



Barwick-in-Elmet and Scholes Parish Council Newsletter September 2020



Message from the Chair

Chair of the Parish Council – Councillor Phil Maude

This is our Autumn newsletter and we're pleased to provide an update on Parish Council ("PC") activities as the nights draw in. The PC has continued to operate by facilitating meetings using audio and video streaming technology. The system we're using, importantly, allows residents to continue to access the meetings.

Following a request from a parishioner we have enquired whether the owner of Scholes Allotments is willing to sell the land to the PC, and we are awaiting a reply. We have agreed with Shadwell junior football team for them to play on the sports field at Scholes this season, and we have concluded a 10-year licence with Mount St Mary's Football Club to use the pitch at Barwick.

We are aware that, as the Community Fund will not be operating this year, some groups who have relied on traditional methods of fundraising - such as coffee mornings - may struggle. The PC has therefore decided to amend its grants policy so that it is no longer a pre-condition to seek funding from the Community Fund.

We are still working out the details of our revised scheme, but information will be published on the PC website at the earliest opportunity. *In the meantime, any group which may be*

interested in applying for financial assistance should register their interest with the Clerk, whose contact details are provided in this newsletter.

We have agreed to allow H Hirst Amusements to visit Jack Heaps Field this year, as they have done for many years for the autumn fair. They are scheduled to be operating from 12th October and have assured the PC they are following government guidelines on social distancing and other safety requirements. The guidelines may change over the next few weeks, but whatever the operating criteria are for such a business I am sure they would welcome your support.

We are pressing ahead with our Vision for the Future at Scholes Pavilion. We had a successful drop-in consultation on 22 August. Thank you to those who attended and expressed your ideas, views and opinions. We are carefully reviewing all the feedback and we will modify the scheme where benefits will accrue. We will be seeking funding for the scheme and we will have to secure planning permission. We will continue to keep you up to date as the scheme progresses.

Like many of you I have been very frustrated about the continued closure of both playgrounds. The good news is that we have been advised that both playgrounds will now reopen having been deep cleaned by the LCC. The playgrounds are now open for use providing that government guidelines are followed. Notices will be erected on site to advise you about these.

At the same time, we have recognised that the playground would benefit from some investment and upgrading – yes some of the equipment is looking tired. Councillor Ward has volunteered to investigate what sort of improvements may be considered and she is keen to hear from anyone who has any ideas and who is willing to work with her to upgrade the equipment. Councillor Ward's contact details are in this newsletter.

We are always interested in positive constructive ideas of ways of improving the villages and the well-being of residents. Now that coffee mornings are no longer a regular feature of village life and social intercourse is limited the PC continues to be very much in listening mode about ways to help everyone get through this pandemic. Take care. [Cllr Phil Maude](#)

Welcoming our new Parish Councillors

Professor David Young – Councillor for the Barwick Ward – brief biog.

It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity to serve the community in which I live. My background is in higher education where I have worked as a professor and most recently vice-chancellor of the East Africa University. Since retirement I have returned to my academic discipline of musicology and completed a book on Beethoven symphonies. I am chairman of the Elgar Society, Yorkshire and North East Branch, Past President of Probus, Barwick and Scholes Branch, member of the Barwick Historical Society.

My main hobbies are working on the allotment and playing croquet (member of the York Croquet Club). *Cllr Prof David Young*

Dan Greenwood – Councillor for the Scholes Ward

Hi everyone, I have lived in Scholes for nearly 10 years with my fiancé and our two young girls, both of whom are currently at Scholes Primary School.

Whenever the villages have events on, we love to get involved by showing our support. We always look forward to visiting the fair in Barwick and getting free hot sausages from St Phillip's Church in Scholes on Halloween. We love going for family walks across the parish and we truly do have many wonderful sights between the villages

We feel that we were lucky moving into our house; it's been a privilege to develop and improve it. Scholes is a fantastic place to live - and the people are always saying hello.

When I saw the opportunity to represent the Parish, and in particular the Scholes Ward I was anxious to apply. I can't wait to get fully stuck into what the PC does especially to help continually improve our area. I'm also hoping to bring some additional expertise into the fold too.

