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Tour de Yorkshire fever hits Tadcaster

The Tadcaster Tour de Yorkshire start is just around the corner, with the town playing host to the start of both the women's one-day race and stage two of the men's race on Saturday 29 April. There are lots of things going on in the town to help celebrate this exciting event.

Tadcaster Festival and Fan Zone

Race events

The events will include the race 'publicity caravan', which gives you a chance to get your hands on some race goodies. The town will host the race ambassadors too. This is an opportunity to meet your cycling heroes and includes a chance for pictures and autographs. The team buses will be stationed on the east side of the bridge. Here you can mingle amongst the cycling stars - keep your eye out for your favourite personalities!

Along the race route

You'll be able to see the Yorkshire Regiment Corp of Drums. They're returning to the town for the first time since helping

businesses and people evacuate during the floods of 2015. Taking place between the two main race starts, there'll be a charity bike ride starting on the bridge. This is being organised by Heineken. A children's bike parade will head along the race route.

In Tadcaster town centre

Throughout the town there'll be activities, stalls and entertainment. This includes a wide range of refreshments. The town's annual duck race will take place on the day, making a special appearance in the spring to help celebrate the Tour. Over two thousand ducks will set off from the viaduct. There'll be a range of other family-friendly entertainment in the town throughout the day. There'll be a roadshow and fan zone, which will include a big screen showing the whole of both the women's and men's races.

Tour de Yorkshire - business shop front competition

Sir Gary Verity and Christian Prudhomme, General Director of the Tour de France, will be judging the best dressed shop or home in Tadcaster on 26 April. It's a great opportunity to show the world just how creative our market town can be. Plan ahead and start coming up with those creative ideas to make your shop or home stand out and wow the



crowd. Full details will be announced soon on Selby District Council's website:

www.selby.gov.uk.

Don't forget Welcome to Yorkshire's land art competition too - full details online at www.letouryorkshire.com.

Tadcrafters - need your help!

The Tadcrafters group is running an ambitious project to dress the town from head to toe in decorative craft creations. We want to dress to impress and make Tadcaster the best-dressed market town in Yorkshire. Materials and volunteers are needed to help make this happen. If you have any old sheets, duvet covers, tablecloths, light weight curtains or similar thickness fabric in any shade of blue, yellow or white that can be used to help

with the project please donate them. There are 'donation stations' at Tadcaster Leisure Centre, The Ark (Tadcaster Town Council) and Tadcaster Social Club. Alternatively you can contact Su Morgan directly to arrange a drop off by emailing tadcrafters@outlook.com.

Get your event listed in race news

If you're running your own event, Selby District Council is happy to help you shout about it. Let us know via communications@selby.gov.uk and we'll add details in the lead-up to race day. There's also a section on the District Council's website with support information for community groups who want to run events.

ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

Road closures will be in place from 0500-2000 on the following roads:

- Bridge Street - Race Route
- Kirkgate - Race Route
- High Street - Race Route
- St Joseph's Street - Tadcaster Fanzone
- The rest of rest of the race route will be closed under rolling road closures between the following times; 0840-0940 for the women's race

1330-1430 for the men's race

- As Tadcaster Bridge is closed for the race start, a signed diversion will be in place using the A64
 - For spectator and race safety, no parking is permitted on the race route
- Further details and maps of road closures and parking restrictions are available at www.selby.gov.uk-tour-de-yorkshire and www.northyorks.gov.uk/tour



TADCASTER & VILLAGES CEF “Give It A Go” Family Event



Saturday 29th April 2017. From 10.00am – 4.00pm, Social Club Car Park, Tadcaster

The Tour de Yorkshire will be taking place in Tadcaster this year, on Saturday 29th April. It is expected that 1,000s of people will attend the event.

As part of the day there will be a Family Festival with food, refreshments, and live events. The Give It A Go event will be part of the Festival.

The aim of the event is to encourage people to try something new – a new sport, activity, or volunteering opportunity.

