

## Chairperson's Comments

### **Now is the sombre time of the year, nights drawing in, clocks reset, winter in the offing.**

Your Councillors are busy researching and costing Parish Projects for years 2020-2022. Their efforts are consolidated into the Parish Budget and form the basis of the next Parish Precept.

The September Country Fair was again favoured with fine weather and a good footfall resulted. Generous contributions resulted in the Fair again making a return enabling St Teresa's Hospice and the Hurworth Community Association to receive funds for their needs. Thanks to all sponsors, stall holders and helpers who made the day a success.

One aspect of the Council makeup that has worried me in the past was the lack of young Councillors. No disrespect to our staunch older Council members. However, at this time the Council is pleased to have the services of at least four youthful Councillors that bodes well for the future. Their enthusiasm and commitment is much appreciated.

On the subject of youth, it is very heartening to note the continued growth and success of the Hurworth and Croft Sports Association. Youthful footballers in our village have flocked to HACSA and produced successful teams in a very short time. As the young participants grow up and progress they are replaced/followed on by more junior players which is most desirable for continuity. The organisers and administrators of the Club are to be congratulated.

There have been a number of occasions over the last year when the Parish Council has needed to require the services of various Departments within our Borough Council. In spite of painful restricted budgets, changes in personnel and reorganised departments we have had excellent support and assistance from DBC. Our thanks: long may it continue.

Tony Winnett

## COMMEMORATIVE SEAT

The seat for Councillor Peter Foster has been installed on The Green, close to the Parish Flagpole. The seat is inscribed commemorating 40 years of service on the Parish Council.

Many congratulations Peter on your long standing involvement in Parish matters.



## SAM RING-VINEY

Our newest and youngest (possibly ever?) member of the Hurworth Parish Council focusing on planning applications. Sam and his wife Emily moved to Hurworth last year being drawn to the picturesque village through their love of water, the countryside and cosy village pubs. Shortly after moving to the village the family acquired a new addition in the form of baby Harry and their trips to the cosy pubs became less frequent, although still considerable. Prior to the arrival of Harry, Sam and Emily spent their free time hiking and travelling, often combining the two. The photograph to the left is of them at 17,600 ft after completing a trek in the Himalayas to reach Everest base camp. Before the start of the trek the couple spent a few days in Kathmandu and managed to get food poisoning making the first day of trekking a challenge. An unexpected side effect of the trip was a crash diet with the couple losing a combined 2 stone in two weeks. Despite this the views of Everest and other Himalayan peaks

certainly made the trip worthwhile and something they will remember for the rest of their lifetimes. Since Harry's arrival opportunities for hiking have been limited but the couple managed to fit in a trip to the Arctic circle to run a marathon in June. Emily ran the faster time but didn't wait on the finish line to cheer her husband on choosing instead to shelter in the warm & dry with a glass wine. Since then Sam has decided to take a break from running and has instead joined Darlington Rugby Club second team playing second row. He also spent the summer tending to his garden, in particular his tomatoes which won first place in the Hurworth Country Fair.



## GIN GIVES WAY TO CAKES & COOKIES!

Congratulations to Michelle Edwards and Ian White who organised and hosted the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Emerson Arms on 28th September.

The Gin Palace with the river view lounge in the Emerson Arms was full to the rafters of high calorie cakes, pastries and savouries; the spread was magnificent. The many helpers worked from 8:00a.m. until 8:00p.m. to ensure that all the visitors had a great day, and they certainly achieved their goal. The raffle offered more than 130 prizes, while the tombola helped to amuse visitors while they drank their coffee and satisfied their appetites. Yvonne Slater (Yvonne Vintage Vocalist) entertained the gathering with a range of songs from the Fifties and Sixties. The Mayor of Darlington, Nick Wallis, graced the event and took full advantage of the river view and the live entertainment. Although he had a very busy schedule, he lingered for quite a while enjoying the ambiance of this community event.



Thanks must go to all the individuals and local businesses who generously donated a massive variety of prizes for the raffle. Michelle spent almost three months planning and getting prizes, all of which made this a memorable event.

The Coffee Morning yielded a profit of £1600, which was donated to the Macmillan Appeal. Well done Michelle, you must make this a part of the Hurworth Village Calendar.

## YOUR BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING,

And walking they should do. Along a Parish pathway, To protect your Right of Way.

The team of Councillors Janine Forster, Sam Ring-Viney and Peter Foster are currently planning next year's walks, and these will be advertised on the Community notice boards, on the Parish web site and in the Village Calendar, as well as notices on Facebook.

