

# Tadcaster Town Council Newsletter

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As ever, the job of Mayor of Tadcaster is a challenging role, but also an incredibly rewarding one. It has been my pleasure to represent the town at events such as Yorkshire Day, which last August took place in Rotherham, and is due to take place just down the road in the City of York this year. It continues to remain a time of change for Tadcaster, as not only was this the first full council year since the dissolution of Selby District Council, last July saw the election of a new MP, Keir Mather. Keir and his team have been immensely helpful to the town over the past year, and I hope for a similarly productive relationship with whoever is elected as the MP for the new Wetherby & Easingwold constituency that Tadcaster will become a part of following the next general election. Work continues to progress on the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme, and the Environment Agency have kept us very well-informed throughout the process, maintaining a regular presence at The Ark and frequently attending town council meetings. The Environment Agency were also kind enough to give a presentation to a group of students from St. Joseph's School, who visited the Ark in April to find out about how the Town Council works, and also had the honour of being the first group of people to see the photograph of King Charles III that now adorns the council chamber. This year will see the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and the town council is currently planning a commemoration of this historic event, including a lighting of the town beacon. Finally, I would like to take a moment to thank the council's staff, who do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes to make sure our services and events are delivered to the highest quality, and remain truly indispensable assets to our council and to our town.



## 80 D-Day – 6 June 2024

The 6 June 2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation. The D in D-Day stands simply for "day", the term is used to describe the first day of any large military operation. The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

### D-Day 80 diary in Tadcaster:

#### 6 June 2024, 9.00am, St Marys Church:

Tadcaster D-Day 80 Flag of Peace - The Nation will come together to raise the Flag of Peace and start a day of commemoration worldwide.

**6 June 2024, 6.30pm:** St Mary's Church Church Bell Ringers – Ringing Out for Peace - Bell ringers all over the world are to ring out for peace at 6.30pm local time.

**6 June 2024, 9.15pm** – Lighting of the Town Beacon (on the junction of Garnet Lane and Leeds Road) its flames representing the "light of peace" that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war. All are welcome to attend.

**9 June 2024, 10.30am** – St Marys Church are to host a Church service for the whole community. Union Flags are to be put out in the town to honour the occasion and all shops and businesses are invited to decorate their windows if they would like.



**A huge thank you** - In Tadcaster Cemetery there are 20 War Grave headstones ten from the First World War and ten from the Second World War. These are periodically inspected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and are very kindly looked after throughout the year by volunteer Robert Ducat. The Council would like to thank Robert for his hard work in respectfully keeping the War Graves clean, tidy and presentable.

### We Need You

Tadcaster Royal British Legion is reaching out to recruit further RBL members for the committee before the Annual General Meeting in October 2024. New members are required to keep the Tadcaster Branch open, or else sadly the branch will have to close. Closure will result in the RBL Standard being relocated to St Mary's Church following a specific Church Service. If any existing or new members would be interested in joining the Tadcaster Branch, please contact Terry Welsh on 07544 737679.

### Thank You

On behalf of Tadcaster residents a big thank goes out to Royal British Legion members Betty and Rodney Dawson for their dedication and hard work, year on year, in all-weather selling Remembrance Day Poppies, in Tadcaster and the surrounding District. Betty has been involved in selling Poppies since 1967, and in recognition of her hard work has been awarded a 50-year certificate from The Poppy Appeal. The certificate and previous other awards and medals are currently displayed in the RBL offices in Bridge Street, Tadcaster.



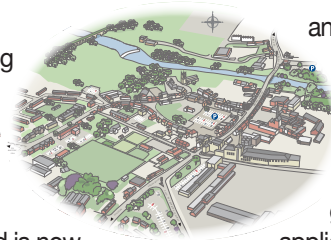
## Tad 'ah! A unique portrait of our town!

Over the past year, the folk down at The Barn have been working with Kent based artist Chris Tipping to create a unique and very special portrait of Tadcaster, titled "Tad 'ah!" Chris worked with local photographer David Lindsay to record places and people in the town and then compose the portrait you can see here. The full, quite enormous, artwork now resides in The Barn and all are welcome to drop by to see it in all its glory! The work was commissioned and funded by North Yorkshire Council and is the

forerunner of a new and exciting partnership called "Now Then" which will see nearly £200,000 invested in arts based projects in our town over the next 2 years! The Now Then Partnership is funded by a combination of Arts Council grant and Shared Prosperity ("Levelling up") central government money. Tadcaster & Rural CIC is a core partner and will work closely with a range of agencies to develop a fantastic range of creative arts projects for the town, with a strong focus on engaging with young people.

## Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan

You will recall that the Town Council agreed to start writing it's own planning document back in 2020. Since that time, the Council has worked to produce a draft Plan which it consulted the community on last year – and is now well on the way to producing a final draft Plan to submit to North Yorkshire Council. That draft – known as the Submission Draft Plan – will go to North Yorkshire later this year when a further consultation, independent examination and final referendum will be held in 2025. That referendum will ask you the electors of Tadcaster if you want to accept the Plan



and make it a statutory part of the Selby Local Plan.

At that point the Neighbourhood Development Plan will become a legal document guiding all new planning

applications in the town and also providing the Town Council with a comprehensive statement of our community aspirations for the next 15 years.

Want to read more? Go to the Town Council website where there is a dedicated page for all neighbourhood planning matters:

[http://www.tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk/Tadcaster\\_Neighbourhood\\_Development\\_Plan\\_41263.aspx](http://www.tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk/Tadcaster_Neighbourhood_Development_Plan_41263.aspx)

## Community support at The Barn

At the end of 2022 the Salvation Army sadly closed its doors in the town. They were the long term operators of the town's Foodbank. So, before they shut up shop, Jackie and Michael agreed to transfer the Foodbank to The Barn, from where it has operated ever since.

Today, the Foodbank is run in association with the Wetherby and District Foodbank, who operate mainly out of a storeroom on the Thorp Arch trading estate. The Barn continues to maintain its own stock of essentials but can now draw on the Wetherby operation as and when needed. In addition, the Barn now runs a Community Café for those in need of food but also advice on matters such as keeping warm, benefits, help with the cost of living etc.

Every Wednesday during term time at the Barn, 10.30-12noon and all are welcome to come and have a free cuppa, cake, toast and good chat with folk who can help.

In addition to the Foodbank, the Barn also operates the town's BabyBank – Little Helping Hands! We distribute clothes upto Age 6, as well as items such as baths, cribs, cots, strollers...in fact whatever a new parent might need! The last Saturday of each month is a drop in at the Barn from 10-11am and all are welcome to visit us then – but if there are specific needs, please do contact David on 01937 830524 and we can do what we can to help.



## Scarecrow Festival

Following the success of last year's Scarecrow Festival, we are delighted to share with you the date for this year's Festival. This year the theme will be "British Summertime" and it will take place the weekend of the 12th and 13th July. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Business and Resident category. Entry fee is £5 and the proceeds will again go to the Tadcaster Treat Association. Forms can be collected from The Ark, Tadcaster The Barn or email [kirsty@tadcasterandrural.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@tadcasterandrural.co.uk) for one. We look forward to seeing everyone's creations, please be as inventive with the theme as you can!



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Following successful pre-planning discussions with the local planning authority we are now



in a position where full planning application for the scheme can be submitted in summer 2024, with a decision expected approximately 12-16 weeks thereafter. The fish pass will be undertaken through permitted development – the application for this to be submitted imminently. We will then be able to commence the main works of the FAS in Spring 2025 with an expected completion date of winter 2026. The fish pass is also to be constructed Spring 2025.

Prior to the commencement on of the main FAS works essential preparatory work is due to begin this year early next. These work packages will incorporate essential infrastructure and diversionary work, mainly around the bridge, archaeology works and site investigations, without which the full scheme cannot begin.

We are also currently reviewing the information provided by our Contract Partner BAM to ensure we provide Tadcaster a scheme which represents the best value for money. Once this information has been finalised and assured by the Environment Agency, cost and contract negotiations with BAM can proceed to the next stages of detailed design. Ongoing works with the benefit-cost ratio and funding streams are ongoing to ensure moneys are fully secured for the delivery of the scheme.

Visualisations have been updated along with plans for the FAS and fish pass alike. We will be organising various drop-in events for the community to come and chat with the EA Delivery team to raise any queries or concerns they may have about the scheme. Dates and times to be confirmed prior to the planning submission and will be communicated through various media outlets once confirmed.

We hold weekly sessions in the Ark building on Tuesdays between 09:30 – 12:30 alternatively please email [tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:tadcasterfas@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## Litter pick

On Saturday April 13th April we hosted the annual Litter Pick in the town. We were delighted to see so many volunteers come along including representatives from the Tadcaster Scouts, Beavers, Cubs and Squirrels. Over 50 volunteers came along to help tidy up the town and we thank all for giving up their time. If you would like to collect litter when you are out and about in the town, the town Council and some of the businesses on Bridge Street and High Street hold litter picks and bin liners for residents to use, if your school would like to do a litter pick we are happy to lend our equipment to you.



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