To encourage you to be creative and adventurous there are 3 cash prizes for the

most innovative stalls of £1,000, £500 and £250 – these will be judged by members of the Tadcaster & Villages CEF Partnership Board and announced at the event.

In addition, we will be encouraging attendees to visit all stalls – for each person that gets a stamp / sticker / signature from each stall they will be entered into a draw to have 10 chances to win £100 of gift vouchers.

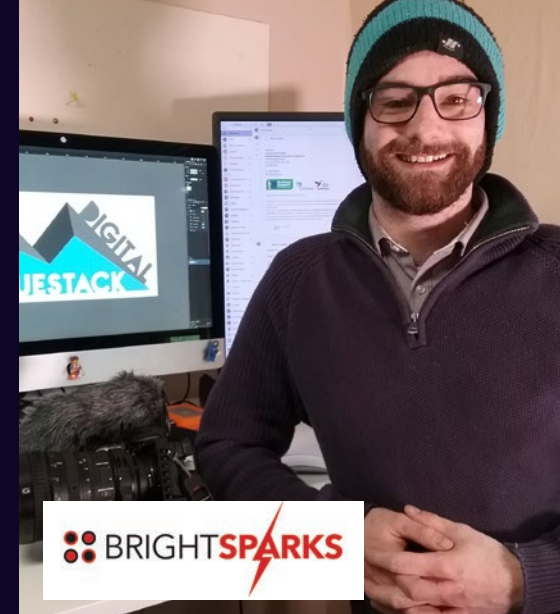
To confirm your attendance at the event please complete the form below and email to Daniel Maguire cefadmin@selby.gov.uk NOW! visit www.selby.gov.uk/tv_cef

STALL HOLDER BOOKING FORM

Organisation.....	How will you register visitors to your stall – stamp / sticker or signature?
Brief Description of what you do.....
.....
Contact Name.....	What interactive element will you have to increase engagement with the public?.....
Email
Telephone Number.....
What your stand will consist of?
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.....	If you plan to hold an interactive demonstration do you have public liability insurance in place? (if yes please tick box) <input type="checkbox"/>
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The sky is the limit for Bluestack Digital

We are delighted to report that since starting on the Bright Sparks scheme, Austin Blaylock from Bluestack Digital has grown from strength to strength both business wise and personally, gaining knowledge and confidence that is taking his business to the next level.



Austin started his business from home around 18 months ago, undertaking some photography work and web development, though his passion is very much videoing and drone work. He found the isolation made him lack motivation and was too easily distracted by a number of things including the kettle and the biscuit tin! Some days it was even difficult to get dressed, working from a small room in the house with insufficient air circulation, sun glaring in so blinds drawn or in the winter feeling very closed in. Whilst undertaking some research for a youth project Austin came across an article relating to the Bright Sparks Scheme which offered office space for six months and a weekly mentoring meeting with a business adviser. Very quickly contact was made and a meeting arranged with David Gluck from Tadcaster & Rural CIC and Heidi Green from Business Support York & North Yorkshire and he has never looked back, moving into the office almost immediately. Austin said “Having a mentor has helped me realise what is important and integral to

make my business work. I now have much more focus, knowledge and confidence to generate income from doing the activities I most enjoy, videography and photography. Heidi gave me a better understanding of business skills and where risks can be taken or when I need to stop and reign things in”. Heidi Green said “It is great to support someone who you know has a great business. Systems and processes needed to be put in place and the finances monitored so Austin can invest in his business with new equipment going forward to enable him to develop the business & his passion. He has now taken on his own office space and we are looking forward to continuing working together on new projects.”

So, could this be you in 6 months time, want more information just get in touch with...

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Pantomime's profit is perfect donation for project

Once Upon a Time in the flooded Town of Tadcaster, the bridge partially collapsed and divided the town for more than a year.

