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YORKSHIRE 2019 Para-Cycling International



World Paracycling Championship

coming to Tadcaster!



Saturday 21st September is set to be a huge day for Tadcaster as the UCI World Cycling Championships begins in town with over 100 paracyclists starting races from the town centre, and more coming through the town as they race from Beverley through to Harrogate.

The event is organized annually by the UCI - Union Cycliste Internationale - and brings the best cyclists in the world together to race for the prize of World Champion. This year, for the very first

time, the week long event kick off with the Yorkshire 2019 Paracycling International. Races are planned to start from Beverley, Tadcaster and Wetherby. Tadcaster will host the most starts, with several different category races starting from the Bus Station on Commercial Street, heading up the hill to turn left towards Wetherby.

The event will attract the very best paracyclists in the world, riding machines which will rarely have been

seen on our streets before! The day will include a community festival with plenty of opportunity to watch the races, try out some of the cycles being used, as well as races by schools and fun and games for the whole family. The community festival is being organizing local event management team, TEMPT – supported by Selby District Council, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and our Town Council. Much more information will be made available as the date draws nearer for what promises to be an unmissable event this year.

Tadcaster Flood Action Group seeks new volunteers

On the 17th of March we saw the river rise following a day of prolonged and heavy rain on the Saturday. The result of this caused some issues in the town, with properties cut off by flood water, and some cellars flooding. The Flood Action Group and its volunteers were out monitoring and distributing sand bags in readiness.

The river peaked just below danger level, but the event did act as an excellent practice run, and did highlight a number of areas of weakness. To that end the Flood Group along with members of the Emergency Planning sub committee, and the flood prevention group have held a series of meetings with the Environment agency to correct these procedural errors. Work on these are progressing well. To further strengthen the towns resilience in the event of flooding we would like to recruit a number of Flood Wardens.

Wardens would be recognised by the Environment Agency and receive training to enable them to fulfil the role. Within the town they would be assigned an area at risk, and residents within that area by keeping them informed. They would also be able to identify residents who are vulnerable and provide help and assistance. As an EA Flood Warden you would then be given prior notification of any alerts allowing you to plan action.

Flood Wardens don't necessarily have to live or work in an area that is at risk. in fact we would like to see a mix of both. The role would co-ordinate through the Flood Action Group feeding information back during an event, allowing them and the EA to respond to emergencies effectively.

If you would like to volunteer, please phone the Ark on 01937 834113.

Community Engagement Forum – news from Chris Hailey-Norris



Your Forum works for you

The Tadcaster and Villages Community Engagement Forum (CEF) is a collaboration between partners including the District, County, Town & Parish Councils, Police, Fire and Rescue Service, businesses and community groups and individual residents. Our aim is to encourage, assist and empower the community to create the environment and services they would like and need.

The Tadcaster & Villages CEF covers the following parishes: Appleton Roebuck; Barkston Ash; Bilbrough; Bolton Percy; Church Fenton; Colton; Healaugh; Newton Kyme; Saxton; Stutton; Tadcaster; Towton; Ulleskelf. **The next public Forum meeting will be held on 22nd July 2019, 6.30pm, at the Riley Smith Hall.**



Blooming marvellous in Stutton as rare orchids go wild

The work of the CEF includes supporting the community by providing events and training opportunities to discuss and explore key local issues and to inform about new services and initiatives. Funding available.

We are also awarded a grant of £20,000 from Selby District Council, to fund our work and also to give grants to not for profit groups and organisations in our area. Amongst the many grants awarded last year, funding was made available to the Flower Information Board Project for Moor Lane, near Tadcaster. This has been a wonderful piece of partnership work coordinated by local resident, Pauline Hogg.

Particular thanks to Phillip Whelpdale and the Graphic Design Team at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for encouragement, wording and the actual design; to Craig Anderson of Ark Display who made the board and lectern and to Stewart Wrigglesworth of Stutton Parish Council whose offer to erect the board free of charge made the whole thing come together within the funding budget.

It is hoped that the board will discourage NYCC contractors and any other 'phantom mowers' from cutting during the flowering and seed-setting season. For more information contact Chris Hailey-Norris on 01757 291111.

