

The Pelton Parish Newsletter

Produced by Pelton Parish Council



Chairman's Message



Hello Everybody,
May I once again start by thanking everybody, staff, councillors and volunteers for all their hardwork and commitment over the last year. Working together as a team to help improve the quality of life for everyone who lives, plays, works and travels through our Parish. We are very proud to continually provide annual community support through community groups and associations such as Grange Villa Community Enterprise Centre, Pelton Community Centre, the two Residents Associations of Perkinsville and Newfield/Pelton Lane Ends, our two local schools, and local scouts/cubs groups.

In supporting these Community groups/associations as we do, the Parish Council feel we are helping to provide safe secure services for the whole community across all age groups whether disadvantaged or not, whilst making our Parish safer and quieter for everyone to enjoy. You can keep up to date and in touch through our website which can be found at <https://www.peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

This year has been dominated by the Covid 19 pandemic and our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one.

As we go about our daily lives please remember to follow the Government guidelines to keep you and your family safe. The virus is spread through contact, so keep your distance and frequently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. If we all remember to do this, we will stop this virus from spreading, which will help to keep us all safe.

Finally, we think we are a good, vibrant, forward thinking Council, that is continually looking to improve. We welcome any feedback, or suggestions for improvements and would love to hear from you. Thank you to all of the residents who completed and returned the Parish Council comments/suggestions form from the last newsletter. We will be picking the winner of the Beamish Unlimited Family Pass at the next face to face meeting of the Parish Council.

If you have any feedback, suggestions, or would like to volunteer time to help your community then please contact our Clerk, Joanne Dickinson, on 0191 3701969 or by email on clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

THORNTON POCKET PARK LOGO COMPETITION WINNER- GEORGE STEWART

Pelton Parish Council were impressed with the standard of entries for the Thornton Pocket Park Logo Competition. The winner of the competition, George Stewart impressed the Councillors with his idea of the pocket incorporating the swings, slide and a roundabout. The logo will be shown in all information connected to Thornton Pocket Park. I hope all entrants are immensely proud of their creative talent. The runners up- Tom Stewart, Blake Lowther, Jenson Lowther and Lily McDonald each received a Book Token for £10.00 and George received one for £25.00. The prizes were presented by Cllr Danny Wood on behalf of Pelton Parish Council (pre-lockdown). A big thank you to everyone who entered the competition.



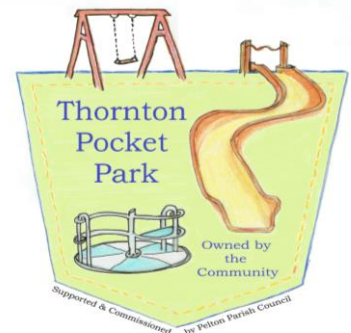
Tom Stewart



George Stewart



Blake, Jenson & Lily



Winning logo by George Stewart

Please see the back page for important contact numbers including Covid-19 Information

LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

STAY APART, STAY SAFE, STAY FULL

Pelton Parish Council has donated £500.00 towards a new project providing meals on wheels to residents in the Pelton Parish area. The project has been run by NeuroActive UK since week commencing 25th May 2020 out of Ouston Community Centre. They are aiming to provide two hot meals delivered each week to residents in the local area. Funding and support has been provided by donations from Urpeth and Ouston Parish Councils and the local County Councillors Alison Batey, Danny Wood and Colin Carr.

Bookings can be made by contacting Ouston Community Centre via their Facebook page or by calling 0191 410 5183 (weekdays between 9-11am).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Since 1st May 2020 we have funded a Neighbourhood Warden to work an additional 4.5 hours per week throughout the Parish area, dealing with specific local issues. Currently the focus is on reducing the amount of dog fouling left by irresponsible dog owners on footpaths in the area. The Neighbourhood Warden has been stencilling signs on footpaths as shown below and installing stickers on bins to let dog owners know we are watching them. They are also patrolling footpaths and checking people have poo bags on them in readiness to pick up after their dogs. If this is an issue in your area, please report it in so that it can be prioritised.

The fastest way to report an issue is online <https://doitononline.durham.gov.uk/MyServices>



Example of stencilling signs



Kevin Howes-Neighbourhood Warden

ALLOTMENT Plots are now all fully subscribed throughout the Parish area. As a Parish Council we fully support the positive effects that tending an allotment plot brings to many of our local residents. It's a great opportunity to get out into the fresh air and grow your own vegetables as well as keeping you fit and active. Many memories are made with children and grandchildren sharing the pleasure of watching seeds that you have planted grow into healthy vegetables for your family to enjoy. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, please contact the Parish Clerk.

PELTON METHODIST CHAPEL

The Parish Council have recently provided funding of £100 for the volunteers at the Methodist Chapel to install bedding plants and improve the appearance on land around the Chapel and local businesses in Pelton Front Street. Thank you for the hard work of the volunteers in improving our local area.