I've worked in Radio & Entertainment industry for the past 6 years; my latest role means I'm increasingly based in Leeds. I love to drink plenty of Yorkshire Tea and I'm an avid Leeds United fan. *Cllr Dan Greenwood.*

Community Groups – support for residents by residents

Your Scholes update

Your Scholes continues to help a number of people around the village with their daily needs. Thankfully many of those who we have previously helped are now able to be self-sufficient, but as an organisation we continue to be available for anybody from Scholes who is in need of help.

If you need help with some of the basics of life due to the COVID 19 lockdown, please call Andy on 0113 2892437 and we will help you in any way we can. *Andy Nicholson, on behalf of the Your Scholes leadership team.* Website: <https://your-scholes.co.uk/>

The Ancient Parish of Barwick in Elmet Trust

The Ancient Parish of Barwick in Elmet Trust is functioning during the lockdown and if any residents have found themselves in financial hardship, they can contact the Charitable Trust for grant support.

For more information email; thebarwicktrust@gmail.com All applications are dealt with in confidence.

In praise of our villages

Scholes: This month should have seen Scholes celebrate the 12th Annual Show. , which showcases all the hard work and expertise of local gardeners, craft enthusiasts, artists and outstanding cooks and bakers. The event also highlights the talents of the keen photographers in the village.

The children of Scholes Primary School present a wonderful series of writing and art and craft work.

Scholes in Bloom Group continues in its work to make the village look attractive. Living in Scholes is made all the more pleasant by their contribution with the addition of hanging baskets and making open spaces look even better. Have you seen the willow bird in the garden?

Scholes allotments have also been extra busy during the lockdown and the carrot competition will be held as usual.

Scholes also benefits from other green spaces, such as Scholes Lodge Field and the many paths that residents have access too including Leeds Country Way, which links the villages. Although out of the Parish, Chippy's Pond has been cleaned up and is now a popular area for residents to visit. The village also has extensive sports facilities, with active bowling, football and cricket teams. The PC is assessing options for this area to be enhanced to the benefit of the villagers. Living here, it is often overlooked how much green space we have around us.

Scholes has the second Peace Flame in England, a picture of which currently comes up when you use Google Maps. The Peace Flame is maintained by a group of volunteers and the "Keepers of the Flame" from Scholes Scouts. Scholes Scouts is one of the most vibrant in the city.

Scholes also has a range of meeting places including the village hall, the sports pavilion, and the Manor House where regular events are held. The village hall is used by the Flower Club, sewing group; pre-school toddler groups; keep fit classes; table tennis, Pipe Band, Slimming World, Taekwondo, Yoga. The unforgettable and truly amazing Village Players. Ballroom dancing is also at the centre of village life and there are regular dance classes, which are very well attended.

The two churches in the village with thriving congregations also organise regular community events. At St Phillips Church these include The Café, Elderberries, Toddler group, Dad's Saturday group, keep fit classes and Scholes Happy Together Choir which are all growing in popularity. St Phillips grounds are also used for a very popular archery group. The Methodist Church hosts Scholes WI which has over forty members. A monthly coffee morning which raises money for a range of charities is well attended. There are also weekly sewing and craft groups who meet here.

Scholes Community Care has been running for 47 years. It helps support elders in the village. It holds regular coffee mornings in the Manor House, and it is not unusual to run out of chairs. The Manor House is used by residents who live in the sheltered accommodation for weekly bingo.

The local British Legion Group has remained active during the lockdown with events at Scholes War Memorial and helps remind us of the sacrifices made by residents.

A "Tommy" has been installed in the village.

None of the above would be possible without the support and help of the many groups of volunteers and “happy helpers” from the village. Thank you all, for your hard work in our village, it is appreciated.

My apologies if any activities and events have been missed out, it was not intentional and it may urge you to let the PC have details of the events and activities that you are involved in within the village and they can be brought to resident’s attention.

Barwick: If the health and vitality of a community can be gauged by the wealth of its activities, then we are fortunate in Barwick in Elmet. Residents, wherever they live, tend to take their surroundings for granted, but it is only when we step back and consider our environment that we begin to count our blessings.

