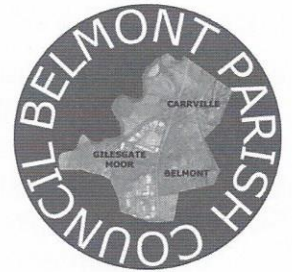


NEWSLETTER

Belmont Parish Council



SUMMER 2016

SENIOR CITIZEN'S TEA & HIT MUSICAL - "GUYS AND DOLLS"



Belmont Community School invites senior citizens to the above event to be held at the school on **Wednesday 13th July 2016, receiving guests at 12.30 p.m.**

The school has once again kindly offered to do the catering and the Parish Council will provide transport for anyone who needs it.

Everyone welcome

If you would like to attend please telephone the parish office on 0191 386 0664.

At time of booking please notify of any special dietary requirements.

Transport is available on request at the parish office and buses will pick up from 12.00 noon.

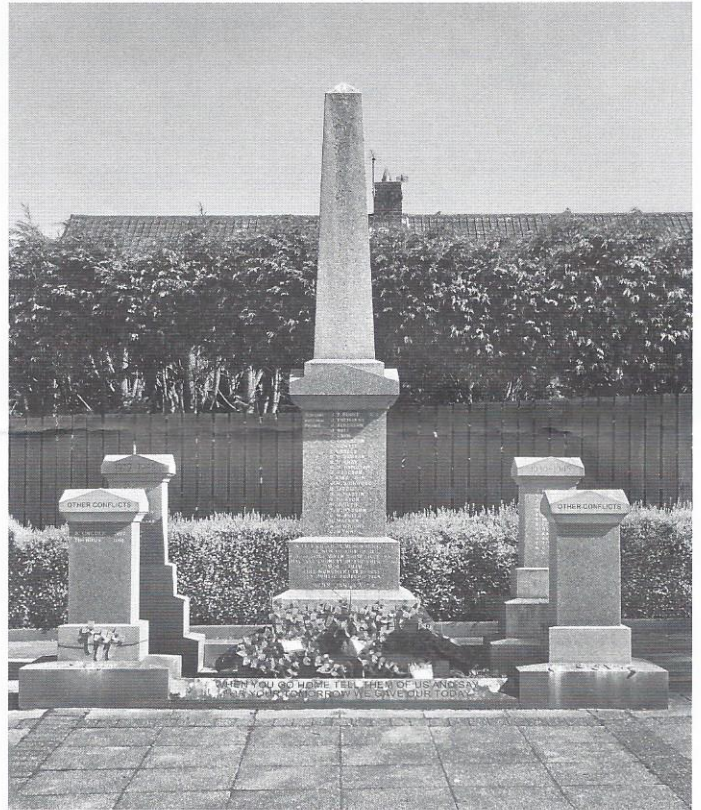
WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH CLERK



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Shirley Overton to her new post as Parish Clerk as of the 1st of April this year. Mrs Overton will already be well known to many residents having worked as an assistant at the Parish Office for over six years. She brings a wealth of experience to her new role and we wish her every success for the future. Mr Adrian Thurlwell will continue in his post as Assistant, increasing his hours from three to five mornings a week, and we're sure they'll make a great team!

BELMONT WAR MEMORIAL IS NOW GRADE II LISTED

Belmont War Memorial has recently been entered on "the List" of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is owned by Belmont Parish Council and Chairman Cllr Dennis Southwell said "We are naturally delighted by this award, made by the Secretary of State for the Environment. Grade II listing has also been confirmed by Durham County Council Planning Section." Mr Walter Meikle, Chairman of the Friends of Belmont War Memorial, added "This recognition of the importance of Belmont War Memorial by Historic England is especially welcomed by our small group of local residents who formed the Friends of Belmont War Memorial some seven years ago. The group worked very hard in the first year to have the memorial moved to its present location where it is now in a much more central and prominent position. Since the move was completed the residents of the parish have taken the memorial to their hearts and this has created a greater understanding of the sacrifices made by those named on the memorial.



CARE CONNECT: A 24/7 service just up your street

We would like to make residents aware of Durham County Council's community alarm service, Care Connect, which supports vulnerable people of all ages by helping them to live independently in their own home. It provides a monitoring and response service to people's homes 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Staff are always available to offer support and assistance, dispatch Responders to a customer's home, or contact the emergency services when necessary. Customers are provided with a unit alarm system and pendant, which is installed in their homes, and when the alert button is pressed for assistance a call is placed directly to Care Connect's Control Room.

