

# HARDEN VOICE

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## Christmas Lights switch on

**T**he Parish Council, the Gala Committee and the church have got together again for a grand ceremony to switch on the Christmas lights in Harden.

The Gala Committee will be providing the tree and the lights as usual and the Parish Council has installed lights for the two trees behind the War Memorial and for one tree near the Old Police House. The switch on will be performed by the Vicar.

**All the family are invited to join us on**

**Sunday December 9th at 6pm  
by the War Memorial for  
Christmas Carols**

**followed by warm mince pies,  
soft drinks and wine in  
St Saviour's Family Room**



## Remembrance Service



The Chair of the Parish Council, Mike Andrews (right) joined representatives of Bradford Council and the Horticultural Society to lay a wreath at the Harden War Memorial on 11 November.

## Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month and are open to the public. They are normally held in the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

The agenda will be put on the notice boards at least 3 days before each meeting. The minutes are posted in the same place. Copies may be found on the website

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December 13th. January 10th (Precept setting) February 14th. March 14th. April 11th. May 9th (AGM)

# News from your Parish Council

## Memorial Hall Feasibility Study

A feasibility study on the future for the Harden Memorial Hall was presented to the Council earlier this year. The conclusion of the study said:

'There is little prospect of increasing or diversifying usage of the Memorial Hall, and therefore no obvious gains to be achieved from local management of the facility. The two main users have indicated that they could only consider asset transfer if they had access to all relevant financial details as well as information about the structure and current condition of the building. The parish council could formally approach the main users of the building, disclosing all details they now hold, with a view to developing proposals to put to Bradford Council.'



A meeting took place in November between the users of the hall, officers from Bradford Council and members of the Parish Council about the contents of the report and a further discussion is planned. It is clear that Bradford has no money to maintain the building although it is their responsibility and the hall is losing £15,000 a year.

There are no easy answers to this one but the Parish Council will work with the users to try to find a way forward.



There has been a lot of concern recently about the future of the Post Office. It was closed for a time but has now re-opened with relief staff.

The Parish Council has written to Post Office Ltd, our three district councillors and our MP asking for their support.

Post Office Ltd say they want to maintain a post office in Harden and are looking for the best way to achieve this.

When the Parish Council conducted a survey in 2008 to save the Post Office from possible closure the response was overwhelming.

**We can't afford to lose this vital village asset.**

## Diamond Jubilee

This oak tree was planted by  
Harden Parish Council  
to commemorate the  
Diamond Jubilee of  
Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2012

The Parish Council has planted an oak tree near the bus stop on Harden Road to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

This plaque will be put on a plinth in front of the tree.

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