

Village News



Summer 2018. Issue 61

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**Bring a picnic, table and chairs to St Mary's Churchyard
Cramington Carribean Crew Steel Band are returning by
popular demand!**

**Special appearance this year by Birds of Prey, Magician
and Circus Skills workshop!**

Lots of music, games, fun and sunshine- see page 6



**Sunday 3rd June 1pm
St Mary's Churchyard**

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Regular Events Diary

Monday	Community Gym 9am to 12noon Social Evening at Arden House 7 to 8.30pm Youth Club Mixed Jubilee Hall 6.00 to 8pm
Tuesday	Community Gym 9am to 12noon Mother & Toddler Group at Jubilee Hall 12.45pm to 2.45pm ** Social Evening at Arden House 7 to 8.30pm Walk for Life (short guided walk) Jubilee Hall 10am Local History Group 7.30 - 8.30pm Jubilee Hall (1st & 3rd in month) Local History Group 10 - 11am Jubilee Hall (2nd & 4th in month)
Wednesday	Community Gym 9am to 12noon Chit-Chat Club 10.00 to 1.00pm Jubilee Hall (Or for lunch only at 12noon) Pins and Needles Group in St Mary's Church 10 to 11.30am Stop Smoking Service- Storehouse Pharmacy- 9am to 12noon 0800 772 0565
Thursday	Community Gym 9am to 12noon Breakfast Club at Arden House 9 to 11am Mother & Toddler Group at Jubilee Hall 12.45pm to 2.45pm ** Green Group Jubilee Hall 7.30 - 9pm 1st week of month Junsui Shotokan Karate Club Jubilee Hall 6-7pm
Friday	Community Gym 9am to 12noon "Fit for Life" 11 to 12noon Jubilee Hall
Saturday	Community Gym 9am to 12noon Pilates Jubilee hall 9.30 - 10.30am (Not when Art & Crafts Fayre is held) Social Evening at Arden House 7 to 8.30pm Arts & Crafts Fayre Jubilee Hall 10 to 1pm, Last Saturday of month March to Nov
Sunday	Service at St Mary's - normally 10.45am - see Church page for details Cycle Club at Recreation Ground, Adventure Lane 10.30. Bike/Helmets available. Long & Short routes

** These groups take place in term time

Village Show 2018: September 15th Jubilee Hall
Full list of classes - see page 19!



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FUTURE EVENTS and DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Big Lunch	Sunday 3rd June	The Churchyard	1pm
Afternoon Tea & Stalls	Sunday 20th May	St Mary's Church	2.30
Annual Parish meeting	Wed 9 May	Jubilee Hall	7pm
The Village Show	Sat 15th Sept	Jubilee Hall	
Next Newsletter Deadline	25 July 2018	wrlvpeditor@gmail.com	5pm

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Village Partnership AGM 18th April 2018

CHAIR'S REPORT

The West Rainton and Leamside Partnership has survived another year of events and operations, very successfully I may add. It would be too time-consuming and ineffective to describe the programmes of all the participating groups, Brownies, Parish Council, Pins and Needles, Green Group, Youth Group, Church, Community Association, Parents and Toddlers, School and Local History Group, however, I do complement the organisers of all these societies for providing such a vast range of community activities. During the year there has been the loss of the Football Club but also the development of a new Dementia Group.

I would like to concentrate on selective activities that are carried out by the Partnership in particular.

Village News, FaceBook and Website Grateful thanks go to Mike Whitehouse for organising, producing and editing this excellent village publication. Thanks to Michael and Marion Brann for organising and assisting the deliveries of Village News throughout the village and thanks to the many who deliver to every resident's door, four times a year. Also for creating, developing and completing the Village Website and Facebook pages, etc. This has opened up a new dimension for showcasing our village to the wider world

Art, Craft and Green Markets. Nine months of Markets have yielded many pleasant occasions for mixing and mingling of sellers and buyers from near and far. With no shortage of sellers but sometimes of buyers, thanks to the groups providing refreshments. Thanks go to Marion and Michael Brann for their help over the year in overseeing the advertising and collection of fees.

Beautiful Durham Awards. To all those who entered—groups and individuals—many many thanks. While not winning the title of overall village winner there were successes for the Church, Green Group and Finchale View Riding school as well as individuals in the village.

