



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding



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Message from the Chairman



Welcome to Ilkley Parish Council's Summer Newsletter. We will hopefully have many long warm sunny days to enjoy Ilkley in this beautiful part of Wharfedale.

We welcome Clare Smith our newly appointed Parish Clerk who has settled in well and has brought her experience from another Parish into the Ilkley office.

In May this year I was honoured to be elected Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year and I have already enjoyed attending many community events including the opening of the official Tour de France Spectator Hub at Riverside Gardens. The Tour de France proved a great success in July with the expected crowds visiting the town and enjoying the festival atmosphere of this event. Many properties in the town were suitably decorated, the gardens were colourful and the week long events proved a welcome addition to Ilkley's calendar.

Throughout the summer, the town will see the Ilkley Summer Festival activities and I hope you will take part and enjoy as many of them as you can.

*Councillor Andrew Walbank
Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council*

Free Wi-Fi

Ilkley's town centre is now enjoying free Wi-Fi thanks to a pioneering scheme set up by Matthew Wright. Many of the towns' businesses, landlords and residents have agreed to be involved in the scheme and have helped to expand the signal throughout the centre of town including the main car park. The Parish Council's Awards & Projects Committee supported the scheme by awarding £5,000 towards the cost of the project.

What a Weekend!



The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to all of the organisers and volunteers, including Councillor Bryan Websdale, who made the fantastic Tour de France weekend in Ilkley such an amazing and memorable occasion. It was so wonderful to see thousands of people enjoying the event throughout our town.

Darwin Gardens Named as One of the Best in Britain

The prestigious Green Flag was awarded once again to the Darwin Gardens in July this year by Keep Britain Tidy. This is a tremendous accolade not only for the Trust, but also for the town as the Darwin Gardens is among 1476 parks and green spaces to receive a Green Flag Award this year.



Ilkley Parish Council manages the Darwin Gardens as corporate trustees, with assistance from Philip Judd of Green Heart Gardening and the Area Parks and Landscape Service of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. The ethos of the Trust is to maintain the Gardens as an open green space for the benefit of all visitors.

Much work has been completed in the Gardens over the past year, including replacement of steps from the central car park and renovation of Victorian railings, refurbishment of notice boards and seats and the opening up of vistas around the site. A wild flower area to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War is under development and additional funding will be sought to replace some of the remaining steps on the College Drive side of the Gardens.

A new website for the Gardens is currently being developed and will be launched formally in the autumn, together with a new leaflet advertising the Darwin Walk. The Trustees are keen to forge links with individuals and groups around the town, particularly local schools, in order to develop the Gardens further.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about developing the Gardens, or wish to comment on them in any way, please contact the Trust through the Parish Office.

*Councillor Heathcliffe Bowen
Project Manager - Darwin Gardens Trust*

Yorkshire Day Celebrations

Ilkley Parish Council is pleased to announce that Isabel Hogan has been appointed as the new Town Crier. Isabel did a fantastic job at her first engagement at the Yorkshire Day celebrations at the Bandstand on The Grove reading the traditional Yorkshire Day Declaration. Isabel has lived in Ilkley since 2008— after being born, raised and educated in London. Her powerful shout was honed and trained by her work as the



Orchestral Manager for The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Isabel has also worked on the Stage Manager's teams at The Redgrave Theatre and The Royal Court Theatre. Isabel stopped working in the arts following the birth of her daughter and has recently taken up a post at the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service in Bingley.

Civic Service to Commemorate the Centenary of the Outbreak of the Great War

Ilkley Parish Council hosted a short service on Monday 4th August to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. The service was led by Father Philip Gray from St Margaret's Church and prayers were led by Reverend Patrick Bateman from All Saint's Parish Church. The Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Councillor Andrew Walbank, welcomed those attending and Councillor Heathcliffe Bowen read 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford was also in attendance at the service. Those who attended joined with many other people from towns and cities across the country, who were also commemorating the centenary of Great Britain's declaration of war in Germany on 4th August 1914.

The Service was an opportunity for the Parish Council and the town not only to recognise the sacrifice of the many local men who went off to fight for King and Country in the Great War. We owe all of them a great debt and pay particular tribute to those who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom and whose names are recorded on our Cenotaph.

*Councillor Heathcliffe Bowen
Vice-Chairman, Ilkley Parish Council*

Bradford District Credit Union - Helping You Make the Most of Your Money

Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) with the support of Ilkley Parish Council has set up a collection point for Bradford District Credit Union (BDCU). A Credit Union is a friendly and ethical alternative to high street banks, doorstep loan sharks and other costly money-lenders. BDCU is run by and for the people who live and work in the Bradford District. Just like at a bank, savings at a Credit Union are protected by the FSA Compensation Scheme.

From September, the collection point will be at Christchurch on The Grove in Ilkley and will be open from 9:15am to 12:00noon. Information about the Credit Union will be available as well as application forms for savings accounts and loans (you must have been a member of BDCU for one month before

applying for a loan). More information is available at www.bdcu.co.uk

Ilkley Good Neighbours' Over 90's Party

On 27th September 2014, Ilkley & District Good Neighbours will once again be hosting a party for men and women aged 90 and over. The party will be held at the Clarke Foley Centre, Cunliffe Road from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Partners/escorts of those less mobile are also most welcome and free transport can also be arranged. In the company of the Lord Mayor of Bradford and the Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, guests will enjoy music, dances and afternoon tea. Ilkley Parish Council have also recently support this extremely worthwhile community event by providing an award of £400 towards the costs of the party. Anyone in the area, aged 90 or over, who would like to come along should contact Ilkley & District Good Neighbours on 01943 603348.

