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2012 Annual Newsletter

Blackshaw News



Annual Accounts 2011/2012

Total Expenditure	£7,006
Poster Competition	£93
Christmas parcels for the elderly	£270
Grants	£700
Charlestown Allotments	£670
Costs other than staff costs	£4,322
Fixed assets as at 31 March 2012	£5,794
Balances as at 31 March 2012	£4,103

Planning applications

Blackshaw Parish Council has a legal right to be consulted on Planning Matters.

During 2011/2012 the Parish Council was consulted and commented on 19 planning applications

2012 Annual Parish Meeting

7.00pm, Monday, 28 May 2012 @

**The Council Chamber,
 Hebden Bridge Town Hall,
 St. Georges Street, Hebden Bridge**

Come and discuss community issues such as:

1. A safe route to school in Charlestown
2. The future of www.Blackshaw.net
3. What to do with Great Rock (if anything)
4. The Woodman Inn eyesore
5. Any other issues

Blackshaw Parish Council invites you to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Sunday 3 June 1.30pm @ Blackshaw Head Chapel

Watch the River Pageant live upstairs on the "The Big Screen".

Monday 4 June @ Dorothy's Field, Old Shaw Lane, Blackshaw Head

2.00 to 3.30pm Children's Sports, Games and Activities

3.30 to 5.00pm Bring sandwiches, cakes and buns to share for the Parish Picnic. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

7.30pm DIY Barbeque and Party. Barbeque lit, bring your own food to cook and bring something to drink.

10.00pm Official Blackshaw Jubilee Beacon lit.

Tuesday 5 June 10.00am @ Blackshaw Head Chapel

Watch the Diamond Jubilee Procession and Service from St Paul's Cathedral live upstairs on "The Big Screen".

SHED Exhibition of "Life in the 1950's" upstairs @ Blackshaw Head Chapel — Sunday 3 June and Monday 4 June.

For further information and offers to help please contact

Steve Hoyle (on 01422 847190) or Tim Cole (on 01706 813800)

Charlestown Allotments and Community Orchard

In January Calderdale Council agreed to the free transfer of the land on Burnley Road between The Woodman Inn and the Naze to Blackshaw Parish Council and on 27 March planning permission was granted for the fencing, footpaths and sheds needed to create allotments.

Since mid March volunteers working with Charlestown Allotment Group have cleared the undergrowth and trees from the site and with support from BEAT it is hoped that work will soon start on creating the actual allotments.

With help and advice from Calderdale Local Orchard Group and BEAT it is intended to plant fruit trees to create a small community orchard in the Autumn.

There are still a few allotments available. Anyone interested should contact either Charlestown Allotment Group or the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01422 842133.

The picture shows volunteers clearing the site.



Picnic at Great Rock

Everyone in the Parish is invited to a DIY picnic lunch at Great Rock @ 12 noon on 30 June. For many years the Rock has been used on the Parish Council letterhead and soon the Council will also be the proud owners of this site with its majestic views over the Calder Valley.

Last time everyone was invited to Great Rock was on the morning of the Millennium. Hopefully this time the weather will be slightly better.

Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe

In 1979 and at every election since the indefatigable Dorothy has topped the poll to become a Parish Councillor. Her campaigns are numerous, her opinions never muted and her influence in building the Blackshaw Community incalculable.

This year Dorothy was 80 and to celebrate all her achievements it has been decided to make Dorothy a Freewoman of Blackshaw Parish at the Annual Parish Meeting on 28 May.

Chapel Lane Blackshaw Head

After a campaign lasting more than 30 years by Blackshaw Parish Council a chance discovery of a solicitors account from 1906 by Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe has resulted in Chapel Lane being resurfaced in January 2012.

The solicitors £44 account gave a detailed 10 page description of Chapel Lane being moved to make room for the expansion of the Chapel graveyard. The legal process took over a year and involved the Chapel trustees, Blackshaw Parish and Todmorden Rural District Councils, Todmorden Magistrates, and Leeds and Wakefield Quarter Sessions.

In 2011 a friendly local Barrister and the records of the West Yorkshire Archives confirmed that all the correct procedures had been followed. This finally convinced Calderdale Council that Chapel Lane was their responsibility and the Lane was resurfaced.

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to make
Blackshaw
a better
place to
live and
work”**