



**SILSDEN TOWN COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER
December 2011**



**Silsden Town Council and Silsden
Youth Council would like to wish
Silsden a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

Silsden and Your Local Community

silsden.net. The website **silsden.net** came about in 2001 because of the proposal to build 2000 new houses in Silsden. It allowed Silsdeners to see all the documents relevant to the proposals and to object to them – we were successful. Every day silsden.net has 500 visitors who look at about 4000 pages of local information - 50% of the information is found on the forum pages. If you haven't found silsden.net yet, have a look, you might be surprised at what goes on in Silsden. You can also find all the contact details for your Town Council and access to minutes of meetings and when the meetings are held.

Town Plan Newsletter. Silsden Town Council is developing a plan for the future of Silsden and we need your help. We want to hear your views, concerns and ideas for making Silsden an even better place in which to live, work and play. It's your Silsden and your future, so please take this chance to have your say. Bradford Council will also use this information in the wider District Development Plan and the survey gives Silsden Town Council the opportunity to influence these decisions.

The Working Group have almost completed this questionnaire and when printed will be delivered to as many properties in the town as possible. Print and return to the address on the form.

Your Local Councillors

Mayor – Chris Atkinson. I have enjoyed my first half of the year as the Town Mayor.

Margaret Croft. I work as an activities co-ordinator in a nursing home in Skipton. I have two grown up children, and have lived in Silsden for 7 years and love it. I have been involved with the Gala committee for 5 years. Prior to living in Silsden, I lived in the North East, and worked for County Durham Youth Justice Service. I feel Silsden has an excellent community spirit, and enjoy being part of it.

Lee Asquith. Hi, my name is Lee, I am married with 3 children, ranging from new born to 4 years old. I have lived in Silsden for 5 years, having moved from Addingham, so still fairly local. I have my own building company, and have been in the building industry for 15 years. I love living, and socialising in Silsden, think it is a great town, and hope being on the council I will have some input to keeping up the friendly community I have encountered on living here.

Francis Huggins Hi you may know me, I am the Landlord of the Kings Arms Pub, and am regularly walking my two Scotties. Silsden is a village which offers warmth and friendship, and I am pleased to be on the council and assisting in maintaining this.

Karen Conway. Hi my name is Karen Conway, I have lived in Silsden for about 17 years. I am married with three children, I am a team manager of the local Co-op so no doubt most of you will have seen me, I have been greatly involved in working with Silsden Gala Committee, Silsden Youth Council and the local Town Council. I am proud to represent Silsden and support all events and groups. We have a great village with a great community spirit which needs to be upheld.

CURRENT VACANCIES

In Accordance with the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986 this council now has a vacancy to co opt for **4 Councillors.**

IF YOU ARE COMMUNITY MINDED AND WANT TO ENSURE THE BEST FOR SILSDEN THEN REQUEST AN APPLICATION FORM.

Please contact the clerk in the first instance for an application form.

Any Councillor will be happy to discuss this role and contact details can be found on the Town Notice Board at the Town Hall, Kirkgate, Silsden, or by following the Town Council link on www.silsden.net

Lesley Corcoran
Silsden Town Clerk

Silsden Youth Council Plans for the trim track are now developing with prices having been received and now forwarded to the Parks Division at Bradford Metropolitan District Council. Plans to raise funds are underway, and we hope to hold a coffee morning in the near future, date still to be finalised.

Local Events and Committees

Gala Committee Update. Well what a cracking Gala, we feel that this is definitely our best yet! Good weather and lots of happy faces.

We have this year seen the opening of the Graham Inman Memorial Bandstand, which of course we have all paid for by the way of the £1 entrance fee that is charged at all our events.

The Committee have bought a new string of Christmas lights to go on the block which contains Nadines. The Sewer Rats - Silsden motor-bikers club, have also bought a set of lights to go on the bandstand. Thanks to the Town Council and all our other sponsors as we could not pull the Gala off without your donations.

The annual bonfire and firework display was on 5th November raising further funds with the Silsden Youth Council winning the Guy Fawkes Competition, donating the prize money to Silsden and District British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Gala committee lads were out on the weekend 19th and 20th November with Lawrence and Steve from the Christmas lights group, putting up the town's Christmas lights. More help is needed - so if you can offer your help on the 21st January to take them down information will be on silsden.net. We cannot do everything on our own so if you can give a couple of hours on the Saturday morning you would be most welcome, and who knows, a free brew may appear. Also one of our landlords may take it upon himself to supply a warming bowl of stew around lunchtime.

