



# Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Newsletter Feburary and March 2024

## Parish Council Budget Decisions

The new budget for 2024/2025 has been approved and it is with regret that the PC agreed to increase the 2024/2025 precept by 8%. This will increase the total annual precept from £43,000 to just over £46,000. This decision has been made in order to secure sufficient funding for the future maintenance and upkeep of parish assets with increasing costs and a growing list of assets that need maintaining.

The average **annual** precept cost per household is £28, depending on the council tax band. For example if your PC precept was £28 last year it will be £30.24 this year and if £32.90 last year increases to £35.53. We have been very careful to keep costs as low as possible. As usual it will be collected by Leeds City Council via the Council Tax. You can see how much you pay on the LCC Council Tax bill.

In 2022/23 the budget contained significant items such as improved drainage at Scholes football pitch and improvements to the Verity Strip, Barwick.

The PC is also responsible for **4** defibrillators **in the parish** which have to be maintained even if not used. They are located in the following places

**Barwick:** Outside the Post Office and Village Hall

**Scholes:** Outside Osman House, entrance to the sports pavilion.

**Always phone 999 and ask for an ambulance before using a defibrillator**

We are trying to introduce a long-range plan and in order to do that we would like to hear residents' opinion regarding future projects. Please let us know if you have any ideas that can be added to the plan for the next 3 years. Please contact the Clerk. Full details of the PC accounts and budgets can be found on the PC website.

<https://barwickandscholes.org>

Parish Council meetings are held first Monday of the month and start at 19.00 with 30 minutes for public participation before the start of the council meeting at 19.30. Contributions are time limited to ensure everyone can have a say. Please feel free to attend any of the PC meetings and let councillors know your concerns for the parish. Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> Scholes Pavilion, April 8<sup>th</sup> Barwick Miners Welfare.

**Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.** Councillor Debbie Gilmore now attends the PACT meetings. If there are any matters of concern you would like Debbie to bring to the meeting, then please email her. The police will only respond to crimes that have been reported and PACT meetings are not a substitute for specific crime reporting (which must be reported in the usual way and a crime reference obtained). The link below provides details of crimes in the wider area but local crimes can be found on the map. <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east?tab=CrimeMap>

## Scholes Sports Pavilion



**Scholes Pavilion is available for hire at reduced prices**

**The cost of hiring the pavilion has been reduced until the end of May 2024 prices start from £3 per hour**

**Why not book your event now**

The Pavilion can be booked for parties and meetings. The perimeter fence provides a safe area for children, with plenty of outdoor space for bouncy castles or play equipment. There is also a kitchen, seating and tables.

Visit the PC website for more details of facilities <https://barwickandscholes.org>

New Year's resolution to get fitter, then why not access the **free** sports facilities at Scholes. **The MUGA area** is open dawn until dusk and locked overnight, fobs are not currently required. The exercise equipment is open 24/7

There is also a full-service **Post Office** open every Thursday afternoon 1pm-3pm and hot drinks available.

Congratulations to the two residents have won £25 each for their Christmas light displays, which brightened up the villages. Janet Horkan, Scholes who set up an effective display on Main Street and residents Mr and Mrs Warrington, Potterton Lane, Barwick.



Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to litter pick in the parish.

Please put these volunteers out of job and take rubbish home with you.

### **Gentle reminder dogs are not allowed on Jack Heaps Field**

As this is a children's play area.

Please keep your dog under control and on a lead on Scholes and Barwick Playing Fields where cricket and football are played and also used by children. Please do not let your dog foul in these areas and clean up after them.

**Electric scooters:** it is currently **illegal** in the UK to use a privately owned electric scooter on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes. Electric scooters can only be legally used on private land with the permission of the landowner. You are legally entitled to buy, sell and own an electric scooter.

Please do not use them in the villages.

### **Scholes Bridge, good news**

Thank you, the efforts by Ward Councillors to get Scholes Bridge cleaned up have resulted in success. Initially HRE could not do any repairs as there was a water leak underneath that needed inspection. That is now complete and repair works are underway, repainting is scheduled in if not already underway.

