

# Dates for your Diary



## Christmas Extravaganza

- Christmas Lights Switch on
- Christmas carols
- Father Christmas!

**4:30pm, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December,  
at The Green, Horsforth**



## Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 11am  
Horsforth Cenotaph

## Horsforth Town Council Meetings

Thursday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Planning, Licensing & Traffic Committee
Thursday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Community & Environment Committee
Thursday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Planning, Licensing & Traffic Committee
Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Full Council
Thursday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Planning, Licensing & Traffic Committee
Thursday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Thursday November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Planning, Licensing & Traffic Committee
Wednesday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council
Thursday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Community & Environment Committee
Thursday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Planning, Licensing & 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

# Horsforth Matters

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# Welcome to our Summer Edition

**Horsforth Matters is back!**

**This is the magazine of Horsforth Town Council. It will let you know what the Town Council is up to and how to contact your Town Councillors. We hope you enjoy reading it.**



**MAKE IT HAPPEN  
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE**



# The Neighbourhood Plan

Town Councillor Richard Hardcastle writes:

A Town Council Working Group has been developing the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) since 2012. This working group is made up of town councillors and members of the public. It reports to the Town Council's Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee. It is aided by Directions Planning, a planning consultancy who has experience in the process of creating NPs.

It is important that this is not just the Town Council's plan, it is very much community-led. It results from a wide-ranging set of consultations with residents, businesses and community groups, allowing an evidence-based plan to emerge, the first draft of which was published in October 2018.

Having a NP is useful in several ways: -

- 25% of levies made by Leeds City Council (LCC) on new Horsforth developments will be allocated to the Town Council to be spent on community projects.
- Key elements of Horsforth are protected, (where there is no protection already in place), like some green spaces, special heritage buildings, and new areas are recognised as having their own unique character that is worthy of protection.

The NP does not stop the development that LCC plans for Horsforth in its Core Strategy and Site Allocations Plan. However, it does mould it to try to ensure that any development fits in with the character of the Horsforth area.

After 17<sup>th</sup> July this year, LCC will submit the NP with all the latest responses / comments to an independent Planning Inspector (PI). The PI ensures the NP is "sound", making a judgement on whether the NP is positively prepared, effective and justified. If the NP is not sound the PI may propose modifications to the NP to make it sound.

Once the NP is deemed sound, LCC will arrange for a local referendum for all Horsforth electors on whether to adopt the plan. LCC would then put the plan to a vote, and if approved, the plan becomes "made" and joins Leeds' planning framework as a statutory planning document. Timing for this may be by the end of 2019 or the beginning of 2020. The life of the plan is 5 years, when it will be reviewed again.

This is a brief description of the Neighbourhood Plan and only hints at the amount of work which has been put into it, principally by ex-councillor Martin Hughes. I must end by thanking Martin for all his efforts on this project. Without his efforts the plan could not proceed.

You can find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan on the Town Council's website: <http://www.horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk>

## Purchase of 3 & 5 The Green

Earlier in the year Horsforth Town Council made a commitment to purchase the leasehold for 3 & 5 The Green and The Stables from Leeds City Council.

The Town Council's ambition was to work with Horsforth Live at Home Scheme and to create a community hub within No3 and to protect our volunteer led Village Museum within No5.

The Town Clerk has made the offer to Leeds regarding our purchase of the site and we are now waiting for their legal team to come back to us with the leasehold agreement. We have requested a 125 year lease with no ground rent or any other annual costs payable to Leeds City Council.

We have no plans for any further increases to the council tax precept to fund this project.

No completion date for the project and the new hub is known yet. At this stage we are very dependent on the speed that Leeds City Council operates. Which can at times be frustratingly slow.

## Congratulations to Horsforth's Award Winners

**Good  
Citizen  
Award**

**Penny  
Pinn**



**Young  
Achiever  
Award**

**Joshua  
Greenwood**



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The Town Council office is open to the public on Tuesday to Thursday - 9:30am to 12:30pm

## A message from the Chair of Town Council

*Dear Horsforth Resident,*

**Welcome to the latest edition of Horsforth Matters. This is the first edition following the Town Council elections in May.**

Those elections saw 13 new Councillors elected along with 9 who were re-elected. Congratulations to all on your election. There's also a massive thank you to the Councillors who stood down or were unsuccessful in being re-elected. It would be unfair to single out individuals as all Councillors put in a lot of effort in their own time and without pay to improve Horsforth for the benefit of all its residents.

The Council also has a new member of staff, Lyn Farrell, who joins us as an Admin Officer to replace Paula Fearon who left us in April.

Following on from the Elections, the Council had to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year and it is an honour to have been elected Chair for the third time and I welcome Cllr Simon Dowling to his new role as Vice Chair. Many thanks to my predecessor as Chair, Cllr Richard Hardcastle for the two years he held the position.

The Civic year always starts with a Civic Service organised by Horsforth Churches Together. This year Cragg Hill Baptist Church hosted the service and we welcomed various members of our community that work to improve the area along with representatives from the Police and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Gordon Tollefson (pictured with me) and members of the Church.

Two major projects should reach fruition over the next few months. The Town Council is close to finalising the purchase of a lease on 3 & 5 The Green which will safeguard the future of the museum and also see Horsforth Live at Home able to offer more services.

We are also approaching the final stages of the Neighbourhood Plan. Once complete this document will give the Council a greater say on development in the area. Many thanks to Cllr Dawn Collins and former Cllr Martin Hughes respectively for leading on these projects.

All the best,

*Town Councillor John Garvani,*



# Your Horsforth Town Council



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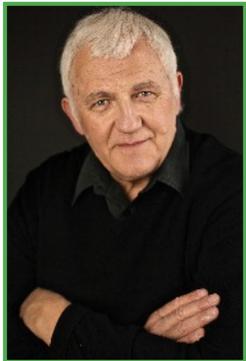
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**Tracy Stones, Dawn Collins, Charlotte Sellers, Raymond Jones, Jude Arbuckle, Sam Dowling, Becca Batchelor, David Prater**

Front Row

**Gordon MacFarlane, Simon Dowling (Vice Chair) John Garvani (Chair) Rosa Shaw, Christine Glover**



Peter Mallott



Becky Heaviside