

Horden Parish Council

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QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE OLYMPIC SPECIAL EDITION



Horden Parish Council hosted a right Royal knees up in the Welfare Park on Sunday 3rd June as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.

As part of the Big Jubilee Lunch, picnic boxes and commemorative medals were given free of charge to the public and it was estimated that 2,000 people attended the event.

The parish council's staff were involved in the organising, but also parish councillors and other dedicated volunteers also helped out packing picnic boxes and medals as well as giving them out on the day to make the event a truly team effort.

Celebrated local band, Central Park, provided musical entertainment from the parks bandstand, which was a far cry from the brass bands who used it decades ago, along with

sides stalls, jugglers, face painters, fancy dress, archery and all of the usual entertainment the public expect from a Welfare Park event.

The parish council held several competitions, including a balloon release, where the winner claimed a prize for the furthest distance their balloon reached, one going as far as Redcar golf course!

Horden's schools were also involved in the event and as part of a Jubilee school poster competition, the winning school had their design printed onto a flag and flown on the day in the park before being returned to them, which marked the special occasion locally in an extra special way that future generations could remember.

Hi folks,

It's this time of year when the summer events are coming up. Events such as The Teddy Bear's Picnic and Pirate's in The Park, both of which have been a huge success over the years with extra attractions added each year.

The Jubilee event went extremely well with hundreds of visitors coming to the park. We have had excellent feedback from the event both in person and on our Social Networking Site.

I have attended a number of charitable events this year, one which I have recently attended was an event for the 5th anniversary of the Lisa Dixon Centre in which is the Home Haswell & District Mencap. Anyone who has not visited the the centre should try and do so as it is well worth it.

There is an excellent variety of events for the children this summer, some old and some new. Leaflets and it schedules are available from Horden Social Welfare Centre foyer.

It was marvellous to see the fantastic turnout from the local community when the Olympic Torch came through our village on Sunday 17th June, which was a memorable occasion.

I am organising a Charity Event on the evening of Saturday 29th September at Horden Social Welfare Centre. Entertainment is from The Hudson Sisters. There will also be a raffle and tombola. Tickets are priced at £3.50 each and this includes pie and peas. All proceeds will go to Macmillans and Leukaemia Research.

Chairman

Jean White



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After 16 years of outstanding service, Councillor George Patterson, decided to retire from public office in April 2012. George, who was Chairman of the Parish Council's Parks and Cemetery Committee, a post which he also held in 2002, said he made the decision "with a heavy heart".

George is no stranger to public office. After a career in the construction trade, he went into local politics, a life long Labour Party supporter, George became a District Councillor at Easington as well as a parish councillor.

Georges keen interest and passion regarding environmental issues led him to contribute to many council initiatives which led to George becoming the Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment (and later, Livability) at the District of Easington, before it merged with Durham County Council. Not stopping there, he also shaped environmental policy by becoming the Chairman of the District of Easington's Pride in Easington Steering Group and was also the Chairman of the Durham Heritage Coast Partnership.

During his time in office, George influenced many of the key decisions made not just for Horden, but for East Durham in relation to fly tipping, dog fouling, waste recycling, street wardens and many others which have resulted in positive benefits for the community.

At the parish council meeting in May, George was presented with a watch and cufflinks by the current Chairman, Jean White, in recognition of his contribution to the parish council.

Jean said "George is the embodiment of selflessness, integrity and commitment, not just to his community, but East Durham as a whole. He exemplifies what other councillors should aspire to. The parish council cannot thank him enough for all of the long years of service he has provided and has made a very real difference in making our community a better place in which to live".

On behalf of the community, thank you George, and enjoy your well deserved retirement.

Archery comes to Horden

East Durham Archers, a non-profit enthusiast club, have recently taken up residence in the Welfare Park. The club who are staffed by fully qualified coaches and approved by archery's national body, practice on the outside pitch during the summer months and also provide archery "taster sessions" at the parish council's park events.

Archery is a sport for all ages and abilities, so if you're interested please give Barry Nicholson a call on: 0191 586 4195 for further details.

Olympic Torch Reaches Horden

Horden was honoured to be one of the locations chosen for the Olympic Torch relay on its way from Lands End to London when it passed through the village at 10:40am on Sunday 17th June. 31 year old Gareth Thraves from Chester-Le-Street was chosen to bear the torch from Horden Memorial Park gates at the Yoden Way junction through to Blackhall and hundreds of people turned out from the village to see it off, in what was a once in a lifetime opportunity!



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Skate Park Plans Considered



Due to the increase in popularity of scooters, skateboards and BMX's the Parish Council have resolved to undertake a feasibility study to consider the development of a skate park in the village. Paul Davison the Clerk to The Council said, "Recreational activity has changed among young people in recent years and there is a growing demand for facilities such as skate parks in order to meet that need. Skate parks have been proven to provide healthy, diversionary activity for young people while fostering a sense of mutual respect which helps in reducing anti-social behaviour".

The Parish Council are to produce a feasibility study to determine whether they can financially take forward the project in line with other council initiatives.

Paul said "the Parish Council are very active in the community and as you can imagine, there are many priorities to juggle. The Council's most important project is the provision of cemetery facilities above all else, but if we can obtain significant funding for the skate park, then elected members may wish to progress this further".

Flagship Youth Project Receives Chief Constables Endorsement

Durham Constabulary's Chief Constable, Jon Stoddart, is to attend the Centrefield Pavilion at Sunderland Road in Horden on 4th July. He is to officially present £5,000 funding from County Councillor Dennis Maddison taken from his neighbourhood budget via the East Durham Area Action Partnership to support the "Board Games for Bored Kids" project.

The funding will ensure that the project can continue to run for another year and will be used to pay for youth workers to attend the sessions.

