



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Newsletter February/March 2025

Parish Council Updates

Councillor **Gillian Williamson** of Barwick has resigned from the Parish Council for personal reasons she will be missed. Her resignation leaves a further vacancy on the Parish Council. Please consider volunteering; meetings are held Monday evenings from 19.00. The PC has also decided not to meet in January in order for the Clerk to manage his workload more effectively. This means there are 10 meetings per year.

The Parish Council Precept for 2025/2026 has been increased; this has been required as the costs of maintaining PC assets continue to rise. The PC has also a larger portfolio of assets to maintain than in the past, such as the MUGA pitch and pavilion in Scholes and Hall Tower in Barwick.

Thanks to **Cllr Brian Foxcroft** who has planted 3 Rowan trees on Jack Heaps Field.

Negotiations are continuing on the purchase of Scholes Allotments.

The PC continues to respond to planning applications; however, the final 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.



Tinker's Dell in memory of John Tinker MBE

On a very wet and windy, but well attended, Saturday in December '**Tinkers's Dell**' was officially 'opened' with its signage at both the Long Lane and Beck Meadow end of the footpath. It is through the orchard area with a descriptive sign and a seat half way along. It is a lovely lasting memorial to a great man, who worked so hard to make the village a better place.

A further bench dedicated to John will be placed in the village in the near future, sponsored by Barwick in Bloom.

Garforth Villa Under 10 Football Club is now based at Barwick Football Field; although the team are called Garforth Villa, many of the players are young people from the Parish. Our sports organisations have all had good seasons; two sports meetings a year are held and these are well attended.

The next Playing Fields Committee meeting is Monday 14th April 7.30pm in Barwick Miners Club

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.

TIME TO REDUCE YOUR SPEED

Speeding and inconsiderate parking continue to be problematic in the parish



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. Please respect the villages and reduce speed. Parking in front of people's drives is not acceptable. Inappropriate parking has also made it problematic for the number 11 bus to get through Scholes.

Litter and dog fouling remain problems in the parish. 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 although a Parish Council representative attends the Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings.

The two prizes of £25 for the best display of **Christmas lights** in each village were awarded to a resident on Belle Vue Estate, Scholes and the prize for Barwick was donated to the Christmas Lights Association in Barwick for their work in supporting the lights on Main Street. Thank you to all residents who decorated properties and made the parish look so cheerful during the winter months.

The Parish Council would like to thank Leeds City Council for reopening **Scholes Playground**. The PC made a financial contribution of £6,000 to ensure the work could be completed. Please look after the site and take rubbish home with you.

The PC are looking into plans and funding sources to upgrade and improve **Barwick Playground**. It is hoped that plans for improvement will be circulated for consultation later in the year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvements then please contact Cllr Stella Walsh.

Update from Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Community Fund

2025 Leeds Festival Tickets

Applications for 2025 Leeds Festival tickets will **open in early March**, so please keep an eye on www.bandscf.org for details of the application process and how to apply.

Application Process

The committee is currently reviewing the ticket allocation process, and it is likely that 2025 will be the final year of the current method of a straight ballot. Several new methods of allocation are currently being explored including one similar to a neighbouring village where tickets are allocated in a single morning on a first come first served basis.

Notification of any new process in 2026 will be conveyed via www.bandscf.org and the Parish Newsletter.

Community Awards

The Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Community Fund are pleased to announce this year's community awards. Please remember to advertise that grants have been received from the Community Fund.

A huge thanks to **Festival Republic**, promoters of Leeds Festival for their continued support to our community.

1st Scholes Scouts £504.20 for the building of a "fire circle" (£304.20 and £200 contribution towards food costs for the annual bonfire event);

Scholes Village Show £550 contribution to the running of this year's event;

Scholes Village Hall £1583 for the "hot brew conservation project;"

Scholes in Bloom £600 for replacement garden equipment;

Garforth Villa U10 (based in Barwick in Elmet) £2000 for 9-a-side matchday equipment for use on Barwick Playing Fields;

Barwick in Elmet Maypole Trust £4500 Contribution to the running of this year's event;

Barwick in Elmet Tennis Club £1000 contribution towards fencing;

Barwick in Elmet Village Hall £3934 contribution towards replacement flooring;

Barwick Bowling Club £1500 towards ground improvements.

Parish activities, updates and dates for the diary

New members welcome to all events



VE Day 80 years 8 May 2025

Victory in Europe Day, also known as VE Day celebrates the Allied Forces accepting the Nazis' unconditional surrender from World War 2. The final document was signed in Reims, France, on 7th May 1945. The war in Europe ended at midnight on May 8, 1945. Please look out for details of VE Day events in the Parish.

Barwick Maypole 2025

It's Barwick Maypole Year. The Maypole is lowered repaired and repainted every 3 years. It is one of the tallest Maypoles in Britain standing at 26 metres.

Maypole Lowering **21st April** around 9.30am

Maypole Raising **26th May**

10am to 11.30am

Main Street, Elmwood Lane and The Cross
closed from 8am to 6pm

Street Market all day from 10am

Parade on Main Street to Hall Tower Field and

Maypole Queen crowning from 1pm to 3pm

Other attractions and performances

throughout the day-check social media for
more details.

Harrogate Band Performance at the pole around 4pm

Brave young person climbing the Maypole 5pm to spin the fox.

Celebration ends 6pm.



