

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Horden Parish Council Welfare Park Winter Activities**

There are many regular events which take place every week at the Welfare Hall which are detailed below:

<b>Monday</b> .....	Smoking Cessation	3:30pm - 4:30pm
	Rainbow Guides	5pm - 6pm
	Brownies	5pm - 6:30pm
	Dancing School	5:30pm - 6:30pm
	Weight Watchers	6pm - 8pm
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	Citizens Advice Bureau	9.30am - 12.30pm
	Dancing School	6:00pm - 8:00pm
<b>Thursday</b> .....	CISWO Club	1:00pm - 3:00pm
	Girl Guides	6:00pm - 8:00pm
	Patchwork	7:00pm - 9:00pm
<b>Friday</b> .....	Mechanics	6:30pm - 11:00pm

If you're interested in attending any of the above and want any more information then contact the Parish Council Offices for further contact details:

**Thursday 7th Jan 2010** 6pm, Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre.

<b>Thursday 4th Feb 2010</b>	6pm, Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre.
<b>Thursday 25th Feb 2010</b>	12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, Social Welfare Centre.
<b>Thursday 4th March 2010</b>	6pm, Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre.
<b>Thursday 25th March 2010</b>	12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, Social Welfare Centre.
<b>Thursday 1st April 2010</b>	6pm, Parish Council Meeting, Social Welfare Centre.
<b>Thursday 22nd April 2010</b>	2 Noon, Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, Social Welfare Centre.

**Easter Holiday Activities - Please check the Welfare Park Noticeboards or contact the Parish Council for details of school holiday activities in Easter holidays.**

**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 Training 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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Children and Adults enjoying the Halloween Craft Workshop at the Social Welfare Centre



Horden Parish Council's Christmas Tree 2009 at Memorial Park



Wreaths laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday at Memorial Park, Horden



Representatives of Horden Rugby Club outside the Welfare Park with the Sport Club of the Year Award they were recently presented with.

**Memories of an Old Man**

The old man lights his candle and then his pipe.  
Then he turns out the light to look back on his life.  
In his old armchair he sits and goes back to his childhood and the candle starts to melt.  
His father's death while still a young man and his poor widowed mother left with a family of ten.  
Himself being the eldest had to carry the burden of going down the mine to keep the home fires burning.  
The colliery was new then and the village half built.  
His leisure was spent watching roads being laid and houses for the miners rise up from the dust.

And the candle flickers in the dark  
A smile lights his face, as he remembers Thora the girl he was to wed.  
His childhood sweetheart whose family often shared their bread.  
How happy the honeymoon though no money was there, at 2 Gasworks Cottages, Thora's uncle bid them share.  
Then the children come, seven in all, and one was called to God before it breathed earth's air.  
Oh the happy times but hard times when no work was going, then from the mine the buzzer would blow, to tell all the men there was work down below.  
The bairns all married and grandbairns came, but with the passing of life they

knew more pain, and slowly the candle burned.  
Oh Patsy me baim you were the youngest of seven, but at the age of thirty God called you to heaven.  
Your ma and me would sit and pray and talk about that lovely day, when we would see you again.  
Your ma's with you now, just awaitin' me  
I'm ready to come if God will agree.  
The mine has all gone now and houses pulled down, but God's been good, I'll not wear a frown.  
I've had a good life, got nothing to worry about, and just like this candle I'm waiting to go out.  
By Moya (Russell) Wood

**You can contact Horden Parish Council Office direct:**

**Chairman: Jean White**

**Councillors:**

- Mr R. Brown**  
19 Naisbett Avenue, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4BW
- Ms J. Clark**  
73 Cotford Park Estate, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4TA
- Mrs M. Clark**  
89 Cotford 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 Longthorne Avenue, Horden, Co Durham SR8 4HL
- Mr G. Patterson**  
7 Hope Avenue, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4ER
- Mrs G. Phillips**  
13 Morbeth Walk, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4HU
- Mrs M. Robinson**  
19 Shelton 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: Paul Davison**

**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)

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

**Tel: 0191 518 0823**

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**Hi Folks,**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the residents of the parish a happy and prosperous 2010 on behalf of the Councillors and staff of Horden Parish Council. I hope that everyone had a good festive season and are looking forward to the New Year.

