



HORSFORTH MATTERS

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As we approach the end of the year, things really start picking up in the Town Council Calendar with lots of events coming up over the next few months in the run up to Christmas.

One of the big weekends of the year for the Town Council is in November as we come together as a community in Horsforth to remember our fallen heroes over Remembrance Weekend.

There are a couple of events which you can attend and the details of both events are in this edition of Horsforth Matters.

The first event is Friday, 10 November at 10.45am at Horsforth Cemetery where we are led by the Chaplain from Abbey Grange High School, Kay Brown, in a short Remembrance service and then students from Abbey Grange will lay small crosses at the graves of fallen heroes from Horsforth. I will also have the honour of laying a wreath on a grave of a fallen soldier on behalf of the Town Council. Our attentions will then turn to Remembrance on Sunday, 12 November. With the support of the Royal British Legion and Horsforth Churches Together we will parade from Morrisons on Broadgate Lane, down Stanhope Drive where we will stop at the Memorial Stone for a minute's silence and where I,

as Chair of Council, will lay a wreath on behalf of the Town Council. The parade will continue down Stanhope Drive along the Ring Road to the Horsforth Horse roundabout and then back along to the Cenotaph. We will then have a short Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph where we will pay our respects to our fallen heroes from Horsforth.

We then will welcome all guests of the Cenotaph Service to the Willows for tea, coffee and biscuits.

There are lots of people in Horsforth who are involved in these Remembrance events and I want to pay special tribute to the Royal British Legion for their ongoing support and commitment to remembering our fallen heroes here in Horsforth.

As we approach this time of year I will leave you with these words:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them.

Simon Dowling
Chair of Horsforth
Town Council



BREEZE IN THE PARK

I attended this year's Breeze event, which took place at a new location for Horsforth, on Dury Fields. During the day over 600 children, young people and their families came to enjoy what was on offer. There were various activities, the main one being the inflatables which were very popular and were a huge hit with the children and young people! There were many stalls such as the Horsforth free School Uniform exchange. I was personally very pleased to see good quality clothes being recycled.

There was an ice cream van and a donut van which were amazing for the children but I would like to see more healthy food options in the future.

There were issues around car parking, which all concerned in organising the event will take into consideration when planning for future Breeze events.

Whilst I was at the event, I took the opportunity to go out and speak to parents to hear what they would like for children and young people in the Horsforth community in the future. Suggestions included extended youth club opening times suitable for age 9 to 13 and the need for more local dance, football and basketball classes. Some parents asked for classes for families such as Zumba and a social club to enable local families to do activities together such as bingo.

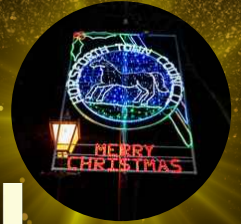
Lastly, I would like to thank all the Breeze staff and volunteers for making the day so successful!! I am sure many children, young people and their families in the Horsforth community will be thankful for the amazing day it was.

CLr Becky Cousins
Young People's Champion



HORSFORTH TOWN COUNCIL + HORSFORTH TOWN TEAM PRESENT

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2023 ON THE GREEN AND TOWN STREET, HORSFORTH.

The Christmas Lights Switch-on event has been a Horsforth Town Council staple for many years, yet this year's event will be bigger than ever.

Last year, alongside the traditional Lights Switch-on event, there was a Christmas Market hosted by the Horsforth Town Team, a collective of local businesses. This year the two events will be combined into one. Imagine the Coronation event from earlier this year, only with Christmas decorations instead of Union Flags lining Town Street.

The event will take place on Saturday, 2 December, from 12:00pm to 7:00pm.

Town Street will be closed from the Kerry Hill junction to the Green, to allow the local businesses to set out their stalls. The stage will face up Town Street, and bands and artists will perform throughout. The Christmas lights themselves will be switched on from 5:00pm.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE WINDOW DISPLAY

We are inviting businesses to decorate their windows for the festive season. This year the public gets to vote for their favourite display. Submit your vote for your favourite window via the QR code below, or via our website

www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk:



The winner will be announced at the Christmas light-switch on event.





