



# LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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The Lesbury W I celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year put 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August in your diary for the Flower and Craft Weekend

## Parish photograph to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

**When** - Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 11.30 am. **Where** - At the Cricket Club.

The photos will be taken by Steve Miller from the top of a cherry-picker and there will be an opportunity to buy copies of the photos. (Details to be announced.) A square will be roped off for the cricket match that will take place later; you are kindly asked not to go inside this area. Unfortunately no dogs are allowed on the cricket field.

**This is a "once in a lifetime event" so please come along.**

At this time the **Friends of Hipsburn School** will have refreshments (tea, coffee, cakes) available at the side of the football pitch. Money from sales will go towards school funds - a very worthwhile cause.



**Proposed New Housing in Lesbury village - meeting** The Northumberland Estates are holding an open event for local residents to come along and look at their plans and discuss the proposals with The Northumberland Estates representatives on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 between 12 noon and 7.00 pm in Lesbury Village Hall**. The proposals are:-

- 1 - Redevelopment of the land between School House and Down House within the village conservation area
- 2 - The proposals include the provision of a number new houses and bungalows including a provision of affordable housing
- 3 - New post office and retail facility to replace the existing premises
- 4 - All properties to have adequate parking provision in line with current Northumberland County Council standards
- 5 - There will be a number of different tenures available including rented accommodation.

**The Olympic Torch-** Remember that the Olympic Torch will be passing through Hipsburn on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June starting at 7.47 am. Routes through the Parish will be disrupted for a time; if you have to travel through Hipsburn or up to Alnmouth Station please leave plenty of time to get through.



**Speeding-** The speeding strips outside the school, Lesbury Road and Longhoughton Road were in place for 4 weeks and the PC had asked NCC for their report and statistical data gathered. We hope that this will help the Parish Council to tackle the serious speeding problem that exists in the Parish.

**Northumbria in Bloom-** The Judges paid their first visit to the Parish on the 11<sup>th</sup> April and firstly, walked from Townfoot to Meadowlands. They then went on to the new car park at Alnmouth Station and walked



down South View and into the Pond Field. The judges then had an overview of the rest of the Parish by car. Favourable comments were made on the many excellent gardens and in particular on the tidiness of the Parish. The next visit of the judges will be on the 18th July when the main areas to be covered will be Lealands, Alnside Court, the old Alnwick Road (cul- de-sac) and Steppey lane to the Post Office. Work has already started on enhancing these areas but more volunteers are

always welcome (Contacts Ian August 833737 or Tom Wilson 830522.) Our efforts are not just for Northumbria in Bloom but also for the benefit of our community. Thank you to all those people who made a special effort and in particular to the bands of litter pickers who cleaned up before the visit. They are continuing to keep the Parish tidy and their efforts have drawn praise from NCC officers. If there is any area which you think **you** could improve we have gloves and bags available for your use. Please contact Tom Wilson.



**The Village Hall**-The Village Hall celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year, having closed as a school in 1972. To mark this occasion the Hall will be open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday June 16th. Admission is free, light refreshments will be on sale and there will be a raffle. 1st prize is a locally made 40th anniversary cake. Entertainment will be provided by the Duchess Community High School Music Department. Some exhibits showing the history of the hall will be on display and committee members available to discuss proposals to bring the hall up to 21st Century standards; we would welcome your thoughts and ideas. If you have a minute we would be delighted if you could complete our questionnaire whilst enjoying your tea or coffee and a biscuit. (see enclosure) The Prize Bingo fundraiser held on 30 March was a great success with nearly 50 people enjoying the evening. The Hall now has its own e-mail address at [lvhmancom@live.com](mailto:lvhmancom@live.com) and we can also be found at [www.lesbury-pc.org.uk](http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk) and select Village Hall. Please support this worthwhile community hub and help us guarantee its survival for the next 40 years.



**Rights of way**-All rights of way connecting the north end of Steppey Lane to Foxton and Alnmouth have been cleared. They will remain so if regularly walked rather than walking in the field or over the crop.

**Nature Notes**-Now is the time for all those little, or big, outdoor jobs to be done. Or is it? We are thrilled when our feathered friends choose to share

our home with us, but they don't knock on the door and ask where to go. In a Hipsburn garden shed a Song Thrush unexpectedly built a nest above the power tools and promptly laid four eggs giving the owner a good excuse to postpone that 'very urgent' job. Similarly, a pair of House Sparrows has decided to build their nest in the wall on a nearby construction site where there are also signs of a newly started House Martin's nest. A dilemma! All birds' nests are protected by law. Now a call has just come in about a Rock Pipit nesting in a harbour wall with five eggs laid, resulting in major re-scheduling of essential repair work. It seems that squatters' rights can prevail after all.



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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 to attend. A full list of Parish Councillors can be found at [www.lesbury-pc.org.uk](http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk)