# Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council Newsletter November 2026

**At very short notice the Manor House Closed to residents on 2nd November.** As a result of the closure **Scholes Community Care coffee morning will now be held in St Phillip's Church Hall, note new location.**

**Scholes Community Care Coffee Morning**
**Every Wednesday 10am St Phillip's Church Hall**
All Welcome, come along for tea/coffee and a chat

**Ward Councillors** are pleased to announce that a contractor has now been appointed and alterations to the Manor House will be underway, for the GP surgery to open in January 2027. This means residents will be able to access healthcare, including new nursing facilities, blood tests, annual health checks, without having to travel to surgeries elsewhere. Returning the village surgery has been a key priority for Ward Councillors; *Ryan Stephenson, Sam Firth and Angela Wallis.*

**The Parish Newsletter** is delivered to every house in the parish and is published four times a year; **March, May, September and November following the PC meetings on the 1st Monday of the month**. The Newsletter goes to the printers in the first week after the PC meeting.

The publication is paid for out of the precept. If you would like to have any **community events** published in the Newsletter then feel free to send relevant information to the Clerk at least 2 weeks before publication, for example; mid-February, mid-April, mid-August and mid-October. The Newsletter can comprise 8 or 12 pages depending on the information provided. Pictures are welcomed however, sometimes have to be omitted if there is insufficient space. Please ensure if you send pictures of children that parental approval has been sought.

It is problematic ensuring the events are published in good time as the information is not received in good time. Newsletters are delivered by the many volunteers in the parish. Delays sometimes cannot be avoided despite the fantastic efforts made by the volunteers. Printing is sometimes delayed. **More volunteers to deliver Newsletters are welcomed. Contact the Clerk.**
**Thinking about volunteering? You can deliver to a small area where you live.**

The PC would like to thank **Janet Horkan** for her work keeping Scholes Lodge Lane Garden in good order and looking so nice. The garden is a real asset to the village.

Apologies to Jane Macauley, whose name was spelt incorrectly in previous Newsletter (hope it is correct this time!).

**Dog fouling** continues to be a problem in the parish and residents continue to abuse parish council land and playing facilities, failing to clean up after your dog. This is an environmental crime that carries a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) **increased from £100 to £500**. Just clean up after your dogs and put bags in a bin. Please.

**Reminder Bicycles are not allowed on Hall Tower or Scholes Muga pitch.**

**Tribute to Esme Hall Parish Councillor from 1985 to 2003**

The Parish Council were saddened to hear about the recent death of Esme Hall and send our condolences to her family and friends and all who knew her.

Esme was Chair from June 1989 to June 1990. Esme was very involved in getting a new playground for Barwick, which is still there. She also fought hard (but sadly unsuccessfully) for a bus shelter opposite the Gascoigne Arms public house.

Barwick Tennis Club and the PC send condolences to **Keith Monkman's** family and friends. He was a member of the Newsletter delivery team and the driving force of Barwick Tennis Club. He will be sadly missed.

## Barwick in Bloom




**Barwick in Bloom 2027 Calendar now on sale at Barwick Post Office**

**Help support all the hard work of the volunteers**

Buying a calendar is a way of saying thanks for the hard work undertaken by these amazing volunteers.

Contact Peter Williams, Barwick in Bloom Chairman, 07950 053444

## Barwick in Elmet Flower Club



Congratulations to **Denise Smith** a member of Barwick-in-Elmet Flower Club whose entry at the Harrogate Flower Show was awarded a Highly Commended by the judges.

The Flower Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month in Scholes Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the meetings start at 7:30pm. As well as demonstrations from experts, they also hold workshops to learn new skills.

We offer a combination of demonstrations, practice nights and workshops. Everyone is welcome whatever their flower arranging ability. In addition, Saturday morning workshops are held twice a year in Barwick-in-Elmet Village Hall and are run by members of the flower club.

**9th December 2026** Susan Hodgson's Christmas demonstration.
**13th January 2027** Annual General meeting (AGM)

Contact ***barwickinelmetflowerclub@gmail.com***

## Events Barwick Methodist Church



**T@2 Tuesday 1st December 2 pm** Chapel Schoolroom
Everyone welcome. Come along for a chat, tea and cakes and make new friends. T@2 is held the first Tuesday of the month

**Dates for 2027** 2nd February, 2nd March

**Coffee Mornings 10.00 to 12.00**
Admission £2 includes refreshments (coffee/tea)
**Saturday 16th January** Chapel Funds
**Saturday 13th February** British Heart Foundation/Chapel Funds

**Spring Coffee Morning - Barwick Village Hall Saturday 6th March** - 10.00 - 12.00 noon Craft Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments Chapel Funds.

