



Family gather for Betty's 100th

Family and friends gathered to celebrate the 100th birthday of a local woman. Elizabeth Preece, who was born in Seaham marked the occasion at The Village Nursing and Care Home where she received her telegram from The Queen. Betty as she is known worked in her younger days as a farmer and then as a maid in London.

Elizabeth is pictured opposite with family and Councillor Tom Pinkney, Chairman of Murton Parish Council who presented her with a bouquet of flowers to mark this happy event.



Fundraising Day

On 13th August a fundraising day was held in the Glebe Centre to raise funds for Michael to go on his dream holiday to Blackpool organised by the Manager and staff of Next Outlet at Dalton Park.

Michael who has Bilateral Cerebral Palsy which affects all of his limbs and airways including swallowing is pictured opposite with his Mum Donna and 2 brothers Matthew and Martin and staff from Next. A total of £1600 was raised Chairman Tom Pinkney is pictured presenting donations from Murton Parish Council.

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 £700 This is claimed by Councillors:

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

What's on Glebe Centre

Children's Halloween Disco, Friday 30th October 2-4pm

Heritage Weekend Saturday and Sunday 14th & 15th November 10-4pm.

Leeds Trip Sunday, 6th December Tickets £10 leaves Glebe at 8am return 5pm.

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL



Chairman's Welcome

Hello, I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer I cannot believe we are nearly into October it is hard to believe another year has passed so quickly. The forthcoming year looks like being a challenge for all of us. The national and indeed global financial crisis has affected everyone. The Parish Council will do everything possible to continue to deliver economic, efficient and effective services for our village, we remain ambitious and focused on ensuring Murton is a better place to live, work and visit.

The Parks and Cemetery Superintendent Mr. Richard Jennings has provided us with an exceptional flower display throughout the village, cemetery and welfare park, many thanks to him and his staff.

Murton Welfare Association Secretary Mrs Ann Cowley arranged day trip to 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 in the Glebe Centre during the summer months with a comprehensive summer programme to keep them entertained also free lunches provided by the centre.

Pit Wheel Memorial



For a number of years we have been working with interested parties to try and find a suitable place to re-locate the pit wheel. As you are aware the current site has not been the ideal place as it suffers from abuse and vandalism and is in a terrible state of repair. The memorial was placed in its current position by Murton Mining Federation which lies on DCC land. The Federation no longer exists and DCC are unable to support a move financially. Murton Parish Council have taken it upon themselves to move the memorial into the boundary fence of the Glebe Centre and will take on future responsibility for maintenance and repair at considerable expense. Dalton Park have donated £500 from their community projects budget for this year towards the project.

Memorial Wall Murton Cemetery

Murton Parish Council are working in partnership with East Durham College (EDC) to build a Memorial Wall within Murton Cemetery. EDC brick department are working closely with students starting in September to build this wall as part of their hours for work experience.

For the sixth year a Christmas Tree Light Switch On will be held on the Village Green. This year the 'Switch on' will be Wednesday, 2nd December at 6pm music, refreshments and surprise guest we hope to see you all there. The children's xmas party this year will incorporate a xmas show in the Glebe Centre with Santa on Sunday, 13th December at 1pm.

Looking forward the November pantomime this year is Jack & Beanstalk which will be open to the public on Friday 4th December 6-8pm. Also not forgetting the Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch on Tuesday, 15th December 1-4pm 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.

T Pinkney Chairman.

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