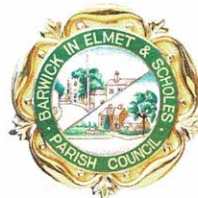


**BARWICK in ELMET
& SCHOLES
PARISH COUNCIL**
Newsletter
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Marching down Main Street



Above: At Barwick in Elmet, the Wetherby District Parade finished on Hall Tower field.

Saint George 's day this year was made extra special in both villages. Children and young people from the uniformed organisations paraded down Main Street carrying flags and were supported by a band. At Barwick the new Maypole garlands formed part of the parade.

Thank you to all the leaders of these groups and everyone else who gives their time to support our young people.

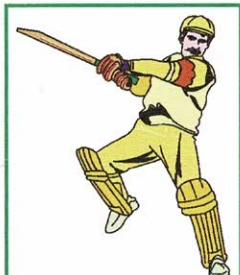
Latest News

Barwick now has a Defibrillator.

It was delivered late May and arrangements are now being made for it to be fitted to the wall of the Village Hall.



New Pavilion



Planning permission has now been given for Scholes Cricket club's new pavilion which will be on the site of the previous one

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

Both Scholes Teams have started the season well, why not go and have a look at the New Pavillion, have a cup of tea and watch a few overs. The club are very appreciative of all the help and support given to them through this difficult time after the fire.

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Two Vacancies

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 3 July

Barwick Methodist Schoolroom
Open Forum at 7 pm

Monday 4 September

Scholes Methodist Hall
Open Forum at 7 pm

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Meet Your New Councillor - Howard Bedford



Howard and his family have lived in Barwick for over 30 years.

“Having made my debut for Barwick Football Club in 1983, and my debut for Barwick Cricket Club soon after, moving to Barwick was an ambition that I was delighted to fulfil. My hobbies now include gardening. I agree with Audrey Hepburn’s words “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow”.

When not focusing on his business activities, or the allotment, Howard also spends time walking the family dog, keeping fit at the

gym, yoga, rambling, watching Leeds Rhinos, reading and cooking.

Born and raised in Leeds, Howard attended Crossgates, Manston and Temple Moor schools, read Mechanical Engineering at the University of Liverpool between 1974 and 1978, studied for a Master’s Degree in Business Administration at the University of Bradford in 1979 and is a Chartered Engineer.

“My wife Amanda and our three daughters have a deep affinity with Barwick; this is a strikingly beautiful part of the world. My family has enjoyed the village perspective, the controlled pace of progression and Barwick has proven itself to be a safe environment for us all. I hope to contribute to the Parish Council’s work to maintain this.”

The Opportunities for a Young Councillor

There are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council following the resignation of Graham Field (see Chair's report), Amanda Munro and Tom Crosfill both of whom have resigned after the Chair's report was written. We thank them all for their contributions to the Parish.

Already we have had enquires from those interested in being a Parish Councillor and we therefore hope to bring you a few more "Meet Your New Councillor" articles in the next couple of Newsletters.

It was great having the younger generation represented - following his resignation, Tom has written a short piece to encourage other young people to get involved.

Following my resignation as a Scholes Parish Councillor this has now left a vacancy. I encourage all to put their names forward who are interested in making a difference and in giving a huge contribution to the local community. I would particularly encourage members of the younger generation of the Parish to put their names forward.

It is rare that a younger person wishes to join the Parish Council. I know this can be daunting at the beginning from my own experience when I joined the council at the age of 18. Many said to me don't you think you're too young? I would simply say, my age does not come into the debate.

From my own experience in being a Parish Councillor for little over 4 years. I can honestly say that it has proved to be hugely beneficial to my future career. The skills you learn as a Parish Councillor set you up for the workplace. To name but a few, I learned about the planning process from sitting on the Parish Council's Planning Committee, financial management, the processes of local government, but perhaps most importantly, how to be part of a team and work for the benefit of the local community, this was the key point during my work on the Scholes Lodge Farm Committee.

