

# — HARDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH —

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT HARDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**Craft Club** – Meeting the first Monday in the month at 7.30pm. Madge has details on 01535 273161.

**Extend** – Gentle exercise for those aged 60+. Monday afternoons. Phone Andrew for details 01274 630146.

**Pilates** – Meeting at various times on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Phone Caron for details 07808 135791.

Song and Dance group meets Tuesday evenings from 7.00 pm. "We're not looking for opera singers – just people who enjoy a good sing."

**Aikido** – groups for children and adults. Tuesday evenings.

**CBB's** – Congregational Busy Babies meet Friday mornings from 9.30 am in the church lounge. Emphasis is on parent/grandparent/carer participation. Jane has details on 07896 670086.

Easy Bible group – meets Thursday evenings. Call 01535 275482 for details of next series.

Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10.30 am throughout the year (no breaks for school holidays) for activity-filled

Sunday worship with a variety of worship leaders is at 10.30 weekly. Christian learning.

Worship PLUS is a monthly service which uses contemporary music and videos, often featuring interviews on current issues.

Recent guests have been from St George's Crypt in Leeds and Bingley Foodbank. Members of the BRI Chaplaincy team join us on 25th October and Paul Blakey MBE from Street Angels on 29th November 2015.



## WHAT IS A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH?

Congregationalism is a supremely simple way of being church. It is what happens when people come to Christ, and seek to serve and witness together, with total trust in God. It is a way of being a church which operates without hierarchies or elaborate ritual. It is a form of church organisation and church government which, its supporters maintain, most closely resembles the pattern of the churches of the New Testament. These churches were independent of each other (and of course independent of the state) and totally reliant for their direction on the leadings of the Holy Spirit. They were neither organised in national or international groupings, nor did any one or more of the apostolic churches claim to have powers over any other. Congregational Churches today affirm this way of life and value this heritage.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We're currently collecting items for inclusion in "Operation Christmas Child" shoe boxes to be sent overseas in November. Gifts for this should all please be new and be brought to the Congregational Church by the end of September so that we can get them all packaged in early October.

The following is a list of approved items from the organisations leaflet:

Toys: toy trucks, small stuffed animals (with CE label), harmonicas, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles. School supplies: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, writing pads, solar calculators, colouring books. Hygiene items: Toothbrush and toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel. Other items: hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories.

What not to include:

Used or damaged items, war related items (e.g. toy guns, play soldiers or knives), chocolate or other food items, liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles, medicines, hand-made or knitted stuffed toys, anything of a political, racial or religious nature, marbles or sharp objects, glass containers, mirrors or fragile items, clothing other than listed above.

## ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, HARDEN, WARMLY REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS:

### Back to Church Sunday is on Sunday 20th September

This is a national initiative that has been happening each year for a while now. It often seems so scary to go to church, or to go back to church, when you've not been for a while. But it needn't be! This special Sunday service is designed to make it easy for you! Just turn up – there will be a warm welcome and Vicar Bob will be the preacher. It's at 11.15 for the service, it will finish by 12.15 with refreshments afterwards. And it will be great! If you are unsure and would like a visit ring Bob 01535 273758.

### The Harvest Festival for all the family will be on October 9th at 11.15

This is another great occasion to come to church and rejoice in the wonders of creation. Come and give thanks to God for all that he has done. Enjoy worship pick'n'mix style with all ages, including special craft activities for families and children. Great hymns! Great rejoicing! Come and be part of the celebrations!

### Remembrance Sunday is on November 8th

This year the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph will be at 10.45 and will be followed by a pick'n'mix style family service at 11.15 with all ages worshipping together. We shall remember together using small crosses placed in sand (these will be provided), and will finish by 12.15 when refreshments will be served.

### Chatterbox

Chatterbox is a very popular parents and toddlers group that meets in St Saviour's family room term times on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. We are urgently seeking more helpers for Tuesday mornings (9.00am to 11.00am) in order to keep it going – can you help please? Call in and speak to June Thompson.

