



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council Newsletter

December 2023

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2024



The Parish Council has had a turbulent year with many changes of members on the council. In September Alexandra Cantello has stepped down from the council for personal reasons and we wish her well. There are now **four** vacancies on the council two in **Scholes Ward** and two in **Barwick Ward**.

Anyone aged 18 years of age who lives locally can become a councillor. The role of a Parish Councillor includes working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents. In addition, councillors influence the long-term development policy for the parish, and comment on planning applications in the parish. More information about the Parish Council can be found on the PC website. <https://barwickandscholes.org> or ask the Clerk for details of the contribution you could make to the PC.

Scholes Pavilion is available for hire at reasonable rates for parties and other events see PC website for details or contact the Clerk. The pavilion is also home to the Post Office which is open every Thursday from 13.00 to 15.00. Thank you to all the volunteers who provide refreshments at Scholes Post Office. The money collected is donated to the local branch of the Royal British Legion. Currently they have raised over £100. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

The sports associations which use the PC land, have reported a very successful year with increasing interest by residents particularly in tennis at Barwick and bowling in Scholes. Cricket continues to be popular and the Verity strip at Barwick has been repaired. Barwick Village Hall have installed a new kitchen and continue to host a range of activities.

The Parish Council have agreed to keep the MUGA pitch open without the use of fobs for future monitoring. The gates will be locked as dusk.

Gentle reminder when using sports fields in the parish.

When possible, please take your rubbish home with you or put plastic bottles and rubbish in a bin. The tops from drinks bottles are a nightmare to clean up as they get crushed and end up as plastic waste in the field.

Please depose of these tops carefully.

Parish Christmas Lights Competition The PC are encouraging people to decorate their gardens and houses over the Christmas season. There will be a prize for the best decorated house or garden in each village. The PC will continue to provide Christmas lights in both villages however, the increasing costs of providing lights is becoming prohibitive. The PC is investigating future lighting projects to make them more environmentally sustainable, solar powered lights are being considered. If you have expertise in this area and can help, please let us know. Any help and ideas from residents would be welcomed.

Watch out for scammers! Do you need oven gloves or tea towels? **Trading Standards** urges residents to beware of cold callers, often telling sob stories of being ex-prisoners or working on probation schemes. **No such projects are known to exist.** This scam often involves young men, trying to sell poor-quality dusters, dishcloths door to door, using fake permits or licences. Cold callers can often be very persuasive. Scammers want you to open the door so they assess the home and note promising addresses, which could then be passed to burglars for cash. **JUST SAY NO THANKS.**

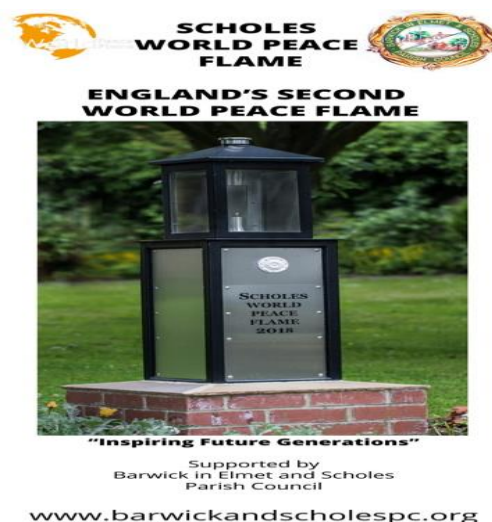
Rakehill Road Improvement LCC have carried out improvements to Rakehill Road. Planings from the works at Scholes Lane end have been laid along the road from its junction with Stockheld Lane to Rakehill Farm. Whilst not a long-term solution, it will provide a much better surface for walkers, cyclists and horse riders for the next few years. It will no longer be a struggle through deep mud to navigate the route. It will provide quicker and easier access for those residents of Barwick who use the new MUGA facilities in Scholes. It will also provide a key link for cyclists who wish to connect between the West Yorkshire cycleway which runs through Barwick and the new routes alongside ELOR which can be accessed along Station Road and Wood Lane. Motor vehicles are prohibited except for access.



Celebration of International Peace Day Sunday 17th September 2023

Celebrations were held in St Philip's church with performances from Scholes Elderberries Brass Group, Folk Singers and Scholes Happy Together Choir. Thank you to everyone who attended and all the participants whose hard work in rehearsing was appreciated. Thanks also to Alan Stanley and St Philips for letting the groups use the space.

The educational project this year is to design a Peace Flame Flag and the team have received over 300 entries from Scholes and Barwick Primary Schools and Scholes 1st Scouts. Thank you to all the children who have sent in designs and the final flag design will be ready in the new year.



The Happy Together Choir has now been running for over 4 years and is enjoyed by many and they want to build on this success for the future and expand the group. The choir meets **Thursday 18.00-19.00 St Philip's church, Scholes**. The choir sing all types of songs, lots of popular songs. There are no auditions and you do not need to read music, just want to have fun and an interest to be with a friendly group who enjoy singing and good company. Contact Janet Horkan 07859282252.

Barwick in Bloom

Barwick in Bloom thank everyone for their generous support during 2023 and wish them all a Peaceful and Enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Coffee Morning Barwick Village Hall **Saturday 13th January 2024 10 -12noon**. Admission £2 includes coffee/tea/biscuits with a bring and buy cake stall, books, jigsaws, raffle etc. Always an enjoyable morning and everyone is most welcome. The group meets each Wednesday morning between 9 -11. If you are interested in joining us (doesn't have to be every week) email barwickinbloom@btinternet.com for more details, or talk to any of us at the coffee morning.