Disability Action Group starts up in Tadcaster – thanks to CEF funding and the Selby District Disability Forum



Over 20 residents have joined this exciting new group. The aim of the group is to support and address the needs of people living with a disability in the Tadcaster and Villages area. Meetings are held on a monthly basis at Manor Farm Community Centre, to create a united voice to action change, solutions and inform decision makers.

Free transport for the first year is available for anyone volunteering to be involved in the group and Selby District Disability Forum's Development Officer, Emily, will support you throughout.

To find out more you can contact Emily on: 07538 253398 or emily@makingthingshappen.org.uk.

The group is already making a difference having identified issues for the town in terms of accessibility to shops, pubs and other premises. An audit of premises was undertaken and a new leaflet is now being distributed to all local businesses helping them to understand what they can do to make their premises more accessible to disabled people but also to those for whom mobility is a problem. The group is also working closely with the County Council to get more and better dropped curbs in place before the World Cycling Championships.

STOP PRESS...the theme of the next CEF Forum will be all about disability and the work of the Forum on 22^{nd} July – 6.30pm at the Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster. Please come!



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Bienvenue a Tadcaster! Town welcomes French students.



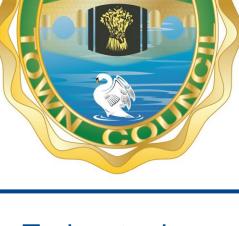
On Tuesday 19th February it was our great pleasure to welcome to Tadcaster a group of around 50 year 11 students from France with their teachers. They had come from our twin town in southern France, Saint-Chély-d'Apcher, and had spent the morning at Tadcaster Grammar School meeting pupils, with whom they are already in contact through a penpal scheme. They had a super time there by all accounts.

We welcomed them into the Boys' Sunday School and Mayor Don Mackay addressed our guests. We took them into St Mary's Church to view some videos about Tadcaster made in recent years, which they enjoyed and applauded. Back in the Sunday School we enjoyed tea and cake, before going out for a brief walk on the riverbank and into Tadcaster. They loved the horses at the Angel and White Horse and were pleasantly surprised to see the new signpost pointing in the direction of Saint-Chély.

We wish we could have spent more time with them, but they had a full itinerary, travelling to England via Bruges, visiting the wonderful Groeninge museum, then taking the overnight ferry to Hull, before going west to York. They spent Monday to Wednesday in York and Tadcaster, before heading south to Dover, visiting Cambridge on the way home. This year marks 20 years of twinning between Tadcaster and the French town of Saint-Chély-d'Apcher.To celebrate this some of us will visit our twin town at the beginning of August, which is when Saint Chély's annual festival takes place. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Andrew Birdsall at andrewbirdsall@hotmail.com and we will

provide you with more information.

You can find out more about the town of Saint Chély d'Apcher and the Tadcaster Twinning Association on the Tadcaster Town Council website or find us on Facebook (stchelyandtadcaster).



Tadcaster in Spring and Summer Bloom

The town has enjoyed a wonderful display of spring planting this year partly thanks to the addition of spring bulbs planting on the riverbank carried out by employees of North Yorkshire County Council completed as part of a team building exercise.



TADCASTERS FLOWERS AND PLANTS NEED YOUR HELP -

Tadcaster has a number of displays and planters around the town all of which require watering throughout the summer months. This is carried out by groups of town volunteers and without this invaluable help summer planting would not be possible. Should you like to help the teams this summer please contact The Ark or email the Clerk.



SPONSORSHIP OF PLANTERS AND FLORAL DISPLAYS

In order to make improvements year on year the Council have a Sponsorship initiative giving businesses the chance to sponsor planting in the town. Any businesses interested, please get in touch!

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Dog fouling – name them and shame them!

Dog fouling in the town remains an ongoing problem. In an effort to help, the Council last year sprayed yellow warning signage onto pavements around the town, which initially lead to less reported incidents. The Council is to repeat this again for summer 2019. Dog owners depositing plastic filled dog bags on pathways, trees and bushes is an unacceptable and worsening problem.

