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Did you know that Eldon Community Centre has a Cafe which is open on Wednesdays & Fridays between 9.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and take-away meals at very reasonable prices?

The Centre can also cater for special occasions, including - weddings, birthdays, engagement parties, social events, children's parties, bereavement receptions and company meetings or conferences

Catering hygiene at the Centre has been awarded 5 stars, so you can book your event with confidence.

Room hire, buffets to order and a bar service are all available. Community Centre telephone – 01388 775955 or ring Diane on 01388 773309.

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Garden Competition

It's that time of the year again! The Parish Council garden competition will be judged on **Sunday 23rd July 2017**.

There were some excellent gardens last year in Eldon and Old Eldon.

Anyone who lives in the

Parish is eligible for the competition.

If your garden can't be viewed from the highway and you want to enter the competition, you will need to allow us access. Please contact the Clerk before the judging date so we can make arrangements.

The categories are:

- Best Kept Garden
- Best Flower Garden
- Best Vegetable Garden or Plot
- Best New Garden

Last year there were winners in all the garden categories. There is a prize of £50 in vouchers for each winner.



Village Fun Day - 2017

The Village Fun Day, organised by the Parish Council and Eldon Community Partnership, is being held on **Saturday 15th July 2017 from 11.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m.** at the Community Centre.

There will be three free fairground rides for children this year; face painting for young people and magic shows and balloon modelling courtesy of Mr Twister.

Sadly, we are no longer able

to provide a bouncy castle and slide, because of safety and licensing issues.

There will be tombolas and cakes and pies on sale in the Community Centre as well as refreshments.

Your Parish Council in 2017-2018

This May saw elections and the annual meeting of your Parish Council.

Councillor John Gibson was elected as Chairman of the Council, with Councillor Paul Henry as Vice-Chairman.

We would like to welcome Councillor Graham Scott who has recently joined the Council.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of July, September, November, January (16th in January), March and May at 7.00

p.m. in the Community Centre.

You can attend and can also ask questions subject to giving us prior notice.

Details are on the Parish Council notice-board and on our website

Community Centre News

Happy Birthday to You!

Eldon Community Centre was recently the setting for a surprise Birthday Party for Audrey, one of the hard working volunteers at the Community Centre. The event was well attended by Audrey's friends and family and some local councillors and a great time was had by all.

New Service provided at the Centre

A new support service is being provided by NHS Health Visitors for mothers, babies and toddlers at the Community Centre in Eldon to discuss health and related issues. There are also toys available for toddlers to play with during the session. The service is not restricted to people who live in Eldon.

The sessions are held weekly on Thursdays from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Help – Your Community Centre Needs You!

We have a fantastic Community Centre in Eldon.

The Centre gets no funding, other than grants from the Parish Council; all other income is from functions, lunches and events, including bingo.

The Centre is run by unpaid volunteers and needs others who can spare a few hours.

Please help – more volunteers means more things on at the Centre.

If you can help, please ring Diane on 01388 773309. Thank you.

Fly Tipping in Eldon



Fly tipping is a crime yet, sadly, the amount of rubbish being tipped in and around Eldon seems to have increased in recent months.

There were particular problems earlier this year on the old bonfire site which the Parish Council has now had cleared and re-seeded. We are working closely with the County Council to try and tackle any issues as they arise.

Seats and Lights



Your Parish Council has recently paid for improvements to the solar powered lights at the Gateway which needed refurbishing as one of the lights was only operating intermittently.

The Parish Council also contracts the County Council to maintain the

flowerbeds at the Gateway and is responsible for some of the public seats and benches in the Parish.

Sadly, we have had particular problems with the bench on Eldon Bank heading up towards Shildon which has been vandalised on three occasions in the past two years.

Your County Councillors

There are three County Councillors who represent our area, as well as the rest of Shildon and Dene Valley, on Durham County Council.

- Henry Nicholson
- Shirley Quinn
- Brian Stephens

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You can find more details (including addresses) on the Durham County Council website at www.durham.gov.uk

Local Activities

The County Council has been providing free local activities for residents of Eldon. Every Wednesday, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., a gentle exercise session for adults has been held in the Community Centre with a multi-sport session for young people outside the Community Centre on Tuesdays between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. At the time of writing we are not sure how much longer the sessions will run for, but the Parish Council will be looking to provide some multi sport activities for young people during the school holidays. Why not come along and enjoy yourself!

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