

BIGGEST SWITCH-ON EVER



After the switch-on, St George's Square is deserted

Members of Hebden Bridge Band and the Hebden Bridge Junior Band led the carol singing in the Square for which thanks were expressed by the Mayor.

Among the many attractions, the Business Association and shop owners arranged snow machines and late night opening until 8.00pm. Calderdale MBC provided free car parking in town centre car parks on Thursdays only from 3:00 pm in the lead-up to Christmas.

The new lights in Hebden Bridge have been bought jointly by the Business Association and the Rotary Club and include a number of 'cross street' displays all of which have been gifted to Hebden Royd Town Council. Jason Boom, currently Environmental Community Warden for Hebden Royd Town Council, who co-ordinated the installation with Calderdale MBC said, "This has been

A large and excited number of children and their parents gathered for the Switch-on of the Christmas Tree Lights and Lantern Parade on Thursday 26th November in Hebden Bridge. The event this year had been jointly organised by Hebden Royd Town Council and the Business Association with funding from Hebden Bridge Partnership.

Those having taken part in the lantern workshops gathered at the bottom of Bridge Gate with their excellent hand made lanterns before making the way into the Square, led by a Samba band, prior to the countdown after which the Mayor, Councillor John Beacroft-Mitchell switched on



Mitchell was presented with cheques for £2,500.00 from each of the Rotary Club and the Business Association contributing to the new motifs/Christmas lighting in Hebden Bridge.

the Tree lights. During the event the Mayor of Hebden Royd Town Council, Councillor John Beacroft-

the biggest investment in festive lighting for many years and it is hoped to build on this to make future displays even more spectacular whilst demonstrating that our commitment to environmentally friendly equipment is real and not just words".

Lantern Parade picture overleaf

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Wishes Granted

Sketch Arts'		Friends of Calder Holmes Park	
Youth Performing Arts	£2,580.00	Skateboard Park extension	£4,000.00
HEADS		Calder Valley Steiner Ed	
Hand-made Parade	£3,000.00	Play equipment	£500.00
Hope Baptist Church		Hebden Bridge Junior Band	
Refurbish kitchen	£4,000.00	Revenue funding	£5,000.00
Hebden Bridge Arts Festival		Hebden Bridge Cricket Club	
Revenue Funding	£5,000.00	Renovation of pavilion	£2,500.00
Hebden Bridge Band		CV Search & Rescue	
Revenue Funding	£5,000.00	GPS Radios	£2,500.00
Ground Floor Project		Woodcraft Folk – Height Gate	
Revenue Funding	£5,000.00	Replacement windows	£1,000.00
Mytholmroyd Lunch Club		Bumps & Babes	
Revenue Funding	£300.00	Start-up costs	£800.00
Wild Rose Heritage & Arts		Discover Palestine	
Oral History Project	£1,500.00	Embroidery workshop	£250.00
Cragg Vale Community Association		Calder Valley Youth Theatre	
Provision of eco-toilet	£1,550.00	Professional Development	£500.00

LOCAL YOUTH PROVISION REVIEWED

Having had concerns for some time, but spurred on by recent events, Hebden Royd Town Council held the first meeting of a new working party on Thursday December 3rd, attended by representatives from Calderdale Young Peoples Service and Lifeline Calderdale. As part of its work, Lifeline Calderdale fronts two key initiatives for young people – Branching Out, a confidential alcohol and drug service for ages 10 – 21 years and Step2, a project for young people between the ages of 11 and 18 in the upper valley which aims to reduce anti-social behaviour and street drinking in the local area. The Young People’s Service runs youth projects on the park, in the town centre, at Calder High school, Salem Mill, Dodnaze Community Centre and Mytholmroyd Community Centre.

These include projects, activities, and an information and advice service.

There is a perception within the media and amongst the public that there is not a great deal for youngsters to do in the evenings across Hebden Royd and one purpose of the meeting was to focus on how to determine exactly what facilities and activities are available. The meeting discussed the many aspects of known youth provision in Hebden Royd and in addition tried to find out what, if anything, was available in terms of information/support for parents as well. Although there does seem to be an improvement in the range of activities for young people it was felt that a central information source would be beneficial to everyone involved with youngsters in the area. Deputy Mayor Robin

Dixon said “The young people in Hebden Royd show their energy and talents in so many ways and we want to celebrate this, whilst at the same time broadening and improving the overall picture.”

The multi agency meeting agreed to carry out a comprehensive audit of both Local Authority and voluntary provision. When complete this information will be held by both Hebden Royd Town Council and Calderdale MBC Young Peoples Service and be available for access by all. Councillor Lesley Jones said “Should any voluntary organisation that provides activities for young people feel that they would benefit from improved visibility and wish to make sure they are included in this audit please contact me direct via Hebden Royd Town Council.” (details on back page)

It is intended that future

meetings will involve young people themselves from as many organisations as possible and an event is planned for the Spring, with the format driven by the youngsters themselves. Lorraine Daber from the Young People’s Service stressed the importance of involving young people in the design and development of facilities and resources in the area. A key issue for the meeting was that the work of the new group will be for all young people and the hope is that more of them will become involved in the many activities and organisations on offer, whatever their interests and aspirations.