Working with the community and for the community is at the very centre of the work the Parish Council does. If you have a passion for working with the local community and looking towards creating a better future for this Parish then I would urge you to send in an application to the Clerk of the Parish Council. Don't let your age be the barrier between you and this fantastic opportunity!

Thomas Crosfill
Former Parish Councillor

Police News



Our local PCSO's are spending time in Barwick early evening following complaints of youngsters climbing on the roofs of buildings and causing damage in various places. In Scholes the same officers along with traffic wardens are monitoring parking around Scholes School. It is very reassuring to have an increase in Police presence.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANCIENT PARISH OF BARWICK IN ELMET TRUST

The trust was established in 1996: an amalgamation of seven smaller trusts founded in the 16th and 17th centuries. The object of the Trust is to relieve financial hardship, which it does by making grants of money or by providing or paying for services, items or facilities calculated to relieve the hardship. The area the Trust covers includes not only Barwick and Scholes but also parts of Cross Gates, Swarcliffe, Whinmoor, Fearnville, Oakwood and Ladywood. This was the Ancient Parish in 1856 and is known as the "area of benefit". The present trustees are Alan Stanley (chairman), Sylvia Snowden, Christine Hudson, Sue Yardley and David Leeming, any one of whom will be happy to provide further information on request. Last year the Trust made 2 grants totalling £359.96.

Chairman's Annual Report

There have been some changes to the Council this year, Matthew Willey resigned as he was off to University, it is good to have a young representative to give a perspective. David Leeming also resigned having served the community in excess of 12 years, he has also agreed to continue as the first level auditor, we thank him for his time and effort. They were replaced by Graham Field and Michelle Law, unfortunately both of whom resigned, Michelle due to pressure at work and Graham for personal reasons. Howard Bedford has now joined the Parish Council, a long term resident and very concerned with planning issues. There is a vacancy for the Barwick Ward – it is very worthwhile working for the community and need not be an onerous commitment.

During the year the Planning Committee has responded to 39 Planning Applications, we only give a local opinion, the decisions are made by Leeds City Council. A strong objection was made to the application to build 9 large houses rather than 15 assisted living properties at Belle View in Scholes, including speaking at the Planning Committee Meeting but Leeds saw fit to approve the application – disappointing. There was considerable objection registered against the proposal to build 1870 houses at Parlington, and we congratulate SPAG on running an excellent campaign. The Parlington Estate is not in the Parish but the effect of the development particularly regarding highways issues will be totally unacceptable.

Our sports organisations have all had good seasons, the fire destroying Scholes Cricket Pavilion was devastating and thanks to Scholes Sports Association for sharing their facilities to enable cricket to continue. Barwick AFC had ceased existing, their league registration cancelled and approaches were made my Mount Saint Mary FC to use the ground. Mount Saint Mary have been in existence over 100 years, they have fully renovated the changing facility and improved the playing surface. They play Saturday afternoons and would welcome new local players. Next season the under 14 team from Scholes and Barwick Junior Football will be playing at Barwick on Sundays as they now require a full sized pitch and Scholes pitch is marked out for junior matches. This is a success story. All the sports clubs would welcome new members – cricket, bowls, tennis, football – senior or junior – take your pick.

The usual local events took place, lots of Charity Coffee Mornings in both Barwick and Scholes, Scholes Gala in June and a horticultural show in September in each village. Barwick welcomed the descendants of Jack Heaps back to the village in July, a very grey and windy afternoon, tea and cake served to three generations of the Heaps family, a presentation by Barwick Historical Society and lots of residents who were actually present (as children) when the actual presentation of the field to the village took place, came for tea and a chat.

