

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL



Newsletter June 2009

LEEDS FESTIVAL at Bramham Park

Friday 28, Saturday 29, Sunday 30 August

arrivals Wed 26 & Thurs 27 August – departures Mon 31 August

The Parish Council has been allocated **50 tickets** for this very popular event and these will cover **all three days** of the Festival. Application forms are now available at both Barwick and Scholes Post Offices and may also be downloaded from the Parish website – ***barwickandscholespc.com***.

ONLY residents of the Parish need apply and with demand already high a ballot will be held with a maximum of 2 persons per household. Names will be checked with the electoral register and only those who plan to attend should apply as tickets will be printed with the name of each recipient and entry to the Festival will be strictly controlled by the requirement to present **photo identification** such as passport, driving licence, Validate UK, CitizenCard, Connections Card, PASS. The tickets are **non transferable**. The cost is **£40 per person (as a donation)** and includes car parking. **The closing date is Friday 3 July**. The ballot will then be held and the 50 successful applicants advised with cheques returned to those unsuccessful. *A first class stamped and self addressed envelope is required with all applications.* The funds raised will be used for community projects within the Parish.

Barwick

“IN BLOOM”

Scholes

This year Scholes are taking part in *Yorkshire in Bloom* whilst Barwick is in *Britain in Bloom*. Spring judging took place in Scholes during April and they will be judged again for the summer on Tuesday 21 July whilst **Barwick will be judged for *Britain in Bloom* in the afternoon of Monday 10 August**. The Parish Council is very appreciative of the tremendous efforts made by both villages and wish them the very best of luck in their respective competitions. We do hope that village residents will do everything they can to help and particularly in ensuring that their own gardens and frontages are pristine for the judging. Whilst not detracting from Scholes in any way, it is a great honour that ***Barwick has been selected to represent Yorkshire in Britain in Bloom*** but they do face very stiff opposition from Broughshane (Ireland), Kinneswood (Scotland), St Andrews (Guernsey), Usk (Wales), and East Hagbourne, Kirby Stephen, Limpsfield and Wedmore (England)!

Please keep your village tidy

WELCOME to our NEW PRIEST

Andy Nicholson worked as a secondary teacher in Bradford before training for ordination and lived in Spain and China teaching English. He has been married to Debbie (a teacher) for 13 years and they have two sons Ben 7 and Jacob 5. His most recent appointment has been as curate in a large team with 14 rural churches between Darlington, Richmond and Northallerton. His other interests are playing guitar and long walks followed by a pint of fine ale. He is keen to be involved in village affairs having previously started a men's group, screened world cup matches in the village hall and played woodcutter in the local panto. His induction as the new Priest in charge of Barwick in Elmet with Scholes and Thorner with Scarcroft took place at St. Philip's Church on Tuesday 2 June. He will be based at the Vicarage in Thorner

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEBSITE

which contains a host of information on the history of Barwick & Scholes, details of what the Parish Council does and how it operates. Also news, financial details, minutes of meetings, contacts, a copy of the Parish Plan and details on the freedom of information act.

REGISTER of ELECTORS

Are you registered to vote ???
if not phone 0113 247 6726 or
contact electors@leeds.gov.uk
Number of Electors in Barwick
2,133 and Scholes 1,982

NEW COUNCILLOR for Barwick Ward



Helen ELSWORTH

Was co-opted to the Parish Council in May following the retirement of Ken Shutt. Helen is a member of the Law Society and moved to the village in 2007 and is a resident of The Boyle with her husband running the new cycle shop FINE FETTLE. She grew up in Sunderland and then attended the University of Sheffield and York School of Law eventually qualifying as a Solicitor when she joined Nelson & Co solicitors becoming a partner in 1996. She then joined Ricksons in Leeds which has now merged with DWF LLP where she is now a partner in the Insurance Practice Group. Keen on community work and funding raising Helen has taken part in the Great Yorkshire Bike ride on three occasions, Great Selby Bike ride and the Jane Tomlinson 10k. Apart from cycling she also enjoys hill walking, skiing, swimming, gardening and travel.

Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Parish Council

Report from the Chairman for the Year 2008/2009

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Parish and fellow Councillors. I am pleased to submit my report on the activities of the Parish Council during the past year.

I commenced my report last year by saying we had started the new 4 year term with several new faces and I am delighted to say, that Councillors Claire Hassell in Barwick and Councillors Desma Thompson, Norma Fletcher and George Hall in Scholes have all made a significant contribution during the past two years. Twelve months ago, we co-opted two other Councillors, one in each Ward, John Hayton for Barwick and Gerry McDonough for Scholes and both of them have undertaken major projects straight away. John has set up our excellent new web site for the Council and Gerry has taken on the responsibility of helping to progress the Sustrans Penda's cycle/walk way through Scholes and subject to a few agreements still to be made this hopefully will come to fruition in the not too distant future. So it is a big *"thank you"* to these new Councillors for their early commitment.

Councillor Ken Shutt has just retired after serving on the Council for a number of years. He served on the Planning Committee and also spent time attending Police meetings as well as being on the Playing Fields and Allotments Committee. On behalf of all the Council and the Parish we thank Ken for his years of service.

There has been a change to the Planning laws this year and we expect the number of applications to drop in the coming years. We have experienced a small reduction this year, 78 applications this year compared with 91 for last year, however, the Planning Committee can only deal with the applications as they come in and whatever the numbers are, we are confident they will be handled by our expert planning team in an efficient manner and so I thank this Committee for their skill in responding to these applications.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is another busy area for the Council and a number of major projects have been considered this year. The biggest one in Barwick is just coming up to completion that being the heritage style lamp posts which are being installed on the main routes through the conservation area. There are 36 in number and a fine sight they look too. Barwick had Christmas Lights in the village provided by the Outer North East Area Committee *"Well"*

Being Fund" and they looked very tasteful. For next Christmas we are planning to have them erected at both ends of Scholes Village. We have also made a grant of £7,272 to Barwick Village Hall as this was urgently in need of repairs and maintenance which totalled more than £25,000. Scholes benefited in the previous year from having a new bus shelter and new street signs. We have started work on the Station Road children's playground with some new metal fencing and this means we will be able to see who is using the equipment and the new CCTV camera at the school will keep it under surveillance to help reduce vandalism and we thank the school for helping us with this added protection. New surfacing will shortly be laid with some equipment being renovated along with the introduction of some new items of equipment. Ideally we wanted to extend the play area but unfortunately this was not possible. There is more work to do at Scholes Lodge Farm before the Council finally takes responsibility for it in about 12 months time. You will appreciate therefore the Finance & General Purposes Committee has been fairly busy in dealing with these projects and recommending them to full Council. Our thanks go to all of those on this Committee for their efforts which they have dealt with fairly and consistently.

We were hoping last year that we would have a bus service to connect the two villages and also provide transport to the main shopping areas every thirty minutes but, unfortunately this was withdrawn after a short trial period. We were told that if we didn't use it we would lose it and we didn't use it in sufficient numbers. However we do thank Geldard Coaches for giving it a try. We will continue to pursue a better bus service particularly for Scholes whenever the opportunity presents itself.

The Parish receives a high level of attention from our team of law officers. They are led by Inspector Marcus Griffiths who recently attended one of our Council Meetings to listen to our worries and answer our questions. Most of the concerns raised were about speeding motorists through both our Villages where unfortunately most of the culprits were local residents. We are trying to combat this speeding by adding a new Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) in Scholes fairly soon and we are hoping to have perhaps two in Barwick in due course. We hope this approach will reduce speeding and that safer roads throughout the Parish will be the result. Crime in general is down and we thank our local officers P.C. Andy Katkowski and PCSO'S Dan Sillers, Steve Wales and Gaynor Duffy. You can help to reduce the crime figures by making sure your doors and windows are kept locked

and not leaving car keys or other expensive items on view. Hide them away and then a petty sneak thief will stay away.