We then rounded off our fundraising for the year with our Christmas market which was on Sunday 27th in Briggate and the Town Hall. A final total net profit of in excess of £4,500 was raised throughout the year. Well done Silsden!

Silsden All Star Majorettes. The majorette season has now come to an end after our finale weekend at Pontins at which we were very successful. Our annual home competition, which was held in August at the youth club field, was also another triumph for us. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this day possible and we hope that next year is just as successful. We have started training for our new season and are looking for some new recruits. If you would like to join, come down to the Town Hall on Tuesdays or Fridays at 6pm. This is open to anyone from the age of 3, and of any ability. For more information, please see our website www.silsdenallstars.co.uk, or contact the Troupe Principal, Wendy Maddocks on 01535 658821.

Silsden and District British Legion.

Remembrance Sunday

Wow what a spectacular attendance this year. Each year this event seems to have more people attending and supporting. A big thank you to all who attended and to those who supported us with the Poppy Appeal - we raised a whopping £3,801.76. Thanks also to all who attended the Cobbydale Social Club after the service, and a special thanks to Brenda Lister and the staff of the Cobbydale Social Club for their assistance on Remembrance Day. Silsden and District British Legion was reformed in May 2010, instigated by a local ex service man, and have gone from strength to strength, and now has 25 active members. In August two ex service men, Gavin Hawker and Andrew Burden cycled the Leeds-Liverpool canal, with support and check points monitored by David Rushworth. They raised £1,500. Monies raised by the Group go to two homes, primarily Lister House based in Richmond, which is a convalescing home mainly for elderly ex servicemen. The committee meet every two weeks, details of meetings can be found on the notice board provided at the entrance of Cobbydale Social Club, anyone is invited to attend the meetings. Once again sincere thanks to all your support.

Neighbourhood Policing Team

The NPT has seen some staffing changes in recent weeks – PC Allan Jacks has joined the team and will have particular responsibility, alongside PC Ian Shreeve, for the Craven ward area. Allan is an experienced officer who is keen to get involved in the local community and ensure that Silsden remains such a pleasant and safe place to live.

I am pleased to say that Silsden has relatively low crime levels but recognize that if you are one of the victims of crime this will give you little comfort. The most prominent crime types in the area are thefts from garages and sheds. We often store expensive equipment in our garages and sheds but don't consider any type of security other than a small padlock. There are vibration sensors and alarms on the market at a relatively low cost which may prevent you from losing valuable items. All our officers have been trained to provide crime prevention advice and will willingly visit your homes to review your home security. Please contact us on the number below if you would like to take advantage of this.

As we head into the darker nights the NPT will be working hard to ensure that we do not get any increase in crime. Please be reassured that alongside our highly visible uniformed officers we also have a number of other departments working alongside us who are less visible but are still in your area with the aim of preventing offences and identifying potential offenders.

Other initiatives we have recently been involved in have included the stopping and checking of vehicles believed to be involved in the scrap metal trade. We have received a number of reports of vehicles in the Craven area collecting scrap metal over recent months – the increase is largely due to the high price of scrap at the present time. Our initiative has shown that the vast majority of traders are trading legally and with the appropriate licences, however, a small number are acting outside the law. If you are unsure of a vehicle or person in your area, please obtain vehicle registration details where possible and report the matter to the Police. Officers will attend and check the vehicle and occupants wherever possible but we also gain valuable intelligence regarding persons working within the area.

We have also recently carried out a number of 'test purchase' operations in the ward aimed at identifying licensed premises which may have been selling alcohol to under 18s. I am pleased to say that all of the licensed premises in Craven ward passed the test.

Finally, we are always keen to listen to the concerns of residents in the villages. We attend all Parish Council meetings and Neighbourhood Forums. The officers are regularly in the villages and I would urge you to take the opportunity of speaking with them. The NPT can be contacted at Ilkley Police Station on Tel: 01274 475301 The number will revert to voicemail out of office hours as officers will be on patrol but we will return your call as soon as possible and in any case within 24 hours.

If you would like any information of forthcoming events or details of your committee mentioning in the newsletter, please contact the DeputyClerk2@siltsden.net.

