



NEWSLETTER

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PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the August 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.

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.

NIDDERDALE AONB

Congratulations to the team at the Nidderdale AONB who have been successful in their bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund, securing £1.2 million and a development grant of £48,400. This allows the AONB to develop their proposals and produce a Landscape Conservation Action Plan in consultation with local people including Pateley Bridge and Upper Nidderdale Parish Councils. A full application will be submitted in October 2013, with project delivery to commence early in 2014. Training in local heritage skills is a highlight of the scheme and includes training days, practical skills courses for schools, upland management apprenticeships for young people and landowner training days.

ANNUAL DUCK RACE - 26TH AUGUST

The Annual Duck Race will take place on Sunday 26th August at 2pm when a thousand numbered plastic ducks will be released below the weir and will race down river, under the bridge and finish between Nidd Walk and the Nidderdale Showground.

The Town Council is now the sole trustee of the Millennium Green Trust and this event is the main fundraiser to provide the monies to

maintain and improve the Green. Duck tickets are available from councillors and outlets in the town, and will be on sale on the day.

Please support this event by buying a duck or two or even a flock!

The owner of the winning duck will receive a prize of £100 in cash with smaller prizes for the runners-up.

WHAT DO WILLSILL LUNCHEON CLUB, MIDDLESMOOR VILLAGE HALL, NIDD VISUAL ARTS AND NIDDERDALE YOUNG FARMERS HAVE IN COMMON?

In the past three months they have all made successful applications to the Mayor's Fund! The Fund, which is financed by donations and fundraising events such as the Mayor's Charity Ball, is a grant scheme aimed at supporting local organisations and events that promote and deliver cultural, sporting, heritage and community activities in Pateley Bridge and the surrounding area.

Every year about a dozen diverse local organisations benefit from the fund and the next round of funding will be assessed in October 2012. You can apply if:

- you are a not-for-profit group or individual
- your organisation has a designated bank account
- you can use the grant within six months
- your project satisfies the aims of the Mayor's Fund
- the grant will be used directly in support of a particular project.

Applicants cannot apply more than once in any twelve-month period and are expected to contribute a minimum of 25% of the cost of the project, although this may be waived in very exceptional circumstances.

If you feel that your organisation has a worthwhile project which might benefit, please contact the Town Clerk: clerk@pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk for further details.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAVEL NEWS

The timetable for the **Summer Sunday Buses** in Nidderdale, which run until 21 October, is available on the Dales Bus website www.dalesbus.org

Every year thousands of cyclists ride the **Way of the Roses** route from Morecambe to Bridlington. One particularly challenging section of the route is the Greenhow Hill descent into Pateley Bridge. With more people using this route there has, unfortunately, been an increase in casualties on this section. The County Council is installing additional road markings and other measures to draw attention to the bends on the steepest sections and have also produced a short guide.

B6265at Fellbeck – Road closure for drainage works: NYCC will be installing a new road drainage system under the road between Cliff Farm and Crag View commencing on 20 August and the work is expected to last two weeks weather permitting. The road will be closed to traffic and a diversion will be

put in place via Ripley and Ripon, but wherever possible the road will be open to traffic in the evening and overnight. Residents and landowners will be able to gain access to their properties if they are within the working area but care should be taken when travelling through the works.

Pothole repairs – NYCC has recently approved an additional £2 million of funding to be spent on pothole repairs. It will be spent by their new highway maintenance contractor, Ringway, using their own labour force wherever possible, and in addition they will be taking on two apprentices.

INTRODUCING THE COUNCIL'S FOUR NEW MEMBERS:

Antony Brown was born and has lived in the parish all his life. He believes that more local people should take an active role in the running and development of the town, and is keen to support local events and be a voice for the younger residents of Pateley Bridge. He works in Harrogate for National Milk Records and sits on the Committee of the Pateley Bridge Club. He will also contribute very welcome IT skills to the Council.

Resident in Glasshouses for over 25 years, **Mike Holt** is the senior partner in a business based in Ilkley and has been involved at a regional level with the Round Table for nearly twenty years. At a more local level he has been closely involved with the 'Great Milk (stout) Ride' since its inception in 1993. He brings to the Council financial and fundraising expertise, collaborative decision making.

Norma Scott has lived in Pateley Bridge for thirty years and has a large extended family; previously employed in the hotel trade and the marketing industry, she now runs a successful Bed and Breakfast in the town. She was a Trustee of the Millennium Green at its formation and has worked with outside agencies such as the Environment and Countryside Agency. She will bring to the Council knowledge of good governance, an interest in tourism and the welfare of families in the dale.

Christine Skaife is employed by North Yorkshire County Council as a social worker and her current role is directly linked to children's social care. Her husband Ian serves on Pateley Bridge Town Council, but as she says, they don't agree on all issues! As a parish councillor for Bewerley Parish Council she brings a vast amount of experience and knowledge of the issues that involve both parishes: the Recreation Ground, the Emergency Plan, the Millennium Green Trust, the Police Liaison Safer Neighbourhood Group, and the Bishopside & Bewerley Memorial Hall, where she holds the post of Secretary.

PATELEY BRIDGE WITH BEWERLEY IN BLOOM GROUP

The local 'in Bloom' group team has brought colour in the form of planted troughs and tubs to both Pateley Bridge and Bewerley for many years. However, due to the lack of volunteers and funds, the current summer displays may be the last that are planted out.

Over the years the number of volunteers has diminished and, in the past twelve months two of the original team members have had to step down due to poor health. The team is now effectively too small to continue with the work involved.

Traditionally the group has been supported by both Councils and local business sponsors. Over the past two years the business sponsors have, due to the recession, not been pursued for their annual contributions. The group's resources are now therefore physically and financially exhausted.

The decision to stop entering the 'in Bloom' competition was taken many years ago due to declining support and the radical changes in the competition's judging criteria.

Group members have taken the decision to fold with great regret and still hope that it may be possible to find a way to continue. If you can help in keeping Pateley and Bewerley in bloom, please contact **Celia Morris** on 01423 711542.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Pateley Bridge Town Council website provides information about the Council and news about local events, there is 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.

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