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Forthcoming meetings

The public are welcome to attend our meetings. These are held in the Council Offices, usually at 7.00pm

- October 2011
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The schedule of meetings is subject to change. Updated information will be posted on the Parish Council website and the notice board.

Chairman's Report

So far it has been a busy but enjoyable start to my year as Chairman. I have attended many events on behalf of the Council including **Civic Services** at Uppermill, Meltham, Mossley, Mirfield, Kirkburton and Ripponden. It is interesting meeting up with representatives from other areas as it gives you the chance to speak about issues which not only affect the Holme Valley but other areas and how they are dealing with them. Closer to home I have also attended Honley Show, Harden Moss Sheep Dog Trials, Holmfirth Art Week and Holmfirth Arts Festival, amongst others. I really do enjoy attending these events as it gives me the chance to see first-hand all the hard work that volunteers and various individuals do through the Holme Valley. We are privileged to have so many great people in the local area that contribute so much to the lives of others by organising events or just by helping out others in need.

In recent weeks there has been controversy regarding the future of the **Holmfirth Adult Education Centre**. I have attended numerous meetings alongside many other Parish Councillors to support the Centre and initial signs are that it will remain open for the foreseeable future as Kirklees College have done a u-turn and decided to run some courses. The Centre is a great asset to Holme Valley and would be deeply missed if it were to close. I am hopeful that the Parish Council can work with Kirklees College to ensure that the Centre has a successful future and continues to run interesting and popular courses for a long time to come.

In my year as Chairman I will be raising funds for two **charities** that mean a lot to me. The Huw Thatcher Trust has been set up to preserve Huw's identity and to help provide support for brain injured people. I never personally met Huw, but the story of his passing touched the whole of the Holme Valley greatly. I hope to raise as much money as I can to keep his memory alive and to help others.

My second charity is the Yorkshire Kidney Research Fund. This charity has also touched me greatly in recent years, as I have a friend who has had serious issues with his kidneys and undergone a transplant. Money raised will go toward researching treatments and therapies which will make a great difference to many. I will be raising funds by holding two civic events and by participating in sponsored activities.

Cllr Tom Dixon, Chairman of the Council 2011-2012

Meet two new Councillors

Cllr David S McGowan, Honley Central & East Ward
Born and educated in Scotland, I moved to live and work in Honley in 1983; ever since, I have felt privileged to live in such a beautiful place. I have worked to develop a business in the village, one which serves to assist residents in the locality. My wife Diane is an NHS Pharmacist and our children were born in the Valley and educated at Honley and Holmfirth High schools.

I have always had a desire to assist with the maintenance of local facilities and have sponsored work at Honley Theatre where I am now Chair of the Group; I am particularly keen on the continuation of local groups and societies, as these are the back bone of our growing local community.



I am concerned with the preservation of the rural environment and whilst I appreciate that there is a severe housing need in many areas, I am against and will resist the spread of development into the Green Belt. I feel that suitable housing growth could be achieved through the use of previously industrial sites and the tasteful conversion of several properties in the Holme Valley demonstrates that Green areas do not need to be sprawled upon.

In my first term as a Councillor I am keen to meet and listen to the issues of local people in Honley, where I hope to progressively learn of what is important to fellow residents and can hopefully assist fellow Councillors in their endeavours to support the community they represent.

Cllr Mrs Beverley Osborn, Netherthong Ward

I would like to introduce myself as Beverley Osborn, now in the role of Netherthong Ward Parish Councillor alongside Cllr Mrs Judith Roberts. I am a lifelong and actively involved resident of the Holme Valley.

I attended Valley schools. My further education was spent at Huddersfield Technical College whilst doing an apprenticeship at one of the largest privately owned timber companies in the UK. This involved team work and business management skills in an industry which, in its day, had a very male dominated work place. Working in the building industry for over 20 years has given me tremendous insight into how to get the job done, whilst being aware of all the financial and other pressures involved.

I am married to Richard and our Silver Wedding Anniversary is approaching fast. Our two children are now growing more independent, I am now looking forward to my new role and proud to support the interest and wellbeing of the Holme Valley residents.

Throughout my working career I have been actively

involved and supported a local playgroup, going on to being a school governor and now an active member of one of Holmfirth's oldest traditions, the Harden Moss Sheep Dog Trials Association. Talking of sheep and living amongst a farming community I have learnt that a little support and goodwill goes a long way. I was recently only too happy to help PCSO Jill Chamberlain catch a lost sheep that had been worried by a dog and return it successfully to its rightful owner.

Our Valley is important and in difficult and changing times we have to cherish our precious, individual and local Heritage whilst keeping pace with modern times. I welcome the challenge and will do my best to work for you all.

Full contact details for all Members of the Council are provided on the Council's website
www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Co-option to Honley South Ward



Following a recent ordinary vacancy, **Cllr Charles M Kaye** has been co-opted to represent the Honley South Ward. Cllr Kaye first joined the Council in May 1999 and was Chairman of the Council in the civic year 2007-2008.

Honley Show 2011 - Competition Winner

As in previous years at Honley Show, the Council ran a competition for visitors to the Show, asking them to identify where the photographs of places of worship had been taken. This proved very popular, and the winner was Mrs M Pickles of Wooldale, seen here receiving her prize of £25 from the Chairman, Cllr Tom Dixon.



