

Village view



GREATHAM – AUTUMN 2016 – No.97

GREATHAM IN BLOOM

The results are in from Northumbria in Bloom. Greatham village was awarded a SILVER GILT medal. This is one down from the Gold we received last year but we are not too disappointed as Gold medals were far fewer across the main competition this year. It is still a major achievement in what is an increasingly demanding competition. The only gold in the category into which Greatham falls was to the winners Middleton in Teesdale. Other silver gilt village awards went to Beadnell and Washington Village. There were a further 5 silver medals and 2 bronze medals awarded in the village category.

A gold did come to Greatham in the special awards. Shannon Court received that gold in the Residential Communities awards which recognises the efforts of residents of identifiable areas such as a single street. The residents take a clear and very evident pride in where they live with a spreading display of flowers and shrubs which creates a delightful area for them to inhabit.

Another medal in the special awards was a silver for the grounds of the Hospital of God. This is the area around the original Brother House spreading down to Stichell House Care Home and into the grounds of Greatham Hall. Here the main areas are cared for by the Hospital's own small team of gardeners enhanced by the efforts of some of the retired residents. The result is a mix of parkland with corners of delightful individual details.

From the marking sheet the Bloom Judges general comments about Greatham were: The small but committed Bloom team, supported by residents throughout the village, are proud of their village and have created colourful areas with real impact. The shrub borders provide year round Interest and the new wildflower meadow is a lovely development which will be a colourful backdrop to the old pump from the historic salt workings which it is planned to acquire.

SPRING JUDGING: marked as Silver.

Areas of achievement:

The village is tidy and well maintained. The shrub beds on the corner contain a well balanced mixture of colour and texture, are well managed and provide an attractive entrance to the village. The annual snowdrop walk is a successful event, attracting many visitors and providing welcome funding. The grounds at The Hospital of God are colourful and available to the public for them to enjoy (from the right of way).

Areas for development:

While there is a good range of daffodils throughout the village, some are not flowering well (particularly those under the trees near the Sheaf Thrower) and could benefit from feeding. The two conifers in the shrub bed at The Grove are tired and could be replaced with more colourful shrubs.

SUMMER JUDGING

SECTION A - Horticultural achievement marked as Silver Gilt

Areas of achievement:

The new wildflower meadow is a colourful and attractive feature, with its additional benefits for wildlife. The various shrub borders continue to be well managed and provide areas of interest an year round. Colour is provided throughout the village by numerous hanging baskets and containers and by annual bedding at the sheaf thrower, surrounding the plough and in the council bed. There are many attractive residential gardens with a wide variety of perennials, vegetables and shrubs. The planting by residents along narrow strips down the back footpaths is particularly commended. Gaps in the yew hedge are being replanted, although care should be taken to ensure that the potential size of the new planting is not too large for the location.

Areas for development:

As much of the bedding is labour intensive, particularly in the need for watering, external funding could be sought to purchase containers with an internal water reservoir (examples are those sold by Amberol) or a bowser watering system. In addition, in those areas of the village that are significantly troubled by rabbits, an alternative planting scheme utilizing more perennials should be considered. The bedding planted immediately in front of the council maintained shrubs at the village green could be replaced with a more colourful shrub or taller annuals such as cosmos which would provide a better visual balance with the existing shrubs. The bus shelter is rather plain, and could benefit from roof containers or baskets or a green roof.

SECTION B - Environmental responsibility marked as Silver Gilt

Areas of achievement:

The whole village is clean and tidy, with no graffiti (perhaps due to the anti-graffiti paint used at the bus shelter) or dog fouling and the hard landscaping is mainly weed free. There is obvious pride in the village's history, with attention being drawn by colourful planting to the sheaf thrower, the site of the old school and the plough. The planting of a wildflower meadow is an encouraging development. The pebble mosaic of the windmill has been cleaned and the adjacent bed planted up with perennials, creating an attractive feature. The window of a prominent empty shop has been brightened up by a display of local photographs. A field hedgerow on the edge of the village is being gapped up using plants supplied by the Woodland Trust.

