

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

**Newsletter
January 2015**



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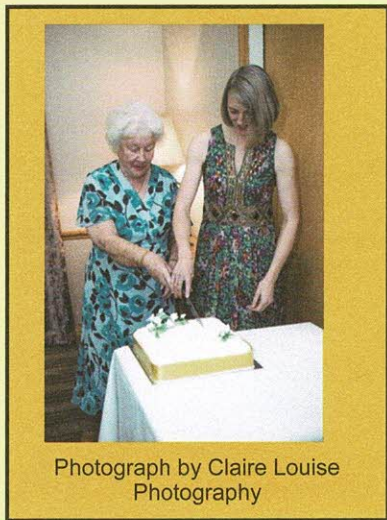
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Photograph by Claire Louise
Photography

Scholes Women's Institute celebrated 90 years in November, with a celebration meal for forty five members at Garforth Golf Club. They were joined by guests from Wetherby WI, Scholes WI friend Marion Hickson, and Brenda Sanderson from the Golden Plover Group. The West Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes was represented by the Chairman, Helena Harrington and Treasurer Sue Stothers.

The meal was funded partly from fundraising activities by Scholes WI, and partly by a generous grant from the The Barwick-in-Elmet and Scholes Community Fund, who work in partnership with Festival Republic, to support local projects.

The cake was cut by Eileen Woodhead (longest serving member) and Gillian Webster (newest member) and was baked and decorated by Scholes WI members.

Scholes WI meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Scholes Methodist Church Hall. For further details contact Helen Cox telephone 2736195

Dangerous Junctions and Speeding Traffic

The Parish Council has recently had meetings with Leeds City Council Highways representatives to discuss issues of local concern. More information can be found in the minutes of our January meeting - a draft copy of which is displayed in the village notice boards and will be put onto the Parish Council website once formally approved.



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NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 2 February

Scholes Methodist Hall
Open Forum at 7 pm

Monday 2 March

Barwick Methodist Schoolroom
Open Forum at 7 pm

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Free Home Security Checks From Your Local Police

Every month the local police officer delivers a report to the Parish council of crimes committed in our Parish and every month, at least one property has been broken into by snapping the lock using tools readily available in any hardware store. There are locks on the market which cannot be snapped and the police are willing to visit your home free of charge to give you security advice. To arrange a visit all you have to do is ring 101

Site Allocations

At the time of writing, the outcome of Leeds City Council's Site Allocations process is becoming known. Site Allocation is the process where land is allocated for development (or not!). It seems that as a Parish, there are grounds for cautious optimism

Optimism

Leeds City Council has a legal obligation to fulfil housing need and demonstrate a five year supply. They have been allowed to consider a large site off the A64 (Headley Hall). This takes the pressure off them to allocate land in our Parish for development

Cautious

Though the above is good news, the sites threatened with large scale development in Scholes last year have not been returned to Greenbelt. The developer could still appeal against the decision made last August, when they were refused permission to build

Appeal to those who use the paths round Scholes

Since the appeal in the last newsletter a number of people have contacted the Parish Council about the notice placed by Persimmon Homes regarding the footpaths accessed from near the old railway bridge. These paths currently lack official recognition and there are a number of hoops to jump through to get that changed. The Parish Council needs evidence of their usage in order to build up a case for recognition. Without recognition Persimmon Homes could stop people walking across their land, in fact a low fence has now been put up across the entrance to the field. If you use this path for any reason (or used to use it) please let the clerk know. Thank you to those who have been in touch already.

Meet Your New Councillor

The Parish Council is delighted to introduce its newest member, Darren Dodd

Darren has lots of previous experience having been a Ward Councillor from May 2010 to December 2013 and as such will be a valuable asset to the Parish



If you know your local Ward Councillors then you could be forgiven for not having heard of Darren – for a very good reason, Darren comes from the other side of the Pennines. Darren was a Ward Councillor to Wirral Borough Council

If Darren isn't a local lad, then at least he had the good sense to marry someone who is, his wife is at least the third generation of a well-known local family with a history of community involvement. Darren is the father of two children

Darren currently works in the healthcare industry and leads a team of eight staff covering a geographical area from the M25 to the Scottish Borders. Before that Darren was a Policy Researcher for an MP, a job which required a good understanding of the workings of Parliament

Darren studied at a school in Wallasey where he achieved nine GCSEs and four A-levels before going to the University of Liverpool where he gained a 2:1 honours degree in Philosophy, gaining him the title of Darren Dodd BA

As a ward councillor, Darren was doing a paid role but it was very much a labour of love as when the pay is divided by the number of hours worked, it works out at less than minimum wage and is very much a job done out of desire to serve the community. Having moved to Barwick - in - Elmet, Darren is keen to transfer that desire to serve the community from the Wirral to our Parish, their loss is our gain!

