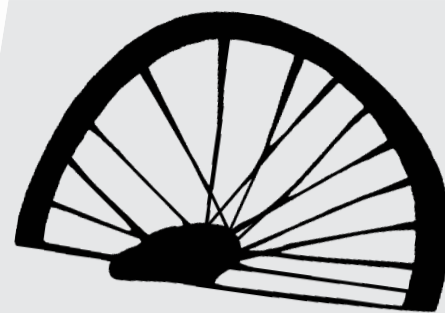




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Bowburn Interchange



May 1999

Fun Day Special

BOWBURN's 5th Annual Rain Dance will be held on Saturday 5th June. Will it work again this year?! *Yes, it's Fun Day time!*

Guest attractions start at Park Hill at 11.15am, when Esh & Bearpark Brass Band will lead the festivities. They will be followed by the Coxhoe Rising Stars Junior Jazz Band, and then by Fun Drum Bus.

The main parade through Bowburn will start at Bowburn Filling Station (the Esso Garage) at 12.00 noon and wind its way

through to the Post Office and up Durham Road to Bowburn Infant School.

It was agreed with the Police last year not to take the parade along the dangerous road past Grange Park Crescent, so the parade will disband at the Infants' and those taking part will make their own way up to the field behind Bowburn Junior School. (See map on page 3.)

5-a-side football starts at 9.00am but timed attractions on the field start at 1.00pm. A full programme is shown on the inside pages.

Competitions to enter

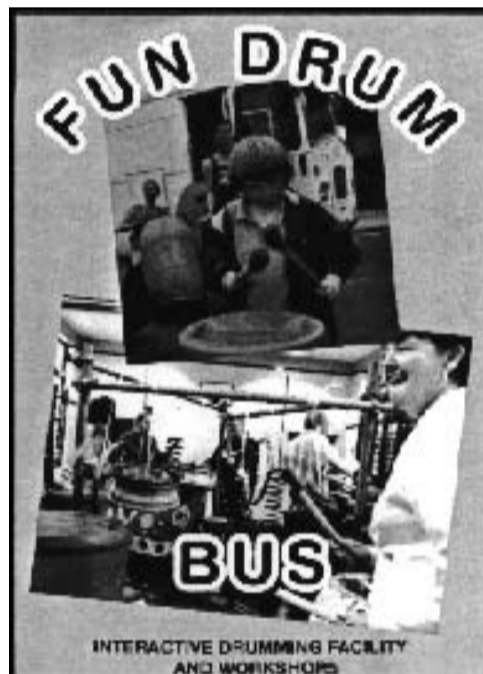
There are various competitions to enter, including fancy dress, five-a-side football and tug-o'-war, depending on your age.

Children at the Infant and Junior Schools are also producing imaginative craft and artwork and producing work in their best handwriting for display on the Fun Day.

Children's fun sports and/or races will also be arranged on the Day... if weather permits!

Loads of attractions

- Attractions this year include:
- Dog obedience display by Durham HM Prison dog handlers
 - Fun Drum Bus
 - Magic Show
 - Punch & Judy Show
 - Esh & Bearpark Brass Band
 - Rising Stars Junior Jazz Band
 - Alfred (Balloon Man) Hill
 - Model Vehicles
 - Stalls
 - Rowing Machine
 - Face Painting
 - Animal corner
 - Tug-o'-war
 - Fancy Dress Competition
 - Shows and rides
 - 5-a-side football
 - Refreshments
 - Bingo
- and other attractions. (See page 3.)



Fun Drum Bus will be appearing at this year's Fun Day thanks to a grant from Durham City Arts.

Celebrate with the rest of Bowburn! Be there!

Surprise Guests?

WATCH out for surprise guest appearances at this year's Fun Day. Will there be a ?

Or a ? Or even a ? If you don't come along, you may never know!

Five-a-side gets organised

Top referee to officiate on Fun Day by Jeff Lynch

FOR the first time, we are trying to pre-organise the times of 5-a-side matches on Bowburn Fun Day, so friends and relations have the opportunity to watch.

