

Parish Council Newsletter

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Redevelopment moves a step closer

The possibility of bringing a purpose built community centre to the heart of Bedlington



Station edged a step closer. Trustees were advised on 12th August that the stage 3 panel had recommended approval of the scheme which will create up to 7 new jobs. The overall bid to the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Buildings Fund is £845,000 and as the project is over £500k it has to receive final ratification from the Big Lottery England Board. The Trustees expect to be notified of the final outcome in late October. Our confirmed funding has now

reached £521,328.00 bolstered by a generous award of £13,000 from Councillor Jeff Gobin's small schemes fund and £9,828 from Northumberland County Council Community Chest.

If the bid is successful work is likely to start in the new year and will take around 26 weeks to complete. Anyone wanting to register an interest in booking a room or volunteering at the Centre can



do so by contacting the secretary Jenny Tindale on 01670 828808 or by emailing eastbedlingtoncommunitycentre@gmail.com

EAST BEDLINGTON

Parish Council



News in brief

Changes to Planning ...

Northumberland County Council are changing the way in which they deal with householder enquiries and residents will now be directed to the 'planning portal' as a first point of call to answer their queries. Fees for householder applications for alterations/extensions to a single dwelling, including works within a boundary are also to increase to £172 from October 2015

Charges for waste

Northumberland County Council have now introduced charges at Household Reclamation sites for soil, rubble and plasterboard. The charges start at £2.00 per bag and must be paid by debit/credit card. East Bedlington Parish Council has noted it's concerns that the charges may lead to increased fly-tipping.

Parish welcomes back Councillor ...

Councillor Allan Douglas has been co-opted onto East Bedlington Parish Council. Allan who stood down at the last election following a period of ill health is delighted to be back representing the residents of Bedlington East ward and brings with him a wealth of local government experience.

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Can you help the Matthew Project Foodbank?

Donations of non perishable food such as long life milk, breakfast cereals, flour, tinned foods, pasta, rice, biscuits, tinned vegetables, sauces, tinned fruit, tuna, hot dogs, tea, coffee, sugar, jam and instant mash.

Donations can be left at East Bedlington Parish Council Office or you can make arrangements for collections by contacting Mike Clark on 01670 829062 or email mclark095@gmail.com

Dear Residents,

Our Autumn newsletter is filled with some of the very best examples of community involvement demonstrating what can be achieved, on small budgets when communities work together.

I had the honour of opening the Cambois Gala, the joy of judging the Parish Sandcastle Competition and immense pleasure in presenting the trophies to our Garden Competition winners. Along with my fellow councillors I applaud you all for your sterling efforts.

Carrying on in this vein, the Parish Council have supported the Trustees of East Bedlington Community Centre on their fundraising journey and we whole heartedly congratulate them on reaching the final stages of their Big Lottery bid. The final decision will be made by the Big Lottery England Panel at the end of October.

This Parish Council has never stood still and we are now beginning our budget planning for 2015-2016.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the facilities in our corner of south east Northumberland and this year we hope to look at further improving our parks and open spaces.

The Parish is mindful that efforts to maintain or improve service levels will ultimately result in higher precepts, which is why we encourage every one of you to come along to our meetings, email us or comment via our website and let us know what matters to you. You can then be confident that you have played a part in ensuring you are only paying for services that you want.

Alex

Alex Wallace
Chairman

East Bedlington Parish Council



Halloween Drop In

 **FREE**

 **FREE**

Bedlington Children's Centre

Friday 30 October

10am to 11.30am



Fun activities

Crafts

Games

Fancy dress optional

For children 0-5 years, older siblings welcome

No need to book, just turn up

Reporting faults

The following items are all the responsibility of Northumberland County Council who have introduced a new lo-call number to help reduce the cost of reporting. For all these matters please ring 0345 600 6400. If you request the report reference number you can check on the progress of your complaint if you feel nothing is happening. You can also report the problems online at www.northumberland.gov.uk

- Street lighting (please take note of the column number as you will be asked for this)
- Highways—including road markings; gritting; pot holes; missing or damaged signage
- Blocked drains
- Fly-tipping
- Dog fouling and stray dogs
- Tree maintenance
- Street cleansing
- Anti-social behaviour

If your concerns have not been addressed within the specified timescale you can speak to your ward councillor, who will be able to make enquiries on your behalf. You will find their contact details listed on page 20 of this publication



Top turnout for the return of the Cambois Gala



The Gala was organised by Cambois Community Association who pulled together a day of entertainment and good old fashioned fun. The event proved to be a huge success and Cambois Camera Club were on hand to capture all the fabulous activities. More pictures can be viewed on the Cambois Facebook page. Want to get involved with next years Gala? —save the date Saturday 27th August 2016 or contact Jo Townsend email: townsendjo@sky.com



Cambois Family Fun Day & Sandcastle Competition



Pictured above are the competition winners and below their winning entry which used every element to be found on the beach. Pictured right are the very worthy runners up.



