

Community Pride

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We're building the schools of the future

Headteacher John Midgley and pupils from Buttershaw High School were jumping for joy after taking a look at the impressive new building they will move into in September.

They had just unveiled a plaque marking the location of a time capsule in a wall of the new Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College, which has been built as part of the district's Building Schools for the Future programme.

The capsule contained items of school memorabilia and examples of modern culture, such as a school tie, an MP3 player loaded with contemporary music, a mobile phone and a copy of the Telegraph & Argus.

More on Building Schools for the Future on page 3.



Big Plan for better lives

In the early autumn the Bradford District Partnership (BDP) will launch The Big Plan, which aims to create a better Bradford district.

The Big Plan is the district's Sustainable Community Strategy. It will guide how we and our partners plan and work together to improve the district over the next three years and provide a better quality of life for you. It was approved by full Council last month.

The Big Plan was produced after a consultation which encouraged you to have your say on the big issues that need tackling to create a better future.

Over 3,000 of you filled in questionnaires, took part in focus groups and were interviewed to find out your views.

Your feedback highlighted three top priorities to transform the district.

- Regeneration of the city and major towns to create more opportunities for economic growth and to attract even more investment.

- Improving education outcomes to prepare people for an active and prosperous life.
- Improving skills at all levels to meet the needs of business and to make sure local people get the new jobs that will be created.

The Big Plan also sets out a range of other priorities and actions covering six themes.

- Prosperity and regeneration.
- Children and young people.
- Safer communities.
- Health and wellbeing for all.
- Improving the environment.
- Strong and cohesive communities.

Priorities and actions for culture (sport, the arts, leisure), housing and transport, which cut across more than one theme, have been built into the themed chapters. All priorities and actions will contribute towards sustainability, cohesion and inclusion.

Council Leader and chair of the BDP, Kris Hopkins (pictured), said: "You said

that more jobs, growing businesses and increasing education and skills were the most important improvements we could make.

"You also said improving the safety of neighbourhoods was important.

"The Big Plan will provide the framework for more detailed delivery plans that are achievable, sustainable and have measurable targets.

"While The Big Plan is for the whole district, it will guide our planning for specific places, areas and neighbourhoods. We will only make a big difference if we work closely with you, listen to your views, identify your needs and wants, and tailor services to meet them."

More on centre pages.



FreeCityBus is ready to roll

Bradford's free shuttle bus will take to the streets of the city centre on Monday, 29 September for a six-month trial.

Three buses will operate 10 minutes apart on a 30-minute, three-mile route with 14 stops. It will link the Interchange, Forster Square, Kirkgate shopping centre, the markets, Centenary Square, the university and college and the National Media Museum.

You'll be able to hop on and off the red, white and blue FreeCityBus between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 5.30pm on Saturdays.

www.wymetro.com for more information. More in the October issue of Community Pride.



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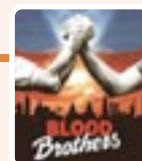
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By fax: **01274 740456**

By text message: **07786 208100** (charged at phone companies' standard rates)
Online: www.bradford.gov.uk/contactus

FACE TO FACE

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The centre is a one-stop shop where you can make enquiries and access services provided by **Bradford Council, HM Revenue and Customs and Jobcentre Plus**. Alternatively, use the www.bdirect.org.uk website.

You can also access a wide range of Council services at:

- **Keighley** Customer Service Centre, Town Hall, Bow Street **01274 431000**;
- **Manningham** One-Stop Centre, 1 Carlisle Road **01274 432772**;
- Benefits and Council Tax Enquiry Office, **Shipley** Town Hall, Windsor Road **01274 432772**;
- **Bingley** Council Shop, 146 Main Street **01274 437016**;
- **Shipley** Information Centre, 2A Wellcroft **01274 437016**.

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Reading matters for children in care too

Local foster carers have been getting training in how to boost the reading skills of the children they look after.

We ran the 'Carers as Partners' programme in partnership with Reading Matters, a Bradford-based charity which offers literacy support training for school, companies and individuals, including parents and grandparents.

The course uses a variety of fun learning techniques to help children enjoy reading. It takes literacy out of school and applies it to everyday life so the children often don't realise they are learning and improving their reading skills.

The foster carers worked on assignments at home with the children. The training increased their understanding of how reading difficulties can affect children and how to help them reach their full potential.

Lyn Worthington, a foster carer for 20 years, said: "I don't read books and so when the course was suggested I thought "no way".

"But I got over my initial fears and the tutor was very good.

"Once I got into it I realised that I do read quite a lot of everyday things – magazines, newspapers and recipes. The course has given me confidence and now I can enjoy reading with the children I care for."

Nationally, looked-after children do less well in education than other young people. In 2007 12% of the district's looked-after children achieved five or more A-C passes at GCSE or equivalent,

compared with 52% of all other young people.

Ewen Godfrey, manager of the Education Matters team, which supports the education of the district's children in care, said: "Foster carers are key people in the lives of most children in care. Their extra knowledge about the skill of reading will improve the reading ability of the children they look after."

