

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



POLICE "HOME SECURITY" SURVEY - FREE

West Yorkshire Police are offering free checks for all households in an attempt to further reduce local crime. To take advantage of this **free** offer merely phone PC Andy Katkowski or Police Community Support Officers Dan Sillers or Steve Wales. They can provide on the spot advice, identifying ways you can improve security in your own home. The other message coming from our Neighbourhood Policing Team is to be very careful not to leave out refuse and boxes advertising the fact you have recently taken delivery of a new TV, Computer, DVD player or other expensive purchases. There is also a lottery scam circulating from Spain—beware and do not respond—destroy it. Remember to keep your doors and windows securely locked and that you should always report any theft, burglary or suspicious activity to Wetherby Police on **0845 6060606** or **0113 285 5374**

Our PCSO's have been very active and successful of late with particular attention being paid to antisocial behaviour especially at weekends so please give them your support by reporting any worries or incidents and do take advantage of the **free "home security" check**

Please note **POLICE**

NEW phone number
for house surveys & non
urgent crime

0113 285 5374



WATCH OUT !!!

THE CAMERAS ARE ABOUT

The recent traffic survey in Scholes was most effective and resulted in 59 warning letters mainly to village residents and also 13 fines & points for those recording excessive speeds. Cameras will soon be operating again and in Barwick too. **SLOW DOWN**

LOCK YOUR DOORS—there have been a number of snatch thefts via unlocked kitchen & front doors with car keys stolen—along with the car. There has also been an increase in burglaries where locks of **UPVC doors** (including French & Patio doors) have been forced to gain entry to the house. To reduce the risk of becoming a victim of this type of burglary consult **SPEED** (01274 613000) speedcharity@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or **CASAC** (380 5650) www.casac.org.uk or mail@casacleeds.org.uk who offer a range of products at discounted rates to improve the level of your home's security.

The Leeds City Council "LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK" is a document which will determine the future planning policies and most matters which affect our daily lives, for the next two decades. The Parish Council has submitted a representation after carefully considering the "core strategy". Whilst recognising that affordable housing in the wider context, the protection of the greenbelt and the environment within and surrounding our Parish are essential issues we have reflected these views in our response to the draft proposals.

More than 350 objections were lodged against the recent appeal by 02 for a bigger **MOBILE PHONE MAST** in Highfield Lane off Long Lane in Barwick

The new **HERITAGE LIGHTS** are more or less complete in **Scholes** and will soon be complemented by new street signs. Additional heritage lighting is also scheduled for **Barwick** in the next few months.

A new **VILLAGE CLOCK** has been erected outside the Dental Surgery in Station Road, Scholes funded from the Blackburn Legacy. It was sited courtesy of Dr. Alan Stanley and very kindly installed by David Horkan.

DRAINAGE problems have still to be resolved in Main Street, Scholes near to the St. Philip's Church and Barleycorn Pub. On going efforts with Yorkshire Water will hopefully soon result in some improvement.

Have you **SORTED IT**—Are you **RE-CYCLING**—remember to keep your **GREEN BIN** for PAPER, CARDBOARD, PLASTICS and TIN/BEER CANS All **BOTTLES, JARS and GLASS** should be placed in the **BOTTLE BANKS** situated behind the Buffers Pub in Scholes or the Gascoigne Pub in Barwick

The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** to which all Residents are invited to attend and speak will be held at Scholes Village Hall on Monday 12 May at 7.30 pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8 pm

