

TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

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The picture shows, left to right: Councillors, Richard Sweeting, Donald Bain Mackay (with Maisie) Roderic Parker, the Mayor of Tadcaster, Stephen Cobb, Ian Hemingway, Environmental, Health and Safety Manager for Lambert Engineering & Councillor Edward Mansfield.

On a cold and blustery day in March, Tadcaster Town Councillors gathered to see the new steel support pole and brazier reinstated on the corner of Garnet Lane and Leeds Road. It had blown down in gales before Christmas as the wooden support pole had rotted. It was speedily taken away by Contractors B K Parnaby, for safe keeping and to avoid it being stolen.

LOCAL LANDMARK **REINSTATED**

Lambert Engineering made, and donated, a new steel support pole for the brazier for which the Council and the community of Tadcaster is very grateful.

The brazier was first erected in May 2002 to enhance the western approach to the town and to provide a lasting memorial to the Golden Jubilee held in Tadcaster, when it was lit on the 3 June. Those who played an active part in the initiative for the brazier through their generous donations of time and money were: Lambert Engineering; TadWeld; Payne's Plumbers; Tadcaster Fire and Rescue Service; Wharfe Bank Contractor; Commer Group; Tadcaster Commercial Services. It was also lit to highlight other special events in the town ie the Diamond Jubilee and Trafalgar Day.

The Council is extremely grateful to the Contractors for dealing with the brazier so quickly when it blew down, and to Lambert Engineering for their ongoing support of this project and for supplying the new metal post, thus ensuring it is a permanent landmark at the western approach to the town. Lamberts also sponsor the flower bed around the brazier.

NEW COUNCILLORS AND NEW MAYOR

Five Councillors stepped down at the end of their term of office - see the Mayor's report. Following the request for Councillors in the last Newsletter, the Town Council has three new Councillors: Nick Brown, David Lindsay and Nigel Dunbar. They joined the Council in May. The new Mayor is Councillor Don Bain Mackay, his wife, Pat will be the Mayoress.

MERIT AWARDS

Tadcaster Town Council presented Merit Awards to two residents at its Annual Town Meeting in March. One to Mrs Wendy Binns, in recognition of her work to raise the profile of the town and its community through photography and publicity and the other to Mr Robert Ducat in recognition of his selfless dedication and continuing work in Tadcaster Cemetery, in acting with dignity and care in the voluntary tending of the War Graves. Each year, Tadcaster Town Council considers nominations from both the public and Councillors and the criteria for nomination can be viewed on the Town Council website. *Photos Courtesy Wendy Binns*



Wendy Binns, (top) and Robert Ducat (below) receive their awards from the Mayor of Tadcaster, Councillor Stephen Cobb.

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO SPARE? CAN YOU GIVE A HELPING HAND TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Selby District Volunteer Centre has lots of information for people who are considering volunteering. If you have some time to spare and would like to get involved with local voluntary and community activity, the Centre can help you choose something that fits with the time you can offer and your interests. An up to date folder with information about all the different volunteer opportunities is held at Tadcaster Library for people to call in and have a look at. The Volunteer Centre also promotes these opportunities on the national website. – www.do.it.org

If you require more information about any of the opportunities or would like to meet to discuss volunteering with the Volunteer Centre, appointments can be made to meet in Tadcaster. Please call Kathy on 01757 241032 or email volunteering@selbydistrictavs.org.uk

The Volunteer Centre is working with Tadcaster Volunteer Car Drivers and Selby District Community Transport, to help recruit more volunteer drivers. If you like getting out and about and have a car that can be used to take people to hospital and GP appointments and have some spare time, then why not find out what's involved? People without their own transport can often struggle to get out and about and attend various health appointments. Volunteer drivers can make all the difference and, in return, get a lot of enjoyment themselves from meeting new people and giving a helping hand. Training is provided and drivers using their own cars can claim back mileage expenses.

Call Selby District Community Service 01757 708036 or the Volunteer Centre for more information. Check out twitter @SelbydistrictVC and facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/sdvc>

TADCASTER & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The Club meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Tadcaster Boys' Sunday School. There is no meeting in August but a varied programme has been planned from September. This will include demonstrations, a Christmas Workshop and a Garden Visit in the Spring. For further information please contact Christine on 01937 833349. On 2 July there is a demonstration entitled "Strictly Jeaneous" by Jean McClure. Visitors welcome, admission £5 payable at the door.