### Luncheon Club

The luncheon club at St Saviour's provides inexpensive lunches (two courses plus a drink) on Thursday lunchtimes. More helpers are urgently needed once a month. If you can help please contact Margaret Firby on 01535 272992.

*There is a warm welcome awaiting you at your local parish church. We look forward to meeting you at St Saviour's.*

# HARDEN VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

- September 2015 -

Welcome to the latest issue of the Harden Voice.

As you can see, in this edition the Parish Council are experimenting with the inclusion of articles from local groups, to help publicise them to the village, and we would greatly appreciate any feedback from the readers on our new-look newsletter!

## HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL 2015-16

Following the election in May 2015 and the recent co-option of two parish councillors at the meeting in August, the Parish Council now currently consists of six members. Details of the parish councillors are as follows:

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The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the three former parish councillors who left the Parish Council this year after many years' service to the village.

John Bagnall (former Responsible Finance Officer), Matthew Gore (former Vice-Chair) and Robert Hartley have worked very hard for the good of the village and their contributions and input are greatly appreciated.

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council at present. If you would like to help improve the village and reflect the views of residents in meetings, please contact the Parish Council Clerk on the details provided below.

## PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Our Parish Council Clerk is

*Ms Eve Haskins*  
174 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3DE  
Tel: 01274 408472, Email: [haskinseve@gmail.com](mailto:haskinseve@gmail.com)

Please feel free to contact the members of the Parish Council or the Parish Council Clerk for any information regarding the Parish Council, or to provide suggestions, comments or share concerns about the village.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Since the last newsletter the Parish Council have been continuing to work hard for the community of Harden, and the following events are currently being organised:

### Remembrance Day, Sunday 8th November 2015

Members of the Parish Council will be attending the Act of Remembrance and laying a wreath at the war memorial at 10.45am on Sunday 8th November, presided over by representatives of both churches in the village.

### Christmas lighting event, Sunday 6th December 2015

As usual this year, Harden Children's Gala Committee will be providing a Christmas tree to be placed in the centre of the village at the war memorial and a lighting ceremony will be organised for all to attend to sing carols and celebrate the festive season together.

The Parish Council will be hosting refreshments in the family room of St Saviour's Church after the lighting event at approximately 6.00pm – please keep an eye on the community notice-boards where the confirmed time of this event will be displayed.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS



Parish Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in Harden Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

Agendas are placed on the village notice-boards and also on the Parish Council website (address below) at least three days before each meeting:  
[www.hardenparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.hardenparishcouncil.co.uk)

All meetings are open to the public, and there is a time slot within each meeting (of 15 minutes) to allow the public to air their views and concerns.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TODAY FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS  
**[WWW.HARDENPARISHCOUNCIL.CO.UK](http://WWW.HARDENPARISHCOUNCIL.CO.UK)**



## HARDEN PRE-SCHOOL

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Charity Number: 1040505

Harden Pre-School operates from the first floor of the Memorial Hall in Harden. Under our new leadership team Mel Akeroyd (Manager) and Yvonne Hands (Deputy Manager) we have just recently had an Ofsted visit and received a rating of 'Good' in all areas. We have a great staff team who work well together and we are very proud of our Good rating.

Our aim is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in a parent/carer involving community group. We provide a safe, warm and stimulating environment (full of fun and friendship) and work within a framework which ensures the equal opportunity for all children and families.

We offer children a specially tailored curriculum leading to early learning goals. Our dedicated staff give individual care and attention, all of which is made possible by our high ratio of adults to children. Every child has a staff member who acts as their Key Person and we give families the opportunity to be directly involved.

As our Pre-School is a charity we hold various fundraising events throughout the year and this year we participated in Harden Children's Gala, the Nativity at St. Saviour's Church, held a sponsored walk and a fun afternoon. All parents/carers are involved and this is a fun way for us to raise money as we are constantly improving our setting. Last summer we had a complete refurbishment and this summer we are developing our outside area with new flooring and a new bike storage.

Our provision is sessional and day care and lunch can be included. We are registered to receive Nursery Education Grant Funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Any interested parents/carers please do not hesitate to contact us (telephone 01535 275019) - come and have a look around and feel free to attend our stay and play sessions!!