Five-a-Side Seniors Knockout Fun Day - Saturday 5th June		
9.00am	QUARTER-FINAL A	
	Halgarth Heroes (manager: Lee Jennings)	vs. Hell's Devils (manager: Helen Kane)
9.15am	QUARTER-FINAL B	
	The Boyos (manager: Philip Milburn)	vs. Quality Crew (manager: Ray Pirt)
9.30am	QUARTER-FINAL C	
	Park Hill Boys (manager: Michael Dobinson)	vs. Car Park Crew (manager: Robert Armstrong)
9.45am	QUARTER-FINAL D	
	Bowburn Bombers (manager: Alex Southam)	vs. Parlsite (manager: Stuart Burnip)
	SEMI-FINALS	
2.00pm	Winners of A	vs. Winners of D
2.20pm	Winners of B	vs. Winners of C
3.00pm	FINAL	
<i>Quarter-finals: 7 minutes each way. Semi-finals and Final: 10 minutes each way. Drawn matches will be decided by 5 penalties, except the Final, where 5 minutes' sudden death will be played, followed by penalties.</i>		

The Seniors' programme will be as shown in the table. Any Junior not already entered in the 5-a-side may not be too late. Please call at 21, Lansdowne Crescent for a form.

The Juniors Quarter and Semi-Finals will be played in the morning, starting at 10.00am. Their Final will be played at 2.40pm.

Nationwide League referee, local lad Geoff Ward will referee the afternoon's Semi-Finals and Finals.

Medals and trophies will be awarded as usual plus a brand new trophy kindly donated by David Wordsfold.

Footnote: Craig Lynch has been invited to join the Sunderland Football Academy for second season. He is 7 years old.

Sports courts in Bowburn Park

FIVE-A-SIDE could be a regular feature this summer in Bowburn Park. And what's more basketball posts may soon be erected.

These are the latest moves to find a popular use for the former tennis courts. The electric cars weren't successful - not least because of drainage problems. Recent (uncompleted!) works have removed the cars' rink and helped keep surface water out of gardens in Montaigne Drive. This lowest "tennis court" area will be kept as a soak-away area. But that leaves four more courts, including three on the same level at the top.

It is hoped that these three will be prepared for five-a-side and basketball this summer - keeping up the 5-a-side momentum set away by Jeff Lynch, Kevin Stephenson and John Kane at next week's Fun Day. And next year the courts could be marked out for other sports too... like tennis!

Fun Day Fund-raisers

CONGRATULATIONS and thanks to the fund-raisers who have made the Family Fun Day possible.

Their latest effort was a coffee morning in Durham Town Hall on 15th May, where just over £200 was raised. Thanks go particularly to Eileen Hennessey and Nikki Wallace, of the Ladies Oak Glades, who produced large amounts of the goods for the cake stall and ran it on the day, to Playgroup chairman Carrie

Whitfield and Sue Teasdale, who organised the tombola, and to Alison Granaghan who helped on the day though she should have taken her injured toe to Dryburn for treatment.

Other helpers on the day included Jackie Mayne, Tracey Hennessey, Marie, Howard Armstrong and Colin McCormick.

Another Lottery win

BOWBURN scored another "win" this month when the Community Computer Project learned it had been awarded £5,000 by the National Lottery Charities Board.

This is the third award so far received in Bowburn. The first was granted to the DJ Evans Youth Club, to help install central heating last year.

And the second went to

a consortium consisting of Bowburn Village Celebration, Bowburn Community Association and the Youth Club, to clear up the "grot

spot" behind the community centre and lay the new footpath that is now (at last!) nearing completion.

More news of the computer project appears on page 2.

Down Memory Lane



How many of these people can you name? The photograph, taken at the old Miners' Welfare on New Year's Eve 1938 was kindly lent by Mrs. Mary Egglestone.