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS in Perkinsville (PRA), Newfield and Pelton Lane Ends (N&PLERA) are working hard to improve your local area in partnership with the Parish Council. They have been assisting residents who are shielding during lockdown by carrying out shopping and undertaking various errands for those who need extra help. Although PRA and NEPLERA have not been able to hold any meetings during the Covid-19 crisis they are still there waiting to get up and running again to take on local issues once again.

Perkinsville Residents Association- While we like most community groups have not been able to do voluntary activities – such as the Spring Clean litter picks or plant up the tubs for spring/summer, we had a wonderful display of daffodils along The Field of Hope planted over the last two autumns – and we hope they managed to lift your spirits.

We are now working to getting the tubs replanted and hope by the time you receive the newsletter they will be all planted ready for the summer/autumn period. If you can volunteer to water a tub near your home, please let us know via the contact details below.



We don't know when the next meeting may be but if you have any ideas that we can do to further improve our area let us know by sending a message via our FB page or via email perkinsvilleresidentsassoc@gmail.com

Newfield and Pelton Lane Ends Residents Association



Have been working in partnership with Roseberry Primary School to plant cheerful plants in the local area. A great job was carried out by their volunteers who would like to give a huge thank you to the children of Year 6 at the school including Lily, Chelsea, Mackenzie and Oliver and their teacher Miss Blakeney. The planters in the car park were spruced up with colour added (petunias and marigolds), plus the sculpture village signs were weeded and replanted. Pictured are the youngest volunteers- Emma and Juliet! If you would like further information about N&PLERA please send a message via our FB page.

VE DAY COMMEMORATION on 10th May 2020

Cllr Miriam Lonsdale-Cope was disappointed that the VE Day 75 Commemorations were unable to take place but of course wanted to still arrange for the Parish Council to mark their respects on Sunday 10th May 2020. Cllr Lonsdale-Cope said "Although we are in an awful time at this moment with the coronavirus. We still must remember VE Day in this 75th year. We must remember those men and women who sacrificed their lives in World War 2 to give us our freedom. If you can think about their trials and tribulations they must have gone through. We give them love and thanks for what we have now".

Several Councillors- The Parish Council Chairman- Cllr Gerry Walker, along with Cllr Mick Simpson and Cllr Stephen Hann attended a brief Commemoration Event at the War Memorial led by Cllr Miriam Lonsdale-Cope. A small video clip of part of the event where Cllr Lonsdale-Cope gave a brief speech in honour of those who died during World War 2 can be viewed on the Parish Council website. Thank you to Cllr Danny Wood for videoing the ceremony on behalf of the Parish Council.

A 2 minute silence was then held followed by the laying of a Wreath and Commemoration Flowers which were red, white and blue at the War Memorial by Cllr Walker and Cllr Simpson.

Throughout the brief Commemoration Event all current guidelines on social distancing were adhered to and of course this is why the Parish Council were unable to inform our local residents that this event was taking place. I am sure you all understand our need to keep to the government guidelines.



Chair, Cllr Walker laying the wreath



Cllr Mick Simpson laying the red, white and blue flowers

Memorial Reflection Area- We have received the agreement of funding to install three memorial benches, which will be installed near to the War Memorial. We are currently working with the local primary schools to give local children the opportunity to submit an art contribution using silhouette imagery on the theme of conflict and remembrance. If your child would like to take part, then please send in their creative work to the Parish Clerk. These seats will be for current and future generations to be seated in the Memorial Reflection Area. It would be lovely if your child had taken a part in designing these seats. The closing date is 31st August 2020. We look forward to receiving your creations.

Mrs. Dorothy Rand MBE has kindly provided the Parish Council with this local history information- Thank you Mrs. Rand for your assistance. - Pelton Parish is a good place to live! It has a long and interesting history having been occupied for at least 4,000 years. Stone and Bronze Age artefacts were found on Newfield Farm site, now Roseberry Park, a Roman road ran through Pelton and Roman remains have been ploughed up. It seems likely that a chief called Peola lived here with his tribe and was buried at Pelaw. The name Pelton comes from the Old English *Peola's Tun*, a tun being a settlement on a hill. Pelaw is derived from *Peola's Hlaw*, meaning Peola's burial mound. These names are found as early as the thirteenth century.

Pelton's most famous resident is Tommy Hepburn 1796-1864 internationally acknowledged Miners' leader and Trade Union pioneer. When Tommy's father was killed in an accident at Urpeth pit Tommy started work there at the age of 8. By 1831 he had established a miners' trade union known as 'Hepburn's Union' which eventually won a 12-hour day for boys who had been working up to 18 hours a day. The union also advocated better education for miners.

The Pelton Lamp by J Mills & Son

This Clanny type lamp was introduced at Pelton Colliery in 1867. The lamp was on display at the Science Museum, London but is now at Beamish Museum, much nearer home!



Tommy Hepburn



Pelton Lamp

Pelton Parish Landmark Challenge for Summer/Autumn 2020

The Parish has many important local landmarks that you may drive or walk past without noticing. This Summer/Autumn we have a Free family activity for you to take part in at your leisure. It's an opportunity to get to know your local area a bit better and get outdoors for some family time. We've identified the following Local Landmarks for you to walk, cycle or run to – whether your family choose to map a route to find them all in one day or choose one a day is up to you. Take a photograph of your family at each landmark, answer the questions and send them into us at clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk we'll upload them all onto our website and choose a selection to publish in our next newsletter.