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME!

This year's Carnival will take place on Sunday 19 July

You can keep up to date with developments and find out more details about the event on Facebook . The theme is Countries of The World and if you would like your business or company to be involved, do contact the Carnival Parade Committee as soon as possible. Food stalls at the Carnival Ground will reflect world tastes! If you wish to book a stall at this year's Carnival, then please do contact Christine Bleasby at 10 Edgerton Drive, Tadcaster. LS24 9QW. Email: christine.bleasby@btinternet.com

Schools have been approached to compete for a design for the cover of the Carnival brochure and there will be lots to do and see at the Carnival ground, entertainment, fantastic bands, and the whole event culminating in a wonderful fireworks display. The Parade will leave Ripon Farm Service s at 12 noon and wind its way through the town to the Carnival Field at Magnets Sports and Social Club. The Carnival is a non-profit organisation and funds raised help support local charities. Go along on the 19 July and enjoy a great day out.

Photo: Courtesy Richard Rafferty



CAN YOU DIG IT?



Richard Baxter gets top grips with a pit – photo courtesy Cllr Dr Greg Lodge

Well, a lot of people have been doing just that recently – Tadcaster's past that is! The archaeological dig on the riverside is well under way and has involved many volunteers – from the town and further afield – as well as young people and schoolchildren from the locality. A resident of the cottages in the 1960s also turned up and was able to tell us a lot about them and provide photographs. Under the watchful gaze of professional archaeologists and under benign weather many pits and trenches have been dug - occasionally with the help of a JCB but often with just spade and trowel. It is a very systematic and careful process with the earth and debris removed, painstakingly sieved and all finds cleaned and recorded. Given that the site has links to Tadcaster's Roman past as Calcaria, a Norman motte and bailey castle, a civil war battlefield and cottages inhabited from the mid Victorian period until the swinging sixties, it is not surprising that finds have been very varied. Pottery of the Roman variety – both simple Gray Ware and Samian Ware which was mas produced on the borders of France and Germany – has been unearthed along with a great deal of other shards from the centuries. My favourite so far is a clay pipe bowl commemorating the first international bare knuckle boxing match which took place in April 1860 between John Carmel Heenen of the USA and "Brighton Titch" Tom Sayer of the UK. Who won, you might ask – it was a draw as the police broke up the illegal fight! Strange to think of someone sitting on the riverbank puffing away on this pipe – maybe they had attended and bought the pipe as a souvenir! The dig is continuing as I write with some intriguing finds regarding the cottages and what looks like a roadway or path. A few mysterious coins have come to light – maybe Scottish? maybe Portugese? All will be revealed eventually and we should know a great deal more about Tadcaster's past by the time of the next Newsletter. It is hoped too that a local exhibition on the dig will be set up, so watch this space! *Cllr Dr Greg Lodge*

COUNCIL REPORT

“During my time as Mayor, I have enjoyed representing the Town at other Civic Services and events and also working with Councillors and the Clerks in the office. However, it is with much regret that I am stepping down from the office of Mayor in May but I am carrying on as a Town Councillor. Five Councillors have also stepped down and will not be returning to office. I would like to thank Roderic Parker, Edward Mansfield, Will Lockwood, Ken Price and Kirsty Perkins, for their commitment to Council work and wish them well for the future. I also wish the new Mayor, new, and existing Councillors, every success, and hope the new Councillors derive much enjoyment from their role within the Council.

Behind the scenes, we have become even more business-like and accountable. We have reviewed our Standing Orders and Terms of Reference; updated policies and introduced new ones – all are available on the Council website.

I am very pleased that the community and local businesses continue to come together over various matters, including the Carnival event; improvements to the Christmas Illuminations and reinstalling the brazier. Other successful community events include the annual Duck Race, Remembrance Day and the ever popular and well-attended Christmas Market. “

Councillor Stephen Cobb

The following is an overview of the work of the two Committees of the Council. Full details can be seen in the Council Minutes on the Town Council website.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT - Chairman, Councillor Dr Greg Lodge

