

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter
March 2012



LOCAL HOUSE BUILDING PROPOSALS

Production of a **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)** is a very important exercise which the Parish Council is undertaking following the introduction of the Localism Act and Leeds City Council's announcement that 16,400 new homes are to be built in East Leeds over the next 20 years with 5,000 earmarked for Harewood and Wetherby. The Parish is currently in dialogue with Leeds planners and developers on the first of these proposals for 2,000 homes at nearby Bramley Fields (Skeltons La/Thorner Lane area between A64 & A58). Members of our steering groups are now hard at work in preparing for our **NDP** along with a village design statement (VDS) & refreshed Parish Plan. As part of this process a **STATEMENT of COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)** is required to be published which sets out how the Parish proposes to engage with local residents, community groups and other organisations on the many issues and choices which will come under consideration. The **SCI** is now on the Parish website—**barwickandscholespc.com** and available for public consultation which will run for a 6 week period—29 March to 11 May. Residents & others wishing to make comment can do so by letter or email before the closing date to our Clerk. Those residents unable to access the website can obtain a hard copy of the **SCI** from our Clerk by phone or letter. Public meetings will be held in due course in both Barwick & Scholes to discuss and report on progress of the **NDP**.

LEEDS FESTIVAL TICKETS—now available deadline for applications—31 March

Application forms available from Satnams Store & Roy Sirrell's Garage in Scholes and from Post Office & Viridi Store in Barwick or from the Parish website—**barwickandscholespc.com**

With an increased allocation of 250 tickets we are hopeful of satisfying most if not all of the requests from our two villages. Only bona fide residents on the voters list are eligible for these reduced priced tickets at £40—do not delay—apply today before the deadline.

PARISH NEWS

FESTIVAL REPUBLIC organisers of the Leeds Festival have made a substantial donation in order to establish a **COMMUNITY FUND** for Barwick and Scholes. Grant applications from Sports and Community Groups are therefore invited and forms are available via **barwickandscholespc.com** and the deadline is 31 October.

As part of **QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** the Parish Council has decided to present a special souvenir mug to



all of the children attending both primary schools. Whilst there will not be any major celebrations in the village details of activities will be advised in the

May edition of the newsletter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Police and Parish Council are very keen to reactivate this scheme under a new title of **VILLAGE WATCH** to run alongside the very successful **FARM WATCH** and leaflets are being distributed asking for volunteers to act for their road or area. If you feel able to help reduce the crime in your area please phone Police on 101—ask for crime reduction. It is not an onerous task but could make a difference to your neighbourhood.

The annual **SCHOLES GALA** will be held on **Saturday 9 June** at Scholes Primary School at 1 pm Children **FREE**—Adults **£1**

PARKING on PAVEMENTS has become a serious problem and residents are requested not to obstruct the passage of adults with pushchairs and buggies. It can be dangerous so please be considerate to pedestrians.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING and Open Forum will be held on Mon 14 May at Scholes Methodist Hall at 7.30 pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at 8 pm. The annual accounts & Chairman's report will be circulated in due course.

There is still much unhappiness in respect of our **bus services** and those residents wishing to report missing/late buses should email bengilligan@firstgroup.com or clivehopkinson@wypte.gov.uk and Ward Cllr Matthew Robinson

The **public consultations** for Traffic Regulations & Conservation Area are now closed and we await further news of their adoption.

There will also be a public consultation from 12 March to 1 June in respect of the **Gaming Act 2005** and any residents wishing to comment upon Leeds City Council's Policy can access it on www.leeds.gov.uk/gpc—those without internet access should contact 247 4095



WATCH YOUR SPEED





NEW PLAYGROUND for JACK HEAPS FIELD

The official opening will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 10 am and performed by Ward Councillor Ann Castle, Lord Mayor elect of Leeds City Council and former Parish Council Chairman John Tinker along with Parish Chairman Ben Hogan and children from Barwick Primary



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Scholes Ward

Matt Baker, 329 Leeds Road, Scholes : 393 5856

Norma Fletcher, 35 Station Road, Scholes : 265 0530

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One vacancy to be filled by co-opton

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held on the first Monday in each month (except Aug) at 7.30 pm and
preceded by an **OPEN FORUM** for residents to speak at 7.15 pm

at Barwick Methodist School Room - Mon 2 April, Mon 11 June 2012

Scholes Methodist Hall—Mon 14 May, Mon 2 July 2012

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.

Meet our New Councillor - Matt Baker



Matt was co-opted in January to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Paul Birdsall. He has quickly settled into his new role making a positive contribution and also serves on the Community Fund. Originally from the Midlands but now married to a Scholes lass Jillian. Spent 12 years in the RAF and then worked in management consultancy in London before moving to Wetherby as Head of Operations for an IT and Network Security company. He represented RAF Cyprus at volleyball, football and athletics. Currently studying for MBA at the Open University. Fellow of Chartered Management Institute.