

Summer 2019

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Never Forgotten

Wednesday 14th August 2019 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Crawleyside bus crash in which 19 people, including members of the Blackhall Veterans Bowls Club, their wives, friends and the young daughter of the driver, lost their lives.

“Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on; cherished memories never fade because a loved one’s gone.

Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long there is a memory, they will live on in our hearts.”

Author unknown



Blackhall Welfare Park Memorial dedicated to those who lost their lives in the Crawleyside bus disaster



Annual Flower & Vegetable Show 2019

This popular annual Parish Council event will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2019.

The show will be held in Blackhall Community Centre and will be open for viewing by members of the public from 12 noon.

All keen growers and bakers are invited to come along with their exhibits and make this year’s event bigger and better than 2018.

A copy of the schedule can be downloaded from our website www.monkhesleden-pc.gov.uk or a copy can be picked up from

Blackhall Resource Centre
Monday to Friday
between 9am–1pm

Summer of Fun

The school summer holidays are nearly here and the Parish Council are delighted to announce that they are providing a free fun packed programme of events to keep youngsters entertained.

Full details of the programme can be found on page 4, all we ask is that you reserve a place:-

- admin@monksleden-pc.gov.uk
- Facebook Monk Hesleden Parish Council
- Telephone 0191 5184900
- Blackhall Resource Centre between the hours of 9am– 1pm Monday to Friday



A big thank you also to County Councillors Rob Crute & Lynn Pounder for their funding towards this exciting programme and to our partners at Blackhall Community Centre, Blackhall Library, Durham Heritage Coast, Hesleden Methodist Church and Hesleden Workingmen’s Club.

Chairman's Annual Report



Chairman, Gaynor Crute



The Parish Council has again had a very busy year and continues to build on the good work undertaken over the previous years.

The summer months saw the Parish Council run an activities programme that covered five weeks of the school holidays. During those weeks free activities were provided by the Parish Council to keep the young people of our Parish entertained. This included a soccer school, weekly arts and crafts, family discos, rock pooling, Green Fingers Workshop, Farmyard Flyer, Animal Bus and Story Telling.

The activities came to an end on the bank holiday weekend with a fabulous Seaside Event at Blackhall Welfare Park where over 100 children enjoyed donkey rides, a sand pit, tea cups ride, inflatable slide, coconut shy, a Punch and Judy show, face-painting, kite making and arts and crafts. They were also able to enjoy a free hot dog, juice and ice cream.

The summer programme would not have been such a success if we hadn't once again had the support of fantastic partners in the community who helped with the use of their venues and time, so thanks go to Hesleden Methodist Chapel, Blackhall Community Centre, Hesleden Workingmen's Club, Blackhall Library and Durham Heritage Coast.

I would like to express my personal thanks to the parish council staff who have, in

addition to their normal duties, ensured that the events ran to plan and that refreshments were made available.

The summer activities programme was funded jointly by Monk Hesleden Parish Council and East Durham Area Action Partnership.

The Parish Council's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show was held at Blackhall Community Centre on the August Bank Holiday weekend, entries exceeded those of previous years with amazing displays including baking exhibits. Thanks go to judges and volunteers who help to make this event a spectacular success. Special thanks go to John and Allyson Peace who organise and run the event on behalf of the Parish Council. Also to County Councillors Rob Crute and Lynn Pounder for their financial contribution towards this fantastic event.

This year the Parish Council's Remembrance Day Services at Blackhall and Hesleden marked 100 years since the end of the 1st World War. Both services are always well attended and this year was no exception. The service at Blackhall was conducted by Mr John Kidd from Blackhall Methodist Chapel in Blackhall Welfare Park where there were approximately 200 people in attendance. There were readings from Mr Settrey from St Andrew's Church, myself Gaynor Crute, Chairman of the Parish

Council and Amy Travis and Franky Bell from Blackhall Primary School. The last post was played by Mr Ian Harris, a resident of our village. The 1932 Blackhall Squadron Air Training Corps (ATC) were again in attendance and provided a fantastic presence and assistance to the service. Wreaths were laid by myself as Chairman of the Parish Council, County Councillor Rob Crute, Blackhall ATC, Katy Moore and Emma Crute representing Blackhall Community Youth Group, Amy Travis and Franky Bell from Blackhall Primary School, Kieran and Lucas Hartley from St Joseph's Primary School, Grace King from Wellfield School and Mr Settrey from St. Andrews Church. Members of the public then placed their wreaths and tributes at the Cenotaph, followed by the laying of 100 crosses which had been provided by the Parish Council for residents to lay to mark the anniversary of the end of the 1st World War. The service concluded with the reading by Grace King of Wellfield School of In Flanders Fields. A light buffet and tea/coffee were provided after the service at Blackhall Cricket Club with funding provided by County Councillors Rob Crute and Lynn Pounder. Thanks go to all those who helped with the service and those who attended to mark this extra special Remembrance Day. Thanks also goes to Brian Sullivan for helping with the public address system.

Chairman's Annual Report cont'd

The remembrance service at Hesleden was also a huge success with larger numbers in attendance. The service was conducted by Reverend Susan Richardson and Councillor Rob Bowes laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council with wreaths also being laid by County Councillor Lynn Pounder, Hesleden Brownies & Guides, representatives from Hesleden School and members of the public. A reading was undertaken by Mr David Carr and Mr Christopher McDonald once again played the last post. Refreshments were provided by Hesleden Methodist Chapel after the service. Thanks to all those who attended and assisted with the service.

In response to concerns raised by residents about persistent dog fouling, the Parish Council worked in partnership with Durham County Council and the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy in a bid to tackle dog fouling in the Parish area, starting with hotspots in Blackhall Colliery.

The scheme involved the marking of "We're Watching You" artworks at strategic points in the Colliery.

Once again the Christmas tree lighting services at Blackhall and Hesleden were well attended by children from our local schools and their families. The weather conditions cause some problem when the trees were erected but thanks to the hard work of the Parish Council's ground staff this was rectified.

The 2nd Blackhall Community Christmas Concert, which was funded by the Parish Council and County Councillors Rob Crute & Lynn Pounder. The Concert gave young musicians in our Parish the opportunity to showcase the progress they had made using Durham Music Service's First Access Programme. This event was extremely well attended by residents of our villages who came along to support their children. Thanks go to Durham Music Service for organising this fantastic event.

This year the Parish Council provided two Easter Events at the Welfare Park, an arts and craft event which had a record number of young people participating, and a visit by Animal Encounters which was attended by a large number of children from a wider age group. Both events were a huge success and were enjoyed by both children and parents.

I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, Lynda Wardle for all her hard work on behalf of the Parish Council. Lynda's dedication is one of the reasons why the parish council continues to grow from strength to strength. Also thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors who work for the benefit of our communities in their own time. Without their commitment we would not have progressed to the highly respected Parish Council that we have today.

Gaynor Crute
Chairman

Celebrations at Blackhall Library

There were celebrations at Blackhall library in May when they celebrated 25 years of holding a Coffee Morning events. The ladies who organise the Coffee Mornings, many who have been part of the group from the very start, meet in the library every Friday Morning. Over the past quarter century the ladies have forged strong links of friendship between the library and the wider community by supporting and making donations to many different charities, many of which are active in our local community. New members are always welcome to come along and share a cuppa, chat a laugh.

There are also many other activities going on in the library. As we know libraries are not just about books; there are craft clubs, reading groups and free access to the

internet. Children can also enjoy reading, craft groups and rhyme time sessions. If you are interested in taking part in any of these activities please feel free to come along and join the library.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

Blackhall library Opening hours

Thursday 9.30-7.00pm

Friday 9.30-5.00pm

Saturday 9.30-12.30pm



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Armed Forces Day



The Parish Council hosted the first ever Armed Forces Day at Blackhall Welfare Park on 22nd June 2019, a fantastic time was had by all who attended.

