

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Horden Parish Council Welfare Park Summer Activities

Sunday..... 1.30pm - 5pm	Friday..... 1pm - 3.30 pm, Multi Sports Area
5th July Teddy Bears Picnic	14th August Short Tennis
Sunday..... 2pm - 4pm, Bandstand	Monday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, One Day Soccer Course
19th July Trimdon Brass Band	17th August Limited Places Available, Booking Essential
Monday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area	Tuesday..... 1pm - 3pm, Welfare Hall
27th July Short Tennis	18th August New Age Kurling
Tuesday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, One Day Soccer Course	19th August Pirates in the Park
28th July Limited Places Available, Booking Essential	Thursday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area
Wednesday..... 1pm - 3.30pm	20th August New Age Bowling
29th July Bouncy Castle and Craft Workshop	Friday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, No. 2 Rugby Field
Thursday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area	21st August Rounders
29th July Hacky	Sunday..... 2pm - 4 pm, Bandstand
Friday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area	23rd August RTB Easington Brass Band
31st July New Age Bowling	Tuesday..... 1pm - 3pm, No. 2 Rugby Field
Monday..... 1pm - 3pm, Multi Sports Area	25th August Prize Javelin Competition
3rd August Crazy Golf and Giant Draughts	Wednesday..... 1pm - 3.30pm
Tuesday..... 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area	26th August Bouncy Castle and Craft Workshop
4th August Crazy Golf and Giant Draughts	Thursday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area
Wednesday..... 10am - 12 Noon	27th August Crazy Golf and Giant Draughts
5th August Craft Workshop	Friday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area
Thursday..... 1pm - 3.30pm	28th August Hacky
6th August Bouncy Castle	Tuesday..... 1pm - 3pm, Multi Sports Area
Friday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Multi Sports Area	1st September Kwik Cricket
7th August Crazy Golf and Giant Draughts	Wednesday..... 1pm - 3pm
Monday..... 1pm - 3.30pm, Welfare Hall	2nd September Bouncy Castle and Craft Workshop
10th August New Age Kurling	Thursday..... 1pm - 3pm, No. 2 Rugby Field
Tuesday..... 1pm - 3pm, No. 2 Rugby Field	3rd September Rounders
11th August Prize Javelin Competition	Sunday..... 1pm - 4pm
Wednesday..... 1pm - 3.30pm	13th September 1960s Heritage Open Day
12th August Bouncy Castle and Craft Workshop	Sunday.....
Thursday..... 1pm - 3pm, Multi Sports Area	27th September Brass Band - Bandstand
13th August Kwik Cricket	

Mister Sister

Horden Parish Council Events Management Team have managed to book Mister Sister, the popular drag act, for an evening of entertainment at Horden Social Welfare Centre on Saturday 27th June 2009. Tickets are available at a cost of £4.00 and can be obtained by calling in to the Parish Council Office at the Social Welfare Centre or **Tel: 0191 518 0823**



HAVE 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.

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 - Mr Paul Davison, 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.

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Why not "spring" into the Park with your children and grandchildren and try out some of the brand new play equipment that's been installed.



Children can now have their rubbish "eaten" by the latest addition to Memorial Park - Billy Bear.



Parish Council staff testing the Crazy Golf equipment - Why not have a go yourself! And check out the Diary Dates for availability on the back page.



Look out for the new Pirate Ship at the Parish Council's Pirates in the Park extravaganza on Wednesday from 19th August - 1 pm till 4 pm.

Hello! Let me introduce myself. I'm Paul Davison, Horden Parish Council's new Clerk to the Council and I would like to welcome you to the Spring edition of our 2009 newsletter.

Before I dive in and cover what the Council will be up to in the coming months, I'll give you a bit of background on me and where I've come from.

Not far actually, I was born in Snowdrop Avenue in 1970 and lived in the village nearly all my life at various locations, from Third Street to Grants Houses until I moved to Peterlee in 1999 where my (better) other half belongs.

I was schooled in Horden. I was actually taught by one of our former Parish Councillors, Mr. Langan in Blackhills Road and following that, off to Yoden Hall Comprehensive. The pit closed the year I left school and unable to follow in my father's footsteps I decided to do another kind of digging and studied archaeology at the University of Durham!