The War Memorial

by John Davison

AS I AM SURE you know by now Bowburn has both a War Memorial and a Book of Remembrance. As someone who has a keen interest in the First World War I was keen to look at the records of the soldiers who had died in WWI but I found that, at the moment, the only thing that exists is the plaque in the Community Centre.

There are no detailed records of the men who gave their lives during the 1914-1918 conflicts. I thought therefore, that if we could trace these men we can add them to the Book of Remembrance.

As usual, however, it has not proved to be an easy task and through the newspaper I am appealing to you for help. If you have any knowledge of the men, or records etc. of them could we please borrow them.

Of course, your documents or photographs will be quickly returned to you and we promise to guard them with our lives!! At the moment there are 35 men commemorated on the

MEN ON MEMORIAL (info obtained)	MEN ON MEMORIAL (no info)	MISSING MEN
THOMAS ALLISON	JAMES BARKER	EDWARD COOPER
ROBERT BELL	JOHN GILLIGAN	HORACE DAVIES
HAROLD BLACKBURN	JOHN T. GRIFFITHS	WILLIAM FOSTER
RICHARD BLENKINSOP	WILLIAM HALL	JOHN HUNTER
WILLIAM BLENKINSOP	JOHN L. JOHNSON	GEORGE WOOD
THOMAS BRUNSKILL	THOMAS MITCHELL	WALT SALISBURY
CHRISTOPHER CARLING	HENRY MOORE	
WILLIAM HARRINGTON	ROBERT MORLAND	
DAVID KELLIE	THOMAS EUEEN NESHAM	
GEORGE LATUE	ANDREW PEARSON	
ROBERT LAWSON	ERNEST ROBINSON	
JAMES LINDSAY	JOHN WALSH (OR WELSH?)	
MICHAEL LOWERY	CHRISTOPHER WAUGH	
JAMES MCKEOWN	JAMES WOOD	
JOSEPH MORLEY		
JOHN GEORGE PURVES		
THOMAS RAMSHAW		
ALBERT JOHN SCOTT		
JESSE SMITH		
WILLIAM SNOOK		
JOSEPH PYKE WAKES		

plaque in the Community Centre but 14 of them I can find nothing about at this moment. I have information from various sources on the other 21 and would be happy to share that with anyone, if say, you are a relative. I have information on another 6 men at the moment that

are definitely from Bowburn but are not included on the plaque, and I would like to put this record straight as they were all brave men and deserve to be remembered.

Please get in touch with me, John Davison on 3770295 or pass information on to Mike Syer who will forward it to me.

For some of these men I have photographs of their graves and would be pleased to pass on to relatives details of where they are buried.

PLEASE HELP US TO COMPLETE THIS TASK AS I AM SURE EVERYONE WILL AGREE THAT THEY DESERVE THE RECOGNITION.

Local company supports computing project

by Howard A. Armstrong

PC HENDERSON, the largest employer in Bowburn, has offered to provide software for our computers. This offer follows a successful application to the National Lotteries Charities Board and the donation of computers by Northern Electric.

Following a few hitches the computing room in the Community Centre is now almost ready. It is hoped that the next set of computing courses will be running on our own machines.

We still need a printer and have a few minor refurbishment jobs to do and with our lottery grant we are hoping to buy a few higher specification machines, laser printer and network cabling. There is also the matter of the grand opening to organise.

East Durham and Houghall Community College, Durham

Johnston School, the Arabic School and Durham Online have all expressed interest in the facility to provide courses and support other activities.



Bowburn Community Computing Project was established to provide access

to computing for local residents, following strong interest shown in Bowburn's village appraisal. Computer courses provided by East Durham and Houghall Community College have now clearly proved that demand for training in the community.

The first students from the computing classes have now graduated and new courses are due to start in June. We are clearly on the way to achieving our aim.

The project now needs members to support its activities. Membership subscription will cost the grand sum of 50p plus a passport photograph. For this you are able to use the computers for word processing, spreadsheets and laser printing (at 5p per sheet) and other computer applications.

