

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4th November 2010 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm, Social Welfare Centre.

Sunday 14th November 2010 - Remembrance Day Parade leaves Horden Social Welfare Centre at 10.45am to Memorial Park

Thursday 18th November 2010 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, 12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 2nd December 2010 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm, Social Welfare Centre.

Sunday 5th December 2010 - Christmas Tree Lighting - 4.30 pm, Memorial Park

Thursday 16th December 2010 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, 12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 16th December 2010 - Charity Christmas Craft Fair - 12 Noon till 8.00 pm, Social Welfare Centre

Friday 17th December 2010 - Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.00 am till 12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 6th January 2011 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm, Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 20th January 2011 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, 12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre

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.

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Members of Horden Health Forum handing out free fruit for children at the Pirates in the Park Event



Councillors Jean White and Terry Jones with the winners of the Pirates in the Park fancy dress



The Parish Council's cemetery staff with their banner for being one of the top ten green spaces in the country



The Rt Hon. Grahame Morris, MP for Easington at the official opening of Horden Colliery Heritage Centre

The Mister Sisters Winter Wonderland

The Mister Sisters are pleased to announce that they will be returning to *Horden Social Welfare Centre* on *Saturday 27th November*. Where they will be performing their amazing Winter Wonderland 2010. Tickets are priced at £19.95 and are available from the Welfare Centre or by calling The Mister Sisters **TICKET HOTLINE : 01915871683**. Included in the price is first class entertainment and a three course meal (with Edinburgh Bakery's providing the catering)

Doors open at 6.30pm, meal served at 7.00pm

Hi Folks

Once again all the summer activities in the Park have come to an end and I have received many compliments from members of the community on the variety of events which have been hosted by the Parish Council over the summer holidays.

The Pirates in the Park was a great success again. The rain held off for most of the afternoon but unfortunately once it came the bouncy castles were out of use for health and safety reasons, cutting the afternoon short for many of the children. The fancy dress competition was a huge success with even more "pirates" entering the competition this year.

The Heritage Day held in September was 1970s era with staff getting dressed up as usual and some of the park lads swapped their work boots for platform shoes. There were many stalls again ranging from hook-a-duck to a Shooting Gallery and the Parish Council's new roundabout ride being used for the first time. There was a community policing stand which provided people with some interesting information. Many thanks again go to the Friends of the Park who give their time freely and manned the successful "Pirate" Stall for the event so well done to Julie Bush, Grace Ord, Joyce Forster, Sarah Murray and Katie Bush. Also thanks to Deb Bradwell and Christine Jones for the many craft activities they provided.



On Wednesday 13th October I attended the launch of the 2010 Poppy Appeal at Horden Rugby Club, last year the Appeal raised over £10,000.

The Parish Council was once again successful in achieving Green Flag Status at both the Memorial and Welfare Parks, but added to it's success by achieving a Green Flag for the Thorpe Road Cemetery on it's first attempt. So congratulations to the Parks and Cemetery staff for all their hard work in

achieving these prestigious awards.

Make a note in your diary for the following two events:

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 14th November parade leave Horden Social Welfare Centre at 10.45 am

Christmas Tree Lighting - Sunday 5th December at 4.30 pm.

Chairman

Jean White

You can contact Horden Parish Council Office direct:

Chairman: Jean White

Councillors:

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Mrs M. Clark
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Mr G. Jones
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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: Paul Davison

Assistant Clerk: Gaynor Crute

Admin & Finance Officer: Jacqui Hunt

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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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.



Welcome to the new interview section of the newsletter where we will be interviewing members of the community and local businesses. If there is someone you would like to see interviewed then get in touch with Gaynor Crute at the Parish Council Offices.

Interview with Councillor George Jones

Tell us About Yourself?

I was born in Easington in 1936 and lived there till I was 10 years old when I moved with my parents and my brother to Horden, where I have lived ever since. I went to Horden Modern Boys School from 10 years old to when I left at the age of 14, I then started work on Forbes Farm at Littlethorpe until I started work at Easington Colliery in 1954 until I finished work in 1985. I got married to Marie in 1960 and we have 3 sons, 2 daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grand children.

What are you doing now?

I'm a Member of Horden Parish Council where I have served for 14 years and currently hold the positions of Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee-Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Cemetery Committee. I also play an active role in the Blue Badge Network Charity which provides help and guidance for disabled people and their families throughout the country.

How did you get involved?

