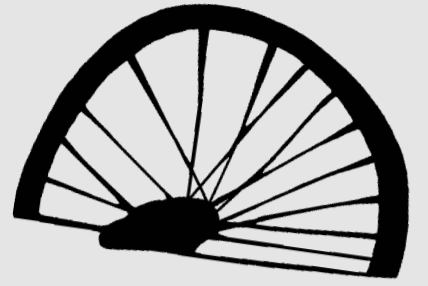




# Bowburn Interchange



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## Bowburn & Park Hill celebrate

**YOUNG and old Bowburn residents have joined forces to enjoy memories of the end of World War II.**

In October, they went to Eden Camp, in North Yorkshire, thanks to the Lottery-funded Home Front Recall programme. And in November they enjoyed a "Street Party" in Bowburn Community Centre.

Eden camp is a former prisoner of war camp, now a museum dedicated to the memory of the two world wars. Each hut is themed on different aspects of the life and times of the war years.

The Community Centre party included a meal for 200 people, games from yesteryear and boogie woogie dancing in the evening.

Thanks go to Carol Brown (Durham City Council) and Jan Blackburn and many others from the Bowburn & Parkhill Partnership, for all their effort to make both days such a success.



## First grants approved

**T**HE Bowburn and Parkhill Community Partnership has announced the first successful applicants to the Community Chest.

Bowburn Senior Citizens Club are to receive £347.49.

Lawson Road Centre Senior Citizens: £235.86.

Bowburn Methodist Chapel Kids Club and Drop In Group: £3,893.45.

Bowburn Crowsfoot Football Club: £1,131.84.

Bowburn Boys/Girls Football Club: £1,185.00.

The Community Chest is for one-off grants for goods or items which will be of ongoing benefit to the group and not for running costs. Any group in Bowburn, Parkhill, Tursdale and Old Quarrington can apply. Application forms, with the criteria, can be obtained from Mrs. J. Blackburn, 10, Grange Park Crescent, Bowburn or at any Partnership meeting.

These are held in Bowburn Community Centre on the third Tuesday of the month, at 6.30pm and all are welcome to attend.

The Community Chest has a limited amount of £100,000 and once spent will not be replenished. Good luck to all of those applying and well done to all those who have been successful.

*BVC wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Centenary Year to all our readers*



## Big Band Night

**T**HE Bush Big Band will play Glen Miller style dance music at Bowburn Community Centre on Friday 16th December.

This event is the last in the very successful Home Front Recall celebration of 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II, funded by the National Lottery.

Free tickets, which include free buffet and free raffle, are available from members of the Community Partnership or by phoning (0191) 377-0653.

Admission tickets have the raffle numbers on the back and could win you a Christmas hamper, a bottle of festive cheer or chocolates – all donated by Partnership members.

The dance starts at 7.30pm and a licensed bar will be open till 11.00pm.

## What the children said about Eden Camp and the Street Party...

I am writing to share my thanks for the exciting and wonderful activities, such as the Eden Camp visit and the World War two street party, commemorating the ending of World War two...

At Eden Camp I particularly enjoyed the food... I also enjoyed the puppet show in the music hall. My favourite bit was when we all got soaking wet because the man kept on spraying us with water from a detergent bottle.

My favourite memory about the street party was the food and the games and the moment we all got told that we had to get dressed up as Evacuees. My face fell, my mouth dropped, I was astonished! Even though we had to get dressed up, when the day came round, I wasn't embarrassed...

Jordan Ambler

*Earlier this term, year 6 went to Eden Camp, a WWII museum...*

*The bus trip was long, however we had immense fun, singing and talking. I learned some interesting facts as well.*



*When we arrived, we explored some of the different huts that were themed uniquely (they even smelled authentic!) Later we had lunch, which was very nice. We looked at more huts, one set up like the blackout...*

Emma Sanderson



The food at Eden Camp was absolutely delectable, you could choose from chicken, fish or stew. We also had a choice of dessert: chocolate fudge cake, ice-cream or doughnuts. There was also a puppet show which was REALLY

funny, I cannot believe they were fighting, they could have been watching this hilarious stuff!

At Eden Camp there were various huts, about various subjects. My favourite hut was the U-boat because it was scary because of the exhibits within the hut. The blitz hut was also very scary because of the darkness, the only thing separating it from total darkness was the little blue lights showing you were the paths are...