## Barwick Allotments

Allotment holders in Barwick have continued their discussions to take over control of the allotments from the PC. A management committee of at least 5 people will be required. New agreements will be issued and a lease agreed with the PC.

Currently there are a few plots available. If you would like a plot, you will be invited to see the allotments, water is available onsite and they are kept locked for security. Send your details to the Clerk [clerk@barwickandscholespc.org](mailto:clerk@barwickandscholespc.org)

## Review of Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan is currently being reviewed to take into consideration the changes that have occurred locally since the plan was originally agreed. Drop-in sessions were held in Barwick and Scholes to give residents the opportunity to review the current Neighbourhood Plan. A key issue raised by residents was the poor connectivity between the villages; including the lack of public transport and the poor condition of existing rights of way. A further issue identified the desire to retain and improve the character of the villages and designate more green spaces ensuring these are protected. How the revised Plan can deal with these is being examined.

The current Plan does not address how the parish may respond to climate change. LCC have recently published proposals to encourage solar farms and wind turbines in open countryside and the Plan will need to consider how this should be implemented locally.

**External pressures include** the proposals to build over 5,000 new houses on land between the new road and the edge of Leeds. It is estimated over a 10 to 15 year period the local population will increase by 15,000; putting an enormous strain on existing services such as transport, education and health. Whilst the new development will bring additional facilities these will need to be managed carefully to avoid an unacceptable impact on existing facilities in the parish. The Plan will have a limited role in this regard but the Group will seek to ensure the Plan takes these challenges into account.

## Scholes Lane End Junction Improvement and impact of ELOR

The junction improvements at Scholes Lane end have now been completed and is now much safer and easier to use. The new traffic lights make it easier to make right turns into Scholes Lane and right turns from Scholes Lane onto the A64 towards York. The new junction arrangement should also be helpful to residents living at Morwick Terrace.

In recognition that the route is popular with cyclists, the pavement has been designated for dual use by cyclists and pedestrians. The use of the pavement allows cyclists to avoid riding on the busy A64 and also allows them to access the bridleways on ELOR as well as crossing over the A64 to the new path connecting to Thorner Lane near the entrance to the cemetery. Cyclists using these dual use pavements, must take care near pedestrians and give way to pedestrians.

## Impact of ELOR on traffic in the Parish, have your say!

The ELOR has been open for over 12 months, and Scholes Lane end junction improvements completed. It would be useful to have residents' views on changes to traffic levels in the villages. Have you noticed changed as motorists alter routes to take account of the new roads and layouts? In particular it has been noted that residents from Barwick are using Leeds Road to access ELOR. In the past Barwick experienced higher traffic volumes during rush hours from Garforth traffic along Long Lane. It is understood that the volume of traffic using this route towards Leeds has declined significantly in recent months.

LCC advised that it would monitor changes in traffic levels on the local highway network to consider if further work was necessary to address any consequential problems. Whilst this study is not imminent, the Neighbourhood Plan Group would welcome comments from residents about any adverse issues they believe have arisen following the recent highway changes, and whether the two issues mentioned above are recognised by people in these areas.

**Please send any comments to [bandsnpr@gmail.com](mailto:bandsnpr@gmail.com)**

## Scholes Village Hall

### A Legacy Seeking New Trustees



Nestled in the heart of our community for over 90 years, Scholes Village Hall has been a cornerstone for countless events and gatherings. Perhaps you've used its facilities or attended events that left lasting memories.

Now, as we transition into the role of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), we're in search of vibrant individuals, including those who live in the village, to join our team of trustees. Age is no barrier, whether you're a seasoned community member or just over 16, your passion matters. Simply attend bi-monthly meetings and play a pivotal role in shaping the halls future.

For more information, contact [scholesvillagehallcio@gmail.com](mailto:scholesvillagehallcio@gmail.com) or call Helen at 0795 7423875. Be part of something enduring become a trustee and contribute to the ongoing legacy of Scholes Village Hall.