Areas for development:

The area adjacent to the electricity substation provides a real opportunity to develop an area for wildlife with suitable planting of shrubs and perennials: perhaps funding could be sought from the electricity company to assist with this. Greater use could be made of information boards to highlight the history of the village and its links to the salt industry. The potential acquisition of the old nodding donkey is an exciting project. A history trail could be an interesting development.

SECTION C - Community participation marked as Silver Gilt

Areas of achievement:

The annual snowdrop day was very successful, involving members of the community in a variety of ways. The hard working bloom team is supported by individual residents who undertake to look after a small area near their homes or a few planters, including one resident who creates a number of colourful hanging baskets for her house and her neighbours' houses. One mother and daughter team have planted along a narrow strip under some railings, creating a splash of colour. The Bloom group organises both a garden competition and a 'weird and wonderful garden planters' competition. Bloom activities are publicised in a quarterly newsletter, which also provides a source of income.

Areas for development:

While understanding the difficulties, we would like to have seen greater involvement of young people, including children from the local school, both in specific projects and on an ongoing basis. In addition, we would suggest that opportunities should be taken to encourage new members to join the core team at village events or through the community centre in order to spread the workload.

This marking system is vaguer than other years and it is not easy to compare with the previous points based system. This has undoubtedly been partially responsible for the drop in gold medals seen across the competition.

This year the 'peculiar planter' competition was won by Peter Sharpe, holding on to his title for ingenious creative planter. This year his creation was the kitchen sink! Second place went to Gerald Watson for his hand made airplane homage to Greatham Airport and third was Alison Harmison's blooming dog bed. Thank you to all entrants, the Bloom Judges for making the selection and to Martin at the Post Office for use of his garden. Sadly the vegetable planter category had to be abandoned for lack of entries. Start thinking about next year!

There was an exciting range of village gardens entered into our own annual competitions. These are entered by the gardeners themselves and are judged by independent judges not by the Bloom Committee. The judges are changed every few years to keep things fresh. Next year will see a new set of judges and we are currently looking for suitable candidates.

The results for 2016 were as follows.

Greatham in Bloom Trophy

(best kept garden)

1/ Mr & Mrs McNeill, Saltaire Terrace, 2/ Mr Coleman, High Street, 3/ Mr & Mrs Fleet, High Street

Trustees Trophy

(best entry from Hospital property)

Mrs Blakey, The Green

Armstrong Ross Memorial Shield

(allotments/vegetable gardens)

1/ Mr Bolland, The Drive, 2/ Mr & Mrs Watson, The Drive, 3/ Mr Butler, Chestnut Row

Alderman Lyver Memorial Trophy

(window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs, yards, etc.)

1/ Mrs Blakey, The Green, 2/ Mrs Allan, Shannon Court, 3/ Mr Coleman, High Street

The Joan Booker Memorial Shield

(best floral display)

Mrs Blakey, The Green

Some of the trophies are selected by the Greatham in Bloom Committees who consider things over the year and longer. This year the committee selected the following for recognition.

The Geoff Clark Memorial Shield

(outstanding contribution to the village entry in Northumbria in Bloom)

Mr & Mrs Llewelyn, Front Street whose Front Garden is always a delight and contributes enormously to the beauty of our village.

The Jackson Memorial Plate

(best non-domestic property)

The Community Centre – the Community Centre continues to provide a vision of pride in our community. There is undoubtedly room for more competition.

The Tioxide Award (outstanding contribution by an individual or group to the improvement/maintenance of the environment of Greatham)

This year is presented to the residents of Shannon Court. This little area has always drawn praise from the regional judges ranging from comparisons to Chelsea standard blooms to generous community spirit. Through the years they have also secured, as this year, awards in the special categories of Northumbria.

