

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2006 - 2011

CHAIRMAN 2008-2009: Cllr Brown

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Morrell

Ilkley North

Pauline Dixon	431994	8 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
Brian Mann	602262	19 Owler Park Road, LS29 0BG
Lexa Robinson	608418	113 Leeds Road, LS29 8JS

Ilkley West

Heathcliffe Bowen	600762	8 Woodlands Rise, LS29 9BU
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Ben Rhydding

Mike Gibbons	605313	Apt 3, 19 Low Beck, LS29 8UN
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Andrew McKie	600820	89 Wheatley Lane, LS29 8PP

Ilkley South

Kathy Best	607568	73 Leeds Road, LS29 8EG
Stuart Goddard	430015	21 Leeds Road, LS29 8DP
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.*

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:-

All Saints' PS Governor	Cllr Walbank
Bandstand Management Committee	Cllr Bowen
Churches Together in Ilkley	Cllr Emsley and Cllr Mann
Ilkley Cemetery	Cllr Robinson
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Gibbons and Cllr Best
Coutances Twinning Committee	Cllr Bowen
Darwin Gardens Millennium Green	Cllr Robinson
DDA Representative on behalf of IPC	Cllr Best
Fair Trade	Cllr Mann
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Walbank
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Dixon and Cllr Gibbons
ICVS	Cllr Mann
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Dixon
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Dixon and Cllr Brown
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Robinson
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	Cllr Hartley
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk
Police Ward Tasking	Cllr McKie and Cllr Mann
Road Safety	Cllr Goddard
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Brown
Transport - Metro	Cllr Best
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Emsley
Wharfedale On Line Trust	Cllr McKie
Wharfedale Rail Users Group (WRUG)	Cllr Best
Yorkshire Local Councils Association YLC	Chairman and Vice-Chairman / Cllr Bowen
WAG	Cllr Mann

PROJECT MANAGERS:-

Allotments - Cllr Walbank	Benches in the Town - Cllr Mann
Parking / Traffic Management - Cllr Mann	Christmas Events - Cllr Mann
Cemetery - Cllr Robinson	Concert on The Grove - Cllr Gibbons
Riverside Pathways - Cllr Robinson	



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding



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Chairman's Report

At Christmas I was lucky enough to be surrounded by my entire family, and my thoughts went to those who were alone or recently bereaved and for whom Christmas can be a lonely time.

It is heartening to know that in Ilkley we have many volunteers who work hard to help alleviate such suffering by delivering food parcels, arranging Christmas parties, visiting people in their homes and many other acts of kindness. We are all very grateful to those who freely give of their time to help in this way.

The New Year sees uncertain times ahead which are likely to affect us all. It is already disappointing to see some empty shop premises in Ilkley, particularly so soon after celebrating the fact that they were fully occupied. With Woolworths closing at the beginning of January this is another large empty premises. We have some interesting and unique shops in Ilkley, both privately owned and national chains, and I would urge everyone to do as much of their shopping in Ilkley as possible – as they say 'if we don't use them we will lose them' and the heart will go out of the Town.

Let us celebrate living in this wonderful Town with its setting, its heritage and its people, and on behalf of Ilkley Parish Council I wish you all good health and happiness in 2009.

Cllr Kate Brown

Ilkley Grammar School

January sees the start of nine visits from the pupils of year 7 to the Council Chamber to learn about the Parish Council and to hold a debate. This is part of their Citizenship Classes and it is always a pleasure to meet them and to hear their views. This year they will be debating whether the voting age should be lowered to 16. The Government is currently consulting on this question.

At our January Full Council meeting we were pleased to welcome and listen to two student representatives

from the School Council. We hope this will be the start of a regular dialogue with the School Council and that the Parish Council can help facilitate some of the issues raised.

These young people are our future and we would very much like to see them take an active role in Ilkley life and if we can help in any way we will.

Cllr Kate Brown

Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday 29th November



Outside Christchurch on a cold winter's evening, the band played, the choir sang, a crowd gathered.

Meanwhile, in the wake of an open topped Lagonda carrying Santa and his helpers, a sea of bobbing balloons flowed merrily along Springs Lane, down Station Road, into the Grove, and washed up expectantly on the edge of the crowd.

The Chairman of the Parish Council dressed festively in red and wearing her golden chain of office, took to the stage and thanked those who had helped with the event. Rob Hilton, the new Minister of Christchurch, appearing miraculously not to feel the cold, gave blessings. Our Junior Town Crier, Sarah Parry, heartily hailed the Town Crier. The Town Crier dashed off a ditty to the celebrity. Warmly wrapped against the cold, Gaynor Barnes, popular YTV Calendar presenter, stepped purposefully onto the stage. Then . . .

