

# **BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLLS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Newsletter  
May 2012**



## **BARWICK PLAYGROUND opened by LORD MAYOR ELECT**

Leeds City Councillor Ann Castle and former Parish Chairman John Tinker MBE along with current Parish Council Chairman Ben Hogan and children from Barwick Primary School led by Headmaster Peter Doherty officially opened the new playground at Welfare Avenue despite inclement weather. The extension and £47,000 upgrade of the facility was funded through grants from Caird Bardon Community Programme and the Parish Council. Parents seats were very kindly donated by the Harker Family in memory of their son George James and Festival Republic who stage the Leeds Festival at Bramham Park each year. The painting of the refurbished climbing frames was very kindly carried out by members of the Barwick in Bloom team. Equipment from PPL.

**Leeds Festival arrangements - see inside**

## **BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Another New Councillor—Julian KELLY**



Julian grew up in Scholes and moved back to the village just over 2 years ago. He currently works for Yorkshire Housing as an area manager specialising in Social Housing and neighbourhood services having gained his degree in this subject at Leeds Metropolitan University in 2008. Julian is also Chair of Scholes Sports Association based on Belle Vue Avenue and is currently manager of Scholes football team and has been involved in the community for a number of years and is keen to ensure that the village continues to thrive. He has a keen interest in music and stand up comedy and regularly attends live music concerts. Age 46 he brings down the average age of Council

# Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Parish Council

## Report from the Chairman for the Year 2011/12

Ladies & Gentlemen of the Parish and Councillors, this is my report of the Parish Council's activities for the past twelve months.

This year has been the busiest since I joined the Council twelve years ago and resulted in the largest turnover of Councillors that I can recall. Never the less, I wish to express my thanks to all Councillors and our Parish Clerk upon whom most of the work falls, for their excellent contribution throughout the year.

My thanks and best wishes go particularly to **Paul Birdsall** who has served us for several years and **Desma Thompson** who has been on the Council for the last five years. Unfortunately, both had to retire due to health issues and we wish them both an improved future. On behalf of the Parish a big thank you for their work and time in pursuit of making our Villages good places to live.

A warm welcome to all of our **new Councillors** - Neil Beaumont and Andrew Glyn-Mills for Barwick and Simon Walker, Matthew Baker and Julian Kelly for Scholes. This group of Councillors has brought the average age of the Council down quite a bit and it is a good sign for the Parish to see younger residents willing to serve their Community and this gives us greater confidence for the future. They have all settled in well and we wish them a happy future.

This next year is likely to be even busier with impending housing developments in our area and the danger of losing our Village identities. Last April we took a decision to produce a refreshed **Parish Plan** and **Village Design Statement (VDS)** and were able to secure a grant of £10,000 for the project from the **BIG LOTTERY FUND Awards For All**. Public meetings were held and a questionnaire circulated to all residents. The Parish Plan section is nearing completion and will be followed by the **VDS** which sets out how we would like to see our Villages develop in the future. We have received expert support and advice from David Gluck (Ruralis) and his colleague Tony Mullin (Communitask). Following the introduction of the Localism Act we have also embarked on production of a **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** which will have legal status and enable us to influence and shape the nature and scale of development in our Parish. Steering Groups have been set up in both Villages led by Councillor Claire Hassell in Barwick and George Hall in Scholes. George has kindly agreed to lend his considerable experience to draw together our efforts in producing the **NDP** and we thank all those residents who are serving on the steering groups and working so hard to bring about a successful outcome. Further public meetings are scheduled for both villages in the near future with a questionnaire seeking the views of our community and which will help in the preparation of an evidence base for the plan. I hope therefore we can count on residents support by completing and returning the questionnaire. [www.barwickandscholesneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.barwickandscholesneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)

The number of **planning applications** we receive continues to fall but even so, the Planning Committee has had some tricky cases to consider and our thanks go to Geoff Yapp our longest serving Councillor who is well supported by colleagues Norma Fletcher, Neil Beaumont and Matt Baker.