The Miles Difford Memorial Trophy

This has no fixed designation but is the gift of the Bloom Committee to highlight special efforts. This year it is being presented to the new occupiers of Bank Top House. Fresh to the villager their immediate contribution to the Blooming of the village through bold and splendid containers is very much welcomed.

Presentations were held at Ivy House, Front Street on Monday 19th September by kind permission of Mrs Pam Difford.

There is always room for more volunteers. If you would like to become more involved please contact any member of the committee or ring Dorothy on 870292 for more information.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Notices have been on display for the dissolution of the charity known as Greatham Community Association, registration number 1110207. The charity to be dissolved is dormant having been replaced by Greatham Community Association Limited, registration number 1150667, which has been running the Centre since 2013 so this will not affect the continued operation of the Community Centre. The new charity had to be registered after the creation of the limited company which was formed to enable the lease of the building to be taken on after Hartlepool Borough Council decided not to renew the lease themselves.

The extraordinary meeting to formally dissolve the first charity will take place on Friday 24th September at 6.30pm in the Community Centre Lounge. This will be followed at 7.00pm by the AGM of Greatham Community Association Limited. Everyone is welcome to come along, observe and ask questions at the AGM, but only members of the limited company can vote. Membership of the Limited Company is different from the subscriptions paid by Centre users. Membership of the Company carries responsibilities to the Company. Company members agree to attend general meetings and take an interest in the operation and development of the Company and its business. Company members have a duty to respect the confidential nature of the business decisions of the Company.

Applications for membership of the company are required to be made to the Trustees (who are also the directors). They may at their discretion admit to membership; any individual who supports the aims of the Company, who lives in the area of benefit and who have paid £1 in respect of membership or any unincorporated body, firm, partnership or corporate body that supports the aims of the company and operates in the area of benefit and who has paid or agreed to pay £25 in respect of membership. Junior members aged 16 years or under may be invited to general meetings of the Company at the discretion of the chairperson but will not count to a quorum and will not have a vote. To apply for membership and/or to become a Trustee please contact Brian Walker.

Immediately after the Feast the Community Centre closed for a week to enable all but one of the windows to be replaced with brand new double glazed wooden windows. One window, a survivor from the building of 1878 was in good condition and was restored. ERW Joinery did a great job sending in two teams so the work was completed ahead of schedule and in budget at £38,712. The fact that the windows came ready painted meant that closure of the building was kept to a minimum. This is another major step achieved to get the building back to a condition where it will be able to serve the community for another hundred years.

After decades of only being able to open a few of the windows it comes as something of a novelty to be able to now do so. The lower windows are lockable so regular groups have been issued with keys and reminded to check before they leave that they have been shut. Modern standards meant the windows had to open outwards which created a risk that when fully open people walking past could have walked into them. This was solved by Keith

Watson who fitted discreet restrictors that only allow the bottom casements to open so far. The upper parts of the windows also open, for improved ventilation, but require a pole and do take some getting used to.

Decorators came in over a couple of weekends to touch up and give the lower part of the main hall a second coat of paint. So it all looks better than ever!

After the floor in the main hall began to rise again the trustees decided to call in expert help. Johnsons Flooring of Newcastle has undertaken a complete restoration of the floor. This cost £2486. Again the Centre had to close for week to allow the work to be done and for the floor to dry. The transformation of the floor has been remarkable and looks wonderful. £2486 well spent especially if the ups and downs have been permanently cured.

All these latest works have been possible thanks to the grant made by Impetus Environmental Trust of Haverton Hill Road. The key to accessing this grant was that the required 10% third party contribution was made possible by the generosity of those who answered our window appeal and all those who held or supported fund raising events. You have been inspirational and wonderful in your support for which the Community Association Trustees are extremely grateful. They hope you approve of the work undertaken and are able to enjoy seeing and using what your generosity has made possible.