Please note that all litter bins can be used for litter and dog waste and not just the red dog bins.

Name and Shame - Should you spot dog owners disregarding dog waste then this can be reported to Selby District Council, via the website at <u>www.selby.gov.uk</u>.

HOW TO HELP KEEP YOUR TOWN LITTER FREE

The Town Council have litter pickers and equipment available to borrow from the Town Council Offices, The Ark, for use by groups or individuals wishing to volunteer to litter pick around the town. Anyone interested please contact the Ark 01937 834113 or email clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk

Need a grant?

Town Council grants are made for the benefit of the town and residents of Tadcaster. Applications are considered for financial assistance towards a specific project or activity from community, cultural, sporting, educational and charities, which are non-profit making and whose membership and activity is centred in the town. Application forms are available on the Council's website and should be received by 31 October 2019, Small Grants of upto £250 are considered throughout the year. These walks are an initiative started by Tadcaster's "*Walkers are Welcome*" in conjunction with Tadcaster Medical Centre and are aimed at social interaction and raising a little fitness.

The group meets usually on the <u>last</u> <u>Friday of the month at 10am</u> next to the roundel in Tadcaster Bus Station and walks for approximately one hour around the Town concluding with a cuppa/drink and a chat in the Lemon Tree on the High Street.

Please check precise details on the Tadcaster Medical Centre notice board. There are 5 qualified leaders who act as guides and ensure that the group stays together and safe and walks as fast as the slowest walker.

Tadcaster Health Walks –

everyone is welcome.

"It's a great way to stay fit or actually to get fit, just to get out in the fresh air, enjoy the local environment, whether up the river or around the town, it doesn't matter really when you've got good company".



Town Council plans bumper Christmas Festival



The Council are already planning and looking forward to hosting the 2019 Christmas Festival, to be held on 1 December 9.30am – 3.30pm. Plans for the day to date are:-

Craft and Market Stalls - Kirkgate and Westgate will be closed all day for stalls selling gifts, crafts and local food produce. If you would like to book a stall or pitch please contact the Council at The Ark.

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Minster FM}-\mbox{are to play music in Kirkgate and record live}\\ \mbox{on FM throughout the day.} \end{array}$

The Riley Smith Hall - is to host a large number of indoor craft stalls and include a café and bar area. The York RI

Golden Rail Band will perform on the stage throughout the day.

The Methodist Church - is to provide a café and other festive events, to be confirmed.

St Marys Church, Christingle Service – will be held at 3.30pm in St Marys Church.

Further updates of plans will be provided later in the year, so watch this space!



Shining a light on the town – citizens asked help.

Our town Christmas Lights last year were new, fresh, up to date, and a joy to see. The previous illuminations had given good service for many years but were showing their age, and not in a good way. Festive decorations matter; mid-December is deep in winter gloom so we all - shopkeepers and residents alike need a lift

The new display, organised by the Town Council, was made possible through the generosity of many Tadcaster people who responded to the council's appeal and donated cash. We also received very generous donations from individual Councillors and residents.

The town council match-funded the contributions, added a bit more, and hence we were able to buy the lights on the high street and over the bridge. But there is a lot more to Tadcaster than just that stretch. So plans are underway to extend the lights - and the Christmas cheer - up Kirkgate as far at the Riley Smith Hall with twinkling garlands round many of the lampposts. Added to that, the small trees that adorn many business premises are being upgraded so they will be brighter and better. We have other ideas too and would welcome any thoughts that you have on how we can improve our Christmas look.

None of this is easy to make happen because, as we all know too well, money is tight. So can you help at all? Perhaps the proceeds of a coffee morning, a book sale, a jumble sale - anything at all will be match-funded and donors thanked. It would make a massive difference because, as they say, every little helps.

The new voice for Tadcaster!

The UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for 11-18 year olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning.

Year 10 student from Tadcaster Grammar School, Molly Richardson has been elected as the Central Yorkshire representative, covering Hambleton, Richmondshire and Selby district in the National Youth Parliament.

During Molly's two-year term of office, she will meet MPs and local councillors, organise events, run campaigns, make speeches, hold debates and ensure the views of

young people are listened to by decision makers.