Financial issues have also kept us busy and we had a number of projects to consider. Our biggest spend was the **Barwick Children's Playground** costing £47,000 of which £20,000 came via the Caird Bardon Community Programme to whom we extend our most grateful thanks. We also received donations for the provision of parents seats inside the play area. The new facility has been very well received by children and parents and was officially opened by Lord Mayor Elect, Councillor Ann Castle ably assisted by one of Barwick's favourite residents John Tinker and yours truly along with children from Barwick Primary School. Thanks also go to Barwick in Bloom Volunteers for re-painting the existing climbing frames. We were able to draw down £12,000 from Leeds City Council for the s106 green space provision relating to the Station Gardens development which enabled us to construct an access gateway on Leeds Road for the **public open space at Scholes Lodge Farm**. In addition we were also able to drawdown the cost of an archaeological survey for the area in order to consider the future use of the historical site as we are particularly concerned at the lack of play facilities for teenagers in Scholes. £2,440 was received from the **sale of tickets for the Leeds Festival** and was disbursed via grants to various local good causes.

There have been some difficult decisions for our **Parish Paths Volunteers** this year and Peter Taylor and his colleagues have managed these very well. We currently have an issue with Leeds City Council on a footpath behind the Fox & Grapes where we are concerned over the movement of the crossing point across the A64. Despite all this, Peter and his team do a marvellous job repairing styles and keeping our pathways clear.

Our local police chief **Inspector Marcus Griffiths** retired recently after a successful period leading the Wetherby & Harewood Policing Team and we extend our best wishes to him for a happy retirement. His successor is **Paul Dwyer** and we express our thanks to him and his team of officers who serve us well in trying to reduce crime in the Parish. Crime numbers do vary from month to month and we continually remind residents that they must keep windows and doors locked at all times. Please remember the new non-urgent telephone number for the Police is 101.

**Speeding and inconsiderate parking** in both Villages is a priority for our police team. It is a particular problem near to our Schools and also close to some of our Public Houses and this has brought about a consultation period for Traffic Regulation Orders (parking restrictions). The consultation period has now expired and we await the results. Whatever the outcome we hope it will be sufficient to curb the speeding and parking, so we can have safer roads in our Parish—please play your part in bringing this about.

The introduction of **Scholes Conservation Area** has also been under review and we are pleased that it has been approved. Matthew Bentley the Senior Conservation Officer for Leeds City Council has worked hard to bring this about and we thank him very much. It will bring a certain amount of pride to our village and help us to achieve greater things. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our **In Bloom Groups** who have both enjoyed an excellent year achieving Gold Rose Awards once again. These achievements help our villages considerably, as well as making them look good, it helps to improve our property prices and brings in visitors. These volunteers deserve our praise and anyone wishing to join either group would be made most welcome.

Another big issue for us has been the **Bus Service** or lack of it. The service through our Villages has been very poor and needs to improve. The main problems are, Buses not turning up and Buses running on grass verges, particularly in Scholes. We will shortly be having a meeting with the Operator to see if we can improve on these regular complaints.

The **Parish Website** has been busy as we rely more and more on providing information in this format. We are putting a host of information on the site for the Village Design Statement, Neighbourhood Development Plan, Festival tickets, minutes, reports and other news. The bulk of this work has fallen on the shoulders of Councillor Gerry McDonough and we thank him for his most excellent work. Our new Councillor Matt Baker has recently helped too and we thank him and a number of others who have assisted with the Website and are fortunate to have such valuable expertise available to us.

The **Leeds Festival** will soon be upon us and we have forged a closer link with the organisers resulting in a grant of £7,500 plus £10,000 from the sale of 250 tickets for which we thank Melvin Benn and Harmony Blake who have worked closely with Councillor Andrew Glyn-Mills and our Clerk to bring this about. A new **Community Fund** at arms length from the Parish Council has been set up for the distribution of these funds with sports and community organisations invited to apply for grants. Application forms will shortly be available on the Website.

