

Hedleyhope Newsletter

Spring 2016

This Newsletter is produced jointly by the Hedleyhope Community Association and the Hedleyhope Parish Council. It brings you news of what is going on in the village of East Hedleyhope and the surrounding area.

BT Payphone in the village

You may have noticed that the BT payphone on the village green no longer contains a phone! BT recently removed it because of lack of use. The Community Association has taken over the phone box itself as a community resource. We'll be using it as our new village noticeboard (following some alterations) and we're also looking for ideas for what else we could do with it. We thought people might be interested in using it as a free book exchange – we will put up some shelves for books to go on, but does anyone have any ideas of what else we could use it for? Please send any ideas to the Comm Assoc secretary; sarah.woodroffe@gmail.com



Easter Party in the village hall

We had an excellent turn out for the Easter party, the children enjoyed crafts in the village hall and an egg hunt around the village. Fortunately the weather was kind to us, it nearly felt like spring!



Making Easter nests, yum!



Everyone looks very happy with their finds

Windfarm funds secured for play area improvements

The Community Association was recently successful in winning £5000 of funding from the ESB International West Durham Windfarm Community Benefit Fund towards doing some maintenance work on the play equipment in the village. The funding is to repair the play surface, paint the equipment and fencing. Hopefully this work will be carried out over the next couple of months.



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!



We are looking for residents to join the Hedleyhope Parish Council and Hedleyhope Community Association. We are always short of members so if you think you could give us a couple of hours of your time each month to help out in your community we'd love to hear from you.

For the Parish Council please email our clerk at hedleyhopeparishcouncil@gmail.com and for the Community Association please email the membership secretary Chris Ruskin at chrisruskinwaterhouse@hotmail.co.uk. We'd love to hear from you!

NEWS FROM THE NATURE RESERVE

Clare Ross writes

STANLEY WOOD



The contractors have finished the clear felling and will return to the Wood in Autumn/Winter to start thinning the next sections. We have asked that all the paths walked before the work started are cleared of branches and brush.

The paths in the Wood are currently not registered as public rights of way but have been used for many years. If you have regularly walked the paths in Stanley Wood (preferably for 6 years and over) and have not completed a User Evidence Form please ring 01388 731553 and leave your address and we will get one to you.

NATURE RESERVE VOLUNTEERS

The Nature Reserve Needs You!

If you would like to help to look after the Nature Reserve including litter picking, mowing, cutting back vegetation and wildlife surveys etc please let us know on 01388 731553.

Thank you very much to residents that carry out litter picking on their own and also the ones who pick up after their dogs!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper Friday 13th May at 7 pm

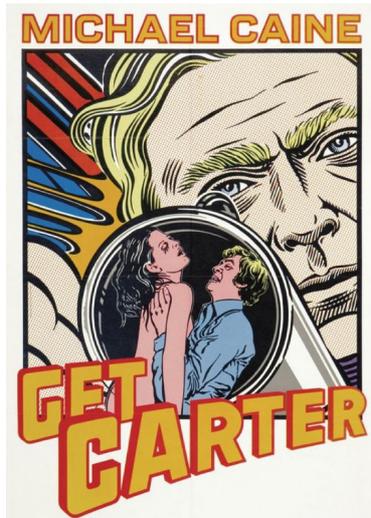
Come and join us for a topical quiz and fish and chip supper in the village hall.

Food orders will be taken at the beginning of the evening.

£3 per person on the door, please bring your own refreshments.



Classic film night – Friday 24th June at 7 pm



Come and see the classic film *Get Carter* starring Michael Caine on a large screen in the village hall, and reacquaint yourselves with some local industrial history.

Donations at the door. Ice creams will be served during the interval.

Please bring your own refreshments.

Save the date – **The annual summer family fun day and BBQ will be on Sat 16th July.** More details to follow....



Thanks to Sarah Woodoffe, Clare Ross and others for contributions to this newsletter. The next one is due out in July.