

New Bingley Summer Markets – dates for your diary



Plants & flowers for sale at Bingley market

Please support and enjoy our five new monthly markets! They'll be held over the summer months in the town square.

Fresh and local produce, artisan crafts and delicious hot food will all be available with musical accompaniment and free entertainment for children.

The aim is to create a relaxed, laid-back family experience with a variety of stalls, including our regular traders, as well as offering products and produce not otherwise available in Bingley.

The markets will be held on the first Saturdays of June, July, August, September and possibly October (June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1 and October 6). Many residents have told the Town Council they want a regular market - so we're responding. 2018 is a pilot and, in the autumn, we'll evaluate the markets' success.

Bingley Walking Festival

Bingley Town Council run a grant scheme to support local community organisations. Bingley Walkers are Welcome applied to the grant scheme in February 2017 for a grant of £500 towards advertising their first walking festival in May 2017. Bingley Town Council issued the grant in line with the scheme and the event was a huge success.

Bingley Walkers are Welcome are holding the 2nd walking festival in Bingley on Monday 7th May 2018 and it promises to be even bigger and better than last year. There will be walks to suit walkers of all abilities, ages and experience, taking in the some of the district's most stunning sights and landmarks.

The festival starts at 10.00am with the Family Walk setting off first. The Bingley & Saltaire Walk sets off at 11.00am, the Mystery and History Walk and the Long Walk both leave at 1.00pm, and the Micklethwaite

Annual Town Meeting - everyone welcome

This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held on **April 26th 2018 at Bingley Methodist Church Hall, Herbert Street BD14 4NU from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.** All are welcome. Community groups which have benefited from grant awards in 2017-18 will be there to give feedback on how the grants have been used.



Walking Festival flyer

Walk sets off at 2.00pm. All walks will meet and leave from Bingley Market Square.

This is a free event but donations are welcomed in order to support future events.

For more information, go to www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk

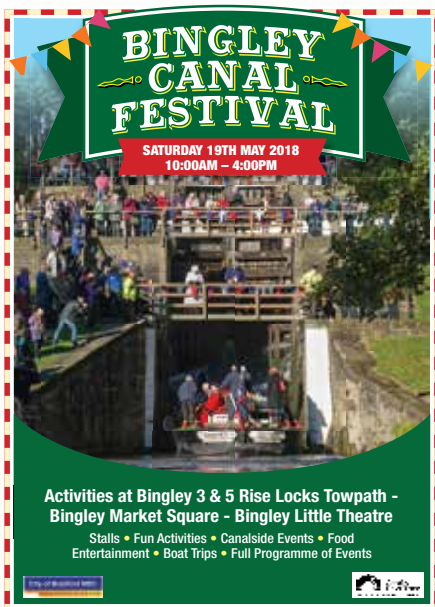
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Bingley Canal Festival

The second Bingley Canal Festival takes place on Saturday 19th May, following the success of the inaugural festival in 2016.

The Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society's floating museum Kennet will be returning, descending the Five-Rise locks from 10am and then open to the public at the Three-Rise locks. Other canal-based activities will include pre-booked canoeing opportunities organised. Sir Fred Hoyle walks are being organised by Bingley Walkers Are Welcome. There will be refreshments and entertainments, and a range of stalls in Bingley Arts Centre, on the Market Square and on the canal towpath.



Canal Festival poster

New councillor elected for Gilstead Ward

Following the resignation of Councillor Rachel Varley earlier this year, an election was requested and held on 15th March in Gilstead Ward. The results were as follows:

- **Helen Owen (Ind) – 342**
- **Stephen Williams (Con) – 149**
- **Paula Parkinson (Lab) – 74**
- **Turnout: 25.3%**

Helen Owen was duly elected and we're pleased to welcome her to the Council.

Welcome to the Spring 2018 edition of the newsletter!

It's now two years since Bingley Town Council was created and first met. In that time, we have been working hard to achieve residents' priorities. Amongst these:

- Improving our environment through regular litter picks, planting schemes, working with horticultural groups across the parish, supporting the great work of Action Stations at Bingley and Crossflatts railway stations and the Bingley Green Dog Walkers' efforts to tackle dog-fouling
- Supporting moves to keep open Bingley Pool through a grant for a detailed survey and feasibility study
- Improving the Christmas lights display and supporting events on the market square

Bingley Toilets update

The Town Council is working hard to try to ensure Bingley has public toilets. The toilet block in Jubilee Gardens was shut by Bradford Council at the end of March. The Town Council consulted on a plan last year to keep two public toilets, with standard disabled access, and develop the rest of the site as its offices. This plan, and the need for public toilets, gained overwhelming support from those who took part in the consultation.

