



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Newsletter MAY 2025

Congratulations Ray Marshall 100 years young



Born in 1925 in Kirkstall, Ray met his wife, Mary, aged 16 in a local park. After getting married at All Saints Church, York Road, they moved to Scholes in the 1950s and have lived in the same house on Milton Drive ever since. Sadly, after 78 years of marriage, Mary passed away last year aged 98.

Ray celebrated his 100th birthday with a party with his family and friends at home. He still enjoys reading his paper every day and still looks forward to his weekly trips out for his favourite coffee.

Parish Council Updates

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 12th May in Scholes Pavilion. Three residents attended and issues of Christmas Lights and use of Barwick football pitch were raised.

Chair's Report to Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council (PC) May 2025

I should like to welcome new councillors Chris Shoesmith and Brian Foxcroft (both Barwick), and Phil Maude has rejoined the council (Scholes). Unfortunately, Councillor Gillian Williamson has resigned due to personal reason and we wish her well. Two vacancies remain in Barwick and one in Scholes. Although there is a reduced number of councillors the current team work extremely well together, keeping the Parish Council business on track, and taking on additional duties where necessary. The Clerk also works incredibly hard supporting councillors and residents. Previous councillor Professor David Young died May 2025; our condolences are sent to his family.

The precept for 2025/2026 has been increased. This has been necessary as costs of maintaining PC assets continue to rise. The PC hopes to secure the purchase of Scholes allotments and negotiations are ongoing.

The PC made a substantial contribution towards the new Scholes playground. Plans are ongoing to upgrade the playground in Barwick and public consultation is included at the end of this Newsletter. The Christmas Lights in both villages are welcomed, but the high costs are a heavy burden on the budget. Alternative lighting and sources of energy use are being considered. Thank you to residents who continue to provide an interesting and exciting range of additional Christmas lights at this time of the year.

During the year the Planning Committee has responded to planning applications, however, decisions are ultimately 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 worked with both primary schools and Scholes Scouts to design a Peace Flame Flag, now installed in the Peace Flame Garden. Thank you to the schools and Scouts and all the children who submitted designs; the project is part of the ongoing educational project linked with peace.

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

Cllr Phil Maude continues to lead the review of The Neighbourhood Plan, which has been paused as they review the Leeds Local Plan. Residents are urged to get involved in commenting on future LCC's housing plans. The revised Neighbourhood Plan will be open to public consultation and will take place in the near future.

Thanks to all the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their time and help and support they have given me throughout the year. Councillor Paul Walsh attends the PACT meetings and is Safeguarding Officer for the PC.

Cllr Stella Walsh Chair 2024/2025

Parish Council AGM, Stella Walsh has been voted in as Chair for a further year, and Chris Shoesmith as Vice Chair. Membership of Committees can be found on the PC website.

Future Housing Development in the Parish – Make your views known

It is likely that housing allocations will have to be made in the Parish.

LCC are preparing a Plan for future development in the city up to 2040. This involves allocating new sites for housing and renewable energy. LCC is required by government to identify land to build **82,371 new homes** at a rate of **3,811 per annum**. The aim is to provide much of this housing in the city centre and the urban areas but some land will need to be allocated in rural areas and some release of green belt land may be required. LCC are also carrying out a review of the green belt. The sites that landowners/developers have put forward can be viewed at

“Leeds Local Plan 2040” on the internet. <https://barwickandscholespc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Leeds-Local-Plan-Update-report-18.3.25.pdf> The call for sites does not mean those sites will be built on, it merely means that the landowner has asked the council to assess the viability for development. More details will be provided on the PC website once they have been published.

LCC have published their site assessment of the housing and other sites ready for the consultation process.

You can find the link at www.leeds.gov.uk > [councillors-and-democracy](#)

In the document go to Appendix 1b site assessment and look for Outer North East to find a map and the sites that have been considered. These plans will be open to public consultation due to start in June. Details of how sites will be assessed and scored are also included. A summary is detailed **below**.

On the site-specific assessments, the suggestion at present is that planning officers will consult on how they’ve ranked sites as:

Green sites that are generally sustainable with limited negative impacts.

Yellow sites that could be sustainable if *some* negative impacts are mitigated or addressed.

