

Bingley Town Council mailing no. 19

You probably won't be surprised to know that the Council is already starting to plan for Christmas! News of proposed new lights – including a competition for local school children – is given below.

We can report action on the new car-parking charges and are providing some information about the AccessBus service operating in the town which may be of use to a number of residents.

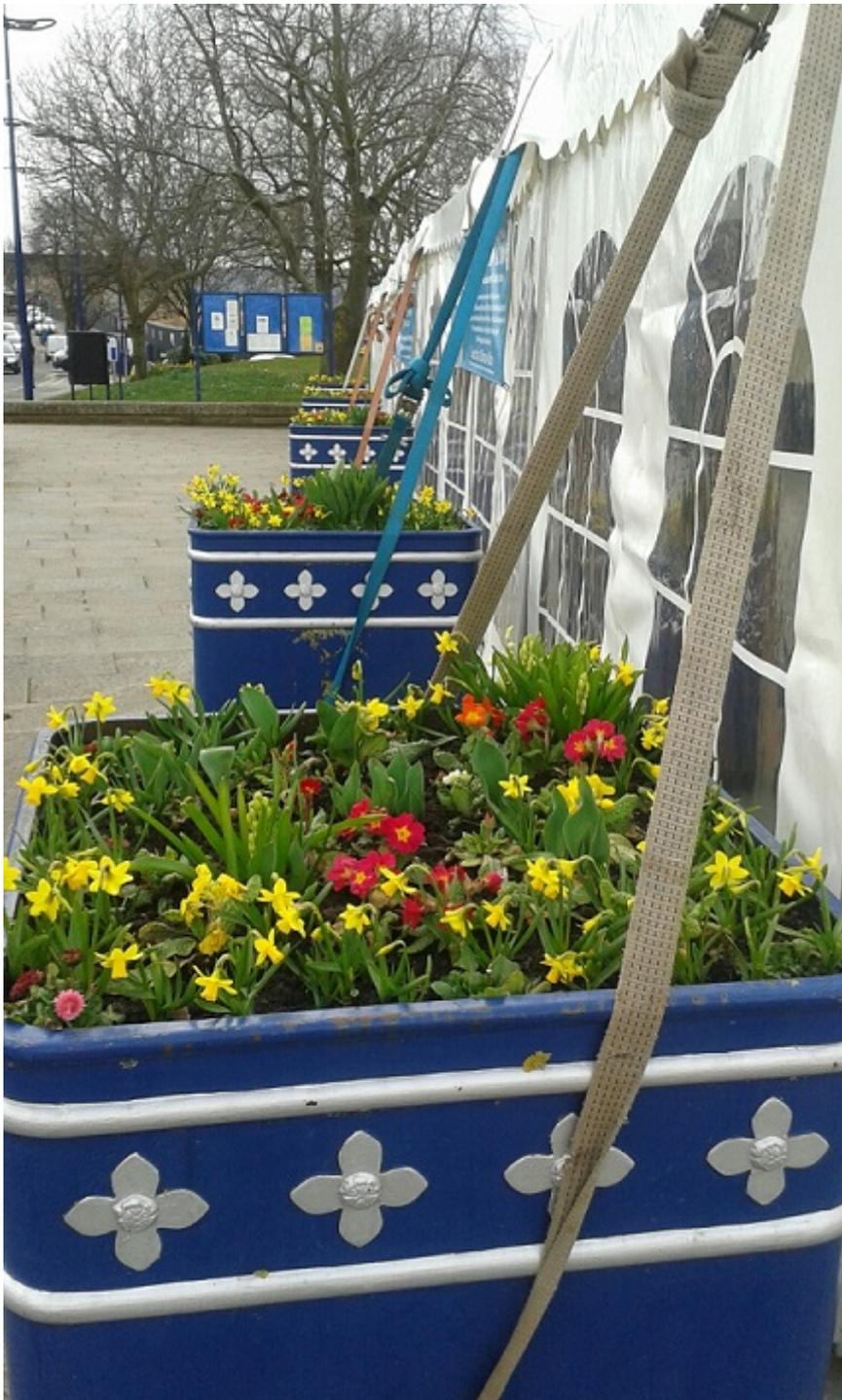
And finally, we are pleased to welcome our new Councillor for Gilstead Ward, Helen Owen, who was elected to the Town Council on 15th March.