Your opinion matters to us!

The Parish Council has put out a couple of questionnaires in recent weeks and these have given every household the opportunity to have their say in what happens locally.



One of the questionnaires came with a summary of our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This questionnaire is an important part of the consultation process. Many thanks to everyone who has completed one of these and/or has been to the drop-in meetings held recently. The deadline for completed questionnaires is **28th February 2015**. It is hoped that by the end of 2015 the NDP will be adopted.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Housing Needs Survey – we would be grateful for your time in completing it as it is an important part of the NDP process in that it helps us to understand what types of housing people want. The deadline for completion is **7th March**

2015. Developers have to abide by many "one size fits all" regulations when they build homes, the NDP is equally legally binding but unlike other laws on the statute book, it is specific to the needs of our Parish, your feedback is therefore a crucial part of the process of NDP adoption.

Local businesses are also an important part of the consultation process, it would be a lot harder if Barwick Post Office, Mr. Virdee's shop, Sirrell's Garage, Scholes Library or the Best One shop (Satnam's) didn't act as collection points for completed questionnaires – a massive thank you to you all.

P.S. There is a report about the Scholes Lodge Farm questionnaire on page 6.

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES COMMUNITY FUND 2014/15

2014/15 Community Grants

The Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Community Fund are pleased to announce grant awards for community projects for the 2014/15 period. The fund was set up by Festival Republic (promoters of the Leeds Festival) and is administered by a group of local volunteers under the guidance of Melvin Benn, Managing Director of Festival Republic.

On behalf of the Community, the Community Fund Committee wish to thank Festival Republic for their generosity and support.

Twenty Community Grant applications were received this year, requesting a total of £30,826.54. The total funds available for awards this year were £17,621.25.

Barwick in Elmet Cricket Club (Junior Section)

Awarded £846.99 (requested £846.99)

For coaching equipment for the specific use of primary school aged children. The club has seen significant increase in participation within this age group of both boys and girls. As such the new coaching equipment will help facilitate the specific needs of this group.

Additionally Barwick CC provide after school sports provision to Barwick in Elmet Primary School whereby this equipment will also be used.

Barwick in Elmet Baby & Toddler Group

Awarded £350 (requested £350)

For the purchase of new toys, tables & chairs for use by the pre-school aged children. The toddler group was previously awarded £300 in 2012 and did not apply for funding in 2013

Barwick in Elmet Allotments

Awarded £500 (requested £500)

For the improvement of the entrance area including provision of concrete slab for the delivery of items and provision of three or four parking spaces.

The allotments have never previously applied for an award and as such the committee felt that this moderate request should be granted.

Scholes Village Hall

Awarded £1991 (requested £1991)

For the purchase of a commercial glass washer in the newly refurbished bar area plus new tables and chairs. The Community Fund recognise the significant contribution to the Community that Scholes Village Hall provides. As such the request for funding is granted in full.

Scholes Community Care

Awarded £200 (requested £200)

Musical entertainment followed by a two course lunch. Total cost of the project was £500 of which a £200 contribution was requested.

Scholes in Bloom

Awarded £260 (requested £260)

Scholes in Bloom have previously received substantial support from the Community Fund. Given the moderate nature of the request £260 is awarded for the purchase of two new petrol trimmers.

It's Better Than We Thought!

The last Newsletter understated the achievements Scholes in Bloom reporting that they had received a Gold Rose Award. The good news gets better as there was also an award for the Friday Gardening Club run by Paul Southworth for Scholes (Elmet) which won a Silver Gilt, well done to Paul and all the children who help. Scholes Village will represent Yorkshire in the Large Village Category for this year's Britain in Bloom competition, well done (and best wishes for the competition)

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Friends of Scholes Primary School (FOSP)

Awarded £3000 (requested a project contribution)

Scholes Primary School is currently fundraising towards new staging lighting and PA systems in the hall. In 2013 the Community Fund awarded £2500 towards the PA element, which is now in use.

