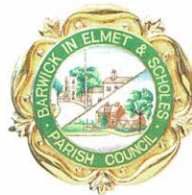


**BARWICK in ELMET
& SCHOLLES
PARISH COUNCIL**
Newsletter
January 2017



Remembering 2016. Looking forward to 2017

2016 saw a new football team in Barwick, a new councillor (Graham), the Tour de Yorkshire coming through the Parish, new historical boards, new litter bins, new Christmas lights, children's designs being used for street signs and more besides.

What will be new in the Parish for 2017? Read this newsletter to find out more.

NEW

BARWICK IN ELMET AND SCHOLLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that at last, after exactly five years of hard labour, numerous questionnaires, consultation meetings, evidence gathering, the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Leeds City Council for examination by a planning inspector. Ann Skippers, who has considerable experience in neighbourhood planning has been appointed as the examiner.

Leeds will pass the plan to Ann and have agreed to help with any queries or questions she may have. Hopefully not many, so the next milestone will be her report (which may require amendments to be made) and then the referendum.

Grateful thanks go to the team who have seen this through to completion, and to all the residents who have contributed information over the last five years and to all the residents who have taken the time to answer numerous questionnaires and to attend the various consultation events.

All the plan documents and supporting evidence can be viewed on the website www.barwickandscholesneighbourhoodplan and there will be a small number of printed copies available for residents to borrow. Please contact Keith, the clerk to borrow a copy. Well done to everyone and thank you for the support.

BARWICK IN ELMET ALLOTMENTS

There are a number of plots still available if any residents in either Barwick or Scholes would like to grow a few vegetables or flowers. Water is available on site at no extra charge and the rent is very modest. For more information please contact Claire Hassell eclairehassell@live.co.uk or 01132811231.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 6 March

Barwick Methodist Schoolroom
Open Forum at 7 pm

Monday 3 April

Scholes Methodist Hall
Open Forum at 7 pm

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New Uniform for Parish Councillors?

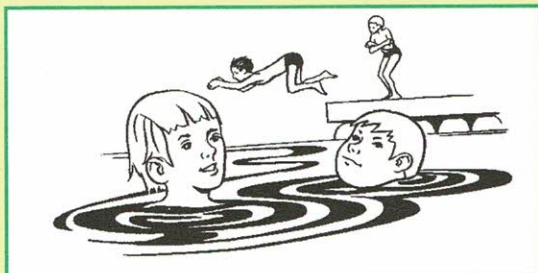


OK, Councillors occasionally take a bit of flak but why are Councillors Beaumont, Walsh, Hassell and Yapp wearing high vis jackets and hard hats?

Find out on page 7

Thanks to all those who splashed out!

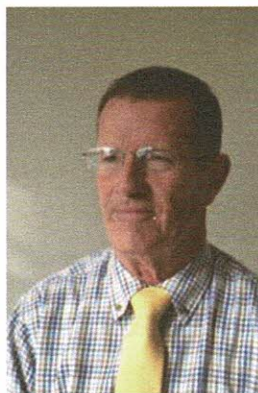
Congratulations to the Save Scholes Pool committee on exceeding their fundraising target of £45,000!



Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

The Save Scholes Pool committee are pushing towards £50,000 to ensure that the pool is improved and modernised so that it will last for the next generations of pupils and local children. Work has already started on the pool.

Meet Your New Councillor



In November 2014 three residents expressed an interest in the Barwick ward vacancy on the Parish Council. Following interviews a former Ward Councillor from the Wirral was selected (he moved out of the parish after just one meeting). One of the unsuccessful candidates was Graham Field.

The following May, all councillors had come to the end of their term of office and Graham was one of seven Barwick residents who put themselves forward. As there were only six vacancies, one of these people would be disappointed and sadly for Graham it was he who was not elected.

Persistence pays off, over the summer of last year, two Barwick councillors stood down and for the third time Graham put his name forward and was co-opted last September.