The project is jointly run by Peterlee Police, Groundwork Northeast, Durham County Council's Community Safety Partnership and Horden Parish Council, who provide the Centrefield Pavilion as a venue for the Community Café. Dave Robinson, the proprietor of the café, first approached the parish council with the idea of a community café in 2008, which finally came to fruition a year later.

The sessions run on Wednesday evenings between 5pm and 8pm and generates an attendance of up to 80 children per night. The project encourages multi generational contact and the breaking down of barriers between youngsters and older residents – a project which has been so successful that it is being used as a model for other areas within County Durham as well as nearer to home; recently, a similar project has been set up in St.Mary's Church Hall off Seventh Street, which is going from strength to strength.



Durham County Council recently issued a series of Chairman's Medal awards, which are aimed at recognising these individuals for outstanding commitment to their communities. The nominations, which were lodged through the County Council's Area Action Partnership, were considered. The winner of the Chairman's Medal for the East Durham Area Action Partnership, which covers an area from Blackhall to Thornley, was Pat and John Barnett from Horden, in recognition for the voluntary work in the community. Well done Pat and John!

Horden Residents Association
Meet at the Centrefield Pavillion,
Sunderland Road, Horden
on the last Tuesday of the month,
Starting @ 2pm.

Horden Colliery Residents Association
Meet at the Community Hall,
attached to St.Mary's Church,
Horden, on the third Tuesday of
every month, Starting @ 5pm.

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Horden 2012 Flower and Vegetable Show

Gardeners and growers should make space in their diaries for 22nd—24th August 2012, which is when Horden Parish Council are holding their annual Flower and Vegetable Show. Running from Wednesday to Friday immediately prior to the Bank Holiday weekend.

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 it's 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.

This year hopes to be bigger and better than the last, including the introduction of new children's sections to encourage an interest in gardening at a young age.

Programmes for the show can be collected at Horden Social Welfare Centre from mid July. Please enquire at the Parish Council on: 0191 518 0823 if you require more details.

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The Green Leaf Café, Horden Welfare Parks popular eatery, has re-opened. Now under new management, Deb Simpson opened for business in April 2012 and is committed to providing users of Horden's largest recreational open space with value for money, tasty meals and snacks all year round.

From freshly brewed Lavazza coffee to a wide selection of homemade, fresh meals such as tatty hash, stew and dumplings and lasagne to choose from, the café caters for every taste.

Deb is open to suggestions so if there isn't something on the menu that you'd like to see on there, just pop in and let her know. Try the Sunday dinners this weekend and save yourself some washing up!

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Need help?
Need advice?
Then you need One Point.

Working together, staff from the NHS and Durham County Council created a unique service to provide a “**one stop shop**” for support, advice and a range of activities for children, young people and their families. This includes support from early pregnancy to the age of 19 years and for some children and young people who have a disability, up to the age of 25 years.

This service is called **One Point** and makes it easier for you and your family to access:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing
- Educational Welfare
- Behaviour Support
- Educational Psychology
- Personal Advice (formerly Connexions)
- Youth Work
- Family Support
- Anti-bullying
- Personal Support

Services are offered through 10 new One Point Service offices located throughout the County as well as our existing Sure Start Children’s Centres, Youth Centres and a number of Health Centres to extend the reach of the Service into the heart of our communities.

If you wish to find out more about our service please contact us on: **03000 26 11 11** or visit:

www.durham.gov.uk/onepoint.

**Stonham
home
group**

**Care and Support services
Easington**

Wellbeing & recovery outreach services:

Easington Outreach Support Offers emotional and practical support on a one to one basis for people with Mental Health issues through a wide range of practical activities.

Referrals can be made by post, fax, email, freephone or in person: Fax: 01325 328070. Email: gatewaydurham@homegroup.org.uk. Freephone: 0800 073

Homestay services:

The service provides short-term—up to two years—support to vulnerable people living in the district of Easington, offering practical housing related support.

Learning Disabilities:

The Learning Disabilities Team are a country wide floating support service and offer support for up to 15 clients with Learning Disabilities in Easington who have housing related support needs. We offer specialist support to parents with Learning Disabilities to develop and maintain parenting skills.

Accommodation services:

Easington Young People’s Services provides safe, stable supported accommodation for 16-25 year olds who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We offer support to maintain your tenancy with us, develop independent living skills to enable you to move on and gain your own tenancy in the community.

Open Access Groups:

Opportunities are available to be involved in a selection of groups promoting Mental Wellbeing through community activities including: badminton, walking, cycling, swimming and art. We also have a Women only group which runs twice a week.

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Cemetery Facilities to Improve



Thorpe Road Cemetery is to receive a facelift with its washroom facilities. The original toilet block, built in 1953 has recently been closed to the public due to the building requiring a major refurbishment and not being suitable for use any further.

Paul Davison, the Parish Council's Clerk said "the toilets are now in need of extensive repair, required to be made compliant with disability legislation and above all need to be pleasant and fit for public use. The time has come for the building to be renovated or replaced".

Work in the cemetery, which achieved a Green Flag Award in 2011 at its first attempt, will commence in 2012 on either refurbishing the existing facilities or completely rebuilding the toilet block, whichever proves more feasible.

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

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.

You can contact Horden Parish Council Office direct:

Chairman: Jean White

Councillors:

Mr R Bagnall

34 Cotsford Park Estate, Horden, Peterlee, Co. Durham, SR8 4SY.

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89 Cotsford Park Estate, Horden, Co Durham SR8 4TA

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9 Park Terrace, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4JG

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73 Cotsford Park Estate, Horden, Co. Durham SR8 4TA

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Mrs I Roberts

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23 Blackhills Tce, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4LJ

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All Councillors can be contacted via the Parish Council Office

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