

Can You Help The Ilkley Show?

It was a very different world when the Ilkley Flower Show Society held its first show on 27th August 1954. Food rationing had only ended 8 weeks earlier and the Country was still in a period of so called austerity. Lifestyle was very different. Car and Television ownership was low. Preparations are now underway for our 65th Annual Show which will take place on Saturday 18th August 2018. The overall format of the show has hardly changed over the years. There are approximately 100 classes to enter (something for everyone), covering Floral Art, Novelty, Flowers, Dahlias, Fruit and Vegetables, Baking, Handicrafts, Art, Photography and a children's section. Entries for Handicrafts, Art and Photography sections have increased during recent years, whilst entries for the horticultural sections have steadily declined. In order to widen the appeal of the Show in 2016 the name was changed to 'The Ilkley Show'. A panel of accredited judges judge the entries during the morning of the Show and members of the public can view these exhibits during the afternoon, prior the prize giving at 4.00pm. Increasing costs and the decreasing number of entries are beginning to cast doubt on the viability of the Show. If it were not for the generous support of Ilkley Parish Council, the Show could not continue. Several of our Committee members feel they are no longer able to make an active contribution to the planning and preparation for the Show. It was agreed at the AGM held last November that if the Show was to continue, an appeal should be made for new Committee members who could bring energy and fresh ideas to the table. It would be a tragedy if the show which has Alan Titchmarsh, a local lad who learnt his trade in Ilkley, as its president was no more. We urgently need to raise the level of awareness of the show and encourage the talented people of Ilkley to participate. If you either grow plants, bake or make things and feel that you can spare the time to attend 6 meetings a year, please contact me or our Chair, Annette Ackroyd, and help us ensure that an event that has become part of the Ilkley calendar continues. I look forward to hearing from you. Jennifer Souter (Parish Council Rep. IPC) 01943 602485. E-mail: j.souter@blueyonder.co.uk Annette Ackroyd: Mob. 07500 352799.

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Meet Your Councillor – Councillor Jennifer Souter



Seven years ago I was approached and asked to consider becoming a Parish Councillor. My husband, Jim, was happy for me to be nominated so I thought 'why not'? My maternal grandparents had moved to Ilkley in 1911, my mother was born here in 1923 and she had met my father who was an instructor at the Officer Cadet Training Unit which was based in the town during the war. I was born in Leeds and at the end of the war my father returned to his job in Central London so we re-located to Essex. I grew up in Leigh on Sea, on the Thames Estuary. It was here that I learnt to sail Catamarans and was eventually competing in Regattas at a National level. In 1963 I became the first female national champion crew for Swift Catamaran class. After leaving school at 18 I embarked on a 12 year career in Market Research and Advertising, working for a large International

Company in Central London. My husband and I met through work and were married in 1968. I gave up work in 1972 when our daughter, Gillian, was born. We then moved to Billericay and I devoted my time to caring for the family and involving myself with voluntary work. I set up a mother and baby group at our church and was chairman of the Chelmsford and District Macmillan Cancer Relief Committee.

My husband's job brought us to Yorkshire in 1980 and we have lived in Ilkley since then. I knew the town well as I had spent most of my school holidays with my grandmother who ran a Guest House in Belle View. I worked part time as a market research interviewer until our daughter left home when I was then made manager of Yorkshire and Humberside for National Opinion Polls. In 1999 due to family commitments I gave up this job and became a tax collector at the Inland Revenue Accounts Office in Shipley. I finally gave up paid employment at the end of 2014.

I now lead a busy life fulfilling my social responsibilities and following my interests. Jim and I have a shared interest in Opera and theatre. I am a member of Ilkley Playhouse where I help run the props department and have stage managed several productions. We also share a love of travel and have been lucky enough to have travelled extensively throughout the world. Since joining a U3A walking group three years ago I have made many new friends and enjoyed many happy hours with them exploring our beautiful surrounding countryside.

Within my brief as a Parish Councillor I sit on the Planning and Management and Staffing Committees. I am the Project Manager for the Jubilee/Christmas Lights and Parish Council Representative for the Ilkley Show and Bandstand Trust.

My time as a Parish Councillor has been enjoyable, instructive and rewarding. I have met a lot of dedicated people who like me care about Ilkley and I feel very privileged that I was asked to take up this role.