The age bracket is limited from 2 years old to 92 years old, but we can be flexible with

such strict limitations! Dogs are welcome too.

A free brochure outlining the Parish Walks is available from Hurworth Grange, the Doctor's Surgery, the Village Hall and the Mustard Tree Café.

Please contact Hurworth Parish Council for further details.

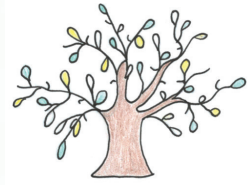
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# EPICH

(Eco People In Croft and Hurworth, pronounced EPIC)



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## Eco-people active in Hurworth

Autumn is a very busy season for EPICH (EcoPeople in Croft and Hurworth) volunteers. A major task is the wildflower meadow inside the railway track at The Grange.



Volunteers have raked, scarified and planted 800 bulbs and 150 cowslip plugs to add to the display,

so look out for a lovely show next spring. Wildflower meadows take years to establish and are constantly changing so will give a different display from year to year.

Many of you will have seen the new Bug Hotel by the Heritage Orchard, also at The Grange. This “epich” residence will be filled over the autumn, this to provide winter cover for insects and perhaps mice or a hedgehog. Plans are that this 5 star hotel will be the first of several around the village.

The Heritage Orchard itself will see a few trees replaced this autumn, and an additional apricot added.

The village bees have had a good year despite other beekeepers describing this as a “mixed year”. We are taking six hives into the winter which is an increase of one from last season. The photo shows one of



our beekeepers applying varroa treatment. Varroa is a blood sucking parasite which can severely weaken a hive, so once the honey has been taken off we provide this treatment to help keep the colony strong for the winter.

The Honey was popular at the Country Fair, selling out quickly along with volunteers’ homemade jams and Huxley’s Granny’s homemade organic dog biscuits. £270 was raised which will be put towards local projects. Thank you to everyone who supported EPICH’s stall.

New ventures for 2020 include a partnership with the Priory School to make swift, owl and bat boxes for the village, and We hope to be involved in the National Tree Planting Week November 23 - December 1st.

EPICH members will be attending a Sadberge Parish Council meeting in November as Sadberge are keen to set up an environmental village group like ours.

If you see EPICH volunteers working around the village, please stop and say “hello”; feedback from

the village residents is really welcome and volunteers are always ready to stop work for a chat! And if you would like to be directly involved in any of these projects –helping to maintain the wildflower meadow, looking after the bug hotel, helping the community orchard become even more productive, learning about beekeeping, or if you are just willing to lend a hand to keep Hurworth’s environment wildlife friendly, please contact

[secretary@epich.org.uk](mailto:secretary@epich.org.uk)

## The ★★★★★ EPICH Bug Hotel



## Malcolm Mackenzie

(born 01/08/1950 - died 21/06/2019)

Mal was a much loved long term resident of Hurworth, where he lived all his life. He didn't move very far having firstly lived on Strait Lane then moving to Emerson Road where he lived with his mother and after his mother passed he continued to live there on his own. He worked for the Post Office for many years and latterly Mal did the books for his friend Charlie. Mal had a fair few passions in life. He was a long term supporter of Darlington FC and would ring his sister in Greece to tell her the latest results. Mal loved to have a few pints with the lads, a bet on the gee gees and he liked most sports. I feel privileged to have known Mal. He had grown up with my own mother so I always knew him to say hello to but nothing more than that.

My long term memory of Mal is of him striding along with his hands in his pockets, his dog trotting along beside him and the dog's lead around his neck. In later years Mal didn't have the best of health and he walked with the aid of crutches. As soon as you heard the tap tap of the sticks you knew that he was on his way- that's if the sound of his booming voice didn't reach

you first. It was only over the last few years that I really got to know Mal courtesy of 'The Geriatric Express' (his words not mine) aka. the first Number 12 service that you could use your concessionary pass on. A stranger getting on the bus might have thought that we didn't like each other with all the banter and insults flying about. You knew something was wrong when you got on the bus and he didn't insult you!! Nothing was too much trouble for Mal and if he could help you then he would. He really did have a heart of gold and was one of the best. His last illness took hold of him far quicker than anybody realised and he became a shadow of his former self. I would go to visit him and he still threw the insults at me and the banter flowed really well. We also managed to smuggle in some sweets for him, which he would demolish at record speed. If you were really lucky he saved you one or two sweets as his nephew Neil can testify. Mal sadly passed away on 21st June 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Mal was a much loved brother, uncle, cousin, friend and neighbour and he will be sadly missed by all and he will live on forever in our hearts and minds. Bye for now kid. X

