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National Lottery Small Grants for Heritage – funding available now!



Katherine Boardman, regional Development Officer for the Heritage Lottery Fund has been in touch to tell us that the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) are encouraging groups across Yorkshire and the Humber to delve into their heritage to discover the knowledge, fun, skills, and benefits our funding can unlock.

“We want to hear from groups who would like funding to develop heritage projects that explore, share, and celebrate the fascinating stories and history that has shaped our communities”.

HLF are offering grants of £3,000 to

£10,000 to encourage everyone to take advantage of all that heritage has to offer.

From recording local memories, cultural tradition, conserving wildlife, to exploring and commemorating the First World War, our small grants can help you discover and share the heritage that matters to your community.

Applying is straightforward with a short application form and a quick decision.

Contact the Yorkshire and Humber development team to get advice and find out more – telephone 0113 3888030, email y&hdevelopment@hlf.org.uk or visit www.hlf.org.uk

The Viaduct

The magnificent railway viaduct over the river was built in 1848 by John Towlerton Leather as part of George Hudson's ill fated direct line from York to Leeds. This railway was never completed due to the financial ruin of the George Hudson, “The Railway King” and the end of the “Railway Mania”. The line from York, after crossing the viaduct, would have joined the Church Fenton to Harrogate Line at Tadcaster railway station, then would have used that line as far as Stutton before heading for Aberford and Leeds.



The viaduct was unused for the next 35 years, but in 1883 a siding was built over the viaduct to serve Ingleby's Mill which was beside the weir. This line lasted until 1955 when the track was lifted. In 1980 the ownership of the viaduct transferred to Tadcaster Town Council and it now provides a footpath over the river.



Three enormous bells weighing over two tons have been removed from grade-I listed All Saints Church in Bolton Percy, for the first time in 400 years.

A team of local volunteers, working with a specialist bell hanger, spent a day and a half removing the bells, which were installed in the tower progressively from 1603, so they can receive much-needed restoration work. The bells themselves date back four centuries, but some of the fittings and the bell frame they were sat in actually dated back to medieval times, when the church was built in 1424. Alan Swain, who is chairman of the Friends of All Saints Church and one of the four-man bell restoration team, said the project - which has been mainly funded by the Friends group - would cost around £21,000, and would also include restoration of the clock mechanism that



dates back to the 1960s.

“The old iron staples are being removed, and new bearings fitted to the bells, which will take away the strain,” he said. “A new ringing mechanism is also being installed which will make sure they are good for the next 500 years.”

Mr Swain, along with volunteers Gareth Vicary, Ian Connolly, Martin Rice and Malcolm Harrison, worked with a specialist from bell restorers Whites of Appleton to remove the bells, with all the work done by hand. The restoration project should take around ten weeks to complete.



Tadcaster and Villages Community Engagement Forum (CEF) covers the following parishes: Appleton Roebuck & Acaster Selby; Barkston Ash; Biggin; Bilbrough; Bolton Percy; Church Fenton; Colton & Steeton; Healaugh & Catterton; Little Fenton; Newton Kyme cum Toulston; Oxtun; Saxton with Hazlewood; Tadcaster; Towton, Grimston & Kirby Wharfe with North Milford; and Ulleskelf.

What is the Community Engagement Forum?

Community Engagement Forums are public meetings at which you can raise any concern or make any comment about your local area and your local services. The meetings are a chance to speak directly to the people who deliver your local services, for example policing, street cleaning and road safety. The CEF Partnership Board meetings are where funding applications are discussed and necessary decisions are made for the furtherance of forum business. The Partnership Board is made up of District, County, Town, and Parish Councillors, and co-opted members of the community.

What is the Community Fund?

The CEF receives an annual budget that it can distribute to groups and organisations within the area. There are two types of funding available; grant funding and project funding. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop new ideas, purchase essential equipment or help to fund community initiatives. Assistance is available to help you plan and complete your application.

How do you apply?

You can find all the relevant information and forms from: www.selby.gov.uk/cefs/funding Once completed, please email it to

cefadmin@selby.gov.uk

If you need any assistance, or advice, when making an application please contact our Development Officer, Chris Hailey-Norris chrishaileynorris@yahoo.co.uk

LATEST NEWS...