For more information contact Reading Matters on **01274 692219** or log on to www.readingmatters.org.uk



What's your next step?

Are you the parent of a school-leaver or have you left school this summer? Still trying to work out whether education, employment or training is the next step?

Making decisions about what skills and experience a young person needs to set them on the right route to a satisfying job and future prosperity can be daunting.

But there's a lot of information and advice available to help.

The district's three further education colleges all offer a range of part-time and full-time courses leading to various levels of qualification. Courses include building trades and engineering, hair and beauty, travel and tourism, early years education, health and social care, art, fashion and ICT, to name just a few.



You can contact the colleges for more information:

- **Bradford College:** 01274 433333, admissions@bradfordcollege.ac.uk or www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk
- **Shipley College:** 01274 327281, enquiries@shipley.ac.uk or www.shipley.ac.uk
- **Park Lane College Keighley:** 01535 618555, guidance@keighley.ac.uk or www.parklane.ac.uk

You can attend a college open night. Park Lane College Keighley has an open night for prospective students at its Cavendish Street campus on Thursday, 14 August (5pm-7.30pm) and there's also one at Bradford College's Westbrook Building on Thursday, 21 August (noon-8pm).

You can also get careers advice. Find out about further education, training and employment opportunities at the Connexions offices at John Street, Bradford (**01274 379425**) and Low Street, Keighley (**01535 618100**) or by logging on www.connexions-direct.com

Alternatively contact Careers Bradford on **01274 829429** or log on to www.careersdirect.org.uk

Have your say

If you have any views about these or any other Community Pride articles, or you would like to express your opinion about any other Council activities or services, then please drop us a line.

You can e-mail community.pride@bradford.gov.uk or write to: The Editor, Community Pride, Room 19, City Hall, Bradford, BD1 1HY.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Three new schools...Buttershaw (far left), Salt (above) and Tong (top).

New secondaries are first class

More than 5,000 students and staff are – for once – eagerly awaiting the end of the summer holidays and the start of the new school year.

That's because they are going back to school at the first three new secondary schools rebuilt as part of our £400 million Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

Tong High School, Salt Grammar in Baildon, and Buttershaw High not only have impressive new buildings but state-of-the-art ICT software and hardware that will revolutionise the learning experience for both students and local communities.

Features include wireless laptops for students, electronic registration and access to school programmes and documents from home.

Coun Colin Gill, Executive Member for Services to Children and Young People, said: "It's been fantastic to see the three schools taking shape.

"The well-lit, well-ventilated, technologically-sophisticated and attractive new buildings will help us to improve the quality of teaching and pupils' educational attainment."

The work to transform all the district's secondary schools in the next 10 years is being carried out by the Integrated Bradford consortium, which is led by Amey in partnership with Costain.

During the summer we are working with the new schools and Integrated Bradford to move materials from their former buildings to make sure that teaching timetables are unaffected.

The old buildings will then be emptied for demolition.

Tong High School headteacher Lyn O'Reilly said: "The new Tong High School, like Salt and Buttershaw, will provide an exciting, modern learning environment which will support and reflect the growing aspirations of our community.

"The quality of educational provision will be enhanced because the schools have been designed to meet the needs of today's students and today's families.

"The new building will reflect Tong High School's growing reputation as a vibrant and successful Specialist Sports provider and a high school which is determined to raise attainment and achievement for all."

Salt Grammar is a specialist school in mathematics and ICT and is being renamed Titus Salt School, while Buttershaw High will now be called Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College, reflecting its own specialist status.

More on our new phase one BSF schools in the October issue of Community Pride.

● Plans for BSF phase two are well advanced. This involves revamping Grange Technology College, Beckfoot School and Greenhead School in Keighley, with new secondary special schools being built on the same site.

Work is set to start in the autumn term and the new schools will open in September 2010.

A great start to school life

Our school meals service continually works hard to develop menus that are nutritious and delicious and that will encourage more children to have a school lunch.

But in September we're also launching a scheme which gives some of our prospective new customers the chance to "try before they buy".

We're offering four weeks' worth of free meals to children who are starting full-time schooling in primary school reception classes.

Over 90% of the district's primary schools have adopted the scheme for the autumn and it will also be available for participating schools that have a January intake of new children.

There are no forms or paperwork to fill in and the meals can be taken at any point during the first half-term.

Roger Sheard, operations manager for our school meals service, said: "We want to encourage children to make eating healthy and tasty school meals a positive habit right from the start of school life. And we believe that our school meals offer excellent quality, nutrition, value and convenience for all schoolchildren and their parents.

"Sitting down to a two-course school meal with



their classmates is also a good opportunity to develop children's social skills. Learning, playing and eating together are recognised as great ways to develop the bonds of friendship that make school life so enjoyable."

Posters and leaflets about the government-funded scheme are being displayed in schools and there is also information in the new starter pack given to the parents of reception class children.

