



**WINTER 2015**

**SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY AND PANTO AT BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL**



It was a pleasure for Belmont Parish Council to hold its Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at Belmont Community School. The 2014 pantomime was 'Cinderella' – a great treat for us all! The entire cast and production team deserve great praise for a very polished and entertaining show. Once again the guests were very appreciative of the courteous consideration of students and as always, staff were very welcoming.

On behalf of Belmont Parish Council and senior residents of the Parish  
**"Well done and many thanks Belmont Community School."**

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**BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2015/16.**

Budget 2014/15 Precept £69,000.00

Budget 2015/16 Precept £72,277.50

Precept increase £3,277.50 (4.75 %) - increase to Parish Council Rates per household 79 pence per year.

Residents will appreciate that Belmont Parish Council has always been prudent with any increase in our Precept. Historically we used to receive £8,000.00 from Durham County Council for double taxation (because we own Belmont Cemetery), we now receive nothing.

The Local Council Grant in the current year was £4,924.00, the projection for this Government Grant is £4,124.00 a reduction of £800.00.

There will be an increase in costs for:- Staff Salaries, Stationary, Telephones, Electricity, Water, Insurance, Printing, BMX Track, Greens (extra cut path edges) and more.

Various other costings have been reduced to accommodate our Budget for 2015/16.

Budget can be viewed by prior arrangement at the parish office.

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## BELMONT CEMETERY

Belmont Parish Council takes great pride in the care and maintenance of its cemetery.

Fees are:

### BURIAL FEES

**FROM 5th DECEMBER, 2014.**

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| 1. For burial in a single / double grave   | £150       |
| 2. For burial of cremated remains  | £150       |
| 3. For the Exclusive Right of Burial in a grave plot (Grave Purchase)  | £150       |
| 4. For the burial of cremated remains in an ashes plot   | £75        |
| 5. Re-open of an Ashes/Burial Plot   | £60        |
| 6. Internment of child less than 16 years of age   | No Charge. |
| 7. For persons residing outside Belmont Parish and without family links to it, the fees will be quadrupled and no grave or ashes plots can be pre-purchased. |            |

### MEMORIAL FEES.

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| 8. Erection of a Headstone                      | £30 |
| 9. Tablets, Plaques, Flat Stones on Ashes Plots | £20 |
| 10. Additional Inscriptions                     | £20 |
| 11. Replacement Headstones                      | £30 |

### MISCELLANEOUS FEES

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| 12. Cemetery Searches (Parish Office)              | £20 |
| 13. Transfer of Ownership (change of Deed holders) | £30 |
| 14. Copy of Deed.                                  | £20 |

For further information regarding burials and cemetery regulations contact the parish office.

## BELMONT SCRAMBLES

The Parish Council has recently funded two important pieces of work:

1. Gates and other barriers have been installed at the various entrances to the Scrambles meadows, and it is hoped that these will keep out motor cycles and quad bikes which are such a nuisance and danger to pedestrians and dog-walkers.
2. The pruning of overhanging trees has been carried out to the rear of properties on Cheveley Walk and Birkdale Gardens, for which many residents have expressed their gratitude.

In the spring the Friends of Belmont Scrambles and the Friends of Belmont Library are arranging a joint talk by a spokesman from the RSPB about bird life on the Scrambles and how it can be promoted.

A table-top sale to raise funds for the Friends of Belmont Scrambles and to promote the group is to be held in the **Communal Hall, Broomside Lane on Saturday 14th March at 10.00 a.m.**

The communal spring litter-pick has been provisionally arranged for **Sunday 22nd March** – anyone willing to give up an hour or so of their time is invited to come along.

Details of all these events will be posted in the library and on the Scrambles notice board. The Friends of Belmont Scrambles carry out regular maintenance work on the site and are always looking for new volunteers, young and old. No particular skills are required, just honest effort and enthusiasm.

If you would like to get involved, please phone Ken Neat on 0191-3864795.

### **DOG BAGS – STILL AVAILABLE AT BELMONT PARISH OFFICE (BELMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE) AND BELMONT LIBRARY!**

It was with great regret that the parish council was obliged to suspend issuing free dog bags because of financial constraints but an alternative arrangement has been made.

Dog bags are available at £1 per pack of 50 bags from Belmont Library and Belmont Parish Office (Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.). Any slight income over expenditure will go to the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

We appreciate and thank responsible dog owners who 'pick-up' to keep our environment clean and healthy.

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**BELMONT BOWLING CLUB  
SUNDERLAND ROAD, MOORFIELD,  
GILESGATE MOOR.**

Members of the Lawn Green Bowling Club are looking forward to the 2015 season with Inter-club Competitions and League Competitions. New members are always very welcome so why not come and enjoy a summer's evening social bowling in pleasant surroundings or for the more competitive, hone your skills for keen competition with clubs in the Durham and District areas.

