

# Newsletter

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Horden CISWO Club celebrate their 10 Year Anniversary



Horden Heritage Centre re-open their doors following their refurbishment



Horden Post Office undergoes Refurbishment



Haswell & District Mencap plan to Re-open Green Leaf Café

## Hi Folks

It is coming up to the summer season once again with lots of activities planned again this year. The first big event is the annual Teddy Bears Picnic which will be held Sunday 7th July in Horden Welfare Park, here's hoping the weather is on our side like last year! All this year's summer activities are available to view on our website or from the Parish Council Office.

I was invited to the Horden CISWO Club's 10th Year Anniversary in May, it was a great afternoon with entertainment and buffet, it was also the day Jean Corner retired from her role of Treasurer for the club after 10 years, Jean was presented with gifts by the club to thank her for an outstanding job. I also attended the 100th Anniversary of St Mary's Church, it was brilliant to see the number of Bishops and Fathers which attended from all over the county. I am also invited to The Salvation Army Garden Party in August.

Look out for the up and coming entertainment on Saturday and Sunday evenings which will be held in Horden Social Welfare Centre, we have some great performers lined up. I am also holding my annual Chairman's Charity Night at the centre on Saturday 19th October 2013. Tickets are priced at £4.00 each and details of the event and how to purchase tickets are included in this edition. All proceeds from the night will be donated between Marie Curie Cancer Care and Alzheimer's Research.

Here's wishing you all a great summer and lots of sunshine! We do hope you enjoy the summer activities lined up this year.

Chairman,



# Horden Parish Council



George Lavery has recently retired from his role of Parish Councillor, George has been a Councillor for 25 years and has been a credit to the Horden Community and Parish Council.

George has represented Horden on a number of Committees including Tidy Ted and Street Safe.

At the Parish Council Meeting in May, George was presented with a watch and pen by the current Chairman, Jean White, in recognition of his contribution to the parish council. George will be sadly missed and we wish him well in his retirement.

## Horden Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) 10 Year Anniversary

Horden CISWO Club was started ten years ago, with a start up grant given by the Trustees of the North East Area Miners Social Welfare Trust Fund (NEAMSWTF). Since then, the club has gone from strength to strength with over 60 women meeting every week on a Thursday afternoon at Horden Social Welfare Centre, enjoying many activities and outings.



The club held it's own 10th Anniversary event on Thursday 9th May 2013, Mr David Hopper, Chairman of the Trustees of NEAMSWTF presented the club with a further grant of £850 to Mrs Celia Monaghan, Chair of the CISWO Management Committee, in recognition of the club's achievement.

Congratulations to all the Management Committee!

## Horden Social Welfare Centre Upcoming Events:

Rebecca Ashley will perform at Horden Social Welfare Centre on Saturday 13th July, tickets are priced at £2.00 each and are on sale now at Horden Social Welfare Centre.

Chairman's Charity Evening - Saturday 19th October 2013, entertainment by "Rivelino" tickets priced at £4.00 each which includes pie & peas or quiche, tickets available by contacting Jean White on 0191 5867766 .

## Horden Parish Council Grants & Donations 2012/13

During the year the council endeavours to help as many groups as possible within the village. For example we allow organisations reduction in room rental within the Social Welfare Centre and one-off donations. Below are a few of the organisations who received a grant or donation in the year 2012/13:

Horden Brownies and Rainbow Guides

Horden Girl Guides

Claire's Dancing School

Great North Air Ambulance

Horden Youth and Community Centre

Hartlepool & District Hospice

## Horden Post Office gets a Facelift!

Following it's recent refurbishment, Horden Post Office is now a new main style branch. The change is part of a three-year investment and support

programme, the largest in the history of Post Office, which will see around 6,000 branches converted. The aim is to create a more modern and convenient retail experience for customers that will include longer hours.

The new opening times are 08:30 to 17:30 Mon to Fri and Saturday 09:00 to 17:30 (closed Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays).

John Dulai, The Owner of Horden Post Office said "This is a strong signal to the public that your local Post Office is getting stronger and looking towards a brighter future. The Horden branch will be adding the vehicle tax disc service to their current services this year with hints of further new services heading our way, the public may be surprised at the vast services we already currently offer, why not call in to discuss these further"



## Councillor Hot Spot

### Interview with Councillor Tina Phillips

#### Tell us About Yourself?

I was born in Hartlepool and moved to Horden when I was 11 years old. I attended Horden Secondary Modern Girls School and went on to continue my education at Peterlee Technical College where I completed a secretarial course. I left college on the Friday and started employment on the Monday at the Hartlepool firm Swan McFarlen. I married Joe (a Horden Miner) in 1969 and we went on to have two daughters and one son, we now have four Grandchildren.

#### What are you doing now?

I have been a member of Horden Parish Council for 10 years and during that time I have held the position of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. I play an active role in the community representing Horden on a number of voluntary organisations as well as that of a School Governor. I currently volunteer, as part of a dedicated team, for Age Concern providing lunch for up to 50 people every week.

