

Press Release

30th August 2006

Civic Sunday details finalised

Details have been confirmed for the Civic Sunday on 17th September 2006. There will be a Parade at 2.30pm followed by a free charity concert in Holmfirth Parish Church at 3.00pm – details attached.

The concert will feature performances by:

- The Holme Valley Singers
- The Holmfirth High School Chamber Choir
- The Hade Edge Brass Band

The Holme Valley Singers



The Holme Valley Singers is held in high esteem in music circles in the area and is a respected participant in competitions. It has to its credit successes in the Sainsbury Festival of Choirs, the Blackpool, Freckleton and Morecambe Festivals. It also appears regularly in the prestigious Mrs Sunderland competition in Huddersfield. Exchange visits to Belgium as guests of Die Boose (a group of folk dancers, flag throwers and singers) have resulted in lasting friendships. On one of their visits we sang in Bruges Cathedral.

Holmfirth High School Chamber Choir



Holmfirth High School has had a flourishing Music Department for over 30 years. Today, it has a Band, a Symphony Orchestra (one of the few schools still to do so), two Choirs and several Rock Bands. Over 200 pupils in the school learn an instrument and many also attend the Holme Valley Music Centre which runs at school on Saturday mornings, as well as local bands, choirs and orchestras.

The Hade Edge Brass Band



Formed in 1908, Hade Edge Band is the youngest of the five 'valley bands' Hepworth, Hinchcliffe Mill, Holme Silver, Meltham and Meltham Mills, and Hade Edge. There has always been a need for fund raising events in brass bands and Hade Edge is no exception. One such event in the early years of the bands life, a garden party and goat roasting resulted in the design of the bands logo. A goat mounted on the White Rose of Yorkshire. The Hade Edge Junior section, The Honking Hedgers was formed in 2001.

At the end of the concert a collection will be held in aid of the three charities supported by the appeal:



S.N.A.P. CLUB stands for Special Needs at the Phoenix. They are a club for young people of all ages with learning difficulties and their siblings, and meet every Thursday in the Phoenix Centre. They arrange a variety of activities from Curling and Bingo to Discos and Quizzes. They have just had a trip to Chester Zoo and are planning a weekend away in 2007.



Friend to Friend aims to improve the quality of life of older people in the Holme Valley by combating social isolation and providing mental and physical stimulation through a wide range of creative activities. This includes meetings with lunches/refreshments, projects, theatre visits, trips out, gentle exercise and a walking group. All members are provided with free transport door to door if required.



Kirkwood At Elmwood is a self-referral service available to patients and their carers each Tuesday at the Elmwood Health Centre. Anyone affected in any way by a life-threatening illness can literally 'drop-in' anytime between 9.30am and 3.30pm. A trained nurse will be available to talk to and to advise whether the Drop-In service may be able to help or whether any other hospice services may be more appropriate.

Parish Council Chair Andrew Otterburn commented "he was delighted with the plans for the 17th. It is an opportunity to celebrate our success as a Valley through the excellence of our choirs and one of our leading bands, and an opportunity to raise money for this year's charities – SNAP, Friend to Friend and Kirkwood at Elmwood. I hope as many people as possible will be able to enjoy the parade and concert, in particular I hope as many young people as possible can take part."

The Chairman's Charity Appeal is being sponsored by five local businesses:

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For many years 3 Victoria Square was the butcher's shop – home of Carlton Tinsdeall – the famous "Holmfirth Singing Butcher". "**Carniceria**" is the Spanish word for butchers shop. Opened seven years ago, Carniceria is a family-run cafe bar and restaurant, offering fresh contemporary tapas and Mediterranean cuisine. We aim to provide fresh, locally sourced produce in a friendly and welcoming environment. We introduced pavement eating to Holmfirth.

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Notes to editors:

The Holme Valley lies on the edge of the Pennines in West Yorkshire. It has boundaries with South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Greater Manchester, and within West Yorkshire, with Meltham, Huddersfield, and Kirkburton. It is some 25 miles from Sheffield, Wakefield, Manchester and Leeds.

Its two main centres are Holmfirth and Honley, but the villages and communities of Brockholes, Cinderhills, Hade Edge, Hepworth, Hinchliffe Mill, Holmbridge, Holme, Jackson Bridge, Netherthong, New Mill, Scholes, Thongsbridge, Upperthong and Wooldale are all within the Parish Council's area.

The Parish Council area is split into 16 wards although this will change in 2007 when elections will introduce a new number of Members and changed Wards. The 31 Members currently represent a population of some 25,000. It is one of the largest local councils in England & Wales.

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