From the consultation also came a campaign and formal requests for a Changing Places toilet, a facility for people with complex disabilities.

By-election in Crow Nest Ward

An election has been requested following the resignation of Councillor Michelle Chapman and will be held on 3rd May. Details of the timetable are on the Town Council's website.

- Organising new Summer Markets.

In addition, we're also working hard to try to re-open Bingley's public toilets, shut by Bradford Council. We've also embarked on a Neighbourhood Plan and the Town Council's grants scheme has given over £25,000 to local groups and organisations.

Establishing the council from scratch has also been a major task. As well as all the large pieces of work, on a daily basis the Town Council does its best to answer individual inquiries. Above all, Bingley Town Council is an elected body that is a voice for our communities and provides a forum for all residents to raise their concerns. If you've got an issue or idea and suggestions about how it can be solved or achieved, please let us know.

This is being investigated. In addition, a local businessman announced his intention to buy the redundant Magistrates Court and to lease it to the Town Council for community use. This proposal is also being investigated.

In short, the situation is complex and the Town Council is doing its very best to work through all the options and arrive at a sustainable, affordable and reasonable solution for our community.



Bingley Public Toilets



Defibrillator Training in Gilstead



Alex and Laura from Busy Bees Playgroup

A new Defibrillator was installed at St Wilfrid's Community Hall at the end of 2017 with the help of a grant of £500 from Bingley Town Council. Two successful training sessions were held for twenty local residents. 'So informative, interesting and a lot of fun' was the view of one participant. Further sessions may be held if demand is there.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group now meet regularly to consider and plan for the Bingley of the future. The group is composed of Town Councillors and members of the public who expressed an interest.

At the last meeting on 6th March a useful discussion on existing Heritage and green spaces was held.

Statistical information on how many new houses have been built in Bingley since 2011, industry and services and commuters from the town was given.

The group also discussed methods of consultation with the community on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday 17th April 2018, 6.30 p.m at St Wilfrid's, Gilstead, and Tuesday 5th June, 6.30pm at Cardigan House.

Easter Extravaganza

Easter weekend saw another successful Easter Extravaganza in Bingley Town Centre on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. The event was organised by Bingley Chamber of Trade and Commerce and supported by Bingley Town Council. Despite the disappointing weather, over 1,500 people visited the market in the grand marquee, which had more than 50 stalls from local businesses, charity groups and Village Societies.

Cookery demonstrations in Bingley Arts Centre were very popular



Bingley Is Best Bear at the marquee market and featured chefs including Sandy Docherty from The Great British Bake off. Excellent live entertainment was provided by local singers 'All Together Now.'



Hopes are high for the next event which is the Bingley Canal Festival on Saturday 19th May. Put the date in your diary.

Local singing group 'All Together Now'

Community Grants

The Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee this month awarded a total of £1,671 in grants to another 3 local community groups.

Bingley Juniors Football Club was awarded £720 towards equipment such as club tracksuits, polo shirts and kit bags. The equipment will be initially used on the club's exchange trip to Hamm in Germany for under 14's and under 12' s from 17th to 21st May 2018.

A sum of £451 went to Cottingley Village History Society to purchase display screens, 'A' boards and sign holders for the Cottingley Heritage Centre. This project will provide a central location for the archives of the History Society and make them available for viewing by the general public.

Action Stations, the group that has adopted Bingley and Crossflatts

railway stations, was granted £500 towards the costs of establishing a "5 Rise Locks" themed garden at Bingley station, located in the garden area between the Station Master's House and the Skipton-bound platform.

Bingley Town Council have also resolved to set up a small donations grant process, where smaller amounts can be applied for and will be considered monthly, rather than quarterly by the Finance and General Purpose Committee.



Action Stations volunteer Jean

Action Stations for Bingley and Crossflatts



Action Stations volunteer Ron

Action Stations is a group of volunteers who have formally “adopted” Bingley & Crossflatts Train Station under Northern Rail’s Station Adoption Scheme. Many of us use the stations on a regular basis and whilst Northern Rail keep them running, we are here to add a bit of colour and to brighten things up! When local people get involved and begin to take pride in their station, anti-social behaviour is reduced and the station is brought into the heart of the community that it serves.

