

# TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

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**The Mayor of Tadcaster, Councillor Stephen Cobb (right) and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Roderic Parker, in winter sunshine at the 2014 Tadcaster Christmas Market and Festival – Another Brilliant Event!**

## **THE NEXT COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE ON 7 MAY - YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE TOWN BY APPLYING TO BECOME A TOWN COUNCILLOR**

By becoming a town councillor, you can be someone the community will look to for help, guidance and support. You could see your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, which is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride. Town Councillors stand for election every four years and the next election is on 7 May.

### **WHAT'S INVOLVED?**

Full council meets once every six weeks or so. There are also two Standing Committees – Finance and General Purpose and Environment, that meet on a regular basis so there is a meeting roughly once every two weeks or so. Members of the public are invited to all meetings. They are held on Tuesdays in The Ark on Kirkgate and start at 7 pm. There are sometimes a few “ad hoc” working groups and sub committees that work on special projects and report back to Council. Tadcaster Town Council comments on planning applications sent from Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council; co-ordinates the Christmas Market; arranges Remembrance Day; looks after Council owned allotments; footpaths; lights; the viaduct and the riverside. It owns and manages the cemetery, endeavours to maintain the floral displays in the town and supports the Christmas illuminations. Wherever and whenever possible it promotes the interests of the town and listens to and acts on matters of concern brought to the Council by local residents. The Council has a complement of 12 councillors, supported by a Clerk, a Deputy Clerk and an Assistant Clerk.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor - you must be over 18 and a British national or a qualifying citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Community - you can always attend Council meetings to see and hear what is being discussed and actioned; details are shown on the website, on the three Council noticeboards outside The Ark, on Commercial Street and on Stutton Road near the shops - and would like more information, please call into The Ark and talk to the Clerk. The Ark is open Monday to Thursday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm or you can make contact by email – see back page for details.

***Councillor Stephen Cobb, Mayor of Tadcaster***



**Tadcaster Firefighters, Sy Wray and Andy Holmes, receive a cheque for £250 from the Tadcaster Carnival Committee members, Christine Bleasby (left) and Jo Richmond, on behalf of the Firefighters Charity.**

“Tadcaster firefighters have been constant and great supporters of the Tadcaster Carnival throughout the years, and we are very pleased to be able to help them with their fundraising, especially as it is for such a worthy cause. We are very grateful for the role they play in leading the Carnival Parade, for their commitment to the event, and for the unenviable task of putting up and taking down the bunting in the town. Our heartfelt thanks go to all concerned” says Nick Brown, Chairman of the Tadcaster Carnival Committee.

This year’s Carnival will take place on Sunday 19 July. Find out more details about the event on the Carnival website [tadcastercarnival@gmail.com](mailto:tadcastercarnival@gmail.com) and on facebook.

If you wish to book a stall at this year’s Carnival, then please contact Christine Bleasby at 10 Edgerton Drive, Tadcaster. LS24 9QW.

## **AID TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Each 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.

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET AND FESTIVAL**

The 2015 event will take place on Sunday 29 November. Please write this date on your calendar!



Last year’s event was a great success, due in no small part to the excellent weather and the help we received from volunteers who came forward to steward the event. We are particularly grateful to those who took on the early shift from 6.30 am, when it was still dark, namely, Dave March and Angela and Richard Rooke and their daughter who did such sterling work. Thank you to everyone involved. There were more stalls, pitches and other attractions at the Festival than ever before and crowds and crowds of people. Businesses in the town were open and benefited, and everyone enjoyed the event immensely. Let us hope for similar good weather this year – fingers crossed! If you would like to book either a stall or pitch, it’s never too early. Contact The Ark – details on the back page.

