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Eldon Community Centre

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 or 07707633735.

Eldon Family Christmas Disco – Eldon Community Centre

It's that time of the year again!

The Parish Council makes a yearly contribution towards the cost of the annual Christmas party for children and young people held at Eldon Community Centre.

The disco this year is

being held on **Saturday, 16th December, 2017 between 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm in Eldon Community Centre.**

There will also be a visit during the festivities by Santa Claus.

If you would like your child (under 12 years) to meet

Santa, please let the Community Centre have the name(s) before the 8th December 2017. Food and refreshments will be available to purchase.

The contact is Diane Pennington whose telephone details are shown at the bottom left column of the Newsletter.



Vandalism

Sadly, acts of vandalism continue within the Parish Council area.

The most recent of these took place at the bus stop at the bottom of Eldon Bank, heading up to Shildon, when a child wielding a golf club managed to shatter the Perspex glass on the front of the bus shelter, then ran off towards Pasture Row. The Parish Council is responsible for this shelter.

We are awaiting costs for the repairs to be

undertaken, but it is important to remember that every time Parish property is damaged or defaced in our area, it is the local taxpayers who pick up the cost, diverting money from being spent on more worthwhile facilities or services. It can also be frightening for our older residents and gives a poor image of our community to visitors.

There have also been ongoing issues with damage to the Youth Shelter and with young people climbing onto the roof of the shelter, leading to concerns about

potential injuries if anyone was to fall off the roof.

We will be painting the edges of the youth shelter roof with anti-climb paint and putting notices on the shelter advising of the consequences of attempting to climb on the roof with the new measures in place. If you are a parent, or responsible for young people who use the shelter please make them aware of this proposal as the Parish Council will accept no liability whatsoever for any injuries or damage caused.

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Making Sweet Music!

One of the Centre's users for occasional practice sessions is the Cobweb Orchestra.

The group is an award winning open-access community orchestra based in the North of England which welcomes players of all standards. It is a friendly and welcoming group that exists so that people can enjoy playing music together and is open to anyone.

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 to discuss health and related issues. There are 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 that continues to be a problem in Eldon and the Parish Council regularly reports fly tipping incidents to the County Council.

Lately we have reported illegal tipping of freezers and fridges; tree loppings; and building and general household waste, some of which is being brought into properties in the Parish from house clearances or works elsewhere. If you see items being tipped, please provide details of vehicles or photographs to us and we'll pass them on to the County Council for investigation and prosecution.

Public Rights of Way in Eldon



We are lucky in Eldon to have a number of public rights of way which walkers can use, either as circular walks or to reach the wider network of public rights of way in the County.

Walking isn't just an enjoyable pastime; it is good for your health. You can find details of the local network on the County Council website, or using a link from our webpage (details below).

You may have noticed we have carried out some improvement works to stiles and gates over the past year and hope to do more works to make access to paths easier in the coming year.

Lest We Forget - Remembrance Day 2017

Every year we make time to remember those who have given their lives for our Country and have fought to defend us and maintain our liberty.

The Remembrance Service this year at St. Mark's Church took place on Sunday 12th November. The Parish Council is represented every year and this year Councillors Diane Pennington and Graham Scott attended. Councillor Scott laid a poppy wreath on the behalf of the Parish Council and the residents of Eldon Parish.



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