Make a date : **MAYPOLE DAY** in Barwick is on **Monday 26 May** this year



We are delighted that **Peter Taylor** from Scholes has agreed to lead our **PARISH PATHS VOLUNTEERS** following the retirement of **Harold Smith** who has undertaken these duties for the past ten years. Within the Parish there are 22 miles (35 km) of foot and bridle paths and 66 stiles & gates plus 12 bridges which are in constant need of repair and upkeep. Our PPV's have also spent a great deal of time and effort to keep

the paths clear of vegetation which benefits both the Parish and the hundreds of walkers who enjoy the wonderful countryside on our doorstep. Harold is heavily involved in the Barwick Historical Society and in particular the Earthworks Care projects. Peter Taylor, a founder member of the PPV's is also footpath secretary of the Leeds Group of the Ramblers' Association and has some experience of legislation relating to "**rights of way**". Anyone interested in joining the Volunteer group should contact Peter on 0113 273 4283. Copies of the very popular booklet "**Walks Around Barwick in Elmet & Scholes**" by Alan Senior (Twenty Circular Walks with Route Maps) are now available from the Post Offices at £3

Have you noticed the new **BUS SHELTER** at the Station Road/Rakehill Road junction in Scholes. A second refurbished and matching shelter should by now be in position opposite. Further discussions with WYPTE are ongoing in relation to the 64 service through Scholes from Barwick during off peak period.

BUS SERVICE : subject to receiving a licence from the Traffic Commissioner **Geldard's Coaches** are proposing to introduce an off peak (9am-3pm Mon-Fri) hourly service in both directions starting in early March with a circular route from Aberford turning circle via Barwick in Elmet, Scholes, A64 to Tesco's at Seacroft, Crossgates, Sainsbury's at Colton, A63, Garforth Main Street, over railway bridge past Tesco and back to Aberford. We understand that all Metro concessionary passes will be honoured. Details Geldards Coaches 263 9491

Residents will no doubt be concerned at recent publicity concerning the **POSSIBLE CLOSURE of ONE or BOTH of our POST OFFICES.**

We are advised that an Area Plan (Post Office Ltd's proposals) for West Yorkshire will be published in **May** whereupon the public will have **six weeks** to comment prior to a final decision being taken. If we are not to lose one or both PO's then hard evidence will be required in making our case which needs to be well documented. The Parish Council intends to circulate details and a questionnaire in due course in order to present a compelling case for the continuation of our existing Post Office facilities.

BARWICK VILLAGE HALL will be holding a **Community Coffee Morning with Table Top Sale** on Saturday 16 Feb from 10-12 noon. Admission £1 including refreshments. Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact Anne Thompson 281 2145 or Elaine Reason 281 3167

Visit the NEW PARISH WEB SITE
with church, sports, societies and other village activities

barwickandscholes.com

Council minutes, planning applications and latest news

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman

Ben Hogan, 1 Elmete Croft, Scholes : 260 6669

Barwick in Elmet Ward

Colin Bond, 2 Richmondfield Cross, Barwick : 281 3531

Claire Hassell, "Chessingham", Elmwood Lane, Barwick : 281 1231

David Leeming, 57 Flats Lane, Barwick : 281 3554

Ken Shutt, 46 Parlington Meadow, Barwick : 281 3853

John Tinker, 1 Aberford Road, Barwick : 281 2254

Geoff Yapp, "Southlands", 16 Leeds Road, Barwick : 281 2561

Scholes Ward

Paul Birdsall, "The Orchard", 37 Main Street, Scholes : 264 8103

Norma Fletcher, 35 Station Road, Scholes : 265 0530

George Hall, 29 Arthursdale Grange, Scholes : 218 8817

Geoff Holmes, 1 Nook Gardens, Scholes : 273 5604

Desma Thompson, 33 Station Road, Scholes : 273 1908

Clerk to the Council

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

**These are held on the first Monday in each month (except August) at 7.30 pm
and preceded by an OPEN FORUM for residents to speak at 7.15 pm
Meetings are held in the Barwick Methodist School Room (Feb, Apr, June, Sept,
Nov 2008) and at Scholes Village Hall (Jan, Mar, 12 May, July, Oct, Dec 2008)
Agendas, minutes and other notices are posted on the Parish notice boards
outside Barwick Post Office and Scholes Library and also on the web site.**

DON'T GET CAUGHT

£60 fine and 3 penalty points

Is it worth it ?

SLOW DOWN through the villages !