Community Leisure Provision

The CEF Partnership Board is looking at the future of Community Leisure provision in Tadcaster and Villages area. By completing this survey we will be able to;

- Gather people's views regarding current provision, and what else they would like to see
- Create a strategy to address unmet need in the area, working in partnership with You can complete this survey online using the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TAVCEFLeisure>. Or return your survey to Tadcaster Town Council, The Ark, 33, Kirkgate, Tadcaster, LS24 9AQ

Recent Public Forum

Our Public Forum held in January included a fascinating presentation from the Tadcaster Medical Centre exploring their work, the challenges they face and an opportunity for residents to ask questions about service delivery.

Community Funding

We launched a £25k CEF funding initiative with project ideas to be submitted ahead of the Public Forum. Five organisations developed proposals relating to new services and opportunities for residents in the Tadcaster and Villages CEF area.

They include;

- Selby District Disability Forum – the creation of a new service for local people living with a disability to address their needs.
 - Selby Hands of Hope – to create a new Pop Up Shop service, creating new paid and volunteer opportunities
 - Yorkshire Energy Doctor – to provide training for people to become Community Energy Ambassadors skilled in advising people how to save money with their energy suppliers
 - Tadcaster and Rural CIC – to create a Tadcaster Arts Festival
 - The Kelcbar Centre – to develop a Dementia Forward Café
- Decisions regarding the funding of these initiatives will be made at the next CEF Partnership Board meeting.

Adult Learning Public Forum

Our next Public Forum will take place on Monday 11th June from 6.30pm at the Riley Smith Hall. This forum will include information regarding the range of learning opportunities available with presentations from NYCC Adult Learning, Workers Educational Association W.E.A. and Tadcaster and Rural C.I.C.

Being a Successful Community Activist - influencing change in your community

This is an exciting, new and free opportunity for people living in Selby District who want to make a difference to



their community. You may be someone who just has an idea or be part of a new group / organisation that you want to develop. The Community Activist Development Programme enables participants to focus on a specific issue / initiative they wish to address and promote within their community.

Selby District AVS, funded by Selby District Council, will provide you with;

- A practical 6-part training course
- Intensive support and guidance to address your development needs
- Further themed training events focusing on IT, Finances, and Social Isolation

This opportunity is limited to a small number of individuals, so find out more please contact Chris Hailey-Norris chrishaileynorris@yahoo.co.uk

To find out more about the work of the Tadcaster and Villages CEF please visit www.selby.gov.uk/cefs

Adult Education within reach in Tadcaster

After an absence of far too many years, a range of adult education courses are now on offer in Tadcaster, Sherburn-in-Elmet and other areas of Selby District.

Su Morgan (known for Tadcrafters) works for the WEA (Workers Education Association) the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education. "We believe all adults should have access to the opportunities provided by education. All you need is a reason to learn, it's fine if you're a complete beginner". Su has already organised classes in "Family History" at the Library and "Tudor York" at Rosemary House with very experienced tutors who are experts in their field, and she is also running a sewing class of her own starting in March. She added "it's not like school, the tutors and students interact and share experiences as adults. Courses help people to gain the confidence and motivation to learn new skills and take part in community life, something I am very passionate about." The WEA receives public funding from

the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) for most of their courses which means that classes work out at £3.50 per hour at the most and many people qualify to attend for free. In addition to courses like history, foreign languages, art and literature, there are courses that can help people build their confidence, maybe after caring responsibilities or long term illness. Some courses help people to discover how they can apply their skills to have a fulfilling retirement by volunteering or better support their children with school work. Upcoming classes include:

- "Growing in confidence" starting Monday 9th April 10am
- "Skills for Volunteers" starting Thursday 19th April 10am
- "Secrets and Lies: Spies and spying in Britain from Henry VIII to Blair" Saturday 12th May 10am to 3.30pm (one day)

Su said "I would like to hear from anyone with ideas for classes they would like to see. If there are sufficient numbers, and I can find a suitable tutor, WEA can put on classes for all sorts of subjects in our area". There are in various venues in the centres of Tadcaster, Sherburn and Selby.



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

More information can be found at www.wea.org.uk and on Facebook and Twitter @WEA-Tadcaster or just have a chat with Su when you see her around!

TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

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SPRING NEWSLETTER



June's Flying High

Tadcaster resident, Mrs June Cumberland, has recently added Wing Walking to her adventurous social life to help raise money for charity.

June, pictured here, who's a spritely 70 something, decided to raise money for Yorkshire Cancer Research after she lost close friends and family to cancer. In 2016 she started her daredevil adventures with a Skydive and followed that in 2017 with Wing-walking. She hopes to take part in more daring activities this year and is planning a Race Car Drifting session and would also like to do a spectacular Giant Zip Wire.



If you would like to raise money for Yorkshire Cancer research you can find out more by calling into the shop on Bridge Street or check out their website www.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk

Tadcaster Staying Alive

As part of their wider remit Tadcaster Flood Action Group wanted to improve the health and safety of our community.

Last year they decided to raise funds for five defibrillators within the community. A defibrillator is a device that gives an electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest.

The defibrillators were placed in December at: The Broken Bridge, LS24 8AE, Genesis Hair Design, LS24 8AB, Coors Brewery, LS24 9FD, Costa Coffee, LS24 9AU and the Jackdaw Inn, LS24 9HJ. Since then the defibrillators have already been used.

The group are also providing FREE CPR training in the local primary schools and community sessions, educating everyone and improving Tadcaster's community



resilience supported by Tadcaster Community Swimming Pool. "We would like to thank all the businesses for providing sites, Tadcaster Community Swimming Pool and to all the people who have made donations." Nicola Eades, Trustee.

The group will continue to raise funds to maintain the defibrillators. You can donate through the registered charity's donation boxes in Tadcaster or online: <https://www.youcaring.com/communityproject-973434>.



Christmas Lights

Last Christmas may seem a distant memory and it may seem a long time until next Christmas but we are already planning on how we can further improve on the new lights that went up in 2017. New ideas include more tree lights, more lamppost decorations in the town centre and more small trees on shops and businesses. If you have any other ideas we would be happy to hear them and if you would like to be part of the working group who are planning improvements please let us know.

Spring Clean in Tadcaster

The annual litter pick for Tadcaster and its environment will take place on Saturday 7 April 2018, 09.30am to 12.00

pm, with other litter picks to be conducted by Community Groups during the week. Recently there seems to have been an increase in the amount of litter in certain areas so we need to make a great effort to give Tadcaster a Spring Clean. Should you wish to volunteer please contact the Council offices at the Ark or come along on the day.

The Town Council has a number of litter grabbers and Tadcaster residents and associations are more than welcome to borrow them at any time during the year if you would like to help out.



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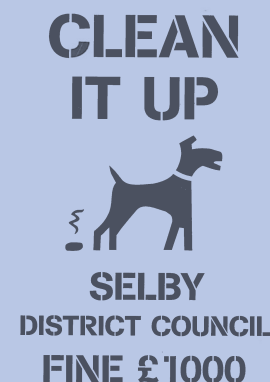
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Y our town, my town would be clean!

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Your dog did its duty – now do yours

Dog waste and dog owners who do not clear up after their dogs are a continual problem but recently there has been an increase in complaints of dog waste left around the town.

The majority of dog owners are responsible and clear up but there are a small minority who are not doing so. Dog waste is a health hazard, it's unsightly and spoils our town. The council already provide dog waste bins around the town but



you can also dispose of bagged dog waste in any normal litter bin. Failure to clean up after your dog may result in a fixed penalty fine of £75 or a fine of up to £1,000 if court action is taken. Despite signs around the town some dog owners continue to ignore them. The Town Council has decided on further action and will soon be placing stencilled signs on pavements in particular problem areas. If you have a suggestion for a location please get in touch.

“Working for a safer Tadcaster”

Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, Julia Mulligan

One of the many attractions of living in Tadcaster is our peaceful environment and enviably low crime rate. So the recent upsurge in anti-social behaviour - intimidating crowds of youths on the streets and bus station, some break-ins, the shocking damage caused to the defibrillator at Costa Coffee and to the swimming pool window in January - is especially upsetting. To address this disturbing trend the Town Council asked the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, Julia Mulligan, to come to a Council meeting on

February 6th to answer questions. As an elected official, her role is to represent us and keep the Chief Constable aware of public priorities and, at times, hold them to account. It was a lively meeting, well-attended by several members of the public, and Ms Mulligan had many areas of concern put to her. For Councillors the overriding issue is the very low police presence in Tadcaster. Our sole community PC Liz Hartley has only one PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) to assist in policing our town of over 7,000 inhabitants. So there are seldom

police to be seen on our streets. Councillors believe we need more.