Happy Easter!

Best wishes,

Marcus Dearden
Vice-Chair, Bingley Town Council

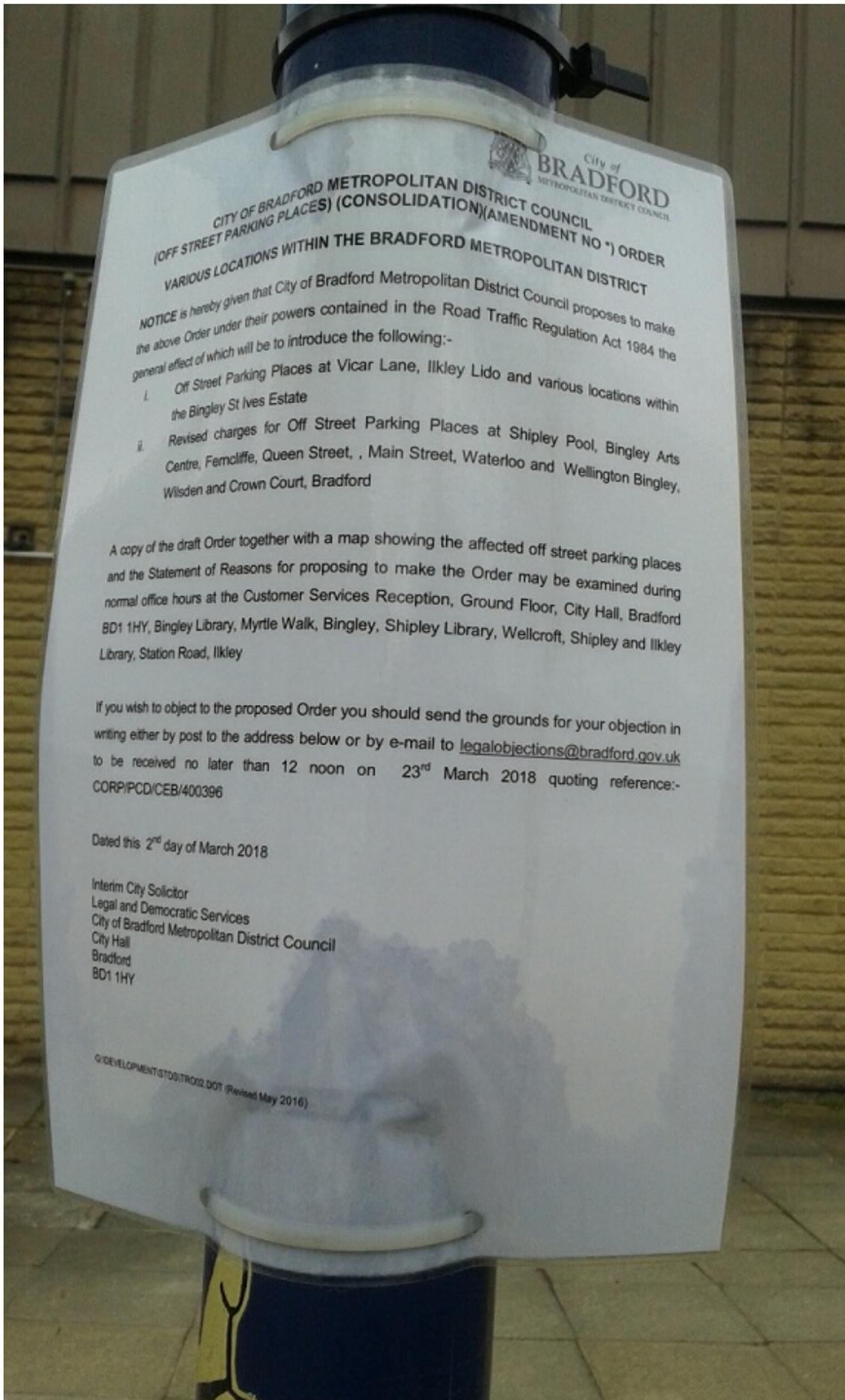
Picture below: WI planters being put to good use in preparation for Easter events in the Market Square