Speaking about her election, Molly said: "I am absolutely thrilled to be given such an incredible opportunity and want to truly represent the real voice of today's youth and my own generation. I can't wait to put all the hard work in to get an end result that benefits everybody."

Members of the Youth Parliament are politically neutral. They will help to set the agenda for the annual Make Your Mark vote, which will start in August with the final votes being cast in October. In 2018, more than 1.1 million young people took

part in the national vote.

During March, Molly attended a conference organised by the Youth Voice Executive for North Yorkshire a group that gives the opportunity for 11-18 year olds a chance to speak their minds. This group works closely with the youth parliament and decides the major issues that the groups will focus on each year.

Following an extensive vote with all the young people involved, this year's focus for the Youth Executive is bullying. Whether that's mental, physical, verbal or cyber bullying, the young people in North Yorkshire want to put a stop to it.

Our Xmas lights sponsors so far...

- Allens Ironmongers
- **Bartles**
- Bridge Street Dental Surgery **Bromets Solicitors**
- The Chocolate Box
- Clayfever Devine Meats

- Footlogic GR Accounts
- Halifax
- Helen's
- Kirkgate Dental Surgery
- Moorhouse Opticians **Rebel Roses**
- Tadcaster Business Centre
- Tadcaster Enterprise Park
- Tadcaster Methodist Church
- Sainsbury's
- Totally Polished
- Vanilla Interiors

Police warn of cold calling. Stay alert! Stay safe!

North Yorkshire Police and Trading Standards jointly created several Cold Calling Zones in Tadcaster. The scheme is proving successful and of great reassurance to the neighbourhood but, we do still urge residents to contact the police immediately if you experience any bogus officials or are unsure about anyone calling at your property. We would like to emphasise that all genuine officials will carry correct identification and will always be happy and willing to show this, so that occupants can carry out security checks if you wish PRIOR to allowing into the property. Genuine callers will not mind and we do urge householders to make relevant phone calls enquiries if unsure and to deny access. We must also remind the community that DOORSTEP CALLERS AND/OR WORKMEN WHO DEMAND MONEY UP FRONT SHOULD NOT BE TRUSTED.

If you had had experience of any bogus officials or have done so in the past, please contact your local neighbourhood policing team and report these incidents, as this does help us to collate all relevant information and intelligence. Please remember that cold callers come in many different guises and can also work in gangs, using

distraction techniques to gain entry into your home. Please be aware of bogus telephone callers. Do not give out details of your bank or other personal information over the telephone. If unsure and it appears too good to be true, then it probably is. North Yorkshire Police urges residents and householders to be extra vigilant and to keep a close watch on your property even when you are indoors or working in the garden. Keep an eye on personal belongings such as wallets, purses, bags and mobile phones and keep them out of sight of windows and doors. It is a temptation for would be thieves if property is visible from the outside. Sneak in thieves look for quick and easy access and visible valuables rather than searching through cupboards and drawers.

Please be vigilant, not only for yourselves but your neighbours too. Do please contact the police if you see anything suspicious, either vehicles or persons acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood. Take registration numbers as this is an invaluable tool to the police in information gathering, together with full descriptions of anyone acting suspiciously.

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Welcome to our new Mayor!

Thank you to my colleagues for having the confidence to elect me as Mayor again.

First I would like to recognise Councillor Don Mackay for all his hard and dedicated work over the last year. He has a fantastic knowledge of Tadcaster and its people. He has time for everyone. He listens and if an issue needs dealing with he follows it through. I hope I can live up to his example.

Over the next year I aim to take a lead on:

- Making Tadcaster a safer place by pushing for more police presence and a new CCTV system. Improving disability access around the Town in readiness for the World Para Cycling event in September.
- Improving flood defences and subsequent reductions in the cost of insurance policies for businesses and other buildings including the Medical Centre.
- Improving the environment by encouraging SDC to start and complete the riverside project.
- Improving footfall for the local businesses by pushing for more housing and affordable homes

Although we will not be having a Carnival this year, I look forward to the Soapbox Challenge and the Cycling Festival, both taking place in September.