The events held in 2009 were again highly successful and the favourable weather only added to their success. I was again delighted to be able to judge and present the prizes at the Events with my fellow Councillor, Terry Jones, Chairman of Parks and Cemetery.

Also I had the honour of Launching the Poppy Appeal with Chris Metcalf, Mayor of Peterlee, at Horden Rugby Club. This year's Remembrance Day Service was extremely poignant one with the first wreath being laid by the Riffles for fallen soldier, Daniel Wild, with his parents also laying a wreath. A service was held at St Mary's Church and the last post was taken by

myself and the Lord Lieutenant of Houghton with two army cadets from Horden.

This year has seen the abolition of the District Councils and the start of the new unitary Council for County Durham, which has meant that I have been representing the Parish Council at a wider range of events this year throughout the County.

The Parish Council's Events Team have organised events in the Social Welfare Centre this year ranging from a Wedding Exhibition in March to a Halloween Disco in October, all events have been highly successful with more events in the pipeline for 2010.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Friends of the Welfare Park for the help and hardwork they give to the Parish Council at our events in the Welfare Park and for the Craft workshops they organise in the school holidays.

The Community Plan Steering Group met on 9th December where they decided to carry out a



survey that would go to all households at the beginning of 2010. The survey will help to find out what the community wants from their village. So take the time to complete it and post it back so your views can be heard. Finally we finished the year off with the Christmas Carol Service in Memorial Park which was once again well

attended. Blackhall Youth Band provided the musical accompaniment and Churches Together organised the Christmas readings. The tree lights were switched on by Tillie Mae Prins. Well done Tillie.

*Jean White*

Chairman

Please remember the Horden Social Welfare Centre is your centre, if you would like to see how we can help you with an event, celebration or meeting room hire, please just get in touch.





Children at the Halloween Disco held at Horden Social Welfare Centre in October 2009

**RUGBY CLUB SUCCESS**

Horden Rugby Club was recently awarded Sport Club of the Year at the 6th Annual County Durham Sports Awards presentations, which were held at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham. The presentations were made by Triple Olympic medallist Steve Backley, with 400 people in attendance on the evening. There were nominations from many other sports with finalists in the Rugby Club's category from, Athletics, Basketball, Football, Gymnastics and obviously Rugby.

The Club's County Representative Bernie Lewis said "We are delighted to receive the award which follows hot on the heels of the Sport England Seal of Approval in July. Once again we would like to thank the Outside bodies that made this possible, Horden Parish Council, the former Easington District Council, County Durham Sport, Durham County RFU to name a few and the many Club Volunteers, without who, we wouldn't have made first base".

**New Year! New Start!**

Are you currently unemployed looking for an opportunity to kick start your career? Why not engage in volunteering and gain a qualification in your chosen field? Disc Advise Project (East Durham Volunteering into Secure Employment)

**HORDEN CRICKET - MOST IMPROVED GROUND**

At Durham Senior League Annual Dinner and Award Ceremony held in October 2009 Horden Cricket Club had the honour of being presented with the award for Most Improved Ground in the League. Representatives who attended the event were delighted with this unexpected award. Ken Lincoln, Club Chairman said "I would like to express my thanks to the hardwork and dedication of Walter Rudkin and his team who undertake the preparation and maintenance of the cricket field. The Cricket Square is one of the best in the league and we have

received many compliments on the standard of the Ground by visiting teams". The Cricket Club has worked in partnership with the Parish Council to improve the quality of this facility; Ken also said "he would like to express his thanks to John Slirman for his tireless efforts in obtaining funding to go towards equipment for the grounds in particular an electronic scoreboard, new covers, new roller and sight screens". Anyone interesting in becoming involved with the Horden Cricket Club can do so by contacting Adam Dixon on 07939 191 925 or by visiting the Club's website at [horden.play-cricket.com](http://horden.play-cricket.com)



have recently moved into Horden Social Welfare Centre. The Advise Team can help source a work placement and NVQ support leading to qualifications. Free Workshops will also be available: Job Searching, Anger Management, Confident