At present we do not have access to the World Wide Web, but are currently evaluating the costs of getting online. You can collect a membership form from the Community Centre office mornings and evenings.

If you are interested in helping with the activities of Bowburn Community Computing Project or would like to join a computing course drop a note into the Community Centre and someone will get back to you.

Respected councillor retires

COLIN McCormick has retired through ill-health from Durham City Council, after representing Bowburn and the rest of Cassop-cum-Quarrington for 26 years.

A much respected figure in the Town Hall, Colin chaired the City's important Housing Services Committee for many of those years and served on all its major committees.

As a ward councillor, he is renowned for his Sunday morning "walkabout" - a weekly mobile councillor's surgery - which he kept up for a quarter of a century.

Colin's place on Durham City Council has been taken by Maggie Robinson, who chairs the Parish Council.



Bowburn's three District Councillors are now:

George Marsden, 31, Luke Ave, Cassop (tel.: 01429-820017)

Maggie Robinson, 93, Park Ave, Park Hill (377-2222) and

Mike Syer, 8, Clarence St, Bowburn (377-1491)

Alien Chronicles

by Steve Johnson

"ALIEN Chronicles" is the title of my book now being published by Minerva Press of London.

Three years ago I took upon myself to attempt to write a book "theme Sci-Fi". This subject has fascinated me most of my life and still does, I am now pleased to announce that my first attempt has been successful, and has been accepted for publication.

My book consists of fifty pages, each page I wrote in narrative poetry form, then I printed on a A4 sky background paper, I also created four alien beings and included the illustrations in the text of the book, but the editorial department is removing them from the text, as a top artist will create a front cover design using my illustrations.

If everything is satisfactory to me on the final draft copy it will go into print, and the publisher will deliver a copy of the book to the British Library, Oxford

and Cambridge Libraries, then on to the Congress of the United States of America. This in itself is a real dream.

I based each poem on several levels: amusing, to provoke the reader into speculation, and serves to make us aware of the downfalls of the human race. As the author, I see my poetry as a big picture, which includes God and the rest of the universe. I researched my ideas from films, documentaries, and around a hundred books then added a talent that I believe everyone has: "Imagination".

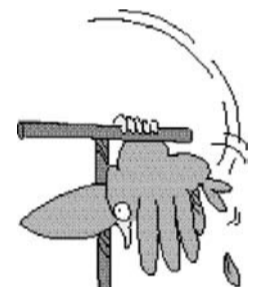
Finally I owe a huge Thank You to my mother and Ann who supported me through this project.

