

Dates for Your diary

- Thursday 6th December 2007**, 6pm - Horden Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre
- Sunday 16th December 2007**, 4.30pm - Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Service in association with Horden Churches Together, Memorial Park
- Thursday 10th January 2008**, 6pm - Horden Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre
- \*Please note change from normal date\**
- Thursday 17th January 2008**, 12 noon - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, Social Welfare Centre
- Thursday 7th February 2008**, 6pm - Horden Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre
- Tuesday 19th February 2008** (time to be confirmed) - Paint a Bird Box, Bowls Tearoom, Welfare Park (see noticeboard for time)
- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st February 2008** - Two Day Soccer Course, Welfare Park. Places MUST be booked in advance at a cost of £6. Please contact the Parish Council Office for more details.
- Thursday 6th March 2008**, 6pm - Horden Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre
- Sunday 6th July 2008** - Teddy Bears Picnic, Welfare Park
- Wednesday 20th August 2008** - Pirates in the Park, Welfare Park

Welfare Park Events

Activities for young people and families are organised by Jimmy Bush, Parks & Cemetery Manager with the assistance of the Friends of the Welfare Park in school holidays throughout the year. During the summer six week holidays this year there were activities and events ongoing almost every weekday and several weekends. Activities ranged from arts & craft workshops, sports events and family fundays. If you live in the village and did not take part, you really missed out!

All activities are advertised in the Welfare Park noticeboards so that you can see what is coming up in the near future. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvements we would love to hear from you. You may even be interested in helping us as a volunteer! If so, please contact Jimmy Bush, Parks & Cemetery Manager either by calling into the Parish Council Office, phoning him on **0191 518 0823**, or by email at [hordencouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:hordencouncil@btconnect.com)

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.

# Newsletter

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Chairman, Jean White and Clerk, Sam Shippen cut the cake celebrating 60 years of Horden Parish Council



Chairman, Jean White and Vice Chairman Dennis Maddison pictured with the entrants for the fancy dress competition at Heritage Open Day



MP for Easington John Cummings presents Chairman Jean White with the Quality Parish Council certificate, also pictured Chairman of the District of Easington Margaret Nugent



Football Success, participants at August's football coaching, contact the Parish Office for details of future sessions



Hi folks, once again the parish newsletter is out with plenty of information about what has been going on. This is the last one for the year 2007 which I hope you will enjoy.

I was at conference at Bournemouth in October and was proud to receive an award for third place for the newsletter in the LCR/Cooperative Bank Newsletter of the year, an annual award organised by the National Association of Local Councils. It is the first time we have entered the newsletter for an award and considering there were a lot of councils entered we were proud to gain third place.

Once again, the summer events in the Welfare Park went down very well, each year the programme is getting bigger and better. This year the Council have received many letters of thanks and praise from residents and people living outside of the village. Many thanks must go to Jimmy Bush, the Parks & Cemetery Manager who organises all of the activities and the groundstaff for putting all their hard work into it. Without the support of the staff it would be impossible to provide the number and range of activities. Thanks must also go to partner organisations, including the Friends of the Welfare Park and the District of Easington Council who have worked with us to provide an



extended programme.

I am pleased to report that we have also been awarded the Green Flag and Green Heritage status for the second year running for the Welfare Park. The judges were once again very impressed by the Park and have asked both Jimmy Bush and Colin Muir to become judges for the scheme next year. Next year we are also hoping to enter Memorial Park for the Green Flag award.

In August, we were pleased to welcome local MP John Cummings to the Council when he formally presented Horden Parish Council with the Quality Parish Council Certificate. The actual award was gained at the

end of May 2007 and will last for four years. In order to gain the award we had to demonstrate that we are meeting a number of nationally set criteria including electoral mandate, qualified clerk, communications and community engagement. We are only the 428th council out of around 9,000 to gain this award and are rightfully proud of the achievement.

This year's Northumbria in Bloom competition once again brought success for the village. We maintained our Bronze Award for the overall entry for a second year. In addition the grades in Minor Awards this year were judged with the RHS criteria. Congratulations go to Bloomin' Marvellous event which gained a Gold Award in the Best Voluntary Project category, to Cotsford Infant School with a Silver Gilt in the Best School Horticultural Project (just 4 more points will get them a gold next year!) and finally Horden Welfare Park which also gained a Silver Gilt in the Best Park (Towns) category!

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Jean White, Chairman**



You can contact Horden Parish Council Office direct:

**Chairman: Jean White**

**Councillors:**

- Mr R. Brown**  
19 Naisbett Avenue, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4BW
- Miss 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)

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Photograph courtesy of NALC

Pictured are Councillor Jean White, Chairman Horden Parish Council, Councillor Ken Cleary, Chairman of the National Association of Local Councils and David Dunn, Senior Manager Public Sector & Community Development department at the Co-operative Bank. Jean is receiving the third place certificate for LCR/Cooperative Bank Newsletter of the Year 2007.

## Teddy Bears Picnic

The Teddy Bears Picnic theme afternoon held on 1st July proved to be a huge success especially with the little ones.

More youngsters than ever took part in the fancy dress and bear competitions. Thanks go out to the Blackhall Youth Band who provided the musical accompaniment, also to Walkers for their generous donation of crisps and to Joan Zettle from Maureen's Florists who kindly supplied us with enough coconuts for all of our fun days.

