

Winter

Eggleston Village

Notes from: Ted Henderson Chairman of the Parish Council.

Dear Residents,

As Chairman of the Parish council I feel it right that we keep you up to date with what we are doing and what is happening.

As a parish council we are concerned that we may no longer get our usual annual grant from Durham County Council as they are looking at ways to save £100 million pounds over the next 2 years. As a result of this we may be forced to raise the precept in the coming year. We will have no information of any contribution from DCC until the beginning of January. However, we have to forward our request for precept contribution to DCC by 28th January. As you are aware, your Parish Council has fixed costs each year for the maintenance of the village. These include such things as public liability insurance, grass cutting, administrative costs etc to a total last year of over £5500. We expect these costs to rise in 2014. We also have additional annual costs which we try to budget for and this year we had to have the trees on the green maintained at the cost of over £2000. [This work was required to meet the needs of our insurance and included crown lifting; lobbing off dead branches and removing trees.]

If we are forced to raise the precept we will keep it to a minimum.

At the Parish meeting on the 5th November concern was shown at the amount of cars parking on the Greenbank side of the village green by walkers who then leave them for the day and it causes problems for residents trying to get their cars off their drives. We are proposing to have notices put on the green advising visitors to park on the opposite side of the green. The last thing we want to do is have a lot of yellow lines put all over the village. We are unable at this point in time to advertise that they can park on the front of the Three Tuns and to call the area a CAR PARK as it is legally registered as village green and technically you may not park on village green. The law prevents a change of use. However, we all know that this space has been used as a village car park for many years and I would request that any of the residents seeing walkers or visitor's parking on Greenbank please advise them of the parking available outside the Tuns.

We certainly do not wish to discourage visitors and as a parish council

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feel it is important to maintain the village to a high standard to continue to attract visitors and walkers and keep the village alive. We are also pleased to see that the Three Tuns is continuing to trade as this can only be good for the village as a whole.

Please don't forget that I am always at Community Coffee in the Village Hall and will be pleased to answer any questions or take any of your concerns to a full council meeting. Finally a big thank you to Brian Richardson (see opposite)

Ted

Other bits

Unfortunately we were not successful with our TAP bid to promote the Heritage Boards for our village – we have not given up on this idea and will look for other ways to finance this project.

The Parish Markers ... The traffic/roads department at DCC have agreed to all the sites suggested by the Parish Council—except for the one at Folly Top .. We continue to work on this to find a solution.

The Village Green We need to repair a collapsed conduit , level the green (by using the spoil from the Recreation Park works, re-seed the area and clean the trough. When this work is carried out the area will be roped off for safety reasons. We apologise if you are inconvenienced in any way.

Calling all dog owners ..

Please keep using the dog poo bags and the bins provided. If you feel we need more bins please suggest a location to a councillor.

PARISH WEBSITE ?????

We await the techie people at County Hall to get this up and running.

What's happening?

Community Coffee

Chat & refreshments on the **1st Monday** of every month in the Village Hall **10am to noon.**



THE POST OFFICE

At the Village Hall
Monday and Friday Mornings
(9.30am—1pm)
All post office services—order your foreign currency; buy cards; send parcels;

THANK YOU

A huge *Thank You*
from all the village to
Mr Brian Richardson of Greenbank

Mr Richardson has been the village's official flag flyer for over 20 years. He has decided that it is time to retire and will complete his duties at the end of the year. To have the flag flying on the village green on all the days officially recognised by the government is very special and this would not have been possible without Brian's devotion to this duty.

Would you be willing to take over this duty?
Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would be interested.

Who is the Parish clerk?? Mrs Christine Bell Tel: 650798
e-mail: egglestonclerk01@btinternet.com

The village hall has recently received a grant and new windows will be installed at the rear of the hall, the lobby and the gents toilets. This is the final stage of a refurbishment programme that has seen repairs to the floor, new windows at the front of the hall, kitchen and committee room, outside redecoration and a new fascia board.

WHAT'S ON:

Indoor bowls 14:00-16:00 Monday and
Wednesday
Aerobics/Zumba 20:00- 21:00 Monday
Indoor ball sports 17:30-18:30 Thursday
Bridge Club 14:00-16:30 Friday
Watercolour painting group 10:00-12:00
Friday

Monthly:

Last Tuesday Messy Church 15:30-17:30
Second Thursday Circle Dancing 19:00-
21:00
Last Saturday Yoga 10:00-12:30

The village Hall will soon be taking ownership of a DEFIBRILLATOR. We need people to be trained to use it. This machine can save peoples' lives. Would you be prepared to be trained?
Age no barrier

ALSO COMING UP on ...

29th November

Domino Drive

20th December

Three Tuns Christmas

The next newsletter is scheduled for the end of February—
if you have news that is of interest to the residents of Eggleston and you wish to have it included please tell the Parish Clerk.

Switching on of the Christmas Lights

Saturday 30th November 2013 - 6.30 for 7.00 p.m

Please support this annual free village event – donations welcome

Saturday 7th December

2.00 - 5.00 pm

**Senior Residents Christmas Party
at the Village Hall**

All senior residents (ladies 60+ and men 65+) will receive a personal invitation. If you, or anyone you know, qualifies and has not received their invitation by the end of November please contact Ruth on 650006

FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



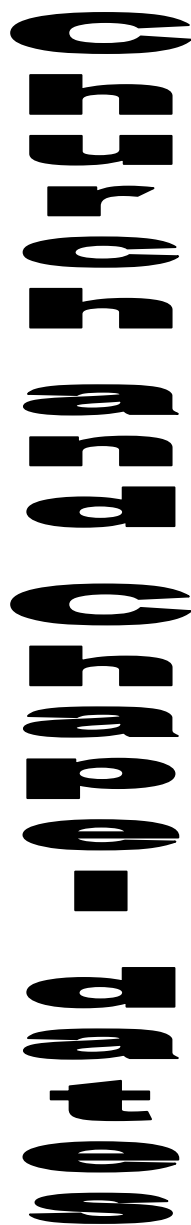
**Tuesday 24th
December 6.30 pm.**

Christmas Carols
on the **Village Green**
Refreshments available

**Children –
watch out for
Santa!!**

*Wishing **you** a safe,
peaceful and joyous
Christmas from
everyone in the
village.*

The Editor



**In December you are invited to
join any of these activities**

Tuesday 17th at Holy Trinity
7pm A Reflective Service for
Advent. A quiet time few
moments in the hustle and bustle .

Saturday 21st at Village Hall
3.30pm Messy Church Christmas
party but only if you are
0—11years old and bring an
adult with you!

Sunday 22nd—
2.30pm Chapel Carol Service
6pm Holy Trinity Carol and Crib
Service with refreshments.

Tuesday 24th at Holy Trinity
1130pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 29th at Holy Trinity
10.30am UTCT United Service

