



# WALDRIDGE CLIPPINGS



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**Summer 2014**

## **Best kept garden competition**



Although we haven't had much of a summer yet, it is now time to start thinking about the annual garden competition, the Councillors will be out on the prowl checking all the gardens in the Parish.

They will be looking for well designed, well kept and colourful gardens / yards. You will not know when they are coming, so if you would like to be in with a chance, then you will need to get ready now.

Once again we are splitting the Parish into four areas, **Waldridge Village, Waldridge Park, Poppyfields Estate and Deneside View.**

One winner from each area will receive a £25.00 voucher and the overall winner will receive an extra £25.00 and the trophy, which they will keep for a year.

*(prizes will be given out at the award evening in October)*

***Good luck to you all***

## **Family fun day**

This year's fun day will be held on **Sunday 7th September** between 1.00 pm and 4.30 pm on the Millennium Green, off Barford Drive.

It is a family afternoon put on by the Parish Council for residents of the Parish. There will be lots of activities including children's races, bouncy castles, climbing wall, tea pot ride, face painting and the very popular tombola. Refreshments will be served all afternoon. We will also have displays from the police dogs and fire brigade.

Let's hope for some lovely sunshine to make the day even more special.

Look out for the flyer through your door with more details nearer the time.





# Flower Show

The Parish are arranging their annual flower show in the Parish Rooms on Sunday 3 August. It will include showing all types of **flowers and vegetables that you have grown or home baked goods ie pies and cakes.**

The items for display are to be presented at 1.30pm and the judging at 2.30pm with some light refreshments being provided. Come along and enjoy the show.

## **Please stop this from happening!!!**

Once again the fitness equipment on the Millennium Green has been damaged by someone sawing through the plastic stoppers. They seem to be going back on a regular basis to do this damage, presumably through the night as the green is used regularly up till it is dark.

This damage leaves the equipment in a dangerous state for others to use and costs the Council money to repair. If you have any information on who is carrying out this malicious damage, please contact the police or Parish Council. Together we can stop this from happening and keep the equipment for many years for you to use safely. *Many thanks*

## KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Michael Huston (chair)	122 Warkworth Drive	07894 869432
Cllr Mrs Kathleen Foster (vice chair)	20 Fenton Close	0191 3889221
Cllr Miss Julie McDonnell	Waldridge Village	0191 3883433
Cllr Geoff Cork	47 Dunstan Close	0191 3889837
Cllr Mrs Carol Harris	Waldridge Village	0191 3893113
Cllr Melanie Howie	15 Falstone Drive	0191 3883375
Cllr Viv Bailey	11 Heathfield	07411959522
Cllr Chris Moody	6 Fleetham Close	0191 3873507
Cllr Feisal Jassat	16 Hawkill Close	0191 3883259
Cllr Ian Cooper	15 Aberwick Drive	0191 3888232

**You can also contact your Durham County Councillors**

Cllr Katherine Henig 0191 3891764 / Cllr Keith Davidson 0191 3725829

**PLEASE NOTE THE CLERK HAS MOVED HOUSE, BUT WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH ANY QUERIES YOU HAVE**

**Mrs Angela Foster, Parish Clerk**

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# competition time

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**Citizen of the Year** — do you know of any good citizens among us, over and under 18's. This is your chance to nominate a neighbour who you think deserves recognition for all their hard work, and kindness they have shown you or your community.



**Photographic** — get clicking, send us your photos of Waldrige Parish area, last year we had a lot of wonderful photos, the winning picture will be enlarged onto canvas and hung in the Parish Rooms.

Deadline for both these competitions is 30 September, the prizes will be given out at the award ceremony later in the year.

We will also be giving out the **grants** to any 'not for profit' organisation, charity or group in the Parish. If you would like to apply, contact the Clerk for an application form or check out the website.

## Police report

Regular patrols have been carried out in the area throughout the summer namely Bewick Close and the surrounding areas of Waldrige Park in relation to reports of Anti-Social Behaviour occurring in the wooded area to the rear of Bewick Close.

We have received many complaints from local residents and dog walkers of underage drinking, substance misuse, and criminal damage to trees being caused by fires. A police plan 'POP' - 'Problem Orientated Partnerships', has been set up to target individuals and groups of youths causing us problems in the area with an aim to working alongside one another we can use this plan to tackle Anti Social Behaviour and make the area a safer place to live. If anyone has any concerns or would like to contact myself regarding the area please feel free to contact me on below email or alternatively if you see something on-going call 101 to report an incident.

Chester-Le-Street Police are always welcoming new members to join our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme within the area. We currently have 0 schemes set up in Waldrige Village itself and appreciate anyone who would be interested in taking part to come forward and pass on their details to our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator [Lesley.hunter@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lesley.hunter@durham.pnn.police.uk), being a part of the scheme does not have to be a full time job in itself you can wish to take part in as much or as little as you can spare to assist us.

Finally my new name after marriage will be PCSO 7246 Cain therefore my email will change on my return to work from 10/07/2014 to [amy.cain@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:amy.cain@durham.pnn.police.uk)



## Parish rooms for hire

*These rooms can be used for local groups, organisations for young and old, charities, jumble sales or parties, at £3.00 per hour and £5.00 per hour for kitchen facilities. An ideal venue for your children to have a birthday party, with kitchen and toilet facilities available.*

# How can I discourage my neighbour's cat from fouling in my garden?

We have had a lot of complaints recently about roaming cats, unfortunately there is nothing legal that can be done like dog fouling. But here are some things for you to try to discourage cats from using your garden as their litter tray:

- Water flower beds last thing at night. Cats dislike wet soil.
- Push twig-like sticks into soil, especially near areas where new plants or seeds have been sown.
- Cover flower beds with netting or chicken wire.
- Old tea bags or broken egg shells scattered around flower beds may discourage cats.
- Orange and citrus smells, or oil of peppermint and eucalyptus can be very effective in keeping a flower bed cat free.
- Avoid the use of woodchip in large parts of your garden. Cats like the woodchip as they can scratch upon it, so it should best be avoided.
- Cats dislike walking through long grass, so leaving your grass to grow will prevent them from roaming around your garden too much

There are also a number of products available to buy which can help deter cats.

- Ultrasonic deterrents – these detect the presence of a cat and triggers a loud sudden burst of high pitched sound which deters the cat from the property. Because the alarm is ultrasonic, the noise is inaudible to humans, and so will not become a nuisance to your neighbours! Alternatively, 'water jet' repellents are available, which emit a jet of water to startle the cat and deter from it from the area.
- Scented gels/sprays – these gels and sprays can be easily applied to a variety of surfaces and terrain to deter cats through the use of a scent that they find intolerable. These products are often relatively cheap, but can be washed away by the weather over periods of time, so are considered more of a short term deterrent.

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## A word from your Neighbourhood Warden

Just to remind all dog walkers out there, please remember to pick up after your dog. Complaints have been received by residents because certain individuals are failing to pick up after their dogs This not only carries a £80 fine, but also remember that dog foul contains the virus *Toxicara* which is dangerous and can cause illness such as blindness in young children. Because of the complaints Wardens have now stepped up the dog fouling patrols in your Parish and are on the look out.

**Tom Walton**