Blackhall Air Training Corps and Hartlepool Sea Cadets were on hand to put everyone through their paces with the final challenge being the climbing wall!

Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.

<p><u>Monday 22nd July</u> Brian Honour Soccer School Blackhall Welfare Park 10am- 12 noon Age 5-13 Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Hesleden Methodist Chapel 10am -12noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 23rd July</u> Brian Honour Soccer School Blackhall Welfare Park 10am- 12 noon Age 5-13 Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Hesleden Methodist Chapel 10am -12noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 24th July</u> Brian Honour Soccer School Blackhall Welfare Park 10am -12 noon Age 5-13 Wooden Imagination Planting Session Tea Pavilion Blackhall Welfare Park 10am -11am All ages, limited spaces</p>	<p><u>Thursday 25th July</u> Brian Honour Soccer School Blackhall Welfare Park 10am- 12 noon Age 5-13 Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Blackhall Resource Centre 10am- 12noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Friday 26th July</u> Brian Honour Soccer School Blackhall Welfare Park 10am -12 noon Age 5-13 Story Time Blackhall Library 2.30pm -3.30pm All ages</p>
<p><u>Monday 29th July</u> Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Hesleden Methodist Chapel 10am -12 noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 30th July</u> Graffiti Community Project Blackhall Welfare Park 10am – 4pm Age 10+</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 31st July</u> Circus Skills Tea Pavilion Blackhall Welfare Park 10am -12noon Age 6 +</p>	<p><u>Thursday 1st August</u> Family Disco Blackhall Community Centre. 1pm – 3pm All ages. Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making 10 –12 Blackhall Resource Centre All ages</p>	<p><u>Friday 2nd August</u> Family Disco Hesleden Workingmen’s Club. 3pm- 5pm All ages</p>
<p><u>Monday 5th August</u> Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Hesleden Methodist Chapel 10am -12noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 6th August</u> Street Dance Blackhall Community Centre 1pm -3pm Age 7+ Durham Heritage Coast Kites and Pebble Craft Tea Pavilion Blackhall Welfare Park 10am -12 noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 7th August</u> Circus Skills Tea Pavilion Blackhall Welfare Park 10am -12noon Age 6+</p>	<p><u>Thursday 8th August</u> Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Blackhall Resource Centre 10am – 12noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Friday 9th August</u> Glass Art Workshop Blackhall Resource Centre 10am – 12pm Under 12yrs Story Time Blackhall Library 2.30pm -3.30pm All ages</p>
<p><u>Monday 12th August</u> Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Hesleden Methodist Chapel. 10am -12 noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 13th August</u> Street Dance Blackhall Community Centre 1pm-3pm Age 7+ Cookie Creation Blackhall Resource Centre 10am -12 noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 14th August</u> Circus Skills Tea Pavilion Blackhall Welfare Park 10am - 12 noon Age 6+</p>	<p><u>Thursday 15th August</u> Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Blackhall Resource Centre 10am -12 noon All ages Durham Heritage Coast Rock Pool Session 10am All ages</p>	<p><u>Friday 16th August</u> Glass Art Workshop Blackhall Resource Centre 10 am-12 noon 12+</p>
<p><u>Monday 19th August</u> Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Hesleden Methodist Chapel 10am -12 noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 20th August</u> Street Dance Blackhall Community Centre 1pm-3pm Age 7+ Cookie Creation Hesleden Methodist Chapel 10am – 12 noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 21st August</u> Wooden Imagination Planting session Hesleden Methodist Chapel 10am 11am All ages, limited spaces</p>	<p><u>Thursday 22nd August</u> Arts, Crafts & Puppet Making Blackhall Resource Centre 10am -12noon All ages</p>	<p><u>Friday 23rd August</u> Seaside Extravaganza Blackhall Welfare Park 10.30am – 1.30pm All ages NO NEED TO BOOK COME ALONG AND ENJOY!</p>