I would like to think that our **Open Forums**, which precede Parish Meetings, are proving a success and I am delighted that we get a few of our Parishioners attending to express their concerns.

I must also thank **Ron Miller** of the **Wetherby News** for his attendance and honest reporting of our activities. He hardly misses a meeting and always gives us wide spread coverage of the activities that take place in our Parish. If you want to make sure of what is happening in the area it will probably be in the Wetherby News on Friday mornings.

We switched our Scholes **meeting venue** to the Methodist Chapel Room sometime ago and this has worked out well although on occasions when there is a big issue on the agenda it can get a bit crowded. The same applies at the Methodist Schoolroom in Barwick where we had a full house for the debate on a youth shelter at Jack Heaps Field. We are most grateful to both Chapels for the use of their facilities.

Finally my **special thanks to all of my colleagues** for their support, time and hard work in maintaining our lovely Villages. Also to our hard working Clerk Chris Hassell whose duties are supposed to be part time but, he puts far more time in than his contract calls for and this doesn't go unnoticed and the Parish is very lucky to have someone who is dedicated to his job. Could I also express thanks for the support of our Ward Councillors, Matthew Robinson, Ann Castle and Rachael Procter. They attend our meetings and functions and are also very active whenever there is a difficult issue. The same applies to our local MP Alec Shelbrooke who is also very willing to help. I would however like to express particular good wishes and congratulations to Ann Castle who is Lord Mayor elect for Leeds City Council. This is a great honour for Ann and also for the Harewood Ward and we wish her a most enjoyable and successful year in office.

# BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL



## Draft Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012

<b>2011 RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
35,338 Bank balances brought forward	60,463.39
39,000 Precept for 2011-12	39,000.00
485 Allotment rents	609.50
29 Bank interest	34.38
0 Grant income	30,794.00
8,524 Vat refund received	926.93
1,962 Sports rents & other income	2,259.00
2,240 Leeds Festival tickets	2,440.00
2,500 Loan repayment	2,500.00
0 s106 greenspace contribution	13,724.51
<b>90,078</b>	<b>152,751.71</b>

### PAYMENTS

12,985 Administration	13,080.03
1,118 Insurances	1,217.13
922 Newsletter & website	1,611.41
257 Footpaths	264.81
465 Allotments	761.57
754 Planning & legal	1,142.19
5,240 Conservation & environment	20,961.07
0 Parish Plan & Village Design Statement	9,229.00
1,375 Christmas lights	1,500.00
872 Sports & recreation	404.66
2,400 Barwick Children's Playground	46,661.59
2,300 Grant & Loans	2,250.00
927 Vat paid (for reclaim in 2012-13)	11,532.89
41,890 Budget reserves carried forward	20,586.36
18,573 Contingency reserves carried forward	21,549.00
<b>90,078</b>	<b>152,751.71</b>

# Festival★ REPUBLIC.

Letter from MELVIN BENN, re LEEDS FESTIVAL 2012

Dear Resident,

May 2012

I wanted to write, to give you some information on the planned Leeds Festival at Bramham Park.

## TICKETS

An increased number of reduced price residents' weekend tickets have been made available via Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council. Details of the scheme and the application process have been advertised on the Parish notice boards, the website and by newsletter.

## TRAFFIC - key routes

The traffic plan for Leeds Festival 2011 was considered a success overall and the plan remains the same for 2012.

The dates of the festival this year are the **24th to 26th August** but traffic will start arriving from Wednesday 22nd August and will leave on Monday 27th August.

A key route for festival traffic is from the A1 M at Wattle Syke along the local access road West Woods Road and then left over Tenter Hill bridge and south on Bramham by pass / Paradise Way to Paradise bridge. This route will be used throughout with particularly heavy traffic on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and the morning of Friday 24th August. This traffic will be travelling one way in.

From 9pm Sunday 26th August, this route reverses as festival goers leave along the same route but in the opposite direction. This traffic will be travelling one way out and Monday morning will be another peak period.

