



PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL Newsletter - Spring 2014



Car Parking - Residents Shoppers Permits

To prevent confusion with on-street residents' permits, HBC have renamed the residents' parking permits Residents Shoppers Permits. The Town Council has administered the scheme as a service to residents for many years and without their efforts and powers of persuasion, the scheme would have been abandoned by the District Council who did not want the scheme to continue. Permits allow two hours free parking on the Southlands, Nidd Walk and Showground car parks, and two registrations can be included on one permit. At £12 for the year commencing 1 April 2014 they are still a bargain!

Sale of tickets has been a problem over the years, and although we were grateful to some shopkeepers who did help they found the interruptions were too much. Now we are obliged to Nidd Plus who will continue to sell tickets, but we would like to help them by clearing the bulk of the demand at the start. So representatives of the Town and Beverley Councils will attend as follows to sell tickets, and we hope that as many of you as possible will attend one of these sessions.

Library, High Street:

Fridays - 21 & 28 March from 10-00am to 2-00pm

Council Chamber, King Street:

Saturdays - 29 March & 5 April from 10-00am to 2-00pm

Cash only and don't forget to bring a note of your car registration numbers!

Pateley Bridge and Beverley Community Resilience Plan

An up to date public copy of this plan is now available to view on the Council's website at www.pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk/

District Mayors' Charity Abseil - Good Luck to Christine Skaife!

Along with the Mayors of Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough and Boroughbridge, our own Mayor, Councillor Christine Skaife, will be taking part in an abseil challenge on Saturday 12 April 2014 at Brimham Rocks, to raise money for nominated charities.

Christine hopes to raise funds for the Pateley Bridge Mayor's Fund, which awards small grants to organisations in the Dale, and she would very much appreciate your sponsorship! You can sponsor her for an amount per foot, or for a total amount; whatever you feel you can give will be gratefully received and put to good use supporting local groups.

You can sign up by contacting the Clerk, tel: 755628 or via email: clerk@pateleybridgecouncil.org.uk or by completing a sponsorship form at the Pharmacy on the High Street, or at the offices of Nidd Plus.

Pot Holes and Water!

The Town Council receives frequent complaints about pot holes and water running on to the highways. At the moment the Town Council has no powers to do anything about these problems other than to report them to the NYCC Highways Dept, which of course they have done. But herein lies a problem in that NYCC are, like others, having to make huge cuts in their budget. Some of their services like education and social services just have to be maintained so the Highways Dept is hit hardest. And the stage has been reached, apparently, where the Highways Dept just do not have sufficient funding to meet the very reasonable expectations of local folk. NYCC has appealed to the Government for an additional £5 million but in the meantime the situation is most frustrating in that everyone is having to wait longer and longer to get basic jobs such as repairs to pot holes done.

Litter and Dog Fouling

These represent two of the most common complaints received by councillors. Whilst most people are community minded and use litter bins it is frustrating and disheartening that a thoughtless minority continue to spoil our town by scattering litter around. It is particularly galling to find rubbish in places like the Youth Shelter where there is a litter bin in the entrance!

Similarly, it is pleasing to report that most people are now clearing up after their dogs, but again there are still problems in certain areas such as the Millennium Green, Recreation Ground and indeed on the High Street. Dog waste is potentially very serious and can cause medical problems particularly in places frequented by children. All dog owners are reminded that it is against the law to allow pets to foul public places, and that dog waste can, if properly protected in a plastic bag, be placed in normal litter bins.

HBC Dog Wardens will take action against offenders but they need to be advised who they are. The Dog Wardens have assured us that they will not disclose the names of those reporting incidents complaints can be made in confidence. We would therefore like assistance to help us to rid the town of this disgusting habit, and would be grateful for advice about offenders to be given to any of the eleven Town Councillors, who are:

Tony Brown	07896 823 285
Chris Hawkesworth	711819
Stephen Hesselden	711352
Mike Holt	711194
Hilary Jefferson	712076
John Leggett	711856
Stan Lumley	712036
Norma Scott	711167
Chris and Ian Skaife	712691
Jonathan Wardman,	712898

Parish Caretaker and Grass Cutting Contracts 2014-2015

These contracts, for council work in High and Low Bishopside, run from April to March and are awarded annually. For full details and an application form, please contact the Town Clerk on 01423 755628 or via the website. The closing date for both contracts is Monday 17 March 2014.

Glasshouses goes Superfast

High-speed fibre broadband is now available to homes and businesses in Glasshouses. More than 400 local homes and businesses can now join the high-speed revolution and enjoy using the internet at super-fast speeds.

Part of Pateley Bridge can already access Superfast broadband - generally to the north of the High Street. Two further cabinets are due to be upgraded in Pateley Bridge which will mean the whole town will be able to access superfast broadband by the end of the Autumn 2014.

Nothing happens automatically – people have to contact a service provider and order a fibre package. The network is open to all service providers so contact yours to find out more or go to www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com

To help businesses in North Yorkshire take advantage of the faster broadband speeds a support service has been put in place to provide free services such as training workshops, skills master classes and business development events. For more information call 0845 0020021 or email: enquiries@sfnyc.co.uk.



Superfast North Yorkshire is a partnership between NYCC and BT. 90 per cent of North Yorkshire's homes and businesses will have access to fibre broadband by the end of 2014. This typically means speeds of between 25mbps and 80mbps.

Local and Family History Day Saturday 15 March - Admission £2 Pavilions of Harrogate

Organised by NYCC, this event will include a Family History Helpdesk (including WWI ancestors), over 30 society and trade stands, and a programme of talks and workshops; the talks cost an extra £3 and need to be booked in advance, and the workshops feature the Ripon Workhouse Museum, the Claro Community Archaeology Group and House History with the County Record Office and the West Yorkshire Archive Service. There will be a free shuttle bus from Harrogate Railway Station, a café and free parking. For further information – or to book your place – please call the County Record Office on 01609 777585 or email archives@northyorks.gov.uk