The matter of our lack of CCTV coverage was discussed, as were concerns about speed cameras in inappropriate places. Ms Mulligan told us she has set aside £10million from her budget next year which she intends to use to increase officer numbers in the North Yorkshire force, and to improve telephone response times on the 101 non-emergency number. But, while this sounds hopeful, she also made it clear that there are such varied demands on the police force – especially from internet related crime – that not all the new officers will be deployed in community roles. On behalf of the people of Tadcaster, the Council made a strong case for improvement here and councillors will be waiting and watching. If there is no progress they will invite Ms Mulligan back to explain why!



Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Recently, Tadcaster has experienced an increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour and crime causing concern around the community. Local Police officers are aware of this and are working closely with community groups to deal with the issues raised.



Tadcaster Neighbourhood Police team consists of one Police Constable, PC Liz Hartley and two Police Community Support Officers, Adam Wood and Dan Todd. Adam Wood is experienced with over 11 years' service. New PCSO Dan Todd has recently started his independent patrols, will be concentrating on foot and cycle patrol and offering reassurance around the town. We encourage members of the public to speak to both Adam and Dan and give information to be fed back and actioned.

Residents were particularly concerned about the burglary at the Swimming Pool. NYP made an arrest the morning after the burglary. Enquiries are ongoing with the suspect currently on bail. Other incidents around the town have been investigated when reported and suspects have either been charged or are on bail. The local community can be rest assured that NYP have worked tirelessly on reported crime

and hence reports of ASB and crime have dramatically reduced.

Tadcaster is a peaceful environment with an enviably low crime rate. With the help of the community, working with agencies and Police we can tackle issues that have recently caused concern. Issues around the area of Sainsburys with youths gathering have been acted on. The incidents in Tadcaster have been upsetting for the community but we rely on you being our eyes and ears and work with your local policing team to ensure Tadcaster continues to be a safe place to both live and work. We ask if anyone witnesses any incidents to report them on 101.

We also encourage members of the public to sign up to Community Messaging, which is a service provided to keep you up to date with recent incidents and local information. For more information go to www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org.
PC Liz Hartley

Tadcaster in Bloom – Watering Team

Can you spare about an hour once a week or fortnight to join our volunteer group and keep our town looking lovely throughout the summer for us all to enjoy?

Spring is here and summer will not be far behind. We will soon be planting out the summer bedding in a number of locations around the town. Last year a group of volunteers got together to water the beds around the Garnet Lane and Station Road area. We would like to increase the number of waterers, especially in the East, to help those who already volunteer to keep the plants looking at their best throughout the summer. The more volunteers we have the less each has to do. If you would like to help please get in touch with the Ark.



Allotment Waiting List

Ever thought of having an allotment? The Town Council provides allotments at two sites - the end of Stutton Road and behind Westfield Crescent. As well as the obvious benefit of growing your own fruit and veg having an allotment is a great way to get outdoors, get fit and meet new people. If you are interested please contact the Council. At the moment there is a short waiting list but most people don't have to wait too long.

Tuesday Luncheon Club

The Salvation Army would like to invite members of the community to join them for a three course home cooked meal every Tuesday lunchtime at The Salvation Army Hall in Chapel Street.

If you would like to attend please contact them by telephone or email so that they can complete a membership form and discuss any special dietary needs you may have. They would need to know in advance by the Friday before because of food purchase. Cost: £5 payable on the day
Doors open: 11.30 a.m. for 12 o'clock meal
Majors Jackie and Michael Bainbridge
Tel: 01937 831091 or 01937 835541
Email: jackie.bainbridge@salvationarmy.org.uk



Scheduled maintenance works on the flood defences in Tadcaster

Breheny Civil Engineering are working with the Environment Agency to carry out scheduled maintenance works on the flood defences in Tadcaster.

