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## Centre in November and December

a marvellous display of photographs and memorabilia.

Wednesday 27th November, 6.30-8.30pm tickets £3.00 from reception.

### Leeds Trip

Saturday, 7th December. Bus leaves Glebe Centre at 8.00 tickets £10 from reception.

### Xmas Tree Light Switch On

Murton Village Green on Wednesday December 4th at 6pm. Come and join us.

### Senior Citizens Xmas Party

Wednesday, December 11th, not to be missed. Xmas lunch, live entertainment, raffle, and bingo 1-4

### Peter Crawford Psychic Medium Xmas Special

Monday, December 16th, 7-11pm. Tickets £10 from reception.

## Glebe Centre Activities all Year Round

Day	Activity	Time	Cost
Monday	Mother&Toddlers	9.30-11.30am	£1.00
	Iyengar Yoga	9.45-11.15am	£4.00
	Zumba	5.45-6.45pm	See Advisor
	Childrens Street Dance	6.00-7.00pm	£3.50
	Brass Band	6.00-9.00pm	See Group
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
Wednesday	Mother&Toddlers	1.00-3.00pm	£1.50
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	Bellies & Booties (toning class)	5.45-6.45pm	£2.50
	Karate	7.00-8.00pm	£2.50
	Tai Chi	7.00-8.30pm	£3.50
	Heritage Society	5.30-8.30pm	
	Brass Band	6.00-9.00pm	See Group
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	9.00-1.00pm	See Group
	Mother&Toddlers	9.00-11.00am	£1.50
	Childrens Gymnastics	4.30-6.30pm	£5.00
	Fit Kidz Cardio Class	6.00-7.00pm	

### **Cardio Vascular Training Suite**

Opening Times Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.00am-9.00pm. Tuesday 9.00am-4.30pm. Friday check with Glebe Centre. Cost per session £2.00 before 3.00pm. £2.50 after 3.00pm.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES**

In accordance with legislation 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:

R Adcock, A Cowley, J Griffiths, L Grogan, S Harrison, M Haswell, R Kelly, JG Lormor, G Maitland, H Napier, P Penman, G Rennoldson, L Riley and S Ward.

## NEWSLETTER

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# MURTON PARISH COUNCIL



### Annual Report 2012/2013

#### **Chairman's Welcome**

Hi folks, I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer I cannot believe we are nearly into November, it is hard to believe another year has passed so quickly. Change is indeed the sole constant in our lives, and we must continue to adapt to new expectations and challenges. We will see further cuts from Central Government passed down, yet, even so, against this difficult backdrop we will continue to drive ahead in providing services for the community.

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.

Murton Welfare Association Secretary Mrs Ann Cowley arranged day trip to Scarborough, 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 Adventure 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.



We have been working very closely with our County Councillors and newly formed group of residents -Murton Memorial Park over many months to provide new play equipment over the Welfare Park. After extensive consultation with all age groups the play equipment chosen by the young people of Murton is now in place. On the 14th

August a formal launch took place with a -Fun Day over the park which was very successful, the sun was shining, there were games, rides, stalls and table tops all monies raised go back into the Memorial Park Fund.

In September a few further pieces of play equipment were installed at Woods Terrace Play Area but only after a few hours vandals were at work and a piece of equipment was damaged. Please contact the Police/Wardens if anyone wit-

nesses youths doing damage after all it is the children of Murton who will suffer as a result of these youths.

For the fifth year a Christmas Tree Light Switch On will be held on the Village Green, the 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, 4th December at 6pm and we hope to see you all there.

Looking forward the November pantomime this year is Cinderella which will be open to the public on Wednesday 27th November. Also not forgetting the Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch on Wednesday, 11th December 10-4pm. Fabulous entertainment will be provided by Dave Lee Michaels, 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](mailto:murtonpc@hotmail.com). The Parish office is open 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m., Monday to Thursday

