

Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-On

Bingley Town Council is pleased to support the Bingley Chamber of Trade annual Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-on on Saturday 24th November. The Town Council is providing the Christmas presents for Santa's grotto and funding the fee for the celebrity who will be switching on the lights in addition to offering additional support through its grants scheme.

The event will have a super selection of stalls selling a variety of goods and crafts, as well as raffles, tombolas, food and drink stalls and entertainment.

As previously reported, the Town Council will be investing a further £3,639 this year on renewing and improving the Christmas lights in central Bingley, including on Main Street, Wellington Street and Chapel Lane. It will also be spending £1,100

on a Christmas tree in the market square, now that this is no longer provided free of charge by Bradford Council.

Christmas Winner!

The winner of the Town Council's first Christmas Lights competition is Jasmine Stross, aged 8 from Eldwick Primary school. Jasmine's winning design will be created in lights and hung on a lamp post at the corner of the market square. She will also be invited to join the celebrity at the lights switch-on.



Competition winner Jasmine Stross

Signs of progress

The signs in Bingley Myrtle Park have been given a good clean by Cllrs Joe Wheatley and Andrew Quarry – well done gentlemen and thank you!

Below: Cllrs Joe Wheatley & Andrew Quarry.
Right: Signs before and after cleaning



Recently, too, the Town Council has helped to organise a get together for park users interested in setting up a new Friends of Myrtle Park group to bring about improvements to this precious, central Bingley amenity. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Gaynor Smith (gaynorsmithfiggess@gmail.com).



New parkrun



Parkrun volunteers

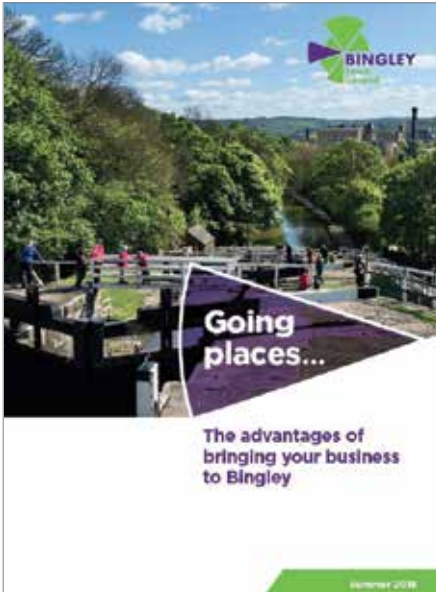
A new parkrun is due to start in Bingley this month. The event, a free 5k run open to everyone, will be held every Saturday at 9am in Myrtle Park organised by a team of volunteers (pictured).

The costs have been met by a £2,000 grant from the Town Council and a £1,000 donation from Feature Radiators. (See inside for more information about latest grants to other groups and projects.)

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Bingley's going places!



The new 'Going Places' prospectus

From litter picks to the lights switch-on at the Christmas market, the council and so many brilliant volunteers are working hard for our town.

The Town Council is keen to encourage new businesses to the parish and so we recently created and published a new prospectus called 'Going Places' containing key economic data about our area. Going Places was made possible thanks to input from Bingley Chamber of Trade and Commerce, the support of local businesses and Bingley Camera Club and residents who donated photographs. The prospectus was officially launched at Bingley Business Expo and

welcomed by many, including surveyors, estate agents and the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cllr Zafar Ali. Going Places is now being sent to those involved in business and regeneration to raise the profile of our active, lovely town.

Bingley Town Council will be three years old next year and all 16 of the seats in the parish's 8 wards will be up for election in May. If you would like to serve your community as a councillor, you can find information about what's involved from NALC (The National Association of Local Councils) www.nalc.gov.uk



Richard Holmes, Vice President of Bingley Chamber of Trade and Commerce, the Lord Mayor of Bradford Zafar Ali and Cllr Ros Dawson

Finally, a special mention to those involved in the progress in Bingley: the improvements are appreciated by many and making a real difference. Thank you.

