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THE PELTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

Produced by Pelton Parish Council



Chair's Message



Chair's message- As we continue to plan ahead for the next budget year, our consultation is still live and if there are projects or issues you would like the Parish Council to consider, please contact us. We had a really good turnout for our Remembrance Service at the War Memorial and we were honoured to be joined by the 1507 Squadron Air Cadets and Newfield 1st Scouts Group. As the festive season approaches we are looking forward to our Christmas Trees being installed and this newsletter includes articles from lots of organisations within our community. As ever, if you have any local issues you would like the Parish Council to look at, please contact our Parish Clerk on 07912688050 or clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk. Thank you. Cllr Danny Wood, Chair, Pelton Parish Council.

The Parish Council held a Presentation Evening on Wednesday 18th October 2023 for the entrants to the Pelton Parish Neighbourhood in Bloom Competition. The Parish Council would like to thank Phillip Martin for asking the Parish Council to consider holding the competition. It was an opportunity to thank the residents and community groups who have improved the local environment and for entering the first competition. The overall winner of the competition was Pelton Community Centre. Mr & Mrs Maclellan kindly donated their prize money of £30 to Perkinsville Residents' Association. Information about next year's competition will be in the next newsletter. Below is a selection of photos from the entries and winners of several categories receiving certificates from the Chair of the Council.



Mr & Mrs Maclellan



Clare Robinson and Thomas Jones



Mr Ray McDermott



Best School, Community Building or Business Frontage

Pelton Community Centre- Gold

Pelton Grange Nursing Home- Silver Gilt

Holy Trinity Church- Silver

Pelton Methodist Chapel- Silver

Best Neighbourhood Area

Mr Raymond McDermott- Gold

Best Allotment/Kitchen Garden

Yvonne and Paul- Gold

Best Garden or Yard

Julie and Billy Maclellan- Gold

Phillip Martin- Silver Gilt

Mr & Mrs Howgate- Silver Gilt

Sandra Roberts- Silver Gilt

June McCutcheon- Silver

Yvonne & Paul- Silver

Emma Heslop- Bronze Award

The Pelton Parish Council Community Consultation- Summer 2023 is still live. We've had a pleasing response to the questionnaire. We are still working on our Budget Planning for 2024/2025 so there is still time to complete the questionnaire. 88% of the responses so far are in favour of a support in the increase of the precept to enable us to continue our work within the community. If you would like a paper copy of the questionnaire, please contact the Parish Clerk or scan the QR code to complete online.

Pelton Parish Council Community Consultation- Summer 2023



Upcoming meetings- Friends of Pelton Cemetery Group on 30th January 2024. Parish Council Meetings will be held on 17th January 2024, 28th February 2024 & 27th March 2024. The Budget Setting Meeting will take place on 10th January 2024. All meetings commence at 6pm in Pelton Community Centre. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

8 Christmas Trees will be installed across the parish during the last week of November. We hope they help to brighten up the dark December nights.



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 Parish Council working with local schools-

The return to school for the autumn term saw an enthusiastic return to litter picking for both Pelton and Roseberry Schools. The children ask to come out and litter pick around their schools and their enthusiasm is wonderful to see each week.

This term Roseberry had 14 children take part in the litter pick club – between them they managed to pick over 3000 items of litter (3245) and the 2 items that were top of the monitoring sheets were plastic and cigarette ends. Plastic coming in at 768 pieces collected, while cigarette ends came in at 762 – which the children think is more of a problem as they know plastic doesn't completely break down and ends up in our oceans and the fish.

DID YOU KNOW cigarette ends take 14 plus years to break down completely, and they wash into the oceans too via the drains and rivers. The children learned this fact and were very sad that smokers just dump the ends on the ground. They also found over 20 vapes which can be recycled in most cases (Chester le Street Library has a vape Recycling point)

Pelton school restarted their litter pick club after the summer break with a new group of 10 children and they collected over 20 bags of litter over 5 weeks around the school and Pelton. Again, the children were enthusiastic and keen to pick up as much as possible in the short time they have to litter pick. All the children are learning about how litter that's left behind affects our environment and wish everyone would Bin Litter or take it home, recycle and be kind to the area.



