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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 12.45 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.

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Garden Competition

It's that time of the year again! The Parish Council garden competition will be judged on **Sunday 24th July 2016**.

There were some great 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.

Categories this year are:

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

Last year there were no winners in the vegetable garden category.

There is a prize of £50 in vouchers for each winner.



Village Fun Day - 2016

The Village Fun Day, organised by the Parish Council and Eldon Community Partnership, is being held on **Saturday 16th July 2016 from 10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.** at the Community Centre.

There will be three free fairground rides for children this year, as well as face painting for young people, magic shows and balloon modelling.

Sadly, this year we haven't

been 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.

Your Parish Council in 2016-2017

This May saw 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 currently have a vacancy for one Councillor. **Please get involved in your local community. If you are interested, let us know.**

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.

Chairman's Medal

You may have read in the local newspapers that one of our young residents has been recognised for his volunteering work with the award of the Durham County Council Young Person's Chairman Medal.

Kyle Scott who lives on Eldon Bank was nominated by the Parish Council earlier this year for his volunteering work at the Community Centre. The award was presented in a special ceremony at County Hall. We would like to offer our congratulations to Kyle and his family on the award.



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.

Youth Shelter for Eldon



We are delighted to report the installation of a Youth Shelter for young people on the village green behind the Community Centre.

The costs of providing the shelter, which was a recently refurbished unit, were met by County Councillor Brian Stephens from his Neighbourhood Budget. The Parish Council will maintain and insure the Shelter.

Accident Improvement Scheme – Eldon Crossroads



Eldon Crossroads Accident Improvement Scheme is now complete with the new flashing speed warning sign on Eldon Bank.

The sign warns vehicles travelling too fast down Eldon Bank towards the crossroads.

We are grateful to

County Councillors Henry Nicholson and Trish Pemberton who funded the sign from their Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership Neighbourhood Budget.

This scheme shows the benefits of Partnership working between the County and Parish Councils and the Police.

Your County Councillors

Did you know that there are three County Councillors who represent our area, as well as the rest of Shildon and Dene Valley, on Durham County Council?

The Councillors are:

- Henry Nicholson
- Trish Pemberton
- 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 is providing free local activities for residents of Eldon. Every Wednesday between 9 and 10 a.m. a gentle exercise session for adults is being held in the Community Centre. So far participants have been able to enjoy indoor curling, table tennis, boxing(!) and stretching. More activities are planned. A multi sports session for children aged 5-11 years is also being held every Wednesday between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m. at the multi-use games area on the green behind the Centre. Why not come along and enjoy yourself!

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