



Summer 2014

NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM AND CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

The Northumbria in Bloom judges visited Belmont Parish in early April and they were impressed by the flower displays, in particular the flower beds planted with Polyanthus. The judges visit twice a year and will be shown the summer planting in the Parish on the morning of the 2nd of July. We would like to thank all residents who take pride in their gardens and other flower displays as it makes Belmont Parish a more pleasant place to reside. We would like to thank Paul Bowdon Hairdressing (Carrville High Street) and Belmont Super News (Cheveley Park Shopping Centre) for their sponsorship of two flower beds within the Parish.

Every year, Belmont Parish Council organises an Art Competition for all the primary school children in the Parish. The children were as always very enthusiastic to participate and the standard of the artwork on the theme of 'Natural World' was very high. The Award Ceremony took place on the 12th of June in Belmont Library and the prizes were awarded by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Patrick Conway. The winners were Tannah Leigh Baker (Belmont Infants), Skye Walton (Gilesgate Primary), Carrie Gill (Belmont Juniors) and Elliot Wardle (Cheveley Park Primary). We would like to thank Dunelm Florists (Carrville High Street) for donating the bouquet for the Deputy Mayoress



Winners of the Belmont Parish Art Competition 2014 with Deputy Mayor Patrick Conway and the Deputy Mayoress

THE CONSECRATION OF BELMONT CEMETERY.

Belmont Cemetery is recognised as an area in which the Parish can take great pride. Its appearance and upkeep are always rightly praised by Northumbria in Bloom judges and many people visit on a regular or casual basis.

Last year the Cemetery was extended to provide more burial space and now is the time for that new land to be consecrated for use.

The Consecration Ceremony will take place in the Cemetery at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 23rd July.

To be conducted by The Very Reverend Mark Bryant, Bishop of Jarrow, accompanied by the Church of England Diocesan Registrar, Mr Richard Penrose.

Light refreshments will be served in Belmont Parish Hall after the Ceremony and Belmont Parish Council will be pleased to welcome any person wishing to attend any part or all of the event.

SECURITY OF MOORFIELD

The invasion of Moorfield by travellers, early last summer, will still be vivid in the memories of many residents. Belmont Parish Council owns the side of the field facing onto B & Q and Durham County Council owns the side nearest to the Gilesgate Moor houses.

Belmont Parish Council sought a review of security of the whole area and took stock of entry points in co-operation with Durham County Council. Measures have been taken to make the area more secure and prevent intrusion of unauthorised vehicles, with most of the expense being met by the Parish Council. **We trust it will be money well spent!!**

"BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER."

There was a most regrettable and distressing incidence of aggressive dog behaviour on Moorfield some weeks ago. In consequence, the Parish Council is seeking official advice on 'dog control orders'. In discussion with a County Council officer, we will be considering dog fouling and dog behaviour issues on both privately owned land and in public areas.

Parish Council members know that dogs can be a welcome source of company and pleasure to their owners but are also aware that how dogs behave, is the responsibility of those owners. We have a duty of care to all parishioners and therefore ask that dog owners, in their turn, are ever mindful of the needs of others.

PLANNING MATTERS

Since our last edition the Parish Council has made representation at two Durham County Council Planning Committee Meetings and in writing to the Planning Inspectorate. The following applications brought significant public response:

1) Land to North of Willowtree Avenue, Gilesgate Moor, Durham.

a) Outline application (4/13/00422/OUT) for **54 units**

Application **REFUSED** by Durham County Council

The Applicant appealed against the above decision to **REFUSE**

Parish Council Recommendation – **REFUSAL should be UPHELD**

Planning Inspector's Recommendation – **REFUSAL should be UPHELD**

b) Revised / Resubmission (CE/13/01651/OUT) for **49 units**.

Parish Council Recommendation – **REFUSAL**

Application **APPROVED** by Durham County Council

2) Bristol Street Motors, High Street, Carrville, Durham.

Full Planning Application (DM/14/00053/FPA) demolition of existing showroom and offices, new build showroom and refurbishment of existing workshop.