Urgent funds were needed to help those homes and businesses badly affected by the town's misfortune. Enter stage right Tadcaster Theatre Company which decided it wanted to help by donating some of the money raised from its pantomime. So Once Upon a Time in the Parish of Taddy on the Wharfe, TTC presented Sleeping Beauty and the Broken Bridge and raised the fantastic sum of £1,019.37, being 50 per cent of ticket sales profit and money raised from bucket collections at the end of each performance.

"Given the situation with the broken bridge and the town being divided in two, we thought it would be a great idea to have

the pantomime adapted to provide us with a fresh up-to-date angle on an old classic and also help the flood victims by donating money to the Tadcaster Flood Action Group, said Chairman Catherine Marshall. "We are also grateful to Alan P Frayn for re-writing his script at no additional cost, which all helped with our fundraising," she added. "We are absolutely delighted to be able to present a cheque for £1,019.37 to Nicola Eades and members of the Flood Action Group." "Many thanks to all at Tadcaster Theatre Company for your outstanding efforts and the amazing amount of money you have raised for us," said Nicola, Senior Co-ordinator for Tadcaster Flood Action Group. "These funds will certainly go a long way to helping our group and the community of Tadcaster and will be put towards the lifebuoy project," she added.

TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Litter Picking in Tadcaster

The annual litter pick for Tadcaster and its environment will take place on Saturday 22 April 2017, approximately 09.30am to 12.00 pm, with other litter picks to be conducted by several Tadcaster Schools on other dates. We have a number of regular volunteers who help us every year but always need more. Should you wish to volunteer please contact the Council offices at the Ark. The Town Council has a number of litter pickers and Tadcaster residents and associations are more than welcome to borrow them to help present Tadcaster and surrounding areas in the best possible light particularly for the Tour de Yorkshire setting off from Tadcaster on 29th April.



Town Council Allotments

If you are thinking of growing your own fresh fruit and vegetables and keeping fit at the same time put your name on the waiting list for an allotment at the Stutton Road or Westfield sites. Although all our plots are currently taken we only have a few people on the waiting lists. If you are interested please contact the Ark to add your name to the list.

Poo Bags!