Our BIG PROJECT for 2018 is a “5 Rise Locks” themed garden within the grounds of Bingley train station. The garden will help improve the look of the area and bring some much-needed regeneration into the town centre, complementing the ongoing re-generation of the Station Master’s House. We hope to raise the profile of Bingley’s main tourist attraction and help to bring visitors into Bingley; making the train station a “destination” rather than a place just to pass through.

Action on dog fouling

A small group of residents, led by Bingley Green Dog Walkers, joined forces with Councillors at Gilstead Rec on the morning of 10th March in response to complaints that the Rec was a particular problem area for dog fouling. The aim was to talk to dog owners and others about the

The main feature of our garden will be a giant wooden planter, shaped and painted colourfully like a canal boat. There will also be 5 giant posts rising out of the ground, ascending in height to represent the Locks, and these will be decorated with bird and bat boxes and bug hotels, made by local children. There will be a rich tapestry of planting and we hope to create a haven for wildlife.



Barge shaped plot in the themed garden

We’ve been lucky enough to have been awarded 2 grants - £500 from BTC and £350 from Shipley Area Community Chest - and we have also received a donation of £150 from a local resident who wishes to remain anonymous. Further funds are awaited from Northern Rail.

Our group has all sorts of projects and ideas in the pipeline from murals, gardening, local history boards, school artwork or anything else you might like to see. If you’ve got an idea for either station or just want to lend a hand every now and then please get in touch. We meet every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 10.00 a.m till 12 noon.

need to pick up after their dog and to hand out free poo bags supplied by the Council. The group had several helpful conversations, patted a number of well-behaved dogs and picked up 8 bags of litter while they were there.

This follows the distribution of letters about dog-fouling to all houses in a number of streets in Crow Nest ward

Litter matters

A record turnout of volunteers met at the 3 Rise Locks on Saturday 10th February to help with a major clean-up on and around the canal towpath and the footpath and picnic areas below. Rain earlier in the morning did not deter and a shocking 55 bags of rubbish were collected, much of it in relatively inaccessible shrubbery below the towpath. Some people revelled in the mud!

The next litter picks are on Saturday 14th April in Cottingley and Saturday 16th June, location tba. The Town Council supported St Joseph’s Primary School and East Morton Cub Pack to run their own litter picks in Bingley at the end of March. And meanwhile, the number of Green and Clean Champions continues to grow; we are now up to 23! It’s wonderful to have the help of so many community-minded people. Get in touch if you would like the use of your own litter picker, gloves and a supply of refuse sacks to help keep rubbish at bay.



Cleaning up at Bingley railway station

**Next Green & Clean Forum
Saturday 9th June, 10-12,
Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road.**

and some follow-up door-knocking. Further educational sessions are planned, including around Britannia Bridge.

A meeting between Councillors and Bingley Green Dog Walkers on 16th March paved the way for a relaunch of the group and the development of some new and enhanced strategies for tackling this distressing problem.

Neighbourhood Watch in Bingley



At the February Town Council meeting it was proposed and accepted that Bingley Town Council should take all possible steps to support Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in the Bingley area. This is to include; the Council to distribute leaflets promoting Neighbourhood Watch from their stalls at summer shows and galas and all Councillors to promote NHW in discussion with constituents, particularly encouraging people to set up new groups and become NHW coordinators. Both Eldwick and Gilstead Village Societies have promoted this at recent meetings and are actively encouraging areas which don't have the scheme to get on board.

Neighbourhood Watch is simply about looking out for each other, sharing crime prevention advice and reporting and encouraging others to report any suspicious incidents or crimes. If you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area, please e-mail Rebecca.Walker@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk. Rebecca will have a chat with you and send you a pack on what being a Coordinator entails. It's quite straightforward; a small group of about twenty five properties in a defined small area agree to participate, leaflets and stickers are distributed and street signs located to warn people they are entering a NHW area. It's a great opportunity to meet up with neighbours to share common goals.

Summer floral displays



Flower displays at Crossflatts



The Town Council has again allocated funding from its Green and Clean budget to support floral displays throughout the parish. Carlton Nurseries is being contracted to supply further hardware and

planting and maintenance services. This year we will be repeating and adding to the display in central Bingley (Main Street, market place, Chapel Lane etc) and also extending to outlying areas in Cottingley, Crossflatts, Eldwick, Gilstead and Poplar House. We are grateful to Eldwick Village Society for their donation towards the cost of the planting. As before, there will be a mixture of pole-mounted baskets, barrier baskets and tubs, with a tiered planter on the corner of Ferncliffe Road and Chapel Lane. Look out for a new colour scheme!