Consider the breadth of the cultural activities. The Historical Society has an enviably large membership with attendances approaching forty each meeting, and the range of interesting talks and publications is most impressive. To give just one example, last November the Society put on a remarkable event entitled ‘The 1796 Barwick-in-Elmet Enclosure Act and the Parish Lands’. The session was led by an especially energetic volunteer, but several hands had gone into producing copy of the original documentation, which was laid out on several tables, and transcribed in full. The speaker showed maps of the total area as it was according to the Act and described the painstaking original research that he’d undertaken to uncover additional facts and information.

The significant element here is *volunteer*, as our community is indebted to the endeavours of such individuals who work not for personal glory but for the benefit of all.

Equally successful are the two groups Probus and Ladies Fellowship, which grow from strength to strength, just as other branches in the country struggle with declining numbers, an observation made by countless visiting speakers.

One could go on to describe Flower Club, Art Club, T@2, coffee mornings, mother and toddler groups, and the range of sporting activities: tennis, golf, cricket, football, bowls, snooker, and a host of others.

Especially strong are the gardening interests: the horticultural society, the allotments and the nationally famous, multi award-winning Barwick in Bloom. Where would we be without the richness, colour and spectacle resulting from the selfless work and enthusiasm of such a large group of volunteers?

The whole community comes together every three years for the glorious Maypole Festival. Whilst this year’s was postponed, the Festival is an event probably without equal in the country. The culmination is the attempt of a local lad (and perhaps before long a local lass) to climb to the top and spin the fox, as the hundreds (possibly thousands?) of spectators hold their collective breath.

Nearly all parents of young children have cause to be grateful for our lovely Junior School. Here children are nurtured, respected and encouraged to develop their talents. Parents and grandparents are made to feel an essential part of the school community.

All of these activities are supported and facilitated by PC. As one of the newest members I have quickly come to appreciate how much work is done on behalf of our two villages by our committed and loyal elected representatives. Not all decisions will be applauded or even begrudgingly acknowledged, but what is beyond question is the honesty and integrity with which actions are taken.

Finally, consider the greatest joy of all. Live in the city and passers-by will avoid any eye contact. In our community residents will cross the street for a nice friendly chat – priceless!
Cllr Prof. David Young

Hidden treasure - our historical assets – Scholes Lodge Farm Field

Following a meeting with Ian Sanderson (Principal Archaeologist) Robert Masheder (Senior Ecologist) of the West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service (“WYAAS”), the PC has been advised not to plant any more trees in the Scholes Lodge Farm field. Scholes Lodge Farm field runs adjacent to Leeds Road, and the moated site therein is deemed to be the best preserved example of its type in the Leeds District, and is the only surviving example in West Yorkshire where the earthworks of its associated field system can be seen and appreciated on the ground.

The moated site and associated earthworks (the eastern two thirds of the site) are defined as a Class 2 archaeological site on the West Yorkshire Historic Environment Record. This means that they are of regional archaeological importance and worthy of preservation in situ.

It is this archaeological designation that prevented the field being allocated for housing in the mid-1990s and it was the fact that housebuilding was not going to be permitted on the site, that led to its transfer from a house builder to the PC.

The western third of the site (to the west of the large ditch and bank that runs towards Scholes Lodge Farm housing) is also archaeologically sensitive and there are traces of possible hollow-ways and what may have been a pond area in this part of the site.

The amenity value of the site includes the archaeological remains as an important component. WYAAS would not welcome any further tree-planting on the site (especially in the Class 2 area), as tree-roots disturb archaeological stratigraphy and the trees themselves obscure views of the earthworks and make mowing the site (to keep the grass down, prevent scrub growth and allow the earthworks to be seen) harder to achieve. There would also not have been trees historically in the areas of the site where ridge and furrow caused by medieval and post-medieval ploughing, would have taken place.

These are amongst the last traces of the open field system in Scholes that pre-dated the enclosure landscape that we can see today. *Cllr Paul Remmer*

Scholes Women’s Institute in the Lockdown 2020

Scholes WI has been a vibrant presence in the village since 1924 and continues to support village activities, such as the Scholes in Bloom scarecrow competition. This year we won 3rd

prize with our Knit Nurse Winnie and knitted rainbows. During the lockdown as we have been unable to meet face-to-face, we have found different ways to keep in touch. Some of us join the monthly Zoom meetings, and the committee keeps in contact with members by phone or by visiting, and all members receive a monthly newsletter to which they are encouraged to submit articles and take part in a competition.