## One way system on A64 Thursday 23rd August

The other key consideration, as per 2011, is that throughout Thursday 23rd August, the A64 between the Fox and Grapes public house and the A1 M roundabout **will be closed to all traffic travelling eastbound** (i.e. from Leeds to York). This is because our second routing for the peak period uses the A1(M) and then the A64 towards Leeds using 2 lanes in a one way system and then turning right into site opposite the Dogs Trust.

The one way system runs from 12.01 am (ie very first thing Thursday morning) to no later than 5 am Friday morning.

The A64 westbound ie from York to Leeds remains open throughout.

Bus routes travelling along the A64 eastbound from Seacroft to Bramham Interchange will be diverted on Thursday 23rd August. For up to date information, please contact Metro [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com) or tel 0113 245 7676

**Alternative route suggestion –**

If you would normally use the A64 eastbound to get to York or the A1 (M), could we suggest you use alternative routes via Aberford to Junction 47 of the M1 on Thursday 23rd August

**Kiddal Lane junction with A64 York Road & Potterton Lane junction with Kiddal Lane**

As in previous years, Kiddal Lane at the junction with the A64 / York Road and Potterton Lane at the junction with Kiddal Lane will be closed from 8 am Wednesday 22nd August to 3.30 pm Monday 27th August

**Alternative route suggestion -**

If you would normally use the A64 eastbound and Kiddal Lane to get to Barwick in Elmet could we suggest you use alternative routes via Scholes on Thursday 23rd August

**Aberford Road junction with A64 York Road**

We are again proposing a road closure this year of the junction of Aberford Road with A64 / York Road for Thursday only during the period of the one way system.

**Traffic Regulation Orders**

In addition to the road closure at Aberford Road and the one way system on the A64 for Thursday mentioned in the paragraphs above, we will also apply to Leeds City Council Highways for the following temporary traffic regulation orders:

- **30mph speed limits and NO “U” TURNS on the following roads:**
  - Bramham / Thorner Road from the junction with Kirkfield Avenue to Tenter Hill
  - West Woods Road from Wattle Syke to Tenter Hill
  - Tenter Hill
  - Bramham by pass from Tenter Hill along Paradise Way and Spen Common Lane to the Bramham Interchange
  - A64 York Road from the Bramham Interchange to Thorner Lane.
- **No stopping (clearway) on the following roads:**
  - West Woods Road from Wattle Syke to Tenter Hill
  - Tenter Hill
  - Bramham by pass from Tenter Hill along Paradise Way and Spen Common Lane to the Bramham Interchange
  - A64 York Road from the Bramham Interchange to Thorner Lane

- **Restricted movements**

- o No left turn out of Yellow Gate towards Thorner
- o No right turn onto Bowcliffe Bridge from Paradise Way travelling southbound
- o No right turn out of Red Gates 1, 2, 2A or 3

The traffic regulation orders will be advertised by Leeds City Council according to their normal advertising procedures.

### **Traffic Management Plan**

A full and very detailed Traffic Management Plan including full details of all signage, routings, access and exiting strategies etc has been supplied and approved by all relevant agencies as part of the licensing process. Meetings and consultation about the traffic plan with these agencies are ongoing.

### **TRESPASS / SECURITY / ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS and UNAUTHORISED CAMPING**

The public parts of the festival site (which comprise the main entertainment arena, the campsites and the car parks) are well away from all residential areas. Although there have been no problems with trespass in the past, if someone should trespass on your land, then please call the Police in the first instance. If necessary, our security staff will be available to assist them.

We will again have an on-site supermarket and there will also be various stalls onsite. We will also be running a shuttle bus to the Tesco supermarket at Seacroft. We will advertise all of these facilities onsite and in the advance publicity. While we are not able to prevent people from accessing public highways or keep them onsite, we feel very confident that the above measures will mean we have done much to reduce the need for people to go into local villages. There are a very significant number of stewards and security on and around the site, some of whom can be redeployed offsite if necessary in co-operation with and in support of the Police.