The current earthwork embankments on the west bank are being re-profiled / brought back to their original design level, and any damage repaired. To make the embankment more stable for the winter months the area has been re-turfed as the work is carried out. Turfing, rather than seeding, will also help reduce the visual impact of the work.

Temporary sandbag defences are in place to ensure that the flood defence standard is maintained over winter whilst ensuring existing rights of way are maintained, but we apologise for any inconvenience caused during these works.

Due to the nature of the local environment in which this asset sits we are currently awaiting consent to complete the works in and around both the motte & bailey (north end) and listed buildings (bridge end). Once this

is granted the works will recommence and, weather dependent, the Agency is aiming to have this completed by the end of March 2018.

We apologise for the period of time these essential works have been in place and the visual impact the fencing and sandbags have in this area. In addition to these maintenance works we are also working towards the provision of a new flood alleviation scheme in Tadcaster. A feasibility study has been produced with the aim of confirming the business case for doing something, indicating potential options and the standard of protection for options in order to inform public consultation.

Over the coming months engagement events will be hosted in the town for local residents, business and community groups to have their input into what the future of flood alleviation in Tadcaster will look like. More detail on these events will be made available nearer the time via the Town Council, Tadcaster Flood Action Group and local media.



New Town Councillor

We would like to welcome Dr Claire Stephenson as a new Town Councillor who was recently co-opted to the Council (Tadcaster West Ward).

Claire moved to Tadcaster in 2014 where she lives with her family and other animals. She works as a risk assessment consultant and has a PhD in biology. She loves to cook just about anything, knitting, and walking her dog by the river. Claire applied to be a Councillor, inspired by the activities of local community groups, hoping to work with them and the Council to ensure Tadcaster continues to be a great place for residents and visitors.



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Tadcaster Tennis Club

New year and it's a new Committee for the Tennis club. We are keen to get more people playing tennis at the club and we hope that you will all be a part of it. We now have eight people on the committee to spread the load, and would welcome any ideas people may have for events at the club, please feel free to get in touch via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Tadcastertennis/> or email us at tadtennis@hotmail.co.uk.

COACHING

We are delighted that once again Angela Crossley will be providing coaching for both Adults and Children.

Children's coaching

Children's coaching starts with a 2 day holiday camp in the Easter holidays on the 5th and 6th April please see the web page for more details and booking. Following that coaching will be on Wednesday after school and Saturday afternoons, provisionally times and ages as follows:

Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.30,
Mini tennis, 5.30 – 6.30 Juniors (10+)
Saturdays 1.30 – 2.30 (4-7 year olds),
2.30 – 3.30 (8-11 year olds)
3.30 – 4.30 Full Ball (12+)

Please note that all children attending coaching need to be members of the tennis club.

Adults coaching

The popular pay and play adult coaching will also be on a Wednesday from 6.30 pm, this is slightly earlier than last year and we are encouraging people to stay for a social session afterwards.

MEMBERSHIP

New member fees are £30 per adult per season, existing members £60pa (£55 if paid

by 30th April) over 60's, students, UB40 and 12-18 years old £22, under 12's £18 and family Membership £120 (£110 if paid by 30th April)

CLUB NIGHTS

Social tennis continues to be a Thursday evening from 6.30pm and Sundays at 2.00pm. Also new this year we have a small group of players who are meeting on a Wednesday day time. This is quite an informal arrangement as and when people are available, but if this is something that you would like to get involved with please contact us, communication for this is generally via WhatsApp and we can add your mobile number to the group

CONTACT DETAILS

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Tadcaster Tennis Club website
www.tadcastertennis.btck.co.uk or facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Tadcastertennis/> for events and what's on.

Focus on Scarthingwell

An out of town shopping experience where the old meets the new

Little more than thirty years ago, Scarthingwell was a small farming community tended by brothers George and Ken Pick. The two farms Old Hall and Scarthingwell, totalled around 400 acres of arable land, plus livestock, a typical country farm of its time, seen all over the country. The early nineties brought a huge change with the diversification in farming, the family felt that it was time for a change in their livelihood, so out went a major part of the farmland including the animals. In came the new idea of building a new fashionable, eighteen-hole golf course, with accompanying up to the minute clubhouse, restaurant and facilities. 11,000 trees were planted to form tree lined fairways, together with paths and bunkers to form the new Scarthingwell Golf Course and The Dintingdale Restaurant.