For more information contact the headteacher or the catering manager at your child's school.

Are you paying too much?

Are you one of the 35% of people who are due money off their Council Tax bill but haven't claimed it? Then isn't it time you rang our benefits hotline?

Martin Stubbs, assistant director for Revenues and Benefits, said: "We know there are many people who should get this money off their bill, who don't think they qualify. Some people are missing out on a full reduction in their bill simply because they haven't claimed."

Did you know?

- If you work full time, own your home, rent a property, or live with a partner you can still qualify.
- You don't have to be claiming any other benefits to get help.
- You can have a private pension and still be entitled.
- If you get Pension Credit Guaranteed you will probably be entitled to a 100% reduction in your Council Tax bill.

To find out if you're entitled call **01274 432774**. Just leave your name and number and a trained advisor will call you back and work out if you should apply.

The Big Plan: Improving you

Working together

The Bradford District Partnership (BDP) was set up earlier this year to replace Bradford Vision as the district's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

The Government requires districts to have an LSP to guide the planning and delivery of more effective services for local people.

The BDP has a board of 15 people representing some of the key partner agencies at the most senior level. These include the Council, Bradford and Airedale PCT, West Yorkshire Police, the Chamber of Commerce, Incommunities, Bradford University and the business, voluntary and community sectors.

All the BDP partners share responsibility for making sure The Big Plan (and the district's Local Area Agreement) succeed in improving your wellbeing and quality of life in a sustainable way.

The partners provide many services and support on their own. But they also work together through five Strategic Delivery Partnerships focused on particular areas of life – for example, the economy, the environment or health – or on improving the lives of particular groups of people.

The board and the Strategic Delivery Partnerships are supported by cross-cutting partnerships to make sure a range of issues – such as culture, disability, older people and communities – are reflected in the LSP's work.

The Big Plan for the Bradford District 2008-11 is split into six themed chapters.

Under each theme the partners in the Bradford District Partnership have set out a range of specific priorities and actions. The panels give a flavour of what we are aiming to achieve in each of these themes and our responses to some of your consultation feedback.

Many of the improvements these priorities and actions will make are connected and designed to reinforce each other. They

also have knock-on benefits.

For example, if we can improve education so that children are not only well qualified for a skilled job but also understand the value of healthy eating and exercise, the personal and social benefits of sexual responsibility, and the cultural heritage around them, then pressure on health services will be reduced, they will be more productive at work and lead more constructive, well-balanced lives of greater benefit to their families and communities.

Over the next three years these ambitions and actions will also help us to fulfil our vision for the district:

“By 2020 Bradford district will be a vibrant, prosperous, creative, peaceful, diverse, inclusive place where people are proud of their shared values and identity, and work together to secure this vision for future generations.”

Copies of The Big Plan will be available in libraries and Council information points and one-stop shops and as a pdf from www.bradford.gov.uk/bigplan



Taking a break... Sitters such as Doreen Midgley (back right) from our Time Out service give carers like Madeline Thompson (back left), who looks after her housebound mother Kathleen (front), the chance to take a much-needed break to go shopping and catch up with friends.

Health and wellbeing

Dealing with the causes of major public health and lifestyle problems and working together to prevent illness and extend productive, independent life, especially for those groups experiencing the worst health or in need of care and support.

- provide more opportunities for everyone to take part in affordable physical activity and sport
- increase understanding and awareness about the effects of alcohol, tobacco and drugs misuse and improve access to support and treatment for those most at risk
- improve access to support, advice and opportunities for people who experience mental health difficulties, and increase access and participation in social and cultural activities
- provide more opportunities for older and disabled people to access and use public spaces and services
- improve access to housing and related support for vulnerable people and prevent homelessness
- expand services which enable people to continue to live at home safely
- expand the provision of direct payments and individual budgets for social care
- develop more integrated health and social care services which are better able to respond to people's changing and/or complex needs.

You said: A focus group of people with learning difficulties told us that older people needed preventative care.

We're doing: Working together to keep older people healthy, active and involved in the community.

Prosperity and Regeneration

A focus on regeneration and improving skills but also covering other economic issues such as business growth and aspects of culture, housing and transport.

- increase people's ability to find work by providing effective basic skills training and targeted language programmes
- introduce new measures for supporting lone parents into work and modernisation of the New Deals for young and older people
- promote enterprise, increase new business start-ups and help local businesses to grow through our Kickstart programmes
- make sure there is an adequate supply of land for housing, with brownfield sites prioritised for development
- progress the Shipley Eastern Bypass and Canal Road improvements
- work with regional partners and property owners to return empty properties to use
- increase accessibility for all, improving public transport and promoting cycling and walking and access to footpaths and bridleways
- develop a distinctive programme of quality events and festivals.

You said: People in Shipley told us that improving education and skills is the most important thing we can do for the district's economy.

We're doing: Maximising the Train2Gain programme and working with the university, colleges and private sector to give you more opportunities to improve your workplace skills.