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Ilkley Parish Council Newsletter



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Leaves and Snow

First we should like to thank all residents who helped to clear fallen leaves from our streets. This is much appreciated and made a huge difference. At the time of writing there have already been some problems with snow on the pavements. We would encourage residents to clear the snow from the pavements outside their own houses. It should not take long to do and helps the safety of pedestrians. There is an urban myth that householders will be held legally responsible if someone slips after they clear a pavement. This is not correct. There is clear government guidance on this at <https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway>.

Bradford Council has had to reduce its budget in many areas and both street cleaning and gritting have suffered cutbacks. Your Parish Council has employed a Town Centre Warden, Darren Secker, to assist in keeping the town centre clean and he has recently completed his first year in the post. He and the Bradford Clean Team staff have liaised closely and worked hard to do a first class job but they cannot extend their reach to many of the areas further away from the centre. We have already received many complaints about problems with gritting. Some streets are not gritted at all - please refer to the gritting map on bradford.gov.uk/winter to see if your street covered. Please call (01274) 431000 and use the gritting request option to report problems. The Council is looking into the possibility of making grit bins more available. If you are interested, please telephone or e-mail the Parish Council so that we can gauge the demand for this. Later this year, the Parish Council will be considering other solutions for both the leaf and grit problems, including possible use of contractors, and will keep residents informed. It would be a great help if residents could let us know where there are particular problems so that we can build up a detailed picture and plan the most effective use of our resources.

Please telephone or email the Parish Council office about these issues.

Chairman's Message

Ilkley is a remarkable place to live. Which other small town in the area can boast the same level of facilities, natural, old and new? A beautiful river valley and a magnificent moor. Ancient monuments and Sites of Special Scientific Significance. The large handsome library; the Town Hall with a beautiful Chamber, and the Kings Hall and Winter Garden providing a wealth of entertainment, including national tours of famous stars. Some of the best sports grounds in the North including Tennis, Rugby, Hockey and Football, all with playing members of national repute. Several churches, large and small, ancient and modern. Two theatres and several theatre groups. Many clubs and societies providing for cultural and other hobbies, including one of the largest cycling clubs in England. A regular monthly market and several events throughout the year, including the Concert on the Grove and the Ilkley Carnival. A good variety of shops including many independents as well as national chains. More restaurants, pubs and bars then you can possibly crawl round. A well-established cohort of volunteers helping those in need and to run all the above. I have never found a town of our size which is served so well by so many people for the benefit of us all.

Local council Newsletters are often nothing more than propaganda with a political agenda praising the work done by local councillors. Ilkley Parish Council's newsletter should be better than that. So, I will not go overboard about what the Parish Council has been up to. The real heroes of Ilkley are the hundreds of volunteers (including the 14 Parish Councillors) who hold the place together, none of whom are paid for the time they give. My aim this year has been to recognise and praise the volunteers with a view to encouraging more to become involved. Every speech I have made has stressed this. I have held or will soon be holding special events for the Arts Scene, religious groups, sportsmen and women and the large number of clubs and societies. I am hoping to arrange a



concert on 1 June 2018, the first day of Volunteer Week 2018, to entertain as many volunteers as possible.

Volunteering is interesting because you meet many different people from all walks of life. It is useful because you enhance the lives of others and this can provide great satisfaction for you and them. It is usually very enjoyable. You meet all sorts, some good, some not so good. I would especially encourage you to volunteer for local organisations run for the benefit of our local community.

Every new volunteer who gives an hour of time helps to enhance our town. Even if you don't volunteer with any local organisation I would urge you to join as many of the clubs and societies as interest you. Just being a member and paying the small sub involved can help to keep these groups going. There will be small pieces here about three places where volunteers are needed. Look at those; look around town, and join in. Thank you.
Steve Butler, Chairman

Ilkley Youth and Community Association

IYCA runs Ilkley Youth Club and other facilities at the Warehouse and Children's Centre on Little Lane. As well as opening the Youth Club for the age group 12 - 19 on Monday (including our special needs club from 6-8pm) and Wednesday nights (5:45 to 8:15pm), our latest development is a new Friday night session. IYCA are continuously seeking volunteers to work and bring new ideas so that we can raise funds to grow and develop the facilities for the benefit of Ilkley. The Warehouse includes two floors for activities and an outside Multiple Use Games Area. As well as the Youth Club the facility now includes the Children's Centre, providing opportunities for education and exercise for the community as a whole, especially in the 0 to 19 age range. The officers of the Association, all volunteers, now manage the centre not Bradford Council. There are regular weekly sessions for classes in linguistics for children, Baby Sensory and Baby Pilates. In recent years the Police have been growing concerned at the growth of Anti-Social Behaviour. IYCA were asked to help to make the Youth Club a popular place to relax and socialise in a safe environment. The facilities have been improved to make the centre more comfortable with activities including pool, air hockey, a café and internet access. In addition, in summer 2017, with funding from Ilkley Parish Council and others, a programme of activities ran during the school summer holidays. These included sports and visits to sports clubs in Ilkley. A new programme is being planned for this year. Consultation with young people by has resulted in IYCA being asked to fund an additional evening for the youth club to meet, preferably a Friday evening. The aim of the IYCA is to provide a venue for community cohesion at a reasonable cost for a wider cross-section of youth to attend. Lottery Funding has been obtained to permit the Friday evening session to proceed for a year starting late January. We are in discussion with young people and partners to decide the content of the new Friday night session. Can you help us to make the Youth Club even more successful?

