

Horden Parish Council

Newsletter

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Local school children enjoy the Pantomime!



Details of the future of the Staplyton Drive MUGA inside

Hi Folks

Once again the Newsletter is out to keep you up to date on what's been happening in the village.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year, I hope that all of your headaches are gone and the diets are back on track! Just to let you know what has happened over the festive season and what events are coming up in the next few months.

Remembrance Sunday Service had a good turn out with Ex-Servicemen, representative of the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Territorial Army Cadets, Girl Guides, Churches, representatives from clubs around the area, the Parish Council and others laying the wreaths on the cenotaph at the Memorial Park also the Church Service followed at St. Mary's Church. A big thank you to all the community who attended and to Father Kevin Smith and the Churches Together for the lovely service.

We finished last year with the Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Service which was held at the Memorial Park on 10th December. I wish to thank the community for coming along on such a windy and cold night. Thanks go especially to the Churches Together, Lennon Hepburn who switched on the Christmas tree lights, but most of all to the Salvation Army who played the music for the Christmas Carols, well done.

I held a Charity Night back in November 2014 at the Social Welfare Centre where a fantastic £1,251.00 was raised. I have split this between my two chosen charities, Breast Cancer Care at NHS Tees & Hartlepool Trust and the British Heart Foundation, thank you to all that attended and the local businesses for their kind donations, it would not be possible without your support and generosity!

The Thorpe Road Cemetery extension is still ongoing with the plan of the cemetery in negotiation stages and the sale of the land progressing. We will keep you informed of any updates as and when necessary.

The Parks and Cemetery Manager, Jimmy Bush, is in the process of organising this years summer events. If you would like to be involved or have any suggestions for a specific event please contact the Parish Council Office. Keep an eye out for

the schedule of events in the next few months which will be on the website with copies available from the Social Welfare Centre.

The Pantomime was held at the end of January for all the Horden school children and it was once again a huge success. This years performance was Dick Whittington and we have received many compliments from the local school children, Yohden Primary School even put together a brochure of their visit with a selection of photographs and comments of their favourite parts of the performance. Thank you to the children at Yohden for the hard work and kind feedback! Our thanks also go to Walkers Crisps for supplying the crisps.

Horden Heritage Centre, which is located on the upstairs floor in the Green Leaf Café in the Welfare Park, is now open three times a week, Bank Holidays and for park events. The new opening times throughout the week are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 10:30am until 3pm, why not call in for a look around and a cup of coffee.

Finally, Horden Parish Council are very sad to say Goodbye to Councillors Tina Phillips and Margaret Robinson. Margaret served as a Parish Councillor for 13 years and Tina for 12 years. Both have decided to retire from public office as of April 2015. On behalf of the community, thank you to Tina and Margaret, enjoy your well deserved retirement.

Chairman,
Jean White



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Horden Helping Hands

Horden's Helping Hands is a community volunteer group with the aim to help tidy and make the area, we live in, a better place for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren. So whether you're 16 or 60, if you think you could help make a difference then we'd love to hear from you. To become a volunteer or a member please email:

darren@hordenshelpinghands.co.uk or visit our website
www.hordenshelpinghands.co.uk



Cancer Survivorship Craft and Chat Group

County Durham and Darlington Foundation NHS Trust's Cancer Information and Support Centre in Peterlee, runs a Craft and Chat group. The group has been set up to support survivors of cancer and anyone living with cancer, also their family, carers and friends.

Bring your knitting, card making etc and find friendship and support with like-minded people. You never know, you may even learn a new skill. The group meets every Friday morning 10.00-12.00 at the centre. For more details contact Karen Jones, Health Improvement Practitioner on 01915874500.

2015 Summer Events

This year's Teddy Bears Picnic will take place on Sunday 5th July 2015 starting at 1:30pm there will be all the usual fun and games with the theme for Teddy Bears being "Cowboy and Indians" please note there will be no Fancy Dress Competition this year. The Pirates in the Park Day will take place on Wednesday 12th August 2015 starting at 1pm.

The Summer Events full schedule will be available from early April where copies are available from the Parish Council Office and details are also published on our website.