Strong and Cohesive Communities

Working with citizens to help them become actively involved in local planning and decision-making, to make their communities stronger and invest resources locally in neighbourhood improvement.

- develop effective ways for all partners to involve communities in their plans and work
- support voluntary and community groups to be more effective and deliver services to vulnerable people and hard-to-reach groups
- increase opportunities for volunteering and participation in community activity, including links to cultural and community events and preparation for the 2012 Olympics, Paralympics and related cultural programmes
- tackle inequality, promote social justice and challenge fear of 'difference'
- tackle racism, xenophobia, homophobia and religious intolerance
- enable communities to be more involved in creating safer neighbourhoods, areas, town and city centres
- develop responsive local teams linked to visible uniformed patrols
- provide opportunities for people from different communities to have fun together.

You said: An African Caribbean focus group told us that information and access to services is not spread evenly across the district.

We're doing: Improving access to information, advice and services so that people understand what services they are entitled to and how they can access them through locally-based teams that are responsive to the needs and circumstances of specific places.

r wellbeing and quality of life



Improving your neighbourhoods... Police officers and PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) and our Streets Ahead neighbourhood wardens, including the teams based at Holme Wood's 'yellow box' (pictured), are helping to make local streets safer and cleaner.

● Improving the Environment

Clean, green and attractive neighbourhoods; improved parks and open spaces; reducing and managing waste sustainably and improving recycling facilities; and reducing our impact on climate change.

- work with communities to clean up areas and raise awareness about how improving their neighbourhoods can increase satisfaction and pride in the area
- raise awareness of the need for people to take individual and collective responsibility for the cleanliness of their streets, parks and open spaces
- take all necessary enforcement action to reduce fly-tipping, littering and dumping of bulky waste
- implement the Council's Waste Strategy to increase recycling and divert waste from landfill
- enhance and maintain our parks, landscapes and historic buildings as places to visit and promote civic pride
- make a positive impact on climate change by implementing the Carbon Management Programme and the Council's Climate Change Plan.

You said: Primary school children told us that adults need to be better educated about the environment.

We're doing: Increasing awareness and reducing waste by getting people to recycle, compost and re-use their household waste.

● Safer Communities

Building public confidence, trust and satisfaction by reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, tackling its causes and increasing people's feeling of safety and security in their homes and neighbourhoods.

- tackle serious and violent crime and criminal damage, including arson and vandalism
- reduce the level of burglary and theft
- use community data and intelligence at district, area and ward level to reduce the fear of crime and target resources to areas of greatest need
- link criminal justice actions with health and treatment services to break the cycle of drugs and crime
- investigate all hate crime incidents
- tackle all forms of abuse of older and vulnerable people
- reduce levels of re-offending by providing more and better prevention, diversion and intervention activities
- increase the number of young offenders in education, training or employment
- maintain road environments that are safe for people to walk, cycle, drive and ride, and that give protection to local communities and schools.

You said: Young men told us that they had an uneasy relationship with the police.

We're doing: Working through the new Neighbourhood Policing Teams to respond better to all communities.

Working with you

The success or failure of The Big Plan will be down to all of us.

The improvements we want to make in your quality of life depend on the partners understanding your needs and views, involving you in decision-making about neighbourhoods and services, and consulting you on the quality and effectiveness of what we are doing.

We will involve you and work with you in a range of ways. These include:

- elected councillors listening to your views and concerns, making sure your individual and collective voices are heard, and making decisions about policies and resources to improve quality of life and services;
- discussing important local issues at Neighbourhood Forums;
- collecting your views through our Speak Out! panel of 2,500 residents;
- encouraging feedback about your experiences – good and bad – of services;
- supporting individual communities of place and interest to plan together;
- conducting regular surveys to understand your needs and perceptions of the district and our services;
- working closely with parish and town councils; and
- providing resources for local community and voluntary organisations to support you to improve your neighbourhoods.



Fun for all... Events such as the recent Horton Grange Women's and Children's Mela, organised by Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's Office and Grange Interlink Centre, help to bring communities together. Music and dance performances were combined with stalls, face painting and balloon modelling, beauty therapies and information about recycling and courses.

● Children and Young People

Improving education outcomes to meet the needs of local business for rounded, well-qualified workers in a thriving local and regional economy. Also provide support for parents and carers to help make sure that children grow up happy, active and safe, and fulfil their potential.

- support and challenge schools to continue to increase their improvement rates
- raise educational attainment at five GCSEs (grades A*-C) and equivalent level
- protect looked after children and children and young people with learning or other disabilities from abuse and exploitation
- reduce bullying
- increase early years provision
- implement the Play Strategy so that every child has access to stimulating, fun and challenging play opportunities
- involve children and young people in decision-making and in shaping services
- co-ordinate the development of a strategy to reduce poverty for children and young people
- ensure 14-19 education and training is well co-ordinated and of a good quality
- take action to help young people, including vulnerable groups, who are not in education, employment or training.

