

# Tadcaster Town Council Newsletter

WINTER 2021



# Tadcaster's Past

## River Wharfe Tadcaster - River Hunters Filming - Sky History Channel

On the 6th – 8th June 2021 the Film Company Hello-Halo.tv were in Tadcaster to film a History and Archaeological programme about rivers for The Sky History Channel. The company were keen to film the River Wharfe at Tadcaster due to its historical past. From criminals disposing of evidence, battle sites, boats overturned and losing their cargo, industrial detritus to thousands of lost personal effects and secrets of the past currently lie hidden in the rivers and were waiting to be discovered.

During the process a camera team carried out a fingertip search guided by handheld metal detectors, no other equipment was used, this technique minimised disruption to the riverbed.

On the day a selection of small items were found, a local specialist archaeologist later carried out some x-ray examinations to discover that the find included a pair of copper alloy livery buttons, made in London between 1835 and 1842 by George William Boggett



& Co in St Martins Lane, the gilding design suggests they belonged to a Baron or Baronet. There were a few notable families around Tadcaster but without cleaning, the initials are not clear enough to make out. The gilding suggests they were of some quality. As the items are of significant local interest and were discovered on Council land all the artifacts including some older horseshoes, an older barrel stop and some other small items are to be returned to Tadcaster. The programme is to be broadcast later in the year a date is to be announced by the channel in due course, look out for information which will be put on the Tadcaster Town Council Facebook page.

## Welcome Back Funding for Tadcaster

Your Council is always on the lookout for ways to improve Tadcaster so it was a nice surprise to hear in April of an £80,000 Welcome Back grant from central government to be shared between Selby, Sherburn in Elmet, Tadcaster and the surrounding villages.

The aim of the fund is to Welcome Back residents and visitors to the town post-lockdown and Tadcaster Town Council was asked by Selby District Council for ideas of short-term measures that might help. The resulting Wishlist included extra hanging baskets in the centre of the town; cycle racks; more lights to welcome in the

Christmas season; money to support the Super-Sat -Tad-Day market that happened on September 11th and more banners and publicity for the ever-popular Christmas market. All these things have either been delivered or are on the way. Plus, there's an urgent request in to clean the bus station and to tackle the unsightly weeds that disfigure parts of our lovely town. Beyond all this, a district wide project to produce digital, artistically designed maps is underway and we can use this for notice boards and leaflets to raise Tadcaster's profile and encourage others to come and enjoy this great place.

## Three tips to stay safe, warm and well this winter

Kate, the Energy Doctor, provides free and independent advice to Selby District residents on being warm and well. Here she shares 3 tips for winter:

### 1 Sign up for the Priority Services Register

This gives extra support if there was a power cut or if your gas supply was interrupted. You are eligible if you are a pensioner, have a physical or mental disability or chronic illness, dependent on electricity for medical reasons, have a hearing or visual impairment, or have a child under 5. Apply (enter code 006): <https://bit.ly/ngnpriorityregister> or 0800 040 7766.

### 2 Apply to your electricity supplier for the Warm Home Discount

This is a £140 grant towards winter energy bills. You may qualify if your household income is under £16,190 and there is a child, pensioner or someone with a physical or mental health condition in the home.

**3 Be aware of carbon monoxide (CO)**  
CO is known as the Silent Killer, you can't see it, smell it or taste it. It is produced when fuel doesn't burn properly and can come from LPG, oil and wood/coal burning appliances, as well as gas systems. At low levels, symptoms of CO are like having a cold, flu, headache or nausea. Buying an alarm is a great way to keep safe but also get your appliances serviced annually, keep chimneys swept, and don't block vents.

For help with any of these contact  
Kate on 01757 249100 or  
[kate@yorkshireenergydoctor.org.uk](mailto:kate@yorkshireenergydoctor.org.uk)





# 75th Tadcaster Treat Annual Lunch Party 2022

Are you aged 70 or over, live in Tadcaster or Stutton, and enjoy a good meal with entertainment? If so, why not come along on Saturday 5 March 2022 and join us for this annual get together in the Riley-Smith Hall in Tadcaster.