Building, Debt Advice and Advice and Guidance. Please feel free to drop in at the Centre to see how we can help you, or contact the Advise Co-ordinator, **Lynne Clift-Harvey on 07946 472 213**

**Horden War Memorial**

Following the excellent attendance at this years Remembrance Sunday service and mindful of the conflicts that have occurred since World War II, Horden Parish Council are considering a number of proposals regarding the war memorial situated in the Memorial Park.

These options include applying for listed building status, re-inscribing the dedication on the memorial in order to reflect more recent conflicts, a rededication service and proposals to hold a service for Armed Forces Day in June 2010.

Horden Parish Council will be working closely with Horden Army Cadets, the DLI Association, Horden Heritage Group and St. Mary's Church early next year in order to discuss how to proceed with these events. The Parish Council understand that consulting with you is very important before any proposals are carried out and public participation is very much welcomed.

If you do wish to become involved in 2010, then please contact the Clerk to the Council on **0191 5180823** for further details.



HORDEN BOYS UNDER 17S ACHIEVE CHARTER STANDARD

On 6th October 2009 Horden Boys Under 17s were awarded by the Football Association with the Charter Standard, and are one of the first teams in the area to achieve this award. The Charter Standard is a requirement for all youth teams by the start of the 2010 season and involves a lot of hard work and the dedication by those who run the teams. Horden Boys Under 17s are run and managed by

local lad, Graeme Wetherell, who formed the team in 2000 to enable Horden youngsters the opportunity to play for their village. When asked about this achievement Graeme said "He would like to thank those volunteers who have helped us to obtain this award, which has taken two years to achieve; Rob Emery and Julie Wetherell for the time and effort put into becoming the Team's First Aiders; and our two

newly appointed coaches Paul Newhouse and Adam Stanley". Graeme also, had to undertake an FA run course to enable him to become the Club's Welfare Officer. The Team will be celebrating it's 10th anniversary this year and anyone wanting to come along and watch them play are more than welcome to do so by coming along to Sunderland Road Playing Fields on a Sunday afternoon.

**Physical activity sessions prove**

**'It's never too late to feel great'**

A new social physical activity group for the over 50's will begin a taster programme in Horden commencing January 2010.

The public health team from the Easington locality of NHS County Durham and NHS Darlington are looking at new programmes of light fun physical activities to raise awareness of the need to increase exercise for the over 50s across the Easington area.

The programmes will offer the chance to

meet new people and make friends, chat, have some refreshments and take part in a variety of different activities.

The programme will include taster sessions for various levels of physical activity, including: • **New age kurling** • **Botcha** • **Keep fit**

Gillian Moore, Project Officer said: "We want to improve our community's health and well-being by promoting physical activity in all its forms and encourage everyone to take part, whatever their level of fitness".

"The team feel there are a number of measures that could be introduced as part of improving the current provision of physical activities for older people in the area and help raise awareness of the physical activity opportunities for the over 50s. Having programmes like the one in Horden will take us one more step towards achieving this and hopefully encourage older people to join clubs and physical activity programmes operating across the area."



People over the age of 50 have a range of different needs and will be interested and motivated by a variety of different activities and the team are hoping they find the new programmes help motivate local people into getting involved in trying something new.

Anyone wishing to attend the programmes, can contact Gillian Moore from the NHS public health team in Easington on 0191 5692803.

