

# Newsletter

# April 2013

## Helmsley Town Council

### USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS for Helmsley residents

Police	0845 60 60 24 7
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Church of England Vicar	770983
Methodist Minister	770300
Roman Catholic Priest	766877
Helmsley Medical Centre	770288
York District Hospital	01904 631313
Malton Hospital	01653 693041
Kirkbymoorside Clinic	01751 431207
Bondgate Dental Practice	770493
Glen Opticians	770929
Edgemoor Veterinary Practice	771166
Helmsley Primary School	770783
Ryedale School	771665
Lady Lumley's School	01751 472846
Train enquiries	0845 7484 950
Bus enquiries (County Traveline)	0871 200 22 33
Helmsley Arts Centre (box office)	771700

### Grants

During the 2012-2013 financial year, the Council awarded grants to support the following events and organisations:

- Helmsley Archive
- Helmsley Arts Centre
- Helmsley Jubilee celebrations
- Helmsley Recreation Charity
- Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre
- Ryecat
- Ryedale District Council Chairman's Charity for Ryedale Stroke Group
- Ryedale Special Families

### HELMSLEY ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday 28 May at 6.00pm in the National Park Meeting Room.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held in the National Park Meeting Room, usually on the last Monday of the month at 6.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak to the councillors at the beginning of the meeting.

### OFFICE HOURS

The clerk and her assistant can be contacted in the office on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9.30am to 12.30pm. The office is adjacent to the National Park headquarters off Bondgate, next to the Police Station.

### Helmsley Town Councillors

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Clr Martin Vander Weyer</b>	<b>770292</b>
Vice Chairman	Clr Chris Parkin	770557
	Clr Jane Barker	770355
	Clr Jake Duncombe	770213
	Clr Philip Pearce	770641
	Clr Carol Swift	771062
	+ one vacancy	

<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Mrs Dinah Farley (home)</b>	<b>772572</b> <b>01653 628858</b>
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<b>Assistant Clerk</b>	<b>Ms Victoria Ellis</b>	
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*Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any queries about the Town Council or need its services.*

Your Ryedale District Councillors are		
	Clr Steve Arnold	770904
	Clr George Hawkins	798231

Your County Councillor is		
	Clr Val Arnold	770904

Ryedale District Council Offices	01653 600666
Emergency Out Of Hours	01653 697737
North Yorkshire County Council	08458 727374
North York Moors National Park Authority	770657



### SPORTS CLUB PROGRESS

The fourth annual Helmsley 10K Run attracted a record number of runners - more than 400 - on a cool but fine Easter Sunday morning perfect for some strenuous exercise, and was the latest success in a series of events and initiatives to raise money for the refurbishment of the pavilion, swimming pool and other sports facilities at Baxtons Lane. The Town Council (as trustee of Helmsley Recreation Charity) and the new management committee of Helmsley Community & Sports Club have agreed on a design scheme for the pavilion which includes a new main entrance; reorganization of the public areas for multiple community uses; a new kitchen suitable for catered events; greatly improved toilet facilities for players, guests and community users, including the disabled; and improved changing rooms and showers. The roof has already been renewed and a small extension added - and work is expected to continue this summer and autumn.

**Donations to the fundraising appeal (payable to Helmsley Recreation Charity) can be made at the Town Council Office, where Gift Aid forms are available to gain a 25p supplement from HMRC on every £1 donated. All donors will be acknowledged on a 'roll of honour' in the refurbished pavilion. Please help us to secure and improve Helmsley's excellent sports facilities for the next generation!**

### INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR BIRDS OF PREY

Vultures are the latest residents in Duncombe Park! Along with hawks, eagles and owls they can be seen at the International Centre for Birds of Prey which opened just before Easter. For details see: [www.icbp-duncombe.org](http://www.icbp-duncombe.org).

Every day there are three demonstrations of flying birds of prey.



### NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION

The election of a County Councillor for Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside Ward will be held on Thursday 2 May. Polling stations will be open from 7:00am to 10:00pm. For more information see [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk).

## HELMSLEY ARCHIVE

The Helmsley Archive continues to grow thanks to many fascinating contributions from Helmsley residents, ex-residents and descendants of Helmsley families. If you have any photographs of local people and places that you would be willing to let us scan for the Archive, please contact Paul and Jen Harris, Helmsley Town Council or the Helmsley Archive website [www.helmsleyarchive.org.uk](http://www.helmsleyarchive.org.uk). The next Helmsley Archive exhibition at Helmsley Arts Centre will be in spring 2014, when we hope to display as many new additions as possible and have a military theme.

## NEW SHOPS

Helmsley welcomes three new shops and wishes them every success.