Now in its fourth year the Cambois Family Fun Day organised by the Parish Council continues to be a truly rewarding day in the parish calendar.

Once again blessed with sunny weather local families took part in traditional beach games, Sandcastle competition, enjoyed free pony and cart rides, Highland dancing displays, face-painting, glitter tattoos, mingling with Minions, Medieval Tile Making and Arts & Crafts.



Our thanks are extended to everyone who took part and to our partners on the day including: Lisa Walker Mini Pony Hire, Bad Apples North East, Trinity Youth, Radio Northumberland; Barry Mead and Hadrian Medical Services.





With special thanks to our host John Charlton and the staff of Charlton's, Cambois Beach

EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The parish council operates a small grants scheme to support voluntary & community sector groups who are either based within the boundaries of the parish or who are based outside but still deliver a significant service to the residents of East Bedlington on a not for profit basis.

Application forms are available from the Parish Office or they can be downloaded from the Parish Council website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

Community Groups must have a constitution and bank account in their own name. We do not fund individuals or businesses; salaries or wages; and cannot fund retrospectively. Typical awards are between £50 and £250 and each application is considered on its merit. For more information please contact the clerks on 01670 828808 or email clerk@eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

East Bedlington Garden Competition 2015



Our Garden Competition attracted a record number of entries this year from all parts of the parish.

Each year the standard seems to get better which makes the judging process a real challenge.

Pictured left are the 2015 winners

Melanie Barker, George Atkinson, George Cape and William Hamilton

Photographs from all our entries are displayed in the parish office and on our website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

Best Container—Winner—Raymond Chaytor—Blagdon Court



Best Allotment—Winner—Melanie Barker—Cambois Allotments



Best Back Yard—Winner—George Cape Beachcroft, Cambois



Best Small Garden—Winner—William Hamilton - Reavley Avenue



Best Large Garden—Winner—George Atkinson—Moorland Avenue



What's on at



WOW! Fitness

Monday 6 - 7.30pm
Wednesday 6 - 7.30pm
Booty Blast Metafit **Box 'n' Abs**

For more information please contact Emma
on 07803 730 339

Kettle Bell Strength & Fitness Class

Monday 7.30pm— 8.30pm
Wednesday 8.15pm—9.30pm
Friday 6.00pm—7.00pm

Burn up to 1200 calories per hour

£3.50 per class—REPS accredited instructor

“You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great”.

Contact Tony on 0795 104 2406 for details

People Painting for Health & Leisure

We meet every Wednesday from 10am—3pm
Make new friends and enjoy a new therapeutic hobby!
£2.50 per session including tea or coffee

The class is suitable for all levels and materials are provided



Mind Active Activity Days

Lunches and entertainment for people with dementia and their carers/loved ones. Enjoy good company in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. To find out more or try out a session contact:
Stephen on 01670 820461



Meet at East Bedlington Community Centre every
Sunday morning

10:30 for tea & coffee

11:00 meeting starts 12:30 finish

For more information please visit our website

www.countychurch.co.uk

Wansbeck Matters

We meet every Monday (except the 3rd Monday).

We are a friendly group who are interested in keeping alive the traditional crafts of making



hooky and proggy mats.

For more information call into a class!

Hearing aid support in Bedlington Station

Many people who use hearing aids find it difficult to get to a hospital for regular maintenance or help but now you can receive that at the East Bedlington Community Centre. For simple tasks such as

- Re-tubing for NHS hearing aids (every 6 months)
- Or information on cleaning
- Or collecting new batteries (or returning old ones)

Drop in sessions are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month, between 12noon and 1pm

For further information please call 01670 513606 or email:

Heartohelp.northoftyne@hearingloss.org.uk

The South East Northumberland Stroke Support Group

A volunteer led group set up to help and support people living with stroke and their carers. We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month from 1pm to 3pm.

We have range of activities including speakers, bingo sessions, organised trips, domino's, board games and much more. For more information about the group please call the secretary within office hours on 01670 712834 or 07791 628 144 or visit our website www.strokesense.org



Guidepost Art Group

We meet every **Thursday** between 7pm and 9pm . New members welcome - just pop into one of our sessions



HIRE EAST BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE from £10 PER HOUR

Situated on Station Street the recently refurbished Community Centre offers spacious facilities including a kitchen. Full disabled access. Parking in close proximity. Available for meetings, training sessions community activities, birthday parties, funeral teas, consultation events, table top sales, fund raising events, information and advice sessions.

