

Monk Hesleden Parish Council Gazette



Winter 2012



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2nd to 5th June 2012

In 2012 Her Majesty the Queen will become the second Monarch in British history to celebrate sixty years on the throne.

To celebrate the occasion there will be an extended bank holiday weekend on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

The Parish Council would like to hear from any local community groups and organisations which have plans to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee event and who may wish to promote the event in the Parish Gazette.

Please forward your article to the Council by letter, email or by calling at the Resource Centre, the deadline for submission will be Monday 30th April 2012; articles will be subject to editorial approval.

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Olympic Torch comes to Blackhall...

Did you know the Olympic Torch will be travelling through Blackhall Sunday 17th June 2012?

See the next edition of the Gazette which will give details of the route and time of arrival.



The annual Christmas Tree Lighting took place at Chickens Green Blackhall and Hesleden on 5th and 6th December 2011.

Whilst the snow was not a problem this year, the wind and vandalism did cause damage to the Blackhall tree. However, this did not dampen the Christmas spirit of those who attended.

The Parish Council would like to thank all of those who came along to the events and in particular, Reverend George Liddle, and Deacon Jenny Heath, for attending and giving a blessing. Thanks also to Hesleden, Blackhall & St. Joseph's Primary Schools for their fantastic singing and Hesleden Community Centre and St. Joseph's Primary School for their hospitality.



5..4..3..2..1.. Lights!



Winter Wonderland

On 10th and 11th December 2011 the car park at Blackhall Community Centre was transformed into a Winter Wonderland.

Alison Paterson, Centre Manager at the Community Centre.

Bob commented "I would like to say a big thank you to Blackhall Community Centre, Peterlee & District Lions, Blackhalls & Hesledens Community Regeneration Partnership, Monk Hesleden Parish Council, County Councillors and the local businesses who gave help and assistance in organising and running this event. Most importantly a big thank you to the community who came along had fun, and made the occasion a great success."



Bob Waite, Denise Robertson and Alison Patterson

The event was opened by TV Agony Aunt Denise Robertson, there were lots of fun activities for children including Santa's grotto, bouncy castle together with the main attractions; an ice rink and entertainment from local singer Emma.

The weekend was organised by Blackhall resident Bob Waite and

DRAMATIC NEW DURHAM HERITAGE COAST WELCOME SIGN AT CRIMDON

A dramatic new welcome sign and information panels are now in place at the most popular beach access points to Durham's Heritage Coast at Crimdon.

Heritage Coast to welcome and inform visitors and they are positioned where most people will benefit from them.

Two welcome signs are positioned at the entrance to Crimdon Beach and at Seaham Hall beach car park - the points where most visitors to the area arrive at the coast.

The artwork was created by local artist Jac Howard who was raised in Seaham and moved back five years ago. Jac says: "I'm very proud to see my artwork featured in such a dramatic and positive way on this coastline.

The structures feature beautiful artwork and feature waymarkers and helpful maps of the coast, providing useful local information and also show how the Durham Heritage Coast sits within an extensive coastal footpath and cycle way network.

I have a passion for both art and this area I took inspiration for the designs from the coastline itself. I wanted it to show the local natural environment though native shells and seaweed but also local items of interest like the distinctive coble fishing boats used here.

Niall Benson, Durham Heritage Coast Officer, says: "We're extremely pleased with the new signs and waymarkers which look fabulous and will provide a focus for the thousands of people who visit this coastline every year.

"Some time ago we identified a need to mark what are roughly the north and south boundaries of the Durham



Pictured left to right: Councillor Alan Cox, Councillor Rob Crute and Niall Benson

I also integrated local place names which will hopefully inspire visitors to explore this wonderful area further."

CAN YOU HELP ?

Members of Blackhall's Local History Group are seeking information about the medal shown here.



It is approximately 1- 1½ inches in diameter with a message in raised lettering which reads 'Blackhall Welcome Home Fund for services rendered in the Great War 1914 - 1919'.

The village population grew rapidly following the arrival of the sinkers in 1909 and the colliery workforce increased from 240 in 1910 to 1314 in 1919 showing that many families had moved into the village.

Considering the village would only be ten years old when the medal was presented, the History group would like to know who or what organisation was responsible for the fund.

If you have a medal like this or have any more information, please contact Harry Archbold on 0191 5863661 or Edwina McGarry on 0191 5865120.



Parish Update....

Community Youth Project

Following the closure of Blackhall Youth Club the Parish Council has been instrumental in the formation of a community youth project, the purpose of which, is to promote activities and facilities for young people in our villages.

place in the community for young people. Flyers and posters were prepared and distributed to all primary school pupils, community and volunteer groups and local shops. The information is also available on the Parish Council web site.

Partners involved in this project include the local primary schools, Blackhall Community Centre, Blackhall Rocks Residents Association, Hesleden Community Centre, County Councillors, East Durham AAP, Durham County Council, Groundwork North East, Durham Police, Accent Housing and Blackhalls & Hesledens Community Regeneration Partnership.

On the request of the group, East Durham Area Action Partnership undertook a consultation with young people to seek their views on what services and facilities they would like to see in their community. It is intended the results of this survey and the involvement of young people in the project will help the group to formulate a youth strategy for the Parish.

The first task for the group was to prepare and promote a timetable of events which currently take

Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

The Boundary Commission for England has recently completed a public consultation on their initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in England.

Their current recommendation is for the settlements of Blackhall Colliery, Blackhall Rocks, Crimdon, Hesleden, High Hesleden and Monk Hesleden to remain in the Easington constituency.

Monk Hesleden Parish Council supports this view as it believes our communities have strong social, cultural and economic ties with East Durham.

The results of the consultation are due to be published in April 2012, at which time the public will have an opportunity to make their views known.

It is the Parish Council's intention to ensure residents are kept informed of any representations made which may result in the change of our Parliamentary constituency and also to provide details of how comments and views can be submitted to the Boundary Commission.

Proposed Wind Farm between Sheraton and Monk Hesleden

EDF Energy Renewables has submitted a planning application to Durham County Council to install a maximum of five wind turbines on a site between Sheraton and Monk Hesleden, to the north west of Hartlepool. Four of the proposed turbines fall within Durham County Council boundary.

There are a number of options available to residents who require further information with regards to this application:

- The application can be viewed on the Durham County Council website, by clicking on the Strategic Office link and using the ref. CMA/5/31: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/Pages/Service.aspx?ServiceId=1057>
- Visit Contact Centre, St. John's Square, Seaham SR7 7JE . No appointment is necessary during normal office hours.
- Contact Monk Hesleden Parish Council to arrange access to view the planning application documents.

Your Parish Council 2011/12

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BLOOMING MARVELLOUS

Blackhall resident Jeff Craggs exhibited at the National Chrysanthemum Society flower show at Doncaster in November 2011 and won the top award for his medium flowering late singles.

He won the northern championship and also the most meritorious exhibit in the whole show.

Congratulations Jeff!



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COMMUNITY FORUMS

If you would like to discuss any problems or issues with your local County Councillor and/or a Police Officer, you can come along to a Community Forum. These are held at The Resource Centre, Middle Street, from 6 till 7 pm. No appointment necessary.

Next forum dates:

14th March 2012

11th April 2012

9th May 2012

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council holds its meetings at The Resource Centre, Blackhall. Members of the public are welcome to attend, however, if you wish to speak on a matter, please contact The Clerk no later than seven days before the meeting so that the item for discussion can be placed on the agenda.

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES:

20th February 2012

19th March 2012

23rd April 2012

21st May 2012

Meetings commence at 7.00 pm