You said: Residents in Ravenscliffe, Greengates and Thorpe Edge said parenting classes would help parents to cope better.

We're doing: Putting the Parenting Strategy into practice to give support to parents.

What's On 2008



Bradford's Summer Festival 2008

Our Bradford's Summer Festival 2008 leaflet is available from Council facilities or as a pdf download at www.bradford.gov.uk/summerevents

Until 30 August, Ilkley Summer Festival (Various venues): Events including; Clare Teal in concert on 22nd; Dolce Vita in the bandstand area and The Grove and Son et Lumiere at Mill Ghyll on 23rd (both free); and ending with Last Night Prom Concert. www.ilkleysummerfestival.com

August



20, City Centre Treasure Trail (Bradford city centre): Discover the treasures of Bradford's history and heritage, with guides in Victorian costume. Organised by Yarn Spinners Tours for Bradford City Centre Management. Trail (approx one hour) starts 11am from Centenary Square. £1 adults, 50p children, proceeds to Lord Mayor's Appeal. 01274 900596.

23-25, Flower Festival (Ilkley Parish Church): 'Celebrating Yorkshire'. 10am-6pm. £3. 01943 430108.

24, Family Fun Day (Centenary Square): The hand-over of the Olympic baton from 2008 hosts Beijing to 2012 hosts London live on the Big Screen plus activities including a climbing wall, dance mat sessions and a chance to take the b active Challenge. 10am-4pm.

24, Band Concert (Lister Park): Chattanoogaogers. 2pm-4pm. 01274 433828.

27, Big Fun, Big Play, Big Swim Day (Bingley Pool): Various activities, may include bouncy castles, face painting, wet'n'wild sessions in the pool, fitcraft, football, bowls, tag rugby, multiskills and go-carting. Usual admission price for adults, £1 juniors. Times and more details from 01274 560621.

30-31, Bingley Music Live: Page 8.

31, Band Concert (Cliffe Castle, Keighley): Hurricane Blue. 2pm-4pm. 01274 433828.

bactive for charity

Our b active campaign has teamed up with the British Heart Foundation again for two fun fund-raising events.

Both events will help local people look after their own hearts and support the charity's fight against the UK's biggest killer, heart and circulatory disease.

On Sunday, 7 September it's the Leeds to Skipton Canal Walk along the towpath of the Leeds to Liverpool Canal.

You can walk from either Leeds or Skipton and choose the full 29 miles or choose shorter distances between eight checkpoints along the route.

Then, on Sunday, 5 October, Lister Park is the venue for the Hearts First Bradford City Jog (10.30am start) – a fun run for all ages and abilities around the landscaped grounds of Britain's Best Park 2006. You can choose a 3km or 5km route and run, jog or walk.

For more information about both events and to register call **0800 9176976** or visit www.bhf.org.uk/getactive

September

2-6, Aluminium (Alhambra): Dance spectacular. If you liked STOMP, you'll love this! 7.30pm, Thurs mat 2pm, Sat mat 2.30pm. From £8.50.

3, Organ Recital (Bradford Cathedral): Paul Bowen. Free. 1.05pm. 01274 777720 or www.bradfordcathedral.org

5-7, Haworth Arts and Music Festival (Haworth village): Bigger than ever. www.haworthartsgroup.co.uk

6-9, Keighley Agricultural Society Show (King George V playing fields, Marley): 01535 645074.

8-20, Blood Brothers (Alhambra): International smash-hit musical by Willy Russell. 7.30pm, Wed mat 2pm, Sat mat 2.30pm. From £9.50.

 Captioned performance: Sat, 13 September, 2.30pm.

 Signed performance: Fri, 19 September, 7.30pm.

8, Hope in the City (Bradford Cathedral): Latest in the series of free public lectures – by Anthony Reddie, research fellow at the Queens Foundation in Birmingham. 7.30pm. 01274 777720.

11-21, Saltaire Festival (Saltaire village): Music, street entertainment, stalls, displays, shows, a beer festival, continental market and free gala in Roberts Park. www.salttairefestival.co.uk

13, Last Night of the Proms (Centenary Square): Big Screen live link-up from the Royal Albert Hall and other activities. 7.30pm-around 10.40pm. www.bbc.co.uk/proms

13, Band Concert (The Grove, Ilkley): Hurricane Blue. 2.30pm-4.30pm. 01274 433828.

15-20, Tom, Dick and Harry (Bingley Arts Centre): Bingley Little Theatre presents an original and inventive farce. 7.30pm. £7, concs £6 Mon-Thurs. 01274 432000.



16, Older People's Focus Group (King's Hall and Winter Gardens, Ilkley): A chance for the over 50s to have your say about many subjects. 11am-12.30pm. 01274 431573.

17-21, Chinese State Circus (Peel Park): Including big banner juggling, Chinese lion dance and Shaolin Wu-Shu Warriors. Various performances. 08445 765506.