**HELP KEEP YOUR TOWN AND  
COUNTRYSIDE SAFE & CLEAN**

Fly tipping is defined as the “illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it”. Illegal waste disposal can be both hazardous to the public and also to water courses and animals. If you see anyone dumping rubbish, no matter how large a load or how small, please do report it to the Environment Agency on their national hotline number 0800 807060. The Environment Agency will need brief details such as date, time and place; what the waste is and approximately how much. Description of people/vehicles and hopefully registration number. Please do not approach anyone fly tipping. They are doing something illegal and obviously do not want to be caught. Alternatively, you can call the police on 101 and ask for an incident number. .

**TADCASTER LITTER COLLECTORS**

David March and his group of willing volunteers are continuing in their sterling efforts to make Tadcaster a cleaner town. What David would really like is for individuals or small groups of volunteers to adopt a little patch of the town and to keep that particular area clear of litter. “Even if you live in an area that is kept litter free, you can still adopt a small area that needs help somewhere else in the town” says David. “It is up to all of us to help take care of the town and, if we all do a little bit, it will make a big difference.”

David’s latest project in the battle against litter involves seeking sponsorship from local shops and businesses to fund 25 sets of litter picking equipment for volunteers to use. Several shops have signed up so far and now proudly display a window sticker indicating their support. “Please do support these businesses that are sponsoring the litter picking equipment” says David, “without their support, our task of ridding Tadcaster of litter would be much more difficult.”

If you would like to join David’s team, please contact him via the Tadcaster Litter Collectors’ Facebook page or by email him at [dipmarch@googlemail.com](mailto:dipmarch@googlemail.com)

**PLEASE USE THE NEWLY ERECTED DOG WASTE BIN  
ON OXTON LANE ADJACENT TO THE A64 BYPASS  
BRIDGE AND THE NEW LITTER BIN IN THE GRANGE  
PLAY AREA. HELP KEEP THESE AREAS OF THE  
TOWN CLEAN AND TIDY**

**Please can you help at this year’s  
Annual Litter Pick on Saturday 21  
March, 9.30 am to 12 noon, asks  
Maureen Dixon, who penned this  
imaginative poem which we hope  
will encourage you all to join in.**

Why not go on the litter pick  
In town on Saturday?  
Put on your hat, your coat and scarf  
Then set off upon your way.  
Your first stop will be “The Ark  
Where you’ll receive a sheet.  
It shows the places you can go,  
Which road, which lane, which street.

They’ll give to you a useful tool,  
It is a cherry picker.  
Made especially for the job,  
It makes it so much quicker.  
Arrive at your allotted place,  
Then look around to see  
Just how much work there is to do,  
To make it litter free.

At first, though, it seems daunting,  
The reward will be fantastic,  
Just remove all signs of it.  
The trays, the cans, the plastic,  
Reach out and pick up all the bits  
It will look a different place. You’ll stand back,  
really quite amazed  
To see the pristine space.

For those who may be tempted  
To throw their litter down,  
Please don’t, just take it home with you  
And tidy up our town  
There is another easy way  
Instead of being chided,  
To free the town from litter,  
Please use the bins provided.

Others will volunteer that day  
To make the town look cleaner.  
Together you’ll do a splendid job,  
The grass will look much greener.  
Teamwork will clear the rubbish  
From hedge and wall and tree,  
Then you can smile and say to yourself,  
One of that team was me!

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**The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 April at The Ark, in Kirkgate, at 7 pm. This meeting is for you, the residents/electorate to come along, ask questions of the Council and put forward your thoughts. Do take up this opportunity to attend and take part. This is your opportunity to meet with the Council and have your say.**

## **CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS IN THE TOWN**



The Christmas illuminations in the town, including the illuminated small Christmas trees, were provided in 2014 by the Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company. Tadcaster Town Council gave £5,500 towards this venture, which is the sum of money it usually spent on the illuminations.