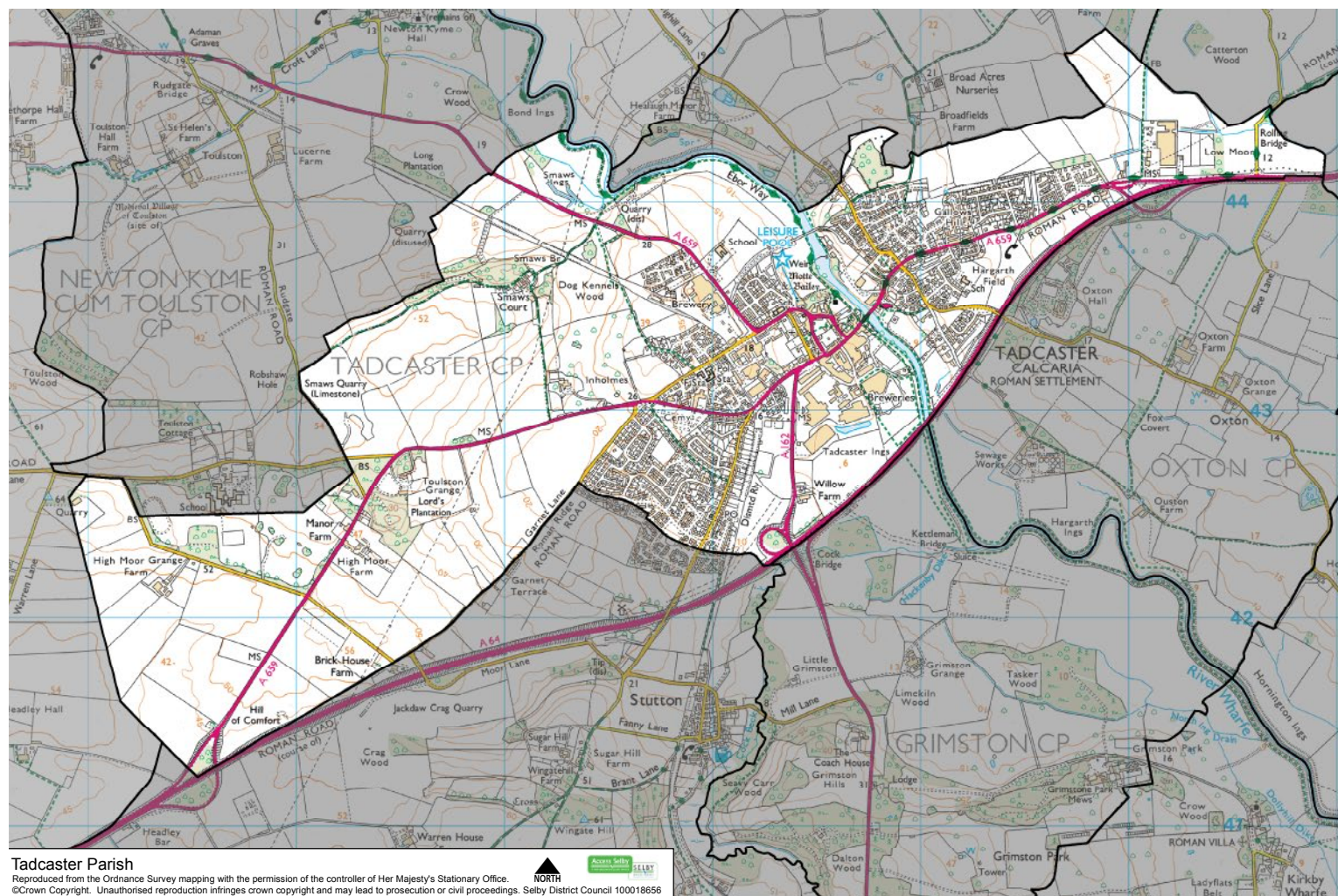


"We are two Year 4 children at Riverside School, Tru and Isabelle. At school we do lots of work for Eco-Schools and have just got our 4th green flag. One of the things we care about is the litter around our town, especially around our school. We went for a walk on the Viaduct Bridge with our grabbers and bin bags. We found about 30 dog poo bags in about 100 meters. It was disgusting. They were hanging on trees and in hedges. We picked up as many as we could. We wrote to the Council to see if they could provide more poo bins. They said they couldn't because they can't be reached from the road to empty them. So we are asking dog owners to please take their poo bags home with them or save them until they reach a bin. We like to walk and play in Tadcaster but we don't want to see poo bags growing on trees!"

Parish Boundaries (Tadcaster and Stutton With Hazlewood)

As a helpful guide, we thought it would be useful to publish the current boundaries of Tadcaster Civil Parish and Stutton With Hazlewood Civil Parish.

As a Tadcaster resident of 20 years, I was unaware of the boundaries until I joined Tadcaster Town Council in 2015 and along with many, held some misconceptions about which Parish Councils I should approach or liaise with over important civic issues. As can be seen, the area to the south-west of Woodlands Avenue where it intersects with Garnet Lane falls within Stutton With Hazlewood CP. This includes (amongst others), Windmill Grove, Beechtree Road, Garnet Terrace, Windmill Rise and Hawthorne Avenue. Whilst both Parish Councils have direct responsibility for issues within their boundaries such as allotments, cemetery matters, footway lighting, bus shelters, public seating and litter bins, they are also an important link as to how to deal with queries regarding wider local government, social and civic matters and liaise closely with North



Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council. The contact details for both Parish Councils are listed, below. I would also urge residents should contact their local Parish/ Town Councillors for help and information. We may not always know the answer, but always do our best to find out or point you in the right direction!
Councillor Nick Brown (Tadcaster West Ward) 07778 993896