18-21, Horrid Henry (St George's Hall): Various performances. From £9.

19-25, Bite the Mango Film Festival (National Media Museum): www.nationalmediamuseum.org.uk

20, Band Concert (The Grove, Ilkley): Cool Connexion. 2pm-4pm. 01274 433828.


21, Wilsden Annual Show (Wilsden Village Hall): Organised by Wilsden Gardening Association. Exhibits, plant stalls, refreshments and Wilsden Band. 2pm start. 01535 273102.


22-24, The eXtra Factor (St George's Hall): Comedy musical taking an ironical and hilarious look at reality shows. 7.30pm. £18.50.




23-27, The Witches of Eastwick (Alhambra): Marti Pellow stars in the stage version of the hit movie. Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri 5pm & 8.30pm, Sat

2.30pm & 7.30pm. From £11.50.


 Signed performance: Wed, 24 Sept, 7.30pm.

 Captioned performance: Fri, 26 Sept, 5pm.

 Audio-described performance: Sat, 27 Sept, 2.30pm.

26-28, Cultural Olympiad launch (Centenary Square): Contemporary dance, parkour and other performances to launch a four-year period of cultural activity to celebrate the Olympic spirit.

29-4 October, Flashdance – The Musical (Alhambra): Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri/Sat 5pm and 8.30pm. From £10. Win tickets – back page.

 Captioned performance: Fri, 3 Oct, 5pm.

October

1, The Orchestra (St George's Hall): Starring former members of ELO and ELO Part II. 7.30pm. £25 and £27.50.

2, Dara O'Briain (St George's Hall): 8pm. £19.50.

3-19, Ilkley Literature Festival

(various venues): The north's liveliest and most prestigious literature festival. 140 events over 17 days, including Louis de Bernieres and Kate Adie. www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk

3, Don Cossacks State Dance Company (St George's Hall): Direct from Russia on their first UK tour. 7.30pm. From £17.50.

4, The Moody Blues (St George's Hall): 8pm. £32.50.

6-11, Calendar Girls (Alhambra): Adapted by Tim Firth from his smash-hit film. 7.30pm, Wed mat 2pm, Sat mat 2.30pm. From £10.50.

8, Hope in the City (Bradford Cathedral): Latest in the series of free public lectures – by Paul Rogers, professor of Peace Studies at Bradford University. 7.30pm. 01274 777720.

11, Public Lecture (Bradford Central Library): 'The Healing Power of Thought, Auras, Crystals and Angels' by Susan Bayliss. Hosted by Bradford Theosophical Society. Free. 2.30pm. 01274 598455.

11, Paddy McGuinness Plus You! (St George's Hall): With a chance to be his new support act. 8pm. £18.50.

18, Steeton Male Voice Choir (King's Hall, Ilkley): In concert with the Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band. 7.30pm. Tickets 01943 602719.

20-25, Ladies in Retirement (Bingley Arts Centre): Bingley Little Theatre presents a thriller by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham, based on a famous 19th century murder. 7.30pm. £7, concs £6 Mon-Thurs. 01274 432000.

21-25 Oct, Summer Holiday (Victoria Hall, Keighley): Double-decker musical blockbuster presented by Keighley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. 7.15pm, Sat matinee 2.15pm. From £8. 08450 170718 or Reid's bookshop (from September).

For more information about performances at the Alhambra, Studio or St George's Hall, or to book tickets, contact 01274 432000 or www.bradford-theatres.co.uk

A booking fee will apply to all Bradford Theatres ticket sales by cheque or debit/credit card.

Bradford Council cannot guarantee inclusion of all events submitted or accept responsibility for cancellations or changes to event details after publication.

Revamp for Queensbury recycling centre

Our household waste recycling centre at Queensbury is closed until November for a £750,000 refurbishment.

The centre, which shares the Hill End Lane site with a highways depot, will be expanded and fitted with modern facilities.

There will be more containers for recycling and general waste, better traffic flow and longer weekend opening hours, as well as improved storage for winter gritting, which will still operate from this depot. These improvements will help local residents to recycle more of their waste and help us to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill.

Until the Queensbury centre reopens people who previously used it are being asked to visit Wilson Road,

Low Moor; Sugden End at Cross Roads, Keighley or our Midland Road, Manningham centre which opened last year.

There are also 'bring sites' at Tesco on Halifax Road (plastics, glass, cans, textiles and paper) and Tesco on Great Horton Road (glass, cans and paper).

Our other seven household waste recycling centres (not including Queensbury) will be open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and accept a wide variety of recyclables and other waste.

For opening times and details of what you can take to each one phone Council Contact on **01274 431000** or log on to www.bradford.gov.uk/recyclingcentres

News in brief

Amnesty for landlords

We've declared an amnesty to give landlords a final chance to make sure they have a licence from us. A licence is required for any rental properties of three or more occupied floors that are let to five or more separate tenants.

Licensing raises standards and makes properties safer. It also gives tenants an assurance that their landlord is a 'fit and proper' person and will manage the building properly. Tenants should ask to see their landlord's licence.

