

Pateley Bridge Town Council

Winter Newsletter 2018

Message from the Mayor, Cllr Christine Skaife

It was humbling to be witness to the acts of remembrance that our local schools held on the 9th November. First I attended Glasshouses Primary School and viewed all of their work relating to Armistice Day. So much effort had been made to pay their respects to the fallen and those who returned. We then walked to the Village Green where the children, teachers and members of the Village Association had decorated the area with drapes of poppies and crosses. The children sang a hymn assisted by the Reverend Mike Poole and Chris Thompson (Chair of the Village Association), then read out their own poems linked to the First World War; for ones so young they were knowledgeable about the war and what the poppies stand for.

I then attended Nidderdale High School for their remembrance service and was moved by their poignant service in memory of the fallen. The Head Boy and Girl, assisted by other senior students, addressed those attending and the whole school stood in silence showing great respect. Members of the choir sang a beautiful rendition of 'I Vow to Thee My Country', whilst the Head Teacher, senior students, form representatives and children from St Cuthbert's C of E Primary School placed ceramic poppies, made by the pupils, in a display at the front of the school to remember all the fallen of Nidderdale. The Reverend Darryl Hall said a prayer and the Last Post was played beautifully. The pupils were a credit to the school and were obviously inspired by their teachers in their efforts.

In my role as Mayor I have carried out 37 engagements both in and outside of the dale and have enjoyed being able to promote our town at every opportunity. It is really rewarding that people recognise that where we live is a special place and they have fond memories of spending time in the area. Of course I never fail to invite them to return and see the many new opportunities that the dale can offer at different times of the year.

I would like to wish all parishioners a happy, peaceful Christmas and a New Year which brings with it new beginnings and opportunities.

Parish Councils

Although town status was granted in 1986 when the Chairman became the Mayor, Pateley Bridge Town Council is in fact a parish council for the Parish of High and Low Bishopside. The parish extends from the boundary of Wath to that of Low Laithe taking in Glasshouses and Wilsill, and extending up to Dallow Moor and Brimham Rocks; it stops at the river – across the bridge lies Bewerley Parish.

Parish Councils were established in 1894 and the first meeting of High and Low Bishopside was held on Monday evening the 31st December 1894, with the Chairman being Mr W H Daykin and the Deputy Dr G Lumsden. Minutes of every meeting held since then are deposited with the NYCC Archives at Northallerton. Extracts from some of the earlier minutes are:

In 1908 the council pressed North Eastern Railway for cheaper tickets and an improved service, to no avail.

On 5th August 1903 the council adjourned to School Hill to see the present hosepipes put into use, but it was found that they leaked in many places.

In 1906 Thomas Lambert was appointed to be the gas lamp lighter for which he was paid 1s 6d ('one and six') a night.

Unsurprisingly these matters do not appear on current agendas! At the moment the Council is concerned with setting next year's budget which is going to be difficult because increasingly the District and County Councils are cutting back. For example this year we have had to employ our caretaker to clear out foliage, and although HBC do a superb job with floral displays they are constantly reducing the number they will maintain, so we may be faced with extra expense. But parishioners can be assured that the Council will continue to be as prudent as possible with their Precept contributions.

Parish councils are local authorities and are the first tier of local government. The current government has a “Civic Society Strategy” which seeks to devolve more power and services to parish councils via options such as charters between primary councils, local councils and community groups. More information about this is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-outlines-vision-to-empower-and-invest-in-society>.

Mayor’s Charity Valentine Ball

This is the main fundraiser for the Mayor’s Charity Fund and next year it will be held on Saturday 16th February 2019 in the Memorial Hall. It’s always a great way to spend a winter evening with friends whilst raising money for the community! The Mayor’s Fund has raised nearly £25,000 since it started over ten years ago and dozens of local groups and clubs have received small grants towards their projects and activities. Tickets cost £40 per person and include a drinks reception, a three course meal with wine, plus dancing and the opportunity to win some of the fabulous tombola prizes kindly supplied by businesses in the town. Everyone is welcome so please get in touch with the Clerk if you would like tickets. If you are part of a local organisation interested in applying to the Fund, full details are available in the Document Archive section of the council website.

Harrogate District LOCAL LOTTO

You can also support local charities by playing the Local Lotto. Players nominate the local charities or voluntary/community groups they wish to support who then receive 60p from every £1 ticket sold. Recent research found 90 per cent of charitable income is given to the seven per cent of the largest charities in the UK, so this is an excellent way to support local causes that you care about. If the group or charity you would like to support isn’t registered yet please encourage them to sign up. The lottery will provide them with a guaranteed monthly income. Tickets are sold via the website www.thelocalotto.co.uk.

Rubbish!

The NYCC mobile Household Waste Recycling Centre visits Pateley Bridge on the first Saturday of the month (except January) between the hours of 9.00am and 1.00pm. You can take furniture (including beds, mattresses, sofas and chairs), bric-a-brac, paper, cardboard, books, glass, food and drink cans, foil, scrap metal, mixed textiles and clothes, fluorescent tubes, TVs and monitors, fridges and freezers, large and small appliance, and garden waste. You can’t take tyres, rubble, plasterboard or asbestos, which should be taken to the permanent recycling centres at Ripon or Harrogate. Commercial and Charity waste is not accepted and should also be taken to the permanent sites.

The recycling bins in Southlands are provided by HBC and are also for domestic use but please don’t deposit other household rubbish around them – this is flytipping, a criminal offence which also creates extra costs to taxpayers to have it removed. Again, these bins are not for the use of businesses who must use a commercial contractor or visit the Harrogate or Ripon permanent sites.

If you employ an individual or business to remove waste you have a legal responsibility to check they have a waste carriers licence. You should never trust anyone who offers to take away rubbish, especially for a few pounds and in cash. If you are a householder you should ask for a documented receipt and if you are a business you must ask the carrier for a waste transfer note detailing what waste was taken from you, and who it was given to. This paperwork has to be kept for two years.

Roads and Footpaths in Winter

At the request of the Council, North Yorkshire Highways has added the road from the bottom of the High Street across the river bridge and up to the Dales Corner and Post Office to their footpath gritting schedule. There were some problems last winter with roads, footpaths and grit bins. There is full information on the North Yorks website about their schedule of work, including a map showing the priority routes and by what time in the morning these roads should be cleared. There is information on the Pateley Bridge Council website about the location of grit bins; these were filled in November and should be refilled following spells of bad weather, but please note that they are for use on roads and footpaths, not householders’ driveways! Also on the North Yorks website, you can create an account to report any Highways issues, but please email the Clerk in Pateley Bridge if you wish to make a representation to this Council.

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