To receive your invitation to this free event, please complete the details required below, (even if you have attended before) and return this form to Mrs Christine Bleasby, 10 Edgerton Drive, Tadcaster, LS24 9QW by 1 March 2022 or email your details to christine.bleasby@btinternet.com



## 75th Tadcaster Treat Annual Lunch Party 2022

Mr/Mrs/Miss .....

First Name .....

Surname .....

Address .....

Post Code .....

Date of Birth .....

Telephone no .....



## Your local neighbourhood policing team for Tadcaster

Our primary role on the neighbourhood policing team is to be visible and accessible to local the community, providing a familiar face of the service. We work closely with communities in a defined geographical area and in partnership to tackle the issues most important to the local people. In Tadcaster our geographical area covers not just Tadcaster Town, but its villages too. Church Fenton, Newton Kyme, Oxtan, Appleton

Roebuck, Stutton, Towton and Saxton.

- Police Constable 730 Nicholas Woods
- Police Community Support Officer 4591 Jason Chapman
- Police Community Support Officer 4532 Hannah Price

To speak with one of your local officers, call 101, press option 2 and quote their collar number.

## Keep Tadcaster Tidy – Thank You

Following the article in the last edition asking for volunteers to litter pick their local area, there was a great response, and one resident in particular, Colin Swann, has gone above

and beyond and has cleared the litter, weeds and overgrowth from the walkway leading from the bottom of Kirkgate to the Central Area Car Park which has greatly improved a well-used area.

A big thank you to everyone who helped, it is greatly appreciated by residents and visitors to the town.

Anyone wishing to litter pick their local area, can contact the Ark should you require any equipment, black bags, gloves or the loan of a litter grabber.



## Remembrance Sunday in Tadcaster

On Sunday 14th November 2021 Tadcaster will remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. In addition, this year we are also celebrating 100 years of the unveiling of the Tadcaster War Memorial. A special re-dedication service will be held during Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial which sits proud at the junction on Chapel Street.

As in previous years there will be a parade from the central carpark at 09:30 followed by a Church service in St Mary's at 10:00 where numbers will be restricted, and then wreath laying at the War Memorial at 10:50 followed by a two-minute silence at 11:00 and a final blessing.

Tadcaster War Memorial was unveiled by Sir Edward Brooksbank of Healaugh Manor (who lost two sons in the Great War) in July 1921.

It was the Brooksbank family who agreed to transfer ownership and care of the memorial to the Town Council and it is hoped that a representative of the family will attend this

ceremony.

The memorial was erected in honour of the men of Tadcaster who gave their lives in the First World War and was inscribed: -

*"In honour of the men of Tadcaster who gave their lives that others might live in freedom 1914-1919. See ye to it that their names are not forgotten."*

Further names were added following the Second World War.

The construction is Portland Stone and consists of a cross surmounting an ornately carved pillar which stands on an octagonal base on which are mounted 12 bronze plaques. The upper row of plaques list 107 names of those who died in the First World War, and the lower row, 32 names from the Second World War.

This year marks 100 years of Tadcaster War Memorial and we are proud to able to celebrate this monumental occasion with a re-dedication ceremony.





# Tadcaster Christmas Market

## Sunday 28 November 2021

Free entry 9am-3.30pm

### Outdoor Market – Kirkgate and Westgate

After a very long year we are delighted to announce the return of the Christmas Market. Once again we host a variety of business, charities and local groups at our Christmas Market. Come along and pick up some great unique and original Christmas gifts, support local produce and food stalls. A selection of local shops and food outlets will also be open on the day. Including warm food, hot drinks, warm fresh mulled wine and other Christmas beverages.

### Tadcaster Methodist Church 9.00am-3.30pm

A morning worship will be held at 9.00am followed by a display of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, stalls offering Christmas gifts and knitted items, a tombola, and a prize draw. The cafe will be serving refreshments throughout the day. There will also be an illuminated external nativity display at front of the Church.

