

Eggleston Village

Autumn

Well Done! to the Friends of Eggleston
Community Recreation Park!

The recreation facility in Eggleston is unique within Teesdale. This has been achieved due to the vision, hard work and dedication of a small group of people in the village. They have used their individual expertise and skills, volunteering many hours, over a 5-year period.

Thank you to the Friends!

Notes from: Ted Henderson Chairman of the Parish Council.

Your new Parish Council began work in May with 3 original members and 3 new ones. We are allowed a total of 7 councillors so we advertised for a candidate to be co-opted. We interviewed 2 extremely good applicants; a difficult decision finally made—we asked Michael Souter (proprietor of the Moorcock Inn at Hill Top) to join the council. Many of you will know his wife Joanne who was born and raised in the village.

Parish Clerk. We have just interviewed for a new Parish Clerk and I am pleased to tell you that Christine Bell has accepted the post. It was with regret that we accepted Dee Hollingsworth resignation and thank her for all her hard work. The government have advised that we must provide the Clerk with a dedicated printer and computer—solely for Parish work. (In the past they used their own equipment and claimed expenses for paper, ink etc). The Clerk has also been awarded a 1% pay rise (first in 4 years) and an increase of hours from 2 to 3 a week. This has increased our Clerk's costs from £867.36 to £1,313.52 per year.

Finance. The precept this year was increased to offset a possible election, which would have cost the village £2-3,000. We didn't need one. The precept, which we manage in minute detail, is £6,000 a year. From this we pay the Clerk costs; insurances; day to day running costs; the grass cutting for the areas for which we are responsible— in excess of £1,500.

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Continued This year we have to spend £2,000 for tree maintenance on the village green, due to a Health & Safety with regard to our insurance. We are careful with your money and much daily work is carried out personally by Councillors at no cost to the Parish.

The Green. We regret that parts of the green are going to be taped off soon. You may be aware that large divots and undulations have appeared so we need to do maintenance work to make it safer. We intend to use the surplus soil from the recent Recreation Park work to level the green the best we can. The Council apologise for this necessary restriction to the green and hope everyone will understand.

A Concern. The Government is trying to reduce the overall number of Parish Councils. If we were to be merged it may mean that we would have little or no say in how our Parish was run. This is something we will fight as we are an active Parish Council and do not believe a larger grouping would serve our village well.

Communication. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to talk to me or any Councillor to discuss matters that concern you. I attend the monthly coffee mornings at the Village Hall on the 1st Monday in the month and would be pleased to help anyone with concerns.

Please feel free to ask what your Council is doing.

Ted



What's happening?

Saturday 24th August

Holy Trinity Church Fayre

In the Village Hall.
Official opening at 2pm.
Entrance 50p

Stalls include—
Books; Cake & produce;
Fine china & crafts; tombola
Bric a Brac; plants; Roll a £1;
Teas at £2.00

The Raffle
will be drawn at **3.30pm**
(1st prize £50.00)
Raffle tickets 50p each are
available from any member
of the PCC.

**Donations for all stalls are
welcome.**

THE 138th EGGLESTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW on SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER at West Barnley Farm

You can pick up a
programme in the village hall.
The closing date for entries is
14th September.
(except dogs & ferrets)

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And the show committee will
be running Domino Drives in
the Village Hall on:
4th & 25th October
8th & 29th November

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Eggleston Chapel Harvest Festival

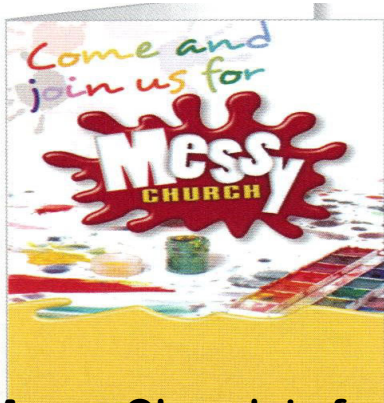
on
Saturday 5th October
at 7pm

With the East Witton Male Voice Choir
Followed by supper
All are welcome

On Sunday 6th October
Harvest Service starting at 2.30pm
Edmund Parker is preaching

Holy Trinity Family Harvest Service **Sunday 13th October** **10am to 1030am**

All family members are welcome to donate dry goods during the service. Donations will be delivered to the food banks already running within Co Durham.



Messy Church is for children from 0 to 11 years old. It is held in the Village Hall from 3.30pm —5.30pm (or when the school buses arrive). Games, sticky things to make, a song to learn; a story and a cooked tea.
Tuesday 17th September
Tuesday 15th October
Tuesday 19th November

Upper Teesdale Churches
Together (UTCT) Social Evening
for all the family at Middleton Village
Hall on **Saturday 26th October**
Live Music & Supper

HOLY TRINITY **FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER** **All Saints' Day**

A short Reflective Service for those who have died and we wish to remember. Everyone is welcome— 7pm.

and
SUNDAY 10th November
Remembrance Sunday
10.30am

The Marie Curie Cancer Care Etape Pennines Cycle Race

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

**This race has road closures that
may affect you and your plans**



The 2,500 riders will start and finish the race at Barnard Castle Golf Club. The road from there to the turning to Kinninvie will be **closed from 04.30am to 5pm.**

The B6278 road from High Shipley to Eggesburn and onto Middleton will be closed from **6am to 9.30am.**

(Middleton to Langdon Beck closure is 6.15am to 10am).

In the other direction The B6282 from Hamsterley through Woodland to Billy Lane will be closed from **9.30am to 3.45pm.**

The road from B6282 down Billy Lane along the B6279 from Kinninvie and then the B6278 back towards Barnard Castle via Moss Close will be closed from **10am to 4pm.**

It is an individual responsibility to park a vehicle, which is needed during the closure times, QUOTE *'to park in alternative streets outside of the closure area before the closure comes into operation'*

You can find out more information at **www.etapepennines.co.uk**

You can also phone **020 8233 5900.**

(This line is only open from 12pm to 2pm on Monday—Thursday.)

Cllr Lynne Oxby attended an information meeting for the Parish Council and can provide further comment should you require.

(Lynne lives at St Leonards, Hill Top)

Community Art Project Update

The Parish Council is waiting agreement from the County Council with regard the positioning of the proposed Parish Markers at Folly Top; Blackton and Eggesburn. (Hill Top already confirmed). Once the sites are agreed Phil Townsend (our sculptor-in-residence) will run the workshops for **you** to make the clay tiles for incorporation into the markers.

Start thinking of the design for your tile!

The next newsletter is scheduled for the end of November—if you have news to include tell the Parish Clerk