

Horsforth Matters

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The Town Council prepares Horsforth Matters to give residents of Horsforth an overview of Council activities, local news and upcoming events.



Christmas with Horsforth Town Council



Saturday 3rd December 2022

Horsforth Town Council would like to invite our community to come together to celebrate our Christmas light switch on. Let the festivities begin!

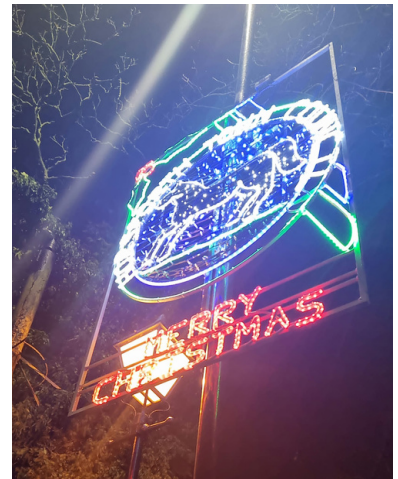
Schedule for our event:

4.30pm - Featured performance by Joy Choir

5.00pm - Father Christmas arrives and count-down to light switch-on

5.30pm - Christmas event opening with carol singalong

6.30pm - Our Christmas event closes



Please note: In the event of unsafe weather conditions, or other circumstances outside the control of Horsforth Town Council - the programme for our Christmas event may need to be changed or cancelled.



Chairman's welcome

Hello and a very warm welcome to our latest edition of Horsforth Matters,



Tracy Stones
Chairman, Horsforth Town Council

A sad farewell to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

We came together to honour our country's matriarch, Queen Elizabeth II, proudly and respectfully.

Horsforth Town Council came together with Reverend Nigel Sinclair from St. Margaret's Church to provide our Books of Remembrance placed in the Church, for quiet reflection and in Morrisons. Thank you to all those members of the public who kindly took time to add their wonderful, fitting words to our special books. They have now been sent off to Buckingham Palace. We again worked collaboratively with Reverend Nigel Sinclair to host a shared service to mark the National one-minute silence with a special outdoor service around the flagpole with readings, a piper and bugler. We ended by singing our Nation's National Anthem, to welcome our new King, Charles III to the throne.



Representing Horsforth:

I was proudly voted-in as Chairman of the Town Council this summer after serving three and a half years on the Council as a Councillor for Hall Park, continuing to sit on most of our committees to ensure that we, as a Council provide the very best for our community, working in conjunction with community groups within Horsforth.



Horsforth Town Council at the Farmer's Market

Horsforth Town Council has agreed to work with Horsforth Churches Together at the Farmer's Market by trialling having a stall each month up until Christmas. The first one, coincided with the market's tenth birthday celebration, where I was honoured to present cheques to four very worthy local charities as part of their celebrations. We will be in attendance on Saturday 3rd December 2022 and then alternate months into the new year, beginning in February.

Finally, a big "thank you" to Julie Sou, our former Clerk for all her dedicated hard work and commitment to the Town Council. We wish her well in her new endeavours and job.

A warm welcome and congratulations to Becky Crabtree, our new Clerk of Horsforth Town Council. We look forward to closely working with you to enable Horsforth Town Council to receive the Local Council Foundation Award.

Kind Regards
Tracy Stones
Chair, Horsforth Town Council

Meet the Councillors



Cllr J Arbuckle



Cllr B Batchelor



Cllr E Bromley



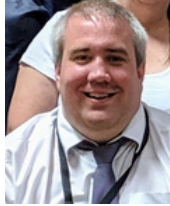
Cllr C Calvert



Cllr R Capitano



Cllr D Collins



Vice Chairman
Cllr SM Dowling



Cllr SL Dowling



Cllr K Firth



Cllr M Fletcher



Cllr J Garvani



Cllr C Glover



Cllr R Hardcastle



Cllr R Harris



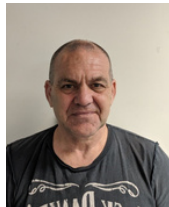
Cllr B Heaviside



Cllr E Hyndes



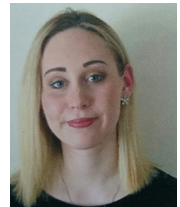
Cllr R Jaques



Cllr R Jones



Cllr P Mallott



Cllr C Sellers



Cllr M Townsley



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Cllr T Stones

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3 & 5 The Green

The buildings at the bottom of Town Street, on The Green, have been part of the Horsforth Community for many years. The pair of stone Victorian semi-detached properties started life as a gentleman's house and a vicarage. The buildings have had several uses over the decades. One of them was even a pub for a period of time!



More recently the two buildings were knocked together and became the buildings for the Horsforth Urban District Council. It was only in 1974 when Horsforth Urban District Council was absorbed into Leeds City Council where the buildings were handed over to Leeds City Council for their use.

Number 5 is currently the home of our Village Museum and although Number 3 is currently vacant, the hope is that it won't be out of use for long.