FOSP demonstrated substantial fundraising efforts and as such a £3000 contribution is awarded towards the lighting aspect.

Friends of Barwick School (FOBS)

Awarded £3000 (requested a project contribution)

The purchase of recording and podcasting equipment for use in the new Agile Learning space.

FOBS demonstrated substantial fundraising efforts and as such a £3000 contribution is awarded towards a total project cost of £4000--- 5000

Barwick Miners Institute

Awarded £1235 (requested £1235)

For a new carpet to be fitted in the upstairs Snooker Room.

Scholes Scouts

Awarded £360 (contribution for equipment)

A request was made for expenses relating to the attendance of 3 scouts and 2 leaders to the World Jamboree (Japan) in 2015 The Community Fund were unable to grant the request, however does recognise the benefit the Scouting group offers the community. As such the equipment purchase element for the scouts is granted (3 x £120). Should the project not go ahead this award should go to general (Scholes) Scout group funds.

Potterton Walled Garden

Awarded £2000 (provisional)

A strong application was made regarding a new community walled garden project within Potterton Hall estate. The Community Fund has provisionally made allowance of £2000 within this year's budget, based on the information provided.

Given that this project is newly established the Community Fund will be undertaking further research and assurances prior to releasing funds.

Details on the public opening of this project will be conveyed via the Parish Council.

Scholes Cricket Club

Awarded £1200 (requested £1200)

Emergency repairs to ground maintenance equipment and plant machinery.

Barwick in Elmet Guides & Brownies

Awarded £250

The amount requested was for a trip to York Chocolate Story including admission, transport and lunch. The Community fund has made a £250 award which covers the cost of entrance admission for all Brownies and Guides.

Barwick in Elmet Beavers & Cub Scouts

Awarded £900

The amount requested was for a trip to 2015 Christmas Pantomime including admission tickets and transportation. The £900 award will cover the cost of the admission ticket for all Beavers and Cub Scouts (50).

Want to apply for tickets? See the bottom of the next page for details

Scholes Notice Board

Scholes Greenway

Scholes Greenway are a local volunteer working group charged with raising awareness of the proposed route with local communities. We are working closely with Sustrans and other similar groups.

They plan to hold an awareness meeting early in 2015 which will be posted on the Parish Council Facebook page and in the village. Their preliminary aim is to gather as much support as possible and demonstrate the different ways this safe, mainly traffic free route will benefit our community.

Scholes Lodge Farm

The Scholes Lodge Farm Working Group is small group which meets regularly to consider the long term use of the field known as Scholes Lodge Farm which is an area of public open space belonging to the Parish. Recently they delivered a questionnaire to every home in Barwick - in - Elmet and Scholes to find out what people would like. There were well over two-hundred replies so thank you to everyone who completed one. We are now in the process of analysing the replies from which we will produce a plan of action

Barwick - in - Elmet Notice Board

Jack Heaps Field

The last newsletter contained an appeal to users of Jack Heaps field regarding the amount of litter being left (especially near the goalposts). Soon after, Leeds City Council put a lamppost mounted bin on Welfare Avenue. That bin has been very well used since, once it has been emptied, it soon fills up again! Many thanks to everyone for showing respect to other users of the field and helping to keep our village tidy

Parking on the Pavement

The junction of The Boyle and Elmwood Lane is often busy and people attending the Methodist Chapel or buying fish and chips often struggle to find a parking space. The bit of pavement at the entrance to Hall Tower field is wide enough for two of three cars to fit onto. Although this hasn't been a problem in the past, local traffic wardens have been clamping down lately. They are not literally clamping but motorists who have left their vehicles there in recent weeks have returned to find a ticket on their windscreen. The Parish Council is not sure why traffic wardens are now giving tickets when they didn't previously do so but hopes that this article will alert residents to this and prevent people getting caught out

Buses, roadworks and gritting

When's the next bus due? Why hasn't my street be gritted? How much longer will that hole in the road remain?