I am also looking forward to the Twinning Association visit to St Chely d'Apcher in early August after spending Yorkshire Day in Whitby.

It has been good to see members of the public at our Tuesday meetings. If you haven't attended, find out when they are on our website or noticeboards and come to listen or have your say on an issue. Each meeting has a public session. We will make you feel very welcome.

My charities for the year will be The Volunteer Car Service and Dementia Forward who support The Weekly Dementia Friendly Social Afternoon on Wednesdays at The Kelcbar Social Centre.



Election Day 2019 – meet all your

new Councillors.

Following the elections on 2nd May 2019 the Councillors for Selby District Council - Tadcaster are:-Councillor Don Mackay (Independent) Councillor Richard Sweeting (Conservative) Councillor Andrew Lee (Conservative)





Don Mackay has also been appointed Chairman of Selby

District Council for the year ahead.

"I'm looking forward to my year in office" said Don, "and using my time to offer support to my chosen charities. Using this platform will allow me to work with the community and help raise the profile of the council."

Councillors for Tadcaster Town Council are:

Mayor/Chairman – Councillor Steve Cobb Vice Chairman - Councillor David Bowgett

TADCASTER WEST WARD:

Don Mackay Ian Edmondson Dr Greg Lodge Chris Metcalfe

T: 01937 835776 T: 01937 830304 M: 07877 094821 T: 01937 832501

Dr Claire Stephenson M: 07532 673875 **Richard Sweeting** M: 07842 164034 Vacancy

TADCASTER EAST WARD:

M: 07908 112444
T: 01937 835381
M: 07711 691413
T: 01937 834872
M: 07813 077892

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Don Mackay T: 01937 835776

Congratulations to all our Councillors. Don't forget that members of the public are welcome at all Council meetings

Police crackdown on illegal and antisocial car-parking



Tadcaster Town suffers from inconsiderate and illegal parking like many other towns. Parking issues directly impact on the community and the businesses and we ask everyone to please be respectful and abide by the street signage and yellow lines.

The parking restriction zones in the town are governed by a 45 min waiting time with no return within 2 hours. Local businesses and shops rely on these restrictions to allow their businesses to function and the local neighbourhood policing team together with the Council will target offending vehicles. We please ask for your co-operation in this matter as we do find the majority of offenders are local residents.

Parking on footpaths is also a wide problem throughout the town and again we ask residents to be respectful to pedestrians and to keep the footpaths clear at all times.

We receive many complaints from pedestrians about having to walk into roads where footpaths are blocked and again this is a major issue particularly to the elderly and those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. We ask that these laws are respected as enforcement will take place appropriately.

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TADCASTER AND VILLAGES NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM



We own it! North Yorkshire supports Manor Farm becoming community asset.

North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities programme is delighted to be working with Tadcaster and Rural CIC as Manor Farm Youth Centre moves into community ownership. Soon to re-launched and re-branded as "The Barn", Manor Farm will host a range of great community initiatives including the Bridge Project which will continue to run its parents' and under fives' group and youth groups. Elsewhere, other great local community run initiatives have been supported by NYCC, including Tadcaster Volunteer Car and Services Association which provides older people with transport to medical appointments and social events from its premises at 12-14 Westgate and Tadcaster Community Library which has been run by volunteers for over 2 years now.

The WEA and U3A are gaining ground in town too and Tadcrafters is keen to grow; the Selby District Disability Forum have set up a Tadcaster Disability Action Group. Apologies to all the other great groups and activities I haven't got room to include but new ideas to support local people are still coming from Tadcaster residents with conversations starting about a group for people recovering from strokes.

All this activity is great to see and Stronger Communities can provide advice and support and sometimes funding to help ideas turn into reality but the most important resource is the residents of Tadcaster - willing volunteers to run the library; drive people to hospital or the doctors or run social groups make these great activities happen!



Manor Farm is open for business!

Following refurbishment, the Manor Farm Centre is back up and running on the corner of St Joseph's Street and York Road,. Now under new management, the Centre aims to provide spacious accommodation for groups to use on a regular or one-off basis. A major re-launch and re-branding of the Centre is planned for September – contact David Gluck for more information on 07905 766831.

