

# Newsletter

Issue 5 - Summer 2007

## Dates for your diary

### Horden Parish Council Welfare Park Summer Activities

<b>Monday.....</b> 23rd July	Rounders 1pm-3.30pm (No.2 Rugby pitch)	<b>Monday.....</b> 13th August	Under 15 football Tournament (Sunderland Road) Group Stage 10am start
<b>Tuesday.....</b> 24th July	Street Dance Workshop 1pm-3pm (Welfare Hall)	<b>Tuesday.....</b> 14th August	Under 15 Football Tournament semi-finals & final 10am start Street Dance Workshop 1pm-3pm (Welfare hall)
<b>Wednesday...</b> 25th July	Craft workshop 10am-12noon (Bowls tea room) Crazy Golf 10.30am-3pm	<b>Wednesday...</b> 15th August	Pirates in the Park. 1pm-4pm (Bandstand Area)
<b>Thursday.....</b> 26th July	Crazy Golf 1pm-3.30pm (Multi Sports Pitch area)	<b>Thursday.....</b> 16th August	Cycling Workshop (Sunderland Road Playing Fields Car Park 1pm-3pm) D J Workshop (Welfare hall 1pm-3pm)
<b>Friday.....</b> 27th July	Crazy Golf 1pm-3.30pm (Multi Sports area)	<b>Friday.....</b> 17th August	Crazy Golf 1pm-3.30pm (Multi Sports Pitch Area)
<b>Monday.....</b> 28th July	Crazy Golf 1pm-3pm (Multi Sports area)	<b>Monday.....</b> 20th August	Boxing Workshop 1pm-3pm (next to bandstand)
<b>Tuesday.....</b> 31st July	Street dance workshop 1pm-3pm (Welfare hall)	<b>Tuesday.....</b> 21st August	Street Dance Workshop 1pm-3pm (Welfare hall ) Multi Sports Activities 10am-3pm (Welfare Park)
<b>Wednesday...</b> 1st August	Craft Workshop 10am-12noon (Bowls tea room) Netball Workshop 10pm to 12 noon 8yrs-11yrs 12.30pm to 2.30pm 12yrs + Boxing Workshop 1pm-3pm Band stand area	<b>Wednesday...</b> 22nd August	Drum Workshop 10am-12noon (next to Bandstand) Multi Sports Activities 10am-3pm (Welfare Park)
<b>Thursday.....</b> 2nd August	Cycling Workshop 1pm-3pm (Sunderland Road Playing fields Car Park 1pm -3pm)	<b>Thursday.....</b> 23rd August	Multi Sports Activities 10am-3pm (Welfare Park) Cycling Workshop (Sunderland Road Playing Field Car Park 1pm-3pm)
<b>Friday.....</b> 3rd August	Crazy Golf 1pm -3pm Multi Sports Pitch	<b>Friday.....</b> 24th August	Family Fun Day 1pm-3pm (WelfarePark)
<b>Sunday.....</b> 5th August	In the Bandstand - FOUR BANDS 1pm-5pm Newbridge Downfall, Underwings, Short Circuit, + Guest Band	<b>Tuesday.....</b> 28th August	Street Dance Workshop 1pm-3pm (Welfare hall)
<b>Monday.....</b> 6th August	Hockey (Multi sports)	<b>Wednesday...</b> 29th August	Craft Workshop 10am-12noon (Bowls tea room) Junior Soccer Course 10am-3pm
<b>Tuesday.....</b> 7th August	Street Dance Workshop 1pm-3pm (Welfare hall)	<b>Thursday.....</b> 30th August	Junior Soccer Course 10am-3pm Cycling Workshop 1pm-3pm (Sunderland Road Playing Fields Car Park)
<b>Wednesday...</b> 8th August	Craft workshop 10am-12noon (Bowls tea room) Junior Soccer Course 10am-3pm	<b>Friday.....</b> 31st August	Crazy Golf 1pm-3pm Multi sports Area
<b>Thursday.....</b> 9th August	Junior Soccer Course 10am-3pm Cycling Workshop (Sunderland Road Playing Fields Car Park 1pm-3pm)	<b>For further details please contact Jimmy Bush* on 0191 518 0823 Monday to Friday.</b>	
<b>Friday.....</b> 10th August	Crazy Golf 1pm-3pm, Multi Sports Pitch Area	*Please note time and events may be subject to change. Please see notice boards at park entrances for any change of events.	
<b>Sunday.....</b> 12th August	BAND) ARRIVAL - 2pm-4pm, Bandstand		

## Having Your Say...

Have you ever wanted to tell the Parish Council what you think of the services that are provided? Wanted to make a complaint but didn't know who to write to or where to send a letter? There are many ways that you can contact us:

You can phone us on **0191 518 0823** during office hours, or leave a message on our answerphone after hours.