Village Show. A hugely successful Village Show thanks to Kath Whitehouse — Show Secretary, Treasurer, and overall organiser of everything, and to her team of judges, supervisors, and assistants at this event. Long may it continue and I urge you all through your various groups to encourage members and individuals to give Kath your continued support. She retires as Treasurer now but continues to organise the show.

Kathleen Tweddle, Partnership Chair

Note from Editor: Kathleen herself also hands over the reins to a new Chair this year. Kathleen has spent years helping and guiding village residents and groups and is a one-woman hurricane of energy for our community: Thank You!



Introducing brand new Youth Sessions at West Rainton, Jubilee Hall

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Ages 11-19 years 7:00-9:00pm

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Please contact our Lead Youth Worker Rachael Roberts on 07858273422 or rachael.roberts@durhamareayouth.org.uk if you require any further information



www.facebook.com/DurhamAreaYouth

Website www.durhamareayouth.org.uk

Durham Area Youth is a new charity set up by local residents, David Hall, Jon Steer, Vicki Wharton, Maureen Boettcher and Emily Burns to provide youth provision in West Rainton and surrounding villages.

Our 3 Youth Workers, Rachael Roberts, Hayley Manning and Stephen Davison opened the doors of Jubilee Hall at the beginning of April to all young people aged 8 -19. The provision has been utilised by 30+ young people in the first few weeks.

We also have active sessions in Pittington and Sherburn. As we are a charity we rely on funding and donations to provide activities, local Parish Councils have kindly donated and fully support our charity. Please like our Durham Area Youth page on Facebook to keep up to date with what we are doing.

Rachael Roberts



West Rainton and Leamside's Big Lunch Picnic

Sunday 3rd June

1.00pm onwards in the grounds of St Mary's Church

All Welcome

**Enjoy a picnic with family and friends; bring your own food, drinks,
folding chairs or a rug to sit on**

What's on:

- **Returning after last year's success the Cramlington Caribbean Crew Steel Band**
- **Fun for the kids with a visit from Marvin the Magician**
- **Sports activities and games for the children and families**
- **A display from Durham Falconry**
- **Ice Cream Van**
- **Performance from Unity Choir**
- **Celebration of National Volunteers Week**
- **Grand Prize Draw to raise funds for the Big Lunch next year**



Event funding from DCC Community Investment Fund, WR&L Parish Council

Event organised by local residents volunteering their time

Event kindly hosted by St Mary's Church for the whole community to attend

Thank you to the local community groups and volunteers for your support.



The Jubilee Hall has had a very positive few months with several well supported fundraising events.

The Games Evening was enjoyed by all who came, and requests were made for regular games events. £164 was raised for the upkeep of the Hall. The Chit-Chat Club Coffee Morning and Silent Auction was well attended, and raised £384.

A recent bid to the Greggs Foundation was successful and will be used to establish a weekly Breakfast Club, most likely to be held on Mondays. This will be a drop in between 9-30 and 11am. When plans have been finalised the start date will be published on the Jubilee Hall Facebook page, as well as on posters around the village. Regular events supported by the County Durham Community Foundation Grant are as follows:

Pilates, Saturday 9-30 to 10-30 cost £1

Fit for Life, Friday 11am to 12 cost £1

Chit-Chat Club, Wednesday 10am to 1. Lunches provided at low cost. All welcome for lunch at 12 -00.

Janet Tayler, Secretary WL&LCA



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BeautifulDurham2018

Environmental competition open to residents and organisations in Durham City and surrounding villages



The closing date for this year's competition is 27th June and judging is 11/12th July.

As a village we always do well and this year we would love to win the "Best Village" award!

You can download an entry form for your garden, allotment, yard or container and even enter on-line at;

www.durham.gov.uk/beautifuldurham

- 1 Best business premises
(public houses, hotels, shops, factories, warehouses)
- 2 Best group horticultural project
(schools, community groups, garden clubs, youth groups, churches, resident groups, etc) Please attach a brief project description to the form.
- 3 Best sheltered accommodation complex/warden controlled housing area
- 4 Durham's best kept residential area
- 5 Best floral containers
- 6 Best house garden (small, under 150m²)
- 7 Best house garden (medium, 150m² – 300m²)
- 8 Best house garden (large, over 300m²)
- 9 Best back yard or patio garden
- 10 Best allotment or kitchen garden
- 11* Best small village (population up to 500)
- 12* Best village (population 500 to 2000)
- 13* Best large village (population over 2000)



Appeal from the Village History Group



As we approach the Centenary of the end of WW1 Our research on Our Village War Dead has hit a few brick walls.