The Association has recently received £522.27 from Her Majesty's Revenues & Customs by claiming Gift Aid. This was possible thanks to those taxpayers who made donations also completing a Gift Aid form. The extra boost included claims from the window appeal and, because we were able to back-date our claim a couple of years, a number of large donations were also claimed for. If you are considering making a donation, no matter how small, to the Centre and you are a taxpayer please consider Gift Aid. The form is a very simple declaration and in effect the government will boost your donation by 25% (so every £1 becomes £1.25) at no cost to you. If you would like to complete a Gift Aid Form please ask the treasurer, Brian Walker or any of the trustees.

The toilets are the next target. The aim is to completely strip out the existing space and provide a complete new layout (while retaining the windows) which will incorporate a toilet suitable for people with restricted access, and nappy changing facilities. Quotes are currently being sourced but it is hoped that this work might be done in the first half of 2017.

A scheme is in hand to reduce the risk of youngsters getting into trouble for damaging the new glazing – which already sports imprints from footballs. A small shrub bed is suggested in front of the windows to provide a buffer between ball games and glass. It will not interfere with the proper use of the village green for informal play, nor cut the Centre off from the green which is an undoubted asset.

There has been an increase in unauthorized access to the roof of the Centre. The potential for injury and damage to the new roof is a serious cause for concern. Even retrieving a ball from the roof could end in tragedy – always inform the Community Association who will arrange retrieval. In order to address this problem a light and a camera are to be installed to identify the culprits.

Our apologies to those who were looking forward to 'Painted with Love', the mobile paint your own pottery studio on the 17th July. This was cancelled by the lady herself at the last minute.

Greatham Flower Class is holding a quiz night on Saturday 29th October 2016 in the Community Centre. There will be a cash prize for the winning team with various spot prizes throughout the evening. All proceeds are in aid of Greatham Community Association. Tickets which are £6 including supper (please bring your own drinks) are available from the Post Office, Judith Shield, Linda Dempsey or email quiz@greatham.freeserve.co.uk

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MORNING	LOUNGE							
	MAIN HALL		MATURE MOVERS 10.30-11.30	MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP 9.00-11.00	CARPET BOWLS 10.00-12.00	DANCE EXERCISE 10.00-12.00		
AFTERNOON	LOUNGE							
	MAIN HALL				FLOWER ARRANGING 1.30-3.30 (Seasonal)			
EVENING	LOUNGE			YOUTH CLUB 7.00-9.00	YOUTH CLUB 7.00-9.00			
	MAIN HALL	FLOWER ARRANGING 6.30-8.30 (Seasonal)	LINE DANCING 8.00-10.00	YOUTH CLUB 7.00-9.00	YOUTH CLUB 7.00-9.00	SEQUENCE DANCING 7.30-9.30		

This year it is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Lancelot Brown, better known as Capability Brown. Born at Kirkharle, Northumberland, Brown rose to become the most famous of gardeners and shaped the very idea of the English landscape. Greatham can now join in this national celebration as, thanks to Rural Arts, we are able to bring Capability Brown: The Eye Catcher to the Centre.

Starring John Cobb, this is an affectionate, comic and visually stimulating show, where we meet the man himself; charming and personable. With evocative music from the period and a wealth of visuals, songs and personalities the performance follows Brown's life as he mixes with the outlandish and outrageous gentry of 18th century England, criss-crossing the land as his particular style of renovating country gardens caught on. We see his relationship with his wife Bidy and remorse at being unable to return to Northumberland. His rivalry with the King's architect is explored, as well as his relationship with sundry clients from the upper classes. The development of Capability's style, his introduction of the Ha-ha and the place of slavery in 18th century England are all touched upon. John Cobb also takes on the roles of Lord Cobham of Stowe, the first Duchess of Northumberland, "Farmer George" the King, the flamboyant Clive of India and Brown's arch enemy, Sir William Chambers.

The show will be in the Centre for one night only on Saturday 22nd October at 7.00pm. Tickets cost £10 (under 18s £8) and can be booked from Dorothy (see contact details below).