#### **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.

## 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 2013.

<u>East Ward</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Councillor Julie Griffiths 27 Harrogate Terrace, Murton	0758 7474042
Councillor Susan Harrison 3 Truro Avenue, Murton	0191 5267387
Councillor Maureen Haswell 21 Beech Avenue, Murton	0798 4512191
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	0794 3579077
Councillor Tom Pinkney 21 St. Ives Place, Murton	0191 5261657
Councillor Sandy Ward 17 Hawkins Road, Murton	0191 5265249
<u>West Ward</u>	
Councillor Robert Adcock 25 Ravensworth Court, Sth Hetton	0794 4304390
Councillor Ann Cowley 8 Winds Lonnen, Murton	0754 9814569
Councillor Margaret Errington 34 Station Est. South, Murton	0788 4148504
Councillor Liam Grogan 7 Doxford Terr. North, Murton	0755 7362470
Councillor Gary Lormor 3 Melrose Ave, Murton	0776 9672538
Councillor Hazel Napier Moor View, The Village, Murton	0191 5264948
Councillor Gordon Rennoldson 48 Webb Avenue, Murton	0191 5262423
Councillor Linda Riley Lindisfarne, The Village, Murton	0191 5170253

### Offices

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of the various Council Committees are elected annually in May. During 2012/2013 the following Councillors held office:

#### **Chairman**

Councillor Tom Pinkney

#### **Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Paul Penman

#### **Chairman Finance Committee**

Councillor Tom Pinkney

#### **Chairman Health&Safety Committee**

Councillor Tom Pinkney

#### **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 Stobbert

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

Parkview Pavilion is the new home of sporting activity in Murton, it is located within the Welfare Cricket Ground. It is the home of Murton Cricket Club and Parkview Football Club. The club is open for Cricket and Football and other sporting activity it is also open on a Thursday and Friday evening as a social club. The venue hosts all major sporting activity on its Sky Sports TV channel. The Club can be hired out for social occasions such as christenings, parties and anniversaries etc. Its function room with bar in scenic landscaped grounds is perfect for around 60-70 guests. Contact The Glebe Centre for further information.

### 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 19 applications have been considered by the Parish Council during the year. The largest of these being the erection of a few Dwellings at East Murton Farm.

### Annual Competitions

Every year the Council holds a Best Kept Garden Competition and the winners of the 2013 entries were:

<b>BEST KEPT GARDEN</b>	
First	Mrs L Purvis
Second	Mr W Richardson
Third	Mr WJ Clark
<b>BEST HANGING BASKET</b>	
First	Mrs B Dobson
Second	Mrs M Watson
Third	Mr A Johnson

### Community Minded Child



Jack Naylor was successful in 2013 competition for his magnificent sporting achievements and his improved attitude to school and work. At the Parish Meeting on 17th October 2013 he was presented with his trophy and prizes from Louise Thompson, Marketing Manager at Dalton Park.

### 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 on-going.

### How your money is spent

Each December, the Parish Council sets a budget for the next financial year. The net budget for 2013 is £347,997. The money is collected from the 3875 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. One of the big changes you will see in 2013 is the way in which we calculate our Precept following the Localising of Council Tax Support (LCTS). The way in which our Council is financed is no longer under our full control, LCTS changes mean that our net budget figure will no longer be provided by us simply raising a precept request which DCC collects on our behalf through council tax demands on our electorate in Murton. In future our net council budget will be provided via a two tier system: Grant payable by DCC and precept request (net budget minus grant payable from DCC).

### **SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS 2013/2014**

	<b>Current Year Budget</b>		
	Expenditure	Income	Net
	£	£	£
<b>Administration</b>	64720.00	17395.00	47325.00
<b>Cemetery</b>	56430.00	8000.00	48430.00
<b>Recreational</b>	168450.00	3000.00	165450.00
<b>Playgrounds</b>	11347.00	-	11347.00
<b>Environmental</b>	47050.00	-	47050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>347,997.00</b>	<b>28395.00</b>	<b>319,602.00</b>
<b>Estimated 'Net' Requirements</b>		£	<b>319,602.00</b>
<b>Less—LCTS Grant</b>			<b>59,602.00</b>
<b>To be raised by Precept</b>		£	<b>260,000.00</b>
<b>Contribution from Reserves</b>		£	<b>nil</b>
<b>Estimated Balances at Year End 31/3/14</b>		£	<b>103,601.00</b>
<b>Precept divided by Band D Dwelling</b>			
<b>Equivalents for Murton (1644.9)</b>		£	<b>158.06</b>

### 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](mailto:murtonpc@hotmail.com).