## The Ancient Parish of Barwick in Elmet Trust

**The Trust** is a local charity for anyone in the parish who is in financial need. The Trust will support claims to help replace white goods and also school trips and uniforms. For application forms or more information please contact Sylvia Snowdon 0113 264 4593 or [psnow1953@btinternet.com](mailto:psnow1953@btinternet.com) All applications are confidential.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**New members welcome to all events**

The Lord Mayor of Leeds **will open Leeds World Peace Flame Monument (WPF).**  
**Thursday 21st March 2024 at 11.30 Park Square, Leeds LS1 2NP**

This will be the 1st WPF Monument in a City Centre in the U.K. and Leeds will become the first city to be home to 3 Peace Flame Monuments in England: Garforth; Scholes and Leeds City Centre.

### **Scholes in Bloom Scholes Village Hall**

#### **Coffee Mornings**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April   Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### **Scholes Community Care Coffee Morning Manor House Scholes**

**Every Wednesday 10 to 11.30**

£1.50 Coffee, tea and biscuits Raffle.

### **Barwick in Bloom Spring Events Barwick Village Hall**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** Coffee Morning. Contributions, especially for our cake stall, greatly appreciated

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** Plant Sale. If you have seedlings or plants, we would love to have them

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** Open Gardens. More details closer to the date.

Wednesday morning if you want some gentle outdoor activity, it would be great to see you. Contact us [barwickinbloom@btinternet.com](mailto:barwickinbloom@btinternet.com)

### **Barwick Methodist Church Events**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** Valentines Coffee Morning

£2.00 for Coffee/Tea & Biscuits Raffle and Cake Stall 10-12

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** Fish and chip Lunch 12.00 followed by Bag Beetle

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** Spring Coffee Morning Village Hall

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** Chapel Anniversary Coffee Morning

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** Chapel Anniversary Lunch

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** Afternoon Gawthorpe Brass Band

### **Scholes Methodist Church Events**

Coffee Mornings 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Chapel Funds

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** The Meeting Point Café

**Film Evenings 7.00 p.m. in the Schoolroom**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** *Leap Year*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** *Easter Parade or Bewitched*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** *Harriet's Army*



## Events at St Philip's Church Scholes

### **Monday 13.00-15.00 Elderberries**

Avoid loneliness and have a bit of company and fun once a week. Tea and biscuits  
Activities include; watercolour painting; crafting; family history; gentle exercise;  
games and jigsaw puzzles and the chance to play in a Brass Band or folk group.

**Tuesday 10.30-12.00 Little Fishes** Parent and toddler group. £2 fee with snacks.

**Thursday 18.00-19.00 Scholes Happy Together Choir**

**Community Café Every Friday 9.00-12.00** Teas, coffees, irresistible cakes,  
toasted teacakes, crumpets and bacon sandwiches at great prices.

**Last Saturday of the month 10.00-12.00**

## Keep Fit Classes for 70+

### **Barwick Miners Welfare Institute**

Every Friday 10.15am New member's welcome

Contact Pat for more details 01132812629 07999436118

## Weekly Events Barwick Village Hall

### **Monday**

Indoor Bowls	10.00-12.30	Peter Cave 0113 264 8382
BilinguaSing	13.30-14.15	Lucie Cameron <a href="mailto:lucie@bilinguasing.com">lucie@bilinguasing.com</a>
Yoga	17.00-18.00	Kim Hayes 07968 418171
Zumba	18.15-19.15	Zumba KазzyT on facebook

### **Tuesday**

Yoga	11.30-12.30	Kim Hayes
Pilates	13.30-14.30	Rochellebodey@yahoo.co.uk
Boot Camp	18.00-19.00	Donna 07894 718687
Scottish Dancing	19.30-21.30	Helen Cox 0113 273 6195

### **Wednesday**

Indoor Bowls	13.30-16.00	Peter Cave
Beavers	17.30-18.30	barwickinelmetbeavers@gmail.com
Line Dancing	19.00-20.00	Tracey Preston 07912 750440