Enquiries about hiring the Community Centre or setting up a new group should initially be directed to Dorothy as Booking Secretary on 870292.

GREATHAM FEAST

Another glorious Feast was celebrated in June. The weather was generous and drew many people to the heart of the village for the varied programme. Many congratulations to the committee and their helpers and thank you for all your hard work.

HOSPITAL OF GOD

On the 8th October Stichell House will have been open 10 years. In celebration there will be a Grand Fair with jewellery, craft and bottle stalls, Mr Whippy ice cream van, tombola, face painting, raffles, pony rides, auction, barbeque, cakes, teas and coffees. All the fun will run from 2pm to 6pm.

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Greatham Residents Association has been successful in securing a grant of £612 from Tees Valley Community Foundation. The grant has been given to assist with room hire costs for public meetings, printing costs and a notice board; unfortunately it cannot be used to pay for Public Liability Insurance (PLI). As GRA is not funded, other avenues will need to be explored to fund the P.L.I.

The AGM was held on Monday 11th July 2016 having been re-scheduled to enable representatives from Hartlepool Borough Council Planning department to present the new Local plan. Although not well attended the presentation facilitated some discussion.

The minutes from the meeting will be available on the Greatham website at www.greathamvillage.co.uk

Forthcoming Events/Projects:

The archive of Greatham History is ongoing. The intention is still to hold an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia from by-gone Greatham. Anyone who has any items of interest should contact a member of GRA.

Welcome Packs are to be produced and given to all new residents to the village. The packs will provide information about village services, activities, useful contact numbers etc. If you have any information you feel should be included, please contact a member of GRA or email: welcome@greatham.freeserve.co.uk

A further quotation has been received to replace the existing wooden railing around the village green with a metal one. Whilst some funding has been secured there are a number of ongoing issues (future liabilities, permission for replacement etc.) to be resolved before this can be progressed further.

There have been some recent changes in the committee members and current details are:

Dorothy Clark
Linda Dempsey – Secretary
Sheila Kell
Andrew Merifield – Treasurer
Allan O’Brien
Andrew Rees
Malcolm Thompson – Chairperson

SPORTS FIELD ASSOCIATION

On the 18th September the sports field hosted the annual Classic Car Show, Car Boot and Auto Jumble. The weather was glorious and the turnout splendid as all enjoyed an excellent day.

The next Band Night will be on the 24th September in Greatham Community Centre. Door opens at 7.30pm, tickets available from the Committee.

On the 26th September the Sports Field AGM will be held at 7.00pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

GREATHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

What a lovely event the Summer Concert was – though there was certainly room for more folks –and it was free! Congratulations to the lead organisers Kieron and Gerald. It was particularly pleasing to have so many performers singing in their own voices and discovering so much talent alive and well in the community. Although threatening at times the day stayed dry avoiding soggy sandwiches or watered down wine.

Hoping there will be a repeat again next year and more will turn the TV off and come on down to enjoy some fresh air in the delightful setting of Greatham Hall Garden and be entertained by their neighbours.

The next pantomime, Jack & Jill, is a traditional family pantomime by Bob Heather and Cheryl Barrett. Full rehearsals began on Tuesday 6th September in the Community Centre.

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk to Greatham Parish Council is Mr John Cunliffe of 15 Blackton Road, Elwick Rise, Hartlepool TS26 0QG, tel: (01429) 213022, e-mail: johnlesliecunliffe@hotmail.com. Correspondence for the Parish Council should be directed to the above address.

Greatham Parish Councillors are:-

Greatham Village Ward	Martin Lamb, 4A Woodbine Terrace, Greatham Margo Simmonds, 3A West Row, Greatham Brian Walker, 29 The Grove, Greatham (Chairman)
Greatham South Fens Ward	Colin Richardson, 63 Mildenhall Close, South Fens (Vice Chairman) Michael Ward, 30 Wisbech Close, South Fens

There remain two seats vacant for South Fens on the Parish Council. It is proving difficult to find anyone from that side of the A689 interested in becoming a councillor. We may need to spread our nets further afield as one can become a Parish Councillor if you live within 3 miles of the Parish Boundary.