If you have any comments about the Christmas lighting or wish to donate towards the 2015 illuminations, please contact David Gluck at the Tadcaster Business Centre, Bridge Street, Tadcaster or by email: [davidgluck@ruralis.co.uk](mailto:davidgluck@ruralis.co.uk)

### **Need help with just about everything and anything?**

**Stepping Stone in Kirkgate provides a 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](mailto:steppingstone@tad.eclipse.co.uk)  
or [tadcastersteppingstone.webs.com](http://tadcastersteppingstone.webs.com)**

## **RIVERSIDE NEWS**

The Himalayan Balsam on the riverside may look pretty but it is very invasive. The Council has allocated funding so that it can be cut on a more regular basis, thus ensuring the growth is kept to a minimum and the views along the river can be enjoyed. It will also help with access to the river for all concerned, particularly with regard to the annual Duck Race.

During the winter months, a new tree near the Church on the riverside was deliberately hacked down and other trees in the area were damaged. This damage was as a result of vandalism which was reported to the Police. If anyone sees an act of vandalism in the town and wishes to report it, please contact the Police on 101 and ask for an incident number.

If the act of vandalism involves Council owned land, or you think the Council needs to know about it, please do contact us. Thank you.

## **DEER**

You may have noticed that the deer, formerly on the corner of Station Road and Wetherby Road are no longer there. The parlous condition of the deer was brought to the Council's attention and an inspection was undertaken to see whether they could be repaired, but, unfortunately, they were beyond repair. They were found to be badly rusting, had various pieces missing and could become a hazard. The Council decided to remove them so that they would not become a risk to anyone passing by. However, this was not a decision taken lightly by the Council.

## **BUDGETS: GOOD NEWS FOR ALL RESIDENTS**

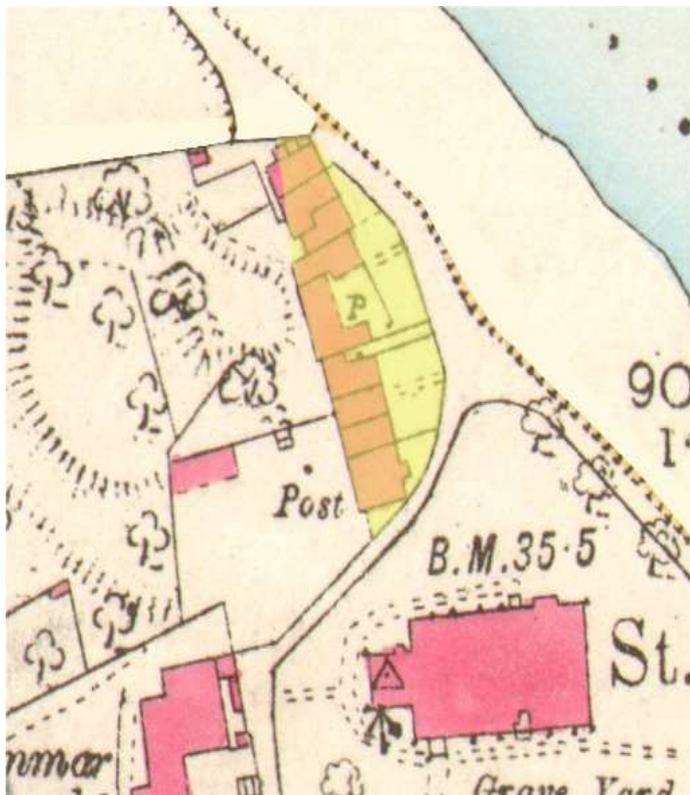
- The Council has looked hard at the budget for 2015/16 and, as a result, the Council Tax base figure will remain the same.

## **GO AHEAD FOR MAJOR ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG IN TADCASTER**

How many of you have walked along the river and looked up at the old motte and bailey site behind the church and wondered what secrets it hid? Well, all might be revealed this year as the Tadcaster Historical Society has achieved funding to lead a community archeological dig at the base of Castle Hill.

A Roman road is believed to have crossed the Wharfe nearby before climbing Rosemary Row and on to Eboracum (York).