We need your help! Can anyone help with the following names:

E Bell S Johnson T W Forster J T Bell J
McGill

J Brown S Pearson W C Clark G Young

We have failed to identify these men and need your help to "REMEMBER THEM"

Thank You

ALSO- We are currently trying to amass information on the Public Houses in the Village, shops, tradesmen and characters of the villages.

DO YOU REMEMBER NAMES OF PUBLICANS, SHOPKEEPERS ETC.

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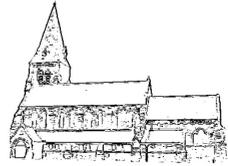


The Diocese of Durham
St. Mary's
West Rainton

Sunday Service 10.45am

Contacts:
Julian Ward
 0191 4166550 / 4972828

Secretary:
Annabel Burns
 5844959



St Mary's – the Future

Changes in Houghton Deanery mean that we have now have a priest on only one Sunday per month. The Parochial Church Council, 8 of the congregation, are determined that St Mary's should remain as the Christian representation in the village but is becoming harder for us to make arrangements. We continue to plan services of Morning Prayer and Café Church (thankfully very popular!) which are delivered by members of the PCC. From June there will be no service on the 2nd Sunday of the month and information on services is posted on the notice boards outside church and on St Mary's Facebook page : facebook.com/stmaryschurchwestrainton



SERVICES

All at 10.45am.

May:

- 6th Eucharist
- 13th Morning Prayer
- 20th Eucharist
- 27th Eucharist

June:

- 3rd Morning Prayer
- 10th No Service
- 17th Eucharist
- 24th Café Church

July:

- 1st Eucharist
- 8th No Service
- 15th Eucharist
- 22nd Café Church
- 29th No service

Afternoon Tea Returns!

2.30 – 4.30pm

Sundays 20th May and 8th July

Raffle & Book Stall



St Mary's Churchyard Project



We hope you have enjoyed the magnificent show of spring bulbs, the church grounds have looked fantastic!

Funding for a wildflower area has now been secured from the 'It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme' and the Parish Council so hopefully there will be another colourful display in the summer.

Please would all dog walkers ensure they clean up after their dogs and take away the bags, not leave these lying around – red disposal bins are opposite the gates to the cemetery and at Dene View near The Meadows.

100 CLUB

The winning number is drawn on the last Sunday of the month:

January: No 103 February: No 105

March: No 29

Prize is £30 per month plus £150 'Super-draw' prize in November

Membership is £12 per year and renewals are now due. It is a good time for new members to join! Open to all.

Please contact: A Burns 5844959

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Full list of classes - see page 19!

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council is required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting. This year on **Wednesday 9 May 2018** in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00pm.

The Meeting is for all the local government electors living within the parish boundary. It is held so that the Parish Council can explain what it has done over the last year; to enable you to ask questions and have your say. This years report will also include an update on progress made in delivering the Parish Plan adopted by the Parish Council in June 2017.

Councillor Vacancy

Due to the recent resignation of Cllr Clifford there is now a casual councillor vacancy. This can now be filled through a co-option process. Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor should register their interest with the Parish Clerk, no later than noon **Friday 11 May 2018**. Following Cllr Clifford's resignation, Cllr Wallage was elected Chair and Cllr Haddick elected as Vice Chair. Nominees for Chair and Vice Chair for the next municipal year will be considered by the Parish Council at its Annual Meeting.

Benridge Bank Housing Development Approved

Despite a number of objections being raised by the Parish Council and individual residents, a planning application to build 65 homes submitted by Avant Homes was approved by Durham County Council's (DCC) Planning Committee on 13 March 2018.

The application was approved subject to the agreement of a Section 106 legal agreement regarding various financial contributions that the developer must provide to help address adverse impacts of the development on the local community. Whilst this funding is welcomed, some of it is not guaranteed to be allocated for use within the Parish.

The Parish Council has challenged this and is working with our two County Council councillors, and our MP, to ensure that available funding is prioritised for our community.

Opencast - Field House Farm

Preparations are underway to start work on the extraction of coal on the opencast site at Field House Farm. The area has now been fenced off and work has been undertaken on Robin Lane to provide an entrance to the site. Extraction of coal is expected to start soon, subject to confirmation of the necessary planning conditions having been met. The Parish Council will keep you informed as work progresses.