Plans for Christmas lights and tree

At its meeting on 27th March, the Council agreed to investigate putting further resources into the Christmas lights in Bingley as part of its ongoing programme to enhance the town's festive displays. This would include making good and adding to the roped lights around lamp-posts. The Council is also planning a competition for children to design a new Christmas light to join the new features added last year. This will be aimed at pupils in years 4 and 5 in local primary schools.

The Town Council also agreed to set aside £1,100 for the cost of the Christmas tree in the market square. Bradford Council will again be providing the tree, along with lights, but is no longer able to do so free of charge.



New car parking charges

A letter received from Bradford Council early in March revealed that a decision had been made to introduce a £1 parking charge in car parks in central Bingley on evenings from 6pm Mondays to Saturdays and all day Sunday.

The Council was advised that residents could object to the proposals, or suggest amendments, and should submit any objections by 23rd March 2018. It subsequently requested, and was granted, an extension for its own comments to enable it to discuss the issue at its full council meeting on 27th March. Having gathered the views of residents from its website and Facebook page, the Town Council has now written to Bradford Council to state its opposition to the plans.

Picture below: Bingley Airedale Rotary purple crocuses on Quaker Hill



New Councillor for Gilstead

The result of the by-election in Gilstead Ward on 15th March was as follows:

Helen Owen (Independent) – 342 votes

Stephen Williams (Conservative) – 149 votes

Paula Parkinson (Labour) – 74 votes

Turnout was 25.3%. Helen Owen was duly elected as Councillor for Gilstead Ward alongside Geoff Winnard.

Town Council by-election Crow Nest Ward

An election has been requested in Crow Nest Ward following the resignation of Councillor Michelle Chapman.

The deadline for receipt of nominations of candidates is 4pm on Friday 6th April, and the election will be held on Thursday 3 May.



BINGLEY NEEDS YOU!

Litter pickers and hi-viz jackets provided

A chance to meet new people

Children are very welcome!

Help improve YOUR Neighbourhood

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL
COMMUNITY LITTER PICK
 At Cottingley Village

Time: 10am to 12 noon

Meet at the bottom of The Parade, to tackle areas in and around the village and the Recreation Ground



Let's have a greener, cleaner Bingley!

*Further sessions are planned for:
 June 9th, August 11th and October 13th*



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Green and Clean news

The next community litter pick will be taking place in Cottingley on Saturday 14th April, meeting at the bottom of The Parade at 10 am. The aim is to tackle areas in and around the village and the Recreation Ground. Future dates are

9th June, August 11th and October 13th.

Bingley now has 24 Green and Clean Champions, all equipped with their own litter picker and individually spending time helping to keep our streets and green spaces clean and tidy. If you would like to join them, please contact Laura Jowett, the Council's Admin Officer, at enquiries@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk. Our thanks to them and to all the other litter-picking groups and individuals for all their contributions.

Office and public toilets

The Council was delighted to hear last month that local businessman Donald Jagger is in the process of purchasing the former Bingley Magistrates' Court and is proposing to make it available to the Town Council at a peppercorn rate for community uses. Following an initial meeting with Mr Jagger, a viewing of the property is planned in early April.

In view of the opportunities that this potentially offers, and because the Council's plans for the redevelopment of the toilet site in Jubilee Gardens are delayed by several avenues of ongoing investigation, it has been agreed that a meeting of the Town Council's Town Centre and Regeneration Committee be convened to review all the options for toilet provision and consider an appropriate way forward in consultation with Bradford Council and other stakeholders.



AccessBus service

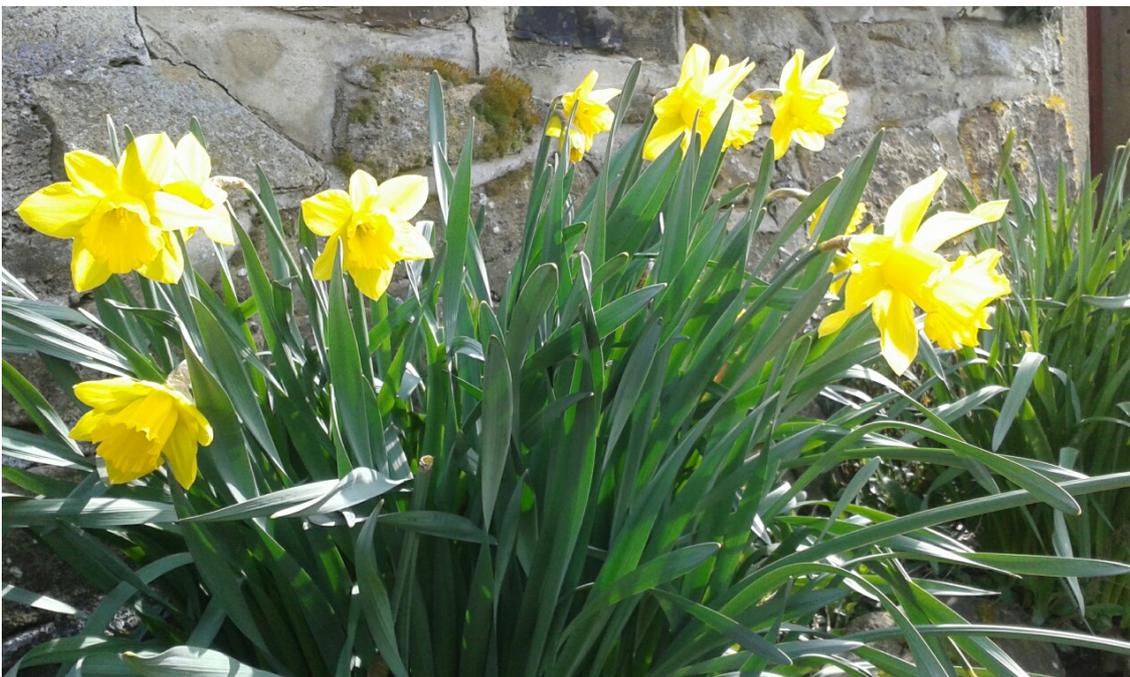
At its March meeting, the Council discussed concerns about local bus services and agreed it would be useful to bring the attention of residents to the AccessBus service that is available to people in Bingley who may be in particular need of transport.

Run by West Yorkshire Metro, AccessBus is a dial-a-ride bus service providing door-to-door local transport, seven days a week between 9 am and 5 pm. It is of particular benefit to people who are unable to use standard bus services, as the driver assists passengers from door-to-door, including boarding and alighting, and the buses are fully accessible.

Anyone of any age can register for AccessBus by completing an application form online or ringing 0113 348 1903. People with ENCTS permits, such as Senior, Disabled or Blind Persons Pass travel free; all other adults pay a flat fare of £3 each way.

There is high demand for the service, and travel is restricted to local journeys, often for shopping purposes. AccessBus is not normally able to meet requests for services at a specific time or day. Buses serve certain areas on set days, allocating places to customers to travel on the day when the bus is in their area.

Full details of the service can be found at <https://www.wymetro.com/plan-a-journey/accessible-travel/accessbus/>



Next Town Council meeting

The next meeting of the Town Council is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 24 April in the Conference Room at Beckfoot and Hazelbeck School, Wagon Lane, Bingley.

Please also note the Annual Town Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 26 April at Bingley Methodist Church, Mornington Road, Bingley.

You can see all our meeting dates in the calendar of the Events section of our website, and a full listing is available as a separate document, updated weekly, in the Documents section of the site.



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With best wishes,

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