Cllr Ros Dawson,
Chair of Bingley Town Council

Emergency planning

The Town Council will shortly undertake a review of Bradford Council's Emergency Plan for Bingley. The plan was drawn up in collaboration with Bradford Council as a response to the December 2015 floods, and it was one of the first tasks Bingley Town Council successfully undertook.

As well as the plan – a written document containing vital

information, contact numbers and procedures – a box of equipment for use in emergencies has been installed in Bingley Fire Station.

The Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee will review the terms of reference, status and composition of the Emergency Planning sub-committee, with a view to possibly including non-councillor members with relevant expertise and experience.

Annex sold

Priestthorpe Annex on Mornington Road has been sold by Bradford Council to a Leeds-based development company for around £225,000. The sale comes after on-going efforts by Bingley Town Council for action on the derelict site.

To make it safe, the Annex has been scaffolded by the new owners who plan to demolish it and build houses on the site.

The building, originally constructed in the 19th century as a technical school for those working in Bingley's mills and factories, has been unused since the turn of this century. In 2009, the roof was removed and the building has become an increasingly dilapidated and dangerous eyesore.

Last year, following inquiries by the Town Council, Bradford Council revealed the building was beyond economic repair and had to be demolished. Bradford agreed to deal with issues of the covenant which restricted the building's use and it was put up for sale. The proceeds of the sale must be used for the 'educational benefit of the people of Bingley' and Bradford Council has promised to consult on how this will be best achieved. The founders' stone and a time capsule, buried in the foundations, will also be kept.



Scaffolded Priestthorpe Annex

Dates for your diary

Consultations on the initial draft of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish will be held between 21 March and 1 April 2019 at various venues.

More details in the next newsletter.

Green and Clean Forum news

Nick Milsom from the Aire Rivers Trust was the speaker at the Green and Clean Forum on 22nd September. The Trust hopes to run group sessions to work on various projects around the river locally, and is beginning with a guided walk on 17th November, starting at Cottingley Bridge at 10 am.

Local groups shared their news and Bingley WI's Bingley Bloomers offered to take over the planting of Bradford Council's four stone 'Bingley' planters in Main Street. Action Stations reported on their 5-Rise Locks garden, where the canal boat planter is now being painted in eye-catching colours.

The next Forum will be on Saturday 12th January when the speaker will be Edith Grooby, Recycling Manager at Bradford Council. An additional forum is pencilled in on 2nd February to discuss Incredible Edible planting.

Plastic Free Bingley

The Town Council has given its support to the Plastic Free Bingley group, which is campaigning to fight the plastic pollution that blights Bingley and subsequently our rivers and seas.

The group aims to encourage individuals and businesses to reduce their use of single-use plastic items and group members have produced flyers and a website and visited local businesses to get the message over.

The vast majority of those approached have been enthusiastic and several have already stopped using single-use plastic items such as plastic water and drinks bottles, cutlery and straws.

Please see the group's website for information about their campaigns: plasticfreebingley.wixsite.com/plasticfreebingley

Winter and spring planting

A variety of spring bulbs – daffodils, 3 varieties of crocuses and tulips in 6 different colours – have been distributed to various planting groups around the parish. In addition, seasonal bedding plants including wallflowers, pansies, polyanthus, myosotis and bellis are on order from Bradford Council and will be available in early November.

Look out for notices from your local village society or gardening group for upcoming planting sessions, and help give Bingley some additional spring colour!

Signs for a Dog Poo Free Bingley

The Council is working closely with the volunteers from Towards a Dog Poo Free Bingley to persuade dog owners to pick up after their dog. If you are aware of a site where there is problem with dog faeces, you can now go to the Town Council's website and download a variety of signs – some customised for different parts of the parish – to help draw attention to the problem and its consequences and thank the majority of owners who do help to keep our streets and parks clean.

Towards a **Dog Poo Free Bingley**
We are a community initiative dedicated to educating and encouraging people to clear up after their dogs

Thank you for picking up your dog poo & taking it home – we love clean pavements! Brilliant!

Dog Poo Free Bingley downloadable signs

Go to the Documents page and you'll find the signs and information under Green and Clean Sub-committee. The signs are also available on TADPFB's Facebook page.

