

HARDEN VOICE



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Parish Council wins £50,000 to renew play area



Artist's impression of the new play area.

The Parish Council has been successful in a bid for £50,000 to renew the play area in Harden Park.

The play area was built around 1997 by the developer of Harden Mills in Keighley Road as a condition of the planning permission.

The money comes from WREN ((Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) who get most of their money from the Landfill Tax. Landfill tax is levied on local councils for every tonne of waste they don't recycle.

The parish council used a questionnaire to consult local children and their parents about what they wanted in the play area. The children were then consulted about playground designs and the winning one was submitted to WREN

As well as the £50,000 from WREN, the Parish Council is contributing £5,500 and Bradford Council is paying £3,000 to remove the old equipment and surfacing.

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Mike calls it a day



Mike Andrews has resigned from the Parish Council. Mike was one of the first members of Harden Parish Council elected in 2007. He was vice-chair in 2007 - 08 and chair from 2009 - 2014.

Members of the Parish Council thanked Mike for his work on behalf of the village.

Julia takes over

The new chair of the Parish Council is Julia Gregson. Julia joined the Parish Council in February 2012, She is pictured below (first left) at the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the planting of an oak tree for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



£ Small Grants £

The Parish Council has allocated £1,000 for small grants to local organisations. So far, two grants of £250 have been made to the Harden Children's Gala Committee and the Harden Baby and Toddler Group.

Application forms for grants with a maximum of £250 are available from the Parish Clerk.

Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month in the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

The agenda will be put on the notice boards 3 days before each meeting. The minutes are posted in the same place.

Copies may be found on the website www.hardenparishcouncil.co.uk

News from your Parish Council

St Ives' toilets

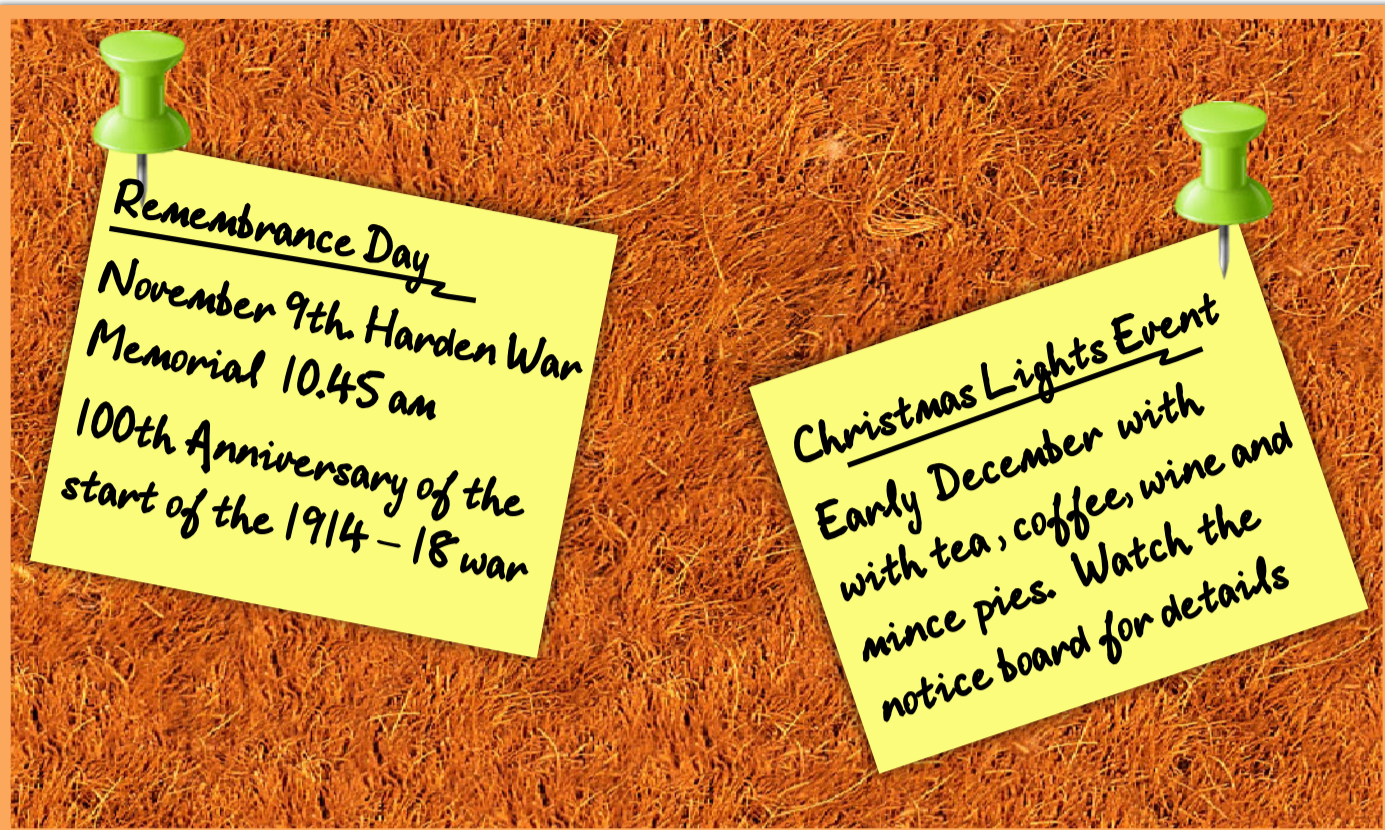


Bradford Council has suggested closing a number of public toilets as part of its planned budget cuts. The cost of keeping the toilets open is said to be £3,000 a year.

The Parish Council supported the Friends of St Ives in their campaign to keep the toilets open. Without these facilities, the park was in danger of losing its Green Flag status awarded to green spaces that meet high standards.



A well-supported petition was presented to the Shipley Area Committee which decided to pay for the toilets from the 2015-16 budget.



Village seats renovated



The Parish Council has paid for the seven seats in the village to be repaired and painted.

Some were originally put in place by the WI and they have agreed to share the cost of the repairs to their seats.

SNIPPETS

The Parish Council received a grant of £1050 from the Area Action Plan fund for use in the Memorial Hall. They decided to add £400 from reserves and put the money repainting the front door and front windows and re-carpeting the entrance hall and staircase.



The Parish Council is planning to put some money into some additional roadside trees and to fill in the last gaps in the bulb planting.

New look Post Office opens



Almost exactly seven years after the Parish Council first took action to keep the Post Office open, it's future looks bright.

A survey carried out in 2007 by the parish council at a time when post offices all over the area were under threat of closure, showed huge support for keeping it open.

Since then there have been numerous ups and down, unscheduled closures, public meetings and several missed deadlines.

Finally, the new look PO opened on 22nd August and its future looks bright.

But like all the shops in the village the PO is a business and must make money to stay open. If you want to make sure all the shops stay open, use them whenever you can.

First World War Exhibition success

Over 200 people came to see the First World War exhibition in Harden Memorial Hall on August 2nd.



Harden Memorial Hall

The exhibition showed details of the men from Harden who served or died between 1914 and 1918. There are twenty-one names on the War Memorial and an additional twenty-six survivors have been identified although there may be more whose records have been completely lost.

St Saviour's Church



A Memorial Booklet was produced and distributed to every house in the village.

The exhibition has since been shown at St Saviour's Church, Keighley Heritage Open Day and the St Ives' Visitor Centre.

Details of the exhibits can be found on the Parish Council website.

The exhibition also included pictures of old Harden