Other types of equipment available include items for people who are at risk of falling, have dementia (or some memory loss), are deaf, blind, or have epilepsy. The service is vital for anybody who believes they are at risk, or vulnerable and their families want security and peace of mind. There is a small weekly charge for the service, but this will be discussed with customers prior to coming on to the service.

Further information on this service can be found on Care Connect's website at

www.durham.gov.uk/careconnect

By telephone **03000 262 195**

Or email **care.connect@durham.gov.uk**

TREES AND HEDGEROWS

Residents should note that there are laws and regulations restricting the removal or cutting back of trees and hedgerows on private land.

If anyone has concerns about the condition of the trees or hedgerows adjoining their property, they should contact Durham County Council Landscape and Arboriculture Department on **03000 267 139**, who will be happy to give them advice on how best to proceed.

BELMONT BOWLING CLUB SUNDERLAND ROAD, MOORFIELD, GILESGATE MOOR.

Members of the Lawn Green Bowling Club are looking forward to the 2016 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, our season starts in April-through to Mid-September.

*Please contact Mrs S. Overton on 0191 386 0664 at the Parish office
Opening hours 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.*

WEEKLY TEA DANCES AT BELMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tea dances, previously held monthly, are now weekly events at Belmont Community Centre, Sunderland Road - opposite B & Q. They are held every Wednesday, 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Admission is £2, inclusive of refreshments. Why not enjoy this leisurely way to help keep fit and "Come dancing"?

CAB HELPLINE

The Citizens' Advice Bureau has a helpline to ring and report suspected fraud, particularly any telephone call, falsely claiming to represent a reputable body or organisation, intended to encourage you to give contact details or information.

Just ring the CAB on **03045 404 0506** with any suspicions. Calls are completely confidential and good advice is given.

NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM JUDGING

The Northumbria in Bloom judges toured our Parish in April.

As well as the special features we showed them, they seemed very pleased with the overall appearance of our gardens and green areas. They will be here again for the important Summer Judging on **Monday 18th July** and we are sure you will keep up your good work as we move into the flowering period.

We won a silver gilt award last year. Wouldn't it be great to achieve gold this year?

FRIENDS OF BELMONT SCRAMBLES

A few weeks ago a group of pupils from Belmont Primary School helped plant some new trees, donated by the Woodland Trust. Many of the youngsters had never before been on the Scrambles, and they all seemed to prefer tree-planting to sitting in the classroom!

The children watch how it's done...



...and then they have a go themselves!

<p>Dates for Parish Council Meetings held in Belmont Community Centre at 6.30 p.m. (first Thursday of the month, excluding August)</p> <p>2nd June 2016 7th July 2016 1st September 2016</p> <p>Members of the public are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS</p> <p>Durham County Council 03000 260 000 General enquiries</p> <p>Highways, Lighting 03000 261 000 and Streetscene</p> <p>Community Police Officer Can be contacted on the police non-emergency number 0345 606 0365</p> <p>County Council Help Desk 0300 123 7070</p>
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Parish Councillors

<u>Belmont Area</u>		<u>Carrville Area</u>		<u>Gilesgate Moor Area</u>	
Eric Mavin	386 9031	Barbara Howarth	384 2224	Sydney Inglis	384 6023
Beatrijs Muylaert	375 7844	Katy Corrigan	0300 268700	Dennis Southwell	386 4838
Arthur Walker	384 6282	Tom Charlton	386 8557	Patrick Conway	0300 268698
Rosemary Murphy	07747 077690	Joe Knight	3862902	June Corrigan	659 1014
Graham Lundy	07598 960649	Lesley Mavin	3869031	Diane Waggott	386 3701

JUST TO SAY:-

CARRVILLE & BELMONT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION meet at 6.00 p.m. at BROOMSIDE LANE COMMUNAL HALL every second Thursday of the month (excluding August) - everyone welcome, so why not call in to discuss local issues and share ideas for activities.
For details contact Eric Mavin on 386 9031.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please support our local events

Belmont Parish Hall

Music Recital - Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 2.30pm
Jazz in the village - Saturday 3rd September 2016 7.30pm – 9.30pm tickets £10

Belmont Community School

Summer Fair - Saturday 25th June 2016 at 11.00am.

Carrville Methodist Church

Summer Fair - Saturday 4th June 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Carrville and Belmont Residents' Association

Saturday 18th June to Scarborough, bus leaves from Communal Hall at 9.00am, tickets £12, available from Eric Mavin 0191 3869031

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

To find out more about what's going on in the parish, read the minutes of our monthly meetings & see the agendas for upcoming ones, then visit our website at
parishes.durham.gov.uk/Belmont

Parish Clerk Mrs S. Overton 0191 386 0664