### **Thursday**

Baby Sensory	9.30-11.45	Jayne Tremble 07725 178559
Playgroup	13.15-14.45	Lynn Fletcher 0113 281 2913
Cubs	18.30-20.00	

## Barwick in Elmet Tennis Club Welfare Avenue

New members welcome of all ages and abilities. Whether you're looking for a chance to test your skills against experienced players, you'd like to play in league matches and friendly tournaments, keep fit and meet new people or fancy a casual game with friends and family we hope Barwick is the club for you. Or come along to our social session, **Sunday morning at 10.30am.**

For information please: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/BarwickinElmetTennisClub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BarwickinElmetTennisClub)

## Barwick Tennis Club Fundraiser at Barwick Village Hall 13th April 2024

Tickets £10 Dance the night away to live music with local group The Xception. Raffle. More details, contact Sue 07721 471648

### Scholes Women's Institute Celebrates 100 years

Scholes Women's Institute was founded in 1924 and originally met monthly in a member's home, later moving to Scholes Village School. We now meet in Scholes Methodist Church Schoolroom or Scholes Village Hall depending on the activity, speaker or entertainment planned.

Originally the WI had close links to the Women's Suffrage Movement and took their colours, white, purple & green, plus their anthem, Jerusalem, from the suffragette movement.

The WI has a strong tradition of passing resolutions annually which improve life for everyone. Examples include: The Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, Freedom from Hunger Campaign, recycling of waste, marine pollution, HIV & Aids and many more were either supported by the WI or began because local WIs raised awareness of the issues to their communities.

In 2024 Scholes WI is thriving as part of the largest women's voluntary organisation in the UK and offers an opportunity to meet women from your local area, make friends and a difference to your community through lifelong learning and self-development opportunities. We always enjoy meeting new members on the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm**. Why not join us?

There are also a range of activities outside meetings: Netball Group, Craft Group, Book Club and a Walking Group. There are also many special activities planned to celebrate our centenary.

Contact: [scholeswi@gmail.com](mailto:scholeswi@gmail.com) Christine Tall, President

### Barwick In Elmet and Scholes Community Fund

Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Community Fund are awaiting the grant and confirmation of ticket allocation for 2024 from Festival Republic. Details will be published online as soon as details become available.

Application form and details will be online at [bandscf.org.uk](http://bandscf.org.uk).

The Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Community Fund receives funding through 2 sources, the sale of discounted Leeds Festival Tickets plus £7,500 cash (donated by Festival Republic). The committee wish to thank Festival Republic for their continued support through the fund. Applications for 2023 grants opened in August and closed on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 17 applications requested a total of £61,861.00. The community fund is separate to the Parish Council.

The committee would like to apologise for the unavoidable delay in informing applicants about grants, this is due to the late receipt of the Festival grant.

### **John Tinker MBE 1937-2024**



John was well known in Barwick for his outstanding support for 'Barwick in Bloom' since his retirement in 1993, he remained Chairman until a year ago, when he became President. He was Director of Parks for Leeds from 1986, and was influential in transforming parks and green spaces across the city including Temple Newsam. He was also a long-standing member of the Parish Council. He will also be remembered by many for running the Youth Club in the village and for his unstinting support for the Methodist Church. He was awarded the MBE in 2009 for service to the community, which was

more deserved than most. He represents all that is best in the Yorkshire character and the results of his work have touched the lives of all of us who live in and visit Leeds. He was always thinking of others and he will be greatly missed.

### **Michael Holliday 1935-2023**



Michael served in the RAF and was well known for his golf skills and joined Garforth Golf Club in 1970, he was Captain and President. He was also active in a wide range of groups in the community; he was Chair of the local British Legion for 20 years and help restore aircraft at Yorkshire air Museum; Scholes Players; Scholes Show; Scholes in Bloom; Bowling Club; Scholes Community Care; Bell Ringing in Barwick; Scholes Peace Flame and Elderberries Brass Group. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

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**Keith Langley is Clerk to the PC** and works part-time.

Contact details; telephone: 0113 393 5861

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

All information in this newsletter was accurate on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024