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Centre in November and December

(Remembrance Service at Cenotaph) A marvellous display

Xmas Panto Robin Hood

Tuesday and Wednesday 27th & 28th November, contact Glebe Centre reception for further details.

Leeds Trip

Tuesday, 4th December. Bus leaves Glebe Centre at 8.30 tickets £9 from reception.

Xmas Tree Light Switch On

Murton Village Green on Wednesday December 5th at 6pm. Come and join us.

Senior Citizens Xmas Party

Friday, December 7th, not to be missed. Xmas lunch, live entertainment, raffle, and bingo 12ô 4pm.

The Smoking Beagles

Fantastic New Band Friday, 28th December 7ô 11pm. Tickets £2.50 from Reception.

Glebe Centre Activities all Year Round

Day	Activity	Time	Cost
Monday	Mother&Toddlers	9.30-11.30am	£1.50
	Aerobics	6.00-7.00pm	See Leader
	Boxercise	7.00-8.00pm	£3.00
Tuesday	Slimming World	6.30-8.30pm	See Advisor
	Cycle Group	9.30-10.30am	See Leader
	Short Mat Bowls	9.00-12.00am	See Group
	Mother&Toddlers	1.00-3.00pm	£1.50
	Multi Sports 3x1 hr sessions	4.30-7.30pm	Free
Wednesday	Weight Watchers	5.00-7.00pm	See Advisor
	Mother&Toddlers	1.00-3.00pm	£1.50
	Zumba	5.45-6.45pm	£2.00
	Karate	7.00-8.00pm	£2.50
	Tai Chi	7.00-8.30pm	£3.50
	Boxercise	7.00-8.00pm	£3.00
	Skinny Pigs	5.45-6.45pm	£4.00
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	9.00-1.00pm	See Group
	Mother&Toddlers	9.30-11.30am	£1.50
Friday	Iyengar Yoga	9.45-11.15am	£3.50

Cardio Vascular Training Suite

Opening Timesô Monday & Wednesday 9.00am-9.00pm. Tuesday 9.00am-7.30pm. Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm. Friday check with Glebe Centre. Cost per sessionô £2.00 before 3.00pm. £2.50 after 3.00pm.

PARISH COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES

In accordance with legislationô it is now a statutory requirement to publish allowances received by members of the Parish Council. The agreed allowance per year for Members of Murton Parish Council is £574. This is claimed by Councillors:

D Gibson, S Harrison, JG Lormor, G Maitland, H Napier, R Kelly, P Penman, M Haswell and G Renoldson.

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MURTON PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report 2011/2012

Chairman's Welcome

Hi folks, I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer despite all the rain we have had this year. Please contact murtonpc@hotmail.com if you have any parish issues, or if you could suggest anything you would like to see in the newsletter.

The Parks and Cemetery Superintendent Mr. Colin Dobson has provided us with an exceptional flower display throughout the village, cemetery and welfare park, many thanks to him and his staff. The winter bedding will be planted out in October and I am sure this will be up to the usual high standard.



The Council, Murton Welfare Association and all staff and volunteers were praised by the community for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations at The Glebe Centre in June.

Murton Welfare Association Secretary Mrs Ann Cowley arranged day trips to Whitby, Scarborough and York, during the summer which were again well attended. These outings enable parishioners to socialise and get out and about, please support these events in future to ensure they continue. Younger members of the parish enjoyed themselves at Lightwater Valley and Scarborough always very popular.

During the school holidays a full programme of activities took place at The Glebe Centre and Park View Pavilion. Children and parents enjoyed the Family Olympics day, this proved to be extremely popular and was enjoyed by all taking part.

The Glebe Centre House is now occupied by a young family and this has greatly reduced the vandalism and anti-social behaviour previously encountered.

