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## Parish Update



### Family Fun Day Sunday 21st August 2011

The Parish Council's 5th Annual Flower and Vegetable Show will be held on the above date at the Welfare Park, Blackhall, full details, including classes and prizes are available on the Parish Council website [www.monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk), from Blackhall Resource Centre, or by contacting the Parks and Facilities Manager, John Peace on telephone number 07932 046082.

## Maths and English made easy

Do you need the skills that will help you do your job, run a home, manage your money, keep up with the kids and enjoy a social life?

**Then this free course will help you!**

The skills listed above require the ability to: read, write, speak English and use maths.

Join a free workshop at Blackhall Resource Centre with friendly and relaxed support to help you achieve your goal and gain a qualification in English or Maths, equivalent to a GCSE.

Most activities are very practical and hopefully enjoyable. Working at your own pace you will slowly build your confidence until you feel ready to sit an assessment.

Come along and meet the tutor for a chat and talk to other students at Blackhall Resource Centre.



Left to right:  
Kirsty Mason,  
Emma Crute,  
Chairman Bass Underwood and Kayleigh Alderson.

## Children's baking competition winners

## Baking competition

The annual baking competition for adults and children is taking place again this year, for further details contact Blackhall Resource Centre or visit our website [www.monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk-events](http://www.monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk-events).

## Tug of War

This annual competition is the most popular event of the day, sadly teams are a little reluctant to come forward and challenge the Navy Club and Denemouth Caravan Park, could you be

the team who can win this year?

For further details contact Blackhall Resource Centre or telephone Bob Waite on 0191 586 5809.



Vice-Chairman Dave Carr, Chairman Bass Underwood, Steve Howey. Photo courtesy of Stan Gray.

## "Fantastic facility, the community should be extremely proud."

Steve Howey, former Newcastle United and England footballer officially opened the new changing rooms at the Welfare Park in Blackhall. In his opening speech Steve praised both Monk Hesleden Parish Council and the community for the first class facilities and stated everyone should be extremely proud of what had been achieved.

At the ceremony, the Chairman of the Parish Council, Bass Underwood thanked the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, County Councillors Alan Cox and Rob Crute and the Blackhalls & Hesledens Community Regeneration

Partnership for their financial contribution to the building. He also acknowledged the services provided by Burns Architects and Ronden Builders who worked closely with the Parish Council to deliver the project on time and on budget.

Councillor Underwood commented "This facility has been needed for over 20 years, and finally in 2010 matched funding was secured. I would like to acknowledge the perseverance of my fellow Councillors and the hard work of the Clerk, Lynda Wardle and the Parks & Facilities Manager and his staff, without whom, these fantastic facilities would not have been built."



## Children's Festival

The Parish Council hosted their fourth free event for the young people of the Parish at the Welfare Park, Blackhall. Activities included face painting, arts and crafts and a football school.

Accent Foundation provided interactive games, the Woodland Trust provided art activities and the weather ensured a good attendance.

A children's baking competition was held and the results were as follows:

- 1st Place Kirsty Mason
  - 2nd Place Kayleigh Alderson
  - 3rd Place Emma Crute
- (See back page for photo).

The Chairman of the Parish Council said "This event is provided for youngsters to come along have fun and appreciate and respect this wonderful Park, it was a pleasure to see so many happy faces."

## Forthcoming meetings:

The Parish Council holds its meetings at the Resource Centre, Blackhall **Monday at 7pm.**

- Meetings:
- 18th July 2011
  - 19th September 2011
  - 24th October 2011
  - 21st November 2011

- 12th December 2011
- 23rd January 2012
- 20th February 2012
- 19th March 2012
- 23rd April 2012



## Working together

Monk Hesleden Parish Council, working in partnership with Blackhall Rocks Residents Association and County Councillors' Alan Cox and Rob Crute have officially opened a new play area at Hart Crescent, Blackhall Rocks. The need, location, and equipment for the new facility was identified by the Residents Association which is also to undertake the day to day management of the park including the daily opening

and closing. The Parish Council listened to those residents who had concerns about the play area and worked very closely with all partners including the local policing team, and the street wardens to ensure the play area is respected and used for the purpose it has been built.

The Chairman of the Parish Council Bass Underwood commented: "This

play area is an example of what can be achieved if everyone works together, it would not have been possible without the financial support provided by County Councillors Alan Cox and Rob Crute and most importantly the members of Blackhall Rocks Residents Association who have worked hard over the past two years to secure this play park for the youngsters in the area."

## Blackhall Youth Project

Monk Hesleden Parish Council, working in partnership with local County Councillors Alan Cox, Rob Crute, the Safe Durham Partnership and Groundwork North East have established a youth night for all ages in the tea pavilion at the Welfare Park every Wednesday between 5pm and 8pm.



This is an informal venue for young people to meet and also to encourage and invite members of the local community to come along and participate. It is hoped a project of this nature will bring a variety of age groups together to better understand the issues faced by the community as a whole.



## Hesleden Cemetery

Following requests from local residents the Parish Council have installed a new fence at Hesleden Cemetery.

# Have your say

## Do you need to speak to your local Councillor?

Parish Councillors and County Councillors are available to meet with residents at Blackhall Resource Centre on the first Thursday of each month from 9.30am to 10.30am, this is an informal "drop in" session, no appointment is necessary.

The County Councillors contact details are given below together with information regarding additional surgeries:

### Councillor Alan Cox

E-mail: Alan.Cox@durham.gov.uk  
 Telephone: 07500 125 301 or 0191 587 0789  
 Surgery: Blackhall Library  
 Date: Last Saturday of each month  
 Time: 11am until 12 noon

### Councillor Rob Crute

E-mail: Rob.Crute@durham.gov.uk  
 Telephone: 0191 372 5821  
 Surgery: Blackhall Library  
 Date: Second Friday of each month  
 Time: 2.30pm until 3.30pm

## Police and Communities Together (PACT)

Durham Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Team holds regular meetings at Blackhall Resource Centre, 68 Middle Street, Blackhall from 6pm to 7pm, the purpose of these meetings are:

- To give residents the opportunity to speak directly to Officers about issues that are of concern
- To enable residents to receive updates from the Officers regarding progress made in resolving previous issues which have been raised
- To involve all members of the community in setting the policing priorities for the forthcoming month.

### Dates for 2011

- 8th June
- 12th October
- 13th July
- 9th November
- 10th August
- 14th December
- 14th September

## Your Parish Council 2011/12

Visit: [www.monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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