Craig Cookson

*My favourite memories of the street party are when we were playing the games. One of the games in particular I liked it was olden days skipping. The other thing I liked was the little treats, I tried the toffee. The toffee was nice but chewy.*

*Later on in the day we were having lunch and singing. The lunch was lovely; I would like to have it again. I met a few women*



*at the table. I was trying to be generous to represent our school well. I think I did. It was fun talking to them, they were telling some great stories. I liked them a lot...*

Dylan Dowd

*Earlier this term, year 6 went on a school trip to Eden Camp, it was a place that had different huts telling us different things about the*

*WWII. It was a very interesting place to go.*

*...I heard some very interesting stories from the adults about their experiences in WWII. It must have been awful being around when there were people fighting and setting bombs off.*

*...We went to watch the puppet show. There we all got soaked because every time they told us to do something and we did it wrong, they sprayed us with water...*



**Bowburn visitors to Eden Camp** (Other photos show "Street Party" scenes on 18th November.) Thanks to John Gray and Paul Dawe and others for photos.

# Community safety walkabout

POLICE and other agencies had a hard look at problem areas in Bowburn on 16th November. Police and Council officers joined community leaders in a high profile walk round trouble spots in the village, following a Parish Council meeting focused on residents' concerns in September.

The effect of measures taken after earlier initiatives were reviewed and further actions discussed.

Insp. Dick Dodds said he was hopeful the Bowburn



waiting for some one to come in", he explained.

He has also met Roberta Blackman-Woods, Durham City's MP, and the agent for the owners of the Co-op building, in efforts to tidy up that building and surrounding area.

Tim Mathews, for the owners, said they were trying hard to let the flats and the empty shop unit.



Police Office would re-open soon – though it is never likely to be open at all times. "I think most people would rather officers were out and about in the village than stuck behind a desk,



## More bungalows to go

DURHAM City Council has decided, in principle, to demolish the 14 one-bedroomed bungalows on the north side of Horton Crescent, as well as those on the south.

The space created, and the grassed area behind it, will be handed to Durham Village Regeneration Co., to link with the land it is to develop

between Prince Charles Avenue and Horton Crescent.

Details of that development have still not been revealed. However it is known that it will include houses and bungalows for rent (by Three Rivers Housing Group), as well as houses for sale (by Haslam Homes).

All tenants of the affected properties have now been approached. Assurances have also been given that the Council has no intention at the moment to consider compulsory purchase of any privately owned houses.

## Business Park

THE application by Durham Green, for outline planning permission to build a prestige business park west of Edna Street and Durham Road West, has been withdrawn, after difficulties involving the proposed highway connection to the Tursdale road could not be resolved.



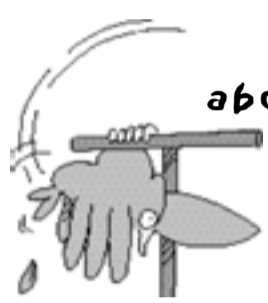
Two youths have been charged with arson, following the fire near Wylam Street on 26th Sept.

### Perch pronouncements No. 27

I think Bowburn should play its part in promoting international understanding.



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# Parish Council News

by Peter Thorpe, Parish Clerk, Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council

## BMX Cycle Track at Parkhill

Installation work on the Parish Council's new BMX Cycle Track at Parkhill is now complete and is proving very popular with younger residents.

Users of the track are urged to wear safety headgear and protective elbow pads and knee pads at all times.

## Hanging Flower Baskets for Bowburn 2006

Permission to use a number of street lighting columns for hanging flower baskets during Bowburn's Centenary Year has now been assured by Durham County Council.

## Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council has agreed to make Section 137 grants to the following community groups and

- schools:
- Bede Terrace Centre,
  - Bowburn Bowling Club,
  - Bowburn Boys Football Club,
  - Bowburn Girls Football Club,
  - Bowburn Community Association,
  - Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership,
  - Bowburn Junior School,
  - Keumgang Taekwondo,
  - Bowburn Senior Citizens' Club,
  - Bowburn Toddlers' Group,
  - Bowburn Local History Society,
  - Bowburn Village Celebration,
  - Cassop Community Centre,
  - Cassop Kickers' Line Dance Club,
  - Cassop History Society,
  - Cassop Primary School,
  - Bowburn Library (for Easter Card Competition) and
  - Park Hill Residents' Association

## Doorstep Green

## Mosaic

I have been asked by

Michele MacCallam, of Groundwork East Durham, to draw the attention of residents and visitors to the newly installed mosaics at the Doorstep Green.

