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We are all advised to take fraud seriously particularly when dealing with our money and our identity — don't have yours stolen—and don't GIVE it away. To find out more about fraud scams and what you need to do to be one step ahead visit: www.actionfraud.police.uk
Or go for help to the Citizens Advice centres (one in UTASS on Thursday)

Meet and Eat

Come and enjoy an evening out and meet people of the village. The evening is for **everyone**—whatever your age.

on **Wednesday 29th March**

6.30p.m. for 7pm. @ The Three Tuns

The meal will consist of main course; sweet & tea/coffee; gratuity – total cost £17.00 per person. If you would like to come please let either David Caig (650856) or Ruth Stables (650006) know

by **12th March.**

You will be contacted by them to choose your meal from a special menu (4 main & 3 sweets course - including vegetarian)

Eggleston Carnival Committee

Be Prepared Date for your diary
Monday 1st May Noon to 5pm

This fundraising event will include a village treasure hunt, teas and craft/table top stalls.

More info on flyers displayed nearer the time (This event has been moved from Easter Monday as it is hoped that the weather will be kinder.)

The Committee say THANK YOU to

... ..County Councillors Ted Henderson and Richard Bell for their donations to enable the upgrade of the infrastructure of the Christmas lights on the village green.

... everyone who supported all the Christmas activities they provided for the community in December 2016.

INDOOR BOWLS — we meet in the Village Hall every Wednesday 2pm to 4pm. £1.00 a session. Tuition available! Contact Veronica on 650821

Eggleston Art Group regret that they have no more space for new members at present. Should you wish to put your name on the waiting list please see David Caig on Friday AM at the Village Hall.

Defibrillator

A number of residents have expressed concern about the red light flashing on the defibrillator outside the Village Hall. This happens in the event of extremely low temperatures as the cabinet has a built-in thermometer. It is not an indication that the defibrillator is malfunctioning. When the temperature rises the flashing stops. We can assure residents that the defibrillator is checked regularly to ensure it is working correctly

If you wish to borrow any items from the Village Hall please contact Dave Smith or Chris Bell for prior approval. We always try to oblige. Thank you to whoever brought the 2 missing tables back! DS

DCC Customer Relations Mechanism (durham.gov.uk)

The new [Do it Online](#) system offers a menu of different activities which enables members of the public to pay **and** report things on line eg street lights not working. This can be found on the top left of the County Councils Homepage. There is a "More Services" bar at the foot of the page highlighted above which gives you access to the [full menu of DCC activities](#).

You will need to register online or you can do things anonymously. If you register on line using a suitable e mail address you will receive an emailed customer reference number for every report you make and you should be able to check out the status of your reports.

PARISH & COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4th MAY 2017

Publication of notice of election will start on the **20 March 2017**. This will also be the date that "Purdah" starts.

Nomination papers. The following papers must be delivered by hand: Nomination form and the Candidate's consent to nomination form.

[Please contact the Parish Clerk for these](#)

Where signatures are required, you submit the original signed version of each completed paper. Documents without original signatures cannot be accepted. Parish Councillors nominations will be accepted from the publication of the notice of election until up to 4pm on the nineteenth working day before the election. In other words nomination papers must be handed to DCC by **4pm on Tuesday 4 April.**

It is important to note that it is the candidates responsibility to ensure their nomination forms and candidates consent to nomination forms are completed properly and delivered by hand to the Parish Clerk. She will ensure all forms are handed to the returning officer.

To find out more about standing or voting in local (parish) and Council elections the following documents may assist with this process. [It takes All](#)

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Eggleston Parish is entitled to have **7 Parish Councillors.**

Can you give some time each month to help—control the spending of our precept; liaise with members of the parish & DCC; comment on planning applications; attend a meeting; do better than you think the present councillors are doing? If so **apply**. No experience needed—training is available if required. **Anyone over the age of 18 years can apply to be a councillor. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.**