Residents appreciated the improvements to the Christmas Lights in both villages and the introduction of blue lights in with the white. The In Bloom Groups continue working hard to keep the floral displays as spectacular as ever. Barwick won their third Gold Medal from Britain in Bloom and Scholes a Silver Gilt from Yorkshire in Bloom. Barwick in Bloom have also received a very special accolade, A Duke of York Community Initiative Award, presented by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire at Huddersfield University and also three of the lady volunteers are to attend St James Palace and meet the Duke of York in person – fantastic, what an honour. Let's see what this year brings, gold all round would be nice. New members would be very welcome so if you can spare an hour or two on Monday Morning in Scholes or Wednesday Morning in Barwick - fork and trowel in hand – come and join in. A floral news bite, Barwick Flower Club had a very successful time at the Harrogate Show gaining awards in a number of classes.

Chairman's Annual Report (continued)

The Neighbourhood Plan, after five years of meetings, surveys, discussions and preparation is now with the Planning Inspectorate for Examination. The result is expected soon. A small dedicated group of people have worked continuously on this along with a Planning Consultant and they all deserve a medal but for now a big thank you. Amendments may be required but the next stage will be a Referendum and a large turn out to vote would be appreciated. Assuming residents approve the Plan at Referendum it will become a Statutory Planning Document with which developers will have to comply – so future development will be in accord with our villages.

There are now two Historical Boards on Scholes Lodge Farm Field, bulbs and some fruit bushes have been planted, a boardwalk over a soggy patch and shortly there will be some benches. Barwick Historical Society have installed two new information board on Main Street in Barwick and their web site covers all historical aspects of the area.

Scholes has had a Defibrillator sited at Satnams (Best One) Store for some time. Barwick will also have a Defibrillator installed in the near future at the Village Hall.

What problems do we have – Dog Fouling has to be at the top of the list – it is not acceptable to let your dog perform on sports fields, allotments, church yards, green spaces such as Scholes Lodge and Jack Heaps and all grass verges and pavements. Dog faeces can cause blindness and are extremely unpleasant. Please always clear up after your dog and avoid places where children play and sport is played.

Minor vandalism by children and youths comes second, regular damage to plants, trees, greenhouses and other structures e.g. climbing on roofs, trying to set fires etc can be very dangerous and needs discouraging.

This Parish is a great place to live let's keep it that way. The In Bloom Groups make it beautiful with flowers, there are great facilities, numerous clubs and associations, superb schools and above all an excellent ambiance within the villages and the hamlet of Potterton.

Finally my thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their time and efforts.

300 New Houses in Scholes

Many residents went to Saint Phillips church on Tuesday 16 May to see the latest proposal from Barrett/Wilson to build properties in Scholes. This is not an application, just showing their latest ideas.

The Parish Council was unaware of the proposal at the time of our last meeting so this will be an agenda item next time.

Save Parlington Action Group

A big thank you to everyone who took the trouble to express their views about the proposal to build 1850 homes on the Parlington site. There were 10,000 comments, most of which were objections. A decision is expected in the Autumn.

100th Anniversary of World War One

Again, we will remember all those who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars. Below are those whose 100th anniversaries of their deaths falls this year.

Name	Age	Notes
Private Eric Burton Haigh	20	Killed in Action 14th June 1917. An only child. No known grave, commemorated on the Ypres-Memorial.
Sergeant Hector McMillan	29	Died of Wounds 6th August 1917. Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Buried in Mendigham Military Cemetery, Belgium.
Private Frank Pickersgill	31	Killed in Action, 5 October 1917. No known grave, therefore, commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing.
Private George Dobson Acomb	33	Died of Wounds spring 1917. Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France.
Corporal George Albert Joynes	23	Killed in Action 27th October 1917. Buried in Birr Cross Roads Cemetery, Belgium.

Congratulations to Barwick in Bloom

Observant readers will have seen in the Chair's report that Barwick in Bloom have received a very special accolade, A Duke of York Community Initiative Award, presented by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire at Huddersfield University. Three of the lady volunteers are to attend Saint James' Palace and will meet the Duke of York in person



We wish both In Bloom groups every success in this years competition.