The Committee viewed various contracts for services, discussed estimates for contracted work, viewed audit reports on how well the Council does its business and, a major piece of work where the Committee works with an ad hoc Business Efficiency Group, proposes an annual budget for the Council. The Committee also developed a policy for the use of Council reserves and proposed both consolidating them under fewer headings, requiring an annual report of their usage and, where appropriate, developing a three year plan for deployment. A major part of the work related to the cemetery. The Council decided that it should be treated as a cost centre in its

own right and that it should break even within three years. Additionally, the policy structures associated with the cemetery needed to be overhauled and the physical appearance of the cemetery improved on a rolling basis. Thus a Cemetery sub-committee was set up; a bi-annual cemetery inspection and associated programme of work was instituted; fees were set in line with budget expectations; existing policies were revised and new ones drafted; a policy was developed on the use of War Stock funds for several specific graves funded by such stock interest following the Government decision to end the fund. The Committee administers the Grant Aid Fund and awarded grants to Age UK and Selby District Dial for work undertaken in Tadcaster alone. The Committee maintains various insurances and is concerned to get best value for all Council assets. The Ark, Tadcaster Town Council offices, now has a maintenance programme and is currently undergoing work for new signage, a new porch, new windows and redecoration. Budgets have been carefully monitored and reserves carefully allocated. The Council was within budget (2014/15) without the need to increase the precept to the tax payer for 2015/16.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairman, Councillor Don Bain Mackay

The Chairman reported that allotments were in good order; inspections were carried out during the year and that there were currently 12 people on the waiting list. The Stutton Road Clarke Trophy allotment competition had been won by Mr Oaten. The Riverside Project had begun and there is more about this in the newsletter. This quarterly Newsletter was produced and delivered to all households and businesses in the town. The Carnival Parade and events brought much enjoyment and visitors to the town as did the annual Christmas Market and Festival. There is now a Resilience Plan in place with a team who will deal with the initial stages of emergencies, including flooding. A leaflet will be available in The Ark containing relevant information for members of the public and also the information will be available on the website. All the Council owned grit bins were refilled in readiness for the winter weather. All the Tadcaster Town Council owned street lights had been maintained where and when necessary and an inspection of all the Town Council owned lights is to be carried out during 2015/16. New litter and dog bins were installed on Oxtan Lane and in the Grange play area. A new Grounds Maintenance Contract has been agreed for 2015/16 and the Council has appointed a new Contractor for the planting of beds and containers in the town. We hope residents and visitors will see a floral improvement this year. The brazier was reinstated – see front page.

CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS IN THE TOWN



The Christmas illuminations in the town, including the illuminated small Christmas trees, are now managed by the Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company (TRCIC).

Tadcaster Town Council owns the illuminations and, last year, it worked in association with the TRCIC by donating £5,500 – its annual budget for illuminations in the town – to the Tadcaster TRCIC so that they could arrange with a contractor to put up the large tree, the small illuminated trees and also the illuminations. To give more impact, the illuminations concentrated on the town centre. Also, some of the trees in the town were wrapped with lights to enhance the existing displays. Monies were donated and gratefully received from the following sponsors:

Tadcaster Town Council, The Ark
The Community Engagement Forum
Heineken

Molson Coors Brewing Company, Tower Brewery
Commer Group, Commer House, Station Road
Devine Meats, 10 Bridge Street
Bartle's Estate Agents, 1 Bridge Street
Cyclesense, 20/22 High Street
Bridge Street Barber's, 13 Bridge Street
Nigel Adams, MP, Conservative Party
Arkline, 24 Bridge Street

However, if you would like to add your name and/or business to the list and see more illuminations in the town and extended to cover other areas, more funding is needed. As a community, you can help make Christmas in the town even better. Either monies raised through fundraising or straight forward donations would be

most welcome. If you have any ideas about fundraising, wish to donate towards the 2015 Christmas illuminations in the town, or make comments about the Christmas lighting, please contact David Gluck at the Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company, at the Business Centre, Bridge Street, Tadcaster. LS24 9AL. Tel: 01937 831686 or email:

davidgluck@ruralis.co.uk



CHRISTMAS MARKET AND FESTIVAL

The 2015 event will take place on Sunday 29 November. The Council has decided to freeze the cost of either a stall or a pitch for this year so if you would like to book either a stall or pitch at the outdoor market, the cost will remain at £25. Please apply as soon as possible as demand for stalls and pitches usually outweighs the number we can supply. Apply to The Ark as soon as possible.