The amnesty only lasts until 31 October 2008. After that we intend to prosecute landlords who do not have a licence. They could be fined up to £20,000 and forced to repay up to a year's rent to tenants or the Council.

Landlords who want to apply for a licence or tenants who want to report their concerns can contact us on **01274 437107**, e-mail general.enquiry.psh@bradford.gov.uk or download a form from www.bradford.gov.uk/hmo

Fighting fraud

To help with the prevention and detection of various types of fraud the Council is required by the Audit Commission to take part in the National Fraud Initiative 2008.

We have to provide particular sets of personal data – including details of residents' and disabled 'blue badge' parking permits – to the Audit Commission for this exercise. A full list can be found at www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nfi

These computer records will then be compared with other records held by the Council and other bodies.

More information about the Audit Commission's legal powers and why it compares particular information can be found on its website.

Correction

Our story about the 'Keighley's Summer Palace' exhibition at Cliffe Castle Museum in the July issue of Community Pride said that the new curtains for the breakfast room were made by Gill Lightfoot of Crossflatts.

In fact they were made by Gill Lightfoot and her team at Material Worth of Cross Roads. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Deaf Centre on the up

Bradford Centre for the Deaf has served the district's deaf community for over 140 years. It's been based at Hallfield Road, off Lumb Lane on the edge of the city centre, for more than a century.

In recent years the once flourishing club, which even had its own chapel and gym, has suffered from declining membership. But it's got a new board of governors and they are keen to get the message out that the centre is open for business and aiming to become a focal point for all deaf people again.

Nigel Robinson, chairman of the governors, said: "Many deaf people still feel isolated in the community, they aren't aware of a lot of things that are available to them and they don't have the same access to services as hearing people.

"The deaf centre can provide companionship and support for deaf people. We like to see new faces and it can be a chance to meet new people as well as old friends. We can also put young people in touch with the deaf youth club."

A range of social activities and other events are already held at the club.

- The hard of hearing club meets on a Monday for bingo, raffles and food.
- On Wednesdays there's a thriving over 55s club. It's a chance to meet, chat and play games. There's sometimes a speaker – through an

interpreter – about health issues or Council services and everyone gets a hot lunch cooked on the premises.

- A drop-in café on Fridays (10.30am-3pm).
- Social club evenings are open to all and trips out and parties are organised.

Funding from our District and Inclusion team is helping members to spruce up areas of the club. They are working with members to draw up an action plan to address issues of concern and move the centre forward.

Nigel added: "We are aiming to set up a Deaf Forum where people can consult with the Council, NHS and other organisations. And we'd also like to start British Sign Language (BSL) classes and set up an internet café."

For more information about Bradford Centre for the Deaf contact NRobinson18@aol.com



Colour schemers... (from left to right) Pauline Clare, Doreen Newshome, Christine Fletcher, Doreen Battersby and Susan McCormack discuss, using sign language, paints to spruce up the centre.

Give us your views at a Neighbourhood Forum

Neighbourhood Forums are open meetings for you, held twice a year in most neighbourhoods.

The following forums will take place before 21 October 2008. For more information contact the relevant Area Co-ordinator's Office or visit www.bradford.gov.uk/nss

Bradford North Area (7pm unless stated, 01274 431066): September – 11, Manningham (2pm). October – 14, Pollard Park & Otley Road; 15, East Bowling (2pm); 16, Eccleshill (2pm), Manningham; 21, Barkerend.

Bradford South Area (7pm unless stated, 01274 431155): September –

9, Buttershaw; 10, Tong Street; 17, Wyke; 23, Low Moor. October – 2, Lower Wyke; 8, Wibsey South West; 14, Ambler Thorn & Queensbury; 15, Low Moor & Oakenshaw (1.30pm), Scholemoor & Lidget Green (1.30pm); 16, Sutton (10am, Councillors' surgery), Ambler Thorn & Queensbury (1.30pm), Oakenshaw; 20, Holme Wood.

Bradford West Area (7pm unless stated, 01274 432597): September – 9, Fairweather Green; 16, Clayton; 25, Thornton. October – 8, Frizinghall (3pm); 9, Lilycroft; 14, Heaton, Horton Grange; 15, Horton Grange (Women's, 10am), Canterbury;

21, West Bowling.

Keighley Area (7pm unless stated, 01535 618008): September – 23, Addingham; 25, Riddlesden. October – 2, Silsden; 9, Highfield.

Shipley Area (7.30pm unless stated, 01274 437146): September – 16, Harden; 17, Coach Road (Lower Baildon, 7pm); 24, Windhill & West Royd (7pm); 30, Baildon Village. October – 1, Menston; 2, Wrose (7pm); 13, Cottingley; 15, Middle Baildon & Ferniehurst (10am); 16, Burley-in-Wharfedale; 21, Crag, Owlet & Bolton Woods (7pm).



