

# Horden Parish Council

# Newsletter

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## Hi Folks

Hope you have had a good festive season, heads are all clear and ready to slim down again after all that party food!

I have had a very busy year with lots of activities and functions to attend. I attended the Bowls presentation which the Bowls won again and also presented some of the trophies.

I was invited to cut the ribbon at Jack Dormands on behalf of "The Princes' Trust" as the students had just finished the garden project which they funded themselves.

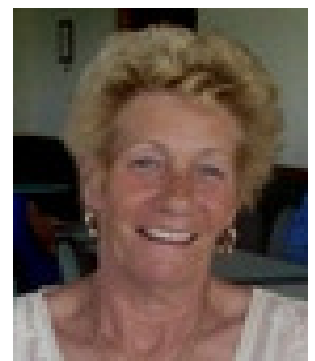
Remembrance Sunday was well attended by the community as well as the Christmas Carol Service, even though it was absolutely freezing cold, thanks to everyone who attended. I would also like to thank Churches Together, Father Smith and the Salvation Army for putting the service together and last but by no means least, I would like to thank Gracie Hepburn for switching on the lights — well done Gracie!

I would like to thank everyone who attended my charity night which was an absolutely brilliant night. A total of £1,310.00 was raised, of which £655.00 was donated to Macmillan and £655.00 donated to Leukaemia Research.

So here's wishing you all very best wishes for 2013!

Chairman

Jean White



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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## Horden Social Welfare Centre - What's on?

### Monday:

Weight Watchers - 6pm to 8pm

Dancing - 5pm to 6.30pm

Rainbow Guides - 5pm to 6pm

Brownies - 5pm to 6.30pm

### Tuesday:

Smoking Cessation (by appointment only) 10.00am - 12.00pm

Dancing - 6pm to 8pm

Slimming World - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

### Thursday:

C.I.S.W.O. - 1pm to 3pm

Patchwork Quilters - 7pm to 9pm

Guides - 6pm to 8pm

Zumba - 7.00pm to 8.00pm

### Friday:

Mechanics - 6pm to 11pm

### Saturday & Sunday:

Function Rooms Available For Hire

Details available on request



*I'd like to use this article to share with you some of the experiences I have had of volunteering over the years and heap praise on the many of you who provide support to organisations throughout the village. It's amazing the things people do for the enjoyment of it without thinking of it as being a volunteer'.*

*I started about 30years ago when my children were small, taking them to playgroups where another pair of hands to muck in was always appreciated and I thoroughly enjoyed the 'sing a longs'!*

*The next step was a big one at the time as I became a parent governor of Cotsford Infants School - lots of you will remember the Headmistress Joyce Kirtley. She told me that she could see my future being in politics so I wonder if her middle name was Meg? Along with a few of the parents, mostly mams in those days, we started a fundraising group and our prize bingo nights were*

*always a sell out. These days its great to see more dads being involved.*

*Gaining management qualifications for my career in Social Services and bringing up the family took over for a while but even then I was always the one organising work nights out.*

*I applied and was successful in being co-opted onto Horden Parish Council, which has been an interesting and rewarding experience I represent the Parish on the East Durham Association of Town & Parish Councils and two focus groups of the Area Action Partnership.*

*I'm currently on the management board of Horden Youth & Community Centre which offers a tremendous range of training and leisure facilities to our community and has its own volunteers providing an excellent lunch club.*

*I'm proud to be Chair of Horden Regeneration Partnership which I attend alongside fellow volunteers from other community groups and residents. HRP projects benefitting the village whilst I have been Chair include an additional car park, footpaths and the revamping of Blackhills Road & Fifth St.*

*HRP volunteers have also been instrumental in the development of the Heritage Coast footpath which is a major tourist attraction to our village.*

*I started my journey in volunteering by using the tools I had i.e. being an extra pair of hands which are always welcome and moved on to include my management skills.*

*Horden has a wealth of sporting and community groups who continue by the selfless efforts of volunteers doing a whole host of tasks, big and small. I'm sure they would agree with me in saying that they get so much back from what they do but would love to see some new faces.*

*I've learned so much over the years, worked with some great characters and look forward to some new challenges in the years ahead. Contact me on my mob no 07830133331, if you would like information on how to get involved as a volunteer yourself.*

**June Clark**

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"Children of the world" performed by children from classes 1 & 2



*Despite the many coughs, colds, headaches and sickness bugs, the children at Cotsford Infant School soldiered on to perform this year's Christmas productions.*

*The youngest children in Classes 3 & 4 performed 'Shine Star, Shine'. The story of the big star that needs to show the way to the stable where a special baby has been born.*

*The older pupils in Classes 1 & 2 performed 'Children of the World'. Every year Gabriel and the angels celebrate the birth of Jesus by bringing children from around the world to visit the*

*manger where they tell of their special Christmas customs, sing songs and present gifts.*

*The children and staff, with support from parents and carers worked hard to ensure that speaking parts and songs were learned and costumes were provided.*

*Both productions were very well attended by family members and as always we were very proud of the children for doing such a brilliant job. Well done Cotsford Infant School and thank you to Horden Social Welfare Centre for being terrific hosts.*

"Shine Star Shine" performed by children in classes 3 & 4



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## Join the Big Garden Birdwatch

### 25th - 27th January 2013

do you like watching the birds in your garden? Then take part in the world's biggest wildlife survey – the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

This is the conservation charity's most important event of the year. It is when people across the country look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see.

Last year, over half a million people counted more than nine 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.

Over the past three decades, participants have helped the RSPB discover that populations of house sparrows starlings have declined while the numbers of blue tits and goldfinches in gardens have increased.

Doing the 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.

Taking part is very simple. Over the weekend of the 26-27 January, spend one hour counting the largest number of each bird species you see at a time in your garden. Then give your results through our website [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or by post.

You can get loads more information about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a free pack by going on our website or calling the hotline 0300 456 8330.

### 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:

**Chairman: Jean White**

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### Councillors:

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**Clerk to the Council:** Paul Davison

**Assistant Clerk:** Jacqui Hunt

**Admin & Finance Officer:** Gemma Rowe

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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

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