Graham has lived in Barwick in Elmet for six years and is a Leeds lad, born, bred and educated. His children have fled the

nest leaving Graham and his wife six grandchildren to amuse.

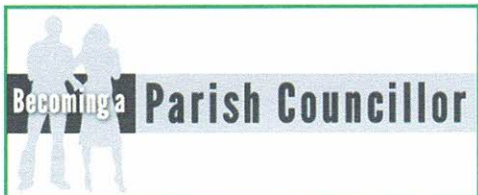
Since January 2016, Graham has been retired and is keen to do something for the community. Many readers of this article will have had their newsletter delivered by Graham and he was active on Jack Heaps field when the Tour de Yorkshire came through the parish. He is now a member of the Planning Committee.

Graham's favourite sport is American Football, his favourite food is curry and his favourite pastime is reading history.

Sabbatical

Councillor Crosfill has begun his career by accepting a job in London. This is initially a temporary appointment which could become permanent. We wish him well, in the meantime the Parish Council has agreed to Tom taking a three month sabbatical from his role as a councillor.

Calling Barwick Residents



There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the Barwick Ward.

Anyone can apply as long as you are over eighteen and are on the Electoral Register.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk (contact details on page two)

Farewell to a former councillor

Mr Harry Ross, who was Chairman of Barwick-in-Elmet and Scholes Parish Council in 1978-1979, died peacefully in Saint Gemma's Hospice on 28th December 2016, aged 89 years. The Parish Council send their condolences to his son Stephen.

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLDS COMMUNITY FUND

2016/17 Community Grants

The Barwick in Elmet & Scholds Community Fund are pleased to announce grant awards for community projects for the 2016/17 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 wishes to thank Festival Republic for their continued generosity and support.

14 Community Grant applications were received this year, requesting a total of £25,661.87, with the total funds available for awards this year being £22,147.25. This is comprised of £10,000 from the sale of complimentary Leeds Festival tickets, £7500 cash donation from Festival Republic with the remainder being ongoing funds in the account from previous allocations.

Barwick in Elmet Historical Society

Awarded £1550 (requested £1550)

For the conservation of 18th century parish account book.

The Barwick in Elmet historical society have rarely requested funding from the Community Fund. The committee also recognise the contribution that the volunteers of the historical society provide to the community regarding heritage of the parish. As such £1550 is awarded in full for this specifically defined project.

Barwick Miners Institute

Awarded £560 (requested £560)

For a new lighting to the upstairs snooker rooms

Barwick in Elmet Cricket Club (Junior Section)

Awarded £562.89 (requested £562.89)

Barwick in Elmet CC has a substantial junior section with over 80 children playing weekly at the club. During the 2016 season, external coaching has been supplied by Yorkshire CC to assist in meeting needs of local children wishing to play.

£562.89 has been provided for the purchase of additional coaching equipment to support the junior section.

Barwick in Bloom

Awarded £450 (requested £450)

Purchase of wild flower seed for the village.

Friends of Barwick School (FOBS)

Awarded £4000 (requested a project contribution)

For the supply and installation of stage lighting system for the main hall.

As per the constitution of the Community Fund, priority shall be given to projects that involve music, performance and young people. In this instance the project details provided by FOBS fulfil the criteria.

Barwick in Elmet Baby & Toddler Group

Awarded £250 (requested £250)

For the purchase of new safety tumble mats.

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES COMMUNITY FUND (continued)

Friends of Scholes Primary School (FOSP)

Awarded £2500 (requested £2500)

For the supply of musical instruments.

As per the constitution of the Community Fund, priority shall be given to projects that involve music, performance and young people. In this instance the project details provided by FOSP fulfil the criteria.

Scholes Village Hall

Awarded £1559.98 (requested £1559.98)

Internal decorating and purchase of 2 gazebos for use at Scholes Village gala.

