

# BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

**Newsletter**  
**February 2016**



## THE TOUR DE YORKSHIRE - SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2016



THE TOUR is coming to Scholes and Barwick. From Thorner the pella-ton will cross the A64 and ride Scholes Lane. There is to be a speed trial in Scholes, lovely straight track down Station Road. On to Main Street, Leeds Road and into Barwick, a quick left at the New Inn and a right at the Maypole and off to Aberford. Ladies in the morning, gents later in the day, lots of fit bodies in lycra!

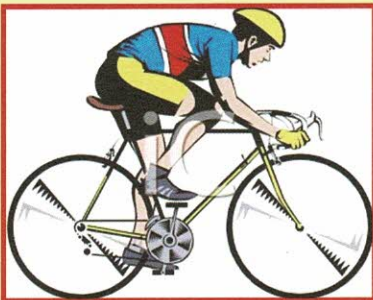
THE TOUR ROADSHOW is coming to **BARWICK THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY AT 18.00. (6.00PM) BARWICK VILLAGE HALL CHAP-EL LANE.** Come and find out more, everyone is welcome, from Scholes, Potterton, further afield in Whinmoor, Seacroft, Garforth and , of course, our neighbouring parishes. Why not volunteer to be a **TOUR MAKER AND BE REALLY INVOLVED.** Please register your interest in attending the ROADSHOW using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tour-de-yorkshire-2016-roadshow-in-barwick-in-elmet-tickets-20810469675>

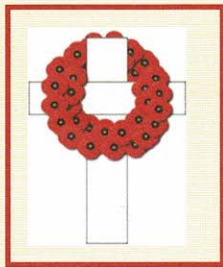
If want to register and don't have a computer, please contact the clerk

With lots of spectators around they will need entertaining, feeding and refreshing. The possibility of setting up lots of stalls and facilities on Jack Heaps Field in Barwick is being investigated and suggestions for Scholes would be most welcome. Parking will be prohibited on the route so where can visitors park?

COME ON – GET INVOLVED – LOTS OF IDEAS, LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED – JUST SEND YOUR CONTACT e-mail or phone to the Clerk and you will be contacted or better still come to the **VIL-LAGE HALL IN BARWICK, 6.0PM THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY.**



## No matter what the weather - we will remember them



The Royal British Legion continues to enjoy the support of the parish as once again, residents of both villages turned out in large numbers to be part of the 2015 Act of Remembrance in spite of the unfavourable weather conditions. Thanks to everyone whether you had a formal role to play or just wanted to be present.

New members are always welcome, if you are interested please contact Matt Baker, [matt@mattandjillian.com](mailto:matt@mattandjillian.com)

See page 5 to find out more about those who fell 100 years ago.

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### NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### Monday 7 March

Barwick Methodist Schoolroom  
Open Forum at 7 pm

#### Monday 4 April

Scholes Methodist Hall  
Open Forum at 7 pm

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



BARWICK IN ELMET & SCHOLES  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PLAN

### Oh dear! Things never go to plan.

Anticipation that we would now be preparing for the formal and final six week consultation with residents and statutory consultees has been dashed. Unfortunately English Heritage have released a potentially expensive and time consuming spanner into the work by requesting a SEA – Strategic Environmental Assessment. Discussions are on going, hope a plenty that this can be avoided. A complicated document to produce requiring the services of a professional. It is disappointing to have this delay when the end is in sight.

The website is currently being updated.

[www.barwickandscholesneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.barwickandscholesneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)

Shortly you will be able to view the final plan and the supporting evidence. Every attempt is being made to make the plan attractive and readable so do make time to have a look.

Following this final consultation further amendments may be made, taking account of any new comments. The plan will then be submitted to Leeds who will arrange for it to be assessed by a Planning Inspector. Any comments from the Inspector will be incorporated in the Plan and it will then – at last – be subject to a referendum, every resident has the opportunity to vote in favour of its' adoption by Leeds as a Statutory Planning Document.

It is hoped you will support the Plan when the time comes.

