

# THE Moorsider



SPRING 2023

## NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Council would like to welcome its newest members: Councillors Illingworth, Moffat, Riby and Woodhams.

**Cllr Jean Illingworth** - Jean has over 35 years experience as a Health & Safety Practitioner and is an author and keen photographer. Jean believes that community is very important and is something that we need to promote and cherish in Kirkbymoorside. You may already be familiar with Jean from her social media posts, promoting of the local businesses during the recent Fiver Fest in March.

**Cllr Andrea Moffat** - Andrea has worked in the public, voluntary and private sectors. She has experience in governance, leadership and management. Andrea is driven by the philosophy of voluntarism and social/community service and hopes to continue to become an engaged and contributing member of Kirkbymoorside by serving on the Town Council.

**Cllr Tony Riby** - Tony has lived and worked in Kirkbymoorside since 1994. He has an understanding of the area and experience of local government having represented Kirkbymoorside as District Councillor for the last four years. Tony believes that the town should be fully representative of the people and their wishes.

**Cllr Simon Woodhams** - Simon has a background in Human Resources with over 25 years as Head of HR for a Professional Services company. He also has 12 years experience as Primary School Governor. Simon has a keen interest in supporting the local community and is confident that being a good listener and taking balanced views from all parties will serve him well in the role of Town Councillor.

## PARKING IN TOWN FARM CAR PARK

The Town Council's negotiations with Ryedale District Council with regards to management of the parking charges in Town Farm Car Park have been unsuccessful. However, with the formation of the new unitary authority from 1 April 2023, the Town Council has every intention of raising the same issue with North Yorkshire Council.


FREE parking is available for up to 1 hour between midday and 2pm. Instructions are on the machine.

## THE TOWN POUND OR PINFOLD

The last issue of The Moorsider featured information about the Town Pound on Manor Vale Lane and the Kirkbymoorside History Group's suggestion to revert the site to a state that would be representative of its former use whilst offering information about its historical purpose.

The Town Council commissioned local metalwork artist, Mike Bennett MUST Forge, to create three bespoke steel structures of a cow, pig and sheep. These are now within the confines of the old Yorkshire stone walls and behind a wooden agricultural gate, and depict how the space would have been used. An information panel has also been installed to offer details of the site's historical significance including reference to the "Kirby Moorside and Helmsley Court Book" (1858 - 1875) which lists all the local men appointed to the juries and also the village or town Pinders.

*Interesting Fact:* Thomas Lealman and George Atkinson were the Kirkbymoorside Pinders between 1858 - 1875.




### KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN PINFOLD


The word pinfold was originally pronounced 'pondfold' and is most commonly used in the North of England. It means enclosure, a space where stray animals seen wandering or which were found grazing on common land without rights, were held until their owners could be traced. A little like today, it cost the owner a fine, as well as the bill for feeding the animals whilst in the pinfold, to retrieve them.

By the 1500's every village had a pinfold or pound and the man hired to be in charge of the pinfold was called a Pinder. He was employed by the Manor Court and paid to round up, care for, and feed these strays, which could be anything from cattle, horses or sheep, down to pigs and geese. It was an important role, one which continued for several centuries.

The pinfold was also used to house animals overnight when drovers passed through on their way south to the auction marts. Close to the pound on the Gillamoor Road there is a gap which once held a row of tiny cottages called The Lallies, used by Lowland (or Lallan) Scots who brought the cattle down and would stay overnight.



*The Lallies that stood on Gillamoor Road*



*The Kirkbymoorside milestone on Blakey Ridge*

The Kirby Moorside and Helmsley Court Book (1858 - 1875) lists all the local men appointed to the juries and also the village or town pinders. Between 1858 - 1875 two men held the position for our town - Thomas Lealman followed by George Atkinson.

The Town Council commissioned local metalwork artist, Michael Bennett MUST Forge, to produce bespoke structures to depict some of the livestock that would have been held in the pinfold during its heyday.

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## 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Town Council continues to pursue the feasibility of a reduced speed limit in the town for the length of Piercy End, Market Place and High Market Place. A consultation has been undertaken by North Yorkshire Council, Highways & Transportation, the outcome of which has not yet been determined.

## FREEDOM OF THE TOWN

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, in recognition of her tremendous sporting achievements, Tatyana Heard was presented the award of 'Freedom of the Town of Kirkbymoorside' by the Town Mayor, Cllr Jill Wells.



