

**BARWICK in ELMET
& SCHOLLES
PARISH COUNCIL
Newsletter
October 2015**



Dear Resident

Our previous newsletter was circulated soon after the Annual Parish Council meeting (held in May) and as such, much of the content was the annual accounts, chairman's report etc.

This is the first newsletter since then and hopefully there is something of interest for everyone. Following the May elections, four residents were elected onto the Parish Council for the first time and there is an article introducing one of them (page 3)

We are trying to make both villages better places to live, the volunteers of both In Bloom groups work many hours and the article below shows that Barwick have received due recognition for their hard work. In Scholes the scarecrows looked brilliant alongside the many flower beds and lamp post banners - their results in the Britain in Bloom competition are eagerly awaited.

We are looking to do something with the public open space know as Scholes Lodge Farm and on page 6 there is a article showing where we are at. We are also looking to create extra facilities for young people and would love to hear their views.

One of the things which spoils people's enjoyment of our villages is dog fouling. This is an issue which we have reported previously in our newsletter. We want owners to enjoy walking their dogs whilst respecting that other people will also want to enjoy the same spaces. The page 4 article identifies specific problem areas. The article on page 5 is simply to make you aware of new national legislation

On page 7 there are details of how we as a Parish observe Remembrance Day including a coffee morning. Our village halls need your support - there's bound to be some bargains at the table top sale in Barwick (see page 8)

Green-fingers become Gold-fingers



Congratulations to Barwick in Bloom who won four golds in this year's Britain in Bloom contest. The village got a Gold Rose Award and won a further award as Joint Winner of the Large Village Category.

All Saints Church and the Methodist Church each won Gold Rose Awards for their churchyards. Thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard making the village look beautiful and particular congratulations to Frank Noble who won a Community Champion Discretionary Award.

Good luck to Scholes in Bloom, their results are due on 10th October

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 5 October

Barwick Methodist Schoolroom
Open Forum at 7 pm

Monday 2 November

Scholes Methodist Hall
Open Forum at 7 pm

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On or off? The truth about Superfast Broadband in Barwick



Following the article last month, some residents contacted their Internet Service Providers wanting to upgrade to superfast broadband only to be told that Barwick - in - Elmet is not yet switched on. Not wanting to misinform anyone, the Parish Council contacted Superfast West Yorkshire for further advice. They confirmed that Barwick - in - Elmet definitely is switched on.



Parish Council webpage



Do you need to contact one of the village organisations? The Parish Council webpage contains a directory of useful contacts. However this has not been updated for some time and some of the information is certainly out of date. If you are involved in a village organisation, please check this page to make sure your organisation's contact information is correct and let the clerk know of any corrections which need to be made. Thank you.

Police Advice

Thieves are currently stealing people's post in order to use the information as proof of ID to open bank accounts. They particularly target external letter boxes, especially those mounted near the roadside on a gate or fence. This problem is not specific to our parish, the thieves operate across the city. Police advice is to collect your post as soon as possible after delivery. If you think you have been the victim of identity theft, then ring the police specialist fraud advisers on 0300 123 2040 or by using the online fraud reporting tool.