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at Bowburn Junior School

- 1.00pm Coxhoe Rising Stars Juvenile Jazz Band
- 1.15pm Fancy Dress Competition
- 1.30pm Junior School Fun Sports
- 1.30pm Esh & Bearpark Brass Band
- 1.45pm Punch & Judy Show
- 2.00pm Five-a-Side Finals, refereed by Geoff Ward
- 2.30pm Magic Show
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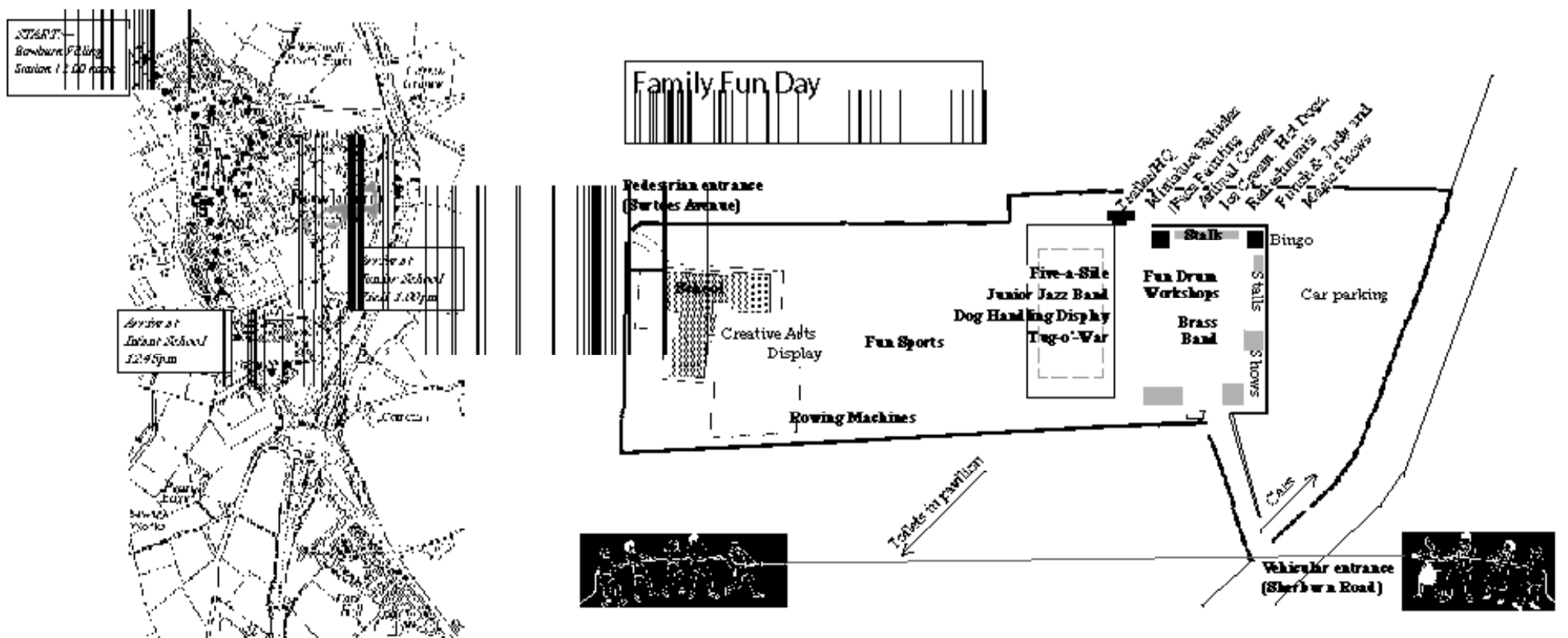
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Club darts...

Gilmore Victorious in Epic Battle

JOHN GILMORE won the Windsmoor Group sponsored men's singles championship. Held within the Club, the competition started in October and the climax was a thrilling 6-5 victory in a match worthy of the Final.

John won the toss but lost the opening leg to his opponent, Barry Dunbar Jr. But a good run followed, giving John a 4-1 lead. The next two legs went with the darts, putting John 5-2 up, wanting one more for the title.

A spirited fight back by Barry brought the match to 5-5 and a toss of a coin decided who started the eleventh and final leg. Barry won the toss and started well. But had six bad darts scoring just 43 points. John came back well and when Barry missed double

10, John secured victory by hitting double top.

The Windsmoor Group Shield was presented by Gordon Allan, Operations Manager at the Windsmoor Plant sited on the North Industrial Estate. The Club thanks every one at the Windsmoor plant and looks forward to establishing closer links with Windsmoor and any other local business.

Colin Barron and Lorraine Phillips beat Davy Wilson and Tracey Simpson 4-0 in the final of the Mixed Pairs

championship, winning the L.M. & L. Tyson Shield. Unfortunately, due to illness, Monty Tyson was unable to present the trophy so Club secretary Stan Bell presented the trophy in his absence. L.M. & L. Tyson is a family butchers shop in High Street South, Langley Moor and supplies meat to the Club and also sponsors the Monday night Darts & Dominoes Team.

Names for this year's competition will be taken in October.

Taffy's Boys — where are they?

A personal view by Martin Ridley

WHEN D.J. Evans first formed the Boys Club, I think he hoped he could build character into the boys of Bowburn.

