamber revolver. Officer Cruickshank is buried in Pittington graveyard and the tale of death will be told for generations as one of the most shocking murders in County Durham.

Sherburn Village Bowling Club

The outdoor bowling season runs between April To September of each year.

There are currently about 50 members but we are always looking for new members to come along and play or to learn the game. The green is open each weekday afternoon between 1.30 – 3.30pm and evenings between 6-8pm whenever there are league games being played.

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Durham City Gymnastics Club – Glen Wharton

Since opening in October 2016, we have built up our reputation and general classes which have gone from strength to strength. Currently we have just under 200 club members and over 400 general gymnasts attending each week. In total approximately 1000 people come in and out of the building. Building work has been completed creating another room above the left-hand squash court which means there is more space for additional gymnastic classes and adult fitness classes. A room on the ground floor has been converted into a first aid room including a massage bed and basin/fitted ice machine. Investment in new equipment has allowed users to have more choice and provided additional safety to all areas.

Electricity costs have been reduced with continued replacement of all lights with LED energy saving lights. There have been several attempts to fix the roof leaks as well as many plumbing issues which appear to have resolved.

DCC has recently completed the re-painting of the car park lines which were faded and disabled bays were not clearly marked. This has made such a difference and we are encouraging only users with a blue badge to use the disabled bays.

Ongoing we are in the process of putting together several considerable grant applications to try and fund an extension to the building which will be adjacent to the squash court and run along passed the basketball cage. It will be used to house 3 sunken trampolines; large pitted area with foam. Existing equipment will go into the pitted area as well as having 1 area as a competition landing zone. There is considerable work to do prior to starting any work but it is hoped to achieve this within 18 months. If funding is secured then Durham City Gymnastics and Sherburn Village will have one of the best facilities in the country for Tumbling Gymnastics. The Cheerleading squads aim to become one the best in the country and to realise this goal we need to purchase a sprung floor at a cost of £18,000. The updating of the toilet facilities including disabled toilets and baby changing areas.

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St Cuthbert's/The Lambton Arms

Since 2010 the staff and customers of the Lambton Arms have raised over £58,000 for **St Cuthbert's Hospice** which will be celebrating 30 years since it opening on 22nd September 1988. Money has been raised through a variety of events and this year the walk is taking place again. Kathryn will be taking names after the official launch and hopes that many of the "Lambton Ladys" will sign up. After a successful evening last year in aid of **Marie Curie** which raised £2,600 there will another event at the Community Centre on the 6th April with Roxy Tart. Tickets are £5 and available from Angela on 07985255571. It is not well known that the **Marie Curie Rapid Response** is based at St Cuthbert's and are a

lifeline keeping people who need palliative care out of hospital and in their own homes.

The Workingmen's Club in the village was built in the late 1950's on the site of a derelict stables & coaching house, which originally served the Hall opposite, where the present Kinnock Close bungalows stand. This was the era of WMC popularity with many local mining communities building clubs for the recreation, education and socialising of their working men and families.

Sherburn Club affiliated to the Club & Institute Union on 10th August, 1959. The CIU is a non-political federation comprising of nearly 1600 clubs throughout the UK. When Sherburn affiliated the CIU had its own Brewery "The Fed" which supplied all its clubs with products at a cheaper price than most pubs, hence the popularity of being a club member! The Federation also offered loans to Clubs on a long-term basis for refurbishment and development.



The original club was slightly smaller than the present day building. In the late 1970's a series of extensions, widening the Concert room, extending the lounge area and adding a snooker room with full size tables capable of hosting tournaments. Entertainment was provided by Agencies, with visiting singers and groups mainly on Saturday nights which proved to be very popular. Sunday night was dance night in the Concert room with an organist and drummer which still continues to this day. The Club has its own entertainers in "The Jolly Boys", usually self taught but prepared to put on a show for the members, raising funds for various charities.

All these activities continue to this day and together with Dart & Domino teams, both male & female, Pigeon Club and until recently a Leek Club, the original purpose of providing entertainment, sporting and recreational activities as well as cheaper socialising with family and friends continues to be fulfilled.

The most recent additions inside the building are display cases to preserve the last Sherburn Hill Colliery Lodge Banner and the new Sherburn Collieries Banner, ensuring our mining community heritage is not forgotten. The illustrations for this article are of the original Coaching House & Club and are from watercolour paintings by an ex miner, Robert William Smith, grandfather of the current club secretary Keith William Smith and can be seen on display in the Club Lounge. Membership rates are reasonable and also gives access to all other CIU clubs in the UK. Application forms are available from behind the bar and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Keith Smith, Club Secretary



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