The following maintenance list for Hartlepool Borough Council remains on the Parish Council minutes:-

- Ponding on corner at Egerton Terrace/Vicarage Row
- Potholes/poor road surface opposite Hope & Anchor
- Pavement surface in The Drive between Front Street and The Grove
- Pavement on road bridge over Greatham Beck
- Loose setts before entrance to Mellanby Lane
- Pavement on High Bank
- Faded and missing double yellow lines

A pothole on the A689 at the Sappers Corner junction has been returned to the list.

The Parish Council is continuing to pursue some form of seating at the bus shelter in High Street in the face of some reluctance on behalf of the Borough Council. The Parish Council are willing to buy the seating but were seeking the expertise of the Borough Council with regard the fixing to the pavement.

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Your Rural West ward councillors are: - Brenda Loynes, Local Conservative
George Morris, Local Conservative
Ray Martin-Wells, Local Conservative

HARTLEPOOL RURAL PLAN



Hartlepool Rural Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted, as required, to Hartlepool Borough Council as the local planning authority. It is expected to go before the Planning Committee and the Regeneration Services Committee on 21st September and 7th October respectively. They will check it to ensure it complies with planning regulation. If they find that the plan meets the requirements the Borough Council will then organise an 8 week consultation period during which representations will be invited.

During this time an independent planning inspector will be appointed. They will further examine the Neighbourhood Plan including any representation and issue a report. If all goes well the neighbourhood plan will then be subject to a referendum in the rural plan area. At this referendum if a majority vote in favour the neighbourhood plan will become part of the development plan for Hartlepool and help guide the future of our area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

In an emergency always ring 999. To contact your local police when it is not an emergency ring 101. An alternative is to ring the headquarters on 01642 326326. Our neighbourhood officer is P.C. Keith Robinson supported by P.C.S.O. Catherine Jones. Non urgent messages for your local officer can also be left via the Cleveland Police Force web site www.cleveland.police.uk using the 'my neighbourhood' tab and local concern form.

This alert is brought to you via Cleveland Connected on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)

People selling their items on online platforms are falling victim to a new type of advance fee fraud. This involves a fraudster, posing as a buyer, sending an email to the seller (victim), agreeing to the full asking price of the item. They state that they are unable to collect the item themselves and will arrange for a courier to pick it up instead. The fraudster then sends a fake payment confirmation email from a different email address, one which falsely purports to be from a payment platform. In the course of the email exchange, the seller/victim is requested to pay the courier fee. Once the payment is made the contact is broken, the item is not picked up and the money paid for the 'courier' is gone.

An example of the most recent emails received by the victim/seller, from the 'Buyer', read:

"I want you to consider this a deal as I am willing to pay your full asking price! I actually want to buy it for a family member who is urgently in need of it, I have checked through your posting and I'm fully satisfied with it. Unfortunately, I would not be able to come personally to view/collect, I work offshore as an instructor on an oil rig so I don't have time at all, but like I said I am 100% OK with the advert"

Protect Yourself:

- Be wary when buyers wish to purchase items at the full asking price without viewing them.
- Check the validity of the payment receipt confirmation
- Avoid paying an advanced fee if you are a seller; should you choose to use a courier, arrange your own.
- Check feedback online by searching the associated phone numbers or email addresses of the seller/buyer. Feedback will give you useful information about recent transactions other buyers/sellers have made.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

LOST RIGHT OF WAY?

Information continues to be assembled for this right of way to be properly recorded on the Definitive Map.

WW1

We are still gathering information on those from the village who served in the First World War. If you can help us record their stories please contact Dorothy Clark tel.870292 or Brian Walker tel.870281.