“Run by the Community for the Community”

Call us on 01670 828808 for more information or to make a booking!

Bedlington Children's Centre

What's On

September - December 2015



Monday

Stay, Play & Learn

9.30am - 11.00am

Term time only

For children 0-5 years

£ 1.00 per family

-x-

Stop Smoking Clinic

9.15am - 12.15pm

Free advice & support

Call 01670 813135 to make an appointment

-x-

Midwife Booking clinic

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Must book an appointment

-x-

Story & Craft

Bedlington Library

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Spooky Fun With Food

Bedlington Children's Centre

Monday 26 October

10am to 11am

Halloween themed cooking session

For children 2 years and over and their parents/ carers

Free



Places must be booked

Tuesday

Sexual Health Advice Session

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday

12.15pm - 1.15pm

-x-

Registrar Drop-in

2.00pm - 3.30pm

-x-

Baby Massage

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Starts 29 Sept for 4 weeks

Places must be booked

£ 1.00 per family

-x-

Weaning

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Starts 3 Nov for 2 weeks



Wednesday

Midwife Booking Clinic

9.00am - 12.00pm

Must book an appointment

Story & Craft

Bedlington Station Library

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Child Health Clinic

1.30pm - 3.00pm

at The Gables Clinic

-x-

Jo Jingles

Starts 7 Oct for 3 weeks

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Places must be booked

-x-

First Aid

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday 18 November

Volunteers wanted!

Working with our Children's Centre can be really rewarding besides learning new skills and enhancing your CV.

Opportunities to help within our groups, Playgroups and admin.



Thursday

Child Health Clinic

9.00am - 11.00am

at Bedlingtonshire Clinic

-x-

Parent craft

10.00am - 12.00pm

Ante-natal advice & information

-x-

BiBs

Breastfeeding Support Group

1.00pm - 2.30pm

Information, advice & support

-x-

Story & Craft

Cambois Primary School

9.15am - 10.00am



Sexual Health Advice Sessions

General sexual health advice sessions.

Chlamydia screening and free contraception via C-Card. Contact Karen or Cheryl for more info.



Friday

Baby Play

10.00am - 11.30am

Term time only

Under 1 years

£ 1.00 per family

-x-

Fun with Food

1.00pm - 2.30pm

Starts 25 Sept for 4 weeks

For children aged 2+ and their parents.

Places must be booked

Safety Equipment

We have a small selection of safety equipment in stock at cost price at our Centre, such as Safety starter packs, cupboard locks, corner cushions, fridge locks, toilet seat locks etc.

Stocks are limited so please contact us to enquire before purchase.



Story and Craft Sessions
Listen to a story then join in with some crafts!

Bedlington Library

Monday 19 October

Monday 23 November

Monday 14 December

Bedlington Station Library

Wednesday 7 October

Wednesday 21 October

Wednesday 4 November

Wednesday 25 November

Wednesday 2 December

Wednesday 18 November

Wednesday 9 December

Cambois Primary School

Thursday 15 October

Thursday 19 November

Thursday 10 December

Families may be entitled to up to 15 hours free childcare per week for children aged from 2 years.

Call 01670 623592 to confirm eligibility or visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare — Term time only

For more information or to book a place contact Bedlington Children's Centre on 01670 822714

Bedlington Station First School - Monday - Friday 9.15am - 12.15pm

Bedlington Children's Centre - Monday - Friday 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Visit our websites www.centralchildrenscentres.org.uk and www.actionforchildren.org.uk



Bedlington Cycle Hub



*All things bikes and cycling
in & around Bedlingtonshire*



Bedlington Cycle Hub is your community resource for all things bikes & cycling in & around Bedlingtonshire. Whatever your age, experience, or discipline, we want to encourage you to get out & about enjoying the local tracks and trails throughout the area.

www.facebook.com/bedlingtoncyclehub



Bedlington Cycle Hub is a division of the Bedlingtonshire Development Trust and is an idea originally conceived last year when the Trust discussed hosting a cycling event along the lines of the Wooler Wheel. Although we don't yet have the funds to host an event we have decided to pursue the Cycle Hub idea.

We already have excellent mountain bike /BMX facilities in Gallagher Park and Sustrans have invested heavily to create safe cycling routes throughout Bedlingtonshire so we figured there is something about Bedlington and cycling that is really being missed!