Whilst working at the Pit I became involved with the NUM Enginemens serving as Chairman until I left employment with the Pit. This gave me a taste for representation which I continued with in my role with Horden Residents Association and then when I was elected as Councillor to Horden Parish Council.

What next?

I will continue to serve the people of Horden to make the community a good place to live and work. I aim to improve the lives of people with disabilities through my work as Regional Representative of the Blue Badge Network.

Proudest Moment?

My proudest moment in my role as a community activist was when I became Chairman of the Social Welfare Sub-Committee which deals with the running of the former Miners Hall which is where I use to pay my father's union fees when I was 10 years old.



Record Breaking Horden!

Three of Horden's public open spaces were awarded the much prized Green Flag award this Summer, placing them amongst Britain's finest parks and green spaces.

The Green Flag Award is a national standard introduced in 1996 and is managed by Keep Britain Tidy as a means of recognising and awarding the best green spaces in the country.

The winning sites were Horden's Welfare and Memorial Parks, who have been awarded Green Flags since 2006. This year also included Thorpe Road Cemetery, which has achieved the award at its first attempt. In addition to these accolades, the Welfare Park was also re-awarded its Green Heritage Site Award for the fourth consecutive year.

Horden's most significant achievement this year is that the village is becoming

the only parish in the country to achieve three Green Flags and one Green Heritage Site Award.

Paul Davison, the Clerk of Horden Parish Council, who manages the award winning sites said, "These awards are a fantastic achievement for Horden and for County Durham. We always aim for the highest of standards and thanks to the tireless hard work and dedication of the parks and cemetery staff, Horden has now achieved more Green Flags than any of the other town and parish councils in the country".

The Parish Council work very closely with local community groups such as Horden in Bloom and the local schools. The village has been entered into the annual Northumbria in Bloom competition for this year. The whole community became involved and the school children in particular put in a great deal of work, so

fingers crossed for a gold award!"

Despite such achievements, Horden is determined not to sit on its laurels and is already looking forward to 2011.

Paul said, "Horden attaining these awards is a testament to the commitment of the village in wanting to create well managed, accessible and attractive green spaces for the whole community to enjoy. The Green Pennant Award is bestowed on those sites maintained by community or voluntary groups so with any luck the village will be ordering some more flagpoles next year!"

And if winning three Green Flags was not enough, Thorpe Road Cemetery has been placed ninth in the Peoples Choice Awards 2010 which is a national award bestowed by the public as part of an online poll as one of the countries top ten favourite green spaces.

Christmas Craft Fete
Horden Social Welfare Centre
Thursday 16th December 2010



Edvise Volunteers are holding a craft fete at Horden Social Welfare Centre on Thursday 16th December 2010. The Event will host a range of stalls offering local people the opportunity to sell their home made products.

Santa in his Magical Grotto will be in resident from 1.00 pm till 8.00 pm. Refreshments are available. If you are interested in having a stall please contact Lynne Clift-Harvey 0191 5867722.

Macmillan Charity Christmas Coffee Morning - 17th December 2010

Horden Parish Council will be hosting a Christmas Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The event will take place at Horden Social Welfare Centre between 10.00 am and 12 Noon on Friday 17th December 2010. There will be a choice of tea/coffee and a festive mince pie. There will be a tombola stall on the day - any donations of prizes will be gratefully received, just drop them into the Social Welfare Centre. So come along and enjoy a cuppa, mince pie and a chat and support this worthwhile cause.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING
 Friday 17th December 2010



Remembrance Sunday

The 2010 Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on Sunday 14th November. The parade will leave Horden Social Welfare Centre at 10:45 and will proceed to the Memorial Park via Seventh Street, South Terrace and Sunderland Road. Following the Cenotaph Service there will be a church service at St.Mary's Church. Following the Church Service the Social Welfare Centre's bar facilities will be open for custom.

Horden Community Plan

Things may have seemed a bit quiet since Horden residents completed their surveys for the Horden Community Plan in February, but now the village is one step closer to completion. Your answers and comments have now been recorded and Horden Community Plan Steering Group are now planning to hold a large public event in December in order to display the results and provide the public with an opportunity to ask any questions regarding the future of Horden. The prize draw for £150 of high street vouchers will also be held for

those who provided their details when returning their survey. The event will not only include the public. Organisations and groups will also be invited such as the Police, Durham County Council and local residents groups, amongst others. Advertising for the event will be arranged in November, once the date has been finalised and invites to local businesses, groups and organisations will also be sent out in November. Watch out in the local press, website and local outlets for more details in November.