We can be contacted by email at [hordencouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:hordencouncil@btconnect.com).

Our fax number is **0191 518 0385**, if you prefer to fax us.

Letters of enquiry, compliment or complaint can be sent to the Clerk - Mrs Samantha J Shippen FCIS, Horden Parish Council, Social Welfare Centre, Seventh Street, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham, SR8 4LX

You can call into the Social Welfare Centre during office hours. If you wish to speak to the Clerk, you may need to make an appointment. This can be arranged by telephoning the office in advance.

If you are interested in finding out how the Parish Council makes decisions, you are entitled to attend meetings of the Parish Council to observe the proceedings. Meetings of the Parish Council, Parks & Cemetery Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committee are held the first Thursday of the month (except August) in the Conference Room at the Social Welfare Centre from 6pm. The agenda for the meeting (which details what is to be discussed) is placed on the noticeboard in the foyer of the Social Welfare Centre on the Friday before the meeting.

If you wish to speak at the meeting, all you need to do is contact the Clerk before the meeting. You would be able to speak at the Public Participation section of the meeting. A maximum of 20 minutes is allowed for the public. To find out more, please contact the Clerk.

**The cast of Beauty & the Beast Pantomime entertaining school children at Social Welfare Centre**



**The results of the hard work by Cotsford Infant School who planted 5,000 bulbs in October 2006!**



**Some of the new "Monster" play equipment installed at Cotsford Park Play Area in October 2006.**



**Horden Inclusive Youth Action - "HIYA" action day giving options to young people.**



## Hi folks,

As I write this, I am approaching the end of my first year as Chairman of the Parish Council. I hope I have given you the information you need and an update of events through my column and you have enjoyed reading your Newsletter. There have been a lot of changes in the year (where has the year gone you might ask me!).

We have a big milestone for the Council in May, being the Diamond Anniversary of the Parish Council we are starting celebrations with a Church Service on Thursday 17th May and an event after the service where we will be meeting up with Parish Councillors from past and present who have served the

community, and inviting representatives from neighbouring Councils.

There will also be a number of community events coming up in the summer months to cater for the young and old, so we can all enjoy a celebration! The Teddy Bears Picnic in the park on July 1st, which will be combined with activities for the Diamond Anniversary which I know is one of the events which the community of all ages have come to enjoy, also the bands on some Sunday afternoons where people from outside the village even came. We have Jimmy Bush to thank for these events he has put in a lot of hard work organising the many events and also for securing funding so it will not cost the

community as much, so he can carry out the good work (well done Jimmy) don't you agree?

Once again I would like to thank the community for taking time to care about reading the Newsletter because I have been approached so many times by the public to say how interesting it is and that a lot of the information they did not know (especially my photo on the front page!).



**Jean White**  
Chairman of Horden Parish Council

## You can contact Horden Parish Council Office direct:

**Chairman: Jean White**

### Councillors:

- Mr R. Brown**  
19 Naisbett Avenue, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4BW
- Mrs J. Clark**  
73 Cotsford Park Estate, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4TA
- Mrs M. Clark**  
89 Cotsford Park Estate, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4TA
- Mrs E. M. Connor**  
2 Cedar Street, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4HD
- Mr W. Hill**  
6 Sunderland Avenue, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4BH
- Mr G. Jones**  
12 Smillie Road, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4AH
- Mr T. Jones**  
18 Handley Street, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4NW

**Mr G. Lavery**

9 Park Terrace, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4JG

**Mr D. Maddison**

4 Langthorne Avenue, Horden, Co Durham SR8 4HL

**Mr G. Patterson**

7 Hope Avenue, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4ER

**Mrs G. Phillips**

13 Macbeth Walk, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4HU

**Mrs M Robinson**

19 Shotton Road, Horden, Peterlee Co Durham SR8 4RB

**Mr W. Smith**

22 Alder Road, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4HQ

**Mrs J. White**

23 Blackhills Terrace, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4LJ

**Mrs E. Wood**

12 Roseby Road, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4RJ

All Councillors can also be contacted via the Parish Council Office.

