

**BRADFORD BUILDING PRESERVATION  
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**Good news on current projects**

The North and South Cemetery Chapels have both been stabilised and flooring work on the North Cemetery Chapel in Ilkley has been completed. We are now awaiting instructions from future occupiers on the services and fittings required. This is great news and signals the successful completion of the restoration of two unique buildings which would otherwise have been lost to Ilkley.

The restoration would not have been possible without Grant Aid from Ilkley Parish Council and - earlier - a grant from B.E.A.T. (Bradford Environmental Action Trust). BBPT is now looking at several possible new projects and we hope to be able to tell you more in our next newsletter.

**Bradford MDC news**

Bradford MDC has now completed the Conservation Area Appraisals and consultations for 59 conservation areas and is in the process of proposing some new areas for designation. There is also a consultation exercise in progress on the possible restoration and re-opening of the Bradford Canal.

**New Publication Online**

During last year's Heritage open days, Chris Hammond of the Trust conducted a two hour guided walk around the historic centre of Bradford beginning at City Hall. He presented a lively portrait of Bradford both as a



**Bradford City Hall**

great European City of the past and as a city overcoming the challenges of today. Chris's walk was full of fascinating insights on the architecture and architects, the history, the personalities and anecdotes about Bradford's best - and worst - buildings. Did you know that Bradford has its own club? Or that J B Priestley as an office boy bought his first books in Kirkgate Market (now sadly demolished)? Or that in the 18<sup>th</sup> century there was a dungeon at the top of Ilkleygate?

Chris's witty and authoritative written account of the walk - '*The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*' will shortly be published on our internet site ([www.bbpt.org.uk](http://www.bbpt.org.uk)). You may wish to use it on your own journey round our city which retains great historic character and architectural excellence. Chris is also considering publishing his walk

complete with maps and photographs. He will repeat his fascinating journey through Bradford

on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.00am, starting from City Hall steps (Centenary Square). All are welcome - no need to pre-book.

**Heritage Open Days 2005**

This year Heritage Open Days will run from Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 September. Ilkley Civic Society has planned another enjoyable Heritage Walk through Ilkley entitled '*Over the Bridges*', which, among many other sights, will include a visit to the Lido and a look at the completed cemetery chapels.

Details: September 11, starting at 2.00pm from Ilkley Manor House Courtyard under the archway.



**City Centre View**

***'Listing is Changing'***

This free leaflet by English Heritage outlines changes in the listing process which are taking place this year. Not all of this is good news for Building Preservation Trusts, but for the owners of historic buildings there is at last a move towards greater information and consultation. This includes consultation on applications to list buildings. In an attempt to speed up the administration of the listing process, it has been transferred from the DCMS to English heritage (although the DCMS will still act as arbitrator in cases where listing decisions are disputed).

**The work of a 'Revolving Fund Trust'**

Bradford Building Preservation Trust functions as a 'Revolving Fund Trust'. The buildings that the Trust acquires for restoration are not always listed, have lost their original use and are often derelict. Many, even when restored, have limited other uses and the cost of their repair and restoration far outweighs their financial value.

There are fewer grants than ever to help towards the conservation of these buildings. In order for BBPT to carry on its work, matching funding is needed to attract grants. Once a building has been restored, revenue raised from selling or renting it out is used as further match funding to restore another building 'at risk'.

**New committee members**

We are always delighted to accept new members of the committee. Please ring the number below to find out more.

**Membership Subscription reminder.**

Your subscription is a vital contribution to the funding we require to attract grants for saving small but important buildings such as the North and South cemetery chapels at Ilkley. As a taxpayer, if you sign the form below, the Trust's funds will benefit by a further 28%. You will receive a newsletter twice a year with updates on the work of the Trust. Our website ([www.bbpt.org.uk](http://www.bbpt.org.uk)) includes back-copies of the newsletter as well as articles and photographs. Please send your subscription to the Bradford Building Preservation Trust at the address below this newsletter. If you wish to pay your subscription by Standing Order, please complete the form attached and send to your bank. Thank you for your continued support.

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