Mechanics Social Club

The Mechanics Social Club still meet at Horden Social Welfare Centre every Friday evening from 6pm to 11pm. The Social Club has been running for 44 years now and new members are always welcome to join!

Easington Homestay Drop in Centre

Looking for some free support and advice? Easington Homestay can provide information and advice on the following:

- Any aspect of your current tenancy.
- Claiming Benefits.
- Budgeting your Finances.
- Any general concerns you may have about your living and financial arrangements.
- Finding education and training courses.
- Getting in touch with other services, filling in forms and Documents.

Horden drop ins are held at Sure Start - every Monday at 10am - 12 and Fridays at 1pm - 3pm and Horden Youth & Community Centre every Monday at 1pm - 3pm. For further information you can call 0191 518 2401.

Horden Staplyton Drive MUGA

Following Alexander Developments unfortunately going into administration, as per our update in the Autumn 2013 Newsletter the Parish Council and Durham County Council were receiving a number of complaints from local residents regarding the unsafe condition of the small play area within the estate. The Parish Council began working in partnership with Durham County Council's Sports and Leisure Service to improve and make the play area and facilities safe.

The Parish Council made enquiries to progress the transfer of the land in order for the essential works to be undertaken by Durham County Council. It was then discovered that all assets of Alexander Developments had been passed to the Crown and that the Treasury Solicitor intend to take over the ownership of the two areas (MUGA and play area).

The Parish Council continued to make enquiries with regard to the transfer of the land in question and were informed that the Duchy of Lancaster now have responsibility for the land and that any transfer would have to be at open market value.

This was considered by the Parish Council and at this time resources were not available to take on the ownership of the land and facilities. Therefore any enquiries relating to the land should be directed to Farrer & Co, who act on behalf of the Duchy of Lancaster. Their contact details are as follows;

Farrer & Co LLP
66 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London
WC2 3LH
Tel: +44 (0)20 3375 7000

Horden Housing - Accent Homes

Some of you may be aware from recent news that Accent Housing have taken the decision to dispose of their stock of empty properties and any future properties as they fall empty.

Accent is now seeking consent from the Homes and Communities Agency for a programme of disposals, they are hoping many of the homes will be purchased by would-be homeowners under a homesteading initiative, subject to approval by the Homes and Communities Agency.

A spokesperson from Accent said "please rest assured the offer of homes for £1 was for the County Council and other social housing providers. It **does not** apply to private or commercial buyers".

The Parish Council, although not responsible for housing, support any groups or initiatives that are working towards reaching a satisfactory resolution regarding the housing situation.

Pro-Active Parish Councillors

Do you know that Horden Parish Councillors don't just represent Horden as a Parish Councillor? Many of the Councillors volunteer in community based roles such as making meals for the elderly, are School Governors, are Members of Horden Regeneration Partnership, Horden Banner Committee and Residents Associations. If you would like to know more about the role of a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Council Office.



Sports Section



RUGBY

The photo shows Ellie Pigford, Chloe Broom, Caitlin Render, Shannon Hetherington, Beth Lennox, Grace Brennan, Jade Sullivan and Robyn Wetherall before the recent game Durham against Cumbria. With a further 2 being added to the squad since the photo was taken, Cora Brazier and Saffron Dowse.

The result was Durham 39 Cumbria 0

Ellie Pigford and Chloe Broom were invited to attend the North of England Trials on 25th January 2015 and we are delighted to say that Ellie Pigford has been invited to attend Training Camp, unfortunately Chloe missed out this year, but no doubt she will be back next year as she is a year younger than most of the others. Not bad for an Amateur Village Club!

RUGBY CLUB PICTURE

FOOTBALL

Peter Best, of Horden, recently arranged a leg of Charity Football Matches in aid of friend, Craig Lynch, who sadly passed away in

July 2014. Horden Parish Council gave free use of the Welfare Ground within Horden Welfare Park for the event. The tournament included a game between the two 1988 teams of Yohden Primary and Cotsford Junior School, calling forward the original team members. The game was a 1-1 draw with Yohden taking the trophy after a 5-4 win on penalties. There was also a function held in Horden Cricket Club afterwards with lots of fundraising efforts throughout the day. The total raised was a fantastic £4085 well done to Peter and all those involved!