Barwick-In-Elmet Methodist Chapel

Saturday 16th December Christmas Carols in Flowers 10 am to 1 pm
Admission £2.00 includes Refreshments (coffee/tea)

Sunday 24th December Christmas Carol Service 6pm

Monday 25th December 2023 - 09.30 am Christmas Day Service

Coffee Mornings – 10-12.00 noon

Admission £2.00 includes Refreshments (coffee/tea)

Saturday 20th January Proceeds to: All We Can (Methodist Relief Fund) for relief in War Zones

Saturday 10th February Valentines Coffee Morning (British Heart Foundation)



Welcome to Reverend Tanya the new Methodist minister serving Barwick-In-Elmet. I look forward to getting to know the Barwick community. I grew up in Oxfordshire and trained as a social worker and moved north. After having my family, (son 30 and daughter 28) I retrained as a counsellor working with adults and young people. I worshipped for many years at Silsden Methodist Church, and trained at York St John. My previous station was in North and East Yorkshire. In my very little spare time, I love to paint and I always have some kind of needlework project on the go.

Christmas message from Rev Tanya,

Dear Friends, as we enter December, looking forward to Christmas during the season of advent many of you will be already preparing and making plans; writing cards, looking for gifts, decorating the Christmas tree, making plans to spend time with family or friends. Within the life of the church family, we will also enjoy concerts, fellowship, singing carols. Thank you to those who have decorated the church and provided our advent ring which we will light each Sunday. Advent is the time of spiritual preparation. The word advent comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something having great importance. Christmas can also be a difficult time; thinking of those who have lost loved ones, those who feel alone and others who will struggle to make ends meet. There is an opportunity for all of us to show a little extra kindness to those around us and bring a touch of love and joy to their lives.

Congratulations to Scholes in Bloom

Scholes in Bloom have been awarded a prestigious **Silver Gilt Award** in the Large Village section of the 2023 Yorkshire in Bloom Awards. The Chair Steve Leonard was happy with the award and the group will be hoping to go one better next year and regain Gold. If you have any spare time available and would be willing to volunteer your services to help, please contact Steve on 07718980913.

Scholes Lodge Field was also awarded a **Silver Gilt** and the small team that



looks after the field were delighted with this outcome. Points were gained for community spirit and biodiversity and improving the ecological status of the field. If anyone wishes to help, please contact Janet Horkan 07859282252



Barwick In Elmet Scottish Country Dancing group

Meets in Barwick in Elmet Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 19.30 to 21.30
New members are welcome and no experience is needed.
Please wear flat non-slip footwear. £3 a session and refreshments included. Come along and give this friendly group a try!

Scholes Methodist Chapel

Saturday coffee mornings are held 1st Saturday of the month from **10-12** Coffee, tea and teacakes and homemade cakes for sale. **4th November**, in aid of Poppy Appeal **2nd December**, Christmas coffee morning in aid of Chapel Funds.

Toy Service **Sunday 3rd 10.30am December**, new or nearly new toys needed for Salvation Army Christmas collection. Please do not wrap the toys. No coffee morning or film night in January 2024, 1st coffee morning is **3rd February 2024**

Film Nights 7pm: 13th November, 11th December and 17th February 2024

Scholes Village Show 2023

Once again Scholes Village Show, held on Saturday 9th September Scholes Village Hall proved to be an enjoyable community event. It was held on what turned out to be an extremely hot day. In spite of the very high temperature, it was well attended and people were able to admire all the wonderful displays of flowers, fruit and vegetable, handicrafts, photography, home cooking and the very well supported children's section.

It is rewarding for the hard-working committee to see the tables full and the hall full of people enjoying the occasion, especially, the wonderful teas provided by the WI. Our thanks go to Phil Maude for opening the show, members of Scholes WI for their famous teas, all the exhibitors, our sponsors, Scholes Village Hall, all the very many helpers, and most importantly everyone who came to the show.

Children's Book Exchange

Enjoy! Barwick's free children's library exchange is now open. The library can be found near the playground on Jack Heaps field. Feel free to take out books and read at your leisure in the park (weather permitting) or take a book home. Bring it back for others to enjoy. Please donate books swap and read. Also do not forget book exchange for grownups outside the Post Office.

Thanks to the Festival Community Fund for sponsoring the cabinet.



All Saints' Barwick Christmas Tree Festival

2nd December 10-12
£2 entrance fee

Table Top Sale Christmas Crafts, Gifts
Cake stall, Raffle, Tombola,
Hand Made Cards



The Parish paid their respects on Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2023



Armistice Day on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, officially marked the cessation of hostilities and the armistice was signed.

Remembrance Sunday is held to commemorate the contribution of military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

The red poppy is a symbol of remembrance. Scholes WI knitted over 400 poppies to make the poppy wave that has been placed in Scholes Memorial Garden.

Photograph Tony Biscombe

Lest we forget

On a very cold but dry Sunday morning both villages paid their respects to the fallen from our communities. Services were held in St Philip's and All Saints' and both were well attended. Wreaths were laid by Lord Lieutenant Stan Hardy, Lesley Godard on behalf of the British Legion the Matthew Robinson Ward Councillor, Parish Council, Stella Walsh. Children and residents placed their own remembrance crosses at each of the cenotaph's Thank you to the bugler Toby Brazier. Thank you, to all the residents who attended, the Scouts and British Legion. The retiring collection at All Saints' for the Poppy Appeal was £245.







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 Your views are important to the PC, please do not hesitate to get in touch.