Future of the Jubilee Hall

As reported in the last edition of Village News, the Parish Council is seeking

confirmation and clarification about DCC's expectations to the proposals made by the Community Association in December 2017.

It is disappointing to report that at the time of writing, despite several requests for definitive information, confirmation and clarification of DCC's expectations is still awaited.

Dates of next Parish Council Meetings

The Annual Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 17 May 2018 at 7.00pm, Arden House.

Future meetings are Thursday June 21 and 19 July - starting at 7.00 pm in Arden House. All meetings are open to the public and attendance is welcomed and encouraged. Agendas are published in advance on the Village Notice Boards and our website.

More information about the Parish Council can be found online:

<http://westrainton.parish.durham.gov.uk/>

If you have any queries about the Parish Council, please contact Mark Ramshaw, Parish Clerk - westraintonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk or tel. 07900 800 540.

Cllr Avril Wallage, Chair



A visit from an Olympic medallist

We were thrilled to be asked to host a visit from Olympic gymnast, Amy Tinkler at the beginning of the half-term. The event, sponsored by NPower, was designed to show



the power of support in being a success in whatever you do. Amy, originally from County Durham, won her Olympic bronze in Rio in 2016 coming third in the floor routine. After answering the children's questions in assembly, Amy officially opened our gymnastics club and stayed in school all morning coaching and giving top tips for success. The children were thrilled with her patient coaching and individual feedback with many now

hoping to pursue competitive gymnastics themselves.

Unfortunately, Amy suffered ankle ligament damage in her final competition before she was due to leave for the Commonwealth Games in Australia but we are sure

there is much success ahead for this inspiring young lady. We are sure you've seen the event on both ITV and BBC north east news as well as being featured in many local papers. It's not every day a medal-winning Olympian comes to school! We wish Amy a speedy recovery and every success in her upcoming events.

Our amazing nursery just keeps on growing

Demand is so great for places at our ever-popular nursery that we are making plans to extend provision by doubling some sessions. If you are a parent of a 2 or 3 year old and are interested in either eligible two year old, paid two year old, 3 year old entitlement or 30hrs FREE childcare please give us a call about how we can help to get your child off to a flying start.



Super trips, visits and experiences this spring



Spring term has brought about a whole host of exciting trips and experiences for the pupils of West Rainton Primary. Enhancing learning with real experiences, visitors or events is something we know has a huge impact on learning and something we feel passionately about providing.

Our annual residential trip has taken place this term with 29 pupils visiting Robin Wood in Alston immediately after The Beast from The East struck! It didn't stop our adventurous Y5/6s having a wonderful time.

Other experiences this term include Year 1's visiting the Beamish coal-mine and pit village, Year 4,5,6 taking part in an orchestral performance at Durham Cathedral and our KS2 dance squad performing at Durham's primary dance festival.



WRPS- proud to be Dementia- Friendly

Working alongside the village steering group for dementia awareness, west Rainton Primary School will be undertaking many projects and training events in the coming months to really kick-start our actions.

Our whole staff, and many classes, will be receiving training over the summer and autumn terms and one of our first planned events is a joint visit to Beamish Flag and empire weekend with Springfield Lodge in May. We will be proud to wave our dementia-friends flag!



A big 'thank you' ! See back page!



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Village Show 2018: September 15th Jubilee Hall

Listed below are the final classes for this year's show. Entry forms and full details will be in the next Village Newsletter. Now is your chance!