In the first instance we have set out to create a community based resource for all things bikes and cycling via social media including Facebook and Strava, and a website is currently being developed. The premise is a light hearted but concise information resource rather than just another serious cycling website overloaded with minute detail. After all cycling is meant to be fun isn't it?

What we really want to do is just encourage people to get out and about cycling together using the facilities we have in and around Bedlingtonshire. We have something to offer every cyclist, whatever their discipline, from coast to countryside and our future plans include organising small group rides. In addition and, subject to finding a suitable location, we'd also like to see some bikeability courses happen in the "shire"

we have negotiated special offers for accessories—for instance we currently have a discount code arranged with See Sense lights where Bedlington Cycle Hub members get £10 off any order

For more information or to find out how you can get involved with the Bedlington Cycling Hub, please visit

www.facebook.com/bedlingtoncyclehub and www.strava.com/clubs/Bedlington

Credit Union for South East Northumberland

Oh no! It's only 60 shopping days to Christmas! Food. Toys for the kids. Money, money, money – there's never enough. Then there's the debt afterwards. You could join a hamper scheme or a supermarket Christmas club, but why put money in other people's pockets and limit where you can spend it?

There is another way You could start saving now with YOUR LOCAL CREDIT UNION.

If you start this week, by the time Christmas comes you'll have a pot of money that's ALL YOURS to spend on whatever you want, wherever you want. And if you need more, you can borrow from £100 (minimum loan) up to a maximum of £200 at only 2% per month which is a fraction of the interest rate provided by most providers – you would only pay us back £13.92 in interest!

We can also offer you a pre-payment card where you can have your savings or loan paid onto this card, so you don't need to carry cash. They work just like other debit cards, in shops and cash machines. And after Christmas is over, when it comes to repaying the loan, our interest rate of 2% per month is cheaper than any other loan you could find.

It's easy. We're very friendly and relaxed. You can find us at East Bedlington Community Centre (next to Keenlyside's) every Thursday, between 1pm and 2.30pm. Or you can come into our offices in Ashington or Blyth. Come and talk to us. Start saving for Christmas today! **Don't** let debt ruin your Christmas!

CREDIT UNION

SAVE IT BORROW IT BUDGET FOR IT

SO THAT IS WHY HE WAS AWARDED A MEDAL OF HONOUR

Those of you who read my article about Charles Saint (the boy born in the schoolhouse who went on to become the first Professor of Surgery in South Africa) may remember that his obituary in the British Journal of Surgery said that he had been awarded a medaille d'honneur en or. I still haven't been able to find exactly when or by whom he was awarded the gold medal, but I have been able to find out why he was given it.

I found the following article in the *Blyth News* of Thursday 5th October 1916

LOCAL DOCTOR HONOURED

Splendid work in a Belgian village

Northerners will be interested in the success of Capt. Dr. Saint, who is at present with the Royal Army Medical Corps in France, where he has become almost idolised in the district where he is at present stationed. He is a nephew of Dr. R.A. Morris, the well known Bedlington practitioner, and was for some years assistant with him. At the outbreak of the war, however, he was in Newcastle as assistant to Professor Rutherford Morrison, and Mr Richardson, two well known surgeons, and he shortly afterwards obtained a commission and went out with the first Northern General Clearing Hospital, and is now surgical specialist in the hospital which is now called No. 50 Casualty Clearing Station.

According to a Hazebruck journalist, this little town, filled with the incessant thundering of the guns, is the scene of an old hospital for the sick and aged, and which, in addition, through the good offices of Mme. Lionville, is at present being utilised as a Red Cross hospital. Here, at her own expense, this good lady has installed an operating theatre, and demanded and succeeded in having it recognised in Paris as a hospital for the wounded, and the same account states the Mme Lionville discovered and introduced to the hospital Captain Dr. Saint, who is described as a young surgeon of the British Army, and that out of regard for the good lady the Commanding Officer has authorised Dr, Saint, outside his official duties, to undertake the post of chief surgeon of the new formation, thereby relieving the pressure on the staff. It seems that the newcomer was not long in revealing his talent, and his reputation soon spread throughout the whole district and the people were enthusiastic in their praises, Dr. Saint, it is stated, not only conveys to the minds of the sick and wounded the impression of an over powering surgical skill, but his words inspire them with hope and confidence.

It seems that since last November Dr. Saint has successfully performed over 400 operations, and that soldiers and civilians alike have benefited, for the latter, learning of the presence of the surgeon, flocked from all parts for treatment, and it has been found necessary to enlarge the wards of the hospital.

Even at this serious time in the history of both countries, the French people decided to pay homage to the young English surgeon, and Dr. Saint was the centre of attraction at a fete held in the town, at which were present the deputy Mayor, the members of the Corporation, the President and Barristers of the Law Courts and other distinguished citizens and a number of French, English and Belgian officers. The vice-president of the committee of the hospital, M. Delarette, presided, and handed to Dr. Saint a fine work of art in bronze, executed by M. Barrge, and in doing so paid tribute to the young surgeon, saying that he believed Dr. Saint's heart was in the right place, and that his recompense was the

satisfaction brought by the consciousness of a duty faithfully and well accomplished. He asked the Doctor to accept the souvenir as a testimony of the appreciation of a French province which had so greatly benefited from his skill.

The General also spoke and said the ceremony would cement the Entente Cordiale. They were working with one aim in sight, the defeat of the enemy and he hoped it would soon be realised.

Dr. Saint, in acknowledging, said the demonstration was a manifestation of duty accomplished, and he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. Then there was a procession in front of the platform of those who had benefited from Dr Saint's skill, who laid floral tributes at his feet. Finally a little girl approached the platform with something wrapped in the Franco-Belgian colours. She handed it to the chairman, along with a piece of paper upon which was written "Will you kindly accept as a souvenir from this hospital where you have done so much good, this antique Flemish clock, and that it may strike for you only happy hours is the dearest wish of a grateful inhabitant of Flanders."

The chairman having handed the gift to Dr. Saint, the proceedings terminated.

There is a major inaccuracy in the title of the article.; the village of Hazebrouck is in the French part of Flanders, just a few kilometres to the west of the border with Belgium. No. 50 Casualty Clearing Station was at Hazebrouck from 1914 until July 1917, when the town was captured by the Germans.

Our thanks are extended to local resident Carole Fife, who researches and produces all the articles relating to the people and places from Bedlington past. If you have any information that can help Carol with her research please contact her by email c.fife43@yahoo.co.uk



Christmas Lights Switch On 2015

Friday 27th November 2015

Activities from 3.30pm till 6pm

Including Santa, carols and much more!

Check our notice boards &
website for further details



Church Services in the Parish

**St John's Church
North View
Bedlington Station**

**Parish Office Hours
Every Thursday
From 1pm—2pm**

**Sunday 9am Holy Communion
Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion**

**All age worship at St Johns is the 2nd
Sunday of the month at 10am**



**St Andrew's Church
Unity Terrace**



Cambois

**Sunday 10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 10.45 Holy Communion**

**All age worship at St Andrew's is
4th Sunday of the month at 10.30am**

Contact:

**Rev'd Ian Hennerbry 01670 822309
Rev'd Elizabeth Brown 01670 515556**

Dates for your diary at St Johns

**Saturday October 17th—Autumn Fair at St Johns 10.30am
Monday November 2nd—All Souls Memorial Service 7.00pm
Thursday November 26th—St John's Christmas Social
Sunday 29th November—Churches Together Advent Carol Service 4.00pm
Thursday 24th December - Christingle Family Service 6.00pm
Friday 25th December—Christmas Day Service 9am**

Dates for your diary at St Andrews

Thursday 24th December—Christmas Crib Service 3.00pm

Your Councillors



Councillor Alex Wallace
Chairman
☎ 01670 822858



Councillor Allan Stewart
Vice Chairman
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Councillor Andy Watson
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☎ 01670 828907



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☎ 01670 824113



Councillor Paul Hedley
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Councillor Colin Parker
☎ 01670 825330



Councillor Allan Douglas
☎ 01670 829078



Councillor Nichola Hogarth
☎ 0770 931 6617

I am 40 years old and live with my partner and two children in East Bedlington. I work full time at a local electronics company. I am interested in the wellbeing of people across all age groups to make our environment a better place to live.



Councillor Andrea Innes
☎ 01670 823149

I am 46 years old and have lived in the Bedlington Area all my life. I have 2 children, 2 Stepchildren and a grandson , I am passionate about the future of our community for their generation.

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Monday to Friday

10am to 12 noon

2pm to 4pm

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About East Bedlington

The Parish serves the communities of North Blyth, Cambois, East Sleekburn, Bedlington Station and East Bedlington. The Parish consists of two wards, Sleekburn and Bedlington East and has some of the highest levels of economic and health related deprivation statistics in the UK. The Parish is represented by 11 Councillors whose details can be found on page 19 of this publication and the Parish website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6.00 pm (with the exception of August) at its office on Station Street.

The first 15 minutes of each meeting is allocated to members of the public who can raise issues and comment on the business to be conducted