

Bingley Town Council mailing no. 22

June has brought the first of our summer markets, the new floral displays and, belatedly, some very fine weather! We have reports on the first two items below, including the Green and Clean Forum on 9th June, and an outline of what it is to come at the second market on 7th July.

We're pleased to report progress on the reprovision of toilets, the future of the Priestthorpe Annex and plans for some summer activities for children in July and August.

Please do look out for our new Welcome to Bingley boards, pop along to the Beck Lane Allotments Open Day and also keep an eye out for the annual report edition of our quarterly newsletter, which will be delivered door-to-door in the next few weeks.

Best wishes,

Ros Dawson
Chair, Bingley Town Council



Welcome to Bingley

Two much-needed 'Welcome to Bingley' boards have been put in place in the centre of Bingley, one on the corner of Jubilee Gardens and the other at the main entrance to the railway station.

The boards feature a stylised map of the town centre and a key to local landmarks, and images of local attractions and outlying villages are on display. The boards were produced by two local businesses, J&G Fabrications and Jess Wright Graphics, who both offered their work at a substantial discount. The boards are part of the Council's efforts to promote Bingley as a destination.

NEW **BINGLEY**

SUMMER MARKETS

Your favourite stalls...

...and new ones too

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Bingley summer markets

The first of Bingley's summer markets took place on Saturday 2nd June in the market square in Bingley town centre. Run in conjunction with Yorkshire Farmers Markets, a not-for-profit enterprise which runs markets across the county, the first market proved a success with visitors and traders alike, despite a little rain!

The initial market included some of Bingley's long-standing traders as well as new stalls selling fresh, local produce and artisan crafts. Face-painting, colouring and a 'piggy hunt' kept children amused and there was live entertainment from Bingley Handbell Ringers, Reuben (guitar / vocalist), Rick Hoddy's Band and the Peace Dance Academy. All were brilliant - thank you!

The next market is on Saturday 7th July, and will grow to include 19 stalls and entertainment. Amongst the stalls new for this second occasion are a special strawberry seller and delicious cakes.

There'll be further markets on the first Saturdays of August (4th) and October (6th). We hope you'll put these dates in your diary – and make a beeline for the market.

Picture below: Beck Lane allotments



Beck Lane Allotments Open Day, Saturday 7th July

Come along to Beck Lane allotments on 7th July to see what's growing and find

out more about allotment gardens.

The Open Day runs from 10.00 to 12.00 and will offer an opportunity to follow a guided route through the site and talk to allotment holders. Light refreshments will be available.

Public toilets in Bingley

At the full Council meeting on 26th June, the Council reconfirmed its commitment to reproviding toilet facilities in Bingley town centre, following the closure by Bradford Council of the toilets in Jubilee Gardens from 1st April this year. The project – to convert the site and provide two standard accessible toilets and a permanent office space for the Council – has slowed since February. The Council has had to focus on formally responding to legal requests from a resident that a Changing Places facility (a table, hoist and other facilities for people with complex disabilities) should be included within the development. Having taken legal advice and carried out consultation with potential users of a Changing Places facility, the Council has committed in principle to providing a Changing Places facility in Bingley and specifically to pursuing investigations into installing a facility in Bingley Swimming Pool rather than as part of the development of the Jubilee Gardens site.

Dr Jag Picknett from Friends of Bingley Pool attended the meeting and was able to report positive progress on the proposed Community Asset Transfer of the pool from Bradford Council to the Friends to ensure that the pool stays open. She was able to give an assurance that the Friends are in favour of the proposed Changing Places facility in the Pool.

Additional information required to enable the Changing Places installation to move forward includes a detailed costing for the installation, including for insurance cover, and an equipment specification. It will be important to know whether any Changing Places equipment can be demounted and used in another location just in case this should prove necessary at a future date.

In parallel, the Council has been seeking an initial costing for project management of the Jubilee Gardens development. In order to meet the requirements of the Council's financial regulations, two further quotations for the work will be sought and specific companies will be approached, including potential local companies who have shown interest in the project, in addition to opening up the project to a wider base. Advice is to be sought from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association on the appropriate form of tendering.

Picture below: One of the Town Council's new planters in Jubilee Gardens



Play in the Park days in July and August

Subject to the approval of contractual details and insurance cover, the Town

Council plans to offer Play in the Park sessions in various venues in Bingley for primary school children.

