

# Horden Parish Council

# Newsletter

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Jean White (Chairman) and Isabella Roberts (Parks & Cemetery Chairman) pictured with winners of the Pirates in The Park Fancy Dress (left) and (right) children enjoying the entertainment from the Punch & Judy show.

Ahoy me hearties! - A good day was had by all at The Pirates in The Park event held in the Welfare Park.

*Hi folks,*

It has come to the end of the summer events for this year. Thankfully with the weather having been on our side, all events have been extremely well attended, which is always good to see.

The Parish Council, Parks and Cemetery staff and volunteers were praised by the community on their events such as The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, The Teddy Bear's Picnic, Pirates in The Park and The September Fun Day.

Other events organised by The Parks and Cemetery Manager during the summer holidays included crazy gold, trampolines, field games, falconry display, bugs 'n' stuff, in addition events held in Horden Social Welfare Centre included a fabulous Puppet Show and arts 'n' crafts, these were also extremely well attended.



I had been invited to speak at the Salvation Army, as the leader, Michael Leonard, was retiring.

The Flower and Vegetable Show was once again held in Horden Social Welfare Centre and as usual there were a great deal of entries, including a brand new entry which was for the School Children's section. Once again I was given the honour of presenting the cups of shields to the winners.

Remembrance Sunday this year will be held on Sunday 11th November and will be meeting at Horden Social Welfare Centre at 10am. This year's Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in the Memorial Park on Wednesday 5th December at 6pm.

Chairman

**Jean White**

# Horden Parish Council

## COMMUNITY HALL REFURBISHMENT GETS THE GO AHEAD

Efforts by volunteers, community groups and local agencies to refurbish Horden's 100 year old Community Hall have been rewarded with half a million pounds of Big Lottery funding, marking another step in the regeneration of Horden and East Durham.

Two years of hard work have finally paid off with a successful application to the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund for £469,779 confirmed today. The decision follows dedicated efforts from local people determined to save and sustain the building (which sits at the centre of Horden's numbered streets, behind St Mary's Church) for the benefit of the community.

Those who have driven the project forward include members of St Mary's Church which owns the building, Horden Colliery Residents Association, Accent Foundation, Accent Regeneration, East Durham Trust and many of the individuals/groups which use the Hall including representatives of the Jazz Band, Youth Café



and Food Co-op to name some. In addition, a team of building professionals have provided the expertise and experience to produce detailed plans and drawings which meet the needs of those who use the building following months of consultation.

The £469,779 follows £32,620 awarded by the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities earlier this year to appoint the building professionals and surveyors needed to fully refurbish the building with new rooms, heating, lighting, car parking, first floor, lift, signage, modern equipment and structural repairs which will see the 100 year old building given a long-term future as a 'centre for regeneration' in one of Horden's most deprived neighbourhoods.

Trained volunteers will be key to managing and developing the centre. The project's business plan sets out how the building will be run in the years to come with the aim of helping people 'realise their potential' as its mission.

With planning permission granted and most of the funding in place, work is due to start next spring with doors to be opened in late 2013.

## HORDEN IN BLOOM

As part of the annual Northumbria in Bloom event, Horden Welfare Park was entered into the 2012 competition for the best park in the town category and a separate entry for Horden as a community in the town section.

The Northumbria in Bloom awards ceremony was held at Spennymoor Leisure Centre on Tuesday 11th September, where the winners would be announced on the day. Horden retained its Silver Award in the Town category which is an excellent achievement.

Horden Welfare Park however achieved a Gold award at its first attempt and not content with that, the judges went further and awarded the park the Ken Sherwood Trophy for Best Park in the Town section. This was completely unexpected and a massive achievement for the village, beating off stiff competition from other communities such as Alnwick, Hexham, Spennymoor and Ferryhill amongst others.

Horden Welfare Park, has been managed by Horden Parish Council since 1986 and became a registered charity since 1998.

Paul Davison the Clerk at Horden Parish Council said, "This is truly a fantastic achievement for which the community should be proud. There are many contributors to the success of the park, from the trustees who provide the vision to progress the park forward to the members of the public who enjoy the recreation facilities and enjoy the open space that the park provides. The success of the park, exemplified in this stunning achievement is only made possible by a true team effort. The Welfare park has attained many awards in recent years, but being bestowed with this accolade is of particular significance".

"Special mention must, of course, go to the parks and cemetery staff, who maintain the park on a daily basis. Without their tireless dedication, professionalism and commitment to excellence, the standard of achievement attained and now recognised in the Ken Sherwood Award, would not be possible".



