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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.

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## Garden Competition

It's that time of the year again! The Parish Council garden competition will be judged on **Sunday 22nd July 2018 from 10 a.m.**

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

Anyone who has a garden

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 Plot
- Best New Garden

There were winners in all the garden categories last year. The prize is £50 in vouchers for each category winner.



## Village Fun Day - 2018

The Village Fun Day, organised by the Parish Council and Eldon Community Partnership, is being held on **Saturday 7th July 2018 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 2018-2019

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.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of July, September, November, January (15<sup>th</sup> in January 2019), March and May at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre.

You can attend meetings

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

Details of contacts are on the Parish Council noticeboard and on our website (details overleaf).

## Community Centre News

### Happy Birthday to You!

Eldon Community Centre was recently the setting for a surprise Birthday Party for John Gibson, the Chairman of the Parish Council, who reached a "significant" age. John works tirelessly as a Parish Councillor and as a volunteer at the Community Centre. The event was well attended by friends and family alike.

### 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 2.45 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 the amount of rubbish being tipped in and around Eldon seems to have continued at similar levels over the past year.

One of the hotspots is the area next to the village green behind Office Row. If you see items being tipped, please record details of any vehicles or persons involved. They can be reported directly to Durham County Council, or to the Parish Council.

## Walking for Health



Being able to get out and about in the countryside that surrounds Eldon, isn't just enjoyable, it is also good for your health, including mental health.

Durham County Council is the Highway Authority responsible for public rights of way, but the

Parish Council, as a landowner and also working with other landowners, is keen to encourage walking.

In the past year we have undertaken fencing, gating and way-marking of routes on our land and have agreed with Eldon Estates to upgrade some stiles on Estate land.

## 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.

They are Councillors:-

- Henry Nicholson
- Shirley Quinn
- Brian Stephens

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## Fit for Life

The County Council provides free local activities for residents of Eldon. Every Wednesday, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., a gentle exercise session for adults is held in the Community Centre. Previously a multi-sport session for young people outside the Community Centre was also held on one evening per week, but this has now ceased. However, the Parish Council is exploring the possibility of providing some multi sport activities for young people during the Summer school holidays. Why not come along and enjoy yourself!

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