### **FOOTPATH CLOSURES**

We have applied to Leeds City Council to temporarily close the following footpaths:

Footpath numbers 12, 13 and 30 - these run through Bramham Park Estate and we are therefore applying to close them during the period of the build and load out of the infrastructure as well as the festival itself. The closure dates applied for will be 13th August to 31st August 2012.

Mangrill Lane bridleway number 33 for all users from the junction of Mangrill Lane and footpath 16 to the junction with Thorner Road. The closure dates applied for will be 17th August to 29th August 2012.

Mangrill Lane bridleway for cyclists and equestrians from the junction with the A64 along the full length of the bridleway. The closure dates applied for will be 17th August to 29th August 2012.

### **TIMES OF OPENING**

The festival is open to the public from Thursday 23rd August to Monday 27th August 2012 with the main entertainment taking place on Friday 24th August, Saturday 25th August and Sunday 26th August 2012. The main public access into the car parks will

start on Thursday 23rd August although a number of ticket holders who have purchased "Early Bird" tickets will be allowed access from 2 pm on Wednesday 22nd August in order to reduce the traffic during the Thursday peak period. From past experience, the vast majority of festival goers will have left site and left the area by 3 pm on Monday 27th August 2012.

## **NOISE and HOURS of ENTERTAINMENT**

If you have a complaint about noise you should call the noise hotline number to register the complaint. The telephone company cannot guarantee the number at the moment and so we will circulate it to you in early August a further letter along with any other further new information not contained in this letter. This telephone line will be staffed by Leeds Festival employees during the hours of licensed entertainment and some hours outside of this.

The noise levels are strictly regulated and monitored by our onsite acoustic consultants and Environmental Health at Leeds City Council. This year there is going to be permanent monitoring of noise levels at the junction of Kiddal Lane with the A64 / York Road to cover Barwick in Elmet village during the high risk hours for public nuisance.

The hours of entertainment are:

Thursday 23rd August – 7 pm— 3 am

Friday 24th August – 12 pm—6 am

Saturday 25th August – 12 pm—6 am

Sunday 26th August – 12 pm—6 am

Although Leeds City Council has granted us a licence for regulated entertainment until 6 am, the main entertainment will finish at 11 pm and the entertainment between 11 pm and 6 am will be low key i.e. cabaret, comedy, some small DJ systems etc and should therefore not cause any noise issues for you.

In addition there may be some sound checks. These are limited in duration to two hours and limited in scheduling to Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th August 2012 not before 10 am.

## **CONTACT DETAILS / FURTHER INFORMATION**

I am always available to meet and discuss any matters that concern the residents of Barwick in Elmet and Scholes with your Parish Council. In addition if any individuals have specific questions that are not covered here, please contact Harmony Blake via email [hblake@festivalrepublic.com](mailto:hblake@festivalrepublic.com) or write to Festival Republic Ltd, 35 Bow Street, London WC2E 7AU.

