

## Stokesley Town Council Newsletter



**Food Fest** – will take place from 11 October to 13 October 2019. Events start on Friday night with a wine tasting event (tickets £15 from the Town Hall) hosted by Sharman Wines, with Sadlers Bistro providing foods to complement the six wines. Saturday daytime will see the Theatre of Food within the marquee on the Plain, with locally renowned chefs working with delicious local ingredients (free to all!). On Sunday during the day around 18 street traders will be showcasing local food, tasty dishes and delicious ready to eat snacks. From 4pm there will be a Vintage Tea Dance supported by Teatime Yorkshire providing a delicious afternoon tea offer, with handmade sandwiches, delicious cakes and scones, served on vintage crockery (tickets £12.50 from the Town Hall). On both days Sara Lusvardi of Little Brushes will provide food inspired craft for the children in the Town Hall at no charge. See social media for more details.

**Stokesley Sparkle** – will be back again this year on Thursday 28 November. The Christmas lights switch on will take place at 6 pm with Santa in the Shepherd's Hut on the Plain in front of the Town Hall, supported by late night opening of the shops and other entertainment.

**Caroline Seymour** – It is with considerable sadness that we report the death of Caroline in mid-September. She had served Stokesley as a councillor for many years since the mid-1980s, as District Councillor, County Councillor (including a period as chairman) and more recently as Town Councillor. Her contributions, knowledge and experience will be sorely missed. Her passing follows on from the earlier recent deaths of former Town Councillors Malcolm Smallwood and Alex Chisholm.

**Forthcoming Town Hall Events** – Friday 11 October - Flossie Malavialle (£15 inc Bread & Cheese); Friday 25 October 2019 - The Ska Beats (£7.50); 30 October 2019 - Children's Halloween Party (£5 inc drink & spooky treat); Friday 22 November 2019 - The Persuaders (£10 in advance £12 on the door). All are fund raising events, with a licensed bar.

**Surgeries** – The next monthly Town Council surgeries will be held in the Town Hall at 1100 hours on Saturday 5 October 2019, and Saturday 2 November 2019. The Farmers' Market on The Plain and the Craft and Gift Fair in the Town Hall will be held on the same days.

**Town Council Meetings** – The next meetings will be held on Tuesday 8 October 2019 and Tuesday 12 November 2019. Each meeting starts at 7.00pm and opens with a public session where residents are invited to speak.

**Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2018** – Following the service in the Parish Church there will be the procession to the War Memorial on West Green. As in previous years the Town Council will serve tea and coffee in the Town Hall after the procession returns to The Plain.

**Why become a Town Councillor?** – The process has now started for the appointment of a new Town Councillor. As a town councillor you will be an unpaid volunteer to whom our community looks for help, guidance and support; a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of Stokesley. Seeing Stokesley change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped to make, provides a sense of achievement and pride. You do not have to be connected to a political party. Please have a word with the Town Clerk or one of the current councillors to find out more.