Our Walking Netball group continued to meet via Zoom at first and can now be seen exercising on Scholes cricket field. We look forward to being able to resume the monthly WI meetings, when we can safely meet again in person. *Christine Tall, President Scholes WI*



Reflections under the lockdown – a parishioner's view

There's a famous scene in Shakespeare's Richard II when the hapless king looks into a mirror and ponders his own career failings. 'Was this face the face that every day under his household roof did keep ten thousand men?', he asks himself incredulously, before smashing the mirror to the ground where it 'cracks in a hundred shivers'.

You might not have much in common with a feeble king who loses his own kingdom, but we can be equally surprised when we confront our own shadows.

The lockdown meant many of us spent longer with our own reflections than at any time before. In the old days of handshakes and eye contact, suspending your own consciousness for a bit was how social interactions worked: you looked at other people, rather than your screen identity.

We typically dash through the world barely noticing our surroundings; staring at our phones as one image quickly replaces the previous one. Yet in moments of loss, the realisation of what we are missing can stop us in our tracks. It can make us remember to look for beauty in everything.

During the lockdown, supermarkets reported increased purchases of flowers. They surmised that people needed colour in their houses, to replace the colour they couldn't see during the lockdown, spring turning into summer without eyes to behold it. Museums, theatres and artists gave away their work: whether you liked Shakespeare or Stormzy, Bocelli or Bach, suddenly it was accessible.

The palette of our homes, our gardens and the countryside around us is infinite. We are blessed in our village to have the freedom to walk our local footpaths, to be able to hear the laughter of children playing in their gardens and smell the fragrance of flowers in the air.

My family has loved being able to sit on a picnic blanket and watch the village cricket, go for long walks (with bonus blackberry picking) along the local lanes. Our summer staycation has afforded us the opportunity to appreciate the beauty and community at home.

As our lives become another step towards a new normal our challenge is to continue to see the beauty around us, and not be too distracted to notice. Seek colour, seek emotion, seek to be stretched and challenged.

Let it illuminate your heart, warm your words and heat your passion for life. That's what beauty is for, surely, this is what summer is for, surely: light collecting, heat collecting, building up our stores of resilience again, for autumn and winter. *Dr D Lawrence*

Community Fibre Partnership update

Kiddal resident Elaine Hall has led the project to get improved connectivity to Kiddal and Potterton. The outcome of her hard toil was to receive a quotation from Openreach of £111,558.00 to supply fibre based fast-access broadband to 26 homes and businesses. The current Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme was used in an attempt to match the cost of the scheme. In aggregate the vouchers are potentially worth £63,000.00.

Early on in the process Openreach indicated that it could provide a fibre upgrade from Barwick, along Potterton Lane to Potterton and Kiddal for a much lower cost if residents undertook to self-dig, where possible, on sections where ducting does not exist. Residents agreed to dig their own trenches, as well as provide a route for the fibre across their land covering a considerable distance.

Openreach's explanation for the subsequent high cost (after initially advising that the voucher scheme would cover the supply and installation) is that the current Core Infrastructure has insufficient capacity to supply fast access to the 26 homes and businesses in Kiddal and Potterton. The direct inference is that Openreach is levying the cost of a new 'fibre spine' directly on the residents' group. Sadly, this does not appear to be in the spirit of Openreach's claim on its website.

Elaine has subsequently written to our MP requesting his advice and his help in overcoming the financial shortcomings of the voucher scheme. Hopefully he will help get access to other funds as well as to put some pressure on Openreach not to levy the residents with the cost of the fibre spine.

Given the above, it would appear that the backbone infrastructure costs could possibly be apportioned across a wider residential base in Barwick In Elmet. This requires tangible interest from Barwick's villagers by the formation of a resident's group. Your PC will help in the formation of such a group – it's in everyone's interested to have fast connectivity.

As we posted in the last Newsletter, if you're interested and you use Facebook, please message Neil Beaumont with your address and landline number via the messages on this page www.facebook.com/Better-Broadband-4-Barwick-105757211122883. If you don't use Facebook, then please contact the Parish Council Clerk to register your interest – see the contact details on page 12 of this newsletter.