Meet your new councillor - Glyn Davies

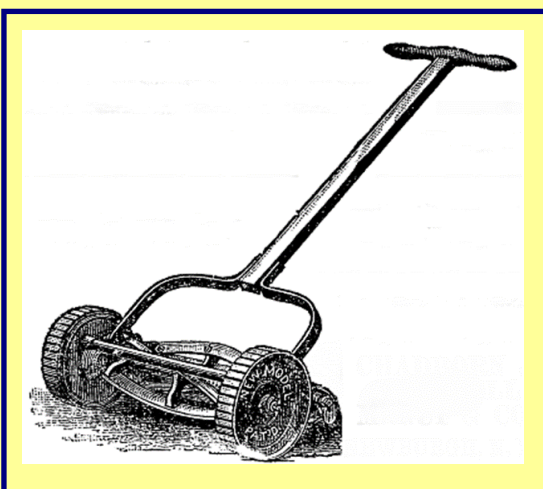


Glyn moved to the Richmondfield estate, Barwick in 1985 to work at the Barnbow tank factory, from where he retired as Engineering Manager in 2009. He is married to retired head teacher Ruth and guardian to border collie pup, Stanley. Glyn is passionate about engineering and a keen volunteer for the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, of which he was elected a Fellow in 2014. When friends come to visit, he quite proudly takes them on a tour of the villages, taking in the various Village in Bloom displays, the Tower Hill earthworks and sundry pretty footpaths. Glyn considers that making the villages pleasant places to live doesn't just happen by accident – people, make it happen. He intends to work tirelessly to keep the developers at bay and maintain the rural feel and community spirit that make the villages what they are.

Note: Glyn is one of four new councillors newly elected in May. The others will be introduced in the coming newsletters, there wasn't space to introduce them all at once

Super Grass!

Did you know?



1. Leeds City Council is responsible for maintaining over 9 million square metres of grass verges, hedges, shrubs and rose beds
2. Apart from parks, this work is sub-contracted to Continental Landscapes Limited
3. Grass cutting is classed as amenity, rough cut and linear
4. Linear is the grass growing alongside the roads linking villages (for example Barwick - in – Elmet to Scholes) - Continental Landscapes are required to cut this three times a year (minimum)
5. Amenity is the grass growing in the housing estates on the verges between the road and the pavement. Continental are required to cut this at least fourteen times a year
6. Many of us cut the amenity grass verge in front of our homes, if you have Internet access you can find out when it was last done and when it is next due. Visit <http://www.continental-landscapes.co.uk/> click on *Websites, Leeds, Grass Maintenance, Grass Leeds North East* and type in your postcode (you may be prompted to download a small piece of software first)

What's on your mind?

Dogs and Public Spaces

As a Parish Council, we try to address the concerns of those we represent. The feature below is to raise awareness of something many residents are concerned about, dog litter



As a Parish Council we would like everyone to enjoy the facilities we have so long as that doesn't spoil other people's enjoyment of the same. We try to provide facilities for dog walkers wherever possible and in 2014, following a Parish Council request, Leeds City Council installed two new post mounted bins at ginnel entrances, one on Flats Lane, Barwick - in - Elmet and one at the Main Street entrance to Scholes Lodge Farm (it would be great if bins were mounted inside fields and open spaces but logistically, they have to go at the roadside to allow access for the vehicle which empties them).

It is sad therefore that in spite of this, sometimes the selfish behaviour of a minority of people spoil things for the rest. As a Parish Council, we regularly get complaints from residents regarding dog fouling.

In 2015 we had dog-fouling complaints about the following four public areas.

1. **All Saints' Churchyard.** A group of volunteers work extremely hard every Wednesday tidying the churchyard. They do a great job and have won awards from In Bloom judges (see the front cover for details). Although they often wear gardening gloves, it is still very unpleasant when gardening to get dog excrement on the hands. The churchyard is a place of peace where people can go to visit graves of loved ones and place flowers. The churchyard is not an appropriate place to walk a dog.
2. **Barwick - in - Elmet Village Hall Car Park.** Twice a day during term time, mums (and sometimes dads) deliver or collect their children from school. In many cases parents come with push-chairs to for younger siblings of pre-school age. Dog "parcels" get onto the wheels and can remain un-noticed, parents have sometimes entered their homes before discovering the mess on the wheels. Push-chairs travel on hard surfaces rather than in long grass – there can be no excuse for not clearing up after your dog.
3. **Scholes Football/Cricket Pitch.** Recently the gate at the Belle Vue Avenue entrance has been left unlocked. This is to encourage the children of the village to enjoy a bit of public open space for a kick around but some dog owners have treated this as an open invitation for them too. There is a public right of way from Rakehill Road running behind the cricket pavilion, the rest of this land (especially the playing surface) is out of bounds to dogs, the pitches need to be places where football and cricket can be played by children and adults without unnecessary risks to health and safety, dog fouling undermines this.
4. **Jack Heaps Field.** Although the presence of a dog waste bin near the Main Street entrance might suggest otherwise, Jack Heaps Field is a recreational space given to the parish for children and not for walking dogs.