Contact Tom to make your group stronger!

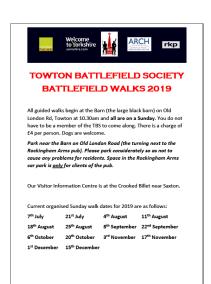
If you would like to get more involved in your community there is bound to be something for you whether you can offer a couple of hours a month, a week or even a day! Get in touch with one of the groups mentioned, go online or ask at the library to see what else is happening in Tadcaster.

If you have an idea for a new group or are running an activity and would like to see if Stronger Communities can help you in any way please contact me, Tom Jenkinson, NYCC's Stronger Communities' Delivery Manager for Selby and District on 01609 533808 or tom.jenkinson@northyorks.gov.uk

Community notices – what's happening in and around town...











Tadcaster Community Library's

Pod has arrived...

Tadcaster Community Library now has a new multifunctional "Pod", which can be used as a meeting room, quiet study space or a work space for home-workers.

The Pod is a free-standing modular room built within the library building. It has been funded by the Better Together project, which is a government-funded joint initiative of North Yorkshire County and Selby District Councils to build better local community provision. The Pod is an enclosed confidential meeting room for four to six people. It will be used as an outreach location for both councils, but is also available for hire by library users, organisations, businesses and members of the public.

The library has free WiFi, access to WiFi printing and a scanner. The library also has equipment such as projector, screen and audio speakers. Sara Gott, Chair of the Tadcaster Community Library Committee said "This will be a valuable addition to our facilities. Other libraries in the area all have meeting space, which is regularly used. While there are larger spaces for hire in Tadcaster there are not many easily accessible, confidential meeting spaces for those who would like a bit more privacy. We would like everyone in the local community to use the library and make them realise that we are more than just books."

For more information contact: tadcastercommunitylibrary@gmail.com Call 01609 534525

Appleton Roebuck School needs you!

Appleton Roebuck Pre-School are very excited to have been accepted onto the Co-op Local Community Fund, a scheme that gives money to local organisations to fund neighbourhood projects, and they need YOU to help raise as much money as possible!

Every time Co-op members shop at a Co-op store, 1% of what they spend on selected own-branded products and services goes to help fund community projects where they live. Money raised from shopping bag sales goes towards these causes too.

Appleton Roebuck Pre-School would be really grateful to anyone who can help by signing up as a Co-op Member and selecting the pre-school as their local cause. Anyone living within 15 miles of Appleton Roebuck can select the preschool to be their Co-op Local Cause, so tell all your local friends and family!

Appleton Roebuck Pre-School is a charitable run pre-school for children aged 2 to 5, serving the village of Appleton Roebuck and surrounding areas of York. Fundraising plays an important part in keeping the pre-school open, and support from the local communities is essential. All new play equipment and learning resources are paid for via fundraising, helping them provide this valued service that is at the heart of their rural community.

The money raised from the Co-op Local Community Fund will be used to buy technology for the children to use, to help them develop essential skills such as problem solving & communication.

Just visit www.coop.co.uk/membership or visit your local Co-op store for more information on how to join and select Appleton Roebuck Pre-School as your local cause.

Older Veterans encouraged to access free advice and support

A local project that supports older veterans in the Selby District is urging local residents to get in touch as the initiative enters its final year.

The 'Ex Forces Support North Yorkshire' project offers services and activities to anyone over the age of 65 who has served in the Armed Forces, completed National Service or supported the armed forces through a role in the Merchant Navy.

So far the project has delivered 98 interventions to veterans in the Selby District. Veterans have made the most of services such as home well-being checks, advice on utility bills and other financial matters, gardening, opportunities to take part in trips and new activities, befriending and volunteering, and help and advice for carers and families.

All of the services and activities are free of charge as the project is fully funded by the Aged Veterans Fund at the Ministry of Defence by the Chancellor using LIBOR fines. To find out more contact Community First Yorkshire on 01904 704177 or

exforces@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk



