

# Kimblesworth, Plawsworth and Nettleworth Parish News

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## WW1 VILLAGE COMMEMORATION EVENTS

*'Telling the story through local lives'*

On August 4th the country will be marking one of the most significant milestones in the life of modern Europe, namely 100 years since the start of the First World War. Nationally, a number of events and services to mark the occasion have already taken place, and what really brings the cost of the human sacrifice home, and makes it real for people of every generation, are local stories about local lives.

We are fortunate here in Kimblesworth to have already unearthed three stories that have been offered to us by Mrs Rose Hails and Sue Kirton-Darling and the village will have the opportunity to hear about the impact of the war on the lives of John Robson, Robert Hails (who lived at 81 Cross Row Nettleworth) and William Coulson at a special village service to be held on

### SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST AT 10.45am

The service will last for an hour and will be a mixture of stories, songs (including Nettleworth school choir, and The Military Wives hit single 'Wherever You Are') hymns, and prayers. This will be followed by a free lunch served in the church hall.

There is still time for other stories and 1st World War memorabilia to be added to the service, so if you have something to offer please contact me on 0794 774 1517 – deadline Fri 25th July.

In addition to this, the church have been working with the school on their First World War project and they are inviting everyone to a coffee morning at school on Thursday 17th July where people can see the children's work.

The memorial to all those from the village who died in WW1 is to be found on the stage of Nettleworth Community Centre and people can view it during the centre's opening hours.

On **Saturday 2nd Aug at 7.00pm** at the Community Centre (the Memorial Hall), there is to be an evening of **1st World War entertainment** led by a professional act. Tickets are £5 and include a pie and pea supper and quiz. All proceeds will be split between Help for Heroes and DLI's 'Care for Casualties'

On the afternoon of **Sunday 3rd Aug at 2.00pm** there will be an afternoon of children's activities and a tea party at the Community Centre (Memorial Hall)

Rev. Caroline Dick



## Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association

The Nettleworth Community Centre is a multi-functional space equipped with a kitchen, canteen area, and rooms of various sizes, which can be used for many different kinds of activity. Currently, rooms are used for clog dancing (Monday nights); Carpet Bowls (Monday and Thursday nights); Table tennis (Tuesday nights); Cake Decorating (Tuesday and Thursday nights); Slimming World (Wednesday nights); Dog Training (Wednesday nights); Bingo (Wednesday nights), the Youthie (Friday nights); football club (Sunday mornings).

If you would like to hire a room for a regular activity or for a one-off event (e.g. a party), contact the Secretary, Margaret Mallows at: [binglui@btinternet.com](mailto:binglui@btinternet.com)

## Your local Community Café!!

A new community café is opening in the Nettleworth Community Centre in early September this year. This will run, in the first instance, on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.45am to 2.00pm and will serve simple but high-quality food (paninis, sandwiches, soup, cakes, hot and cold drinks etc.), at an affordable price for all. Look out for further notice on this exciting development.

In this connection, a part-time chef/manager is sought, to manage the café (pay: £7.65 per hour). Food-preparation and cooking skills essential, with Food Hygiene Certificate Level 2 (training available). Applications (letter and CV with names of two referees) or expressions of interest to Donna Bruce on [dbruce@live.co.uk](mailto:dbruce@live.co.uk). Closing date: 5th August 2014.

We are also looking for volunteers to undertake short shifts, working alongside the manager; training in food-handling to Certificate level will be provided.

## Mencap Summer Holiday scheme:

at Sacriston for 6 weeks during the summer. This is disability focused, but open to all children and young people (up to age 19); every day, morning till mid-afternoon. **Contact Amy on 07847029615 or [amy@wearmencap.org.uk](mailto:amy@wearmencap.org.uk)**

## Nettlesworth Primary School

Nettlesworth Primary School is only the fourth in County Durham to achieve the prestigious NACE Challenge Award for More Able, Gifted and Talented Pupils. This Award is given for high quality work by the whole school, teachers and governors, in challenging all pupils, including those with high abilities, to achieve their best.



NACE Chief Executive Rowena Gaston said: "Nettlesworth Primary School has worked hard to win the NACE Challenge Award status. All pupils are challenged to be the best they can be. The more able and talented children are challenged and this helps the other learners to see what can be achieved."

Assessors, who spent a day in the school, were impressed by strong leadership which keeps the needs of more able learners at the forefront of the school's work, and the support provided by the Governors. Assessors judged the quality of the school's work by observing lessons, interviewing the pupils, teachers, parents and governors, and looking at the pupils' work.

We are all very proud of the work that the staff and pupils do in our small school and the support that we receive from parents, Governors and the local community.

On Monday 7th July, Class 3, which is made up of Year 4/5 children, pretended to be a team of archaeologists and reconstructed a viking burial mound dig. The lesson was based on a real archaeological dig by Gerhard Bersu in 1946. Julie Milne and other members of staff from KeepMoat Housing came to help the children reconstruct this dig by telling them they had discovered a burial mound on our school field whilst they were working on houses near the school. The children were really excited discovering objects from the past and want to share their news.



## Five-a-Side Football:

- Chester le Street Neighbourhood Policing Teams have
- set up a Five-a-Side football tournament designed to
- encourage local youths to work and play together as
- well as engage with the local Policing Teams. We have
- started free of charge coaching sessions with Evolution
- Football Coaching to develop the children's ball skills
- which takes place on a Wednesday evening. There are
- still a few spaces available for the 9-12 year olds.
- If anyone is interested, please contact PCSO Hanna
- Liddle through the Chester le Street Neighbourhood
- Policing Team Facebook page, by ringing 101 or
- through your local Community Centre. Spaces are
- running out and it is on a first come first served basis.
- For those who are unable to attend the coaching
- sessions, you are still able to join the tournament,
- so please get in touch. We are hoping for funding
- off Cestria Housing to pay for strips, transport and
- equipment which is to be voted for by Cestria Tenants!
- Age ranges are 9-12 year old and 13-16 year old. All
- welcome!



Durham Constabulary hold a Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting once a month. This is attended by a representative from your Neighbourhood Policing Team and usually involves Councillors, Council representatives and a representative from Cestria Community Housing. They discuss issues specific to your area and individual neighbourhood priorities will be discussed. The current PACT Priority is Street drinking, urinating in public and related Anti-Social Behaviour. Nettlesworth, Kimblesworth and Plawsworth's PACT Meeting is the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Nettlesworth Community Centre. Everyone is welcome.

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