

Horden Parish Council

Newsletter

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Office Space to Let

Horden Social Welfare Centre now has a further 2 rooms available to hire for meetings or to let as office space. Both at very competitive prices.

Room One is 7m x 6m with a small off shot which is 1.5m x 6m.

Room two is 9m x 7m.

Terms & conditions apply.

Details available upon request.



Hi Folks

Here's wishing you a Happy New Year. I hope you have all recovered from the festive season, with plenty of food, drinks and presents.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Service, which took place on Wednesday 7th December 2011, was not well attended, unfortunately, but this was possibly due to the rather cold and windy weather. A Big Thank you to everyone who did manage to attend.

I would like to thank Rosie and Alfie Vargas for switching on the lights, well done! and also Connor and Macan for distributing the carol sheets.

Jimmy Bush, once again has a full programme for next year with the events in the Welfare Park, Sunderland Road and also Horden Social Welfare Centre. We have a really big event coming up next year, but will keep you posted with an update in Spring's Newsletter, so watch this space!

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to see anything different in the Park, I am sure Jimmy Bush will take up any ideas, within reason, that the community have.

So here's wishing you all very best wishes for 2012!

Chairman

Jean White



Councillor Mrs Jean White pictured with children Rosie and Alfie Vargas at Horden Parish Council Christmas Tree Lighting Service.

Please Note: Horden Colliery Heritage Centre will not be open whilst Ambulance House Cafe is closed. The Parish Council hope to re-open Ambulance House around February/March in the New Year.

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

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Big Garden Bird Watch weekend 28-29 January 2012

One of the biggest events of the year is set to take place over the weekend of 28th-29th January 2012, but it's nothing to do with MPs, celebrities or sport. This event involves our feathered friends, over half a million people and plenty of cups of tea!

Yes it's almost time for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. This is the charity's most important event of the year when people across the UK look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see.

Last year, over 600,000 people counted more than 10 million garden birds. The information from this survey helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well (or not so well), each species is doing.

Taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and downs of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden.

If you would like to step up for nature and take part, you can request a free Big Garden Birdwatch pack over the phone by calling: 0300 456 8330. Alternatively, you can visit the RSPB website @ www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch for more information and to submit your results online.

School children and their teachers are also being given the opportunity to learn more about their local birds with the Big School's Birdwatch taking place 16th until 30th January 2012. A fun educational activity, pupils spend an hour looking out of their classroom window, recording what birds they can see on their playing field. Visit www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch to find out more.

switchovernews

Your monthly briefing from digitaluk
in the North East

The latest news about digital television switchover

IT'S IN THE NEWS - GET READY FOR SEPTEMBER SWITCH



From September 12 next year, the biggest change to hit our TV screens since the launch of colour television comes to our region when 1.4 million households in the North East go completely digital.

Analogue signals will be turned off and Freeview coverage boosted to reach virtually all homes, including thousands served by local relay transmitters who will be able to receive digital TV free via an aerial for the first time.

"Switchover affects every viewer who watches TV using an aerial," says DigitalUK Regional Manager John Askew. "All Freeview, TopUp TV and BT Vision televisions, digital recorders and set-top boxes will have to be returned at both stages of the switchover in order to receive all the new signals - so everyone needs to know the switchover dates and what to do when it happens".

PLENTY OF TIME TO PREPARE - SWITCHOVER HAPPENS IN SEPTEMBER

Area served	Transmitter Group	Stage One (BBC2 analogue switched off)	Stage Two (all other analogue off)
north Northumberland	Chatton	12 September 2012	26 September 2012
County Durham and Tyne and Wear	Pontop Pike		
Teesside and much of North Yorkshire	Bilsdale		

LEAFLETS HIT THE STREETS



There's plenty of help available for those who need more information. The DigitalUK website at digitaluk.co.uk has lots of information about how to switch to digital; viewers can call the Digital UK advice line on 08456 50 50 50 and if they need face-to-face advice they can speak to their local television retailer.

Around three months before the switchover happens, every household will be sent a handy how-to guide giving all the information needed to set up and return digital equipment - but in the meantime, the Digital UK team in the North East can supply leaflets, posters and factsheets. If you would like a supply for use in your community, just let us know.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OLDER AND DISABLED VIEWERS

The Switchover Help Scheme, run by the BBC, helps older and disabled people to make the change to digital TV. For £40 (or free for those on certain income-related benefits) every eligible person will be offered practical help to convert one of their TV sets to digital including equipment, installation and aftercare. People are eligible if they are aged 75 years and over, if they have lived in a care home for six months or more, if they are registered blind or partially-sighted or get (or could get) certain disability benefits.



Cotsford Infant School—Nativity 2011 (Classes 3&4)



A Tale of Two Birthday Classes 1&2



All of the children from Cotsford Infant School had a part to play in this year's Christmas productions.

The youngest children from Classes 3&4 performed the Nativity and our oldest pupils performed a pantomime called "A Tale of Two Birthdays".

The Children and staff worked incredibly hard to ensure parts and songs were learned, scenery and props were created and with the support from parents, costumes were provided.

Both productions were very well attended by parents and carer's and the children did a fantastic job. We were all very proud of them performing so well, to a large audience and on an unfamiliar stage.

Just what you need to get you in the Christmas spirit!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2nd February 2012 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm
Social Welfare Centre.

Wednesday 15th February 2012 - Origami Workshop 1pm - 3pm
Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 16th February 2012 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,
12 noon Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 1st March 2012 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm
Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 22nd March 2012 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,
12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 5th April 2012 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm
Social Welfare Centre.

Thursday 19th April 2012 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee,
12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre.

Wednesday 2nd 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 3rd May 2012 - Annual Meeting, 6pm,
Social Welfare Centre
Immediately followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Easter Holiday Activities—Please check the Welfare Park Notice boards or contact or contact the Parish Council for details of School Holiday Activities in the Easter Holidays.

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.

To find out more, please contact the Clerk.

You can contact Horden Parish Council Office direct:

Chairman: Jean White

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All Councillors can be contacted via the Parish Council Office

Councillors:

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Mr G Lavery

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

Mr G Patterson

7 Hope Avenue, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4ER

Mrs G Phillips

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Mrs J White

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12 Roseby Rd, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham SR8 4RJ

Clerk to the Council: Paul Davison

Assistant Clerk: Jacqui Hunt

Admin & Finance Officer: Gemma Rowe

Office Opening Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Friday: 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

Social Welfare Centre opening Hours:

Monday till 6.30 pm

Tuesday till 8.00 pm

Wednesday till 5.00 pm

Thursday till 9.00 pm

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