## Celebrate Christmas at Barwick Methodist Church

**Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 28th November 10.00 to 12.00**
Coffee Morning for Salvation Army/Chapel Funds.
Raffle, Tombola; Cake Stall £2.00 for Coffee/Tea and Biscuits
**Friday 4th December** An afternoon of Christmas Music 2 pm
Tickets £6 includes refreshments
**Monday 14th December Carol Singing around the village**
Meet 6pm Barwick Methodist Church, finish at the Gascoigne approx. 7.15pm

**Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve Carol Service 6 pm**
Followed by refreshments. All are welcome it would be lovely to see you

## Barwick Beer Festival

### SAVE THE DATE 2027

## Next Year's Beer Festival will be Saturday 4th September

**Barwick Beer Festival Committee are delighted to announce that this year's**

## Beer Festival raised £5100



**£4000 was donated to Barwick Maypole Trust**

**The remaining £1100** has been donated to Scholes Scouts, Barwick Village Hall, Barwick in Bloom and Barwick and Scholes Christmas Lights**.**

Thank you to everyone for making this year's festival such a success; from drinking, eating, donating prizes, volunteering and supporting the festival in anyway.



# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN THE PARISH

## Sunday 8th November 2026

**Scholes Scouts led the parades and Alan Stanley took the services of remembrance. Ward Councillor Sam Firth, attended.**







During this year's Remembrance commemorations, wreaths were laid at both village memorials by representatives of the Royal British Legion, Ward Councillor's, Scholes Parish Council, The Lion's laid wreaths on behalf of the residents of the Parish. Wooden crosses bearing the names of the fallen were also placed at each memorial as a lasting tribute to local service personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice.

**The Royal British Legion** would like to express its sincere thanks to **Occasions in Barwick** for purchasing lamp post poppies, and to Barry and Hannah Turnbull for arranging and installing them throughout our villages. In Scholes, we were also able to make use of stock lorry poppies to enhance the displays, Thanks to Janet Horkan for putting up the poppies at Scholes Memorial, Leslie and Jackie Goddard for their help and support putting up poppies in Scholes.

The poppies provide a visible reminder of the sacrifice made by those who served and help ensure that the spirit of Remembrance remains at the heart of our communities.

The Royal British Legion would like to thank everyone who supported the commemorations and helped ensure that those who gave so much are remembered with dignity and respect.

# Congratulations to Scholes in Bloom

**Scholes in Bloom have once again been awarded a GOLD in the Royal Horticultural Society Large Village Category**




Thank you to everyone who helped at the coffee morning which was a great success and raised over £700 for funding of plants for the future.

## Barwick Probus Club

If you are a retired or partly retired man in the parish and **free on Tuesday mornings**, have you thought about coming along to the Probus Club? We meet once a month throughout the year in the **John Rylie House at Barwick** starting at 10.00 and finish around noon. A stimulating array of speakers on a variety of topics have been arranged for over the next 4 months these include;

**Tuesday 17th November** Malcolm Brooke presenting a talk entitled "*My Neighbour Armageddon*", speaking about missiles and warheads stored in the East of England.

**Tuesday 15th December** Malcolm Johnson providing a talk on pop music called "*Charting the 1960`s*"

**Tuesday 19th February** Uell Kennedy giving a talk entitled "*Jenny Kennedy Geddes and all that*" which is about a stroppy Scottish woman whose actions probably sparked off the Civil War.

**Tuesday 16th February** Steve Midgley presenting a talk "*A year looking for Kingfishers*"

Whilst there is an annual subscription of £30, anyone is welcome to come along and sample a couple of talks without any obligation. Just turn up and listen to the speakers. So why not seize the chance to keep your mind active, learn something new, meet some of your neighbours for a chat in a relaxed atmosphere which is all that retirement should be.

For more information and details of future dates of meetings and speakers, contact Alan Stephenson at alanstephenson@btinternet.com

# Barwick and Scholes Christmas Lights




## Help light up our villages this Christmas

In the past the Parish Council have used Leeds City Council to provide the Christmas lights in the villages. A small group of volunteers from both villages has formed a **Barwick and Scholes Christmas Lights Group** and a different approach is being planned to use solar powered Christmas trees hanging from the brackets attached to the lamp posts throughout the main areas of both villages. The lights will come on at approximately 5pm until 9pm. The aim is to also light the Coronation tree and trees near Jack Heaps Field.

The PC cannot afford to spend more than the allocated budget on Christmas lights, approximately 10% of the precept and additional funds are required. Support from residents is therefore being sought and a **Facebook page which has a JustGiving link** for residents to donate. Donation boxes have also been placed in key locations. Scan the QR code to donate https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/katie-evans-790. Each solar Christmas tree costs **£88.00**. You can sponsor a whole tree or donate any amount. Depending on the funds raised every donation will help make our villages brighter this Christmas. Thank you, to everyone supporting our villages, t*ogether,* ***we can make Christmas brighter for Barwick and Scholes.***

**Thanks to everyone who has supported the sponsorship of trees and includes:**

- AJ Gas Services;
- Barwick Beer Festival sponsors and raffle supporters
- Barwick Barbers
- Bowman Arboriculture Ltd:
    - sponsoring tree in Barwick and putting up the lights in the trees.
- Leeds Dog Park
- Occasions
- R H Sirrell and Sons
- Steve Sirrell Ltd
- Scholes Dental Care
- White Lily Beauty