The Town Council and the CEF have both pledged money to support this town initiative and the Historical Society has recently been awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund which means it is all systems go leading up to Easter.



*1891 Map with the area of the dig highlighted in yellow, old cottages in brown*

The site itself is potentially very interesting. The Normans built a motte and bailey type

fortification here – maybe on a Saxon site and Thomas Fairfax set up defensive works here in the Civil War. More recently cottages were built on the site before the 1840s and were still there in the 1960s. In short there is a lot of history associated with this dig and the Historical Society is excited at what might be discovered.

Professional archeologists and Groundwork will be involved in the dig but the beauty of it is that it is intended to be a community dig – a chance for the town itself to find out a bit more about its past. “ We want to involve the residents of Tadcaster and particularly the younger members of the community in this project” said John Firth, the lead for the Historical Society. “ We will be looking to work with the schools and the Youth Council but there are opportunities for many townspeople to be involved as volunteers and helpers”.

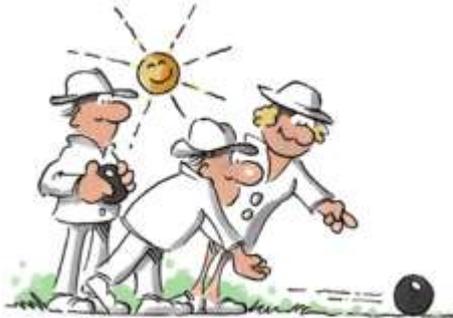
The project will involve excavating trenches across the site to see what exists below ground level. The whole process needs to be recorded and any finds preserved and catalogued. Documents and photographs relating to the town and site need to be researched and, additionally, the project is looking to create an Oral History archive through recording interviews with Tad folk who remember the cottages and the site. A final report will be produced and it is hoped an exhibition will be organised so townspeople can see for themselves what went on.

The Historical Society is very keen to encourage people to join in as volunteers working alongside the professionals. There are skills to be shared and new skills to be learned so, if you fancy exploring Tadcaster’s Roman past, encountering a Norman soldier or simply finding a clay pipe smoked by a cottage resident when Victoria was still on the throne – join in!

If you are interested contact John Firth on [tadriverbankdig@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tadriverbankdig@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01937 830638. The dig has a group page at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/tadriverbankdig/info> and a Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/tadriverbankdig>

**NEW/UPDATED POLICIES** - The Town Council has to respond to any changes in the law, as they relates to how the Council operates. Some current policies have been updated and new policies put in place. Those that have been introduced and updated are already on the website and others will be put on when they are ready.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A  
NEW HOBBY AND WANT TO  
MEET NEW PEOPLE?**



Why not try your hand at Crown Green Bowling? Tadcaster Bowling Club is situated in St Joseph's Street in Tadcaster and has a variety of membership available. There is a function room with licensed bar and kitchen facilities for use during the bowling season and which is also available for private parties throughout the year. New members are always welcome and who knows, one day you could be playing for Yorkshire!

**The rates are as follows:**

**Full membership to enable bowling all year round: £40. Winter membership ie bowling from September to March: £10. Social membership, bowling but not in a league team: £10. Junior membership, first year free, then: £5.** If you are interested, please telephone the secretary, Julie, on 01937 530343 for an application form.

Check out the Riley Smith Hall website on [www.therileysmithhall.co.uk](http://www.therileysmithhall.co.uk)

There is a full programme of events for the year and no doubt the programme will change as the year progresses. The Hall can also be booked for functions, meetings etc.,

**WELCOME** - To the new florists in the High Street. It is good to see a continuation of a florists in the town.



Welcome too to the new look Calcaria on Westgate which, by the time you read this Newsletter, will be part of Cycle Sense with café facilities.



There are also two new businesses aimed at Tadcaster – one to be housed in the former HSBC Bank at the corner of Kirkgate and High Street – a coffee chain - and the other (a bakery) in the former florists just before the river bridge on Bridge Street. We look forward to welcoming them both into the community.