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 Methodist Church

Awarded £3500 (requested £3500)

Repair of dry rot damage on west side of church floor area.

Scholes Methodist Church has never previously applied for any Community Fund awards. As such the committee felt that whilst this was a significant amount, given the community value of this venue combined with no previous awards. In this instance the request should be granted in full.

Barwick Maypole Trust

Awarded £2500 (requested £2500)

Since 2017 is a maypole year in the parish, a £2500 contribution was requested towards the total maypole bill of £12,500.

Given the community value that the maypole and its triennial festival bring, the moderate request for £2500 is granted in full.

Barwick in Elmet Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Awarded £1092 (requested £1092)

The amount requested was for all 3 sections of Barwick Guiding group to attend "FlamingoFling" in Sep 2017. Given the total cost of the project is £1512.00, a request was made for entry with the remainder being covered by fundraising.

Scholes Social Club

Awarded £500 (requested £500)

For a summer trip to the coast.

Scholes Bowling Club

Awarded £2800 (requested £2800)

For the purchase of a (used) lawnmower.

Scholes Bowling club have previously unsuccessfully requested funds from the Community Fund. The application received this year was well costed, presented and provided better value to the community. As such this request is granted in full.

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES COMMUNITY FUND (continued)

Barwick Bowling Club

Awarded £602 (requested £602)

For the purchase of bowling green ditch lining.

No further applications were received.

At the meeting, it was also agreed to release £3400 previously pledged to Save Scholes Pool in the 2015/16 awards (see page two to find out more about the progress of this project)

R M Budd

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Community Fund

Awards For All

Awards For All is a fund administered by the National Lottery which principally considers grant applications from Parish Councils. Scholes has had a defibrillator for over two years and the Parish Council made an Awards For All grant application in order to secure funds to buy one for Barwick following an appeal by concerned residents. The application has been successful and we hope that by the time of the next newsletter Barwick will have it's own defibrillator. Thanks to all who have supported this. As for Scholes, we hope the need to use the defibrillator will not arise but if you need to use it in an emergency then read and follow the instructions on the case. If you need more information then contact Paul Remmer (his telephone number is 07718966082). If in doubt call an ambulance.

Scholes Lodge Farm

After years of planning things are starting to happen - regular users of the field will see some changes in 2017; benches, bird boxes, boards, board-walks and bulbs.



Not Out!

It takes more than a pavilion fire to stop Scholes Cricket club. Plans are well underway for a replacement pavilion.

This will be on the site of the previous one.

We wish them and all Parish Sports clubs a very successful 2017

Black Bin Waste - Where Does It Go?

Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility Cross Green Industrial Estate

In November a number of local Councillors visited the Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF) based in Cross Green. The innovative looking building with its green living wall is approximately 42m high with a slim line 75m chimney and has been built on the former Wholesale Market site.

Leeds City Council (LCC) is working in partnership with Veolia ES Leeds Ltd (VES). VES have been awarded a 25-year contract to manage the incineration of 100% of the 'black bin' waste collected across the whole of Leeds.

The facility is designed to remove and sort any recyclables before combustion and uses state of the art technology to ensure safety and the most efficient method of treating waste, generate energy and reduce landfill. This in turn will save us all money as the landfill taxes are extremely high. Moreover it will save waste being sent to landfill, which can take up to 100 years to rot down whilst emitting methane gas.

The RERF operates 24/7 and burns the waste at a staggering 850 degrees Celsius in carefully controlled conditions. The heat is used to turn water into steam and power a turbine that generates around 11 MW of electricity which goes into the National Grid; it produces sufficient power for 22,000 homes. Any water used is recycled. The ash that comes out at the end of the process is also used in the production of asphalt and cement. The Facility also ensures that air pollution is minimal as the gases are treated and cleaned before release into the atmosphere and they are carefully monitored. In the future as well as producing electricity the site will also provide heating to local homes, Leeds General Infirmary and St. James Hospital through a state of the art district heating system. More information can be found at www.veolia.co.uk

It was an excellent informative visit. The facility welcomes groups to visit, although it is not for the less mobile as there were hundreds of steps to climb. Children would love it as you get to dress up in high-vis vests, snazzy glasses and work boots! (see the front page).