News in Brief

The Valleys Area Committee Meetings



Dates of future meetings:

- 3 November 2011 - Holme Valley North Ward
- 8 December 2011 - Colne Valley Ward
- 9 February 2012 - Holme Valley South Ward
- 22 March 2012 - Golcar Ward

Police Surgeries

Holmfirth Police Station is the venue for the Holme Valley Partners and Communities Together Meetings (PACT). These are organised by West Yorkshire Police to enable you to let the Police know where you want your local officers to work on your local priorities. All meetings start at 6pm and dates for your diary are:

- Thursday, 20 October 2011
- Thursday, 17 November 2011
- Thursday, 15 December 2011

For up-to-date information contact 01484 436855

Community Grant Reports

With the help of Holme Valley Parish Council, **Thongsbridge Cricket Club** has been able to increase the facilities in our area for children and adults alike. It cannot be understated how appreciative the Club is of any financial assistance, as we are a small collective of volunteers seeking to maintain sporting opportunities for the people of our area.

The grant from Holme Valley Parish Council, along with a significant contribution from Kirklees Council, has aided the completion of a new practice facility. With our large and thriving junior section, consisting of players from the Club, surrounding area, and Holmfirth High School, the ability to provide such high quality amenities has been of great benefit.

The new practice facilities at Thongsbridge provide a three-lane netting facility which is in use almost daily during the season. Such a high quality facility not only ensures enjoyment and improvement, but player safety. We are extremely grateful to be able to offer such fantastic opportunities to the area.

A 'Grand Opening' was held in June to celebrate the completion of the first phase of improvements to the Club and was kindly attended by Rhona Bratt (former Chairman



of Holme Valley Parish Council), Steve Archer (West Yorkshire Cricket Development Officer), Claire Howe (Kirklees Sports Development Officer) as well as Andy Booth and Lesroy Weekes. Club members would like to thank them all for giving up their time to make this an extra special event!

At Thongsbridge Cricket Club we are consistently aiming to advance and progress, to become a major sporting attribute for the area. In the near future, we hope to make improvements to the wickets, as well as providing covers and a new pavilion. This will involve a lot of hard work, but will hopefully be possible, and will eventually provide an excellent facility in the Holme Valley for the young players of the future.

Wendy Kemp, Thongsbridge Cricket Club



In December, Holme Valley Parish Council granted **Holmfirth WRVS Over 60s Club** a grant of £480 towards the cost of social outings by coach for residents of the Valley.

We are pleased to report on Monday, 16 May 2011 our social outing went to a restaurant on the Harrogate/Skipton road for coffee and scones and then into Harrogate for the rest of the day. We left Harrogate at 4.30pm and made our way to a Fish & Chip restaurant near Wakefield for late tea. Everyone enjoyed their day out and the weather was kind to us.

Our thanks to the Holme Valley Parish Council for its help in making this possible.
Beryl Crosland, Holmfirth WRVS Over 60s Club

More free Daffodil Bulbs

It will soon be time to start planting for next season and Spring 2012. Following on from last year's successful distribution of free daffodil bulbs which were planted in and around the area by local groups and organisations, the Council has a small supply of bulbs still available, if any school or group would like to collect them, for planting in the community. Please contact the Clerk by phone or email and bulbs will be available on a first come, first served basis.



Community Champion

The Community Champion we are celebrating in this issue is Pastor Ian Sharp, nominated by former Councillor, Basil Smith because of his support to the community particularly through his involvement with Café Plus.

Ian Sharp has lived in Honley for 22 years and is Pastor of the Elim Pentecostal Church, Holme Valley, which meets in the Village Hall, Moorbottom, Honley. Café Plus, first opened on Westgate, Honley in 2003, is the main ministry of the Church, providing not only food and drink, but a listening ear and friendly support to those who need it. The Church is



shortly to offer a Bereavement Support Service, and no fuss Budget Coaching from Café Plus.

Ian is delighted to be nominated a Community Champion and is pleased to contribute to the well-being of those who live in the Holme Valley.

He is seen here receiving his award from the Chairman, Cllr Tom Dixon.

The Community Champion Award recognises those who make a significant contribution to the Holme Valley.

They don't have to be famous or grand, they just need to have done something out of the ordinary to help the general community of the Holme Valley. We normally feature one Champion in each edition of the Holme Valley Voice to celebrate their outstanding contribution to our area.

Do you know someone, young or old, who you would like to nominate as a **Community Champion**?

Your Nomination for Community Champion



Briefly say why you think they are a Community Champion (please continue on an additional sheet if appropriate)

Your name, address and phone number

Councillor Contacts

Ward	Name	Telephone	Ward	Name	Telephone
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Fulstone	D M Firth	01484 683735	Netherthong	J Roberts	01484 684930
Fulstone	D Hall	01484 686488	Scholes	R P Dixon	01484 685928
Hepworth	T W Dixon	01484 682981	Scholes	M Walker	01484 684927
Holmfirth Central	G Christofi	01484 682721	Upper Holme Valley	K Bellamy	01484 683147
Holmfirth Central	K Sharland	01484 516781	Upper Holme Valley	T Bellamy	01484 683147
Honley Central & East	B Bodenham	01484 661546	Upperthong	J G Cropper	07703 314313
Honley Central & East	P D Searby	01484 661980	Upperthong	T Dearnley	01484 686034
Honley Central & East	D S McGowan	07711 326842	Wooldale	R Bowles	07798 828224
Honley South	C M Kaye	01484 666424	Wooldale	J Brook	01484 688790
Honley West	C R Greaves	01484 666964	Wooldale	P S Hirst	01484 689622
Honley West	A Hampshaw	07786 906156			