Next year's Teddy Bears Picnic date is now set for Sunday 6th July and preparations are already underway to make this event even better, this will include entertainer Mr Windbags and themed bouncy castles. Watch out for details in newsletters and in the noticeboards at the Welfare Park!



## Pirates in the Park

After being cancelled on its original planned date, this ever popular annual event was a great success a week later! Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy Punch and Judy, bouncy castles, fancy dress competition, face painting and of course our own pirate games around the bandstand.

Many children, staff and helpers were involved in promoting the theme of the afternoon by donning pirate costumes. The competitions, prizes and freebies went down very well and a brilliant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Next year's pirate date has already been set for Wednesday 20th August 2008 and preparations are already underway to make Pirates in the Park even more entertaining and eventful so mark this date on your calendars for a truly fun filled family afternoon!

## Heritage Day

Sunday 9th Sept was no exception to our last event, with a 1940s theme, the afternoon was very well supported by staff and volunteers dressing up in period costume for the occasion, Peterlee G.T. Brass Band helped the afternoon swing, while many got involved in a good old sing song. The mining exhibition and photographs went down well with many reminiscing over the yesteryears and the old fashioned games were a hit with the younger members of the community. The afternoon was very nostalgic and a great time was had by the 800 - 1000 who attended. The date of next years heritage day is yet to be confirmed, however the theme will centre on the 1950s so get ready to rock.



## June Clark, Chairman Finance & General Purposes Committee

In previous editions of the Parish Newsletter I've explained how the council set the precept and deal with requests for grants and donations. In this edition I'd like to share with you the sort of items that Finance and General Purposes Committee and appear on our monthly agenda.

The agenda and papers are sent out in advance so that the councillors have time to read through the information and can prepare questions.

The agenda follows the following running order: Bank Balances, Petty Cash, Invoices requiring payment. This is followed with detailed information about the month's expenditure of all the departments. This allows us to readily monitor any over/underspends.

Minutes of the Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee are reported to the Committee for approval. This item can generate a lot of discussion and decisions are sometimes deferred for more information.

Information is given about forthcoming training courses/Conferences which could be for either councillors or staff. We encourage attendance at any relevant



events but all are thoroughly discussed as to their relevance, benefit and cost to our council. Requests for grants and donations comes next.

The agenda closes with notice of application for planning consent which fall within our Parish.

The time allowed for discussion of the committee business is limited, so as Chairman, I sometimes have a juggling act on my hands to ensure fair debate and decision making time is allowed whilst moving through the items needing to be dealt with.

Every month is different and I never cease to be impressed at the depth of discussion or the strength of feeling displayed by our councillors on diverse topics large and small.

## PCT Cancer Support

County Durham and Darlington Primary Care Trust are looking for volunteers to help support their "Talking about Cancer" project. They will be trained to talk to people about how to prevent and spot the signs and symptoms of cancer.

Talking about cancer can be tough. People often have lots of questions to ask or concerns to discuss, but don't feel able to

or know who to talk to. Training volunteers can help people to talk openly about cancer.

People can help to reduce their risk of developing cancer by making lifestyle changes such as stopping smoking, eating healthily, being physical active, and drinking alcohol in moderation.

If you would like to help to get people talking about cancer. Then please contact Sharon on 0191 5692859 for more details.

## Village Plan

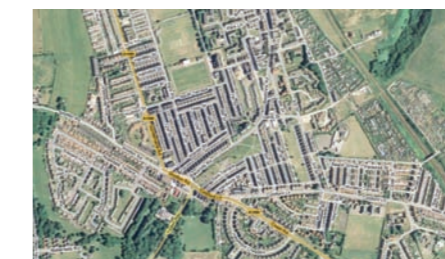
The Parish Council are to develop a village plan. A village plan is a holistic document which brings together the views, needs and opinions of the whole community, covering the social, economic and environmental issues of relevance to you and our local community. We need residents to become involved in this process.

Over the next year or so we will be seeking your views and opinions on current issues in the village, how these issues might be resolved and how we would like the village and services to develop in the future.

We will be working with Durham County Council, the District of Easington, Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder,

Primary Care Trust and others to ensure that all the action points from the plan are highlighted with the relevant authority.

If you are a resident or representative of a community group and would like to find out more about getting involved, please contact Samantha Shippen, Clerk to the Council.



## Regard Esteem Satisfaction Purpose Estimation Consideration Together

Walking through the streets today,  
All respect has gone astray.  
Youngsters gather with their friends,  
Binge drinking on corner ends.  
Foul mouth jobs they are there too!  
Throwing abuse to me and you.

Drugs are passed from one to another,  
Sons , Daughters , Sister and Brother.  
Breaking into peoples places,  
Cowardly jobs with no faces.  
Leaving behind hatred and fear,  
To the ones we love so dear.

We must shout and stand up more,  
For what we believe and care for.  
Not to bury our heads in the sand,  
Shout out now and demand,  
Equal rights for us all,  
Stand up now and be tall.  
Sweep out drugs, stealing, drinking and hate,  
Stand up now before it's too late.

Whether we're young, old, black or white,  
Standing together we can fight,  
Against the evil those few inflict.  
Hiding behind those cowardly faces,  
We can put them in there places.  
Hoping that the day will come,  
For us all to stand as one.

*These people do have mothers, fathers,  
sisters and brothers but as we know respect  
works two ways.  
To gain respect is to give respect hopefully we  
all can learn from families in our area that are  
still living in a nightmare that won't go away  
until something is done.*

Mrs. I. Roberts, Horden Resident