Next litter pick is 11th November, Market Square, 8 am – 10 am
See Bingley Town Council website and facebook page for details.



Bingley Main Street flowers in bloom

500 year anniversary celebrations at All Saints Church, Bingley



BIG Proms concert at Bingley Parish Church

Cllr Ros Dawson, Chair of Bingley Town Council, represented the Council at a BIG Proms Concert on Saturday 6th October in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the founding of Bingley's parish church.

All Saints Church was dedicated in 1518 and commemorated the occasion with a concert including all the usual 'Last Night of the Proms' favourites, with local choirs, groups, and schools along with the Hall Royd Brass Band.

In a further marking of the occasion, Bishop Nick Baines (Bishop of Leeds) took the 10.30 Service at All Saints on Sunday 7th October, at which Cllr Marcus Dearden represented Bingley Town Council.

Remembrance Sunday

At 11am on the 11th of November 1918, the guns fell silent on the Western Front, marking the end of the First World War.

Bingley will honour the lives lost, the sacrifices made and the bravery shown at the Remembrance Parade and service, which will take place on Sunday 11th of November 2018.

The parade takes place from the Town Square to the Cenotaph in Myrtle Park. The service begins at 11am.

This year, 250 crosses bearing the names of Bingley casualties will be laid at the Cenotaph.

Please join members of the Town Council to pay your respects to all who made the ultimate sacrifice.

LEST WE FORGET.

This year, Five Rise Frocks – Bingley's Women's Institute – have created a cascade of knitted and crocheted poppies, which will be seen near the entrance of Myrtle Park at Bingley Pool. There is a poppy to represent every day of the Great War and purple poppies to represent the horses killed in the conflict. A magnificent contribution to the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony.

The Town Council will coordinate volunteer stewards on the day as well as having a litter pick around the market square, Jubilee Gardens, the park and the Cenotaph, which will begin at 8.00 a.m.

Please contact us if you'd like to help.



Knitted poppies by Bingley Women's Institute

Grants awarded this month to community groups

Bingley Town Council were pleased to award grants to eight local community groups at the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 10th October.



Bingley Little Theatre - £300 for marketing costs towards a Community Cinema. Films will be screened on the last Tuesday of the month.

The first - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society - was shown on Tuesday 30th October and attracted an audience of 180!

Cottingley Town Hall Church and Community Centre - £2,000 to begin an extensive long-term programme to restore the Great Organ.

Friends of Prince of Wales Park - £1,536 for access improvements. Metal handrails on three sets of steps in the park will be made and installed. (The grant is conditional on obtaining all necessary permissions and approval and assurances that the work cannot be carried out by Bradford Council.)

Gilstead Village Society -

£500 towards the cost of laser lettering and painting a new war memorial for Gilstead. There will be a service of Dedication and Remembrance at the Memorial on 10th December at 3.00 p.m. led by Father Andrew Clarke of Holy Trinity with St Wilfrid's Church.



Bingley Walkers are Welcome - £250 towards the hire of Bingley Arts Centre to host a Regional One-Day Get Together for northern Walkers are Welcome groups in May 2019.

Cottingley Community Association - £1,782 to cover the costs of extra Christmas lights in the tree on the green in Cottingley. (The grant is conditional on obtaining all necessary permissions.)

Cottingley Community Centre - £449.94 to replace two digital projectors. The new projectors will be available to groups attending the Centre.

Trinity Community Kitchen - £2,000 towards chairs and tables for a Community Kitchen based at Trinity All Saints Primary School.

If your community group or club would like to apply for funding to help new projects, please contact Ruth Batterley at townclerk@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

New councillor needed

A new councillor is needed to represent Lady Lane and Oakwood ward. As there has been no petition for election, the councillor will be co-opted by Bingley Town Council. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact the Town Clerk. The seat is vacant following the resignation of Cllr Andrew Fenton (Con) who was elected in February 2017.