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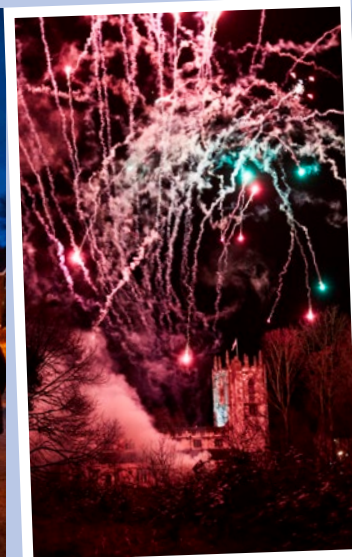
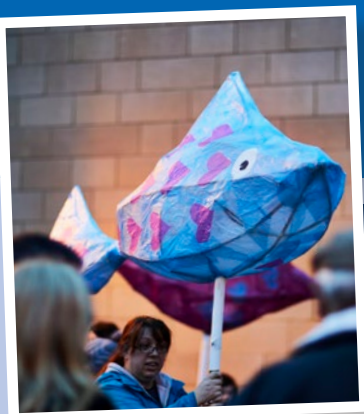
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Reunited!

At long last, our town came together and had an amazing celebrations day on 19th February! From the blessing of the bridge by the Archbishop of York, through to the medieval market, the classic cars, skatepark, funfair, and wonderful lantern parade and fireworks to round it all off! Wow!!



Photos: David Digby and David Lindsay



The War Memorial – helping to preserve it for the future

A few years ago – just before the centenary celebrations for the commencement of the 1914-1918 war – the Town Council decided to seek to adopt the war memorial in the town. This is a step taken by many local authorities to ensure that valued war memorials are maintained and protected.

The memorial was funded by Lord Brooksbank of Healaugh Manor who lost two sons in the Great War and, as technical owner of the memorial, his heir was formally approached about a transfer. Happily there was no objection – indeed great pleasure that the future of the

memorial was secured – and the Town Council took on its new responsibilities. It is a particularly beautiful memorial – a slender twenty foot high Celtic cross of Portland stone on an octagonal plinth with the names of those who died in both World Wars inscribed on inset metal plinths – 107 names from the first war and 32 from the second. With a decision being made that casualties of the war simply could not be repatriated local memorials became vital in remembrance as no community escaped the tragedy of the war and its loss. Though worn now, the faces of the pillar reveal the delicate bas-reliefs of angels and fallen soldiers that may have given some comfort to those who lost relatives in the war. The memorial was officially unveiled

in July 1921 and photographs show a large crowd gathering with a “massed choir” singing O Valiant Hearts to a band accompaniment. Sir Edward Brooksbank - the first Baronet - unveiled the memorial and gave the address. The final, processional, hymn was God Of Our Fathers which, interestingly, was written in 1876 to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence. As part of its adoption of the memorial the Town Council has committed to a re-dedication ceremony to be held in July 2021 – the one hundredth anniversary of the unveiling. Each year, normally just before the Armistice Day commemoration, the Council inspects the memorial and undertakes any remedial work required. It also ensures that the plinth and traffic island are cleaned ready for the solemn commemoration. Remedial work has included careful cleaning and minor repair of the stone, re-painting the chain fence, ensuring the planters are fit for purpose and general weeding. In all things the Town Council

follows guidance provided by the War Memorials Trust and works closely with the local British Legion. Townspeople will know that, since the hundredth anniversary of the start of the war in 1914, the Town Council has arranged the reading at the Armistice Day commemoration of the names of the men on the memorial who died in each year of the war – a solemn commemoration of their sacrifice and of remembrance. The stonework has suffered a century of weather and pollution and has naturally eroded. At a recent meeting the Town Council discussed this and agreed that it would seek to preserve the memorial as it was – rather than restore it to its state in 1921, which would be very expensive even it was at all possible – and ensure that it remained structurally safe and secure. However, for the re-dedication ceremony and to provide a permanent record of what it looked like in its early days, the Council would like to ask townspeople to look at their old photographs and see if any have any views of the memorial – even in the background. If you have any photos please contact The Ark (contact details on Page 7). For those wanting to go explore the stories behind the names on the memorial this website - managed with care and devotion - is excellent: <http://www.tadcaster-ww1-memorials.com>.