Better Broadband for Scholes

In the last newsletter we urged residents to form a **Resident's Group** to approach Openreach. Councillor Karen Dales offered to kick this into motion and we asked for those who are interested to contact Councillor Dales at karen.dalesparishcouncil@talktalk.net. Sadly, only one resident has responded, making it impractical to form a Scholes Resident's Group. We therefore ask once again for Scholes residents to make contact with Cllr Dales – let's get better broadband connectivity throughout Scholes.

Sports Clubs updates

Barwick In Elmet Cricket Club

Thank you to everyone who has attended and supported the club since we were able to safely open on July 4th, 2020. We are currently nearing the end of a mini cricket season. All of our teams, including the juniors, have enjoyed being able to play some cricket played – in safety, in full adherence with the various guidelines in place.

Frustratingly, the season officially finishes on Saturday September 19th - both senior teams are aiming for mid-table finishes.

The Leeds & Wetherby Cricket League, in which the club plays, celebrated its Centenary year since forming in 1920 with a special game on August bank holiday.

The Cricket Club's thriving junior section has been able to enjoy numerous coaching sessions from under 9s up to under 15s since the government guidelines allowed. This, along with the annual Summer Junior Cricket Week in early August, attracted huge praise from parents and grandparents alike.

The cricket and sports ground green space is a key asset to our community and has become more important during 2020. The availability and use of the cricket field since March has been a pleasant relief for a large part of our village population. Villagers enjoy daily walks around the cricket ground with children and with dogs. Being able to exercise and get some fresh air safely during the recent good weather has been invaluable to many people.

Norman Eastwood 1933-2020

It was with deep sadness, in August, we lost another club stalwart and legend, former player and loyal supporter Norman Eastwood. Norman was very much loved throughout the village and beyond.

For many years you could see Norman walking around the pitch and watching the cricket on a Saturday. Norman always had a kind word to say to anyone who had the pleasure of speaking to him. He will be dearly missed by everyone associated with Barwick Cricket Club past and present. *D. Leadbeater*



Scholes Cricket Club

Finally, at last, the season got underway under strict social distancing rules. Sanitiser everywhere but we're unable to use the kitchen or changing rooms. No high fives or

handshakes. But at least we've got some cricket. The playing surface remains in good condition and the team is currently sitting at the top of Division 2 with one game left to play. Our fingers are crossed for a good result in the last match of the season.

Our annual Club Dinner and Presentation evening is scheduled for the end of November but, sadly, due to the latest coronavirus developments it seems that we may now have to postpone that. *G. Proctor*

Football in the Parish: Update for Mount St Mary's FC. Season 2019/20

The First team had its first league game on Saturday 5th September 2020 away at Heckmondwike and had a 5 -2 win. The Reserve team started on Saturday 12th September 2020 away at North Leeds FC in Moortown.

Over the summer we were successful with our application for the Small Business Rates Relief and therefore we were able to provide three quarters of the £12,500 funding required towards purchasing a new septic tank for the changing rooms at Barwick.

This season (2020/21) is our 5th year playing at Barwick and Mount St Marys FC committee and players have thoroughly enjoyed the facilities and surrounding area. Although at the beginning of our 1st Licence agreement the clubhouse and changing facilities needed major refurbishment and many hours of volunteer work and labour we are committed to continuing playing in Barwick.

We have signed a further 10-year Licence with the Parish Council and we are looking forward to making further clubhouse and ground improvements and, hopefully, bring some success on the football pitch.

Over the Summer months the football club has been delivering and distributing Mount St Mary's FC Flyers throughout Barwick and Scholes into local shops, Pubs and other local businesses to try and encourage local youths and older males to come along and train/join the club. *A. Riddington*

Barwick In Elmet Village Hall

The Village Hall is looking for new committee members to support the planned reopening of this valuable village asset – the proposed reopening cannot occur without more local support. For any of you who want to become more involved in what is happening in the village or even to meet new people this is the perfect opportunity for you. Please contact Linda Turp on 07854 532077, or alternatively email barwickvillagehall@outlook.com

Can you spare from a couple of hours each month to help in the management of the Village Hall? Without the support of residents of Barwick, the Village Hall cannot function.

