



LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (Issue 24 - August 2011)

Lesbury Parish Council would like to offer a very special thank you to the team of volunteers, who have posted these Newsletters through your door, for 3+ years of service!



On June 22nd, Her Majesty, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Alnmouth Station, on a very wet morning, to attend the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party at Alnwick Castle, for the recognition of local Volunteers and Carers. She was met by the



Duke and Duchess of Northumberland and despite the atrocious conditions, a large crowd from the Parish, including pupils from Hipsburn School.



A group from the school welcomed Her Majesty and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. The damp crowd shrugged off the rain and gave the Royal couple a tremendous welcome. A very special mention should be given to the Hipsburn Schoolchildren who behaved impeccably despite a long wait and very wet conditions. Their excitement and enthusiasm was very clear. More photographs are available on the Parish web - site.

Village Hall Crisis - There was an excellent response to the request for volunteers highlighted in the last Newsletter. A meeting on the 19th July was well attended by a number of residents willing to be part of the new Committee; this means the future of the Village Hall now looks very positive indeed. Over the coming months some much needed repairs will be carried out and next year there will be a push to redecorate the interior. The Hall is very much open for business and provides an excellent venue for clubs and Private Functions. **For further information contact Clive and Sue Gibson - 01665 833144).**



The Village Shop-The wait is over, training has finished and the Post Office is fully functional. However, we would like remind you that it is your turn to contribute by using of this excellent facility. Just take a look at what the Post Office can offer. There is also an increasing choice of goods to choose from for sale in the shop. You can even get a cup of tea or coffee. Oh and don't forget the friendly Staff who are there to help you!

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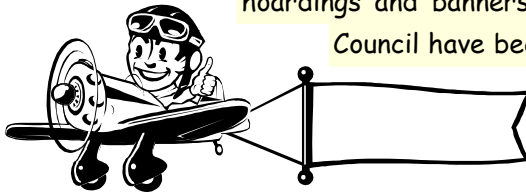
Welfare Benefits Advice for the Over 60's - Paul Robinson has recently joined the Alnwick and District Citizens Advice Bureau as a Welfare Benefits Caseworker for the over 60's. The Citizens Advice Bureau offers free, independent, impartial and confidential advice. They can carry out a benefits check for you to ensure you are receiving the correct amount of money each week and help you complete application forms and assist you with your benefit claims, including new claims or renewals for Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance.

They may be able to contact the Department for Work and Pensions, the Local Authority or the Pension Service on your behalf to help resolve any issues. **Please contact Alnwick and District Citizens Advice Bureau today on 01665 604135 to make appointments in Alnwick or Amble or possibly in your home.**

Walks around the Parish. - We are pleased to say that the first of a number of walking guides around the Parish is available on our website. (www.lesbury-pc.org.uk). Tom Wilson, Rick Duncan and John Wright have got their walking boots, notebooks and cameras out and are trekking around the area. The walks are designed to be circular and start and finish at the Post Office; the first walk to Greenrigg is available and others will follow soon. Co-incidentally the Northumberland Estates has erected a number of map boards in key places to assist walkers find their way (See photo right) Don't forget the Countryside Code if you are out walking; a copy can be found in the Walks section of our website.



Roadside signs - Many of you will have seen the recent news articles with reference to the use of advertising hoardings and banners on BBC Look North and the Northumberland Gazette. The Parish Council have been contacted by the County Council's Planning department with regard



to a number of temporary banners advertising local events. Depending on the event, position and size of hoarding, permission may be needed from the County Council to erect the advert. The

County Council suggests that potential advertisers consult a booklet "Outdoor advertisements and signs; a guide for advertisers" available on their website; a copy is also available on the Parish website as well. If in doubt consult the County Council Planning Department Tel: 0845 6006400 or e-mail ask@northumberland.gov.uk

Nature note - A 1920's semi in South View boasted nine House Martin nests ten years ago; now there's none. The house was purposely kept bird friendly by retaining exposed rafters, so imagine the feeling of betrayal when the home owner walked around the corner to find a new-build house on Curly Lane was supporting at least five. Rumour had it that soffits were no use to House Martins and therefore new houses were no use as nest sites. It just goes to show that our assumptions are not always correct and that, like humans, a new weather-proof, low maintenance



home is much more appealing. After all, if you've travelled thousands of miles from Africa you don't want to have to start building from scratch and cleaning up after House Sparrows; these resident winter squatters have now been provided with a special wooden home of their own, so they're all happy.

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Parish Council meetings are held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome to attend. A full list of Parish Councillors can be found on www.lesbury-pc.org.uk