The mosaic was especially commissioned from local ceramic designers after working with local schoolchildren to produce design ideas.

The Countryside Agency will assist in meeting the costs of the mosaics and the relaid footpath on the Scheme.

Please go and have a look at the mosaics, everyone!

Arrangements are in hand to alter the signposts on the Doorstep Green to limit bicycle use to those children aged five years or less, who must use the footpath only.

Please: no cycling on the grass or through the shrubbery.

# Minibus not being used by Bowburn

NOT many bookings have been received from Bowburn for the Central Durham Community Transport minibus – perhaps because they don't know about it!

The 16-seater vehicle is driven by volunteers and is for community groups and not-for-profit groups only, in the areas that are eligible. These include Bowburn and the rest of Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish.

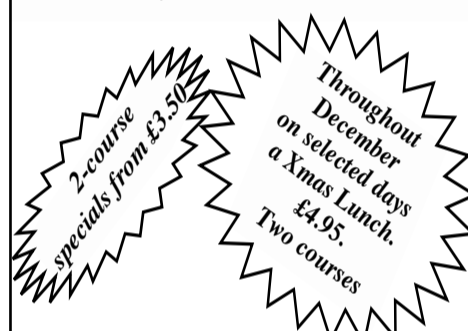


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## Bowlers do Grand Slam

**C**ROWTREES Carpet Bowls Club swept the board in the Durham & District League's 2004/05 season.

They won the Winter League (for the tenth time since 1990), the Summer League (also for the tenth time), the Team Knock Out (sixth time) and the Keith Turnbull Memorial Cup (fourth time).

This is the third time the Club team have done the Grand Slam, though the two earlier times, in 1992 and 1997, were before Keith's memorial cup was

introduced. Indeed, The Club team had previously won repeatedly in the 1970s and '80s. "That's why they all hate us", said one member!

This season's players are Ray Brimlow, George Broom, Ken Fort, Terry Hadfield, John Kitson, Tommy Mason, Jim Robinson, Alan Simpson, Dave Taylor and Joan Taylor.

## Website sponsor needed

www.Bowburn.net is looking for a new sponsor. The cost is about £50-60 a year.

## Tai Chi classes

**T**AI Chi is a gentle, yet powerful, ancient Chinese exercise, suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

If you're interested in Tai Chi classes at the Community Centre, call (0191) 388-0517.

## Youth Project news

**T**HE Bowburn Youth Project now has sessions on three evenings a week, while Joanne Eden is joining Jon Niblo to do detached youth work in the village on Thursdays.

The Monday session is open to all youth club members; the Tuesday session is for weightlifters, and Wednesday night is project night.



Crowtrees Ladies Darts Team came top in Div. II of the Coxhoe & District Summer League 2005.

## Is that caller genuine?

**T**HIS has been the season of "Trick or Treat", "Penny for the Guy" and now carol singers.

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## Banner Group News

**B**OTH Fishburn Band (on 30th September) and Judith Murphy, folk singer (25th November), delighted their audiences, in the latest events in the Banner Group's celebratory programme.

Both were funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and many others are planned for 2006.

Meanwhile, conservators Jim Devenport, Norma Johnson and Caroline Rendell are hard at work on the "Racecourse" banner. Also postgraduate student Sarah Maisey has made Bowburn's unique "Edith Cavell" banner the subject of her project at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle.

John Midgley, of Chippenham Designs, who are making the new Bowburn banner in time for the 2006 Big Meeting, spent a day at Bowburn Junior School in October. He enthralled Year 5 children and collected ideas for the new banner's design. Work will start on it soon in John's Norfolk studios.

So great was the children's enthusiasm that Community Chest funding is now being sought to create a second

new banner - this time for the children themselves.

It is hoped that Bearpark Artists Co-operative will help them design a scaled-down miners' lodge style banner, which they can march into Durham on 8th July, along with the full-sized one.

Meanwhile the first of the banner cases is now nearly complete. Constructed by Jackie Johnson, to a truly original and imaginative design of his own, these will be erected in Bowburn Community Centre in the New Year.

### Urgent appeal

Do you know what colours the Bowburn Miners' Lodge banner was in the 1950s? Have you got a colour photograph, even? The new banner design will include a picture of this, and the other Lodge banners. But the Banner Group only has black and white pictures of it.

If you can help, please phone Mike Syer on 377-1491 or 0775-344-1033.