Pictured: Tatyana Heard and Town Mayor, Cllr Jill Wells

The title of 'Honorary Freeperson' is the highest honour that a Council can bestow and it is a mark of distinction upon the person whom the Council wishes to offer commendation. Tatyana is the first recipient of such an award by Kirkbymoorside Town Council. Although the Freedom itself carries no special privileges and is purely an honour it reflects the eminence of the person on whom it is conferred and is a recognition of the significant achievement and positive representation of the town.

Tatyana grew up in Kirkbymoorside and her rugby career kick started when she played for Malton and Norton RUFC and then for Yorkshire at age grade level. Her international career would have started when she was selected for the England U20 squad in 2012-13 but shortly afterwards an injury left her sidelined for well over a year. In 2016 whilst studying at Cardiff Metropolitan University, she was part of the Cardiff Met team that won the 2016 British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) rugby final. She eventually started her international rugby career as a senior player for England in November 2018 against the USA. In September 2022 Tatyana was part of the England 'Red Roses' squad, for the COVID-delayed 2021 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. You couldn't walk from one side of Kirkby to the other without people talking about the tournament and the fact we had "one of our own" in the final.

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In April of this year Tatyana played in the Women's Six Nations Championship, an international rugby competition contested between the women's national teams of England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales. England won the tournament with Tatyana scoring a try in four out of five games.

"Personally, I so admire Tatyana's determination and skill to represent her country in Rugby. She is an inspiration to every boy and girl in Kirkbymoorside and England, but particularly to the girls. *'This girl can and this girl did!'*" Let's hope local schools and community sports clubs will build on this momentum so that many more of our girls and boys can achieve their full potential."

Cllr Jill Wells

Kirkbymoorside Town Mayor

## THE COMMUNITY AWARD

The Community Award is presented by the Town Council each year to individuals nominated by members of the public for their significant contribution to the community.

At the Town Meeting, held in The Moorside Room on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, **Community Awards** were presented to **Sean Kay** and **Pam Towler**.



Pictured: Sean Kay and Town Mayor, Cllr Jill Wells

**Sean Kay** was nominated by the Memorial Hall Committee for helping and inspiring youngsters in Kirkbymoorside with his Karate teaching over the last 23 years. It was always obvious when there was a session taking place because there would be loads of children in town wearing their Karate Gi. Through his teaching his pupils have learned respect and grown in confidence as well as always making sure they have fun and giving them the care and consideration they need to blossom. Also, after 18 years of loyal and exemplary service as a retained firefighter for the Kirkbymoorside Fire Service, he is now retiring.



**Pam Towler** was nominated for setting up and then running the Christmas tree scheme, which she started in 1979 on behalf of the Traders Association.



*Pictured: Pam Towler and Town Mayor, Cllr Jill Wells*

The scheme started with a membership of 25 to 30 of the shops and banks in Kirkbymoorside. Each displaying a Christmas tree from the brackets outside their premises. More than 40 years on, this tradition is synonymous with Christmas in Kirkby and now involves more than 165 trees. It has set our town apart from the rest.

Additionally, Pam has been an active volunteer with various groups and initiatives over the years including the girl guides, as well as volunteering at Kirkbymoorside Primary School, right up until covid. The results of her volunteering have delighted the community in Kirkbymoorside since 1979 are much appreciated by the whole community.

## INSTALLATION OF CCTV AT OLD ROAD PLAY AREA & SKATE PARK

In response to incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour at Old Road play area Kirkbymoorside Town Council carried out a public consultation to determine support of the proposal to install 24 hour CCTV. The responses demonstrated support of the local community and CCTV has been installed and covers both the play area and the skate park.

The 24 hour CCTV is monitored by Scarborough Borough Council and is accessible by the Police.

**PLEASE DIAL 101 TO REPORT ANY CRIMINAL & ANTI-SOCIAL**



**Next issue deadline - 25 August 2023.**  
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## VACANCY ON THE TOWN COUNCIL

There is one Casual Vacancy on the Town Council subsequent to the resignation of Cllr Holroyd. If you would be interested in joining the Town Council please contact the clerk, Lisa Bolland for more information: in person at the Town Council Office, in the library at 7 High Market Place, Kirkbymoorside; YO62 6AT by phone 01751432217 or email [town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk).