After graduating, we moved into our house in Peterlee and I ended up working as the Insurance Manager for Orange. I moved into local government fairly late, working in Easington District Council's Governance, Risk and Legal Services. This was a busy time for me, not least our son was born, then things suddenly became very busy!

And so now I'm here back where I started, but for all the right reasons. It's great for me to say I can actually put back into the village so much I have gained from and to be able to help the residents of Horden as much as I can with the issues they have. We have a committed and caring group of



Councillors here in Horden and I will do my very best in supporting them to support you.

I've joined the parish in both uncertain and exciting times. The current economic climate is burdening us all and belt tightening is something we are all having to do at the moment. The Parish Council will continue to endeavour to keep costs low while providing the best possible value for money we can for you. The district councils in County Durham have now been abolished, now amalgamated into the larger Durham County Council. The changes this will bring cannot be achieved overnight, and things may take some time to settle into place. This will include the working arrangements with the Parish Council. It is hoped that in the future some of the services that the County Council provide to you will be eventually passed down to the Parish Council to supply. In

that way we can provide direct services to our residents.

You may have been involved in the surveys that were undertaken in 2008 relating to the Horden Community Plan. This is a plan than will set out the aspirations of Horden, where we want to go and how we will achieve this.

The Horden Community Plan will require everyone's input in order to make it work. Most of all, it needs the support and input of Horden's residents to tell us what YOU want for your village. You can decide what priorities are facing the village and where the Parish Council's money is spent. After all, it is your money!

Work is currently ongoing to identify which local partners should be consulted with in preparation for the plan. These will include local businesses, schools, doctor's surgeries amongst many others. There will be separate meetings held for public consultation later on in 2009 to give you the chance to voice your wishes, needs and requirements.

Well that's enough from me. I hope you enjoy the contents of this newsletter and I hope to see you at some of the Horden Community Plan events we will be holding in the coming months. If you have any queries, just drop me a line or call into the Parish Offices and I'll be only too pleased to help.

Paul Davison



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All Councillors can also be contacted via the Parish Council Office

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Assistant Clerk: Gaynor Crute
Admin & Finance Officer: 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 5pm, Thursday to 9pm)

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Football Success for Brilliant Kids

By popular demand the Parish Council held a soccer school for children in the half term holidays. The event was run by Parks and Cemeteries Manager, Jimmy Bush, who is a qualified football referee and coach. The children who attended the event really enjoyed the day and all

successfully obtained a certificate and award for their participation in the event. Jimmy said "all those who attended had a great time and another course is due to take place on Tuesday 28th July". Anyone interesting in attending should ring the Parish Council Offices on 0191 518 0823 to obtain further details.



Bridal Showcase at Horden Social Welfare Centre

Blushing brides and gorgeous grooms turned out in force on Sunday 29th March as Horden Parish Council hosted its first ever Wedding Fair, which was organised by local councillors and parish council staff.

The event was held to help promote what our local businesses can offer, as well as the versatility of the Social Welfare Centre as a venue for weddings and other special occasions and was well attended by local residents and people from the surrounding area. There were many local exhibitors in attendance ranging from Balloons by Design - XeUK, The Village Florist, Cakes4U, Trudy's Hair and Beauty, Craggs Catering, Regal Print Limited, Alans Hire Service, Slimming World, CK Entertainment, All Stars Disco, Special Events, Perfect Occasions, Michelle's

Financial Advice Service, Elite Limousines, AJ's Accessories. The crowd were wowed by world famous designer Scott Henshall, who came along to showcase some of his fabulous wedding and prom dresses on the catwalk which was provided by Mon Ami bridalwear. Councillor Margaret Robinson said, "The event was a great success and all the exhibitors thought it was truly fantastic. We had a lot of positive feedback and even received bookings for wedding receptions at the Social Welfare Centre". Plans are already underway for the Wedding Fair to take place again next Spring, so watch out for the date when it's finalised.

Fish and Chips for Local Support

Friday 15th May marks the 35th Anniversary of the Spinal Injuries Association and they will be holding a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord

injured people live full and independent lives. The money raised from this event will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives be providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

If you would like to hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and support SIA's information and support services. For more information or request a fundraising pact call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 ext 229 or e-mail fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

What's Been Happening?