Please contact Martin Smith on 01943 602178

The Parish Precept 2018/2019

The difference between Council Tax and the Precept is that all the money collected for the Precept is spent in Ilkley by Ilkley residents for Ilkley residents. The Precept is an annual levy raised on all council tax payers (not business rate payers) and based on the value of their property and their means. Residents receiving means-tested benefits do not pay it. It is separate from Council tax, which goes to Bradford MDC. People living in small houses pay much less than those in large houses, just like council tax. The number of people in the house does not matter. A house with one resident pays the same as a house with six. The way the Precept is spent is decided by the elected Parish Council, through its general powers, the Awards Committee and the Community Fund. Any organisation in town can put forward a case for help with funding from the Precept.

In 2017/18 the precept was set as set out in the table below. As a comparison in nearby similar sized towns, the precept for a band D property in 2017/18 was £82.70 in Otley, £89.40 in Skipton and £52.87 in Ripon. The Parish Council has decided to increase the Precept by 9.2% this year. The figures for 2018/19 are shown below.

	2017/18		2018/19	
Band A	£25.00 per year	£0.48 per week	£26.92 per year	£0.52 per week
Band B	£29.17 per year	£0.56 per week	£31.41 per year	£0.60 per week
Band C	£33.33 per year	£0.64 per week	£35.90 per year	£0.69 per week
Band D	£37.50 per year	£0.72 per week	£40.39 per year	£0.78 per week
Band E	£45.83 per year	£0.88 per week	£49.36 per year	£0.95 per week
Band F	£54.16 per year	£1.04 per week	£58.33 per year	£1.12 per week
Band G	£62.50 per year	£1.20 per week	£67.31 per year	£1.29 per week
Band H	£75.00 per year	£1.44 per week	£80.77 per year	£1.55 per week

We cannot be certain about the exact figures yet because of the way Bradford MDC, which collects the levy on our behalf, deal with the process.

Here are the reasons why we have decided to increase the Precept:

- our existing services are going to cost more;
- to cover new services which will be provided;
- to increase our reserves which are not high enough; and
- to cover contingencies which are almost certain to occur.

All our existing services are likely to cost more if only because of inflation. The new contract for the ever popular Christmas lights is more expensive. We are having to make a major contribution to save the Visitor Information Centre. We are taking advantage of a Community Asset Transfer to take full responsibility for the total cost of the public toilets in the car park and at Riverside Gardens. These are some of the new costs we know about.

Bradford MDC is going through a very difficult time financially. It is having great difficulty covering even its statutory duties. For example, a consultation is going on at the moment about Children Services. There are plans for it possibly to lose a third (£13m) of its budget and shed half of its staff in 2018/19. There is a plan to cut back the district wide budget for the libraries in BMDC by about £1,050,000 by April 2020. The Youth Service is to be reduced and to be run almost entirely by charities and volunteers. There are going to be cuts in the street cleaning services. Unfortunately, the way in which local authorities draw up and announce plans for future cuts means that Parish Councils do not find out the exact plans until after they have fixed their precepts. We have to be prepared for the worst. I am sure you will agree that an average expenditure of 78 pence per house per week is a reasonable price to pay to help the Parish Council to ensure that Ilkley remains a remarkable place to live.

18th January 2018

Councillor Steve Butler
Chairman

Make Ilkley a more Dementia Friendly Community in 2018!

Dementia Friendly Ilkley Action (DFIA) is a group of volunteers who aim to make Ilkley a more Dementia Friendly community. DFIA want to raise awareness and understanding of dementia, helping to reduce the stigma and fear and making sure those living in Ilkley and visiting can carry on doing activities they enjoy and that they and their carers receive as much information and support as possible.