## Allotments



Now is the time to be thinking about growing lovely fresh fruit and veg - there is some availability at Barwick Allotments, please contact Claire Hassell on 0113 2811231 [eclairehassell@live.co.uk](mailto:eclairehassell@live.co.uk) for more information.



## Time to Shine in Scholes

St. Philip's Church in Scholes is working in partnership with Rural Action Yorkshire to set up a community hub - offering new activities for local older people (over 50 years of age).

This exciting new project is funded by the Big Lottery and comes with the support of the Parish Council who recognise that there are a significant number of older residents. 27% of the population of Scholes and Barwick-in-Elmet are over 65 years of age, compared to the national average which is 16.3%.

The aim is to offer regular FREE activities so that people from Scholes and Barwick can socialise, learn new things and improve their general health and wellbeing. The activities will take place every Monday at St. Philip's Church which is situated on the Main Street in Scholes.

They are currently consulting on what sorts of activities local people would like to take part in, and we are also recruiting volunteers to support the sessions.

If you are interested in finding out more, becoming a volunteer, or you have an idea for an activity please contact:

Becky Bracey [becky.bracey@ruralyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:becky.bracey@ruralyorkshire.org.uk) Tel. 07722 127503

You can read more about the Time to Shine programme here: [www.opforum.org.uk/time-to-shine/](http://www.opforum.org.uk/time-to-shine/)



## Grass Cutting Police



The last newsletter featured an article about grass cutting. Apart from parklands, grass cutting in Leeds has been sub-contracted to Continental Landscapes who are supposed to cut amenity grass fourteen times a year (that's the grass verges alongside tarmaced pavements) and linear grass three times a year (i.e. the roadside verges between villages).

Leeds City Council has a team of people whose job is to make sure that the grass is

getting cut as often as it should be. The team, led by Simon Frosdick, do random spot checks of Continental Landscapes' work as they don't have the resource to check every grass verge. However they rely on the public to be their eyes and ears, if the bit of grass in front of your house isn't getting cut to your satisfaction, then you can grass on the grass cutters. You can do this via Leeds City Council's webpage, search under "Grass verges and cutting" or drop an e-mail to [simon.frosdick@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:simon.frosdick@leeds.gov.uk)

If you don't have a computer, please contact the clerk who will forward your concerns to Leeds City Council.



## What's on your mind? - Fly Tipping

Did you know?

- Fly tipping is a very serious offence and anyone caught could be fined up to £50,000 and face up to a year in prison



- Our parish is loosely affiliated with other parishes in an area of Leeds known as the Outer North East area. This affiliation is administered by Leeds City Council and who now have mobile CCTV covering the villages which belong to this group in an attempt to solve this problem
- To report an incident of fly-tipping call 0113 222 4406

## Litter on Roadside Verges

If it wasn't for Barwick and Scholes in Bloom (and a few other individuals who take bin liners with them as they walk along our country lanes) our roadside verges would be littered with empty cans, plastic bottles etc.

These people shouldn't have to pick up other people's rubbish - please take your litter home with you, throwing litter out of the car window spoils the appearance of our village gateways.

Please be aware that Leeds City Council has a Zero Tolerance policy regarding littering and has in the past issued fixed penalty notices for those caught doing so, for example on Kiddal Lane - littering can be expensive!



## Lack of Amenities for Young People

The article in the last newsletter regarding facilities for young people brought a fantastic response. So many young people and parents came to our November meeting that it became standing room only. The main issue for the Parish Council is not lack of desire or finance but lack of a suitable site for a games area. Following that meeting some councillors took another look at possible locations and have found a location in Scholes which is now being seriously considered. There are other village organisations already using this land and the Parish Council is looking to reach an agreement with these parties which is mutually beneficial. There was a positive response to our initial approach and there is a feeling that this is worth pursuing. One of the concerns expressed by those who came to our meeting was the slow progress being made. There is much to still to do and we understand if young people and their parents feel frustrated when they can't see anything happening. The next newsletter is due in May by which time there will have been further meetings, hopefully we will then have more to report.