Thank you for not Parking on the Verges

The June 2016 newsletter showed a picture of an In Bloom flower bed and tyre tracks on the adjacent grass verge.

We appealed to residents not to park on the grass verges and would like to thank all those who have parked considerably since then.

There are some residents who are still concerned about cars parked on grass verges, particularly on Nook Road. Please be considerate about where you park whether you live on Nook Road or anywhere else in the Parish.

Thanks again to all those who park considerably.

Annual Accounts

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL Draft Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017

2016	RECEIPTS	2017
£64,094.60	Bank balances brought forward	£70,102.85
£37,148.00	Precept for 2016-17	£37,148.00
£1,790.00	Council Tax Support Grant	£1,629.00
£744.00	Allotment rents	£712.00
£37.44	Bank interest	£31.90
£8,505.00	Grant income	£2,195.00
£1,871.76	Vat refund received	£2,278.44
£1,251.93	Sports rents & other income	£6,117.20
£115,442.73		£120,214.39
2016	PAYMENTS	2017
£14,916.24	Administration	£13,470.20
£349.55	Insurances	£361.67
£1,344.45	Newsletter & website	£1,310.07
£0.00	Footpaths	£0.00
£1,145.62	Allotments	£939.57
£9,704.81	Conservation & environment	£15,630.18
£2,495.00	Christmas lights	£5,035.00
£536.90	Sports & recreation	£136.63
£2,278.44	Vat paid (for reclaim in 2017-18)	£2,851.34
£2,632.70	Neighbourhood Development Plan	£4,595.00
£9,901.20	Contingencies and Contras	£100.00
£45,304.91	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£44,429.66
£50,137.82	Budget reserves carried forward	£55,784.73
£20,000.00	Contingency reserves carried forward	£20,000.00

The accounts are checked regularly by in-house auditor David Leeming. Internal auditors are Yorkshire Internal Audit Services who examine the books twice yearly and report to the Council. External auditors are PKF Littlejohn LLP of 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4HD. A copy of their report will be available on the Parish web site.

Appeal for Help



Elmet Greenway is a project to register the dis-used railway line from Cross Gates into a recognised public footpath and bridleway for people to enjoy.

They are looking for volunteers to join their committee and to raise funds. If you are interested then please contact the Chair, Irvin Dickinson on Tel: 07833 591644 or by e-mail to irvin.dickinson@talktalk.net

Maypole

This newsletter went to the printers just before the Bank Holiday weekend. By the time you read this the tri-annual Maypole raising and the associated festival will have taken place. Thanks to all who supported this event and to the many volunteers needed to make it happen.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Barwick

With so much emphasis on keeping fit why not have a go at tennis? Barwick Tennis Club are very short of members and are keen to welcome all ages and abilities to ensure the club is able to continue.

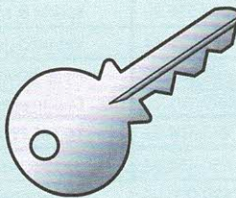
It would be a great shame to lose this village sports facility so why not give it a go – telephone Keith Monkman today (281 2958) for details.

Scholes Tennis Key Amnesty

Many people who are no longer members still have a key to Scholes Tennis courts. There are plans to change the lock on Monday 12 June.

All old keys can be dropped off with;

Tony Beardsley
1 The Villa
Lynnfield Gardens
Scholes
LS15 4BW



Please note that Tony has kindly offered his address as a drop off point, he has no connection to the Scholes Sports Association.

Football Players Wanted

Mount Saint Mary's, who play their home games at Barwick in Elmet are looking for new players. If you are interested then please contact Andy Parsons on 0781 4705238 or Stephen Geldard on 0779 6436801 or by e-mail to mountstmarysfc@aol.com
Training takes place at the Irish Centre (moved to Lordswood in the winter)