### St Mary's Church Sunday 10.00am-3.30pm

A café serving refreshments on the day. There will be a Christingle Service in Church at 3.30pm which will be live streamed on Facebook and bags can be collected with Christingles kit to make at home for those unable to join at Church.

### The Barn 10.00am-2.00pm

Local Indoor Craft Stalls, Café and Bakery

**Riley Smith Hall**  
**10.00am – 3.00pm**  
York RI Golden Rail Band  
live, Craft & Gift Stalls,  
Café and Bar.



**In the Riley Smith Hall**  
**10.00am-2.00pm**

**Outdoor  
Live Music**  
with York Mix  
Radio

# Tadcaster Christmas 2021

## Dates for your diary

### St Mary's Church, Tadcaster

28th Nov, 3.30pm – Christingle Service  
30th Nov - 7, 14, 21 Dec - Advent reflections  
on zoom - 12noon  
19th Dec - Carol service 4.00pm  
24th Dec - Crib service 6.00pm  
25th Dec - Holy Communion 8.00am  
Christmas Morning Worship 10.00am

### Tadcaster Methodist

Christmas Trees Café and Candles - 27th  
November 10.00am-2.00pm  
Carol Service - 19th December, 10.15am  
Family Christmas Day Service – 9.30am  
Christmas Day - No service

### Salvation Army

12th Dec – Carol Service 4pm

In addition there will be some  
accordion led Community Carol Singing  
across Newton Kyme and Tadcaster:

13th Dec, 5.00pm - Newton Kyme Green  
13th Dec, 6.30pm - Quaker Burial Ground, The  
Grange Estate, Eastside  
20th Dec, 5.00pm - outside Costa  
20th Dec, 6.15pm - The Jackdaw pub carpark

*Collections will be made for  
Martin House Hospice.*

*Bring a flask of hot choc and come  
and join in the festive musical fun!*



From all at  
Tadcaster  
Town Council  
& Churches  
Together





# Tadcaster's Shining Stars

Volunteers from Tadcaster were recognised by Selby District Council at an awards ceremony held at Selby Abbey on 10th September. The Shining Star community recognition awards were organised to celebrate the outstanding achievements of people, businesses and



organisations who went above and beyond to support their communities during the pandemic. Tadcaster Community/Flood Action Group received the bronze award for "Volunteer Group of the Year" and the Tadcaster Volunteer Cars and Services Association received a certificate of special recognition, for their support to the community throughout the lockdowns and beyond.

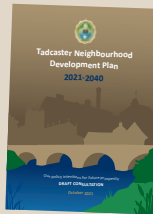
An amazing team of volunteers gave up their time to run a helpline for Tadcaster and the surrounding area, providing a food shopping and prescription collection service, offering transportation, posting letters and general errands, as well as being available for a friendly chat when needed. For those having to shield or self-isolate during the pandemic these services were a lifeline. Tadcaster Town Council would like to thank all the volunteers for their tremendous efforts, hard-work and dedication and offer our congratulations on receiving these awards.

## Tadcaster's Neighbourhood Plan – a plan for our future prosperity

Over the past year, a group led by the Town Council and Chaired by David Gluck of Tadcaster and Rural CIC has been working hard to develop a new Plan for the town. The Neighbourhood Plan will in time become a legal document setting out a range of policies to enable growth in sectors like housing, business, green spaces, leisure facilities etc. Ultimately for it to become that statutory document, it will be voted on by citizens in a referendum where a simple majority vote will 'make' the Plan.

The first major stage of getting to that referendum is the consultation on its draft policy intentions, running from 15th October to 12th November with surveys posted to every household and business in the town. The

responses to this consultation will shape the future of the Plan and it is of course essential that the views of our people are heard and reflected on. In time, our Neighbourhood Plan will form Tadcaster's chapter of the Selby District Local Plan. That Plan was consulted on at its 'preferred options' stage earlier in 2021, and a further consultation on its 'publication draft' will take place early in 2022. The District wide Plan sets out a range of significant policies for the town, including proposals for new proposals for homes, leisure and employment. We hope that the responses to our own Neighbourhood Plan will feed into the Selby Plan and that the voices of our citizens are heard.