The next meeting, planned for Thursday 4th February, will be an open meeting to which members of the public are invited to attend. The venue and time will be publicised nearer the time.

Some of the many participants in the Lantern Parade



SCHOOLS' COUNCILS MEET IN COUNCIL CHAMBER



All but one of the primary schools in Hebden Royd sent representatives to the Council Chamber in November to take part in Hebden Royd Schools' Councils. The representatives who attended are pictured in

the Council Chamber, seated as do elected councillors, where the meeting was chaired by the Mayor of Hebden Royd Town Council, Cllr John Beacroft Mitchell. Those present raised matters which were of concern to persons at

their schools but turned out to be problems everywhere, dog fouling, speeding traffic and various other environmental issues. The Mayor thanked all those attending, promised to look into the issues raised and

presented Hebden Royd Town Council badges to everyone. There will be another meeting in February when the Mayor will report back on the work that has been done and what has been achieved since November.

WAR MEMORIAL GETS UPLIFT

New walkways, additional seating bays, new flower beds and a refurbished War Memorial & Plaque are just a few of the improvements planned for the Memorial Gardens this winter.

Initially the redundant rockery will be removed and the paths realigned with work starting in late November. Following soon after a new memorial stone will be erected with the original plaque being reset in it. The stone has been donated by Marshalls who have worked closely with the War Memorials Trust to bring this to the gardens. The boundary of the memorial will be redefined with a feature dry stone wall which will create new planting areas for both seasonal and



The War Memorial Plaque set in its new stone

perennial plants. The path accessing the memorial stone will be wider than before allowing better access on Remembrance Sunday, a suggestion of the Royal British Legion. With the War Memorial complete the paths in the gardens

will be reset and then relayed, it is hoped additional lighting in the gardens may be introduced. When completed the face lift will allow people to remember Hebden Bridge residents of the past who made

sacrifices to ensure our freedom.

The improvements will add to the ongoing work to remove anti social behaviour, increasing use of this public open space and to create a green centre for Hebden Bridge.

With funding from CMBC, Hebden Royd Town Council, Pennine Leader and the War Memorial Trust these improvements result from the consultation completed by the Friends of Calder Holmes Park in early 2009.

Mytholmroyd Memorial Gardens

Based on a design commissioned by Hebden Royd Town Council 2 years ago, and developed by Royd Regeneration, 2010 will also see the remodelling of the Memorial Gardens in Mytholmroyd linking it to Grange Dean Medical Centre, creating a green heart in Mytholmroyd.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Town Councillor	Address	Telephone	Meeting Attendance			
			Full		Committees	
			Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual
James Allison White Lee Ward	The Vicarage, Brier Hey Lane Mytholmroyd HX7 5PJ	883130	11	7	7	3
Christine Bampton-Smith Caldene Ward (Luddendenfoot)*	6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG	881073	11	10	12	9
John Beacroft-Mitchell (Town Mayor) Cragg Vale Ward	10 Cleveley Gardens Mytholmroyd HX7 5JE	883732	11	10	26	7
Karl Boggis Caldene Ward	8 Dale View Mytholmroyd	884419	11	8	10	4
Christine Davenport Cragg Vale Ward	17 Eiffel Street Hebden Bridge	846141	7	5	5	2
Robin Dixon (Deputy Mayor) West End Ward	5 Cliffe Royd Hebden Bridge HX7 8DJ	842992	11	9	23	22
Nader Fekri West End Ward (Calder)*	7 Hope Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8AG	843316	11	5	7	1
Michelle Foster Birchcliffe Ward	Carr Well, New Road Luddenden HX2 6QN		11	4	0	0
Gian Gabbi White Lee Ward	13 Hullett Drive Mytholmroyd HX7 5QR	883409	11	7	4	3
Catherine Groves Fairfield Ward	5 Cliffe Royd Hebden Bridge HX7 8DJ	842992	11	9	21	14
Lesley Jones Fairfield Ward	76 Palace House Road Hebden Bridge HX7 6HW	844196	11	11	16	16
Janet Oosthuysen Birchcliffe Ward	11 Unity Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ	842054	11	6	12	8
Susan Press Fairfield Ward	83 Bridge Lanes Hebden Bridge HX7 6AT	845276	11	8	9	5
Christopher Sawer West End Ward	10 Victoria Road Hebden Bridge HX7 8JX	844017	11	10	12	11
Jade Smith White Lee	10 Acacia Grove Mytholmroyd	881073	11	9	6	5
Dr Michael Smith Caldene Ward	6 Calder Grove Mytholmroyd HX7 5AG	881073	11	2	4	0
Scott Trickett Cragg Vale Ward	9 Moorland Cottages, Cragg Vale Hebden Bridge HX7 5TW	884909	11	6	16	8
Dave Young Birchcliffe Ward	14 Unity Street Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ	846804	11	11	15	15

* Denotes Calderdale MBC Councillor

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