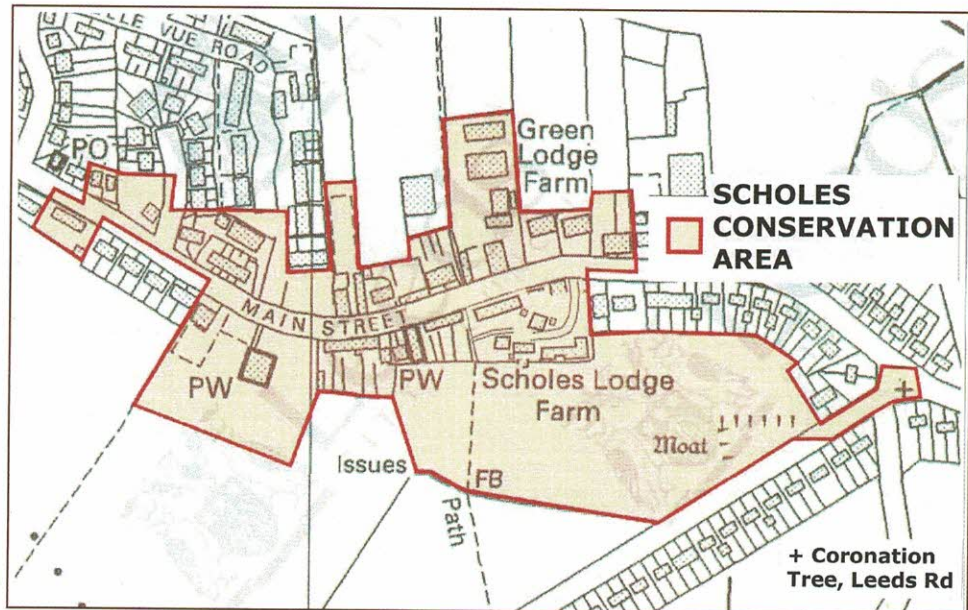
Kind regards



Melvin Benn,  
Premises Licence Holder, Leeds Festival 2012

## NEW CONSERVATION AREA for SCHOLES

Leeds City Council has recently confirmed approval of the new Conservation Area for Scholes **as a material consideration in the determination of planning decisions**. Residents will be pleased that the Coronation Tree has been included and thanks are due to George Hall who was the prime mover in our application to establish a Conservation Area for Scholes and to Matthew Bentley, Leeds Senior Conservation Officer for his considerable contribution to the project. A copy of the Appraisal and Management Plan will be available on our website. The 17 page document can be obtained in hard copy at a charge of £5 from our Clerk.



### LEEDS FESTIVAL TICKET BALLOT

Due to the excellent response with 380 applications for the 250 tickets a ballot was held. Application forms for the **COMMUNITY FUND** will soon be available on the web-site. Our most grateful thanks to Ray Budd Secretary of the Fund for dealing so expertly with the deluge.

### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

With the recent resignation of Andrew Glyn Mills due to moving away from the Parish there is a vacancy for the Barwick in Elmet Ward and any resident interested in filling the vacancy should make contact with the Parish Clerk by phone or email

### SCHOLES SPORTS CONTACTS

Football—07946 818812 Scott Wood  
Cricket—273 5822 Steve Waller  
Tennis—286 7540 Colin Smith  
Bowling—273 5519 Eric Franklin  
Bloom—260 6669 Ben Hogan  
Scouts—[info@scholesscouts.org.uk](mailto:info@scholesscouts.org.uk)

### BARWICK SPORTS CONTACTS

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Tennis—281 3521 Charlie Philpotts  
Bloom—281 2254 John Tinker

### PUBLIC MEETING—Sat 12 May

Barwick Village Hall 10am-1pm drop-in  
To discuss NEIGHBOURHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN proposals



Parents of children attending primary schools outside the Parish may apply for a MUG via the Parish Clerk but numbers are limited.

**JUBILEE MUGS.** Lord Mayor elect Councillor Ann Castle and Parish Council Chairman Ben Hogan presenting Queens Jubilee Mugs at Barwick in Elmet Primary School. The Parish Council will also be presenting Jubilee Mugs to Scholes Primary pupils as a memento of this very special occasion.



THE QUEEN'S  
DIAMOND JUBILEE  
BEACONS

4TH JUNE 2012

## Barwick Beacon Celebrations

Our BEACON will be lit at Hall Tower Field at 10 pm on **Monday 4 June.**

**Mon 28 May** Scholes Primary School—a 50's themed afternoon of fun

**Mon 4 June 11am** Yorkshire u15 v West Yorks at Barwick in Elmet Cricket Club & Barwick u11 v South Milford at **6.30 pm**

**Sat 9 June** Scholes Gala 1 pm

**BIG JUBILEE LUNCH—SUN 3 June**  
on **HALL TOWER FIELD** at 1 pm

Just bring food, drink & chairs

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