Celebrating success... some of the winners with Coun Adrian Naylor (right), Executive Member for Regeneration, who was one of the judges.

Bright ideas get a Kickstart

Five winners each received £1,000 after coming up with the best new business ideas from over 200 entries in our Bradford Kickstart Enterprise Competition, which featured in the May issue of Community Pride.

The successful budding local entrepreneurs were Simon Kenny; Dan McTiernan; Debbie Parker and Jenna Verity; Toni Dominik, Julie Milburn, Kerrie Ormonroyd and Laura Spuden; and Steve Vink.

Four prizes were originally offered but, in view of the high quality of entries, the judges awarded an extra one.

They looked for ideas that were viable, original and could have positive impact on local jobs, the community and the environment.

For more about the winners and their ideas follow the News link at www.bradfordkickstart.com

For advice on starting a new business in the district call the Kickstart team free on **0800 9539503**.

Competition

What a feeling!

Sparks will fly between 29 September and 4 October as the world premiere production of *Flashdance – The Musical* explodes onto the Alhambra stage. Based on the 1983 movie, it stars Bruno Langley (Coronation Street), Bernie Nolan (The Bill, Brookside), Noel Sullivan (Hear'Say) and Victoria Hamilton-Barritt as 18-year-old Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night.



Community Pride has two pairs of tickets to give away for the performance on Monday, 29 September (7.30pm). Just answer the simple question below.

Entries must be received by noon on Monday, 1 September 2008. If you are posting your entry please remember to use a stamp. Two winners will be drawn from all the correct entries. The competition is open to residents of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council area only. The Editor's decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

● Mrs P Savage, of Thornton, and Julie Rasimowicz, of BD2, each won a pair of tickets for *Our House* at the Alhambra after winning our June competition. The correct answer was Suggs.

● Charlotte Booth, of Baildon, and Jennifer Buckley, of Shipley, each won a pair of tickets for *Bingley Music Live* after winning our July competition. The correct answer was Bez.

Flashdance Competition

Name

Address

Contact number

e-mail

Question: Who was the female star of the movie version of *Flashdance*?

Answer

Return to: **Flashdance Competition, Community Pride, Room 19, City Hall, Bradford BD1 1HY** by noon on the closing date of Monday, 1 September 2008.



See them live at Myrtle Park... Happy Mondays.

Get happy in Bingley

Bingley Music Live is the only place you can see Happy Mondays perform in the north of England this year.

The Mondays, who helped to put the 'mad' into the Madchester music scene, are the headline act at Myrtle Park on Saturday, 30 August – the ticket-only day of our two-day festival.

They scored top-five hits with *Kinky Afro* and *Step On* in 1990 and, despite splits and reconciliations since, have been regulars on tour and the festival circuit.

Bradford's own *Terrorvision* appear on home turf on the same bill and other confirmed acts include touring bands *Delays* and *Infadels*. Special guests were still to be announced as Community Pride went to press.

Advance tickets for the Saturday cost £12.50 online

at www.seetickets.com or from **01274 436000**. Tickets on the gate cost £20.

Echo and the Bunnymen will close the show on Sunday, 31 August – the FREE day of Bingley Music Live festival.

Alabama 3, the British band who achieved acclaim when their track *Woke up this Morning* was used as the title song for the TV series *The Sopranos*, will play the guest slot on the Sunday.

Bingley Music Live launched last year and attracted more than 15,000 people over the two days with headline act *The Charlatans* and local emerging bands. The festival was shortlisted in the 2007 Best New Festival category of the Virtual Festivals awards.

Gates open on both days at 11.30am. The concerts finish at around 9.30pm on Saturday and 8.30pm on Sunday.

For more information www.bingleymusiclive.com

● Five of the district's parks now have the Green Flag award from the Civic Trust, making them some of the best in the country.

Harold Park, at Low Moor, is the latest to be awarded a Green Flag. Haworth Central Park, Peel Park, St Ives Estate at Bingley and Lister Park – Britain's Best Park in 2006 – have retained theirs.

New look for Invest in Bradford

We've relaunched Invest in Bradford (IIB), our team which acts as a single point of contact for businesses looking to invest in the district for the first time and existing companies keen to expand.

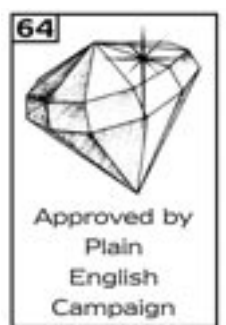
IIB provides free advice on the availability of sites and premises, financial assistance, recruitment and retention, relocation and other subjects.

The relaunch means a new look with updated information about every aspect of the district and what it has to offer that investors might want to know. The IIB website is also being upgraded.

Log on to www.investinbradford.com or contact **01274 437727**.

● We've also launched a new website giving constantly updated information about the district's economy and regeneration. Visit www.bradfordeconomy.com

This newsletter is also available in audio format, in Braille or as a Word document. Please contact 01274 434717.



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