P.S. We haven't forgotten Barwick-in-Elmet - see page 7



## 100th Anniversary of World War One

Since the last newsletter, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of two more of the soldiers whose names appear on our war memorials has passed.



Second Lieutenant Derrick Francis Childe was killed just six days before Christmas 1915. Derrick was one of four sons of Henry and Kate. The eldest son Wilfred lived to 62 and died on Remembrance Sunday in 1952. Visitors to All Saints church will see a brass plaque on the wall dedicated to the memory of Derrick. At the time of his death he was 19.

Just over six weeks earlier, Lance Corporal George Edward Wall, aged 22, died from wounds. He had six siblings and was the oldest son of George and Lucy and lived in Carrfield House. He enlisted in 1913 having previously worked at a colliery.

2016 sees the hundredth anniversary of the death of six more soldiers from our parish, James Simpson, William Atkinson, Richard Fisher Johnson, Walker Sayes, Hubert Acomb and John Hunter.

## A thank you to dog owners

The last newsletter ran a centre page feature on the problems of dog-fouling. A number of responsible dog owners responded to this with constructive suggestions and highlighting their concerns. One such concern was Public Footpaths, as a result the Parish Council has contacted the Public Rights of Way officer at Leeds City Council and brought to his attention reported instances of obstructions. At least one land owner has been written to.

Another concern was lack of bins with two specific locations being identified as sites where post-mounted bins would be particularly helpful, one in each village. The Parish Council, supported by the local ward councillor wrote to Leeds City Council about these in October and wrote again in January expressing concern about the lack of progress. We will keep chasing both of the above issues!

## School Competition to Design a Poster

Both schools have been running competitions to design posters to remind dog-owners to clear up after them. The results of the competition in Scholes (Elmet) Primary School are eagerly awaited. Meanwhile representatives of Barwick in Bloom and the Parish Council went to All Saints' C of E School, Barwick-in-Elmet to present prizes to the winners (which were donated by Barwick in Bloom). The standard was really high and picking a winner wasn't easy. Congratulations to Jacob Turnbull, Emily Slater and Daniel Haigh who were runners up and to Martha Harrison who was the overall winner. The Parish Council will use the winning pictures to create signs around the village.



## **BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES COMMUNITY FUND**

### **2015/16 Community Grants**

The Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Community Fund are pleased to announce grant awards for community projects for the 2015/16 periods. 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 wishes to thank Festival Republic for their continued generosity and support.

Fourteen Community Grant applications were received this year, requesting a total of £23,356.71.

#### **Saint Philip's Church, Scholes**

**Awarded £5000**

The church has ambitious plans to increase the community use of its building further by installing a community café. £5000 is awarded for the cost of a fire door, which is a prerequisite for any works.

A strong submission was presented including evidence that the overall project had been costed thoroughly and that fundraising expectations were realistic.

#### **Barwick in Elmet Baby & Toddler Group**

**Awarded £250**

For arts and crafts materials.

#### **Scholes Village Hall**

**Awarded £1273.11**

Purchase items to assist with fundraising events, including new BBQ for use at the village Gala and other local community functions and essential bar items to provide a fully functioning bar facility.

As a registered charity Scholes Village Hall is one of the main hubs of the community. The application was well presented demonstrating significant fundraising and providing multiple quotations for equipment.

#### **Scholes Women's Institute**

**Awarded £170**

For improvements to the Scholes WI village garden.

#### **Save Scholes Pool**

**Pledged £3400**

£3400 of this year's fund is to be pledged to the save Scholes pool appeal. As many residents of the Parish will be aware a local fund raising initiative has been set up to preserve/rebuild the Swimming Pool annexed to Scholes in Elmet Primary School. A breakdown of costs (£45,000) was presented to the committee with a request for £3400 for the lining of the pool itself.

The Save Scholes Pool committee and not Scholes in Elmet Primary School made the application to the fund.

