

West Life

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Time For Cllr Hazel Charlton To Hang Up Her Chain Of Office

It is with some sadness that we report that Hazel Charlton decided to retire as Chair and Parish Councillor prior to the May elections.

On behalf of the village, we would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to Hazel for all her time and effort: an original member of the Parish Council when it was formed in 2004 and then Chair for 10 years from 2007, she was well known, always available and ready to use her boundless energy to serve the village. As Chair, she drove the Parish Council forward towards achieving its aim to make West Auckland a better place and navigated it through some difficult patches

Enjoy retirement and a well-earned rest? Possibly.... but Hazel will always find plenty to do and some of that will still relate to helping people in any way she can.

At the Parish Council AGM held on May 8th, Colin Mairs was elected Chairman and George Smith Vice Chairman



New Village Picnic Tables

Two additional picnic tables have been positioned at the edge of the Village Green in front of the Old Hall. The original tables have been well used by locals and visitors alike, suggesting another two tables would be useful. This photograph – taken within a couple of weeks of their arrival – shows that to be true. A group of French motorcyclists travelling from the Hull Ferry Terminal on their way to Scotland chose West Auckland as the ideal place for a picnic lunch and kindly agreed to having their photo taken.



County Durham

A reminder that the Citizens Advice Bureau is operating its West Auckland Outreach at the Parish Community Rooms in Monteith Close on alternate Fridays between 10.00am and 1.00pm:

July 7th, 21st August 4th, 18th September 1st, 15th, 29th
October 13th, 27th November 10th, 24th December 8th

World Cup Statue



For the benefit of residents as well as visitors, there is now an information board attached to the bus stop closest to the World Cup Statue explaining the story behind this unique achievement. The names of the players involved in 1909 and 1911 are inscribed on the statue itself which was officially 'unveiled' in October 2013 by Sir John Hall, Tim Healey and David Thomas. If you are able to Google 'West Auckland World Cup Winners' there is more information available. Many thanks to Cre8tive of Bishop Auckland for their design and installation of the information board.

Strawberry Cheesecake Lollies

Assuming there will be more hot weather this Summer, how about these?

Ingredients

225g cream cheese, 165g natural yoghurt, 3 tbsp sugar, 1 tsp vanilla extract, 3 tbsps strawberry jam, 100g digestive biscuits

Method

1. In a medium sized mixing bowl whisk together the cream cheese, natural yoghurt, vanilla extract and sugar
2. In a smaller bowl, break up the digestive biscuits into fine crumbs
3. Gently fold together the cream cheese mix, strawberry jam and digestive crumbs
4. Scoop the mixture into lolly moulds (or use small paper cups). Add wooden lolly sticks to the centre of each cup or mould
5. Place into freezer for a minimum of 4 hours or until frozen

Preparation time is 20 minutes to make 6 lollies plus a freezing time of 4 hours.

Pathway Improvement Programme

The Parish Council are constantly seeking to improve the village where they can. A recently improved path is the one leading from the New Street Recreation Field/Play area towards Staindrop Road.



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Meetings held at Monteith Close Community Parish Room at 7.00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August).

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