**Clerk to the Council:** Samantha Shippen  
**Admin & Finance Officer:** Gaynor Crute  
**Clerical Assistant:** Gemma Rowe

### Office opening hours now:

Monday - Thursday 9am - 5.00pm  
Friday 9am - 4.30pm

(Social Welfare Centre open Monday to 6.30pm, Tuesday to 8pm, Wednesday to 10pm, Thursday to 9pm)

**Address:** Parish Council Office, Social Welfare Centre, Seventh Street, Horden, Peterlee, County Durham SR8 4LX

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## Books on Wheels

Did you know that there is a totally free delivery service of books, talking books or information to County Durham residents who have problems getting to the library, because of disability or mobility problems?

To be accepted onto the service, there is an informal assessment procedure. A member of Durham County Library staff will visit you at home, take a few details and discuss your reading needs. Based on this, a bag of books will be chosen for you. Every three weeks, a new bag will be brought to you.

They also need volunteers to help deliver the service, particularly in the Peterlee area.

If you can help, or you know someone who needs the service, phone Denise Tyerman on 0191 383 4224 or contact the staff at Horden Branch Library.



## Bloomin' Marvellous Volunteers Needed

There can't be a lot of people in the area who haven't heard about Bloomin' Marvellous. Since it started in July 2004 with a 'ground force' spectacular, thousands of volunteers have taken part in a range of activities to make the villages of Horden and Easington Colliery a brighter and tidier place to live and work.

This year, more volunteers are urgently required to give up just a little bit of their time, either alone or as part of a larger group. In the past volunteers have worked together to add a real burst of colour to the streets by distributing hanging baskets and tubs, planting new bedding areas and trees, picking up litter and turning wasteland into new community garden areas.

In February, Kate Welch and a few others from the

Bloomin' Marvellous team also appeared on ITV's Fortune: The Million Pound Giveaway television programme with great success.

Bloomin' Marvellous activities will be taking part this year on June 26th (10am-12pm), 27th (2-4pm) and 28th (6-8pm) for more details and to volunteer please contact Samantha Shippen on 0191 518 0823 or Lindsey Wood on 0191 5866 010.





Pictured are newly elected Parish Councillors Terry Jones, Billy Hill, Bill Smith and Rod Brown following their induction training event in May.

**Billy Hill**  
My name is Billy Hill, I live in Sunderland Avenue in Horden. I have been working for people in the community for the past three years with the Horden Residents Association, where I am Vice-Chairman. I am also a member of the Horden Regeneration Partnership, sit on a panel for Doctors and Patients in the Easington District area, attend the Tidy Ted meeting at Easington, have links with East Durham Homes and attend their Board Meetings and not forgetting I sit on the committee of the Horden in Bloom - brightening up our streets throughout the year. I hope now that I am a Councillor, to continue to help the people of Horden to make it a better place to live.

years service as a Tank Soldier in the Army serving in Iraq, Kosovo, Bosnia, Cyprus, Germany and Canada myself, my wife Catharine and son Nathan, decided to settle back here and set up in business. Straight away I knew I wanted to be involved in making Horden a better place to live, this is why I opted to volunteer for the Parish Council.

I look forward to tackling issues to enable Horden to grow and strongly believe that the future of Horden lies in our youth so we need to give as much encouragement and assistance to our young people making them proud to be from Horden and bring back to its full potential the community spirit that Horden deserves.  
Regards

**Terry Jones**  
Both my late father Roy Jones and Grandfather Billy Jones were Miners working in Horden all their lives and had great pride in being Horden residents as do I and this is why after 13

**Bill Smith**  
I have lived in Horden most of my life except for my time in the Army. I believe in a safer and cleaner environment, free from drugs and drink on the streets and a cleaner place to live in. I believe in the Labour Party

and unions and unity in strength.  
My interests are football and most sports and getting youths off the streets.  
I am a Councillor, School Governor and Labour Party Member, as well as a Union Rep.

**Rod Brown**  
Hello, my name is Rod Brown, 41 years old married with two daughters, I have lived in Horden for 15 years. I have taken on the role because I think it will be a new learning curve for me. I would like to see less anti-social behaviour, less crime, and more unity, and as a team working together, I hope we can all achieve that. I want to learn more about the services the parish council provide, and in turn let others know. I am a good listener and open to any questions; if I can't help I will try to put you in touch with someone who can. I want to work towards a better future for the children of Horden because today's youths are tomorrow's parish councillors.

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### Bikes Wanted

Has your child outgrown their bike? Cotsford Junior School are seeking bikes to be donated to the school to be used for cycling proficiency training for pupils aged 7-11. They do not need to be in mint condition! Please contact Barbara Fletcher at the school on **0191 586 4660** for more information.