But it took women to keep the now Youth Club open. The women, who I will not name, deserve the utmost praise. When the Club nearly closed, these ladies kept it going — and bear in mind that they themselves could not gain admission, years ago.

So I would like to ask all the now men to take a look at themselves and, instead of whinging about the kids in Bowburn, to get off their backsides, give us a little of their valuable beer time and help us rejuvenate the Youth Club and give the kids something to be proud of.

As I was once a member, though I live ten miles away now, I still give an hour a month to help the committee. We are not asking for you to be there every night, just to support as much as you can. The lads of my age group know who I am talking about. But there were lads older and younger too.

So come on lads! Show the kids of Bowburn you care about them as our parents did for us. I hope any new people to the village will also help us.

Contact Martin Ridley 377-9717.

Drugs Information Project

BOWBURN's Village Appraisal found strong concerns locally about the misuse of drugs, alcohol and solvents.

- A special edition of Bowburn Interchange was therefore produced in March, to make available some information and advice about drug related issues.

- A special "Insight" evening was organised by the Durham Agency Against Crime, in Bowburn Community Centre in April, to tell parents "what they didn't dare ask their children".

- A week-long display of posters and leaflets was held in May.

- A smaller selection of leaflets will continue to be available in the Community Centre and in Bowburn Library.

A number of agencies have helped with the funding and organisation of these events and thanks are due to all of them for their help and interest.

Further information can be obtained from Tom Whellans on (0191) 383-6027.

Beautiful Bowburn

THIS year's Beautiful Bowburn Competition will again be part of the wider Beautiful Durham one... but with a difference.

An y o n e who enters their garden or floral display c. in the local will again be automatically entered for an award in the Bowburn competition, and judged by the same visiting judges.

Similarly, entrants from the village in the Durham Competition will be regarded

as entrants in Bowburn's own. What's new about this year is that some gardens that are not entered by their owners may also be considered. Some experienced local gardeners will look at as many gardens as they can, throughout the village, and BVC will honour those they judge to be the best.

It will be very difficult to make sure that every garden is

looked at in this way, however. So if you want to be sure that your efforts to make Bowburn more beautiful are recognised, and to enter the Durham City competition, it will be best to send in an application form.

Send your form to Beautiful Bowburn Competition, c/o Bowburn Community Centre or to Recreation & Amenities, Durham City Council, 84, Claypath, Durham, DH1 1RG.

Please enter my name in the "Beautiful Bowburn" competition.

I'd like the judges to look at:

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- our school garden/group project
- our sheltered accommodation area
- my large garden
- my small garden (less than 100m²)..
- my back yard
- my garden as seen from the road
- my floral container
- my allotment garden
- my conservatory or greenhouse

I am: ... under 18 years old 18-60 retired

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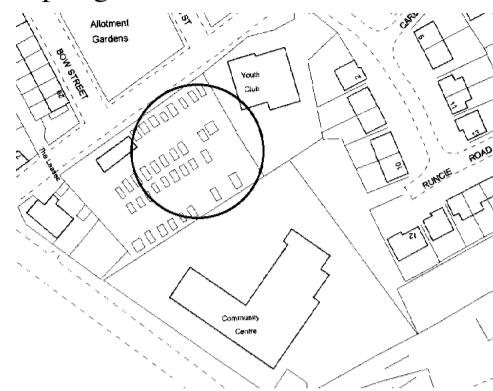
Surgery hopes for Bowburn

HOPES of Bowburn finally getting a decent doctor's surgery rose this month when an application for planning permission was submitted by developers Whitfield of Houghton-le-Spring.

Planning officers have already indicated that they are favourable to the general idea and it seems unlikely that details can not be worked out that will suit everyone concerned.

The proposed site is on part of the garage site at the bottom of Burn Street, next to the DJ Evans Youth Club. Displaced garages will be accommodated on the rest of the under-used site. The land was only last year bought by Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council, from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation, and a covenant on the sale will require most of the money paid for the site to be passed on to the CISWO.