### THINK FRESH

Fruit and Vegetables,  
Meeting House Court

### HELMSLEY OUTDOORS

Gifts, Outdoor Clothing, Shoes, Children's Wear,  
Market Place

### SWEET THINGS

Sweets and Cards (Milk Shakes to follow),  
Castlegate

## The Churchyard

Residents will have noticed extensive clearing and pruning of trees and shrubs in the churchyard. The Council and the PCC are now working together to ensure good management of the trees in future, and protection of important specimens of sycamore and ash, following a specialist report commissioned by the PCC and Town Council. More improvements will follow, with the help of £500 awarded by the New Homes Bonus scheme.

## Magna Carta Anniversary

Helmsley has been invited to be one of 24 towns and villages across the country involved in the 800th Anniversary celebrations of the signing of Magna Carta by King John on 15th March 1215. Sir Robert de Ros, Baron of Helmsley and Sheriff of Cumberland, was one of 25 barons to guarantee the observance of the Magna Carta, the so-called 'Great Charter of the Liberties of England' which obliged the King to acknowledge that his powers were limited and that the law of the land was supreme. Though only a modest first step towards the development of constitutional law and parliamentary democracy, Magna Carta had huge symbolic importance - and we look forward to celebrating its birthday. The Council has earmarked a grant for the purpose, and hopes to regenerate the celebratory mood of our three-day programme for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

## COUNCIL CHANGES

### KEN CLARIDGE STEPS DOWN AFTER 25 YEARS

Councillor Ken Claridge retired at the February meeting of the Town Council, after 25 years of devoted service. He was first elected in 1988 and served twice as chairman, from 1993 to 1995 and 2003 to 2005. Ken came to Helmsley (where his mother's family had roots) as an evacuee from London during the Second World War, and he and his wife June have been in business here for 46 years. He is one of the town's most respected citizens, deeply knowledgeable about local issues and always willing to listen. His wisdom will be much missed by fellow councillors who extend their grateful thanks to Ken on behalf of the town.

Meanwhile, Mrs Carol Swift was co-opted onto the Council in November to fill the place vacated by John Buffoni's retirement. Carol has also been active in business and community life in Helmsley for many years, and is one of the leaders of the Sports Club project.

We have another Councillor vacancy to fill following Ken Claridge's farewell. The co-option will take place at the Council Meeting on 28 May. If you are interested in putting your name forward, or would like more information about what's involved, please contact the Town Clerk as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 7 May.



## THE GALTRES PARKLANDS FESTIVAL

Duncombe Park, 23-25 August 2013

This year for the first time, Helmsley will welcome the Galtres Parklands Festival, 'Yorkshire's famous family festival', to Duncombe Park - on the August Bank Holiday weekend. We're promised seven stages of music and cabaret on Park Plain, and the crowd will be able to enjoy more than 100 fine Yorkshire beers and ciders, plus local produce catering and 'loads for kids to do', from film making to music workshops. Music will range from chart-topping bands to local talent, from pop and acoustic to jazz, blues and ska. There will also be films, comedy, theatre and cabaret, family camping and plenty of loos. The Galtres Festival's mission statement says that it 'raises funds for charities and community groups... Is inspired by and celebrated by our local community, and supports local businesses and community groups... Is great fun, culturally diverse, inspirational, different from other events, challenging, and broadens people's horizons.' For more information as the programme develops, see [www.galtresfestival.org.uk](http://www.galtresfestival.org.uk).



## LIBRARY

### Home Delivery Service

If you find it difficult to leave home to visit your local library, you could have your favourite books delivered to your door.

The Home Library and Information Service (HLIS) works with local volunteers to provide free delivery of books and audio books throughout North Yorkshire. You may be eligible to receive the free home delivery service if you are unable to get to the library because of ill-health, disability or frailty or if you are a carer.

A member of HLIS staff will visit you at home first to find out about your reading preferences and to arrange a regular day for the volunteers to call once a fortnight. You will usually see the same volunteers each time and you can let them know if the book choices are suitable and make requests for particular books or authors and they will take all the messages back to the library with your books.

If you would like further information for yourself or for someone who you think could benefit from this free service, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this service, please contact your local library or ring 01609 533800.

### Footpath from Bridge St to Pottergate

The Council has made an application to North Yorkshire County Council to have a path between Bridge Street and Pottergate via Meeting House Court designated as a Public Right of Way. The application was supported by a number of former users of the path, which is currently closed, and is now for NYCC to determine according to a process which will include further public consultation.

### Dog Fouling

Dog fouling remains a problem in certain areas of the town, especially on the Hockey Field, and in the Carlton Lane and Carlton Road areas - where a new dog bin will be installed shortly, adjacent to the Youth Hostel. Bags and bins are now provided at several strategic points around the town, and residents are reminded of their responsibility to clean up after their dogs!