## BEING A COUNCILLOR

"Public service isn't everyone's cup of tea but it's definitely worth giving it a go. That's why in 2018 I decided to become a councillor, having no experience of local politics. For me it has been very rewarding. At Town Council level there are no party politics. Individual councillors serve only the residents of Kirkbymoorside and have no political masters. I have served as Mayor of the town. A great privilege for me having only moved to here 2014. Not everyone wants that responsibility but as a councillor I have learned so much about the community, met so many residents and made new friends with fellow councillors. Although we are all volunteers all meetings are professionally run and there is mutual respect amongst colleagues and for the residents we serve. Yes there can be some frustrations. Getting action from other local government bodies is hard but when hard won gains are made there is a sense of reward and fulfillment. Becoming aware of the problems in your community is a great leveler and a desire to help others comes with many benefits. I also witnessed at first hand the way our community came together during the pandemic and how many heroes there are out there. Without my time on the Town Council I would have led a very blindfolded existence. My eyes to the town have been opened and I would recommend to anyone to give it a go. There is little to lose but, for a few hours of unpaid work, much to gain."

Nick Holroyd, Former Councillor 2018 – 2023.

## FREE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

If you have difficulty getting to the library or find books too heavy to carry ask about our free Home Library Service

Call 01609 534 557

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## KIRKBYMOORSIDE 'IN BLOOM'

The grey, soggy time that *In Bloom* volunteers spent in the autumn planting up the town tubs has been rewarded by glorious colour for everyone to enjoy. The beautiful spring planting and the promise of a bright summer to come are so welcoming after a very dreary start to the year.



*Pictured: Val, Joan, Sheila, Ann & Gaynor*

We are delighted to once again be holding our popular *Open Gardens* event on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, for an extended duration from 10.30am to 5.00pm. The cost remains a very modest £5 which includes entry to all gardens, together with tea and scones served in the lovely garden at the 'Friends Meeting House' on West End. There are many gardens lined up waiting to welcome you, but it is certainly not too late to volunteer your own! Whilst we are indebted to the continuing support of the town's businesses, over the last couple of years these have reduced in number, making it increasingly important for us to generate income by other means, to sustain our work. *Open Gardens* is one of those means of fund raising, as well as being a thoroughly enjoyable day out for residents and visitors alike. We look forward to welcoming as many as possible to the gardens and our very popular plant stall. Put the date in your diary now!

You might be wondering what happened to our stone town sign that was dismantled to make way for access to the new Manor Woods site on the west of town. The good news is the original sign will be reinstated at a new location on the verge to incorporate the new estate. We look forward to planting that up again just as soon as it is in situ.

We're always happy to welcome new members.

If you are looking for a new, rewarding activity we could be just what you are looking for. Please do call Gaynor De Barr on 01751 430250, with any queries.

*Gaynor De Barr, On behalf of Kirkbymoorside In Bloom*

## THE MEMORIAL HALL A POTTED HISTORY

The Memorial Hall itself was previously known as the Tollbooth, standing where the Hall now stands from 1695. Kirkbymoorside was granted a Market Charter in 1254 by King Edward III. After a dreadful fire in 1871 the Hall needed re-building. Originally there were three floors but after the fire it was decided not to replace the top floor. At this time it was still known as the Toll Booth but because of heavy death duties payable by the Duncombe family. The Tollbooth building along with the Wednesday Market Charter and annual Fair Rights were transferred to the Trustees of the Kirkbymoorside War Memorial Hall. So, the Tollbooth was no more, and became known as the Kirkbymoorside War Memorial Hall.

The Memorial Hall and the Wednesday Market were intrinsically linked then and remain so to the present day. Whether you are one of our loyal market traders or you buy something from one of the stalls, your contribution goes towards the upkeep of the Hall and likewise, when you hire a room at the Hall for an exercise class, for a dance class, for a party, for a wake etc. your hire fee goes towards the upkeep of the Hall.

Please contact Sheila Ridley if you would like to hire the Hall or rent a stall for the Wednesday Market



Hall and  
Market stall  
charges:

Main Hall  
£11/hour

Market Hall  
£10/hour

Dugout  
£10/hour

Market Stall -  
the average  
stall is 8ft long  
and costs  
£12.80

Likewise, anyone interested in becoming a member of the Memorial Hall Committee or if you would like details of the current Committee Members and Trustees please contact Sheila for further information. E: [sheilaridley.kms@btinternet.com](mailto:sheilaridley.kms@btinternet.com) or telephone: 07881 807198

*Sheila Ridley, On behalf of the current Memorial Hall Committee*