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL

Are you looking for a new hobby and want to meet new people? Then why not try your hand at painting and drawing? Tadcaster has a little gem in its midst in the form of the Tadcaster Art School. Currently located on the premises of the Tadcaster Bowling Club in St Joseph's Street, Tadcaster. Classes run on Wednesdays and Friday mornings in tandem with North Yorkshire school terms. The classes cater for the folk of Tadcaster, where the expert tuition and guidance of their tutor, Reuban Mayne, help the budding artists of our area find their full artistic expression. From beginner to advanced, and all ages, everyone is welcome and everyone is supported and nurtured to uncover their creative potential. The Art School puts on exhibitions throughout the year. To find out more, contact Reuban on 07905 790075 or drop in on a Friday or Wednesday morning (term time) at the Bowling Club and have a chat.



TADCASTER COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

AN INFORMED AND PREPARED COMMUNITY IS A SAFER COMMUNITY

Emergency Services will always have to prioritise those in greatest need during an emergency, especially where life is in danger. Communities may need to rely on their own resources to minimise the impact of an emergency, before the emergency services arrive. Emergencies can take many forms, from small house fire through to widespread loss of electricity or flooding.

Many communities already help each other in times of need, but experience shows that those who are prepared cope better during an emergency. Communities with local knowledge, enthusiasm and information are a great asset and a Community Emergency Plan can help. Tadcaster has taken steps to become more prepared and has produced a plan, working closely with North Yorkshire County Council Emergency Planning, Selby District Council, The Environment Agency and Local Blue Light Services, in order to ensure a co-ordinated local response to emergencies similar to the recent flooding that hit the town.

During an emergency, the Tadcaster Community Emergency Plan will be activated, with the team utilising local volunteers and resources, while liaising and working with emergency responders to support those who may be either at risk or vulnerable.

During non-emergency times, we will continue to monitor issues within the town which could result in incidents occurring, and work with partners to reduce the risk. Please do feel free to

report any significant matters to us. Everyone has a part to play and being prepared for the unexpected can help reduce the impact an event has either to individuals or to communities.

Drop into the Town Council at The Ark when open, and pick up a leaflet which has lots of tips and information to prepare yourself, your family or your business for any emergency - even preparing your own "Emergency Grab Bag"- and also explain how you can be kept informed during localised events. Visit

www.tadcasteremergency.org or social media www.facebook.com/tadcasteremergency. If you would like to be involved in the Community Emergency Team or register as a volunteer, please contact info@tadcasteremergency.org or contact Tadcaster Town Council.

Robin Derry, Senior Emergency Planning Officer, North Yorkshire County Council

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE EVERYONE

A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped at the annual litter pick on a bright, dry Saturday morning in March. A large number of volunteers took part in the event and they collected a vast amount of litter and rubbish from various parts of the town. You can help keep the town clean and tidy all year round by using the litter and dog bins both in the town centre and also elsewhere in Tadcaster.



The photograph shows a group of willing volunteers outside The Ark before they set off on their quest with litter pickers and supervisors.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

North Yorkshire County Council

Address: North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton. DL7 8AD. T:0845 8727374

E: customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk

W: www.northyorks.gov.uk

Selby District Council

Address: Selby District Council, Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby. YO8 9FT

T: 01757 292125. E: kcapperauld@selby.gov.uk

W: www.selby.gov.uk

Out of Hours Emergency – 01757 706291

Floodline – 0845 988 1188

ACCESS Selby

Address: 8-10 Market Cross, Selby. YO8 4JS

T:01757 705101 E:info@selby.gov.uk

W:www.selby.gov.uk

Weekly Drop in Sessions at Calcaria House, Windmill Rise, Tadcaster

You can get advice about a wide range of local services during regular drop-in sessions held by Access Selby's Tadcaster & Villages Area Community Officers at Calcaria House, Windmill Rise, Tadcaster, every Thursday, between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. Issues relating to housing, local environment, planning, benefits or environmental health can be raised and discussed. Or you can contact the Community Officers by 'phone on 01757 705101 or email: kcapperauld@selby.gov.uk

ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE IN THE TOWN

Boys' Sunday School - T: 07891 840580;

Catholic Church (Presbytery) - T: 833105/530357;

Tadcaster Albion AFC - T: 07949 452054 Tadcaster

Town Bowling Club - T: 01937 530343

Riley Smith Hall - T: 833327/07877 691259;

Kelcbar Community Centre - T: 01937 835462

Manor Sports & Social Club - T: 01937 832958;

Methodist Church - T: 01937 834064

Tadcaster Magnets Sports and Social Club –

T: 01937 833435;

Tadcaster Social Club – T: 01937 833 498

NEED HELP WITH JUST ABOUT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING?