Photographs courtesy of Tadcaster Community Archive and Greg Lodge

Tadcaster in bloom

As this is a momentous year for Tadcaster with the Tour de Yorkshire, the Bridge Opening and the Carnival, the Town Council are once again planning to improve planting for 2017.

Last year saw the addition of hanging baskets in the bus station, an upgrade of Tadcaster Gateways, an additional planter on Leeds Road and an all-round upgrading of flower beds. In order to make improvements year on year the Council have started a Sponsorship initiative giving businesses the chance to sponsor planting in the town. Any businesses interested should contact the Town Council at the Ark. We have already received very generous

sponsorship from Commer House, Iain Mackay Floors, Awnings & Blinds, Mike Lambert Engineering, Mike Thorpe Windows, Nick Brown Mortgages, Tadcaster Rural CIC and Woodlands Post Office. A massive thank you to them for their contribution.

As always volunteers are needed to ensure that all planting is kept watered during the summer months, if you would like to help please contact The Ark.



YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS



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5 questions with Su Morgan – founder of Tadcrafters



1. What's your name and what do you do? I am Su Morgan, founder of Tadcrafters, a group that supports worthy causes whilst promoting craft skills in the community.

2. What is your background? After finishing my degree in Textile Design and Design Management I spent time as a buyer for a major retailer and in manufacturing. Later, I completed a PGCE before teaching Textiles and Food Technology, then later Health and Social Care up to A level. I am currently a GCSE Textiles Moderator.

3. Where did the idea for Tadcrafters come from? The Tadcrafters group was originally called "Bunting For Tadcaster". It was set up after the December 2015 floods. The community spirit in the days following the collapse of the bridge was amazing. I wanted to harness the enthusiasm in the wider community to keep people supporting the local traders. I thought that by getting a group of people together to make bunting it would keep the community spirit alive as well as cheer the place up a bit. The target was to decorate the streets in time for the Tour de Yorkshire in 2016.

We managed to make hundreds of metres of bunting from old sheets and donated fabric which helped us celebrate the opening of the much needed temporary footbridge and the Queen's birthday as well as the Tour de Yorkshire, but the "Bunting for Tadcaster" group didn't want to stop! So we decided to continue as Tadcrafters.

4. What is the ethos behind the group? It's more than just sewing isn't it? Tadcrafters is a group that benefits the community as well as the people who

take part in the activities. It creates a social network of people who can support and learn from each other whilst also making good use of skills within the community. Most people join in because it is a good way for them to help others. It's also great to socialise and meet new people, possibly with similar interests. Some people have referred to it as "a life-saver" as it gets them out of the house, reducing loneliness, or gives them something else to think about when faced with illness or other difficulties in their lives..

5. What do Tadcrafters make and who are you helping? We have made hygiene kits for "Days for Girls" (for young women in developing countries) and supported their big event at York Minster on International Women's Day. We have recently sent off lots of twiddlemuffs (for people with dementia) to York Hospital and Highfields Care, and we've also been collecting unwanted bras to send to the "Smalls for All" charity. Tadcrafters have many different skills. Not everyone knits or sews, but we can help people to do both. We have members who do beading, papercraft, card making, quilting, crochet, blackwork embroidery, screen printing, lantern-making, and lots of other craft techniques, which have been made possible due to funding from Tadcaster & Villages CEF.

Even people who are unable to join the sessions or make at home can join in by donating items. If you have a look at our website www.tadcrafters.org.uk you will see the current wish list, and a calendar of events. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

A focus on Stutton Parish Council



Stutton cum Hazlewood Parish is a close neighbour of Tadcaster with an amazingly diverse community – from farming, rural and village residents to those bordering on Tadcaster over the flyover over the A64.