The sessions will be run by Bradford Council, which has previously provided the activities free of charge across the district. Following requests from residents, and in recognition of their popularity amongst children and carers alike, the Town Council has agreed to pay for a total of four sessions in July and August – one in each of Cottingley, Crossflatts, Eldwick and Myrtle Park. The events will run outdoors from 12 to 4 pm and will deliver a programme of activities including den building, bouncy castle, giant games, arts and crafts and multi sports. Dates and venues will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Mini Bounce Planet in Gilstead

Gilstead residents might like to note that Bradford Council is itself delivering two Mini Bounce Planet events in Gilstead Rec on Monday 20th and Friday 24th August aimed at children and young people aged 2 and over. Mini Bounce Planet tickets start from £3.00 and are available to buy only on the day at the Rec. The sessions run from 12 to 4 pm. Further details are available at <https://www.facebook.com/BradfordCommunityPlayActivitiesDevelopmentUnit/>

Picture below: Attendees at the Green and Clean Forum on 9th June



Green and Clean Forum

Just under 30 people attended the Green and Clean Forum at Cardigan House

on 9th June when discussion included the possible establishment of a Friends of Myrtle Park group. Jeff Nutter and Lynda Chadwick of the Friends of Prince of Wales Park kindly provided very valuable information about how to successfully run such groups. Rachel Shimbles outlined the Plastic Free Bingley campaign group, and there was much discussion of other issues such as growing edible plants for free consumption ('Incredible Edibles') and the usual sharing of information from the groups attending.

Other Green and Clean news

The Council's extended floral displays are now in place and bedding plants have been planted out by local groups across the parish. The current hot weather is proving very challenging! We are grateful to our contractors Carlton Nurseries and all volunteers for their efforts and will be pleased to receive your comments in due course.

Two Councillors were pleased to support a litter pick by an enthusiastic group of Year 8 pupils from Beckfoot School this week. Along with their Head of Year, Mrs Powell, the group headed into town and back, picked up rubbish as they went and shared their thoughts on how to improve the environment in Bingley. We look forward to hearing more!

The community litter pick at the Crossflatts end of the towpath on 16th June resulted in another 25 bags of rubbish. The next event is scheduled for 11th August – see our Facebook page for details and for information about any additional events you can help with.

Letters are currently being distributed to a number of roads in Crownest and Gilstead Wards where dog-fouling has been identified as a particular problem. Residents are asked to ensure that they pick up after their dog where relevant and to report those who they see offending. The letters are being followed-up with door-knocking to encourage involvement. The Council is grateful for the help of volunteers from 'Towards a Dog Poo Free Bingley' (formerly Bingley Green Dog Walkers).

Picture below: Beckfoot School litter pickers halfway along their route on 26th June



Priestthorpe Annex

Bradford Council's Regulatory and Appeals Committee sat on 21st June as Trustees of Priestthorpe Annex and agreed to sell the building to developers for a sum of around £225,000. The building is likely to be demolished and houses built in its place.

Cllr Ros Dawson attended the meeting and reiterated the anger and disappointment of residents at the state the building has been allowed to get into, and managed to get the Trustees' agreement that the *gross* proceeds from the sale will be put towards the aim of the trust, namely, the educational benefit of the people of Bingley, i.e. without the deduction of legal or marketing costs. The Trustees also gave an assurance that the stone commemorating the founders of the building will be protected. In the future, there will be a consultation about how any proceeds will be administered to achieve the aim of educational benefit.

Town Councillors at large

Look out for the Town Council stall at Eldwick Gala this weekend and also at the summer market on 7th July, Cottingley Fun Day on 14th July and Bingley Show on 21st July. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and to hearing your suggestions for ways in which we can work with you to improve our town and its facilities.

Dates for your diary:

Eldwick Gala - 30th June

Beck Lane Allotments Open Day - 7th July

Bingley summer markets - Saturdays 7th July, 4th August, 6th October

Cottingley Fun Day - 14th July

Bingley Show – 21st^t July.

Community litter pick – 11th August, venue tbc

The next meeting of the Town Council is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 31st July at St Wilfrid's Church, Gilstead.

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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