Our Parish Paths group led by Peter Taylor is going quietly about its business although carrying out their duties does get difficult at times but despite this our thanks go to Peter's hard working group for the work they do for the many walkers who visit our Parish.

Congratulations are extended to "*Barwick in Bloom*" for their victory in the large village section of *Yorkshire in Bloom*. Winning the Gold Award once again now puts them in the *Britain in Bloom* contest for this year and we wish them every success in their endeavours to be number one in Britain. We thank all their team for the hard work they continue to put into the village and this includes those who put in considerable time to raise funds to pay for equipment as well as plants and shrubs. "*Scholes in Bloom*" also celebrated success in achieving Silver Gilt for the second year running, only just missing the Gold Award - congratulations to the whole team for another excellent effort.

Another long drawn out matter came to a successful conclusion recently when the memorial trees in Station Road were finally designated with TPO's (tree preservation orders) which means they are now protected and Leeds City Council will be responsible for replacing any which are damaged or diseased. They were officially dedicated in memory of those who lost their lives in the service of their Country at a special service at St. Philip's Church attended by the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and the Lord Mayor of Leeds along with other dignitaries. The satisfactory outcome was due to a lot of hard work put in by members of Scholes Community Forum, primarily by Councillor George Hall and helped by Councillors Norma Fletcher and Desma Thompson. Our thanks go to them all and many others who helped bring this about.

Finally, I wish to thank all our Councillors for their hard work and support, which makes the job of Chairman much easier. I would add to this, support of the Parish Clerk, Chris Hassell, who works tirelessly in his efforts to keep the Council on top of everything. He has settled into the position extremely well and we all appreciate this very much. I would also like to express our appreciation to Harewood Ward Councillor Ann Castle who attends nearly all of our meetings along with many more at Leeds City Council. She is always on hand to help and is a tremendous support to all of us.

My thanks to you all, **Ben Hogan**

Chairman of the Parish Council

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DRAFT ACCOUNTS for year ended 31 March 2009

2008		2009
	RECEIPTS	£
50,043	Budget balances brought forward	60,132
41,000	Precept for 2008-9	38,000
515	Allotment rents	469
2,410	Bank interest	3,196
7,482	Grant income	3,910
3,723	Vat refund received	947
1,370	Sports rents & other income	1,562
106,543	Total	£ 108,216
	PAYMENTS	
11,963	Administration	11,093
1,668	Insurance	1,578
625	Newsletters & website	563
55	Footpaths	256
694	Allotments	911
2,012	Planning	167
3,420	Conservation & environment	8,713
5,397	Sports & recreation	5,684
3,342	Village Hall grants	7,272
11,318	Street signs (bus shelter)	702
4,194	Vat paid (for reclaim 2009-10)	2,080
1,723	Election	0
44,721	Budget expenditure carried forward	54,172
15,411	Contingency reserves carried forward	15,025
106,543	Total	£ 108,216

The above draft has been audited in-house and by independent internal auditors but is subject to external audit by Mazars LLP

The ANCIENT PARISH of BARWICK in ELMET TRUST

The Trust was established in 1996, an amalgamation of seven smaller trusts founded in the 16th and 17th centuries. The object of the Trust is to relieve financial hardship, which it does by making grants of money, or by providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to relieve the hardship. The area the Trust covers includes not only Barwick and Scholes but also parts of Cross Gates, Swardcliffe and Whinmoor, and parts of Fearnville, Oakwood and Ladywood. This was the Ancient Parish in 1856 and is known as *"the area of benefit."*

The present Trustees are Alan Stanley (Chairman), Jack Anderson, David Leeming, Sylvia Snowdon and John Tinker, all of whom would be pleased to give further information. Alan's number is 281 2769.