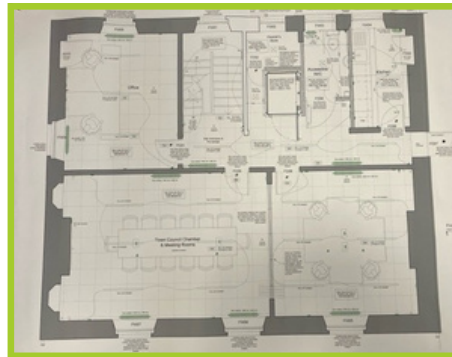
In 2018 we wrote to everyone in Horsforth to ask if our community would support the Town Council with a proposal to purchase the leasehold of both 3 and 5 The Green together with The Stables building at the rear. The response received back was wonderful and over 95% of the responses were in favour of the Town Council committing to this special project.

The process to acquire the buildings took the Town Council longer than initially expected but in May this year the transfer of the three properties was completed.

The task now is to ensure that all of the buildings are externally water tight and in good repair before we embark on making significant modifications to the internal layout of Number 3. Number 3 will include a brand new community space with a large meeting room on the ground floor. There will be a new kitchen at the rear and new toilet facilities, one of which will be a Changing Place Toilet (an accessible toilet that includes facilities such as a hoist and adult sized changing table). There will be a lift from the ground floor to the first floor which, as well as providing access to the new Town Council offices on the first floor, will also be accessible by The Museum.



Horsforth Town Council has taken out a loan in order to purchase the buildings and complete most of the internal modifications required. Although this will mean that there will be loan repayments to make each 6 months it will mean that the valuable funds we get through the precept each year won't be eroded and the events that the Town Council already support won't have to be reduced or given up.



**We are looking for local community groups that would like to hire the office/meeting space. Please contact the Clerk for further information.
admin@horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk**

Queens Platinum Jubilee

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the Bank Holiday weekend, we invited distinguished guests to participate in our special ceremonies held in Horsforth Hall Park.



Jubilee Beacon:

The Horsforth Community came together to light our Beacon as part of the National Beacon lighting celebration, supported by a Piper and local choral society.

Jubilee Big Lunch - Picnic in the Park

Although the weather was rather inclement, it did not dampen our spirits to join with Churches Together to celebrate and enjoy our Big Lunch with lots of family fun enjoyed by all.



Horsforth Town Council Proudly Funds Victoria's Playground Equipment

When approached by Town and Ward Councillor E. Bromley to help fund an accessible roundabout for the newly installed Newlathes Playground, the Town Council was unanimous in providing the necessary funds. The Town Council is committed to working with the City Councillors for the benefit of Horsforth.



Horsforth Town Council working in partnership with Horsforth Climate Action:

Horsforth Town Council supports Leeds City Council's Climate Emergency.

On a local level, Councillors Tracy Stones, Margaret Townsley and Sam Dowling are working collaboratively in conjunction with the newly formed Horsforth Climate Action, supporting the important cross-community work of the Hub, reporting back to Full Council to keep all Councillors fully up to date.

NEW
Opening
Hours

The Town Council office is now open to the public on Tuesday to Thursday - 10.30am to 3.30pm.

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Children and Young Person's Champion – Cllr Reiss Capitano

It has been a pleasure to take on the responsibility of becoming the Children and Young Peoples Champion for Horsforth. I will be working closely with many of the educational settings and community groups to build closer, stronger links to improve our facilities in the Town for all young people.



Dementia Champion – Cllr Chris Calvert



I am honoured to be the Town Council's Dementia Champion. When I joined Horsforth Town Council in 2017, I joined the Dementia Steering Group straight away. My Grandad, Arthur, passed away from Alzheimer's in 2008 and I pledged to myself I wanted to make sure that others knew all about Dementia, its different forms, and how they can support loved ones who are living with it.

The steering group, Dementia Friendly Horsforth is now separate from the Town Council, but our cause is very much still supported by the Council. My job as the Council's Dementia Champion is to report back on local activities that Dementia Friendly Horsforth engages in and to provide a voice for those in our community currently living with Dementia.

Fairtrade Champion – Cllr Becky Heaviside

This years World Fair Trade Day took place on 14th May 2022. The theme was Climate Justice, #LetsDoItFair!

The day highlighted the importance of small scale producers and their contribution to the Fairtrade movement.



Good Citizen Group Award 2022

This year's winning community group justly goes to The Walk of Art Team.

"We are incredibly proud to be recognised for all the hard work the Walk of Art volunteers contribute to our lovely annual event.



Since its inception in 2015, we have been passionate about organising an event that encourages providing free creative hands-on experiences in our 'little big village' to hopefully inspire many others and celebrating what talent is on our doorstep.

We are so fortunate that Horsforth already has many gifted individuals who wish to share their skills.

More creativity spawns more creativity."

Awards in 2023

To nominate a Horsforth Young Achiever, Citizen or Community Group please use the form on our Horsforth Town Council website:

www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk

or alternatively pop into our Town Council Office in person to collect a paper copy.

Deadline: 13th October 2023



Horsforth Town Council Meetings

Thursday November 17th Planning, Licensing and traffic Committee
Thursday November 24th Full Council
Thursday December 1st Community and Environment Committee
Thursday December 15th Planning, Licensing and traffic Committee

All meetings start at 7pm. Committee meetings take place at the Horsforth Town Council Office. Full Council meetings take place at the Parish Centre, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth, LS18 5LA

Town Council Advice Surgery

A Councillor Surgery takes place at 6.30pm until 7.00pm at the Parish Centre, St. Margaret's Church, Horsforth, LS18 5LA on the day of a Full Council meeting.
No appointment is necessary.



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