Parish Council update

We will continue to stream the Parish Council's meetings using Zoom, and everyone is invited to attend via Zoom.

Parish Council maintenance works update.

Progress has been made on the three 'crocodiles' discussed in the last newsletter.

When the PC acquired the land at Scholes Lodge Farm, it also became responsible for the upkeep of the wall and landscaped plot at the entrance to Scholes Lodge Lane. The state of the wall has been a cause for concern for some time and the PC has looked at a number of ways in which it might be renovated. The wall and plot are in the conservation area and any works need to take that into account. The solution chosen was to employ a skilled stonemason to clear out loose mortar and rebuild the damaged sections with new and incorporate steel reinforcing bars to ensure the wall's soundness for years to come. The work, which was completed in July, also included removal of the unsightly render that was added to the Main Street section of the wall at some time in the past.

So far as the adjoining plot of land goes, this was landscaped when the Scholes Lodge Lane houses were built in the 2000s, but a lack of maintenance has seen it deteriorate. The area was cleared to allow any access to the wall and the council has set up a working party to liaise with locals and propose a low maintenance solution that enhances the appearance of the lane.

In Barwick, an ongoing problem for the PC has been the football pavilion. This building has never had the benefit of mains sewerage and has used a septic tank system sited to the rear of the building. When Mount St. Mary's took on a license for the pitch and pavilion, they discovered that the tank was flooding due to rainwater draining from the pitch into the tank's drainage field and then back filling into the tank. The council investigated a number of solutions that included a pumping station and connection to the main sewer in Chapel Lane and a new septic tank and drainage field. Both of these were problematical and so it has been decided to install an eighteen cubic metre cess pool tank near the existing three cubic metre septic tank. Mount St. Mary's FC is contributing a significant portion of the cost of the work, which is due to commence in September.

Improvements to Barwick Village Hall are still at the feasibility investigation stage, but might involve better toilet/shower arrangements, changing rooms and the introduction of a stage to facilitate the holding of concerts and plays.

We stress that residents are invited to attend PC meetings and are given the opportunity to express their views and suggestions. Parish Councillors are all volunteers and genuinely have a desire that their efforts show tangible benefits in enhancing the local environment for all.

If there are things you'd like to see in the villages, please let us know.

Review of Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Neighbourhood Development Plan

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted on 6th November 2017. This is a planning document which applies specific planning policies to most of the parish. It should be read alongside both LCC's planning policies and government policies. The policies can help decide whether or not to grant planning permission for house building, and if so, what conditions to impose to minimise any impact on local residents. Plans have to be kept under review as circumstances change and it was intended to carry out the first review of the Plan in spring 2022 with a further review in 2027. However, the Boundary Commission recently extended the Harewood Ward and the Parish Council boundary westwards to the edge of

the existing urban area of Leeds between the A64 and Coal Road. This area includes most of the land earmarked for house building as the Northern Quadrant of the East Leeds Extension, and comprises some 1500 houses. This represents a significant change and requires the Review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to be brought forward so its revised policies, especially on design, can influence house building. In addition, the East Leeds Orbital Route is now under construction and its impact on the Parish needs to be considered more fully. Facilities in both villages continue to operate under pressure - policies to help these to flourish are also needed.

At its last meeting the Parish Council resolved unanimously to embark on a review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is expected that a Steering Group will be set up to look at the Plan and review those policies which need updating as well as to seek the views of local residents and stakeholders. We hope to distribute a special newsletter devoted to the review which will provide residents with more information about what is being contemplated and what might be achieved.

The newsletter will include a questionnaire that will provide an opportunity for residents to express their views. It will also encourage residents to volunteer to join the Steering Group. You do not have to wait until the newsletter is published if you would like to become involved. Simply contact our Clerk and let him know you are interested, and we will be in touch. The Clerk's contact details are set out below.

Parish Council contact information

Clerk to Parish Council: Keith Langley:
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Parish Council Surgery: Surgeries are cancelled until further notice.

The Planning Committee: Meetings continue to be held via Zoom. Planning applications can be found on the website and village notice boards.

Parish Council Accounts: Community Grants information and full Parish Council accounts are available to view online. Copies are also available upon request to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

The Parish Councillors, working for you.

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