Gaynor and Santa grasped the plunger. We counted down. Ten, nine **one!** The plunger went down. The town centre **lit up! MAGIC!**



Our warm thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas Lights' Switch On a very happy occasion, especially: the children, parents, and grandparents who took part in the procession; the children and their families who lined the streets and cheered on the procession; Santa; Santa's two helpers Jo and Danielle Walters from Joze School of Dance; Chris Richards, Town Crier; Sarah Parry, Junior town Crier; Andrew Hill who loaned the Lagonda; Booths and Woolworths who provided sweets for Santa to give to the children; Christchurch for the use of the hall; Springs Medical Centre for the use of the car park; the Rvd Rob Hilton of Christchurch for the blessing; Gaynor Barnes, television presenter, for coming to switch on the lights; the Guiseley Brass Band; the Churches Together Choir; Bradford Council's lighting team led by Mervyn Redshaw for getting the lights in place in good time; Cllr. Brian Mann for organising the event; Mrs. Sylvia Mann and her team for assisting with the refreshments; Cllr. Kate Brown, Chairman of the Parish Council, for hosting the event; and everyone who turned out on a very cold November evening to make this such a happy occasion.

Christmas Shop Window Competition



The winners of the Christmas Shop-window Competition were "Betty's Café" in the multiple retailer category and "Cakes by Diana" in the independent category. "Cakes by Diana", was a lovely display of craft, skill and festivity and "Betty's Café" was a beautiful display which was a credit to the town.

The judges, Mr Tony Gilroy and Mrs Ann Gilroy, commended the shop-keepers of Ilkley for the huge efforts they had put into their window displays. Mr and Mrs Gilroy said their task had been a very difficult one because of the high standard of the displays.

Cllr Kate Brown, Chairman of the Parish Council, presented trophies to the winners of the Competition at the Council meeting on 1st December.

Our warm thanks to all the shop-keepers who took part, to those shop keepers who did not take part but whose shop window displays added to the festiveness of the town, and to Mr and Mrs Gilroy for judging the competition.

Freedom of Information Act

In accordance with the law, Ilkley Parish Council has approved the adoption without modification of the new Model scheme Publication document with effect from 1st January 2009.

This supersedes the mandatory initial scheme which was adopted on the 28th February 2003 and has now been up-dated by the Information Commissioner's Office.

Ilkley more than complies with the basic information required by law. The office is normally open Monday to Thursday 10.00am – 1.00pm and can be contacted by phone, letter or email. Residents are welcome to view records of meetings, accounts etc when convenient. A lot of this information is available on our web site.

Awards and Projects

To date Council has approved some £25,837 of our budget of £45,000 for the financial year ending 31 March 2009, with several requests in the pipeline. Requests will be considered as received at the next available monthly Full Council meeting, rather than the previous system whereby a quarterly committee system was used. The Parish Office needs to have signed, completed application forms two weeks prior to the meeting to allow for processing and checking against the criteria and adding to the meeting papers, which have to be sent out one week prior to the meeting. (All applications from groups and organisations within the Parish have to be for CAPITAL expenditure only – IPC cannot contribute to running costs). If you think your group or organisation is eligible for a grant please contact the office for advice and application forms for consideration during this financial year. Awards and Projects budget follows the financial year rather than the Council year which begins in May.

Darwin Gardens Millennium Green

The legal process is well under way for the transfer of trusteeship from the current Trustees to the Parish Council as Corporate Trustees. This is opportune as 2009 marks the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his famous book, 'The Origin of the Species by Natural Selection'.

Charles Darwin in Ilkley

Charles Darwin (12 February 1809 – 19 April 1882) arrived in Ilkley on 4 October 1859 to take the 'water cure' at Wells House, shortly after reviewing the proofs of his book 'On the Origin of Species by Natural Selection'.

He was joined by his wife and family on 17 October, and they took an apartment at North House, Wells Terrace (now known as Hillside House.)

On 2 November his publisher sent the review copy of the book to Darwin in Ilkley, and the book was officially published on 24 November. Whilst in Ilkley Darwin started on revisions for the second edition of his great work.

His family returned south on 24 November and Darwin went to Wells House until 7 December when he left Ilkley.

Although Darwin stayed in Ilkley for only two months, this was at a most significant juncture in his life.

Events in Ilkley to celebrate the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of 'The Origin of the Species by Natural Selection'

Darwin Gardens: a walk leaflet incorporating the gardens and buildings visited by Darwin.

Ilkley Civic Society is proposing a Blue Plaque on Hillside to celebrate Darwin's stay there.

Manor House Museum 1st September to 1st November: a small display case to celebrate Darwin's stay in Ilkley in 1859.

September: publication of 'Darwin in Ilkley' by local historian Mike Dixon and Greg Radick, History Press.

19th November: joint meeting of the Olicana Historical Society and the Friends of the Manor House at which Mike Dixon will be speak on Darwin in Ilkley.

Another celebration to note:

Ben Rhydding Primary School celebrates its centenary this year and the PTA is holding "An evening with Steve Leonard", TV vet and wildlife presenter, at the Kings Hall on Friday February 13th (one day after Darwin's 200th birthday) at 7.30.

Meetings for the remainder of the Council Year:

2nd February	FULL COUNCIL
16th February	Plans Committee
2nd March	FULL COUNCIL
9th March	Plans Committee
18th March	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
30th March	Plans Committee
6th April	FULL COUNCIL
20th April	Plans Committee
11th May	FULL COUNCIL
12th May	TUESDAY Plans Committee
18th May	ANNUAL COUNCIL