



NEWSLETTER

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PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the latest issue of the Pateley Bridge Town Council newsletter.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep residents up to date with local issues which come to the Council's attention and require consultation, action or circulation of information. Further information is available on the Council website.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend the Council meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. A period is set aside at the beginning and end of each meeting to receive parishioners' representations.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The audit of accounts for the Council for the year ending 31 March 2010 has been concluded. The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of the Council on application to the Clerk.

Copies will be provided to any local government elector on payment of £1.50 for each copy of the Annual Return.



HIGH STREET RESURFACING

Work on resurfacing the High Street and part of Ripon Road will commence on 11 October. The core working period will be from 7pm to 11pm, Monday to Friday. Work beyond this period may be necessary at times. Diversion signs for through traffic will be displayed which will route traffic via Summerbridge, the A59 and Duck Street, Greenhow. Local traffic will be able to use the road via Glasshouses and Bewerley when the diversion is in force.

The Council has worked closely with the Highways Department of NYCC to minimise the noise and disruption which will be created by this work.

CANVASSERS REQUIRED

Harrogate Borough Council needs your help in preparing the Register of Electors for High & Low Bishopside Parish. Each year the Council sends out voter registration forms to all properties in the Harrogate District. Unfortunately not all the forms are returned, so the Council employs canvassers in each parish to visit these outstanding properties to ascertain who is eligible to vote. The work commences around the 20th October and should be completed by early to mid November. No experience is needed as training will be provided. However knowledge of the Parish and its residents would be helpful together with a pleasant manner.

The Borough Council pays for travelling expenses together with up to £1.50 per property visited.

Canvassers need to visit properties when people are in, so the canvass can be done at the weekend and in the evenings. If you are interested, please contact Karen, Bev or Julie at the Electoral Registration Office for further details. Tel 01423 556011, 556008 or 551613

MINI RECYCLING AREA

Parishioners are reminded that cardboard, boxes and plastic bags should not be left in the Southlands Mini Recycling Area.

Liquids and paint should be disposed off at the monthly visit of the Compactor and Recycling lorries at the Showground.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES



Financial cutbacks have resulted in a need for savings on transport, as a result of which NYCC is proposing that funding will not be provided for journeys operating on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Some services would continue on a commercial basis.

Service 24 (Harrogate – Pateley Bridge) would face withdrawal of the Bank Holiday services and the winter Sunday services from November 2011. The Dales Bus network that provides buses to Brimham Rocks, Middlesmoor, Grassington and other destinations in the summer will also be cut.

The concessionary fare scheme responsibility will transfer from HBC to the County Council. Consideration is being given to limiting the free concessionary travel to between 9.30am and 11pm Monday to Friday and anytime at weekends and Bank Holidays. Currently pass holders can travel from 9am and, as a special local concession, on the 7.40am service from Pateley Bridge. The Council has asked NYCC to keep this concession for people travelling to hospital.

PARISH CARETAKER

The Council has been successful in obtaining funding via the LEADER scheme for the next three years towards the cost of employing a 'village' caretaker. This funding will enable the Council to undertake a number of tasks. One project is a programme of improvements to the Millennium Green - this includes wildflower planting, a new picnic table, another information board and a new seat to replace one vandalised earlier this year. In addition it is planned to erect ten bird nesting boxes around the Green. Further work will include weed control in some public areas, regular surveys of potholes on the riverside footpath, and an information point for walkers in the bus shelter at Wilsill.



HIMALAYAN BALSAM

Councillors have noted with some alarm that Himalayan Balsam is spreading out of control on the river bank and would like to draw the attention of all landowners to their responsibility for controlling this weed. The 'village' caretaker has been instructed to carry out strimming twice a year on the Millennium Green, near the Allotment site on Sandy Lane and some areas close by the public footpath on the river bank. Japanese Knotweed and Ragwort are also a nuisance. Council asks for cooperation from all parishioners in its effort to reduce the spread of these invasive weeds.



ANNUAL DUCK RACE

Councillor Dennis Dobson is pictured above holding the winning duck in this year's Duck Race held on Bank Holiday Sunday, 29th August. A large crowd gathered to watch 1000 ducks float down the River Nidd to the finish line below Nidd Walk. Almost £700 was raised for the Millennium Green Trust which is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Green. Pateley Bridge Town Council is now the sole trustee.

NATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICES WEEK

Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council staff will be available in the Nidderdale Partnership Office on Friday 8th October between 9.30am and 1.30pm, when, as part of National Customer Services week, they will talk with local residents and visitors about the services they deliver.

Refreshments will be available all morning, together with a free Prize Draw. HBC are also taking this opportunity to run a Customer Services satisfaction survey.

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUILD SCHEME

This scheme is part of the Coalition Government's "Big Society" plans. A new power allows communities to come together and create new homes, shops, businesses and facilities.

More information is available at www.communities.gov.uk/news/communities/1647083.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

The new Pateley Bridge Town Council website was launched in September and is now fully operational. Your Council is convinced that this will do much to improve our services to our parishioners and visitors alike.

As well as news about the work of the Council and local events, there is a section listing current planning applications in the parish, an archive of Council minutes and other documents.

There is also a section for consultations with parishioners so that the Council can receive your comments online about current issues affecting the area.

The address of the website is: www.pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk.

MAYOR'S FUND

The Mayor's Fund provides small grants to local organisations or clubs to help improve or extend facilities or activities. An application form can be obtained by telephoning the Clerk on 712906 or by email to: clerk@pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk.

HELP FOR HEROES

The Mayor's Charity Appeal Concert featuring the Otley Brass Band raised over £1400 for the Help for Heroes charity (where 100% of all donations goes directly to helping wounded British servicemen and women). The Mayor would like to thank everyone who supported this event.

A dance in aid of Help for Heroes has been organised by Brian Weatherhead and will be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 15th October at 8pm.

COUNCIL VACANCY

Following the resignation of Councillor Kathy Sewell, a vacancy has arisen on the Council. If at least ten electors from High & Low Bishopside Parish request an election by 18th October an election will be held, otherwise the position may be filled by co-option. The statutory notice has been posted in the parish.

TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr D W Dobson	711271
Cllr L T Ellington	712461
Cllr C J Hawkesworth	711819
Cllr C J Henderson (Mayor)	712157 07889 676992
Cllr S Hesselden	711352
Cllr H Jefferson	712076
Cllr J R Kerr (Deputy Mayor)	781459 07778 783695
Cllr S Lumley	712036
Cllr I C Skaife	712691
Cllr J Wardman	712898
One position vacant	
Clerk:	
Mrs Angela Barrand	712906