Eventually the course opened its doors to the public in 1993. The remaining farm land has continued to be farmed by Kathy Pick, the second daughter of George. However, in the past year or so Kathy has introduced shared farming with an adjoining farm owner, giving Kathy the chance to explore ideas of sustainability on and around the course with the help of the Head Green Keeper and his assistants.



Scarthingwell
Golf Course



Rose Trading

Today Scarthingwell Village, is not quite a hidden gem, and is certainly worth a visit or stop off, to spend a few hours just to wander, including maybe a visit to the beautiful Roman Catholic Church of The Immaculate Conception & John of Beverley, the former chapel to Scarthingwell Hall, built in 1854, now a listed building.

Time to enjoy a little retail therapy, just a stone's throw from the golf course car park, is the courtyard of the old farm, the pre-Georgian buildings now play host to a world of decorative accessories and gifts covering all aspects of home and garden décor is Scarthingwell Replicas, a far cry from the days of housing grain and livestock for these buildings have been transformed into a sparkling display of eye-catching and affordable goods which will transform any room in the home.

Right next door is Rose Trading, described by many of their customers as an 'Aladdin's Cave' the ground floor stocks a wide range of greeting cards, stationery, toys, gifts and party goods for all ages at prices well below those of the high street. The upper floor offers a wealth of craft materials with an interest in knitting yarns and patterns.



Scarthingwell Catholic Church

Time for a coffee break and a bite to eat, there is no better place than a visit to Spikes Bar, the perfect place to stop off for coffee/cake or light lunches. The bar offers a warm, friendly welcome with a huge log burning stove on the cooler days. Hot and cold food available daily and open seven days a week. If you are a snooker enthusiast, there's an opportunity to play snooker on a full-size snooker table, located in the bar.

Upstairs is the Dintingdale Restaurant renowned for its fine dining and impeccable service, always providing delicious locally sourced food. However, from January 2018, a few changes have been made, The Dintingdale will continue to open on Sunday's for its always popular Sunday Lunch, and is also available for those special celebrations, weddings, conferences, and meetings. New on the scene is Spikes Bistro & Bar, an exciting addition to dining facilities at Scarthingwell. A bright, new modern bistro, serving a wide and varied

menu, which includes a children's menu, just perfect for family dining. For more information just visit our Facebook page at Spikes Bistro & Bar or visit Twitter @SpikesBistro for opening times, menus and comments.

When you pass the main entrance feel free to drop into the Scarthingwell Golf Shop, a fantastic shop with everything that any golfer could possibly need, from golf apparel for both men women and children to equipment and general golf paraphernalia. If it's an interest in wanting to learn more about golf, the golf reception will explain about Scarthingwell Academy, many golfers new to the game will begin to learn the basics of golf in our Academy/Studio, specially set up with nets, mats and mirrors and where they can be videoed as their swing develops and their game progresses.

Much more information can be found at www.scarthingwellgolfacademy.co.uk and www.scarthingwellgolfcourse.co.uk.

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If you are not in you are missing out

The Yorkshire Society goes from strength to strength.

Established in 1980 to bring the people of Yorkshire together, it now focuses on celebrating and promoting all that is great about Yorkshire.

A calendar of social and business events, awards and prize givings, not to mention official Yorkshire Day celebrations and more will be keeping the society's membership busy this year so if you're not in it, you'll certainly be missing out. Keith Madeley, the society's Chairman said, "Everything the society does is not for profit, but for Yorkshire and we are working with some of the county's top companies, charities and local authorities to ensure our ambitions for Yorkshire and the people who live and work here are realised".

Membership is open to any individual or business. You can support the society for free, or become a member for as little as £20.

Full details at
www.theyorkshiresociety.org

Town Council and Community Interest Company plan for Blue Plaques!