# Horden Parish Council



National  
Trust

## Press Release

### National Trust festival at Horden postponed

The National Trust's second annual 'Make the Most of Your Coast' festival has been postponed. Due to take place at Cotsford Field off Cotsford Lane in Horden on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August, it will now run on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 3pm.

Many events have fallen victim to the unseasonably wet weather so far this summer, including the Great Yorkshire Show, the Cleveland Show and Durham Regatta. Keen to avoid the disappointment of cancelling the festival entirely, the National Trust team leading the event made the decision to put it off in the hope that a spell of better weather will lead to drier conditions.

National Trust Coast & Countryside Manager, Mark Bradley said:

'Cotsford Field is an important and sensitive wildflower meadow, a key site for plants and insects as well as ground-nesting birds such as skylark and meadow pipit. It was due to be mown in good time for the festival, but after so many weeks of heavy rain, we don't want to

risk taking heavy machinery onto the field while it's still wet, potentially causing a great deal of damage.

We have delayed grass cutting and baling by a few weeks, hoping that some proper summer weather will kick in. We also wanted to avoid vehicles getting stuck in the mud during the event, from catering vans to visitors' cars, which is what happened at the Great Yorkshire Show. If we're in for an Indian summer as predicted, September could turn out to be the perfect time to enjoy a day at the coast.'

The event will offer plenty of free fun for families, all with a maritime flavour, from craft activities and games to live music and refreshments. Plus there will be opportunities to discover more about nature and our amazing coastline. Pupils at Cotsford Infant School have created colourful handmade bunting to decorate the gazebos and the National Trust will be joined by other organisations including local wildlife groups, the Durham Heritage Coast team, Natural England and the RNLI to make it a day at the seaside to remember.

### HORDEN'S SPRUNG A LEEK!

Horden Parish Council hosted its 11th annual flower and vegetable open show last week with considerable success.

The event attracted entrants not only from Horden but from all over the North East. Despite 2012 being a poor year weather wise, flower growers submitted their best entries and put on a fabulous display. The vegetable sections also did very well, with the stars being the pot leeks which have always had a good show at Horden.

New sections were included this year for children's contributions, with Yoden Primary School coming out as the pick of the crop.

Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Jean White presented the prizes to the well deserved winners on Friday 24th August at Horden Social Welfare Centre, where the show is based.

Paul Davison, Horden Parish Council's Clerk said "Without a doubt, community events play a pivotal role in the social betterment of a society and foster the kind of community spirit that seems ever more rare these days.

Horden is acutely aware that village events, such as the annual Flower and Vegetable Open Show, provide an essential opportunity for its residents to get together and enjoy social pastimes, drawing together people of all ages and walks of life in order to celebrate our community. Indeed, our flower and vegetable show continues in a great British tradition which although is carried out widely throughout the UK, Horden Flower and Vegetable Open Show is now only one of three staged in East Durham. We hope that the community can build on successive years and make our show even bigger and better in the future"



As part of Horden in Bloom, community minded youngsters from the Box Clever Training Centre based in Fifth Street completed a litter pick throughout the village during the summer. Proprietor Liam Dineen said, "we all thoroughly enjoyed it and the streets looked lovely after".

# Horden Parish Council

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 6th December 2012 -

Parish Council Meeting, 6pm  
Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 20th December 2012 -

Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,  
12 noon Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 3rd January 2013 -

Parish Council Meeting, 6pm  
Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 17th January 2012 -

Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,  
12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 7th February 2013 -

Parish Council Meeting, 6pm  
Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 21st February 2012 -

Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,  
12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 7th March 2013 -

Parish Council Meeting, 6pm  
Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 21st March 2012 -

Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,  
12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 4th April 2013 -

Parish Council Meeting, 6pm  
Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 18th April 2012 -

Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,  
12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre.

Wednesday 15th May 2012 -

Annual Assembly, 6pm

The Annual Meeting for residents in the Parish to  
question the Parish Council on activities in the  
past year and receive Annual Report.

Thursday 16th May 2012 -

Annual Meeting, 6pm Social Welfare Centre  
Immediately followed by Parish Council Meeting.

## 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 5180823** during office hours, or leave a message on our answer phone after hours. You can contact us by e-mail at:-

[hordencouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:hordencouncil@btconnect.com)

Or you can fax us, on: **0191 5180385**

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 6.00 pm. The agenda for the meeting (which details what is to be discussed) is placed on the notice board in the foyer of Horden 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.

## Sleeping Beauty



**Performance Dates:**

**Wednesday 30th January 2013**

**&**

**Thursday 31st January 2013.**

**Performed by: M&M Productions**

**HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL'S  
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING &  
CAROL SERVICE. MEMORIAL PARK,  
BLACKHILLS TERRACE, HORDEN.  
WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2012  
COMMENCING AT 6PM.**

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