Concert on the Grove

This year Ilkley Parish Council's Concert on the Grove will be on Saturday 30th August. A wonderful night for all to enjoy which will feature the ever-popular Fox Corner, the Marsden Silver Prize Band and the Saxophones of David Wilson's Baker Street sound. We have held the price to £12 per ticket so it is great value. Please come along and enjoy some of your favourite music and have some fun! Tickets are available now from the Visitor Information Centre at Ilkley Town Hall (01943 602319).

Manor House

As many people will be aware work is underway to save the Manor House museum following the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council's decision to withdraw its support of the museum. Ilkley Parish Council are working with the New Manor House Group and the Friends of the Manor Houser to progress plans to support the staff at the Manor House with volunteers. An initial set of meetings will take place this month where interested individuals can learn more about the roles. Over thirty people have already agreed to attend these meetings. The intention is that volunteers will have some training from CBMDC before beginning their roles in the Manor House from September.

It now appears that CBMDC is unlikely to relinquish ownership of the Manor House with the preferred option being to grant a long-term lease instead. The New Manor House Group and Friends of the Manor House are hopeful that the Manor House will not be 'mothballed'. A feasibility study is planned to look into what the Manor House could become.

Meanwhile, a full programme of talks and concerts for the autumn and winter has been planned. For more information about this programme of events please visit www.manorhouse.ilkley.org

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are held at the Town Hall and begin at 7.30pm.

Full Council

There is a meeting of Full Council usually on the first Monday of each month. The next meetings are scheduled for:

1st September 2014
6th October 2014
3rd November 2014
1st December 2014

Plans Committee

2nd September 2014
23rd September 2014
14th October 2014
4th November 2014
25th November 2014
16th December 2014

Awards and Projects Committee

8th September 2014
11th November 2014

Local groups and organisations are able to apply for awards from Ilkley Parish Council. Please see the Council's website for more information on how to apply, including the rules and criteria.

Public Participation

Members of the public and press are entitled by law to attend all meetings of the Council BUT may not participate in the meeting. However, early on the agenda of each meeting there is a 'Public Participation' slot at which point the meeting is adjourned for any member of the public to raise an issue on any topic which is included on the agenda. Individual contributions from members of the public must not exceed five minutes and the Public Participation session as a whole is restricted to fifteen minutes.

Concert on the Grove

30th August 2014

**Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 12th July
from Tourist Information in the Town Hall.**

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2011 - 2015

2014-2015

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Andrew Walbank

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen

Ilkley North

Cllr Brian Mann	602262	19 Owler Park Road LS29 OBG
Cllr Lexa Robinson	608418	113 Leeds Road LS29 8JS
Cllr Joanne Sugden	607013	Myddleton Cottage, Langbar Road LS29 0ED

Ilkley West

Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen	600762	8 Woodlands Rise LS29 9BU
Cllr Stephen Butler	608234	46 King's Road LS29 9AT
Cllr Mike Ridgway	601117	19 Ghyll Wood LS29 9NR
Cllr Jennifer Souter	602485	2 Curlew Close LS29 9DG

Ben Rhydding

Cllr Mike Gibbons	605313	Apt3, 19 Low Beck LS29 8UN
Cllr Adam Bowles	07445 542207	2 Nordale Close LS29 8EY
Cllr Paul Kitching	604683	71 Wyvil Crescent LS29 8ND
Cllr Gordon Perry	817596	Ivy Bank House, 60 Wheatley Lane LS29 8PW

Ilkley South

Cllr Rory Marshall	rorymarshall@hotmail.co.uk	The Lodge, 20 Rupert Road LS29 0AQ
Cllr Bryan Websdale	07786 443710	20 Middleton Road LS29 9EX
Cllr Andrew Walbank	608079	9 Kimberley Street LS29 8JU

*All Parish Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity.
They are not paid and do not receive any allowances for attending meetings.*

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

All Saints' PS Governor	Cllr Walbank
Bandstand Management Committee	Cllr Perry
Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI)	Cllr Kitching, Cllr Mann
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Sugden
Coutances Twinning Committee	Cllr Bowen, Cllr Gibbons
Darwin Gardens Trust	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Lido (FOIL)	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Kitching
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Souter
Ilkley and District Good Neighbours	Cllr Kitching
Ilkley and District Road Safety	Cllr Kitching
Ilkley Business Forum	Cllr Ridgway
Ilkley Fairtrade Group	Cllr Mann
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Souter
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Ridgway
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Butler
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	Cllr Bowles
Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary Community Action	Cllr Bowen
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk
Police and Community Together (PACT)	Cllr Sugden
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Butler
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Gibbons
Wharfedale On Line Trust	Cllr Butler
Wharfedale Activity Group (WAG)	Cllr Kitching
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)	Cllr Bowen, Cllr Sugden

PROJECT MANAGERS

Allotments	Cllr Walbank (Deputy - Cllr Websdale)
Benches	Cllr Mann (Deputy - Cllr Perry)
Cemetery and Riverside Pathways	Cllr Robinson (Deputy - Cllr Bowles)
Christmas Carols	Cllr Mann (Deputy - Cllr Perry)
Christmas Lights	Cllr Souter (Deputy - Cllr Butler)
Concert on The Grove	Cllr Gibbons
Darwin Gardens Trust	Cllr Bowen
Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Mann (Deputy - Cllr Walbank)
Traffic / Car Parking	Cllr Ridgway (Deputy - Cllr Butler)

COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Finance	Cllr Ridgway, Cllr Sugden
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