

HARDEN VOICE

The newsletter of Harden Parish Council

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Christmas Lights switch on

The 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 organising the tree and the lights as usual.

New lights.

The Parish Council has renewed the lights in the trees behind the war memorial and in the tree opposite at a cost of £2,500. The new lights are more energy efficient and so will be left on all day.

**All the family are invited to join us
on
Sunday December 4th at 6pm
by the War Memorial for Carols
followed by warm mince pies,
sweets, soft drinks, tea, coffee and
wine in
St Saviour's Family Room**

New Parish Councillor

Gerald Jennings has lived in Harden for 30 years and is married with three children. Having worked for the Burton Group and Land Securities, Gerald now runs his own company as well as being the current President of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce. He also works with and advises charities and social enterprise organisations.



Report back on Issues and Options meeting

A packed meeting in the Memorial Hall listened to a presentation of Bradford Council's options for house building in the village. Residents were encouraged to express their own views online to Bradford.



Parish Councillors found the discussion very useful in putting together their comments. The presentation and the Parish Council comments can be found on the website at Development Sites.

More comments needed

Harden Parish Council is working on a complete update of the Parish Plan. The outcome will influence what we do over the next few years.

Thanks to everyone who filled in the questionnaire but we need more!

Please have your say by doing the online survey or pick up a paper form in outlets around the village

Live Now!

**Go to the Parish Council website
www.hardenparishcouncil.gov.uk
and complete the survey**

More news from your Parish Council

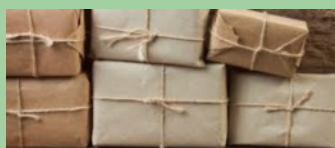
Parking at St Ives

The Parish Council strongly supported the campaign against the introduction of parking charges at St Ives. Among the many concerns are that visitors will park in the village instead of in St Ives, the cafe and ice cream van could suffer a loss of trade possibly making them unviable and that parking meters would look unsightly in the natural environment.

Unfortunately Bradford Council approved the plan and parking charges will start within a year.

Parcels at the post office

The Parish Council is continuing the campaign to get undelivered parcels left at the Harden



PO for collection rather than taken to Eldwick which is difficult to get to.

Bus strategy

The Parish Council has responded to West Yorkshire's consultation on its Bus Strategy. The details of our comments are on the website.

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. They may also be found on the website.

All meetings are open to the public.

In the pipeline

Public defibrillator

The Parish Council has been investigating the installation of a public defibrillator for the village.

The pharmacy have kindly agreed to have it placed on their outside wall. We are applying to various funds for help with the £1,600 capital cost. If this goes ahead, the Parish Council will bear the cost of installation and maintenance.



Ambulance response times in BD16 are poor with only 54% of ambulances arriving within the 8 minute target time for life threatening incidents. The target is 75%. A defibrillator could save lives.

War Memorial renovation



Having successfully applied for the Memorial to be listed, the Parish Council is going ahead with an application to

the War Memorials Trust for help with the £4,000 cost of cleaning and repairing it. The trust offers grants of up to 75% of the cost.

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