

West Life

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WEST AUCKLAND IN BLOOM



The village has achieved a Level 3 and Improving award in the **RHS It's Your Neighbourhood** competition following a visit by judges in July; this is in recognition of all the hard work and planning carried out by the West Auckland in Bloom team and everyone who has volunteered their help

You can see that once the weather improved, the planters started to flourish and the new four tier planters added to the lovely displays around the village

Looking ahead, the team will continue to receive support from the Parish Council and source funds from any available grants; the project will continue towards the aim of brightening up the village and thereafter maintaining its appearance; there will be a fundraising coffee morning at the Parish Community Rooms in Monteith Close on *Saturday November 16th* from 10.00am until 12.00pm; there will also be a need for volunteers to water the planters not already accounted for next summer

If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact:
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

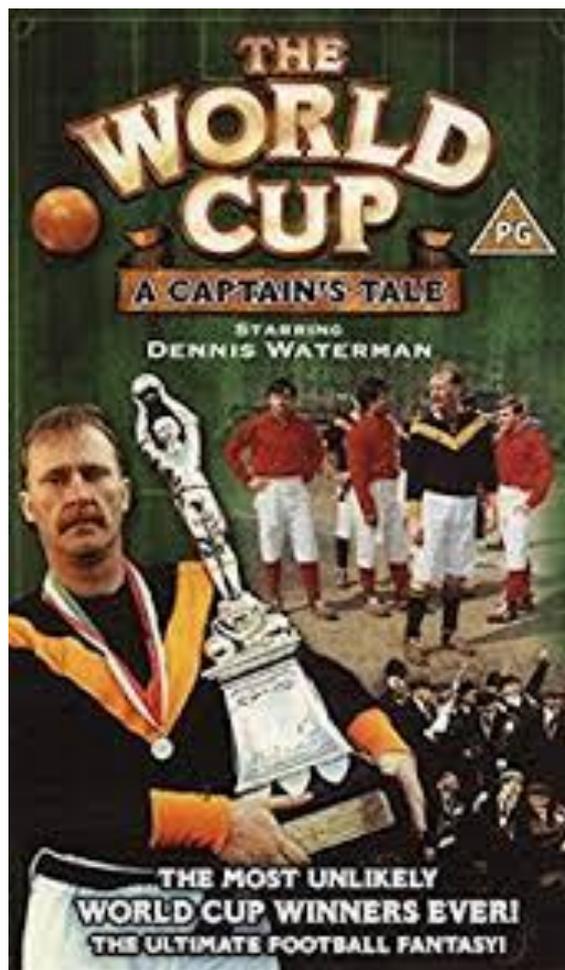


The annual Remembrance Day service will take place on Sunday, 10th November in front of the Pant Memorial at 3.00pm. Last year's service commemorated in particular the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the D Day landings during the Second World War.

Should you wish to join the procession through the village towards the Pant, please meet in the car park outside the Well by 2.45pm. You may prefer to just come to the Pant for the service which will include the laying of wreaths and reading the names of those commemorated by name

Refreshments will be available after the service at the Community Parish Rooms in Monteith Close, opposite Oakley Cross School.

A CAPTAIN'S TALE



The St Helens, West Auckland and District Local History Group meets at 6.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month at *The Ark at St Helens Church*.

On 10th December the meeting will have a football theme and include a showing of **A Captain's Tale**, an account of how the humble footballers of West Auckland won the first World Cup. One of the stars was Tim Healey who, alongside Sir John Hall and David Thomas, unveiled the statue on the village green which commemorates the event; David is a former professional footballer whose grandfather was a member of that historic team. You can view the statue and read details of the event on the nearby bus shelter at any time but the film, made for television in the 1980s is well worth watching.

If you would like to attend this meeting please contact the Hon Chairman on jraw2883@aol.com to help provide a rough idea of numbers attending.

SPRING BULBS



Over 1,000 more spring bulbs have been planted as part of the continuing project to brighten up the village; many thanks to Councillor Neil Simpson for all his hard work in driving this project as it extends around the village.

COFFEE MORNING



There will be a coffee morning at the Parish Community Rooms in Monteith Close on

Saturday November 16th

to raise further funds towards maintaining the West Auckland in Bloom initiative

10.00am - 12.00pm

WORLD CLEANUP DAY



On Saturday September 21st, residents teamed up with around 50 staff from local packaging company Smurfitt Kappa for a litter pick around the village; the day formed part of a wider movement involving Smurfitt Kappa branches around the world in an attempt to tackle plastic pollution; the Parish Council had intended to have an Autumn litter pick later in the month but altered their arrangements to join forces with the company instead

Smurfitt Kappa's company action team have linked up with Odyssey Innovation, an organisation which works to turn marine plastic into kayaks which can be bought online; any money made from the sale of kayaks as a result of the West Auckland litter pick will be donated to charity

A successful day saw a good number of people take part and about 50 bags of rubbish collected, followed by food and activities for all participants

Many thanks to the Smurfitt Kappa action team for their organisation and to everybody who gave their time to take part.



Please note that whilst The Well will continue to open as normal on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.00pm it will only open on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00am until 1.00pm in future.

CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL



The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child is running once again this year; simply find a standard size shoebox, wrap it in decorative paper and fill it with suitable new gifts for a child.

You can find further details about exactly what to do by picking up a leaflet from The Well or by visiting **Samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ**

You can collect pre-printed shoeboxes from The Well which is also the drop-off point for completed shoeboxes between 11th and 18th November.

Have you tried..... WALKING NETBALL ?

Age and ability is not a barrier!
A chance to exercise and socialise

Why not join us at:



**King James 1
Academy Sports Hall
Every Thursday: 6.30 - 7.30
£3.00 per session**

It's Your Village – Have Your Say

Come along to a meeting and let the Parish Council know what improvements you would like to see in your village.

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For more information visit our website:

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