## Celebrating 20 years of twinning... the signpost is up!

The towns of Tadcaster and Saint Chély d'Apcher were officially 'twinning' in the summer of 1999 and, in the years since then, there has been a wide range of social and cultural visits and exchanges, developing the links between the two communities and helping to establish many long-term friendships. In August 2019, a group of us from Tadcaster visited Saint Chély to join in the celebrations to mark the 20th anniversary of our twinning and, as part of this, gifts were exchanged between the two towns. We received a fine set of three paintings of Tadcaster produced by a local Saint Chély artist and these are on permanent display in the Barn, Tadcaster.

For our part, we gifted the town of Saint Chély a large, bespoke, wooden signpost, designed to point the way to Tadcaster from the centre of Saint Chély and complete with distance in both miles and kilometres! However, the installation of the sign was delayed by various matters, including mayoral elections and then, of course, Covid-19!

But I am very happy to be able to report that the signpost now stands in pride of place in the centre of Saint Chély!

On Saturday 31 July this year, my wife and I, along with Jon and Debbie Palmer (Jon is a previous Chair of the Twinning Association) were able to join with our Saint Chély friends in celebrating the installation of the signpost. The recently elected mayor of Saint Chély, Christine Hugon, and several members of the French Twinning Committee and friends and family gathered to place the signpost in position. A few words were shared by both the French and the English to commemorate the event and to underline our common commitment to continuing the links and friendship between our two towns.

Following the installation of the post, we were invited to a mayoral reception and refreshments in the Town Hall. Thanks go yet again to our Saint Chély friends for their warm welcome and kind hospitality.

**Chris Young**

Secretary of the Tadcaster Twinning Association



# TadcasterFAS

## Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme

### What you can do to stay prepared

Remember that even homes and businesses which are protected by flood defences can still be at risk of flooding. Our free flood warning service provides up-to-date information about flood risk straight to your landline, mobile and/or email. Please continue to be prepared and resilient towards flooding by signing up to receive advanced warnings of flooding. Register by calling 0345 988 1188, or visiting [www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings](http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings)

If you are already registered to the Flood Warning Service, again please check if your details need updating by visiting [www.fws.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/login](http://www.fws.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/login). Tadcaster Flood Action Group also provide an excellent local service in partnership with ourselves. Please take the time, if you haven't already done so, to sign up for their system which is linked to our incident response. You can do this by visiting [www.tadcasterfloodaction.org](http://www.tadcasterfloodaction.org) or [www.facebook.com/TadFlood](https://www.facebook.com/TadFlood)

The Environment Agency has also recently announced that they will be offering new flood warning services to several new locations in Yorkshire including Newton Kyme and Kirkby Wharfe, so please if you live in these locations follow the links above to check your flood risk and sign up.

The next edition of our e-newsletter, out soon, will provide an update on the project, highlight some of the work that has been going on over recent months as well as answering some of the frequently asked questions that continue to come our way.

**To sign up to receive a copy of the e-newsletter please contact [tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk) or follow our to our Facebook page @TadcasterFloodScheme. We will also continue to use local community networks and websites including TTC to promote updates.**

In May we provided an update that, following a review of the hydrological model for Tadcaster, there would be a delay in delivery of the flood alleviation scheme whilst updates to the hydrological model were carried out. An accurate model representing the flood risk situation and hydrological conditions of the River Wharfe at Tadcaster provides the basis of information on which the scheme is to be designed on and helps to ensure the height of any proposed defences and volumes of any storage components of the solution are correct, ultimately ensuring that the level of flood risk protection provided is known and understood. The updates required to the hydrological model are now well underway and are expected to be completed in early 2022.