Roseberry Primary and Nursery School- We've had a fantastic start to the new school year, with many new pupils joining us. We currently have spaces in all year groups. We can offer small class sizes, a huge outdoor space with an allotment garden and wildlife pond and a fabulous cookery room and art studio. Please get in touch for a personalised tour of our amazing school.

We have one of the blue token boxes in Tesco in Chester-le-Street where we are collecting to raise money for a giant swing for our pupils. Please pop in your tokens for us when you are shopping!

Our Year 3 and 4 classes enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Hindu Temple in Newcastle as part of their RE work to learn about different religions.

Our pupils are enjoying the launch of our updated Cookery Curriculum. All children have a recipe booklet which they will add to every half-term. Year 6 made chicken pies earlier this term.



PELTON HOLY TRINITY & ST PAUL'S

Christmas Events

17 DEC 6PM CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT
Mulled wine | Hot Chocolate | Mince Pies | @ Holy Trinity

24 DEC 6PM CHRISTINGLES
Oranges | Sweets | Candles | @ Holy Trinity

24 DEC 7:30PM CHRISTINGLES
Oranges | Sweets | Candles | @ St Pauls

25 DEC 11AM CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE
Celebration | Fun | @ St Pauls

Holy Trinity, Pelton
www.peltonwestpelton.co.uk

PELTON HOLY TRINITY

Messy Church

FREE fun for all the family

Messy Church is an all-age new way of church. It offers a loving place for families to come together, to create stuff, to eat well and to celebrate God with fun. We use crafts, games, stories, songs and food, it is always entertaining and good for everyone!

CONTACT US ON:
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Holy Trinity, Pelton
peltonandwestpelton@gmail.com

10th Dec 2023
3pm - 5pm SUNDAY

FOR FUTURE DATES VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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WEBSITE DETAILS

HOT MEAL · MUSIC · PRIZES · STORY TIME · CRAFTS · GAMES

Pelton Methodist Chapel- It is with great sadness that Pelton Methodist chapel will no longer hold funerals, christenings, weddings or Sunday services. We are closing as a church after nearly 150 years. However, we are still open for business on a Thursday morning for our famous coffee mornings, everyone is welcome to come and have a coffee and a good chinwag! We also have a ladies group who meet on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm.

Pelton & Fellrose Surgery are now offering our patients their Covid and Flu Vaccinations for anyone eligible. We have also reviewed and amended our appointment systems so GP appointments can now be face to face or via telephone which is down to patient choice.

LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY YOUR PARISH COUNCIL-

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS in Grange Villa, Perkinsville, Newfield and Pelton Lane Ends are continually working hard to improve your local area in partnership with the Parish Council.

Perkinsville Residents' Association (PRA) –If you want to join us, please contact us on our email: perkinsvilleresidentsassoc@gmail.com Or message us on our FB group: Perkinsville Community Page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1921778211404752/>

Newfield and Pelton Lane Ends Residents' Association (N&PLERA)- Due to the bad weather we were unable to repair, refurbish and replant all of the flower towers, barrier baskets and barrels around the car park.

Hopefully, we will get this done in the spring and we would appreciate any help we can get.

We also run a shared allotment in Newfield. If you would like to be involved and share the work and the rewards, please contact us via our Facebook page.

Grange Villa Residents' Association (GVRA)- We are very happy to introduce our newest projects-

The Hub In The Club- We have created a room that acts as our headquarters, in Grange Villa Club, that we are using as our base to hold our meetings and planning sessions, with the aim of working with outside services to develop an information and support space, that will help people access a range of services, under one roof, for the community of Grange Villa.

The Community Food Bank-We are working very hard with Pelton Parish Council and Food Durham to create and develop a Community Growing space for the village that families from the village can get involved with, learning how to grow their own food that will give access to free, healthy food for the community to use.

Christmas Pantomime- We will be holding a Christmas Pantomime and party day on Saturday 2nd December Starting at 10am. More information about the Christmas Pantomime will be advertised on our Facebook page nearer the time.

Our Disco With A Difference is continuing to be a regular fun night out for adults with extra needs, we held a fantastic Halloween night on 23.10.2023 for all who attended. The Disco With A Difference runs every fortnight, for any information please contact us using our GVRA Facebook page.