Orange sites that could be sustainable if *many* negative impacts are mitigated or addressed.

Red sites that could only be sustainable if impacts on key indicators are avoided.

The NHP group will be in touch with more details once the council launches its consultation. **Residents are strongly encouraged to participate in the consultation process so that your views can be taken into consideration.**

Progress on the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan will be paused until the site allocations are known.

Scholes Sports Pavilion



Scholes Pavilion is available for hire.

**The cost of hiring,
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>

A full-service 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.

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

Please contact the Clerk via email: clerk@barwickandscholespc.org

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

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.

Councillors do not represent any political party; they managed Parish assets.

Maurice Walker 1933-2025



It is with great sadness to record that Maurice died peacefully on Saturday 10th May, aged 92 years.

Maurice was Chair of Scholes Community Care for 20 years and only stepped down in 2022. Maurice led a special 50th Anniversary Celebration of Scholes Community Care in the village hall and guests included, Alex Shelbrooke MP.

He was also a member of Scholes Peace Flame Team and contributed benches to the Peace Flame Garden.

Maurice will be missed by friends and family.

Parish activities, updates and dates for the diary

New members welcome to all events



Support the Parish Village Halls

By using and supporting the Village Halls, you're **keeping local activities thriving** and helping build a stronger community.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

BARWICK VILLAGE HALL FLOOR REPLACEMENT

**GET YOUR NAME ON
'THE WALL OF HONOUR'**

SPONSOR A SQM

HOW TO DONATE

- CONTACT US VIA OUR WEBSTE
- EMAIL BARWICKVILLAGEHALL@OUTLOOK.COM
- VIA CROWDFUNDER – SEE LINK ON WEBSITE

Support Scholes Village Hall and Get Involved

Looking for a great venue for your **community group's fundraising events**? **Scholes Village Hall** is the perfect place. Affordable, spacious, and at the heart of our community, it's available for **local clubs, activities, and weekend children's party hire**. **Join In and Have Fun!** Our Village Hall is home to a fantastic range of activities, including:

Sequence Dancing, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Yoga, Flower Club, WI, Playgroup, Slimming World and more.

Book Now. Whether it's a fundraiser, social gathering, or **children's party hire at weekends**, the hall is available to suit your needs. www.scholevillagehall.org.uk

Let's keep our **village spirit alive** – **join in, hire the hall, and support local events!**

Scholes Methodist Church Coffee Mornings

Saturday Mornings 10am -12noon

Tea, coffee, teacakes and cakes to buy.

Barwick Methodist Church Events

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

Saturday 14th June 10.00 -12 noon

Coffee Morning in Chapel Schoolroom Meeting Point Café/Chapel Funds
£2 includes refreshments/Raffle and cake stall

Saturday 19th July 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Cream Tea in Chapel Schoolroom

£3 includes refreshments (cream scone and cake)

Scholes Coffee Morning

Scholes Manor House

Every Wednesday

10am -11.30am tea and coffee, call in for a chat.

Barwick in Bloom

Open Gardens Sunday 22nd June

12 noon to 5pm

**Programs £4 per person, available in the Village Hall
and on Jack Heaps field**

9 gardens to visit

Refreshments available in the Village Hall

As a group we meet Wednesday mornings for a couple of hours work around the village – new members are always welcome – talk to us at any event or as you see us around Barwick.

Email barwickinbloom@btinternet.com for more details.

Christmas Lights in Barwick and Scholes

Currently lights are provided by LCC, and it may be possible to spend the money more creatively. However, in order to get better displays through both villages volunteers are needed to help organise and help climb ladders etc. ***There will be more details to follow but we're sure we will get plenty of support to help light up Christmas 2025!***

If you are interested in helping in any way please drop us a line on barwickbeerfestival@gmail.com - Thank you!

Scholes in Bloom

We will shortly have a few hanging baskets available for sponsorship this year, if interested please contact

Steve Leonard 0113 2605810 email lennytheloiner@sky.com

Jackie Howe has been involved with Scholes in Bloom since it was set up. In recent years she has done a sterling job collecting the flower bed sponsorship monies, but is now stepping down.

Thank you, Jackie for all your support.



