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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 12.45 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.

Garden Competition

It's that time of the year again!

The Parish Council has decided to repeat the garden competition in 2013, with judging taking place on 27th July.

Despite last year's poor weather there were some impressive gardens in Eldon and Old Eldon last

year and anyone who lives in the Parish is eligible for inclusion in 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.

Categories are the same as last year:

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

There is a prize of £80 in shopping vouchers for the best garden in each category. So get digging and good luck!

Councillor Vernon Chapman

Some of you may have heard the sad news about the death, in March 2013, of Councillor Vernon Chapman, the Chairman of Eldon Parish Council

and a member of Eldon Community Partnership.

Vernon worked tirelessly for those who live in the Parish and will be greatly missed by

all who knew him.

The Parish Council is considering how it can commemorate Vernon's dedication to this area.

Your Parish Council in 2013-2014

This year saw annual elections for both the County Council and Parish Councils in Durham.

There were fewer nominations for Eldon Parish Council than seats available, so the election was not contested.

Eldon Parish Plan

The Parish Plan for Eldon Parish has now been completed. A copy of the Plan, together with a covering letter from the Parish Council Chairman is enclosed with this newsletter.

The Parish Plan is a key document for Eldon and Old Eldon and will guide

Three councillors were appointed – John Gibson (Chairman), Diane Pennington and Rose Scaife. One vacancy was filled by co-option (Councillor Shawn Anderson) and there is still one vacancy. If you are interested, please let us know.

the way in which the Parish Council, together with its partners, will seek to make Eldon Parish a better place in which to live and work.

The Parish Council is particularly keen to see new development in Eldon, particularly the supply of new appropriate

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of July, September, November, 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 notice-board.

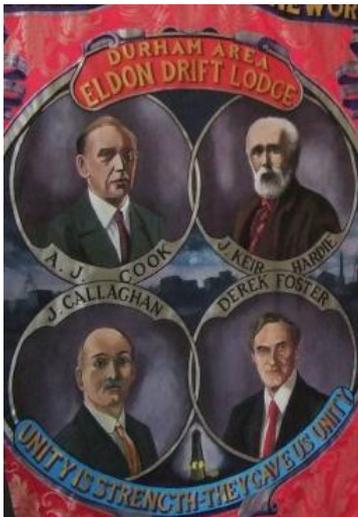
housing in line with what local people have told us they want.

The Parish Plan Working Group was led by Councillor Vernon Chapman and consisted of Parish Councillors and local people. Many thanks to all those who contributed to producing the Plan.

Durham Big Meeting

A bus has been provided from Eldon Community Centre to take the banner and band to Durham Miners' Gala on Saturday, 13th July. There are still spaces available for local people.

The bus will leave the Community Centre at 9.00 a.m., returning from Durham at 3.00 p.m. If you are interested in booking seats, please contact the Community Centre, or Diane, at the telephone numbers overleaf to make a reservation.



Councillor George Pennington – Memorial

Following the death of George Pennington, Chairman of Eldon Parish Council, in March 2012, the Parish Council decided to erect a seat in his memory at the Community Centre. The seat was unveiled on 15th December 2012 with George's family present.



Photographic Competition

We're sorry if you have been wondering what happened to the annual photographic competition for 2012-13.

There has been some slippage this year due to the elections and other pressures on the Parish Council. However, we are

now accepting entries.

Photographs should have been taken in and around Eldon in 2012-13 and can be sent via email to the Clerk at the address below or prints submitted by post. Closing date for submission is 31st July 2013 and the two winners

will each receive a prize of £65 in vouchers.

Entries are invited **from all ages**, so please send us your pictures. The photographs submitted may be used on the Parish website or in other Council publications. This is a condition of entry.

Former Allotments at Eldon

We are delighted to report that the Parish Council has now been registered as owner of the former allotments land at Eldon. This land will now be held for the benefit of the Parish.

The land was finally registered following negotiations with a local objector. Thanks to all who provided evidence.

The Parish Council has decided to let the land for

grazing on an annual basis, but wishes to see this land and adjoining land used for new housing development in the future, subject to appropriate planning, to help regenerate our community.

Village Fun Day

The Village Fun Day, organised by the Parish Council and Eldon Community Partnership, is being held on **Saturday 20th July 2013 from 11.00 a.m.** at the Community Centre and on the adjoining green.

Inside the Community Centre will be stands selling cakes and pies; and a tombola; as well as refreshments for sale.

We hope the police will also be in attendance with one of their vehicles.

Last year we held some competitive events for young people on the green, with prizes for the winners! We hope to do the same again this year.

Full details will be posted on the Parish Notice Board and in the Community Centre in the weeks leading up to the event.

Let's hope we will be as lucky with the weather as we were in 2012!

Please come along to support your local community and have a fun day!

There will be a free bouncy castle, slide and some fairground rides, as well as face painting for young people, magic shows and balloon modelling.

Changes to County Council Electoral Divisions

You may have noticed when voting in the County Council elections on 2nd May that the numbers of County Councillors representing our area has

changed from two to three Councillors.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to County Councillors Brian

Stephens, Patricia Pemberton and Henry Nicholson.

Contact details are on the County Council website.

Help! - Your Community Centre Needs You

We are very lucky to have a fantastic Community Centre in Eldon which local people worked very hard to get built here.

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

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

The Centre gets no funding, other than grants

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