Category	Class No.	Class
Children – ages up to 8	1	3 decorated gingerbread people
	2	A flower or plant made from Lego
Children - Ages 9-17	3	3 decorated biscuits
	4	A decorated hard boiled egg
Adults - Horticulture	5	Collection of 5 different vegetables, pulled not earlier than the day before.
	6	3 matching root vegetables Eg three carrots
	7	Collection of 3 different green vegetables
	8	A bowl of fruits from the garden
Adults - Flowers	9	A vase of 10 cut garden flowers
	10	1 cut bloom
	11	3 cut blooms, same variety
	12	3 cut blooms, different variety, same colour
	13	3 dahlias
Adults – Baking & Preserving	14	3 fruit scones
	15	A Chocolate sponge
	16	A carrot cake
	17	6 pieces of shortbread
	18	Loaf of bread (white or wholemeal)
	19	Jar of jam
	20	Jar of chutney
Photography – Adults	21	Humorous photo and caption
Children	22	Humorous photo and caption
Adults	23	Pets having fun
Children	24	Pets having fun
Adults	25	Something purple
Adults	26	Architecture
Adults	27	Birds
Adults	28	Water
Adults	29	West Rainton and Leamside winter scene.
Adults – First Timer	30	A North East Landscape
Art- Adults – (Max A1)	31	Any watercolour landscape or seascape
	32	An oil or acrylic painting
	33	Any medium – A North East view
Adults – Flower Arranging	34	An arrangement in a glass container
	35	An arrangement on a colour theme (ie shades of one colour)
	36	An arrangement entitled 'Peace at Last 1918' (accessories can be used)
Adults -Needlework and Craft	37	Hand knitted garment for an adult
	38	Hand knitted accessory – eg hat, scarf, wrap
	39	A crocheted article
	40	A cross-stitch picture (framed or unframed)
	41	An embroidered article
	42	A set of 2 pieces of matching hand-made jewellery
	43	A get well card
	44	A hand-made soft toy
	45	A hand-made toy – other materials
Group/Family	46	A free standing banner showcasing the organisation/group/family



At the Partnership AGM on 18th April, the following village groups were elected to membership of the Partnership Management Committee. The people listed are the nominated representatives of each group;

Arthur Dornan	Chair	Alison McDonaugh	School
Janine Ellison	Secretary	Emily Burns	Dementia Group
Christopher Burns	Treasurer	Claire Scott	Brownies
Kathleen Tweddle	Playscheme	Kath Whitehouse	Village Show
Sue Vanden Bon	Green Group	Violet Gibson	Parent & Toddlers
Alison King	Pins & Needles	Annabel Burns	St Mary's
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	Copy deadline	Distribution
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‘A dementia-friendly community is a city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported and confident they can contribute to community life.’

HELP US CREATE A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

West Rainton & Leamside Dementia Friends Steering Group has recently been setup by local residents volunteering their time to make a difference and create change within the community.

The aim is to raise awareness and work toward creating a Dementia Friendly Village involving local businesses, organisations and community groups also including you as local residents.

OUR AIMS

- Raise awareness and reduce the stigma of Dementia for all those living and working within West Rainton and Leamside
- Raise understanding and acceptance in the whole community
- Tackle loneliness and social isolation for those living with Dementia and their carers
- Supporting people to remain independent and connected to their communities
- Promote wellbeing and independence for those living with Dementia, and improved support for carers
- Offer welcoming and understanding businesses and local community groups for those living with Dementia, their carers/families
- Provide a new range of activities that open up to a wider audience and become more inclusive for older residents as well as those living with Dementia.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

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Brownies



1st Rainton Gate Brownies is part of the Girlguiding organisation for girls aged 7-10 years. We have lots of fun at our weekly meetings (during term time) crafts, cookery, games, activities and badge work. As well as trips and outings.



After having such a great time on our Sleepover last year, run by Girlguiding North East, we have decided we'd like to hold our own, I'm currently working on my residential license, with a Sleepover planned for Autumn. We're all really excited!



We really enjoyed our science session, when ChemSG came to our unit, the girls loved taking part in the experiments!

This term Brownies have been working on an Easter Challenge badge, we've had lots of fun doing it, making Easter baskets, kites, making crispy cake nests, Easter games, as well as visiting the Church - we loved seeing the bulbs we planted in October, now in full bloom.

The Church grounds look amazing!
Some of our Brownies also enjoyed a visit to Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve, on Easter Monday, taking part in their Egg Rolling Event - the weather may not have been on our side, but that didn't stop us enjoying ourselves!



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Or find us on Facebook: 1st Rainton Gate Brownies

A 'Thank You' from our Village School....

The 'Beast from The East' hit every school and we were disappointed to have to close for three days in February, although we did offer free childcare for parents who desperately needed to get to work- this offer was taken up. On the Sunday before our return however, we put out a plea to our community to help us clear steps, paths, drives and playgrounds- we had an incredible turnout. It was heartwarming to see so many adults and children come along with their shovels! It was particularly pleasing to see a huge digger from White House Farm, Finchale who cleared our yard in minutes! Thank you to all!

Alison McDonough, Headteacher