1st Scholes Scouts
FAMILY BBQ
Saturday 21st June
Scholes Scout HQ, Rakehill Road

2pm - 6pm

BBQ **Bar** **Tombola**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Music **Sweets / Drinks**

Fun & Games **Stalls**

Scouts 
1st Scholes Scout Group



SCHOLES VILLAGE SHOW



SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2025



Scholes Village Hall

To be opened at 2pm by

Ward Councillor
Ryan Stephenson



Staging:	Friday 5th September	5:30pm to 6:30pm
	Saturday 6th September	9:00am to 11:00am
11:15am	Judging to Commence	
1:45pm	Doors Open - Cash Donation on Entering	
2:00pm	Official Opening by Ward Councillor Ryan Stephenson	
3:15pm	Presentation of Awards	
3:30pm	Raffle - Followed by sale of produce	

Refreshments will be served by Scholes WI Members

There will be a Tombola, Raffle and a Produce Sale

Please bring cash, as we cannot take card payments

Contributions will be most welcome, so please bring them to the Village Hall on
Friday evening, Saturday morning, or contact any Committee Member

Prize Money to be collected from the Treasurer between 3pm and 4pm



The photography section is usually very well supported.
The 2025 Photographic Competition has the following subjects;

Something beginning with the Letter "A"

Food

Buildings

British Wildlife

Yellow

Volunteers are needed to help with Scholes Village Show. If you can spare an hour on the Friday to help set up, please get in contact with Jane.

Save the date Saturday 20th September 2025

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

Following the success from 2024, we are excited to announce that the **Barwick Beer Festival is back** and will be taking place in the **Barwick Village Hall**. Last year we managed to raise an amazing £6000 to help fund the historic Barwick Maypole Day (taking place on 26th May 2025) along with £1000 from the raffle to local community groups.

The 2024 Beer Festival was a day to remember. We welcomed around 600 visitors from our village and beyond, who were entertained by some amazing bands and we had fun with the Morris Men! We drank an astounding amount from 20 casks, plus bottled lager/beer and cider, not to mention the wine, Prosecco and gin! All soaked up by the pie and peas.

What to expect...We will be posting updates on the Facebook page throughout the summer regarding the casks, the entertainment, the sponsors and the presale tickets. The Facebook page is [Barwick-in-Elmet Beer Festival](#). Our aim is to put Barwick on the map as one of the best beer festivals in the area, so please put the date in your diaries for the 2025 festival and come along to enjoy the day.

We would like to thank all who attended and all the brilliant volunteers who helped with putting on such a successful event.



Finally,

we could not undertake this fantastic community event without the continued support from our wonderful volunteers.

Please let us know if you have any spare capacity to help, either in the run up to the event, on the day, or help with clearing.

Either message our facebook messenger or email us
barwickbeerfestival@gmail.com.

Thank you, The Beer Festival Committee.

The Parish remebered and celebrated VE Day

Thank you to everyone who made this such a special occassion in the Parish.

Special thanks to:

Major Stan Hardy, Deputy Lieutenant who lit the beacon

The Piper Rachel Blueman

The local British Legion, especially Leslie and Jackie Goddard

Scholes Scouts

Scholes Happy Together Choir, led by Janet Horkan

Elderberries Band led by Sally Ewards

Ward Councillors and Alan Stanley



Elderberries Band led by Sally Edwards



Scholes Happy Together Choir, led by Janet Horkan entertained at the VE commemorations in St Phillip's Church 8th May 2025.

Barwick celebrated with a dinner and dance evening.

Barwick Playground Improvements

The PC are aiming to improve the facilities in the playground at Barwick and increase the area used for play equipment.

A full consultation will take place later in the year. The PC would like to know your views as it starts the design and planning process. You can scan your answers and email to the Clerk or complete or tear off and leave at the Post Office.

Please let the Clerk know your views and ideas particularly on the following:

Do you use the Barwick playground?

Yes No If no, why not

If yes, what do you particularly like about the playground?

Do you have a favourite playground?

What do you like about your favourite play ground?

What do you like to do when you go to a playground?

Swing

Climb

Run

Talk with friends etc.

If the playground is extended, what new equipment you like to see included?

1.

2.

3.

**Maypole Day Barwick
Bank Holiday Monday 26th May**

**Do not forget there will be Road closures in Barwick.
Enjoy the day.**