Are you interested in what's been happening with the Parish Council over the past year? Why not pop into the Parish Council Offices, at the Social Welfare Centre and have a look through the latest Annual Report - or alternatively look out for a summary of the report in the next edition of your Newsletter.

Planning for the Community

Why not get involved with the future of your village by taking part in the Horden Community Plan? Almost everybody can contribute and all ideas are welcome. There are many ways that you can become involved so if your interested, call into the Social Welfare Centre when you're passing and have a chat with us or alternatively, contact one of your local Parish Councillors.



Hi Folks

Just to keep you up to date with the activities which are happening in the Welfare Park through the summer.

Jimmy Bush already had a soccer course in February which was well attended and at the end of the course they all received certificate and trophy which, I presented to the children at the end of the course.

There are two bands booked for the

summer on Sunday 19th July and Sunday 23rd July and hopefully there will be one in September. The Pirates in the Park will be held in August with a two half hour pirate shows this year. The Teddy Bears Picnic is scheduled to take place on 5th July with a lot more activities going on and a two hour show dancing, singing, fairy stories and two Magic Jack Shows. There will be flyers out shortly in the Social Welfare Centre for members of the public to pick up detailing the summer activities.

Most of the community would have seen our green flags flying in both Memorial Park and Welfare Park people have stopped me and said what a difference it makes. We will be trying once again for the Green Flag award this year which I am sure we will achieve with the help of the Parks and Cemetery staff. Well done lads.

Jean White



Memorial Park - New Play Equipment

As a result of some additional funding obtained the Parish Council was able to install some new play equipment in Memorial Park. It is hoped that the new equipment will enhance the pieces of equipment already there and enable youngsters to enjoy themselves in an award winning park.



Who's in the Chair

At the Parish Council's AGM on 7th May 2009 the following positions were elected:

Chairman of the Council - Councillor Jean White

Vice-Chairman of the Council - Councillor Margaret Robinson

Chairman of Parks and Cemetery Committee - Councillor Terry Jones

Vice-Chairman of Parks and Cemetery Committee - Councillor George Jones

Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - Councillor June Clark;
Vice-Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee - Councillor Tina Phillips

Chairman of Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee - Councillor George Jones

Vice-Chairman of Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee - Councillor Mary Clark

If your interested in knowing what the responsibilities are for the various Committees then contact the Parish Council Offices for more details.

Finance & General Purposes Committee 2008 -2009

In previous editions of the Parish Newsletter I've explained how the council sets the precept and explained the sort of items that come under the remit of the Finance and General Purposes Committee monthly agenda

As its coming up to the end of the financial year for 2008 to 2009, I'll bring you up to date with some of the items dealt with over this time.

We've agreed the purchase of a van for staff to use in moving between our sites. This was not a new vehicle but is in excellent condition and as it has a low bar fitted and will be really useful in moving other equipment too. The pick-up truck was needing repair very frequently, which was not cost effective and hindered our Parks and Cemetery staff in their efforts in keeping these areas up to the high standards you expect.

We've continued to give a variety of donations to organisations who could properly demonstrate that they provide support to yourselves through their works. It was agreed to more than double the grant given to the Easington District

Citizens Advice Bureau for this coming year. This is along with continuing to allow the free use of the room on a Tuesday in the Social Welfare Centre. We responded to Easington District CAB's request for more donation to ensure full continuation of this excellent support service locally in Horden.

An important change to the way we will give grants and donations will be announced during the coming financial year. It will involve "Participatory Budgeting" and is something the government wants all local councils to introduce in some measure or form. We have agreed to participate in a pilot exercise to distribute grants and donations by this method.

We used some monies which came back to our budget from District of Easington Council prior to its dissolution, to purchase items which we usually hire on major park open days such as The Teddy Bears Picnic.

We've been informed of all the Planning applications submitted to District of Easington which were within our



boundaries. In several cases we submitted responses based on information coming via councillor contact from yourselves or directly from views given via public attendance at the monthly Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Annual General Meeting was held on the 7th of May and I was proud to be reselected for my position, so you'll be hearing from me again in future editions of our newsletter.

June Clark