Landmark (LM) 1 - The Lavender Centre - pylon on the plinth - How many roundels on each side?

LM 2 - Newfield - artwork on edge of car/bus park – can you find the bee house/hotel?

LM 3 - Pelton, opposite The Parade - Aged Miners Homes - when were they opened?

LM 4 - Can you find the Perkinsville Village Stone- what is depicted on the stone?

LM 5 - Grange Villa- Can you find the sign that stands on land where the Handen Hold pit was located? What year was the pit open and when was it closed?

LM 6 - Your choice – let us know what else you have found in your local area and ask us a question!

We are always pleased to work with local groups and organisations to help bring about the best possible community in which to live. These are some of the groups we regularly work with.

PELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE- Please see the attached flyer detailing all the information you need about upcoming activities planned at the Community Centre.

GRANGE VILLA ENTERPRISE CENTRE- (GVEC)
GVEC have been providing free meals, twice weekly to the vulnerable in the village during the pandemic. This scheme has been funded by County Councillors, Danny Wood, Alison Batey & Colin Carr. A big thank you to the volunteers who have assisted in the smooth running and making this possible plus the kind donations received from various persons.

The free meal service is to end from Tuesday 28th July 2020 after a twelve-week period.

Now restrictions are being eased we are hoping to resume our regular meals which will be available to all at GVEC from 4th August 2020.

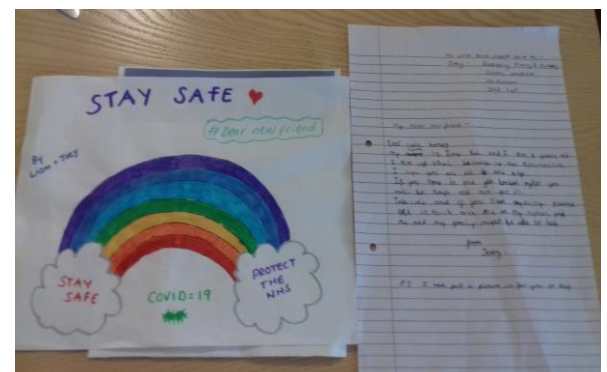
Further information regarding our opening will be provided in the coming weeks and we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

PELTON and FELLROSE MEDICAL GROUP (PFMG)-
Doctors and staff at Pelton and Fellrose Medical Group would like to thank everyone for their support during the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis. We would ask that everyone continue to be patient, and please "bear with us" while we work with the restrictions and start to return to normal working. The practice has a very supportive Patient Participation Group which provides an opportunity for patient representatives to influence the delivery of health care services. For any patient wishing to become a member, details can be found on the practice website or by contacting the surgery directly.

ROSEBERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS FROM ROSEBERRY PUPIL - Joey Bell, 7 years old and a pupil at Roseberry Primary and Nursery School, decided to brighten up the lives of the residents at Lindisfarne Care Home in Ouston during the lockdown. He wrote them a lovely letter and sent them a picture of a rainbow, symbolising the sun emerging and reminding people to stay positive, helped by his older brother, Liam.

The residents were very appreciative and praised the boys for their efforts. Both boys have continued to work hard from home during the lockdown, completing tasks set by their teachers, supported by their parents. The school staff are very impressed at the standard of work and their kindness in thinking of others. Well done, boys!



Covid-19 INFORMATION- These are the main contact details if you have any concerns/queries about Covid-19 related matters. Durham County Council regularly update their Facebook and twitter feeds with relevant information. They have a dedicated webpage which lists the various options that you may find useful. Look at the most recent updates from Durham County Council on www.durham.gov.uk which also details relevant telephone numbers for the enquiry you may have or call their main switchboard - 03000 26 0000 with your general enquiry. The official government guidelines and updated information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

USEFUL CONTACTS – Pelton Parish Council Office- 0191 3701969, email clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk, our website can be found on www.peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Police, Fire or Ambulance – Dial 999 if it is an emergency.

Local Police 101 Durham Constabulary – report anti-social behaviour, or other incidents not classed as an emergency, and get advice about crime prevention and household security by calling 101.

Fire and Rescue- County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service- get advice about household fire safety, including installation of smoke alarms, by calling 08454 305 8383

NHS 111- telephone 111 when you need health advice fast, but it's not a 999 emergency.

Council Services – The following services provide out of hours support:

Call 03000 267679 – for emergency social care and child welfare concerns
Call 03000 262195- for Care Connect (community alarm service)
Call 01388 722538 – if you are homeless or facing homelessness
Call 03000266000 – for our births, deaths and marriage service

Household Emergencies-

Electricity- if your power supply is interrupted call 0800 668 877

Gas- If you smell gas contact the National Grid on 0800 111 999

Water – call 0800 393 084 for burst water mains or 0800 328 7648 for sewer issues