



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Newsletter MAY 2024

Parish Council Updates

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 13th May in Scholes Pavilion. Three residents attended and no major issues were raised.

Chair's Report to Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council 13th May 2024

I was voted in as Chair in 2023 and the reduced number of councillors has made it a problematic year. Cllr Slater resigned at the 2003 AGM and later in the year Cllr Cantelo stepped down. New councillors include John Hayton and Debbie Gilmore (both Barwick), unfortunately, Debbie has recently resigned. The team have worked extremely well together, taking on additional duties where necessary. However, a further review of current subcommittees is necessary. Scholes Pavilion is now managed via the F&GP subcommittee. Three vacancies remain in Barwick and two in Scholes.

The precept for 2024/2025 has been increased, this has been required as costs of maintaining PC assets continue to rise. The Christmas Lights in both villages are welcomed, but the high cost is a heavy burden, although this year a grant was received from the Community Fund. Alternative lighting and sources of energy use are also being considered. Thank you to residents who continue to provide an interesting and exciting range of additional lights at this time of the year. Scholes Lodge Field and Hall Tower continue to be well maintained.

The current owner of Scholes Allotments has offered to sell to them to the PC and negotiations are ongoing. The PC has also decided to not meet in January in order for the Clerk to manage his workload more effectively. This means there are 10 meetings per year.

During the year the Planning Committee has responded to planning applications, however, the decisions are made by Leeds City Council. This is becoming a disappointing task as LCC frequently ignore objections and allow planning proposals to proceed which are not viewed as beneficial for the parish.

The Peace Flame Group has worked with both primary schools and Scholes Scouts to design a Peace Flame Flag to be placed in the Peace Flame Garden. Thank you to the schools and Scouts and the children who submitted over 300 designs; the project is part of the ongoing educational project linked with peace. The children's

enthusiasm and interest in the project is encouraging. The flag should be ready later in the summer.

Our sports organisations have all had good seasons; two sports meetings a year are held and these are well attended. A new football club is now based at Scholes and a further Girls Under 14 years team is being considered.

Phil Maude continues to lead the review of The Neighbourhood Plan, and they are reviewing the policies to decide which to retain or amend and any new policies which may be required. The revised plan will be open to public consultation and will take place in the near future.

Litter, dog fouling and speeding in the parish continue to be problematic. Leeds Road has been reduced to a 30mph limit, although there is little evidence that drivers are aware of this. The main roads in the villages now have a 20mph limit, unfortunately it is hard to see any improvements in drivers slowing down.

Litter is a problem and children need to be encouraged to take drinks bottles home with them. Problems continue with dogs causing damage to cricket pitches and being taken onto Jack Heaps Field. It is the responsibility of residents to keep the local environment safe and clean for everyone to use.

The police no longer attend PC meetings and a representative attends regular Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings.

Thanks to all the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their time and help and support they have given me throughout the year.

Cllr Stella Walsh Chair 2023/2024

Parish Council AGM, Cllr Stella Walsh has been voted in as Chair for a further year, John Hayton as Vice Chair. Membership of Committees were reorganised and the Planning Committee, Hall Tower sub-committee, ELOR Group have been suspended. Planning will be considered at PC meetings.

It is with regret that Councillor Debbie Gilmore has resigned from the Parish Council. Debbie has only been on the council for a year and made a very valuable contribution not only working on F&GP Committee but she also attended the PACT meetings and was Safeguarding Officer for the PC. We wish her well and will miss her positive input.

The MUGA is free to use by all residents and currently fobs are not required to gain entrance. The MUGA is closed overnight.

Residents raised issues regarding the hedge surrounding Scholes Primary School. The PC has had confirmation from Leeds City Council that the hedge at the school is highways adopted and so should be maintained by them. Any future concerns regarding this should be made to the Leeds City Council highways team.

Thank you to the eagle-eyed person who spotted the major spelling error in the February/March issue. In future it will be the March issue only!

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>

Post Office open every Thursday 1pm until 3pm at the Pavilion

Contact Details for Councillors

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

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

Please contact the Clerk for further information about joining the Parish Council.

New representatives from the parish are needed, you need to be 18 years of age. If you studying politics at schools or college why not join. Parish Councils are the first layer of local government. However, councillors do not represent any political party, they managed parish assets.