Toilets update

The Council has advertised for a Project Manager to manage the work of converting the now disused toilet block into two standalone public toilets and an office for the Town Council. The opportunity has been advertised as a Public Notice in the Telegraph and Argus, on the Contract Finder website and on the Yortender website. All documentation is on the Council's own website, with full details on how to submit a bid. The deadline for submission is midday on 7th November.

Enquiries are being pursued with Bradford Council in order to make progress with the transfer of the public toilets from Bradford Council to the Town Council and the installation of a Changing Places facility in Bingley Pool.

Bingley Show



Bingley Town Councillors at Bingley Show. L - R Councillors Marcus Dearden, Edwina Simpson, Ros Dawson, Geoff Winnard, Joe Wheatley, Andrew Quarrie.

More Play in the Park sessions planned for 2019



Bingley Town Council successfully hosted four Play in the Park events for local children during the school summer holidays, in Cottingley, Crossflatts, Eldwick and Myrtle Park. Each was very well attended with between 150-500 children enjoying bouncy castles, giant games and stalls.

Families brought picnics and ate ice cream in the summer sun, while the youngsters took advantage of all that was on offer.

As a result of this excellent response, the council has now commissioned six events for summer 2019.



Photos: Top & bottom - Fun in the park at Crossflatts. Middle - Bouncy castle at Eldwick park

Update on Bingley Pool

It has been a busy 2018 for Friends of Bingley Pool who are working to take over the running of Bingley Pool. A grant from Bingley Town Council has enabled the group to pay for a detailed feasibility study and business plan, which suggested that a takeover would be viable. A meeting in September with the newly expanded Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Team in Bradford Council was extremely positive and work will continue with them on the details and possible timescale for the transfer.

On Sunday 15th July, the Friends, Bingley Swimming Club and Bingley

Harriers ran the 3rd Brilliant Bingley Biathlon. A sunny, fun filled, family day out was had by everyone and funds were raised for all three organisations.

In the coming months the Friends will be looking for new members, as well as working to engage more with the community about the Community Asset Transfer. Membership is free and there are forms at Bingley Swimming Pool or you can join online at the newly revamped website www.bingleypool.com. They have a Facebook page 'Friends of Bingley Pool' and can be contacted at bingleypool@gmail.com. Friends of Bingley Pool would like to thank everyone for their help and support to date.

Bingley Town Council Diary

All formal meetings are open to the public.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Autumn at St Ives, Bingley

Date	Time	Event
30 Oct	18:30	Full Council, Beckfoot School, Wagon Lane, Bingley
1 Nov	10:00	Plastic Free Bingley Litter Pick, starting at Brown Cow carpark
5 Nov	16:00	Events, Marketing and Communications Sub-Committee, Cottingley Community Centre
13 Nov	18:30	Planning Committee, Cardigan House
14 Nov	18:30	F&GP Committee, Cottingley Cornerstone
16 Nov	10:00	Green and Clean Sub-Committee Meeting, Cottingley Community Centre
17 Nov	12:00	Internal Meeting with Ward Councillors, Bingley Methodist Church
20-Nov	18:30	Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting, Cardigan House
24 Nov	16:00	Christmas Lights Switch On
27 Nov	18:30	Full Council, Crossflatts Community Centre, St Aidan's Square
4 Dec	14:00	Internal meeting with WY police, Shipley Police Station
11 Dec	18:00	Planning Committee, Cardigan House
12 Dec	18:30	F&GP Committee, Cottingley Cornerstone
18 Dec	18:30	Full Council, Eldwick Church Hall
8 Jan	18:30	Planning Committee, Cardigan House
9 Jan	18:30	F&GP Committee, Cottingley Community Centre
22 Jan	18:30	Full Council, Cardigan House
12 Feb	18:30	Planning Committee, Cardigan House

Further information, all agendas and minutes and each councillor's attendance record at full council meeting are on www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk
You can also add your organisation's event to the online calendar.

Sign up for our monthly mailings!

Did you know that the Town Council produces a free monthly email newsletter? It provides a useful update on all the Council's activities as well as advance notice of upcoming projects and events. You can sign up to it via our website www.bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

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