THE NODDING DONKEY

The return of this memento of the salt industry remains on hold but not forgotten.

ARCHIVE

Above the archway in the wall between the Churchyard and Greatham Hall garden is a small coat of arms. This indicates 3 combs in a shield which belongs to the Tunstall family. As this faces the church it probably signifies that the Hospital lands you are about to enter has a connection to the Tunstall name. The most like is Cuthbert Tunstall who was Bishop of Durham during the Tudor period.

This remarkable man saw the reign of all the Tudor monarchs, no small feat for a man of the cloth heavily involved in the royal court. He was born the illegitimate son of Thomas Tunstall of Thurland Castle in 1474, 11 years before Henry VII came to the throne. He was educated at Oxford, Cambridge and Padua in Italy.

He served Henry VIII as an ambassador and become Lord Privy Seal. While he resisted the Kings divorce and was among Queen Catherine's advisors his punishment was merely exile to Durham where he had been made Bishop in 1530. He escaped the demise suffered by his friend Sir Thomas More by deciding not to oppose the Oath of Supremacy but he never really abandoned catholic doctrine and practices. Cuthbert was related through a grandmother to Catherine Parr, Henry's last wife and was very well known to the Parr family.

At the coronation of Edward VI he was among those officiating. His continued leanings to the catholic doctrine and practices resulted in his confinement to his house in London and eventual removal to The Tower. He was deprived of his Bishopric, which was dissolved, in 1553.

With Mary on the throne the bishopric and its bishop were reunited in 1554. Now in his 80s he was left to rule his diocese in peace and took little part in the persecution of heretics.

Once Elizabeth came to the throne he was once again the subject of royal displeasure after declining the Oath of Supremacy. In 1559 he was again deprived of the see of Durham and held prisoner at Lambeth Palace. He died a few weeks later of natural causes at the very respectable age of 85.

Why might this particular Bishop's coat of arms be recorded in the stones of The Hospital? One would like to think that perhaps his pragmatic influence helped preserve the charitable foundation from which King Henry VIII's commissioners had only departed with some of the plate from the chapel.

Another question is the age of the wall, bearing in mind one side of the arch which holds this emblem is contained in the wall of a chapel dated to 1788! Has the shield been relocated?

DIARY

Friday 23 rd September 6.30pm	Extra-ordinary meeting of Greatham Community Association to dissolve old charity ref. 1110207. In the Community Centre
Friday 23 rd September 7.00pm	A.G.M. of Greatham Community Association Limited charity ref. 1150667. In the Community Centre.
Saturday 24 th September 7.30pm	Band Night in aid of the Sports Field in the Community Centre
Monday 26 th September 6.30pm	Greatham Parish Council Meeting in the Community Centre Public Welcome to attend.
Monday 26 th September 7.00pm	Greatham Sports Field Association A.G.M. in the Community Centre All welcome
Wednesday 5 th October 6.00pm	Autumn Fayre at the School
Saturday 8 th October 2.00pm	Stichell House 10 th Anniversary Celebrations entertainments and stalls
Saturday 22 nd October 7.00pm	Capability Brown – The Eye Catcher performed by John Cobb in The Community Centre. Tickets £10 (under 18s £8)
Wednesday 26 th October 10am	Coffee Morning in the church.
Saturday 29 th October 6.30pm	Quiz Night organised by the Flower Class in the Community Centre Tickets £6 including supper. In aid of Centre funds
Monday 31 st October 6.30pm	Greatham Parish Council Meeting in the Community Centre Public Welcome to attend.
Monday 12 th December 6.30pm	Greatham Parish Council Meeting in the Community Centre Public Welcome to attend.

POSITIVE THOUGHT

The curve that can set a lot of things straight is a smile

This newsletter is available FREE to the entire village for passing on news, results and events.
Closing date for items for inclusion in the next issue is Wednesday 30th November 2016
These should be sent to Brian Walker at 29 The Grove, Greatham

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