



PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



Winter Newsletter 2017

HBC Green Waste Collection 2018

Harrogate Borough Council is expanding this service, which 25,000 households signed up for in 2017, across the district. If your property is eligible you should have been contacted by HBC by the end of November, and the deadline for signing up is 31 December. There is an annual charge for this service. All enquiries direct to Harrogate please on their customer service number 01423 500600.

Dalesbus winter Sunday timetable

A huge thank you to Dalesbus for taking up the mantle when Transdev stopped the winter Sunday service from Harrogate to Pateley Bridge. During the five Sundays in October, an average of 70 passengers was carried on the three daily services and Dalesbus are hoping to increase this over the winter. The service is being promoted in the West Yorkshire area to bring visitors into Nidderdale, DalesBus Ramblers www.dalesbusramblers.org.uk will continue their programme of free guided walks from the bus which are open to everyone (no need to book), and along with financial sponsors Harrogate Spring Water they are looking at a 'Pubs and Dogs' promotion!

Citizens' Advice drop-in service

In partnership with Nidderdale Plus, Citizens' Advice has launched a drop-in service in Pateley Bridge. This will run on the first Wednesday of the month between 10.30am and 12.30pm and will run as a six-month pilot to assess demand. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Traffic Issues

We have had several complaints recently about traffic speeding on the High Street where there is a 20 mph restriction and the Council has looked into investing in a vehicle-activated warning sign at the top of the High Street. However data from the North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau has shown that the average speed of vehicles on the High Street was 18/17 mph. By removing the highest and the lowest 7.5% of speeds, a more realistic average speed of 23/22 mph is obtained. This is within the range that means that the Traffic Bureau will not take action to install warning signs. The Council does not intend to take any further action either, and it also felt that there is already quite a lot of signage before the turn into the High Street.

Volunteering Oscars

The Council nominated Scout Leaders Paul Lambert and Martin Dunleavy in the 'Lifetime Volunteer' category of this year's Harrogate Borough Council Volunteering Oscars Awards. In the company of Cllr Tony Brown and the Mayor, both men enjoyed a champagne reception followed by the Awards Ceremony held at the Old Swan Hotel in Harrogate on 27 October. The event was attended by nearly 400 guests, and although Paul and Martin did not win in their category, they did make the shortlist, so many congratulations to them! However the following day they did win the inaugural 'Nidderdale Community Hero' award which was presented by Clare Balding at the Nidderdale Food Festival organised by the Chamber of Trade.

Emergency Planning Exhibition

The Council is going to host a small exhibition and information session in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 13 January for all householders who are at risk of flooding should the river ever burst its banks. The Environment Agency plan to send a representative and you will be able to meet the local flood wardens and the members of the Emergency Committee from both Pateley Bridge and Bewerley. It is the responsibility of householders and business owners to take appropriate action to make their properties flood resilient! So please come along to see what equipment or products are available, and check out how you might be affected.

‘No Cold Calling’ Zones

In conjunction with Trading Standards, these have been in place in the town since July 2013 covering Millfield Street, Southlands, Nidd Walk and the bungalows on Top Wath Road. Following recent aggressive behaviour from door to door salesmen, it is hoped that these zones will be extended. Cllr Jefferson is the Council’s contact for North Yorkshire Trading Standards, so please get in touch with her if you have any queries at all. Her telephone number is on the back page of the newsletter. To report cold callers to the Police please call them on 101.

Parish Elections May 2018

Parish council elections have been brought forward to coincide with the district elections and will take place in May 2018; it’s not that far in the future, so if you think you might be interested, please come along to any of the council meetings to see what gets discussed and what decisions are made. Meetings take place every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber on King Street and the Agenda and Minutes are published on the council website. Parish councils do have the power to influence the higher levels of local government, and it’s important that an election takes place so that councillors have a mandate from residents to represent their views. Full training will be available.

May 2018 will also introduce changes at HBC following the Boundary Commission Review which corrected imbalances in ward populations and reduced the number of members from 54 to 40. The new ward for this area has been increased in size and will be called Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale Moor; it includes the areas covered by Pateley Bridge Town Council, and the parish councils of Upper Nidderdale, Bewerley, Thruscross and Padside.

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 10th February 2018 in the Memorial Hall. It’s always a great way to spend a winter evening with friends whilst raising money for the community. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to buy tickets.

Defibrillators

There are now four defibrillators in the Parish: one on the High Street on the wall of the pet shop, two in Glasshouses Village and one at the Half Moon in Fellbeck.

The Mayor's Fund

The Fund awards grants up to £250 to support local organisations and events that deliver cultural, sporting, heritage and community activities in the Pateley Bridge area: recent grants contributed to new fishing platforms for Nidderdale Angling Club, attendance by Pateley Bridge Dramatic Society at the Off Broadway Short Play Festival, an outing to Newby Hall for Wilsill Luncheon Club, equipment for the new Community Shop in Darley, a second defibrillator in Glasshouses Village, sheet music for the Community Choir, the accessibility ramp to St Cuthbert's Church, drainage improvements for the Nidderdale Allotment Society and the restoration of the World War One memorial clock at Dacre Braithwaite School. The Committee meets four times a year so please contact the Clerk for information about eligibility criteria and an application form if you would like to be considered in the next funding round in January 2018.

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