The key take home messages were:

Use the green bin for as much recyclable waste as possible

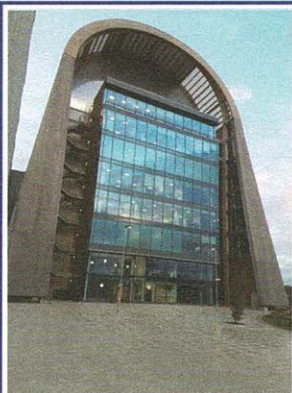
Recycle carefully; rinse out any plastic bottles with cold water and ensure drinks cans are empty to keep the recycled waste as 'clean' as possible

Use the Seacroft Recycling site for larger items that cannot go into the bins or get in touch with LCC they will come and collect for free

Use the brown bins for garden waste

Take all glass bottles to the nearest bottle bank

Report any fly tipping to LCC or the Parish Council

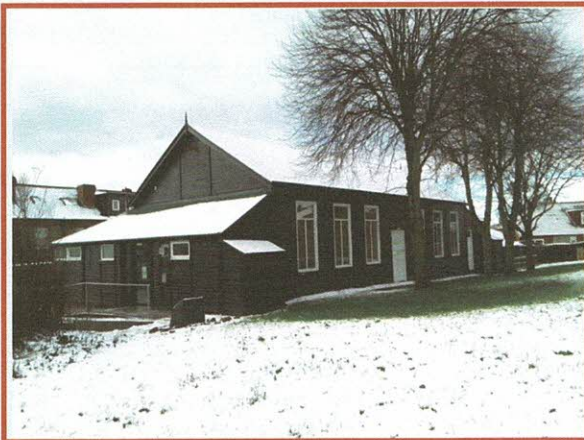


One of the most distinctive buildings in Leeds from the outside but what's it like inside?

Display Boards

Many Barwick residents will have seen the new Interpretation Display Boards on Main Street near the bus stop and near Jack Heaps field. These were designed by the Historical Society and commissioned by the Parish Council.

When it Snows!



OK, it wasn't a White Christmas in 2016 but we all woke up to a light dusting on Friday 13th January.

We had a couple of snowfalls in 2016, this picture of Scholes Village Hall was taken on 2nd March 2016

Facilities for our Young People

The Parish Council has often received feedback that there is nothing in Scholes for older children and has cherished an ambition to do something about this for many years. The main problem has been finding a suitable location.

Page six of the last newsletter reported that at their Annual General Meeting (AGM) last July, Scholes Sports Association had considered a proposal to make a tennis court free for all to use and to allow the other tennis courts to be turned into a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch. The Tennis section were not represented at the AGM and it was therefore assumed that organised matches were no longer being played. In fact, Scholes Tennis club had a very successful summer and are the reigning men's champions in the Barkston Ash league. Congratulations to them! It does mean however that the Parish Council has now had to look elsewhere for its MUGA pitch proposal.

A possible way forward has been suggested but the land in question is not ours and it would be unfair on the land owner to hear about this through the pages of this newsletter – we will keep residents informed about this even if it turns out not to be viable. We would love however to carry a positive report in a future newsletter.

Congratulations to Barwick in Bloom

The last newsletter congratulated Scholes in Bloom on their achievements in the 2016 Yorkshire in Bloom competition but the results for Barwick were not due until after the newsletter was printed.

We can now report that Barwick in Elmet have been awarded a RHS Gold Award in Britain in Bloom 2016 which is a great result in this nationwide competition. Barwick in Bloom are especially pleased as it completes ten consecutive years of achieving a Gold Award in either Britain in Bloom or Yorkshire in Bloom.