GOOD CITIZEN & YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

The Horsforth Town Council Good Citizen and Young Achiever Awards aim to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of people, young people and groups in the community that might otherwise go unrecognised.

A huge thank you to everyone who nominated someone for this award. It has been wonderful to hear about the great things the citizens of Horsforth do to help make this town a great place to live. Well done to every one of our nominees.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at the Christmas Lights Switch-on event on Saturday, 2 December.

HORSFORTH FARMERS' MARKET

Horsforth Town Council has a stall at the Farmers' Market regularly. Come along to see us and find out what we are doing in the community.

The market runs on the first Saturday of every month in the car park of St Margaret's School on Town Street.





As Dementia Champion for Horsforth Town Council I have recently become involved with Dementia Friendly Horsforth (DFH), a group of local people dedicated to supporting people with dementia and their carers. DFH started out as a council working group but is now a voluntary association independent of the council.

It's been a busy few months for DFH. Back in April Dr Wendy Mitchell visited us for the second time to give a talk about her experience of living with early onset dementia. In May there was a series of events for the annual Dementia Action Week, including a dementia-themed film at the Grove and fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society, followed by the Horsforth Gala in June where DFH had a stall.

We are also supporting a new memory café taking place on the last Wednesday of every month at the sports club on King George's Field, Brownberrie Lane, where people with dementia and their carers can meet for conversation, activities and free refreshments. The first one took place in September and we had lots of positive feedback from it.

Annual play

In recent years DFH has staged an annual play on the theme of dementia. This year's play is *The Purple List*, a one-man performance centred on the partner of a man with dementia.

The performance is at **2.30pm on Saturday 28 October at St Margaret's Parish Centre.**

Get tickets

Tickets very limited and can be obtained for free via Eventbrite: (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-purple-list-tickets-696099942667).

We are also promoting an initiative to encourage businesses to be recognised as dementia-friendly. Business owners have the opportunity to attend a free half-hour information session, and will then get a dementia-friendly sticker to display which is recognised by the Alzheimer's Society. There are already a few shops in Horsforth that are displaying the sticker, and we are actively trying to encourage more to do the same.

If you want to get involved with DFH, or find out more about ongoing and future events including the window-sticker scheme, you can contact us at dementiafriendlyhorsforth@gmail.com.

You can also look us up on social media:

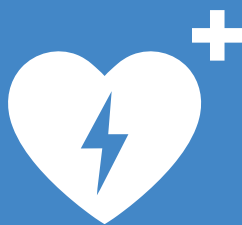
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CLr Mark Fletcher,
Dementia Champion



HORSFORTH DEFIBRILLATORS



Here is a list of all the defibrillator locations in Horsforth maintained by Horsforth Town Council:

- Car park at the rear of Morrisons, Town Street
- Three Swords (previously Banyan Bar, New Road Side)
- Horsforth Sports Club, Brownberrie Lane
- Brownlee Stone Building, Town Street – Funded by Horsforth Civic Society
- Mousie Brown's, Station Road
- The Grove Community Centre, New Street

Please note, other defibrillators locations can be found on www.defibfinder.uk

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HORSFORTH TOWN COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 November	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thursday, 23 November	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday 30 November	Full Council
Thursday, 7 December	Community and Environment Committee
Thursday, 11 January	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thursday, 18 January	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 25 January	Full Council

All meetings start at 7pm. Committee meetings take place at the Horsforth Town Council Office, The Stables, 2 Church Road, Horsforth LS18 5BL. Full Council meetings take place at the Parish Centre, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth LS18 5LA.

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Is there anything relating to Horsforth that you would like to discuss with your Town Councillors? We are holding Councillor surgeries on the following dates at Parish Centre, St Margaret's Church, Horsforth LS18 5LA. 6:30pm start. No booking required:

Thursday, 30 November 2023

Thursday, 25 January 2024

Thursday, 28 March 2024

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