Barwick in Bloom Spring Events

Barwick Village Hall 10am to 12noon

15th March Coffee Morning £2 inc. refreshments

10th May Plant Sale no charge for entry

Barwick Methodist Church Events

Chapel Schoolroom T@2 is held the first Tuesday of the month; Tuesday 4th March 2 pm, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June and 1st July then break for the summer. Come along for a chat, tea and cakes and meet new friends.



Barwick Methodist Church fellowship would like to offer grateful thanks to our friends in the village for their generous and valued support of fundraising events for the Chapel Building Fund. Phase 1 of the restoration of the stonework is nearly completed, made possible by the support of local businesses, your valued support at events along with grants from the National Churches Trust, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, Benefact Trust and Garfield Weston Foundation.

Phase 2 fundraising continues for the restoration works which will include the spire. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support at our forthcoming fundraising events.

Barwick Village Hall Sunday 23rd March Spring Concert Gawthorpe Brass Band
2 pm Tickets £6 includes refreshments

Spring Coffee Morning, Saturday 29th March Barwick Village Hall
10.00 am to 12 noon £2 includes refreshments, Craft Stalls, Raffle, Tombola

Coffee Mornings in Chapel Schoolroom 10.00-12 noon
£2 includes refreshments.

Saturday 12th April - Easter Coffee Morning/Seacroft Food Bank/Chapel Funds

Saturday 14th June - Meeting Point Cafe/Chapel Funds

Advance Notice Saturday 17th May 2-2.30 pm Barwick Village Hall
Fashion Show by The Complete Clothing Company

Scholes in Bloom

A very sad start to the NewYear with the passing of Lilla Womack. Lilla had been a stalwart part of Scholes in Bloom for many years; her knowledge and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

Next coffee morning will be held in Scholes Village Hall
Saturday 12th April from 10:00 am

Scholes in Bloom have been awarded a grant of £1500 from the Parish Council to support the continued good work they do in the village. The group is still very short of regular volunteers, if you can spare a couple of hours to help care for the village, please get in touch with Steve Leonard 07718 980913.

Barwick in Elmet Tennis Club

New Year's Resolution things to do! **Barwick in Elmet Tennis Club** is one for your to do list. New members of all ages and abilities always welcome. Whether you just want to knock a ball around with family and friends or feel more experienced to play in our tournament and league matches, the choice is yours.

Sunday morning sessions are held 10.30am, where you can put your skills to the test, make new friends whilst keeping fit in the fresh air. Weather permitting, play is all year round. Take **2 free taster** sessions followed by club (individual or family) membership and the courts are then freely available for you to play anytime you wish. We look forward to meeting you.

Scholes Methodist Church Coffee Mornings 2025

Coffee Mornings 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon:

Saturday 1st March Chapel Funds
Saturday 5th April Meeting Point Cafe, Harehills
Saturday 3rd May Chapel Funds

Film Evenings 7.00 p.m. in the Schoolroom:

Monday 10th March 2025
Monday 14th April 2025
Monday 12th May 2025

Scholes Bowling Club

After the winter break, the members of Scholes Bowling Club are looking forward to the new season starting at the beginning of April. New members are always welcome and once more we are offering free membership for a year for anyone new to the sport of Crown Green Bowling.

Social bowling and coaching are available on **Monday afternoons 1.00- 3.00** and **evenings 6.00pm until dark**. In addition, we also play in leagues throughout the season and host many events over the summer months.

Come along for a taster session; we would love to see more local people joining and supporting the club.

Scholes Women's Institute (WI)

The group meets on the **third Wednesday** of the month in either Scholes Methodist School Room or Village Hall. A wide range of speakers and activities are enjoyed. There is a walking netball group which plays at Barwick Village Hall on a Wednesday morning and a book club, which meets monthly in St Phillip's. Meetings and events with other groups from Thorner and Scarcroft are also organised. New members always welcome.

Scholes Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Thursday 13th March 2025 7.30 PM

Scholes Village Hall, LS15 4DL

Join us for the **Annual General Meeting** of Scholes Village Hall (CIO). This is your chance to have your say on the future of our much-loved community hall. Whether you're a regular visitor or simply interested in supporting local facilities, we'd love to hear your ideas and input. Everyone is welcome—let's work together to keep our village hall thriving! Visit scholesvillagehall.org.uk for more information.

For more information, contact **Helen on 07957423875**

Happy Together Choir

This friendly choir meets Thursday evening from 18.00 to 19.00 in St Phillip's Church, Scholes. There is no need to be able to sing or follow music just come along and join this fun and friendly singing group. Small fee £2.50

Contact Details for Councillors

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Scholes Ward

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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.

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 are studying politics at schools or college why not join? Parish Councils are the first layer of local government. Parish Councillors do not represent any political party, they manage parish assets.

Scholes Pavilion

Situated on Belle Vue Ave, Scholes, Leeds LS15 4AH

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

Why not book your event now in the Pavilion



The Pavilion can be booked for parties and meetings and charges for hire have not been increased for 2025.

The pavilion space includes a kitchen area and toilet facilities. Tables and chairs are available

Costs of hire for residents of the Parish

Weekends and holidays:

Children's party 4 hours £44.00

Private social events £13.00 per hour

Weekdays and Monday to Thursday evening

Not for-profit groups £4.50 per hour

Day time hire £6.60 per hour

Night time hire £8.80 per hour

A £50 refundable deposit is also required.

Hire of the pavilion also includes the use of the outside area. 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> or telephone the Clerk 0113 393 5861

A full-service Post Office is open every **Thursday 1pm until 3pm** at the Pavilion, Scholes.

Tea and coffee are also available; call in for tea and a chat as well as all your Post Office business.