The Town Council is also supporting local gardening and planting groups by purchasing summer bedding plants offered by Bradford Council at low cost, and these will be planted out to add an additional splash of colour in public spaces throughout Bingley. A small-scale wildflower meadow planting project is also being planned.

Expressions of interest for Priestthorpe Annex

Bradford Council has received six expressions of interest (EOI) for the Priestthorpe Annex site and has decided to find out more details about two of them. The new information will be considered by Bradford Council in June.

Through representations from Bingley Town Council, Bradford Council is aware of the views of residents who want a solution that ensures they no longer look at a rat and pigeon infested eyesore. There is also anger at the neglect of this key building in the Canal Conservation Area. The site now has an estimated value of between £175,000 and £225,000.

Since it was created in 2016, Bingley Town Council has pressed for action on Priestthorpe Annex and has always sought responsible disposal of the building so whoever owns it

commits to developing either the building or the site in an appropriate and timely way.

The terms of the trust which built the Annex in the 19th century state that it should be used for the educational benefit of the people of Bingley. Bradford Council has been asked to ensure that the proceeds from any sale are put to this use and local people be consulted on how to achieve this.

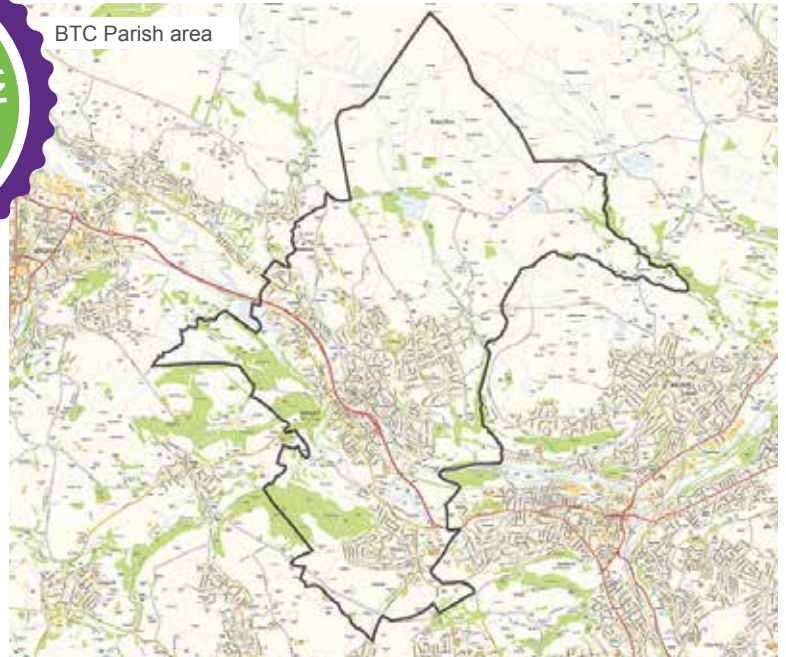


Priestthorpe Annex

Bingley Town Council Diary

All formal meetings are open to the public.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Date	Time	Event
24 April	18:30	Full Council Meeting, Beckfoot and Hazelbeck School, Conference Room, Wagon Lane, Bingley
26 April	18:30	Annual Town Meeting, Bingley Methodist Church, Mornington Road, Bingley
27 April	10:00	Green and Clean Sub-Committee Meeting, Town Council Office, Cottingley Cornerstone
7 May	10:00	Bingley Walking Festival
8 May	18:30	Planning Committee Meeting, Cardigan House
9 May	18:30	F&GP Committee Meeting, Cottingley Cornerstone
14 May	18:00	Events, Marketing and Communications Sub-Committee Meeting, Bingley Methodist Church
19 May	09:00	Bingley Canal Festival
29 May	18:00	Annual Meeting of The Council, St Aidan's, Crossflatts
29 May	18:30	Full Council Meeting, St Aidan's, Crossflatts
5 June	18:30	Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting, Cardigan House
9 June	10:00	Green and Clean Forum
12 June	18:30	Planning Committee Meeting, Cardigan House
13 June	18:30	F&GP Committee Meeting, Cottingley Cornerstone
26 June	18:30	Full Council Meeting, Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road, Bingley



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