Parish Council Recommendation – **rejection in its present form and DEFFERAL pending further consideration of stated concerns and CONDITIONS**

Application APPROVED by Durham County Council with an additional CONDITION on the treatment of the south facing boundary.

The Parish Council welcomes and always considers the views of residents on planning issues.

DCC Planning applications can be viewed at – **County Durham planning public access**

SCHOOL REPORT

Five and six-year olds at **Belmont Infant School** were asked to write about what they liked and disliked about the parish. Top of the likes were the Play Areas, especially the Zip Wire. Several wrote about liking the library including Sylvie who wrote, “I like to take the books home and read them to my dog”.

Dislikes included litter, graffiti and speeding vehicles – all of which are highlighted in the Parish Plan.

The FoBL (Friends of Belmont Library) are using Sylvie’s photograph to promote the library and hope to use similar photographs of the other library children.



Ten Eco Warriors (class representatives who highlight environmental concerns) represented **Belmont Junior School** at a Dance Walk on Newcastle on 21st May. They had arranged to travel by train as being the most environmentally-friendly transport. A school governor made arrangements with an EastCoast Press Officer for EastCoast staff to accompany them on the train and explain the environmental advantages of train travel – including ‘behind the scenes’ information from the guard and a

driving cab visit with an (off-duty) driver.

BELMONT AND DISTRICT WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT

2014 – 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the First World War. We plan to hold small and large scale events, projects, dedications and activities to include all members of the community in Gilesgate, Belmont, Carrville and Sherburn Road.

If you would like to be involved in this Project by volunteering artworks, offering information, advice or resources, personal stories, family memoirs etc please get in touch:

Erika Denholm, World War 1 Grants Officer 0191 3751252 / erika0176@yahoo.co.uk

Three major events planned for this summer are:

Friday 18th July 7.30 – 9.30pm - First Shots – Belmont Parish Hall (St Mary Magdalene Church)

Everyone is welcome to this free evening with talks on Belmont and the surrounding area at the start of World War 1 and music and songs from the era. A Bar, Snacks, Tea and Coffee will be available

Monday 4th August 7.30 – 11.00pm -Lights Out Evening- Belmont Community Centre, Sunderland Road

Please join us to create a unique national moment for the United Kingdom and The Royal British Legion. The evening will include light entertainment, supper, raffle, bar, children's activities and information stands – everyone welcome. For tickets please contact Erika Denholme.

Sunday 24th August 1.00 – 4.30pm – Commemorating World War 1 Summer Community Day – Belmont Community Centre, Moorfield, Sunderland Road

A day for all the family to commemorate men, women and children from our community who lived, worked and fought in World War 1 – Bar – Café – Resources – Art and Craft Stalls – Games – Competitions – Rides – Punch and Judy. Lots on offer, for all the family. Please come along and support our project.

BELMONT SCRAMBLES

Early in June, as part of the National Scout Community Week, about 50 scouts, cubs and beavers from Belmont spent a couple of hours on Belmont Scrambles, improving habitats by trampling bracken and uprooting Himalayan Balsam, thereby allowing other plants to flourish. The Parish Council and Friends of Belmont Scrambles are very grateful to the youngsters for their valuable work.



TWO PARISH HALL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 10th July at 2.30 p.m. ---- Piano Recital

Saturday, 12th July at 7.30 p.m. ---- Durham international Festival (Beat 'n' Blow)

BELMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Belmont Community Association plans to continue with improving the Community Centre building and its facilities, to which local residents contributed some years ago. A public survey will be produced to give guidance to the Committee on 'areas of need' to be addressed.

Dates for Parish Council Meetings

held in
Belmont Community Centre
at 6.30 p.m.
(first Thursday of the month, excluding August)
4th Sept 2014 / 2nd Oct 2014 / 6th Nov 2014
Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Police and Community Action Team (PACT) meetings

Monday 22nd September 2014 Gilesgate Primary
School, Gilesgate Moor

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Highways Action Line 0191 370 6000
Neighbourhood Warden 030000 26 1000
(Streetscene)

Community Police Officer

PC Nicola Quarmby
can be contacted on the police non-emergency
number
0345 606 0365

County Council Help Desk 0300 123 7070

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