We have been working very closely with our County Councillors and newly formed group of residents Murton Memorial Park throughout summer months to come up with ideas for play over our welfare park. Consultations have taken place and an Open Day will be held in the Glebe Centre on Tuesday, 30th October from 2ô 4pm for children to come and look at possible proposals and give us their feedback, light refreshments will be available.

For the fourth year a Christmas Tree was erected on the Village Green, this tree was bought and planted to grow over the next few years, hopefully it will prosper if left alone, fingers crossed. This year the 'Switch on' will be Wednesday, 5th December at 6pm and we hope to see you all there.

Looking forward the November pantomime this year is Robin Hood which will be open to the public on Wednesday 28th November. Also not forgetting the Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch on Friday, 7th December 12ô 4pm. Fabulous entertainment will be provided by Karen Kennedy, also bingo and raffle. Tickets on sale from 1st December from Glebe Centre reception.

In closing, I would once again like to record my thanks and appreciation to all Murton Parish Councillors for the support and help they have given me over the last year. My thanks also go to the Parish and Welfare Association staff for their commitment, hard work and dedication to providing a cleaner, healthier environment for us all to live and work in.



7 Pinkney Chairman.

Murton Parish Council

The Parish Council Offices are at the Glebe Centre, Durham Place, Murton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 9BX. Tel No. 0191 5208651, and Fax No. 0191 5208651. Email address: murtonpc@hotmail.com. The Parish office is open 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m., Monday to Friday

The Council and its Committees

The full Council oversees all the activities of the Council. The main areas of the Council's work are covered by a number of Committees. These are Finance, Health & Safety and Executive & General Purpose.

The Council meets at 7.00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Meetings of the Finance and Health & Safety Committees take place four times a year. Other Committees meet by agreement. Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting and make representation in the first 15 minutes.

Notices of these meetings are displayed in the Parish Notice Boards and in the Glebe Centre.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Murton Parish Councillors represent the two wards in the village. They are normally elected every four years. The last election was in May 2007 and following formation of Unitary Council next elections will be in line with DCC in May 2013.

<u>East Ward</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Councillor Julie Griffiths 27 Harrogate Terrace, Murton	0751 0570720
Councillor Joyce Maitland 31 Mathews Road, Murton	0191 5267133
Councillor Derek Gibson 4 Church Lane, Murton	0191 5260830
Councillor Susan Harrison 3 Truro Avenue, Murton	0191 5267387
Councillor Maureen Haswell 21 Beech Avenue, Murton	0191 5260030
Councillor Ricky Kelly 17 Morton Close, Murton	0788 9494167
Councillor George Maitland 31 Mathews Road, Murton	0191 5267133
Councillor Paul Penman 5 South View, Murton	0754 0990327
Councillor Tom Pinkney 21 St. Ives Place, Murton	0191 5261657

<u>West Ward</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Councillor Ann Cowley 8 Winds Lonnen, Murton	0191 5263461
Councillor Margaret Errington 34 Station Est. South, Murton	0790 1504520
Councillor Gary Lormor 3 Melrose Ave, Murton	0191 5266926
Councillor Hazel Napier Moor View, The Village, Murton	0191 5264948
Councillor Robert Adcock 21 Grenaby Way, Murton	0794 4304390
Councillor Marshall Wylde 16 Station Estate South, Murton	0191 5264782
Councillor Gordon Rennoldson 48 Webb Avenue, Murton	0191 5262423

All Councillors can also be contacted via the Parish Council Office.

Offices

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of the various Council Committees are elected annually in May. During 2011/2012 the following Councillors held office:

Chairman

Councillor Tom Pinkney

Vice-Chairman

Councillor Paul Penman

Chairman Finance Committee

Councillor Derek Gibson

Chairman Health&Safety Committee

Councillor Paul Penman

Chairman Executive & General Purpose

Councillor Tom Pinkney

Staff

The Clerk of the Council

Lesley Armstrong

Parks/Cemetery Superintendent

Colin Dobson

Gardeners/Labourers

Richard Jennings

Gary Stobbart

Jonathan Cleary

Steven Selby

Council Responsibilities

The Parish Council maintain on behalf of Murton Welfare Association two football fields, a cricket field, bowling green and some twenty acres of open space parkland. Murton Cemetery is also run and maintained by the Council.