As part of their working looking at the Visitor Economy for the town, Tadcaster & Rural received a suggestion from one of the business community (thanks Liz!) that a series of 'blue plaques' would be a fine addition to the town - commemorating famous Tadcastrians, notable buildings and even important local businesses. We dug deeper and discovered that the Yorkshire Society produced such plaques and, following a meeting in Leeds with 'Mr Yorkshire', Keith Madeley, who runs the Society, it became clear that a really exciting project could be put together for Tad. Since then Keith has visited the Town Council and the Historical Society have produced a (very) long list of famed sons and daughters of our town. Next up, will be deciding a list for the first set of plaques. The Town Council has set up a Task Group to consider this and other issues and we will report back in a future edition.

David Gluck, Tadcaster and Rural CIC

BUSINESS OWNERS ALERT! Questions to Ask Yourself...

As a business owner it's good to step back sometimes and ask yourself a few questions to make sure you're still on the right track.

- Are you using testimonials and positive reviews on your website and, if so, are they up to date? Clients and potential clients are far more likely than ever to check out online reviews.
- Are you monitoring enquiries both on line and offline? A simple system can highlight conversion rates; if it is poor do you need to review your marketing?
- Are you highlighting the problems your business solves? If you operate Business-to-Business it may be that you "Provide the best connection speeds for IT" or if you operate Business-to-Customer it may be "We have the best solution to the unusual gift for someone who has everything".

- Are you clear on your competitive edge? There will be other businesses vying for the same clients so have you made it clear why they should come to you - i.e. home visits, out of hours service, longer warranty?

Never be afraid to seek advice, people are willing to help if you ask! For further help and advice on business growth and funding opportunities contact Heidi Green, Senior Business Advisor for Selby District Council via email at hgreen@selby.gov.uk or telephone 01757 292332.



Save the date!

Next Tadcaster Business Forum meeting will be at the Lemon Tree, 5.30pm on Wednesday 11th April – see you there!

Useful numbers

Police

www.northyorkshire.police.uk
For all non emergency calls 101 – for emergencies dial 999

North Yorkshire County Council

www.northyorks.gov.uk
01609 780780

Selby District Council

www.selby.gov.uk 01757 705101

Tadcaster Town Council

www.tadcastertowncouncil.co.uk
01937 834113

For details of your local parish council you can check via Selby District Council's website: www.selby.gov.uk

Health

For non emergency calls 111 – for emergencies dial 999

Citizens' Advice Bureau (Selby district)

www.citizensadvice.org.uk
08444 111 444

Traveline (independent advice about public transport services)

www.traveline.info 0871 200 22 33

Tadcaster & Rural Community Interest Company

01937 831686
www.tadcasterandrural.co.uk
www.visit-tadcaster.co.uk

Stepping Stone

01937 530288

Diary of events

2018

APRIL

- 2nd** Tadcaster Albion vs Scarborough Athletic
- 4th** Alistair Griffin @Everything Good Goes
- 8th** Cyclesense Sportive
- 10th** Annual Town Meeting, the Ark
- 14th** Tadcaster Albion vs Radcliffe Borough
- 17th** Full Town Council meeting, the Ark
- 29th** Classic Car Show, Tadcaster Magnets
- 30th** Tadcaster Albion vs Mossley

MAY

- 7th** Tadcaster Triathlon, Swimming Pool
- 8th** Annual Town Council meeting, the Ark
- 14th** CEF Partnership Board, the Ark
- 16th** Ben Glover @Everything Good Goes
- 19th** Ulleskelf Gin Festival
- 26th** An evening with Carl Fogarty, Riley Smith Hall
- 26/27th** Tadcaster Albion JFC - Junior Football Tournament, Riverside School

Selby District Council's weekly drop- in sessions
Calcaria House every Thursday 9.30am–12.30pm

JUNE

- 11th** Public Community Engagement Forum on Adult and further Education, Riley Smith Hall
- 23rd** Tadfest 2018, Tadcaster Magnets Sports and Social Club
- 23/24th** Appleton Roebuck Scarecrow Festival
- 30th** Barkston Ash Scarecrow Festival

Coming in July, the first Tadcaster Arts Festival!

7th-15th July, at venues across the town. The programme is currently being worked up by the Tadcaster Events Management Project Team (TEMPT) and will be announced at the beginning of April.

Tempt

Tadcaster Market – every Thursday, early until 2pm – St Joseph's Street (Social Club Car Park)

Want to find out more about any of the events listed above?
Drop David a line at davidgluck@ruralis.co.uk or call **01937 831686**.