## HARDEN CHILDREN'S GALA

Although the damp weather during the morning had its affect on the attendance, the 2015 Harden Gala still saw a good crowd. The weather eventually played its part and the rain stopped before the procession began, becoming brighter as the afternoon progressed and concluding in warm sunshine.

The competitive nature of the children was not limited to the flat and novelty races (although it was particularly keen in the Caterpillar Cup Final contested between the winning boys' team and the successful girls' team!). It was also much in evidence in the other fifteen games available to them, including fishing, golf and football. Two bouncy castles, two slides, a roundabout (partially funded by Harden Parish Council via a small grant awarded to Harden Children's Gala Committee), a steam train and pony rides were all well supported during the afternoon.

The Gala Queen, Sophie Barnett, and her attendants, Isabella Kaye and Pippa Walker (pictured on the right) formally opened the Gala and helped to conclude the afternoon by presenting trophies and medals to the race and fancy dress winners. In between they enjoyed a free tea, ice cream and a go on each of the attractions.

The Gala Committee would like to thank the very many people who helped and supported this successful day in so many ways, including Harden Parish Council. It is hugely appreciated.



Many thanks  
Harden Childrens Gala Committee

## HARDEN AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our WI currently has a membership of about 40 and we hold our meetings on the second Monday of every month (except August) at 7.30 pm in the Family Room of St Saviour's Church in the village centre. We are always very pleased to see new faces at our meetings and visitors are very welcome to come along.

2015 has been an exciting year for Institutes across England and Wales, since it is the centenary of the first WI. The Queen granted a special Garden Party to WI with one place being available to each WI. We were lucky that two of our members (Gaye Baird and Jean Richards) serve on West Yorkshire sub-committees and were also able to attend (please see photo below). Two days later it was the Centenary Annual General Meeting, and we were allocated one place for an observer. These were both very unique and memorable events.



For the first time the AGM was streamed to Institutes across the country, and we organised the streaming to take place at Bingley Arts Centre. About 70 members from across West Yorkshire WIs attended from 10 Institutes. It was a very successful day, leaving the attendees feeling that they had in fact been present at the actual event. Each member received a piece of centenary cake (see picture to below) using the winning recipe submitted by a North Yorkshire member, but baked by us!



The Centenary Rose 'Inspiration' has been planted in the grounds of St Saviour's Church.

We have had a varied and very interesting programme of talks for our monthly meetings, including The St Ives story, Patti Gold's life in show-biz, and Albert Pratt talking about the family firm 150 years on. We had success in the West Yorkshire Quiz Night, coming joint second out of 28 teams. There was also success at the Group Meeting, when we won the Tidyman Cup for 'A Faberge Egg' competition.

The Spring Market in April was successful, following which £250 was donated to the local charity 'Hospice at Home'. We also had a stall at Harden Children's Gala, following which we were able to give £50 to the Gala Committee. Contributions have also been made to St Saviour's Church to support the decoration of their Family Room and to provide some new chairs.

Members enjoyed the annual outing, which this year was to Constable Burton Hall in Wensleydale (see picture below).



Scrabble and craft clubs take place at fortnightly intervals, and there are also visits to cultural events. The walking group meets monthly for walks of varying lengths.

For further information about any of our events, please contact Vicky Furness 01535 272673, see the noticeboard outside the Post Office or visit [www.hardenwi.weebly.com](http://www.hardenwi.weebly.com) or [twitter@HardenWI](https://twitter.com/HardenWI).

*We are very grateful for the support given to our Institute by the local community - Thank you*

*Jean Richards, Harden and District WI*

## HARDEN BECK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Harden Beck Horticultural Society has been an active group in the village for many years, having begun before the Second World War and initially meeting in the Malt Shovel pub (now The Malt Pub) near the beck. Their show in September this year will have been their 54th horticultural show - an amazing achievement.

However, unfortunately the numbers of members of the Society has declined in recent years and now they only have a committee of seven.

If anyone would like to join the Society, please contact:  
Dave Nettleton - The Chairman of Harden Beck Horticultural Society  
Tel: 01535 272337.