Please support your local businesses. They are vital to the financial wellbeing of the town as well as providing much needed local services.

***Readers of this newsletter may have noticed that some items are repeated in this edition, particularly those about litter and the need to keep the town and its environs clean and tidy. Litter and dog fouling is an ongoing problem, and one which can be so easily remedied. We all need to take responsibility for putting litter in the bins provided and cleaning up after pets. There are plenty of litter and dog bins in the town. Please use them. The Editor***

## **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS**

### **Selby District Council**

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Doncaster Road, Selby. YO8 9FT  
T: 01757 292125

E: [communityofficertadcaster@selby.gov.uk](mailto:communityofficertadcaster@selby.gov.uk)

W: [www.selby.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:info@selby.gov.uk)

W: [www.selby.gov.uk](http://www.selby.gov.uk)

### **Weekly Drop in Sessions at Calcaria House**

You can get advice about a wide range of services at these sessions held by Access Selby's Tadcaster and Villages Area Community Officer. They are held at Calcaria House, Windmill Rise, Tadcaster between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm every Thursday. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about housing issues, planning, local environment, benefits or environmental health matters, then go along and discuss it with the Community Officer. Alternatively, contact them by telephone on 01757 705101 or email: [communityofficertadcaster@selby.gov.uk](mailto:communityofficertadcaster@selby.gov.uk)

### **North Yorkshire County Council**

Address: North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton. DL7 8AD. T: 0845 727374

E: [customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk)

W: [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.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;

Kelbar 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

## **PLAN SELBY**

Selby District Council (SDC) has spent a lot of time and effort making plans for the future, not because it just wants to, but because the Government demands it (and sets the rules).

At the moment, Selby District Council is working up a "Sites and Policies Local Plan" which it has called PLAN SELBY. When adopted, PLAN SELBY will form part of the Local Plan for the District against which planning applications will be assessed. This means that it will be a vital document, setting out what the whole district and all the communities within it want to see by way of development.

The Town Council looked at the consultation documents issued in November 2014, and has submitted comments on what they say. The very first consultation was at the Community Engagement Forum meeting on the 24 November 214. The Council has said that it wants the town to develop, repeating its concern that the town is becoming both a dormitory and commuter town for the surrounding areas, without any expansion of its business and industrial base, stating its worry about the many empty domestic and commercial properties, and welcoming any clarification that a planned review of green belt land may give.

The first consultation ended in January this year. Further consultations will happen later in the year, with draft plans available for all to see. The whole process will take up to the end of next year, but should give a sound basis for planning, and one that has been scrutinised and accepted by independent government inspectors and one towards which, the Town Council has fully contributed.

*The Horton Community Open Access Café operates each week at Calcaria House on Windmill Rise every Thursday, from 1 – 4 pm. They would like to welcome more members – go along and take a friend – and are also asking for volunteers to assist in the running of various projects. Go along on Thursdays and/or contact Hannah Brown on 0784015765 or Paul Halmshaw on 07525667905 or [communitycafe@hortonhousing.co.uk](mailto:communitycafe@hortonhousing.co.uk)*

## **THE TADCASTER AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM**

**(GEF)** is held at the Riley Smith Hall, Westgate, Tadcaster. Everyone is welcome at the regular CEF meetings, where you can be kept up-to-date with what's happening in the town as well as discussing issues of mutual concern with local people. 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](http://www.your-community.org.uk) for details and dates of future meetings: all from 6.30 pm in the Riley Smith Hall on the 1 June, 2015.

## **YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS**

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Edward Mansfield	T: 01937 833344
Miss Margaret Middlemiss	T: 01937 834872
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#### **TADCASTER:**

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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  
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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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find out more about the town as well as  
about the Town Council where you can  
also read this Newsletter in full colour***

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