HORDEN JU-JITSU CLUB



Horden Ju-Jitsu Club Coaches Brian, Bronia and Amber presenting their student of the month award to Dylan Ward

Dylan is the first recipient of Horden Ju-Jitsu Club's 2015 Student Of The Month and awarded for his good attendance, improvement and attitude to training



Well done Dylan!

Horden Ju-Jitsu Club are part of the North East Ju-Jitsu and Kobudo Association who are members of Bushido Academies International

Gain confidence, improve your fitness and co-ordination whilst learning the fascinating martial art of the Samurai

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RUNNING

Run Peterlee was set up two years ago and the club continues to look for new members. From humble beginnings the club has grown from an initial handful of runners to a club that has over 50 members.

The club caters for all levels, from serious racers to people looking to take up the sport. Its a great place to meet up with fellow running enthusiasts. The club is based out of Peterlee Pavilion and meets at 6.30pm every Monday night. Club fees are £2 per session. Everyone is welcome. For more info search for 'Run Peterlee' on Facebook or Twitter or contact publicity co-ordinator Rob Dunn at robdunn1@sky.com



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As a Horden Parish Councillor and a keen genealogist, I thought it would be interesting to research the names on the Commonwealth War Grave Commission Cenotaph, in the Thorpe Road Cemetery. These servicemen were either killed in action or died from their wounds. It is also the 100th anniversary of the beginning of first World War and the 75th anniversary of the Second World War. Service men who died from 1914–1918 and 1939–1945 are buried in our closed cemetery at St. Mary's Church graveyard.

The final name I researched was a Thomas Williams, No. 46933, of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers, who died on the 28th October 1918, aged 36 years. I then discovered that my great aunt, Anne Rudkin had married his brother Mansfield Williams. Anne and Mansfield had a double wedding along with her brother, my Grandfather Richard Rudkin and grandmother Mary Elizabeth Copeland on the 25th December 1909 at St. Mary's Church, Easington Village.



Then this unbelievable family story started to unfold. I discovered a newspaper photograph, via the internet "**SIX SON OF HORDEN PARENTS SERVING THE KING**".

Further research uncovered their parents were Matthew Williams, born 3rd September 1855 in Usworth, Durham and Ann Richardson, born 1860 in Benton, Northumberland and were married 16th March 1868 in the Parish Church at Usworth, Durham. They had 12 children in total and on the 1911 census they lived at 42 First Street, Horden. Matthew died 4th July 1926, age 70 years and Ann died 1935 age 75 years.

Names of the six include Thomas Williams and the other five are as follows, three survived the war and three lost their lives:

John William Williams, No. 18877 of the 7th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment died of wounds on the July 6th 1917, age 38 years. He is buried in Seaham Cemetery. John married Alice Heads on 24th May 1902 at St. John's Church, Seaham and they had 4 children. After John's death Alice married Frederick Levitt in 1919 and had 4 more children. Alice died in 1968 age 83 years.

Joseph Richardson Williams, No. S5399, served with the Royal Navy Rescue. Joseph married Elizabeth Moore in 1920 and had 6 children. Joseph died in 1964 age 68 years.

Stephen Williams, No. KP/648, served in the D.L.I. And Royal Navy. He married Florence Hill 15th July 1911 at the Register Office, Easington. They had 4 children and Stephen died 31st January 1940, age 48 years. Florence married in 1941 to Samuel Patterson, she died 1981 age 87 years.

Edward Williams, No. 14589, of the 7th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment, was killed in action on 1st February 1917, age 24 years. He is buried in the Combles Communal Cemetery Extension, France. I found no marriage for Edward.

James Williams, No. 15764, of the East Yorkshire Regiment. He enlisted on 11th November 1914 but was medically discharged 28th November 1914. James married Mary Fisher, and had 10 children. James died 1963 age 68 years and Mary died 1965 age 68 years.

There are still descendants of Matthew and Ann living in Horden today. **Article by Councillor Edna Connor**

If anyone has any interest in the history of Horden, its' families or you have your own interesting stories which you think would make an interesting article please email hordencouncil@btconnect.com or call in to the Parish Office.

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