PATHS VOLUNTEERS

Peter Taylor who leads our group of volunteers has completed a full survey of the parish paths and cut back a lot of early invasive growth. We are most grateful to them for their excellent work throughout the Parish. However, residents should advise the Clerk of any paths which are still in need of attention.

DOG OWNERS

Please clear up after your dog and use the black waste bins around the village or take it home and use your own black bin.

BUS SERVICES

There are concerns with the proposed withdrawal of the **68 & 68a** bus services to Scholes and re-routing of the **64** and the Council is seeking urgent meetings with **First Bus** in order to maintain and improve the services for Barwick and Scholes.

THE PARISH COUNCIL



Chairman

Ben Hogan, 1 Elmete Croft, Scholes

Barwick in Elmet Ward

Helen Elsworth, 3 The Boyle

Claire Hassell Chessingham Elmwood La

John Hayton, 22 The Boyle

David Leeming, 57 Flats Lane

John Tinker, 1 Aberford Road

Geoff Yapp, "Southlands", 16 Leeds Rd

Scholes Ward

Paul Birdsall, 37 Main Street

Norma Fletcher, 35 Station Road

George Hall, 29 Arthursdale Grange

Gerry McDonough, 56 Nook Road

Desma Thompson, 33 Station Road

Clerk to the Council

Chris Hassell, "Chessingham", Elmwood

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PARISH COUNCIL

meetings at 7.15

Mon 6 July - Barwick Methodists

August - no meeting

Mon 7 Sep - Scholes Village Hall

when residents may address the Council and raise issues of concern

GRANTS

The Parish Council has recently made a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of repairing the collapsed wall at **All Saints' Church** in Aberford Road and also to **Scholes Village Players** for repairs to their storage facility which is an old nissen hut from war time days. Significant grants have also been made to **Barwick Village Hall** for general but very necessary repairs. New fencing has been installed at **Scholes children's playground** with new items of play equipment to follow shortly.

KEEP OUR VILLAGE TIDY

KEEP YOUR DOORS & WINDOWS LOCKED

Sun 2 August (0800-1800) Dogs Trust Open Day No Right Turns A 64

East (York) bound traffic will not be able to turn right into Kiddal Lane or into the Dogs Trust. Northbound traffic on Kiddal Lane will **not** be able to turn right onto the A64 York Road. Diversions will be signposted.

POLICE SURGERIES

will be held at the **Manor House, SCHOLES** and provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues and concerns or just to ask general advice in relation to crime prevention.

Wednesday 15 July at 10 am

Wednesday 5 August at 10 am

Wednesday 16 Sept at 10 am

Wednesday 7 October at 10 am

Police phone 0113 285 5374

Non emergency 0845 606 0606

Most local crime is through open doors and windows by sneak thieves so remember to LOCK IT

PARISH WEBSITE
barwickandscholespc.com

LEEDS FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURES A64

Full details on the Parish website
barwickandscholespc.com

Throughout Thursday 27 August the A64 between the Fox & Grapes pub and the A1(M) roundabout will be closed to all eastbound traffic (Leeds to York) to facilitate Festival traffic using both lanes of the A64 in a one way system and then turning right into site opposite the Dogs Trust. Westbound traffic will intermingle with Festival traffic and continue towards Leeds.

Aberford Main Street junction with A64 M1 will be closed on Thursday whilst the one way system is in operation.

Kiddal Lane, Barwick will be closed at the junction with A64 York Road for the whole of the Festival from 08.00 Wednesday to 15.30 Monday

Potterton Lane northern section will also be closed at the junction with Kiddal Lane for the same period.

BLOOM JUDGING

Scholes - Tues 21 July

"Yorkshire in Bloom"

Barwick - Mon 10 Aug

"Britain in Bloom"

OPEN GARDENS DAY

Barwick Sun 28 June

Scholes Sun 12 July

admission £2 each

KEEP to the SPEED LIMIT CAMERAS are used FREQUENTLY DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT

The Police have issued 56 fixed penalty notices this year with fines and points

