



KYLOE PARISH NEWS

March 2017

THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING will take place on **Tuesday, 9th May,**
starting at 7.30 pm and will consider the Chairman's Report & Annual
Statement of Accounts as well as electing officers for the coming year. It will be
followed by a regular quarterly meeting of the Council.

Members of the public are welcome at this, and any other, meeting of the
Council, but if you want to address the Council, it would be helpful if you could
let our Clerk, Sheila Henderson, know beforehand.

**Please note that following the sale of Fenwick Village Hall these meetings
will be held in Lowick Village Hall**

Fenwick Village Hall: the sale of the Hall has now been
completed. The buyers are the Potter family who currently
run 'Grannys' coffee shop in Alnwick. They have lodged an
application to develop the Hall for self-catering
accommodation, and include a tea room and shop in their
plans. This is very welcome and we wish them well with their new project which
should be of benefit to both visitors and locals alike.



The Hall Trustees have been recommended to place the net proceeds of the sale
in a named fund overseen by the Community Foundation. This fund would be
for the benefit of the residents of Fenwick, and Kyloe Parish, which was a pre-
requisite of the original transfer of the Hall to the community in 1931.

The Community Foundation administer numerous local funds in Tyne and Wear
and Northumberland. The Trustees heard a presentation from one of their
senior advisors and believe that this was the best way to proceed, especially
since, at the moment, the Fund would receive an extra £1 for every £2 it invests
through a recent legacy to the Community Foundation. The income from the
Fund will be available annually to make small grants to assist people or projects
in the Parish. Hopefully by the time the next Newsletter is published, the Fund
will be in place and details available. Information about the Community
Foundation at:

www.communityfoundation.org.uk

The **WAR MEMORIALS** from the Hall, which originally came from Kyloe Church, are in store, awaiting the necessary permissions for their re-siting in Lowick Church. We are hoping this will be completed before Remembrance Sunday this year, so that a re-dedication can take place. Funds for installing the memorials in their new home will come from the proceeds of the sale of the Hall.

County & Parish Elections are taking place this year. **Notice of Election** will be given on **20th March** with **Nominations** to be submitted by 4pm on **4th April**.



If you are not **registered to vote**, you have until midnight on **13th April** to do so. New **postal vote** applications have to be made by 5pm on **17th April**, and new **proxy vote** applications before 5pm on **24th April**. Contact the County Elections Office on 01670-624811 or elections@northumberland.gov.uk

Election Day is **4th May**. Please Note that following the sale of Fenwick Village Hall, electors who previously voted there, and who should have received a letter from the County informing them of this, will now vote at **Lowick Village Hall**



Following last year's consultation, the Parish Council raised a number of concerns relating to plans to upgrade the road north of Ellingham. These revolved around:

- Access for local private, commercial and agricultural users
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety; bus stop provision
- Impact of the overtaking lanes north and south of Fenwick
- The specific layout proposed for the revised junction at Fenwick

It appears that the overall timescale for implementation of the scheme may have 'slipped', but junction changes could be started next year, while creation of the overtaking lanes (including re-modelling of the Fenwick junction) may now coincide with the dualling programme further south.

After some difficulty the Parish Council has established contact with the Highways Authority team and will be actively monitoring proposals as they emerge.

The **Parish Website** should be 'live' from the end of the month, and will eventually contain details of Council meetings, consultations and procedures, although it will be a while before all the material is fully uploaded onto the site. Colin Wakeling has agreed to administer the site initially.



The website will be accessible at www.northumberlandparishes.uk/kyloe



The **Parish Council Precept** (share of the Council Tax) has been reduced for 2017-18 following the sale of the Fenwick Village Hall. However, we understand the County and Police elements of the tax are likely to increase.

Police: there have been some changes in local personnel; main contacts meantime are Sgt Neville Wharrier, based in Wooler, PC Will Munro (Seahouses) & PC Beth Spours (Berwick).



Poaching continues to be of concern. In February Police mounted an operation targeting it, and, later in the month a group, whose vehicle had bogged down in a field, was reported for poaching and motoring offences. If reporting suspicious activity, please note vehicle numbers as well as descriptions of individuals and dogs involved.

Scams: beware of telephone calls purporting to come from HM Revenue & Customs; do not respond to them in any way or press any key on your phone. Just hang up.

Doorstep sellers: do not feel pressured into buying from them. All doorstep sellers should have a Pedlar's Certificate, but this does not guarantee the quality of their goods.



Red Squirrels: during 2016 the Save our Squirrels Berwick Group removed 242 grey squirrels throughout north Northumberland. Within the various woods making up the Kyloe Red Squirrel Reserve monitoring has shown there is a good population of red squirrels, but with occasional incursions by greys.

Unfortunately the Red Squirrel Ranger operating in the area has been made redundant because of lack of funds. Ford & Etal Estates have agreed to the Berwick and Wooler Groups monitoring their woodland, meaning a large increase in volunteer commitment. Notwithstanding this, two week spring surveys will be undertaken throughout the area. These involve installing a feeder box at each location with a wildlife camera recording grey or red activity.

Further information: www.berwickredsquirrelgroup.org

The **Black Bull, Lowick** has partially re-opened with its coffee house (also serving light lunches) and bar open every day. It is anticipated that full meals and accommodation will be available from the middle of March. We wish the team there every success.



Further details: www.blackbulllowick.co.uk

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of **Grace Haigh**, of Kyloe House, on 20th February. Grace was a parish councillor for many years and also took an active interest in the running of the Health Service.

We send our sincere condolences to her husband Tony, daughter Emma, and all of the family.



North Northumberland Branch of Family History Society: meeting at Bell View Centre, Belford, on Saturday 18 March, starting at 9.45 “An Unusual Source for Family History” – members’ stories about unusual sources which have helped supply missing pieces in their family history jigsaws.

Northumberland Local Plan **The Core Strategy** is being submitted this March, and will be subject to public examination during the summer, aiming for adoption in December 2017. More information: www.northumberland.gov.uk

Frustratingly, there has been no progress so far in furthering development of a **Neighbourhood Plan** for Norham & Islandshire, largely due to staffing issues at County Hall, with the result that promised deadlines have come and gone.

Neighbourhood
planning



Grants & support for local activities may be available from a range of sources. The County Council has a ‘Grants and Funding’ section on its website. It also issues a regular e-Bulletin.

LEADER Grants may still be available for small businesses, farmers, foresters & communities for small projects that create jobs and grow the rural economy; further information from the County Council.

The **NORTHUMBERLAND COAST AONB** has access to a number of funding opportunities including through the Sustainable Development Fund.

The **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** manages a range of charitable funds, including the EDF Barmoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund which can make grants for a variety of purposes to organisations within our area. Details on websites.

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