Come and join us in 2015, our season starts in April-through to Mid-September. Please contact Mrs C. Atkinson on 0191 3860664 at the Parish office – opening hours 9.30 a.m.to 11.30 a.m.

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

Durham County Council is responsible for making the decision on all the planning applications received from the Belmont Parish area. If you have any views to express on any application that may affect you then you should raise these directly with the County Council.

Members of the public can access details of planning applications by logging onto the County Council website at [www.durham.gov.uk/planning](http://www.durham.gov.uk/planning) and entering the application number. Applications can also be found on the weekly planning list or by using the various search facilities on the site.

The Parish Council makes representation to the County Council on behalf of the community and council members who will formally consider planning proposals which could have major significance to the area. They will then come to a decision on whether to support, object to or offer no objections to a proposal. Although Belmont Parish Council cannot make decisions on planning applications residents are always welcome to speak at our monthly meetings or contact one of our councillors directly about any planning concerns.

**PLANNING REPORT** December 2014 – 2015 (as at time of writing).

DM/02772/VC: Renny's Lane, Dragonville (student accommodation)

Reduced scale of development - Approved but subsequently WITHDRAWN.

DM/14/03318/RM: Land north of Willowtree Avenue, Gilesgate Moor.

Erection of 42 residential dwellings/ Reserved Matters – REFUSED at COMMITTEE – JAN. 13TH 2015.

DM/14/0342/AD: Bristol Street Motors, Carrville.

Proposed signage - PENDING DELEGATED DECISION.

DM/14/03570/FPA: 99 Thorndale Road, Belmont.

Erection of boundary fence (retrospective) – REFUSED - DELEGATED DECISION.

DM/14/03708/FPA: Land South of New Ferens Park, Belmont Industrial Estate, Pullman.

Car showroom with workshop, forecourt, parking, offices, café - PENDING COMMITTEE DECISION.

DM/14/01511/FPA: ASDA, Dragon Lane Retail Park.

Retail store, petrol station, parking – PENDING COMMITTEE DECISION.

DM/14/03806/OUT: Kerry Foods Dragon Lane, Gilesgate Moor.

Trade Warehousing, Showrooms, Drive Through McDonalds Restaurant –PENDING COMMITTEE DECISION

**BELMONT PARISH COUNCIL  
APPRECIATES RESIDENTS' CARE FOR  
OUR ENVIRONMENT**

In 2015 Belmont Parish Council will once again take part in the Beautiful Durham and Northumbria in Bloom Competitions; Northumbria in Bloom judges in April and July and Beautiful Durham over the summer months. The exact judging dates for the Northumbria in Bloom competition will be posted in the parish notice boards. Belmont Parish Council does appreciate all the hard work members of the public do to keep their own green spaces looking outstanding as it lifts the environment of the whole parish.

## CONSIDERATION FOR ALL



The ' mobility scooters ' in the picture are parked but have allowed their users to enjoy a measure of independence, with all the benefits that follow. BUT, too often they come up 'against brick walls' in the form of 'blocked footpaths and dropped kerbs'.

What causes this? Inconsiderate or thoughtless drivers and this is particularly evident in busy places like Cheveley Park shops. Mobility problems are not restricted to these scooters. Prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs and even pedestrians are put at risk. PLEASE can drivers who HAVE independence help our vulnerable residents retain THEIRS. Thank you.

## ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR at BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

EASTER FAIR - SATURDAY 21ST MARCH  
11.00 AM.TO 2.00 PM.

Stalls, paste egg competition, hot and cold food and lots more.

### Dates for Parish Council Meetings

held in

Belmont Community Centre

at 6.30 p.m.

(first Thursday of the month, excluding August)

5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 / 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 /  
7<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### Community Police Officer

PC Nicola Quarmby

can be contacted on the police non-emergency  
number

0345 606 0365

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Durham County Council

General Enquiries 03000 260 000

Highways, Lighting

And Streetscene 03000 261 000

**PACT Meetings** (Police and Community Together)  
to be held

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 6.00 p.m. at Broomside Lane  
Communal Hall

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 6.00 p.m. at Gilesgate Primary School

### Parish Councillors

#### Belmont Area

Eric Mavin 386 9031  
Beatrijs Muylaert 375 7844  
Arthur Walker 384 6282  
Rosemary Murphy 07747077690  
Graham Robinson-Lundy 07598960649

#### Carrville Area

Barbara Howarth 384 2224  
Katy Corrigan 0300 268700  
Tom Charlton 386 8557  
Joe Knight 3862902  
Lesley Mavin 3869031

#### Gilesgate Moor Area

Sydney Inglis 384 6023  
Dennis Southwell 386 4838  
(Chairman)  
Patrick Conway 0300 268 698  
June Corrigan 659 1014  
Diane Waggott 386 3701

Parish Clerk Mrs C. Atkinson 0191 386 0664

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