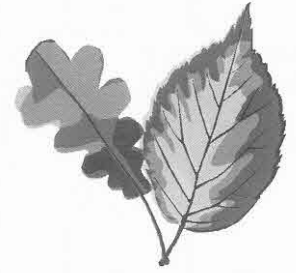


HARDEN VOICE

The newsletter of Harden Parish Council

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Village flower beds



Mike Andrews, Margaret Andrews and Colin Booth planting the flower beds in front of the post office

New notice boards

You may have noticed that we have two brand new notice boards in the village, one to the left of the Post Office and one to the right of the butcher's.

We have been desperately short of space as we have to display the Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes as well as providing information on items of general interest to the village.

Valley Group asked if there was anything that they could contribute to the village and these notice boards are the result, and we can't thank them enough. They are made of aluminium and hopefully will last for years.

The company said "We believe that it is an important benefit to Valley, being a family business based in a close knit community, to demonstrate its support of the area to local residents. We hope by providing these notice boards, they will provide a useful and long-standing service to Harden village and we look forward to building upon an already strong relationship with Harden Parish Council through future projects."

We are also very grateful indeed to Tony in the Post Office and Gary in the butchers for letting us put the boards on their walls.

In the near future we will display information about local businesses for the benefit of visitors to the village and hope that publicity can be provide for a range of local events.

For the second year running, the Parish Council has planted the flower beds by the post office.

We are hoping that later this year some of the greenery will be removed from these beds and thus leave nearly double the space available for next year.

Discussions are being held with Bradford Council about replacing the flowering cherry trees on the stretch of road towards the Malt Shovel that were damaged last winter and subsequently removed.

We are sure you will agree that Bradford Council's spring and summer plantings in front of the War Memorial were a delight and we are grateful for the display.

The spring display will be extended to the beds in front of the post office to include tulips and daffodils.

Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month and are open to the public. They are normally held in the school hall.

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

10th Dec 2009
14th January 2010
11th February 2010
11th March 2010
8th April 2010
13th May (AGM)

News from your Parish Council

Harden Memorial Hall



Over the last few years the building, which commemorates those who gave their lives in the Great War, has been neglected and used less and less by the community. Five years ago, the official estimate of what need spending on the hall was £150,000. Since then little has been done.

Recently, the boiler broke down and Bradford Council who are responsible for the hall said that there was no money available to replace it.

The Parish Council who are keen to increase the usage of the hall, protested, and with the help of the local Bradford Councillors, the boiler was replaced.

Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer Drivers are still needed for this scheme which helps people get to the doctors and the hospital

If you can help, please contact Colin Booth at the number below.

Harden Village Society

The AGM of the Village Society agreed to keep it going and elected a chair (Mike Andrews), treasurer (Alan Sykes) and secretary (Kay Kirkham). The Village Society can bid for grants which are not accessible to local authorities like the Parish Council, which may prove useful in getting money to renovate the Memorial Hall

Neighbourhood Policing Team

The team meets monthly at Bingley police station and the parish council is represented.

The statistics on criminal activities for our village makes good reading. The police have been concentrating on "our" priorities with great success.

The teenager/drink problem in the park has been greatly reduced with the police and park rangers attending on a regular basis. Residents living near the park have the mobile number for the police officer on duty, which results in their early attendance when required.

Speedwatch

All the parish councillors have now been trained to operate the equipment which monitors traffic speed through the village. Further "speedwatch" sessions are in the pipeline and any one can volunteer to be trained and help.



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