When you exercise your dog, please take it somewhere appropriate - there should be no reason for dogs to be walked in any of the above areas

What can we do to help responsible dog owners?

Dog fouling is very unpleasant for those who come into contact with it and people quite rightly complain about it but there are two sides to every story. We would love to hear from responsible dog owners too, is there anything we can do to help you? Is there a reason why some dog owners choose to exercise their dogs across sports fields? Are you a responsible dog owner who feels that it is a small minority who give the rest a bad name? We would love some positive alternatives to lots of "dogs keep out" signs. You can contact the Parish Council via the clerk, contact information is given on page 2

NEW AGGRESSIVE DOG LEGISLATION

Dog fouling is problem in our parish and although unpleasant, it is less traumatic than being attacked or bitten by one. Thankfully this is an issue which rarely happens in our parish (I'm sure the postman is very happy about that). Hopefully you will never need to refer to the article below which has kindly been submitted by a resident so that if you are concerned about an aggressive animal, you know where you stand legally.

Concerns over actual, or potential, dog attacks are not new. In UK, 13 children and 8 adults have died following dog attacks in the past 10 years and in 2013, 6,740 people required hospital treatment for dog attacks. It is sometimes thought that action against dogs which behave in an aggressive manner can only be taken after the animal attacks or injures someone, or if the dog in question is one of a number of designated "dangerous breeds". This is no longer the case due to legal changes which were introduced in England in 2014.

Police and local authorities now have powers to demand that dog owners take steps to prevent attacks before they occur, rather than waiting until someone (or some other animal) has been injured. The law can force owners to take action to prevent a dog attack or risk fines running into thousands of pounds. Dog owners now face a maximum of 14 years imprisonment for a fatal dog attack, 5 years for an injury and 3 years for an attack on an assistance dog.

It is now against the law to let any dog (regardless of type or breed) to be "dangerously out of control" anywhere, including:

- in a public place
- in a private place (e.g. a neighbour's house or garden)
- in the dog owner's own home

"Dangerously out of control" is defined as any occasion when there are **grounds for reasonable apprehension** that the dog will injure any person, whether or not it actually does so.

According to the law, a dog can be "dangerously out of control" if it:

- makes someone worried that it might injure them
- actually injures someone
- injures someone's animal
- the owner of another animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop the dog attacking their animal

Published government guidance indicates numerous possible scenarios under which these new laws apply, including:

Dog threatening visitors and passers by: being allowed to roam freely in a garden; aggressively snarling and growling to the extent that people feel they have to cross the road for fear of the dog escaping from the garden and causing injury.

Dog threatening people: a dog outside school gates which is on a lead - but is lunging and snarling at people when they pass by, causing concern to children, parents and staff.

Loose dog threatening others: a dog chasing and trying to attack other dogs whilst they are walking on a lead in public.

Too many dogs in a property: the number of dogs being kept is the cause of anti-social behaviour or is detrimentally affecting the quality of life of those in the locality.

Straying dogs: an owner of a dog regularly allows the dog to stray in a residential area.

Dogs barking: frequent barking from dogs at a nearby property and/or where dogs pace, growl and charge at partitioning fencing between properties.

Anyone with a concern can report dogs and their owners to the police and/or to the local council's dog warden service. Leeds City Council advises that dangerous dogs and their owners can be reported by calling either the **Police** on **999 (emergencies)** or **101**, or the **Council's Dog Warden Service** on **0113 222 4406**.

Scholes Lodge Farm

At the end of last year the Parish council put a questionnaire through every letterbox in the parish as a consultation exercise regarding Scholes Lodge Farm. Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire, a small group have been analysing the results and have produced a plan based on the replies we got back.