Once this has been completed we will begin a process where various potential options for reducing flood risk are assessed, using the newly updated hydrological model. This process considers a wide range of criteria, including technical, environmental, economic and financial assessments, to arrive at a 'preferred option' for the scheme. During this process there will be opportunities for you, the community, to feed in your thoughts to ensure your views are considered. This activity is forecast to be completed by the end of 2022, after which activities such as the final design and planning permission are undertaken and the final business case submitted for approval to enable construction activities to start. Shortly, we will also be undertake ground investigation work and are currently identifying key locations in and around Tadcaster to complete this. These works will provide us with evidence of the composition of the ground where defences may be situated and enable us to design appropriate defences which will align with the existing ground composition. You may therefore see us out and about over the next few months whilst these activities are undertaken.

We continue to work hard to identify solutions that are environmentally and socially acceptable as well as being technically feasible and affordable. Each community that we work in has its own characteristics and complexities; there are often many factors to consider that influence or constrain the choice of solution/s. Tadcaster is no different. We need to ensure that the solution is right for the town's flood dynamics as well as being suitable for the local environment, whilst at the same time not increasing the risk of flooding in neighbouring communities and also being affordable.

As the project continues to progress there will be further opportunities for you to feed into the development of the flood alleviation scheme, either through formal engagement events or via one of the communication channels below. We will continue to keep you updated on progress on a regular basis. So please watch this space for news of up and coming engagement events.

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## Tadcaster u3a – Key dates for your diary

**15 November** – u3a meeting with speaker Karen Griffiths the Social Prescribing Link Worker for South Milford Surgery, Sherburn and Tadcaster Medical Centre presenting.

**2nd Thursday of the month** – Coffee morning in the Barn at 10.30am.  
Activity groups:

**17 November, 15 December** – Art group will meet in the Barn at 10am to 12 noon. (meetings every 3rd Wednesday of each month).

**6 November** – Walking group will be catching the bus at 9.40am at the bus station and travelling to Healaugh. (Note: walking back to Tadcaster on both trips).

**1st Monday of the month** – Quiz and Social group meets from 10.15am at the Kelcbar Community Centre.

**4th Tuesday of each month** – The Nature group meets.

**2nd Thursday of the month** – Flower Arranging group at 10.30-12.30 in the Barn.

**3rd Thursday of each month** – Craft group meets at 1.30-4pm in the Barn.

**Last Friday of the month** – Circle Dancing group meet in the old Boys School from 3-5pm.

**For further information please contact: [u3asites.org.uk/tadcaster/welcome](http://u3asites.org.uk/tadcaster/welcome)**



# Councillor Vacancies

## Make a change – become a Local Councillor

There are two vacancies for Town Councillors for the Parish Ward of Tadcaster West.

If you care about where you live and are passionate about your community, we need you. Join us and make a change.

**What do Local Councils do?** Your local council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories: Delivery of services, Improve quality of life for residents, Give communities a democratic voice

**Becoming a Local Councillor** As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make a real change.

Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve. Local councillors have three main responsibilities: Decision-making, Monitoring, Getting involved locally

**To be a Local Councillor** you must:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area the local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

If you are interested in finding out more, please phone 01937 834113 or email [clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk) for further information and an application pack.



## Your town councillors

### Tadcaster West Ward:

Don Bain Mackay	T: 01937 835776
Dr Greg Lodge	M: 07835 941154
Chris Metcalfe	T: 01937 832501
Dr Claire Stephenson	M: 07532 673875
Richard Sweeting	M: 07842 164034
Vacancy	
Vacancy	

### Tadcaster East Ward:

David Bowgett	M: 07908 112444
Jean Chiswick	M: 07813 077892
Steve Cobb	T: 01937 835381
Fiona Greig	M: 07711 691413
Margaret Middlemiss	T: 01937 834872

### Selby District Councillors:

Don Bain Mackay	T: 01937 835776
Richard Sweeting	M: 07842 164034
Andrew Lee	E: <a href="mailto:alee@selby.gov.uk">alee@selby.gov.uk</a>

### North Yorkshire County Councillor:

Don Bain Mackay	T: 01937 835776
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*Until further notice Tadcaster Town Council Office can be contacted from Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 12.30 pm by telephone or email anytime at the above address.*

*Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter. If anyone would like to send an article for the newsletter, please forward to the above address, all articles will be given due consideration.*

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