Stepping Stone in Kirkgate provides a confidential listening ear and proactive advice. It is open Monday, Tuesday & Friday. 10am to 1 pm and Thursdays 10 am to 3 pm. Tel: 01937 530288.

Email: steppingstone@tad.eclipse.co.uk
or tadcastersteppingstone.webs.com

AID TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Every year, through its Grant Aid Process, Tadcaster Town Council provides a small amount of funding for organisations that are actively providing services in the town or that benefit the town and its residents. Applications to receive funding have to be received by 31 October each year, and any money granted is paid out the following April. You can download full details and an application form from the Town Council Website.

SPECTRUM YOUTH GROUP – TADCASTER

THE SPECTRUM YOUTH GROUP opened its doors for the first time in March at Manor Farm Youth Centre in Tadcaster. They have had a fantastic initial positive response from members and parents. Activities enjoyed were table tennis, pool, table football, arts and crafts, nail painting and Playstation. They aim to give young people, aged 14-25 a more supportive and inclusive social environment. SPECTRUM volunteer founders recognised that there is a small army of young people with learning disabilities, autism or perhaps a physical challenge, who spend countless evenings isolated in their rooms, without access to a safe social setting.

SPECTRUM aims to help fill that gap in social opportunities for young adults with additional needs. Meetings are held on Monday evenings during term times, with various out of Centre activities arranged in the school holidays. They are self-funded and all donations received are invested in activities with members having a decisive role in how the money is spent. For more information, please email: spectrumyouthgroup@aol.co.uk

THE TADCASTER AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM

(CEF) is held at the Riley Smith Hall, Westgate, Tadcaster. Everyone is welcome. You can be kept up-to-date with what's happening in the town as well as discussing issues of mutual interest. The Forum allows you to voice your concerns and comment about your town, neighbourhood or anything relating to North Yorkshire and Selby District Council, as well as policing and other matters. If you want to have your say about Tadcaster, then go along to the meetings. View www.your-community.org.uk for details and dates of future meetings: all from 6.30 pm in the Riley Smith Hall. **Next meeting – 19 October 2015.**

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

TADCASTER WEST WARD:

Don Bain Mackay	T: 01937 835776
Nick Brown	M:07778 993896
Nigel Dunbar	M: 07890 598480
Ian Edmondson	T: 01937 830304
Dr Greg Lodge	M: 07877094821
Chris Metcalfe	T: 01937 832501
Richard Sweeting	M:07842 164034

TADCASTER EAST WARD:

Steve Cobb	T: 01937 835381
David Lindsay	M: 07786 160847
Miss Margaret Middlemiss	T: 01937 834872
Two vacancies as at date of print	

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

Don Bain Mackay	T: 01937 835776
Richard Sweeting	M: 07842 164034
Chris Metcalfe	T: 01937 832501

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

TADCASTER:

Chris Metcalfe	T: 01937 832501
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You're welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings. Dates and times are shown on the council website and also on the three council noticeboards in the town – outside the Ark, on Commercial Street and on Stutton Road. Although dates are set well in advance, occasionally, there is a need to make a change, so do read the boards regularly.

Tadcaster Town Council Office is open From Monday to Thursday. The usual opening times are 9.30 am to 12.30 pm for enquiries relating to Tadcaster Town Council business. It is closed on Fridays and occasionally on other days when there are staffing shortages or unforeseen circumstances. The office is staffed by The Clerk to the Council, the Deputy Clerk and the Assistant Clerk. All correspondence should be addressed to The Clerk to the Council. The office holds a stock of free, tourist information literature, showing places to visit in and around the town and beyond, together with bus timetables etc.,

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter. The next edition is Number 75 – AUTUMN/WINTER 2015

If you would like to see your town events in this Newsletter, then simply email them to the address shown below on a monthly basis and we will do our best to put in as many as we can. Remember to tell us of any amendments, cancellations etc., plus contact details for information. If anyone has an article to contribute, please send your hard copy or email to the address below within four weeks of receipt of this Newsletter. All articles will be given consideration by the Council. Although we cannot promise to print everything we receive, we will do our best to keep you up to date with Council business and also what's happening in the town.

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