The building work would be organised by Whitfields and the whole project financed with the help of County Durham Health Authority.



If all goes to plan, Bowburn could have a modern, purpose-built surgery by Christmas. But more cautious residents may wish to wait till work starts before they start celebrating!

A copy of the planning application can be viewed at Bowburn Library.

13 to 17 1/2 years old? Bored? Nothing to do? Then why not join the Army Cadets?

Army Cadet Force Unit opening in Bowburn

by Kevin Parker

EVER thought about the Army Cadet Force (ACF), but thought it was too far to travel to your nearest unit? Then think again, as the ACF is about to open a unit at Bowburn DJ Evans Youth Club.

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at sport - maybe even your Country.

If you live in Bowburn, Park Hill, Coxhoe or any of the local villages, keep an eye open for recruiting start date posters. We will be looking for male and female teenagers 13 to 17 1/2 years old who want to do something different.

Parish Council Update

by Sylvia Raine

IT WAS "all change" at Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council on Thursday May 6th, though most people probably did not notice, as no election took place: this was because all fifteen candidates for the Council were returned unopposed.

The full list of Parish Councillors is given below, but the Parish would also like to record the following: five Councillors retired this time - Ray Holt and Des Wilkinson from Cassop, and Brian Hall, Garry Heslington, and Frank Johnson from Bowburn. We would like to thank all these colleagues for their time and efforts on behalf of the Parish, especially Frank Johnson and Des Wilkinson, who have both served for many years, and have both chaired the Council at various times. We wish them all a happy retirement, and welcome as their replacements Thomas Cairns and Muriel Marsden from Cassop, David Barker and Colin McCormick from Bowburn, and Philip Robinson from Park Hill. We hope their time on the Parish Council will be both happy and productive.

So what does the Parish Council actually do? Perhaps our recently-adopted mission statement can clarify this:

"To strive to promote the interests, protect the environment and improve the quality of life of the people of the Parish, whilst acting within the remit of our statutory powers. To treat all equally regardless of age, gender, disability, race, political persuasion or length of residence in the Parish."

Some of our recent objectives include:

- retain and improve the quality of footpaths,
- install and improve play equipment in all areas of the

Parish, maintain and protect all hedgerows (as far as is possible within the 1998 Hedgerow regulations), introduce and encourage as much tree planting as possible and improve allotment and garage sites owned by the Parish Council.

We are also trying hard to help Dr. Pollard to find a solution to the vexed question of a new G.P. surgery for Bowburn: one of the garage sites owned by the Parish is currently under consideration. The terms of the contract we had to sign when we bought the land make selling it again

a complex process! But we are determined to help get a new surgery for Bowburn if we can.

Work is currently under way clearing the beck and improving the footpath alongside it. This much-needed improvement will complement the works undertaken by other agencies at the Community Centre and Library.

Your new Parish Council met for the first time on Thursday 13th May, and is ready to serve you for another four years.

And in case you are wondering, no, we do not get paid - we do it for love!

Members of Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council are now:

- Howard Armstrong, Holme Farm Hse, Old Quarrington
- Sylvia Raine, The Grange, Old Quarrington
- David Barker, 1, Oxford Tce, Bowburn
- John Barker, 37, Marlene Ave, Bowburn
- Thomas Cairns, 56, Dene View, Cassop
- George Marsden, 31, Luke Ave, Cassop
- Jason Marsden, 31, Luke Ave, Cassop
- Muriel Marsden, 31, Luke Ave, Cassop
- Colin McCormick, 3, Mary Tce, Bowburn
- Sylvia Raine, The Grange, Old Quarrington
- Jimmy Robinson, 4, Steavenson St, Bowburn
- Maggie Robinson, 93, Park Ave, Park Hill
- Philip Robinson, 9, St. Mary's Tce, Park Hill
- Stan Robinson, 93, Park Ave, Park Hill
- Billy Tickell, 21, Henry Ave, Bowburn
- Bill Usher, 37, Park Ave, Park Hill

This item was sponsored by Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council