The Council purchased the former Miners Welfare Hall from British Coal, and leased the building to Murton Welfare Association who have transformed this building into a modern, multipurpose community centre.

Other responsibilities undertaken by the Parish Council include providing children's playgrounds and allotment gardens, grass cutting in public places, maintenance of the Village Green and Cenotaph Memorial, and some lighting in car parks. The Parish Council are also responsible for providing and maintaining some roadside seating, some salt/grit bins in winter conditions, some dog-fouling bins and floral displays throughout the village.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The new Sports Facility, Park View Pavilion continues to thrive. Sky has now been installed and all residents are welcome. It is open to the public on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 6pm. and also when cricket teams are playing. The facility is also available for hire please contact Glebe Centre for further details.

Planning

The Parish Council is a consultee on all planning applications. As such it is responsible for commenting upon all applications which fall within the village. These comments are passed to the Durham County Council who take them into account when reaching planning decisions.

A total of 16 applications have been considered by the Parish Council during the year. The largest of these being the erection of 6 No. Town Houses and 3 Dwellings at Dalton Pumping Station for Aquarium Developments.

Annual Competitions

Every year the Council holds a Best Kept Garden Competition and the winners of the 2012 entries were:

BEST KEPT GARDEN	
First	Mr WJ Clark
Second	Mr S Wood
Third	Mrs F McDermott
BEST HANGING BASKET	
First	Mr & Mrs B Dobson
Second	Mrs M Watson
Third	Mr F Hellens

Community Minded Child



Park Retail Outlet.

Cameron Grimwood was successful in 2012 competition for his magnificent sporting achievements in Cricket. At the Parish Meeting on 20th September 2012 he was presented with his trophy and prize from Chairman, Tom Pinkney. Dalton Park once again sponsored this event and Cameron also received a £100 gift card to spend over Dalton

Highways and Traffic

Durham County Council is responsible for Highways matters but the Parish Council take an active interest in Traffic issues advising the County Council of matters of local interest. During the year the Council raised a number of issues with the County including road safety matters outside Ribbon School, B1285 and Woods Terrace. Traffic orders have been

completed outside the school, however Woods Terrace remains a problem area and Councillors have worked tirelessly arranging meetings to resolve these issues which are still ongoing.

Quality Services

The Council wants to provide residents with value for money and has therefore decided to adopt Best Value principles on a voluntary basis.

The Council will ensure that fair, transparent and open competition is used where practical and compare its performance against others.

How your money is spent

Each December, the Parish Council sets a budget for the next financial year. The net budget for 2012 is £342,920. The money is collected from the 3775 dwellings in the village by the District Council as part of your Council Tax. Each household contributes, on average, £1.65 per week to the Parish Council's expenditure.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS 2012/2013

	Current Year Budget		
	Expenditure	Income	Net
	£	£	£
Administration	67870.00	7920.00	59 950.00
Cemetery	55800.00	7000.00	48800.00
Recreational	168820.00	3000.00	165820.00
Playgrounds	4740.00	-	4740.00
Environmental	45690.00	-	45690.00
Total	342,920.00	17920.00	325,000.00
Estimated 'Net' Requirements		£	342,920.00
To be raised by Precept		£	325,000.00
Contribution from Reserves		£	nil
Estimated Balances at Year End 31/3/12		£	65,849.00
Precept divided by Band D Dwelling			
Equivalents for Murton (2104.7)		£	154.42

Conclusion

The Council welcomes views from residents and people working here on any aspect of life in the village. Please contact any Councillor or the Clerk at the Glebe Centre, telephone 0191 5208651, e mail murtonpc@hotmail.com.