Given the above and that no dissolution policy was presented. The £3400 pledged by the committee will be released when the pool project can proceed to the point that children can use the pool itself. In the interim £3400 will move across into restricted funds of the Community Fund bank account.

#### **Scholes Social Club**

**Awarded £800**

The social club is consisted of residents of the sheltered housing in the village. £800 is awarded to fund a day trip to Skegness next summer and for a 2016 Christmas Dinner to be held at Scholes Manor House.



### **Barwick in Bloom**

**Awarded £600**

A request was made for the purchase of a wheeled trimmer and hand held strimmer. The Barwick in Bloom volunteers make a valuable contribution to the village, regularly receiving RHS awards for their work. Their application was thorough and having seldom applied to the fund previously, this award was granted.

### **Barwick in Elmet Village Hall**

**Awarded £995**

For the repainting of both the main entrance and hall itself.

### **Barwick, Rainbows, Brownies & Guides**

**Awarded £985**

2016 Christmas Trip to Leeds City Varieties to see the musical pantomime.

Targeting Archery (Scholes) and Barwick All Saints' Church made unsuccessful applications. In both cases the committee will be feeding back to applicants and welcome future requests.

In addition an application from **Scholes and Barwick Junior Football Club** for a 50% contribution towards essential renovation of the football pitch, allowing more games to be played is still being considered.

## **Well done to Scholes in Bloom!**

The last newsletter reported on the success of Barwick in Bloom in this year's Britain in Bloom competition but at the time of going to print the results for Scholes were still awaited.

That was because Scholes were in a different league, literally! They were in the UK Finals representing the whole of Yorkshire in the Large Village category and went to the awards ceremony at Sunderland in September. They were just one place short of a Gold Award being given a Silver Gilt.



Congratulations to them and many thanks to all the volunteers (in both villages) for the hours of hard work you put in, often in unfavourable weather.

## **BMX Ramps**

Last year, a group of children have made their own entertainment using plastic BMX ramps to create their own park alongside the children's playground on Jack Heaps Field.



The Parish Council is delighted to see children enjoying themselves and making use of the recreational space provided. We have been advised that for insurance reasons the BMX ramps should be taken home each day and not permanently left on the field. We are also aware that bikes going over the ramps make quite a bit of noise and request that children play at the top end of the field well away from the adjoining properties.

Meanwhile, the Parish council is considering creating a permanent park elsewhere in Barwick – watch this space for more details of this proposal.

Interested in Scholes? - see page 4

## Car Parking outside Scholes (Elmet) Primary School

Many readers will remember walking to school when they were children. Social changes mean that many children are now taken to school by car.

In Scholes there is no place for people to park their cars and inevitably they leave their cars on near-by streets. Some people parking in the area show no respect for those who live there, residents struggle to get out of their own drives and polite requests to parents to move their cars are ignored. The phrase "I'll only be five minutes" is often used, often with good intention but sometimes parents meet other parents and exchange a bit of gossip and five minutes soon becomes fifteen.

The Parish Council has been in touch with the school and the police about this. The school has already done everything in its power to address this matter but ultimately it's down to parents, please show respect for other people when you park.



This image was taken near to a school in the Huddersfield area. Only days earlier an ambulance struggled to attend an emergency at that school involving one of the pupils. A seriously ill child failed to change the parking behaviour of these parents. Hopefully pictures like this will never be taken of cars of the parents of Scholes (Elmet) Primary Schoolchildren.

## Volunteers Needed

Currently the quarterly Parish Council Newsletter is delivered to your home and we hope that you appreciate being kept informed of the Parish news. It is however becoming increasingly difficult to deliver the Newsletter as the loyal band of volunteers have become older or have moved out of the villages. We therefore are asking for more people to come forward to help with deliveries. The Newsletters will be brought to your home and you only need to deliver of few houses along near where you live. We are particularly desperate for people to deliver in Lyndhurst Road and Crescent, The Avenue and Nook Gardens, Scholes.

If you can spare an hour or even half an hour (equivalent to 10 minutes once a quarter), your help and support would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with Keith Langley the Clerk to the Council to express your interest.