Leeds City Council has teamed up with a not-for profit organisation called Elgin to answer these questions on a web-site called roadworks.org

Finding it is easy, no need to type <http://> or www, just put roadworks.org into the address bar of your Internet Browser and a map of Britain comes up. In the top corner where it says "map search" type in your postcode and a map of the streets nearest you comes up on screen. (you only need to do this once, next time you use the web-page it remembers you)

Roadworks

Coloured triangles show where there are roadworks and by clicking on one of these, you can see when the work started, how much traffic disruption is expected, why the work is needed and an estimate of when it will be completed

Gritting

The menu in the top corner gives you other options, select "winter gritting routes" and all primary gritting are highlighted in purple

Bus information

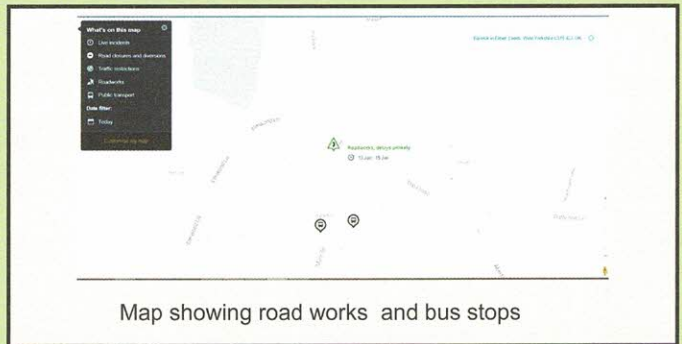
You can ask it to show you bus stops and these appear on the map. You can click on the bus stop you are interested in and it gives you real time information about the buses that are due with green font if the bus is on time and red font if it's late

Bus Stop
Rakehill Road (45613236)

Live departures after 14:41

| Service | Destination | Due |
|---------|---|-------|
| 11 | Crossgates Stn Rd | 15:10 |
| 11 | Crossgates Stn Rd <small>late, 11:05</small> | 16:10 |
| 11 | Crossgates Stn Rd <small>late, 11:05</small> | 17:15 |

Example of bus information, green font means the bus is on time. No prizes for guessing what red font means!



BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLLS COMMUNITY FUND

2015 Leeds Festival Resident Tickets

The 2015 resident ticket applications will be open from around mid February to mid April. Forms will be available in local outlets (Satnams, Maypole Deli etc) and available to download from www.bandscf.org.uk

Please keep an eye on the website for the latest information.

2015 Leeds Festival Volunteering

If you wish to volunteer at the festival (and gain free entry), applications are open from February 2nd via Hotbox events.

100th Anniversary of World War One - Thank You



Photograph : Andy Lamb

Each time Remembrance Sunday comes around, a dedicated band of people go out selling poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion. These people are made up of a mixture of those collecting for the first time and those who have been collecting for many years. There can't be many people who have been involved in this as long as Ruth Roberts who has collected for the Royal British Legion in Scholes since the 50th anniversary of the start of World War One. The world has changed a lot in those fifty years as indeed have our local communities. It's nice that some things don't change and that thanks to Ruth and many others, the nation still remembers those who fought for our freedom. Thank you Ruth.

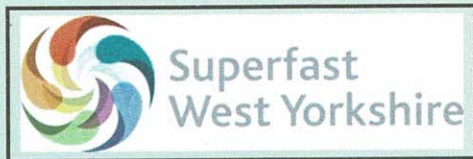
Correction — An article in a previous newsletter mentioned that the parade through Scholes to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One ended with a charity barbeque at a local public house without correctly stating the name of the venue. It was of course The Buffers. Many thanks to them for their support and apologies not to have given them proper recognition at the time

Steptoe and Son

Most of us are familiar with the phrase "a gap in the market" often used by those trying to set up a new business. There seems to be such a gap in the collection of unwanted household items, especially those made of metal. Such items are often too bulky to be easily taken to the tip. Leeds City Council will collect such items free of charge but they aren't always able to collect promptly and can't specify when collection will be. This has led to open topped vans driving round our villages looking for scrap metal. There is nothing illegal about this provided that the scrap metal dealer holds a permit – many do not. At least once a week local police patrol our neighbourhood working with a Trading Standards officer, any scrap metal dealers are stopped and challenged. Residents are advised not to encourage these people and should only use services provided by Leeds City Council or use those known to hold permits

Superfast Broadband News

Superfast broadband is currently being rolled out across the Parish. To see if your street has been upgraded, go to the webpage of Superfast West Yorkshire. If your street has been upgraded and you want Superfast Internet then contact your Internet Service Provider. Some have tried to dissuade their customers from upgrading, most charge more than they do for standard internet but the profit margin for Superfast broadband isn't as great for them so don't be surprised if they don't seem over enthusiastic when you call



Don't Forget the 28th February! (and 7th March)

See page three for details