Parish activities, updates and dates for the diary

New members welcome to all events



Barwick in Bloom

Sunday 30th June Open Gardens.

There will be 10 gardens to visit.

Tickets can be obtained in advance (follow us on Facebook to see when they are available) or can be bought on the day. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

Why not come and join us? We work for about two hours every Wednesday morning if you want some gentle outdoor activity, it would be great to see you. Contact barwickinbloom@btinternet.com

Scholes Happy Together Choir

Building on the success of the past 5 years we are looking to expand our "Happy Together Choir." Do you sing in the shower or dance around the kitchen singing into a wooden spoon? Then you may want to join us.

There are no auditions, no need to read music, just a wish to sing along to popular songs with a group of friends. No hymns or choral music, songs include Abba, The Carpenters, Phil Collins and many more, come along and suggest your favourite.

Based at St Phillip's Church Scholes, **every Thursday evening 18.00 till 19.00.** First visit is free and thereafter £2.50. There is nothing on TV so give it a try. Contact Janet Horkan 07859282252 horkanjanet@yahoo.com

Barwick Methodist Church Events

Coffee Mornings Chapel Schoolroom 10 am to 12 noon
Raffle & Cake Stall £2.00 for Coffee/Tea & Biscuits

Saturday 15th June

Saturday 14th September

Saturday 20th July 2 pm

Cream Tea in the Chapel Schoolroom £3.00 tea, scones & cakes

Friday 27th September 7 pm

Fashion Show - Barwick Village Hall

Entrance fee £5 including refreshments

Ladies wear and accessories

Including Wallis, Next, White Stuff, M&S

Barwick Methodist Church would like to express their deep gratitude to the village for their continued support and generosity as we continue to fundraise for the upkeep and repairs to the methodist chapel. Fundraising continues for the repair work to the spire. Hopefully within the year you will see evidence of the first stage of building repairs taking place; repairs to the external stone work on the church itself. Thank you for your continued support and generous giving, Rev Tanya, Methodist Minister.

Scholes Methodist Church Coffee Mornings

Saturday Mornings 10am -12noon

Tea, coffee, teacakes and cakes to buy

4th June	Yorkshire Air Ambulance
2nd July	Meeting Point (Community Cafe Harehills Lane)
August.	NO COFFEE MORNING
3rd September	Motor Neurone Disease (MND)
1st October	Dogs Trust
5th November	Local Poppy Appeal

Scholes in Bloom Scholes Village Hall

Coffee Morning Saturday 19th October 10am -12

Drop in for a cuppa and tombola

Apple Day Scholes Lodge Field

Sunday 22nd September Bring along your apples to make juice. Start saving empty bottles to take the juice home in

Barwick and Scholes Probus Club

Barwick & Scholes Probus Club continues to meet at John Rylie House Carrfield Road, Barwick 10.00 am for 10.30 and these are our speakers and their subjects for 2024

18 June	David Davies	Britain at Ease (Life and Leisure 1945-959)
16 July	Geoff Budd	Trans Pennine Canals
13 August	Mike Higginbottom	Architecture of New York
17 September		Yorkshire Air Ambulance
19 November	John Butterwick	10 Ways to improve your enjoyment of wine
10 December	David Winpenny	Eccentrics, Exotics & Erratics Garden Buildings

Barwick Beer Festival 2024

It's the news you have all been waiting for – it's back!!

Save the date Saturday 14th September 2024



We are delighted to inform you that the wheels are in motion for Barwick Beer Festival 2024. All proceeds raised will go to the Maypole Trust. Details will be posted on notice boards around the village and on the Barwick Village Facebook page. Car Parking Jack Heaps Field.

The Barwick Beer Festival Committee.

Scholes Women's Institute Celebrates 100 years

The woman who started the Scholes WI journey, 100 years ago was Clara Dewhirst, who lived in Whinmoor Lodge, on the A64, she became the first Scholes WI President in 1924. Clara held strawberry teas in her garden for the WI and the first WI Committee meeting every year was held at the Lodge, followed by sandwiches and cakes. The WI have contact Libby, Clara's granddaughter, who is 94 years old.