*Amanda Oughton*

# PATRICIA WEDGE (PAT)

17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1931 – 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019



Pat died peacefully in hospital aged 88 years of age. Pat was the daughter of Jack and Florie Robinson (formerly McCabe). Jack's father Arther (known as Sam) Robinson grew up in the Bay Horse. Pat was born in a cottage on the Strawberry Cottage land. They then moved to a house along from the Emerson Arms, it has since been demolished. The family next moved into the Old School house opposite the VG Store and later moved into The Emerson Arms. Pat remembered her dad being the landlord of the Emerson Arms when the War was in full swing, Army personnel were stationed on the fields near the river along Blind Lane and the Ring Field. Florie and Jack later moved to No. 27 Emerson Road, it was here that Pat, brother Arthur and sister Lynn (now Ellwood living in Hurworth Place) were raised. During the war Pat and her friend Jean Karnes (now Brotherton, living in Morpeth) attended dances in the Village Hall. It was where Pat met Sydney Wedge who lived on Strait Lane (having formerly lived at Haws and then Brafferton).

After marrying Sydney on 25th March 1950 (a year after they first met.) the couple moved to 24 Emerson Road which was to become their forever home. Pat worked as housekeeper for Dorothy and Ronnie Natrass - it was Pat who gave them the love of dogs after giving the young Sally her first puppy. It was at No. 24 that Pat and Sydney raised their three children, Stephen, Karen and Richard. After the children had left home, because Pat loved the house so much that the couple eventually bought it from the Local Authority in the 1980. Pat leaves behind son Stephen and daughter in law Joyce, son Richard and daughter in law Maureen, daughter Karen (nee Hope), seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, to date.





## ALL SAINTS CHURCH ROOF APPEAL UPDATE

As a result of the identification of urgent works required to the church roof the appeal to raise £30,000 was launched in August this year.

As of the beginning of November the total raised and/or pledged has reached a superb £26,800 which represents a fabulous response by residents of the parish including our own Parish Council who have pledged £1,000 towards the total.

Our grateful thanks are extended to everyone who got involved in the fund raising and donating which involved all manner of activities with one aim i.e. help us to fund the urgent repair of the roof of our beautiful Grade 2 Listed Building.

One last push will get us there so if you have not yet been involved and feel that you would like to please speak to our treasurer, Fred Thompson, on 01325 720746.

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE ALL SAINTS CHURCH TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 @ 4PM

One of the most popular family services to be held in All every year, the Christingle Service is the perfect setting to begin your family Christmas celebrations.

Easy to follow and very atmospheric this has been a very popular service for many years which also supports local charities.

The proceeds of the collection this year are going to the local secondary school charity Listening Post



## IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE GRANGE DEFIBRILLATOR UNIT

We are grateful to one of our parishioners who pointed out at a recent Parish Council meeting that the access area, close to the Grange Defibrillator Unit needs some improvement. His comment that a person in a wheelchair would find it very difficult to approach the unit has been noted.

Action has been accordingly taken with the help of the Grange staff:

1. An offending bicycle security stanchion has been removed to improve access to the Defibrillator Unit.
2. A ramp has been installed to enable a wheelchair user to mount the slight kerb by the unit.
3. The parking area in front of the unit has been marked out to maintain a clear access to the defibrillator unit.



## STRAIT LANE ALLOTMENT “OPEN DAY” HURWORTH

On Saturday August 10th 2019 the allotment held an “Open Day”. This event was open to the public who were invited to view the allotments and for the holders to present their produce.

Prizes were awarded for best “quirky” vegetables, flowers, fruit and vegetables. Judging was carried out extremely well by Mrs. Victoria Bagshaw and Mr. Tony Sayer. A Barbeque followed and it was an enjoyable occasion for all who attended.

On behalf of The Hurworth Allotments Committee I would like to thank Hurworth Parish Council for their contribution towards this event. Also those who helped

to organize the event: Colin Dugmore, Joyce Wedge, Kathy Liddle and Dave who travelled from York to organize the tombola stall.

I must say a huge thank you to the allotment holders who donated their proudly grown produce to be freely given or sold. A grand total of £168.00 was raised towards Allotment Funds.

Finally, I would like to invite the local community to join us again in 2020.

*Dave Crisp*

*Hurworth Allotment Committee.*



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

“Hurworth Parks and Rec” had some great news about the playpark at The Grange. Darlington Borough Council installed a new Bucket Swing which the children of the village are really enjoying. They have also installed some anti wrap bars on the swings. No more will us parents walk up early Saturday morning with our little ones to find the swings wrapped up so high we can’t use them.