Although we can't please everyone, we hope the plan below is in line with what the vast majority want. We will still consider any further comments received, Parish Council contact details are on page two with the clerk being the primary contact point



Key:

White Path - existing Public Right of Way

Pink and Yellow Paths - new paths four to six feet wide of grass kept cut short

Three seating areas at locations 1, 2 and 4 (facing away from houses)

Interpretation Display Boards at locations 1 and 5

Board walk across the wettest area—location 5

Area of grass cut short for ball games - location 3

Also additional trees (but not fruit trees), an owl box and areas of wild flower meadow

An article for the young people of Scholes

For some time now, the Parish Council has been thinking about facilities in Scholes for young people. What we really want is for this age group to tell us what facilities they would like to see. One suggestion is a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), if this was available, would you use it? If so, what sports would you like to use it for. You can contact us in the traditional manner (see page 2 for details) or simply post comments on our Facebook page. Any comments will be gratefully received as some of your suggestions may require external funding and we will need evidence to back up any grant applications.



Remembrance Day 2015

8th November

09.15 - Standards parade from Scholes scout hut to Saint Philip's
09.30 - Church Service at Saint Philip's Church, Scholes
10.00 - Act of Remembrance at Scholes War Memorial
10.55 - Parade from Jack Heaps Field, Barwick to War Memorial
11.00 - Act of Remembrance at Barwick in Elmet War Memorial
11.15 - Church Service at All Saints', Barwick in Elmet

Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER 2015

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Coffee Morning 10:00 am to noon

BARWICK VILLAGE HALL

Come and buy your POPPY and support the Poppy Appeal

Meet your local branch President Colonel Amanda Hassell

Cake Stall, Raffle and lots more.



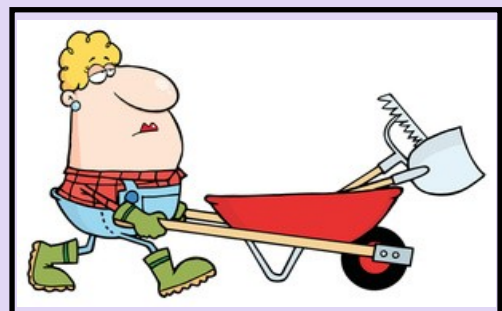
**At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them**



ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW
VEGETABLES OR FLOWERS

THERE WILL BE SOME AVAILABILITY FOR ALLOT-
MENTS THIS AUTUMN



Contact Claire Hassell 0113 281 1231 or e-mail
eclairehassell@live.co.uk

Where will they build next?



The process of deciding what land can be built on is known as site-allocations and Leeds City Council is running an eight week consultation on its site allocation programme. Space doesn't permit all fifteen venues to be listed which includes events at Guisley, Otley and Morley. However the ones closest to us are 21st October at Crossgates Library and Garforth Miners Welfare on 23rd October. There are three dates in Leeds Civic Hall, 22nd September and 29th & 30th October. All run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. (8 p.m. in the Civic Hall) and have an drop-in and exhibition format. If you

want to know more about what is planned, Leeds City Council would love you to come along. If you can't make it to any of these, the clerk has a full list of dates and venues or go onto the Leeds City Council website and search site allocations.

Community Fund

The Community Fund is a pot of money available to groups, associations, organisations or committees from the parish. The money comes as a result of the music festival in Bramham Park. Grants are available for projects which improve community facilities or the lives of community groups. The application window is NOW OPEN and will end on Sunday the 1st of November 2015, details available from grants@BandSCF.org.uk or online at www.BandSCF.org.uk.

BARWICK VILLAGE HALL

GRAND TABLE TOP SALE **GRAND TABLE TOP SALE**

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2015

please support your Local Village Hall



Doors open at 8.00am for sellers £10.00 Per Table

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

10.00AM - 12.00PM

Entrance fee £1.00 includes Tea/Coffee & Biscuits

**To avoid disappointment please PRE BOOK your table by
telephone on 0113 2812887 :- Barwick Hall Committee**

Poppy Appeal - Appeal for Help

Would you like to help with the Poppy Appeal? Can you spare some time during the Poppy Appeal? Do you want an incredibly rewarding and satisfying experience? Barwick and Scholes RBL needs volunteers to sell poppies to the public at our 'manned sites' during late October/early November. Please email Matt Baker if interested matt@mattandjillian.com