Already over the past 2 years 700 people in Ilkley have become dementia friends and almost 30 businesses or organisations have become dementia friendly or are working towards becoming dementia friendly. This is only the start if we are to make Ilkley a better community for those with dementia and their carers to live in or visit. In 2015 850,000 people were diagnosed with dementia, the estimate for 2025 is over a million and by 2050, 2 million! Everyone will soon know someone who will be affected. Becoming Dementia Friendly means you have a better understanding of how dementia affects someone, and the small things you can do offer support. It takes just an hour of your time and is **free!**

To achieve the aims of DFIA they **need more volunteers**. There are many ways that volunteers can help DFIA. It doesn't need to be on a regular basis and you don't have to attend meetings if you don't want to. A variety of skills and roles are needed. These include help with publicity, admin, becoming a Dementia Champion and delivering Dementia Friends sessions or just raising awareness at your own place of work. If you feel able to give any time or offer skills please contact dementiafriendlyilkley@gmail.com or visit www.dementiafriendlyilkley.weebly.com The website also has info on dementia, local support and groups, as well as how to become Dementia Friendly. **Please help to make Ilkley a community where those living with Dementia, and their carers, feel included, understood and supported.**

Ilkley's Neighbourhood Development Plan

Neighbourhood planning arose from the government's Localism Act of 2011. It "gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area." (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, 2014). The Core Strategy of the Bradford Local Plan was recently accepted by the government and states that 43,000 new homes will be required in the district by 2030. Ilkley is to have 1,000 with a total of 2,500 in our immediate area covering Addingham, Ilkley, Burley and Menston. There is a statutory process carefully designed to make sure that a Neighbourhood Plan is well thought-out and represents the views of local residents. For some time now an expert voluntary team of dedicated local residents has been developing a plan for Ilkley. We have been looking at suitable sites to accommodate the number of houses required and developing the necessary policies to ensure we can achieve our vision for the future. This states "Ilkley in 2030 will be a vibrant, viable and sustainably successful town, meeting the needs of young and old, this generation and the next. In short, a desirable destination to visit, to work and most importantly to live happily and successfully." The team has been working under the guidance of a planning consultant and has held several consultations with our local community. We have sought guidance from Bradford Council along the way and a draft plan is in the final stages of preparation. The next step will be a six week consultation with our community. Following this, necessary revisions will be made to reflect the comments received and then the plan will be presented to Bradford Council. After this, the plan will be scrutinised by a government inspector. Finally, the Plan is subjected to a local referendum before being accepted into planning law. We expect the first of these consultations to take place in Spring this year with the final plan in action in early 2019. Copies of the plan as it exists are available in the Town Hall. Any comments on the development of our town would be most welcome. This plan must come from the people of Ilkley for the people of Ilkley. *Cllr Brian Mann*

Would you like to see CCTV in Ilkley Town Centre?

Please give us your opinion by completing our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IlkleyCCTV>

Paper copies available from the Parish Council office. A petition for CCTV is also underway. You can sign the petition at <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-council/epetitions/epetitions/> or copies of the petition are available to sign around town. Please see Ilkley Chat and Ilkley Parish Council Facebook pages for more information.

Volunteering at Ilkley Playhouse

Ilkley Playhouse offers quality theatre on your doorstep and a far-reaching reputation as a community theatre which stages superb productions. Our varied season caters for all ages and interests. In addition to our theatrical programme we are home to a range of arts-related events including live music, comedy clubs, vintage fairs and the Ilkley Literature Festival. Our fantastic performance spaces - the Wharfside Theatre and the Wildman Studio are available for hire, and we also hire our costumes to members of the public. Volunteering has always been at the heart of Ilkley Playhouse. Our success is built on it. We are lucky enough to have a wonderful team of dedicated people from all walks of life, of all ages, who kindly give up their time to carry out a variety of roles. We couldn't manage without our volunteers and to continue our success, we need more people to join our team! There are many ways to become involved with volunteering opportunities available in the following areas: Front of house roles such as bar duties; serving pre-show and interval refreshments, programme selling, welcoming customers and showing them to their seats; Set design, set building and painting; Props, costumes and sewing; Lighting and sound; Stage management; Photography for our programmes and publicity; Script reading; And of course, acting and directing. Volunteering at Ilkley Playhouse is very flexible. You will be sure to make new friends as you share shifts with new colleagues. No experience is necessary as full training and support is given. We've saved you a seat! Please contact Justine Sowden, our Theatre Manager, on 01943 609539 or by email at info@ilkleyplayhouse.co.uk if you would like to get involved.