We are also in talks with DBC and Groundworks about a full redesign on the playpark. Using the feedback from the residents survey as a blueprint.

According to the survey the most wanted item is a “zip wire” and “climbing frame” so that is exactly what we would like to achieve.

DBC are talking with a number of suppliers to get a rough guide on costs and we will then work closely with Ground Works to secure grants from a variety of places to try and raise the money needed to achieve this.

If there are any local businesses that would like to get involved, either in the short term with painting, tidying up what is currently there or of course with donations to support the community please do get in contact with The Parish Council using [enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk)

There was also a lot of comments about enhancing the skatepark and maybe increasing the facilities for the older kids to maybe a basketball court. This has been discussed with the HCA and all

options are being looked at in order to achieve more facilities for the youth of the village.

The Country Fair Produce and Craft competition was a great success with some amazing entries in the youth categories. There was also a chance to paint stones on the day and enter for a prize along with a fancy-dress competition. We had over 40 entries which was amazing for the first year. We hope to build on this success for next year.

There has been some interest in hosting architect workshops at The Grange which would be supported by The Lottery Arts Fund. More on this in the coming months.

Sorry that the Halloween party didn’t happen this year, we couldn’t find a date that worked for the venue and organisers availability, hopefully we can roll over for a Christmas party but will confirm asap.

Facebook Pages to follow: Hurworth Parks and Rec & Hurworth Kids Activity Club

If you have any event that you would like published within the village section of D&S please email [villageeditorial@gmail.com](mailto:villageeditorial@gmail.com)

*Bree Stamp*

## HURWOTH COUNTRY FAIR 2019

We wish to start by thanking all our sponsors for their generosity and support; without their support this event could not be staged. Many thanks!

The sun came out and so did the community; the attendance this year was the highest yet, it has become a truly community annual event.



Mr Billy Maguire, representing Maguire Leisure Parks opened the show and within minutes the festivities started.

Jemma thrilled the crowd with her Shetland pony display, followed by live pig racing and Indian Duck racing. The Vikings returned to help to train the younger generation in domestic skills and battlefield technique.

Gosling Raptors displayed owls and a very grumpy buzzard, while the archers were careful not to stray and shoot one.



On stage the audience were entertained all day with five local dance troupes and the headline act this year was a Fire Eating Juggler!

In the main building there was a large array of crafts, art and produce, where the judging took place and the prizes awarded.

The fairground provides noise and colour, while the Welly Wanging Competition was open to all. For the less energetic, there were over forty stalls and the sponsor tents to wander around and enjoy the ambiance.

The Fair finished at 4:00p.m. but many stayed and enjoyed music and a drink on the patio until late into the evening. Thank you all for coming, and thank you to the volunteers from St Teresa's Hospice who handled the parking and the gates.

## VILLAGE HALL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2019

Where tickets/places need to be booked in advance for any of the events listed below you can do that now. So, if you want to make sure you have a seat and you don't miss out please do contact: Bill Drumm on **01325 720694** or Barbara Lawrence on **01325 720177**

Or you can contact Bill via  
Email at [bill.drumm@talk21.com](mailto:bill.drumm@talk21.com)



### November

**Sunday 24th – The Uketopians.** The Village Hall is pleased to welcome back this local ukulele band. So why not come along to see (and hear) them play your favourite tunes?

Tickets cost £5 each and will include afternoon tea. Places **MUST** be booked in advance.

### December

**Friday 6th – Christmas Quiz** starting at 7.30pm prompt. Entry is by donation and will include supper. Places **MUST** be booked in advance.

**Sunday 8th December - Village Hall Cinema.** Starting promptly at the times stated and entry to all films is by donation.

Just turn up, sit back and relax with friends, family and neighbours.

- 2pm – Disney's A Christmas Carol (Certificate PG)
- 4pm – White Christmas (Certificate U)

**Sunday 15th – Hot Club du Nord** – Another opportunity to see this exceptional and accomplished 4-piece band featuring Emma Fisk on electric violin. Gypsy jazz at its absolute finest! Tickets cost £10 each and includes refreshments. Tickets **MUST** be booked in advance.

\*\* Please note for all events you're very welcome to bring your own tippie and a glass.

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### Councillor's Surgeries

The Parish Councillor's Surgery is held the first Thursday of the month at 6.30pm at The Grange unless notified otherwise.

**Council Web Site;** The Council web site hosts information about the Council and its business and records of all its meetings.

Why not visit [www.hurworthonline.com](http://www.hurworthonline.com) where you can leave comments or issues you may wish to raise.



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