

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

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NEW COMMUNITY FUND to be launched with FESTIVAL REPUBLIC

We are delighted to announce that Festival Republic who organise the annual Leeds Festival at Bramham Park in August have very kindly offered an annual donation to the Parish along with an increase in ticket allocation to 250 which will satisfy local demand and enable a new **Community Fund** to be established which will provide very welcome funds for community benefit and activities. It is planned that a new committee be set up in order to administer the issue of tickets and resultant funds. Those residents who would like to be involved in this work should make contact with the Clerk or Andrew Glyn-Mills on 07786 857588. Festival Republic director Melvin Benn has recently made donations to both of our Primary Schools in Barwick in Elmet & Scholes for the purchase of musical instruments to encourage their appreciation and understanding of music and we will feature photographs of the children with their instruments at the presentation, in the next edition of our newsletter.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012 to all Residents

Our very popular Christmas Lights have been switched on once again to bring warmth and cheer to everyone in the Parish. As well as Jack Heaps Field, the Post Office & All Saints' Church in Barwick, festive lights have also been erected at the Coronation Tree, War Memorial and Green Court along Main Street and Station Road in Scholes.

Prestigious award for BARWICK in BLOOM

HRH The Duke of York visited the Harrogate Army Foundation College recently for presentations to worthy recipients of the **Duke of York's Community Initiative Awards** which were founded in 1997 in an effort to encourage the development of community spirit and local individual leadership across Yorkshire. The initiative recognises projects through an award scheme, which involves scrutiny by assessors and is in **recognition of excellence**. The principal aim of



the awards is to foster and increase community spirit throughout the four Yorkshire ridings. The Barwick in Elmet submission listed the diary of activities including fund raising and social events as well as the day to day maintenance of the flower beds, hanging baskets and other areas of the village. A presentation was made to the assessors who toured the village and spoke to residents followed by a further visit for

a coffee morning. Peter Williams is pictured here receiving the award from the Duke and was joined at the presentation by "Bloom" stalwarts Greta Pierce, Frank Noble and Lesley Clark who were also introduced to His Royal Highness.

Photo courtesy of Jake Sugden

Guides Honour for Councillor Ann Castle



Barwick Guides along with their leader Jane Walton (left) recently presented Ward Cllr Ann Castle with her **Ambassador to Guiding Badge** for her support and help to Guiding. The presentation took place at the Leeds Wall climbing centre at Gelderd Rd, Lower Wortley where the Guides in turn received their **Go for it Sport** awards having

successfully completed the course. Ann will be returning in the New Year to make further presentations to three of the Guides, Emily Clark, Aimee Howe, Ciara Kinlough who will be receiving the Baden Powell Challenge Award which is the highest a Guide can achieve.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Barwick in Elmet & Scholes



There were very well supported services on **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** At the War Memorial in Scholes Alan Stanley conducted the usual ceremony with a good attendance of beavers, scouts, explorers, cubs, brownies and guides. This was followed by a united service at Scholes Methodist Chapel. At All Saints' Church Revds Andy Nicholson and John Mason assisted Alan with the united service which was followed by an Act or Remembrance at the Barwick War Memorial. At both memorials wreaths were laid by Major (ret) Stanley M Hardy TD DL representing the Lord Lieutenant along with Parish Council Chairman Ben Hogan on behalf of the Parish Council, Ward Councillor Matthew Robinson on behalf of Leeds City Council and of course by The Royal British Legion. Elmet MP Alec Shelbrooke laid a wreath at Scholes. The sale of poppies this year was very much up on previous years and realised the magnificent total of £22,000 but on the down side in a special year, being the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion, there is a **very real prospect that the Barwick in Elmet branch will close shortly** due to lack of support at ground level in organising the POPPY distribution. This would be a great loss to the community and therefore volunteers are urgently required to keep the POPPY appeal alive in this area. Anyone who can offer some of their time to support this worthy cause should contact Vic Brothers 281 2037 or Sylvia Booth 250 1316—it is so important to continue this vital work.

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The Barwick in Elmet branch of the **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** **will cease to exist** unless much needed help can be found to organise the popular **POPPY APPEAL** for next year