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your problem now



durham-pcc.gov.uk/asb



Making the communities of County Durham and Darlington safer, stronger and more resilient to crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour

Neighbourhood Warden 29 was on patrol on behalf of Pelton Parish Council when he noticed an off road bike being driven around The Avenues, Pelton. He alerted Chester le Street Police who arrived and seized the vehicle. To report issues with off road bikes please call 101 at the time and the nearest resource can be allocated to attend.



**Speak up
about crime.
Stay safe.
100% anonymous.
Always.**

We won't ask your name.
Won't judge.
Just listen to what you know.
And pass it on for you.

crimestoppers-uk.org

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0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

Pelton Community Centre-



Homestay drop in: FREE support

Pelton Community Centre, Pelton, DH2 1DE. Every Thursday from 10am until 12pm.

Looking for support with housing, benefits or any other issues? Drop by and speak to our support workers for help.

If you can't make it along in person, then please feel free to contact us on:

Phone: 0191 731 1470

Text: 07341 457 573

Email: contacthomestay@homegroup.org.uk

Facebook: County Durham Homestay Service

www.homegroup.org.uk

Home Group Limited (charitable registered society No. 22981R)

PELTON YOUTH PROJECT (PYP)- continues to deliver and oversee seventeen youth work sessions in Pelton and the surrounding communities including Grange Villa, Bournmoor, and South Pelaw. Information relating to our youth clubs and sessions can be found on our flyer, our website <https://www.peltonyouthproject.org.uk/>, and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/peltonyouthproject/>.

We deliver clubs and sessions for young people aged from 7 through to 19, and up to 25 with SEND. We do not have waiting lists, as many of our sessions are open access, so please feel free to get in touch to get your child involved. Email tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk or call 0191 370 3465.

Did you know PYP (Pelton Community Association) is the recipient of a National Lottery Community Fund grant, to support our team to deliver One Youth Chester-Le-Street. This project is a collaboration between 5 youth and community organisations in the Chester-Le-Street area, who deliver 10 youth work sessions across the area in term time and run school holiday programmes. Our current grant will come to an end in March 2024, and our re-application will hopefully see the team secure further funding from the National Lottery for One Youth CLS until March 2027.

PYP has also recently taken on the role as anchor organisation for Youth Print Durham, with the aim of coordinating the youth work offer in the North Durham area of County Durham. Youth Print Durham is a collaboration of youth work and young people's organisations across County Durham, with the aim of bringing professionals back together, supporting each other, and creating a coordinated youth work offer for young people. If you would like more information about Youth Print Durham, please contact tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk

GRANGE VILLA ENTERPRISE CENTRE is the hub of their village and continues to serve the local community and surrounding villages. We serve hot lunches twice weekly, Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am – 12.30pm for a small cost to the general public. (Take out optional). We have recently added some new activities thanks to our Sports England award for 40 weeks (term times) and continue with our other classes which are as follows:

- Multi-skill class Tuesday's 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- Yoga/Pilates Wednesday's 7.30pm–8.30pm limited spaces available to avoid overcrowding so must book in advance (term time only).
- We continue with our Young at Heart (gentle exercise) class on a Friday 9.45am – 11.00am this is followed by a chat and a cuppa.
- New mam's exercise class from 11.30am Fridays.
- Story Shakers continue Tuesday afternoon for young children (term time) bookings via their Facebook page.
- Wednesdays we have our coffee morning serving hot buns and drinks 10.00am – 11.00am why not come for a cuppa and a chat.
- Craft classes every Thursday afternoon 3.00pm - 5.00pm (approx.) £3 per session, equipment supplied.
- Bingo every Thursday night from 6.30pm.
- Youth Club continues for children Wednesdays (offsite) and Fridays at GV centre for children 7-11 years.

We are always looking for ideas for classes/activities so please contact us if you have any suggestions. All information can be found on our Facebook page. Our Christmas lunch menu is now available please come in for a menu. This will be served on Thursday 14th December 23 (take out available). Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the same day and we are looking for donations towards this.

Useful Contacts- Pelton Parish Council office-01913701969 or 07912688050, 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. To report littering or persistent dog fouling please call Durham County Council, Neighbourhood Warden Service on 03000 260000 or report online <https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk>
NHS 111- telephone 111 when you need health advice fast, but it's not a 999 emergency.

Fire and Rescue- County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service- get advice about household fire safety, including installation of smoke alarms by calling 0345 2234221

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.