Scholes WI went through some very hard times during and after the war but the committee refused to let the group fold. The WI was a key contact for local women who had limited other social meetings at the time. Cookery has been a key element of the WI and the 1958 Yorkshire WI Recipe Book contained recipes with such wonderful titles as "*Souffle of marrow; Fleur of apples; Eggs in a mist*". There were also many recipes for invalids.

Horticulture continues to be an important part of our WI and several trees have been planted by Scholes WI throughout the village. In 1974 one tree was planted for the Queen's Silver Jubilee; in 1977 three beautiful hornbeams were planted opposite the church. A cherry tree is planted in Scholes Lodge Field.

Scholes WI continues to thrive and is active in the village supporting a range of community events. Scholes WI also supports the National Federation WI campaigns, current campaigns include: Thinking Differently; Understanding the Experience of Autistic and ADHD Women; Action to tackle microplastic pollution and the Clean Rivers Campaign.

The group meets on the **third Wednesday** of the month and a range of speakers and activities are enjoyed. Scholes WI would like to thank the Community Fund for the grant awarded and Brian Bartel for all the research about the family.

Update from Barwick In Elmet and Scholes Community Fund

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Community Fund group apologise for the delay in issuing awarded grant payments to applicants. All applicants have now been contacted.

The grants are funded through resident ticket sales and a donation from Festival Republic, usually received in December. Despite regular contact with Festival Republic, they have not yet made the donation. In order to prevent further delays, it was felt fair to reduce all grant awards to approximately 65% solely funded by the resident ticket sales from 2023. We have been working with Festival Republic for many years and hope this is a one-off delay. Grant award balance payments will be made as soon as the donation is received.

The list of grants awarded and the amount we have paid is listed below:

	Grant Awarded	Reduced Grant
Scholes WI	£3,663	£2,410
Scholes Methodist	£700	£460
Scholes In Bloom	£600	£395
Scholes Cricket Club	£2,100	£1,381
Scholes Bowling	£3,500	£2,302
FOSP	£1,500	£987
Barwick Village Hall	£3,500	£2,302
Barwick Tennis	£4,000	£2,631
Barwick Cubs	£160	£105
Barwick Cricket	£2,196	£1,446

In the interest of being transparent, the Parish Council received a grant of £1,240 in December as the project was time limited for Christmas lighting. It was paid in good faith that the donation from Festival Republic would be received.

The resident ticket allocation for 2024 has not been confirmed and may delay the ballot.

Please check the website for updates.

As always, we would urge residents who wish to attend the festival not to rely on resident tickets as we do not have sufficient for the number of applications received. You can still buy tickets directly from <https://www.leedsfestival.com/tickets/>

Personal Injury Accidents in Barwick and Scholes since 2019

During the 5 year period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/23, a total of 17 personal injury (PI) accidents were recorded in the villages on surrounding roads, with a further accident having been recorded in the first 3 months of 2024. Only accidents that result in personal injury are recorded.

Thankfully, none of the accidents resulted in fatalities. 4 involved serious injury and 14 were categorised as slight. ELOR opened in August 2022 and in the subsequent 20 months there were 3 PI accidents, 1 serious and 2 slight, no discernible pattern or change. See summary table below.

The only location to have recorded more than a single accident is the bend adjacent to Garforth Golf Driving Range where 3 Loss of Control accidents occurred. The 4 accidents involving serious injury all occurred on the roads between Barwick and Aberford or Barwick and Garforth.

Personal Injury Accidents in Barwick and Scholes since 2019

YEAR	SERIOUS	SLIGHT	TOTAL
2019	0	4	4
2020	0	2	2
2021	1	4	5
2022 (Pre ELOR)	2	2	4
2022 (Post ELOR)	0	1	1
2023	1	0	1
2024 (First ¼)	0	1	1
Total	4	14	18

All 4 of these accidents involved loss of control, this being the only pattern evident. Report from Neighbourhood Plan Group.



TIME TO REDUCE YOUR SPEED

New Speed Limit Leeds Road Scholes

**FROM ELOR TO THE CORONATION TREE
is now a 30mph zone**

**The speed limit on minor roads in the villages is
NOW 20mph**

Research shows that reducing speeds to 20mph results in an average increase of one minute per journey. So why rush to save one minute! Slower speeds are safer and also save energy and reduce pollution. Help to protect the area you live in. Respect the area you live in.

Further comments re traffic issues in the villages send to
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