## Surgery News

**W**ENDY'S Bereavement Club is on at the Surgery on Thursday 15th December, at 2.00pm. So if you're missing your loved ones, especially at this time of year, why not come along? Thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle for this club or bought tickets.

Practice Nurse Maureen Richardson reminds all patients not to forget their flu jabs. Also everyone aged 65 and over is invited to contact the Surgery if they want a pneumonia jab.

The Surgery's normal phone number (377-

2495) will apply for out of hours service over the festive season. Surgery will be closed on Sat 24th Dec. and reopen on Wed 28th Dec.

Doctor Anton Pollard and all staff wish to extend the Season's Greetings to one and all.

## Where should youth shelter go?

**Y**OUNG people have told detached youth worker, John Niblo, that they'd like a high quality youth shelter, where they can "hang out" safely, without interfering with the quality of life of other residents.

If you've got a good idea about where it should go, call Jon on 386-8564.

Durham League Third Division (end-Nov.) (thanks to Gary Hutchinson)								
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Board Inn, Birtley	11	9	0	2	38	16	27
2	Cooperage, Bowburn	9	7	0	2	37	17	21
3	Chilton Lodge, Houghton	11	7	0	4	37	27	21
4	Coach and Eight, Durham	9	6	2	1	39	24	20
5	Burnside WMC	6	6	0	0	34	7	18
6	Stonebridge, Durham	11	6	0	5	39	27	18
7	Jovial Monk, Newton Hall	8	5	1	2	41	20	16
8	Honest Boy, Washington	11	5	0	6	38	43	15
9	Black Lion, Sedgfield	8	4	1	3	37	23	13
10	Crowtrees WMC, Bowburn	10	4	1	5	23	27	13
11	Greyhound, West Rainton	11	3	2	6	28	47	11
12	White Tun, Witton Gilbert	8	1	1	6	21	50	4
13	Lumley Snooker Hall	10	0	0	10	13	43	0
14	Bearpark WMC	10	0	0	11	13	67	0

## Bowburn Masterplan sets priorities

**O**RGANISERS of the Regeneration Project Consultation Event on 29th September were pleased when over 100 people attended.

Fiona Brettwood, the community architect employed by the Durham Villages Regeneration Co. to produce a Masterplan for the village, presented summaries of her report.

Questionnaires were filled in by about 15% of those who came.

Fiona's analysis of their replies showed their top priorities to be:

**Environment:** Improve Street lights; Tidy main roads plus create a linear park.

**Traffic:** Potential for western by-pass; Improve traffic flow on A177.

**Recreation:** Improve and upgrade the facilities in (1) the Recreation Ground and (2) the Community Centre.

**Heart of Village:** Attract new shops; Explore community use of empty part of Co-op building.

**Jobs:** Display information in Community Centre and Library; Improve

transport to work.

**Housing:** Provide off-street parking; Integrate new houses into village layout.

**Heritage:** Create a "Heritage Centre"; Identify route for heritage walk.

**Community:** Provide Youth Shelter; Equip clubs and groups plus create play area in Parkhill.

Fiona's next task is to approach agencies, such as the County Council, to find out how these village priorities fit in their existing works programmes and to get costings.

A further report will then be produced, listing short, medium and long-term objectives for the regeneration of the village.

## Tache goes after 30 years



**P**AUL Dawe had his moustache removed at the Home Front Recall "Street Party" on 18th November, raising £120 for Children in Need.

Carol Brown, with "Nurse" Maureen Robinson in close attendance, did the dastardly deed.

## Church services

**C**HURCH services in Bowburn for Christmas period will all be at the Methodist Church.

Sun. 18th Dec. - Kids' Club Service with Carols - 10.45am (Methodist)

Thurs. 22nd Dec. - Carol Service at 7.00 pm (CQB)

Sat. 24th Dec. - Christingle (children's candle-lit service) at 4.00 pm, followed by Midnight Mass doors open at 11.45 pm (CQB)

Sun. 25th Dec. - Sung Eucharist at 9.15 am (CQB)

Sun. 25th Dec. - Christmas Day (Family Service) at 10.45am (Methodist)

Sun. 8th Jan. at 9.15 am (CQB) is Fr. James' last service here before retiring.

*It is with sadness we say goodbye to Fr. James and Catherine as they leave us to start their new life in*

*Sunderland.*

*We wish them happiness and good health and thank them for all the hard work they have done in the parish over the last fifteen years. Good luck to you both. Your friends and parishioners will miss you.*