#### How did you get Involved?

My experience of working in the Voluntary Sector prompted me to want to contribute more to the Horden community. When a position of Parish Councillor arose I was proud to accept the role.

#### What Next?

I will continue to endeavour to serve the people of Horden for as long as I possibly can and to do that to the best of my ability.

# Horden Parish Council

## Horden Colliery Heritage Centre Grand Re-opening



Horden Colliery Heritage Centre has re-opened following a refurbishment of the two rooms now styled and dressed in the 1920's. The centre's committee was contacted by officials from Beamish Museum who suggested they

create the two themed rooms at the facility, the Committee then decided to create a 1920's living room and kitchen. The kitchen has a range that has been created by trainees from the Accent Organisation.

The new rooms were unveiled at an event that saw around 300 people visit the facility. People were so impressed that they were giving donations, that will go towards the running of the centre. The rooms were officially opened by one of the oldest people in Horden; Alderman Ada Nesbitt, who cut the ribbon. The Horden Colliery Heritage Centre is open to visitors each Wednesday from noon until 3pm.

## Popular Park Eaterie to Re-Open

The Green Leaf Café, Horden Welfare Park's popular eaterie, is set to re-open. Now under new management, Haswell and District Mencap are opening for business on June 29<sup>th</sup> and have committed to providing users of Horden's largest recreational open space with value for money, tasty meals and snacks all year round.

Paul Davison, the Parish Council's Clerk said, "This venture represents a big commitment for both Mencap and the parish council working together in order to provide a valuable service to the community. The council are committed to providing training opportunities for local people and working in partnership with Mencap, to help those people with learning difficulties is an added bonus".

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

The Café 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 the staff know!

## 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 summer 2013, refurbishing the existing facilities to bring the toilets back into re-use. Work is also planned on resurfacing roadways into the cemetery which have suffered pothole and wear damage after a series of harsh winters.

### Teddy Bears Picnic 2013

This year's Teddy Bears Picnic will take place on Sunday 7th July 2013 from 1:30pm to 5pm.

Activities include Circus Skilled Workshop, Bouncy Castles, Mini Zoo, Magic Jack and a performance from Leigh Freda - come along and join the fun!

The Teddy Bear Competition will be judged at 1:30pm and Fancy Dress at 1:45pm

This year's Summer Activities are available to view on our website [www.hordenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hordenparishcouncil.gov.uk) under the "What's On" Section.

**Durham Heritage Coast - Little Tern Coastal Bus - Explore, Discover and Enjoy the Durham Coast**



The Little Tern coastal bus is FREE of charge and operates weekends and August Bank Holiday Monday. The service is running until 1st September - why not make the most of your coastline and explore! Well behaved dogs are allowed aboard too.

Timetables are available on the Durham Heritage Coast website [www.durhamheritagecoast.org.uk](http://www.durhamheritagecoast.org.uk) or you can collect one from Horden Social Welfare Centre reception.

For further information please contact Durham Heritage Coast on 03000 268 131.

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## St. Mary's Church Centenary Year 1913-2013

This year St Mary's celebrates 100 years of its mission and ministry in this village. The "Miners Cathedral" as it is locally called, was first opened and consecrated by the Bishop of Jarrow on the 26th April 1913.

The 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 saw in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dedication, with a splendid service being held at St. Mary's. The Right Revd & Rt Hon Dr. David Hope KVC0, the former Archbishop of York officiated over the proceedings and the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was accompanied with an emotional performance from the Girl Choristers of Durham Cathedral.

Afterwards, a reception was held at the Social Welfare Centre and you may have been one of the lucky ones to purchase a beautiful signed print of St. Mary's Church!

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June sees the continuance of the festivities with the Centenary Flower Festival. Children from Horden's schools will be creating artwork and will display these at the festival in St. Mary's church to accompany the flower displays and for those who need refreshment, a cake stall with soft drinks will also be provided.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June, there will be the Ordination of James Leigh as Deacon in Durham Cathedral at 10 am and a welcome Mass by Father Leigh as the Curate of St. Mary's at 6 pm. This will be followed by a reception in Horden Social Welfare Centre shortly after.

Further celebrations are planned on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> October with the Centenary Gala Concert with Guest Appearance of the world famous baritone, Seaham born, Sir Thomas Allen at St. Mary's. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Centenary Dinner held, with forthcoming details expected.

Culminating in the year, the expected refurbishment of the church hall will be completed. Horden's Church Hall which is located behind the church was built in 1904 as the original parish church dedicated to St Hilda, a great northern English Saint along with Cuthbert, Chad, Aidan of Lindisfarne and many more until St Mary's Church was built. The hall committee has managed to secure a grant of £500,000.00 from Big Lottery in order to re-furbish the hall. Work is already well underway with a local builder and is due to be completed on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013. When the work is complete, the hall will be opened and re-named The Horden Centennial Centre. For further information about any of these events, please do not hesitate to contact Father Kevin Smith.

## 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.

## You can contact Horden Parish Council Office direct:

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All Councillors can be contacted via the Parish Council Office

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Monday - Thursday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Friday: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm

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