



HORSFORTH MATTERS

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Well here we are coming to the end of the first full council year since the last all out election and I want to start off by thanking all of my fellow Councillors for their hard work and also I want to thank the two staff who work tirelessly for the council and always go above and beyond what is expected of them so thank you to both Becky Crabtree our Clerk and Steph White our Administrator.

I also want to thank Councillor Rob Harris who, due to moving away from the area and work commitments, has decided to step down from the Council. I want to thank him for his hard work over the last five years as a Councillor on Horsforth Town Council and I wish him all the best with his future endeavours. We are now in the position where we will be co-opting a new Councillor onto the council so watch our website and Facebook pages to see how you can apply to become a Councillor.

As I look back over the last year, as a council we have achieved so much and held some fantastic events which it would be wrong of us to not reflect on. As a council and a community we came together to celebrate the Coronation King Charles III and held a successful Christmas lights and market event. The Council has been active in attending the farmers' market on a regular basis, we've given out some fantastic awards and

sponsorships to local people and community organisations, we were awarded the foundation level of the local councils award and we have become a living wage employer.

As we look forward to 2024/25 we have many exciting things to come including work on 3&5 The Green starting, working towards becoming a council of sanctuary, D-Day 80th anniversary celebrations in June and also the launch of our rebranded awards scheme the Heart of Horsforth Awards. Check the categories out on our [website](#).

I want to finish by thanking you as a community for your ongoing support involvement with all things the council do.



Cllr Simon Dowling,
Chair of Horsforth Town Council

HORSFORTH'S ANNUAL EVENT

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORMANDY LANDINGS

LIGHTING A BEACON OF COMMEMORATION AND HOPE

80 years ago on the 6 June 1944 hundreds of thousands of servicemen landed on Normandy's beaches as part of the D-Day operation to open up a new Western Front in Europe. D-Day proved a decisive turning point in the Allies' efforts to defeat the German occupation in France and the fight against fascism in Europe. The bravery and sacrifices made by these soldiers, sailors, airmen and women in the special forces who took part are commemorated every year. This year, the 80th anniversary, is a very special date, as it is perhaps one of the last times the commemoration will be witnessed by some of those who took part on the day.

Recognising this important date, D-Day will be marked by the lighting of beacons across the UK and in France – beacons to pay tribute to those that took part and their families and communities who supported them. Horsforth is pleased to join this national tribute by arranging the lighting of our beacon in Horsforth Hall Park as our annual event this year.

Horsforth's D-Day commemoration will begin at 8pm with some music from the era with the talented Natalie Louise Bernadette singing some of the best loved Vera Lynn songs of the time and the wonderful Stroke of Genius Swing Band playing some dancehall hits from the '40s.



As the time of lighting the beacon approaches, there will be a reading of the national D-Day Proclamation. We are pleased that Peter Lambert a lone piper will play a tribute to the Scottish piper Bill Millin who, in 1944, led his brigade ashore. And we are fortunate that Darren Walker a bugler will allow a quiet moment of reflection as he plays 'The Last Post'. The Town Council is extremely grateful to all these talented musicians who are not charging for performing but have asked for donations to their chosen charities. To tie in with the national event the timing of the lighting of the beacon will be at exactly 9.15 pm. The event will end at 10pm prompt.

At the time of writing we hope the weather is favourable and residents will be able to come along to Hall Park with blankets or camping chairs to sit on. Bring a picnic – or pick up some fish and chips before coming. Fish and chip shops in Horsforth and across the Country are supporting this commemoration. Fish and chips were a vital source of nutrition and comfort during the war years and were never rationed.



Please get in touch with the Town Council if you require seating. We are able to provide a small amount of seating undercover for those who would like to attend but would find lengthy periods of standing difficult.

We hope this year's Town Council Annual Event will be a fitting tribute and an evening to remember.



Cllr Francesca Gains

WHAT TO BRING

- Picnic blanket/deckchair
- Warm jacket/waterproof
- Fish and chips or alternative takeaway. A list of participating restaurants who are working in collaboration will be available to view on the Town Council website.
- A bag to take your rubbish home with you - or dispose of responsibly.

Follow the Town Council Facebook page and website for further updates on timings and more information about the event.

WALK OF ART

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The community of Horsforth is once again looking forward to Horsforth's biggest ever festival of creativity as the hugely popular Walk of Art gears up to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

This year sees the Town Council getting more involved by hosting an activity close to the Museum and the soon to be 'Community centre'.

The weekend of 6 and 7 July between 11am and 4pm will become a free-to-all showcase of all the wonderful cultural brilliance that bubbles away all-year-round in Horsforth's incredible community. It will see artists and performers popping-up in both everyday and unusual spaces – all with the aim of inspiring more people of all ages to get involved in making art in all its forms.

Walk of Art Lead Organiser Kezia Roberts said: "In our 10th year we are taking the festival back to its roots and focussing on offering hands on activities and the opportunity to watch artists while they work.

"In past years we have seen clay modelling, belly dancing, knitting, paper mâché, cake design competitions, origami, printing, singing, signwriting and street art as well as all the other incredible performances, installations and events surrounding the festival."

THINGS THAT GO

Every year the Walk of Art has a theme, and this year's is 'Things That Go'.

Kezia added: "We are so very fortunate in Horsforth to have access to so many forms of transport. "From buses to bikes, planes to skateboards to of course, our feet. This theme will be a huge amount of fun.

"The festival is shaped by the community, we have no idea what artists will join us and where until the application period has ended! It is incredibly exciting, and this year will be no exception.

"But we know there will be amazing talent from film makers, street artists and crafters to Manga artists and musicians. It will truly be a celebration of the arts."

The Walk of Art once again wishes to thank the Town Council for their financial contribution towards this wonderful festival. The money is used to pay for materials for the artists so they can help to inspire our community.

For more information visit the website: www.horsforth-woa.org



Cllr Dave Brosnan. Written in part by Paul Jeeves.

THEME ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WALK OF ART 2024!



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We are delighted to announce that Horsforth Town Council has received the Foundation Award under the Local Council Award Scheme administered by the National Association of Local Councils.

This achievement recognises that Horsforth Town Council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover, Horsforth Town Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Local Council Award Scheme is a peer assessed programme that has been designed to both provide the tools and encouragement to those councils at the beginning of their improvement journeys, as well as promoting and recognising councils that are at the cutting edge of the sector. It is through the sector working together to share best practice, drive up standards and supporting those who are committed to improving their offer to their communities that individual councils and the sector as a whole will reach its full potential.

HORSFORTH FARMERS' MARKET

Horsforth Town Council has a stall at the Farmers' Market every other month. 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.

We will be in attendance at the market on: 1 June, 3 August, 5 October and 2 November.

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HORSFORTH TOWN COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 April	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 9 May	Annual Town Meeting
Thursday, 16 May	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Thursday, 23 May	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee
Thursday, 30 May	Annual Meeting of the Town Council
Thursday, 6 June	Community and Environment Committee
Thursday, 20 June	Planning, Licensing and Traffic Committee

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 May
Thursday, 25 July

Thursday, 26 September
Thursday, 28 November