Five councillors and a Clerk meet monthly to progress ongoing projects and initiatives to improve the daily lives of its Parishioners. Over the last year Stutton Parish Council has been busy....

Did you know that we have rare wild flowers worthy of protection growing on some of the verges near Jackdaw Quarry? Since finding out, the Council has been working with the community and specialist agencies on a management plan to protect the orchids and broom rape and are also planning to place information boards so that everyone can enjoy them!

For those who travel to Stutton via the flyover the benches have recently been refurbished in time for Spring with new wood and paving stones laid underneath them to prevent nettles and weeds growing around them. The Parish Council also recently had the lighting on the underpass under the A64 replaced. The new lighting is an important contribution to keeping parishioners safe and feeling less vulnerable at night time.

Aside from the “conventional” community activity such as reviewing planning applications, campaigning for additional buses to service the village, speed reduction initiatives and requesting dog walkers clear up after their pooches, the Parish Council also gets to deal with some of the more odd requests... Recently it was announced that the Red Phone Boxes are being taken out of commission and did Stutton want to adopt the box in the village. The answer was “Yes” and the Council is now asking parishioners for their ideas on how it should be used. Ideas include book exchanges, mini libraries or housing the village defibrillator. Watch this space for the outcome – or make a visit to see!

If you have any thoughts or ideas, feedback or comments, please get in touch with the Parish Council via the Clerk - or even better come along to a meeting and hear what it's all about. Held every second Thursday of the Month at 7.30pm
clerkstuttonpc@gmail.com
www.stuttonpc.org.uk

Verging on beautiful

How many of you regularly walk or drive from Garnet Lane down Moor Lane over the A64 then past Jackdaw Quarry, then round the bend towards Stutton? How many of you know of the stunning array of wild flower on the verges on either side of this stretch of road? Some are very rare indeed!



I have lived on Garnet Lane for 15 years and often walked the route without realising what jewels it held. It was only when walking with a botanist friend who marvelled at what she found that my eyes were opened – and I have eagerly awaited the first flowers lifting their faces towards the sun every year since. You may think you don't know much about wild flowers but everyone has heard of orchids and these verges are home to at least 5 different orchid species! One of the earliest to flower is the Common Spotted Orchid in late May. Also flowering from May onwards is Pyramidal Orchid; aptly named as its flowers form a purple pyramid which is unmistakable. Rarer orchids we are lucky to have include Bee Orchid and Northern Marsh Orchid.

Whilst orchids are not common anywhere in the UK, in 2016 we counted 8 northern marsh, 9 common spotted, 50+ bee and a massive 250+ pyramidal spikes – making our verges very important in Yorkshire for their flora diversity.

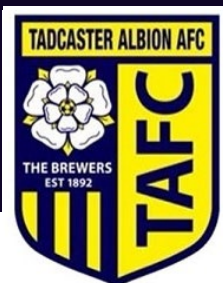
Sadly these verges have, on occasion, been cut back before the orchids have got past their bud stage. So now, with a great deal

of advice and help from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Stutton Parish Council are implementing a management plan to improve the condition of the verges and thus ensure we have more chances to admire these beautiful flowers for many years to come. So please do visit the verges from May-August and admire the profusion of wild flowers – and please avoid parking on the verges during this time and of course, no picking!

If anyone would like to me to meet them to point out the various flowers, I would be happy to do so: contact me at paulinehogg8@hotmail.com.



Tadcaster Albion Junior Football Club



Tadcaster Albion are the largest local Junior football club in the Tadcaster area. We are a Charter Standard club affiliated to the FA. We offer a safe & enjoyable environment for local children to develop their football skills & play football.

