



# LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (Issue 20 - Dec. 2010)

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Parish Council meetings are held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome these meetings.

Have your say.....  
Tell us about your events and news - contact Bob Dutton 01665 830801.

Don't forget the Parish Council is on-line  
[www.Lesbury-pc.org.uk](http://www.Lesbury-pc.org.uk)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Carols around the Christmas Tree** - Hipsburn Square,  
December 18th at 6.00pm. Refreshments provided by the  
Pond Field Group

**Resignation** - Regretfully the Parish Council has received the resignation of Mrs Glenys Graham. She has been a councillor for 25 years and was Chairman for 13 years and has made a great contribution to the Parish. The Parish Council would like to thank her for her efforts over the years.

### Volunteering

Look twice! Following complaints from some residents about the car park in Lesbury village Tom Wilson and volunteer Rick Duncan got to work and cleared the overhanging bushes. In the future the



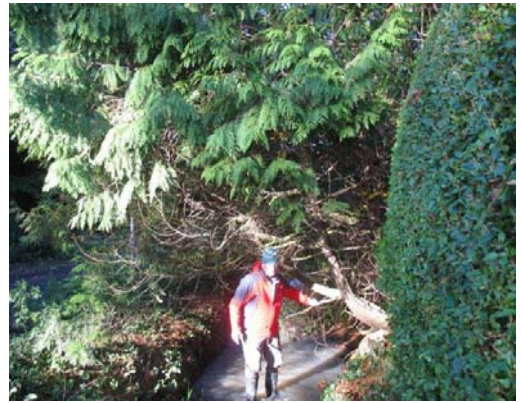
Parish Council would like to work with other volunteers from the community to carry out various tasks in and around the Parish and to help follow up with actions arising from the Parish Plan. More on this in 2011.

**The Toddler Group** is seeking donations of second hand toy pushchairs and baby walkers in good condition. Contact Elaine Davies on 07732387685 if you can help.

**Raffle tickets** are available from Lesbury Post Office for a Christmas Hamper and other prizes. All money raised will be in support of the Toddler Group.

## The Wynd

Clearance of vegetation down the Longhoughton Burn was due to start on 26th November but has been delayed by the snowy weather. The work has been contracted out as some of the trees need pruning with a chain saw. The Parish Council can undertake smaller jobs but work such as this requires the use of skilled and accredited people with valid insurance.



## The Coppice.

Congratulations to "the Coppicers" who have shown what a volunteer group can do. Whilst the County Council tries to keep major roads open, minor roads on to estates are of lower priority. The Coppicers have been out in force and cleared their roadway of snow and ice.

## South View Road works

Work has started to stabilise the highway and to build a retaining wall along the front of Station Cottages to stop future problems of landslip into their gardens. This project by Northumberland County Council will take 3-4 weeks depending on the weather. The cost is believed to be some £50,000 and in the current economic climate the parish is fortunate to have this work carried out at this time.

**School days - Pupils report from Hipsburn School** - In each issue of the Newsletter we will try to include a subject from the students at Hipsburn School. Our thanks go to the Head, Mrs D Charlton, for encouraging the pupils to "write for a purpose." Their first report is published below.

## School Meals

Adele is such a nice cook because she cooks us all healthy meals every day, yummy dummy! My favourite meal is on Friday; chips and pizza, sausages or fish fingers. I felt happy and hungry when it was nearly lunch time on Friday. I said to Adele, "I love your meals so very much. Thank you very much; you are just like a proper chef. How much time does it take to cook it and is it hard work to cook so many healthy meals?" MI Year 3

## Nature note

Even in this snowy weather brighten up a winter's day by taking a walk down the cycle track opposite the cricket field and watch the Teal feeding on seeds in the marsh and flooded fields.

These beautiful and smallest of the dabbling ducks spend their winter holiday here, having journeyed



from their breeding grounds in northern Europe. Look for the chestnut and green head with yellow markings of the male, and a butter yellow triangular patch at the tail-end. Numbers peak in December with around 600 birds in the estuary, and you'll see them lift off vertically when flushed, giving them their collective name a 'spring' of Teal. (photo - Tim Dean)

## Lesbury Autumn Club

Lesbury Autumn Club recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is open to all people in the Parish aged 55 years and over. At each meeting we have a visiting speaker followed by afternoon tea and a raffle. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month generally in Lesbury Village Hall starting at 2.15 pm. and spread throughout the winter months between September and May. In December we hold a Christmas buffet lunch and in January a New Years' lunch at a local hotel. In May a coffee morning is substituted for the usual meeting. We welcome new members and in particular newcomers to the Parish - just turn up to a meeting to see what happens!