### The Green Leaf Café

Situated in Horden Welfare Park. Have a great meal and enjoy the benefits of the park, traditional home cooked food at affordable prices. Daily specials start from **£1.50**. Children's box meal (including toy) **£1.99** Sunday Lunch **£3.95**. Eat in or bring your own plate and have a great meal in the comfort of your own home.

Opening Times  
**Tuesday - Friday 9.30am-4pm**  
**Saturday - Sunday 10am-5pm**  
Also available outside catering please call **0191 569 3661** for more details.

**O.A.P. 10% discount**

## Annual Report Summary

Our aim is to give residents information about the Parish Council and the services which we deliver in the village, to outline how we are dealing with current challenges and highlight our plans to meet community needs and deliver quality services in the next year and beyond.

### REVIEW OF 2006/07

#### Welfare Park

Following the completion of the restoration of the Welfare Park, 2006/07 has been a year of much less change. The park was awarded a Green Flag and Green Heritage Site status in August, we are the only Parish Council run park in the country to achieve the Green Flag! The range of events and activities organised within the Welfare Park have increased significantly since the restoration.



#### Social Welfare Centre

The Social Welfare Centre continues to be used by many residents and community groups. Activities ranging from Mother and Toddler sessions to dancing classes and advice sessions all take place on weekdays, whilst the building is used for functions and parties at weekends.

#### Thorpe Road Cemetery

During 2006/07 79 burials took place. In addition to the burials which took place, 9 memorial plaques were sold for display on the Memorial Wall.

In February 2006 the Parish Council decided to ban the use of solar powered lights within the cemetery this decision has upset many relatives, both residents and non-residents, as a result, the Council did further public consultation during 2006/07 which resulted in the decision being changed. We now allow two lights to be placed on graves subject to guidelines.



#### Memorial Park

Having undertaken a number of capital projects in recent years, 2006/07 has been one of general ongoing maintenance at Memorial Park. Those of you who visit the park regularly will be impressed with the excellent standards achieved at Memorial Park.

During the year a management and maintenance plan has been prepared for the park, which revealed some interesting facts.



#### Church Green

During 2006/07 the Council replaced some of the seating on the green and installed new litter bins.

#### Sunderland Road Playing Fields & Play Area

In October 2006, as part of the preparations for Northumbria in Bloom, children from Cotsford Infant School planted 5000 crocus bulbs with Parish Council staff, resulting in a beautiful display in the spring!

#### Station Road Allotments

The committee continue to work with the Parish Council organising the annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

#### Cotsford Park Play Area

During October 2006 a new play area was installed. The design was chosen by local residents from five choices. Although there is still some grass regrowth needed, the area is looking good and providing excellent play facilities for children in the area.



#### Maritime Crescent Play Area, Grants Houses

This area was also redeveloped in October 2006, five designs were put on display for public consultation. The one chosen was by far the most popular. Some grass regrowth is needed to finish off the area, but this should take place as spring approaches!

#### Northumbria in Bloom

Following on from the success in Northumbria in Bloom 2005 Competition,

the village were awarded a Bronze award in 2006.



#### Quality Council Status

Quality Council Status is a standard developed by the government by which Parish & Town Councils can prove that they meet certain quality criteria. Horden Parish Council applied for this standard in 2007, we are awaiting accreditation.

#### Finance

During 2006/07 the Council set a budget of £521,794. It is estimated that we spent £595,784 during the year, which includes some expenditure from earmarked reserves on capital projects such as the new play areas. (Please note that these figures are subject to adjustment as year end final figures are still being calculated and will be available at audit in the summer of 2007).

The Audit Commission appointed external auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward, have set the audit date for the 2006/07 accounts as 13th July 2007. By law, any interested person has the right to inspect the Council's accounts. Any registered elector also has the right to ask questions about the accounts or challenge an item of account within them. The accounts will be available for public inspection for 20 working days between 11th June and 6th July 2007 for this purpose. If you wish to exercise your right to inspect the accounts, please contact the Clerk to the Council, Samantha Shippen between the hours of 10a.m. and 4pm on any of those dates stated.

#### Strategic Plan

In October 2006, the Council continued a formal process of planning for the next 5 years and beyond. Much has been achieved in the past five years and the Council wish to continue to improve services whilst concentrating on keeping increases to a minimum.

We hope to implement the items in the strategic plan identified for 2007/08, we will continue to run events for the community in the Welfare Park and continue to work hard to make Horden a better place in which to live!

A full copy of the Annual Report is available to residents, upon request, from the Parish Council Office. Please ring or email us or just pop in and collect one during office hours.

**Samantha J Shippen FCIS** Clerk to the Council