



# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2011

PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the April 2011 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 at [www.pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk](http://www.pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk).

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 ASSEMBLY & AGM**

The Annual Assembly of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday 19th April at 7.15pm.

The Mayor for 2011/12, Cllr Stan Lumley will be inaugurated at the Annual General Meeting of the Town Council which will be held on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.15pm. All parishioners are invited to attend both meetings.



### **THE FUTURE OF OUR LIBRARY**

Following representations from the Town Council and local residents in Nidderdale and other rural areas of North Yorkshire, the County Council is re-examining its proposals for implementing cost-cutting measures in its Library Service. The Town Council is part of the Nidderdale Strategic Partnership working group looking at local measures to save costs or to re-locate the Library. A further statement from North Yorkshire County Council is expected next month.

## **GRAFFITI**

The Youth Shelter by the entrance to the Recreation Ground has recently been defaced by graffiti. Photographs of the offending graffiti have been sent to North Yorkshire Police who are collating photographs and visiting schools in an attempt to identify the culprits and to deter further attacks. If you have any information on these acts of vandalism please contact our local Community Police Officer, PC David Tetley or telephone 0845 6060247.

## **CHINESE LANTERNS**

Cllr Dobson has expressed concern at the growing popularity of Chinese lanterns which have been landing indiscriminately on farm land. The ring at the bottom of these lanterns consists of steel wire which is dangerous to farm animals. Farm machinery could chop them up thus causing the wire to get into the food chain of humans as well as animal feed.

## **MINI RECYCLING AREA SOUTHLANDS CAR PARK**

Residents are reminded that cardboard, boxes and plastic bags should not be left in the Southlands Mini Recycling Area. Domestic cardboard waste will be collected along with your weekly refuse provided it is packed in black plastic bags, alternatively take it to one of the larger recycling centres in Ripon or Harrogate.

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

## **DIGITAL TELEVISION**

The Emley Moor and Heyshaw transmitters will switch to digital transmissions in September this year. You will need either a digital TV, or a digital box to provide a signal to an old analogue TV, to receive digital TV transmissions from the changeover dates. BBC2 will switch to digital on 7 September and the remaining channels will switch on 21 September.

If you receive a good analogue signal now, you should receive a good digital signal after the switchover. If your current signal is poor, you may need to have a new aerial fitted.

Further information can be obtained online from [www.digitaluk.co.uk](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk), or by telephone on 08456 50 50 50.

## **SUMMER BUS SERVICES**

Summer Sunday and Bank Holiday bus service in Nidderdale will be running again this year, despite the withdrawal of funding by North Yorkshire County Council.

Services 812, 820 and 825 will be managed by the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, with financial support from Nidderdale AONB. The summer service will start on 1st May 2011 - full details are available online at [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org).

Thanks to funding from the Friends of Nidderdale AONB, the Upper Nidderdale Rambler service will again run on Tuesdays and Saturdays during the summer school holidays.

## **CEMETERY NEWS**

The Friends of Pateley Bridge Cemetery and St Mary's Churchyard are delighted to announce another successful programme of memorial restorations, thanks to support from the Mayor's Fund and generous private donations. In the churchyard, a chest tomb, a table tomb and a large headstone have been reinstated. A further fourteen restorations have been carried out in the cemetery, mainly between the fountain and the gate to the churchyard. The Friends now plan their own further fund raising and would like to hear from anyone interested in supporting their good work. Both cemetery and churchyard are a great resource to the community, much frequented and appreciated by visitors from near and far.

## **MEMORIAL HALL**

The Bishopside and Bewerley Memorial Hall is looking to appoint a new Chair to its committee and welcomes applications from those who are able to spare some time for and on behalf of the local community. The Hall committee meets six times a year on a Thursday evening, and those present include the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, representatives of local organisations, committee members and members of the public. If you are interested then please forward applications to Mrs C Skaife, Hon. Secretary, Bishopside & Bewerley Memorial Hall, 48 High Street, Pateley Bridge HG3 5JU.

## **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.

## **MAYOR'S FUND**

The Mayor's Fund provides small grants to local organisations or individuals to support community or cultural events and projects in and around Pateley Bridge. Details of the fund conditions and an application form can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Angela Barrand.

The Mayor's Fund Committee meets four times a year in January, April, July and October to consider applications for grants. The meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the months listed above, and applications must be received by the previous Wednesday.

## **CIVIC SERVICE**

The 2011 Town Council Civic Service will be held at St Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge at 10.30am on Sunday 29th May. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## **LDF HOUSING CONSULTATION**

A summary of responses received by Harrogate Borough Council to this consultation are available online at the Harrogate Borough Council web site. The majority of responses supported the Town Council's position of supporting the construction of affordable housing and the development of brownfield sites before greenfield sites.

## **COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Pateley Bridge Town Council website was launched last September and is 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](http://www.pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk)**.

## **IN BLOOM GROUP**

The Pateley Bridge and Beverley In Bloom Group is looking for volunteers to help with its work on many of the floral displays around the town. If you can spare a few hours now and then to help the group, please contact Cllr Hilary Jefferson on 712076.

## **BMX TRACK**

The BMX track at the Millennium Green has recently been extended and resurfaced by the Town Council thanks to the receipt of a grant from the North Yorkshire Aggregate Levy Fund.

## **MAYOR'S COFFEE MORNING - SAT 16 APRIL**

The Mayor and Mayoress, Chris and Sharelle Henderson and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jackie Kerr will be hosting a coffee morning this Saturday, 16 April from 10am to 12 noon in the Council Chamber, King Street.

All residents and visitors are invited to attend this event which aims to raise money for the Mayor's Fund. There will be an opportunity to win a three-course dinner for two people at the award-winning Yorke Arms at Ramsgill.

## **TOWN COUNCILLORS**

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