As part of running this successful club we require funding each year which comes from a number of sources namely subscriptions, our annual tournament & sponsorship. We would like to give you the opportunity to be a club sponsor. We have a 3 tier sponsorship scheme whereby local businesses can sponsor the club over a year as follows:-

Platinum cost £100 +

Benefits: Full page advert in the programme for the Tournament in May
Recognition on our website, Advert in the joining instructions in Sept

Gold cost £50

Benefits: Advert in the programme for the Tournament in May
Recognition on our website, Advert in joining instructions in Sept

Silver cost £25 or similar donation

Benefits: half page advert in programme for the Tournament in May
Recognition on our website, Acknowledgement in joining instructions in Sept

Benefits for you the sponsor

- Supporting a local junior football club - Associated with a local successful kids sports club.
- Over 230 local children are members of the club
- Exposure to over 2000 local people at the annual Tournament in May

Additionally we are always looking for team sponsors for various age groups, please request information from contact details below:

I would like become a sponsor in the following category.....

Sponsor details (name & contact number).....

Please email artwork to email below

Cheques should be made payable to Tadcaster Albion JFC

For further information contact Andy Charlesworth

Telephone: 07528 968747 **Email:** tad.albionjfc_sec@btinternet.com
100 Aker Wood, Hill Top Close, Stutton, Tadcaster, LS24 9TN

Improving Water Safety on the River Banks



by Tadcaster Flood Action Group

At the end of January 2017, Tadcaster Flood Action Group implemented the first phase of the group's scheme "Improving water safety in Tadcaster" by fitting three Life Buoys and Cases on the west side riverbank.

The scheme was introduced in Autumn 2016 after the group had participated in water safety training delivered by York Rescue Boats. The riverbanks at that time had no safety equipment. This concerned the group, especially after learning about the dangers of water and experiencing the difficulties of actually rescuing someone in a practical training exercise.

The group immediately started the ball rolling and very quickly Tadcaster Town Council gave the land consent for the three sites. The funds were raised for the Life Buoys through

donation boxes in the town raising £345.00 and the West Riding Masonic Charities Limited donating a further £500.

The group are planning to introduce "Phase two" in Spring 2017 with a further three Life Buoys to be fitted downstream.

The cases are clearly labelled with instructions of use, and a telephone number to report if they have been used or they are missing.

The group would like to thank everyone involved for making "Phase one" happen and as always, please do not hesitate to contact the group with any suggestions.



Tadcaster Community Library opening soon

Tadcaster Community Library group are on the brink of taking over running Tadcaster Library. We are very pleased to say we have now recruited enough volunteers to allow us to maintain the current opening hours. By the time we take over at the beginning of April most will have completed their training alongside current volunteers taking the same training as a refresher and to learn the new skills and knowledge they will need to take on the added tasks. We still need new volunteers so if you or anyone you know is

interested please get in touch.

There is still a bit of official admin to do in the background but we are confident that these will be finished in time for us to take over. We will have a busy first few weeks with the Easter holidays and then the TdY day, when we hope to get involved and offer activities and refreshments.

To find out more and follow how we are getting on find us on Facebook and Twitter. You can contact us at the library or email tadcasterlibrary@hotmail.co.uk.

Tadcaster Cemetery - Memorial Safety Inspection

Tadcaster Town Council will be carrying out a memorial safety inspection programme to ensure that our cemetery is a safe place for all those who work in and visit it from June 2017.

What does the memorial safety inspection involve? The Council will clearly mark any headstone or memorial that is in a potentially dangerous condition with a notice posted on or near the memorial. In some circumstances a memorial may need to be cordoned off until it is made safe, as a last resort larger memorials may need to be

carefully laid flat within the grave space. Please do not touch these marked memorials. Where the Council finds an unsafe or unauthorised memorial, it will make every effort to contact the registered grave owner outlining the case circumstances; if after six months it does not receive a reply the Council will consider action in respect of those memorials.

Why are we informing owners of memorials? The owner of a memorial is the Deed Holder (grave owner of exclusive right of burial). This person is responsible for maintaining the memorial so that it does not become a hazard. However, in some cases, the current owner may not be identifiable as some records are extremely old and might not have been updated by current relatives or family members.

Full details of the inspection are available from the Council. Any concerns or questions about the memorial assessment process should be referred to Tadcaster Town Council.

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

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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