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Join in with the Ackworth Community Events

Cllr Sarah Balfour - Chairman

Inside this newsletter there is information about so many community activities that have taken place recently or that will be happening over the next few weeks. We hope that you will come along to take part - to give tribute on the 11th November, and to have fun at the Christmas events.

Our thanks go to all the volunteers, Parish Councillors and staff who have worked hard to make these events happen.

Tree Dedication – Friday 9 November 2018

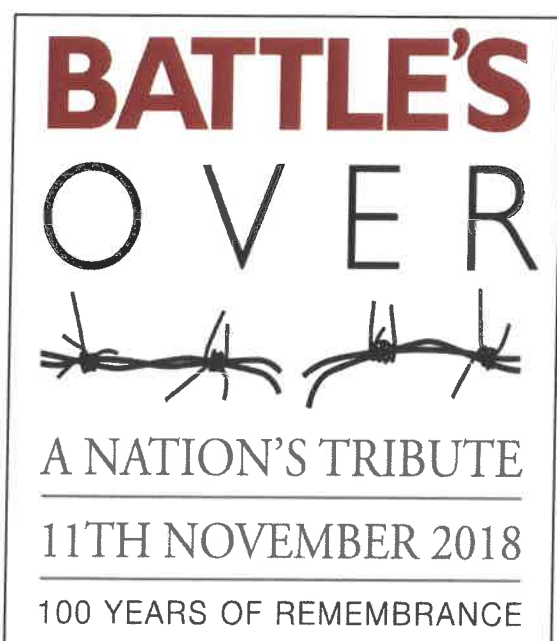
An oak tree has recently been planted on the grassed area outside of Ackworth Cemetery to commemorate the end of WWI. A dedication ceremony will take place at 11am on Friday 9 November at the tree. You are warmly invited to come along. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Council Community Centre afterwards.

Events on Sunday 11 November 2018

Act of Remembrance at Ackworth War Memorial at 10:50am
Wreath laying. A time to remember the guns in 1918 falling silent at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Remembrance Service at St Cuthbert's Church 5:30pm

Remembrance Service including special Holy Communion Service dedicating the High Altar as an Altar of Peace.



Beacon Lighting at 7pm

A reminder that the Parish Council is taking part in this unique, historic event by lighting a WW1 Beacon of Light in tribute to the millions of men and women who died or were injured in World War One.

We will be joining over 1,200 other organisations and local communities in lighting a beacon **11th November 2018** to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War.

The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning and bringing home the harvests.

The event will take place on the field next the Water Tower, High Ackworth. Please gather from 6:30pm for light refreshments provided by Ackworth Heritage Group. **The Last Post will be played at 6:55pm. Across the Country over 1000 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm symbolising an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace.**

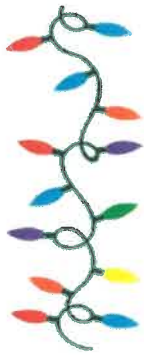
Brackenhill Allotments – Pumpkin Weigh-In

The annual pumpkin weigh-in took place on Friday 12 October at Brackenhill Allotments. Hosted by the Allotment Association Committee, children who'd planted seeds back in April were invited to bring in their harvested pumpkins for a weigh-in. It was a lovely afternoon with children bringing pumpkins of all different shapes and sizes. The heaviest pumpkin weighed in at 13.5kgs. Cllr Terry Hollyhead presented certificates to all those attending.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Allotment Association Committee for their continued support with this free event for local children. From planting to produce...



To get involved in next year's event please email info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk



Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 30 November

Come along and join in with the community event at **All Saints Church, Wakefield Road**. The celebrations begin with a Carol Service led by Churches Together starting at **6pm**. The Christmas lights will be switched at approximately 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served in Church following the switch on.

Ackworth Parish Council's Santa Day

To be held on **Saturday 8 December** at the Parish Council Community Centre on Bell Lane from 10am – 3pm. This is an invitation only event for all pre-school and primary school children who live in Ackworth. Free invites will be distributed via the village primary schools.

If your child attends school outside the village, or is of pre-school age, or hasn't received an invite from school, please contact the office to receive a free invitation. 01977 611583. Details of the event can be found on our website. Please come along and support this community event, all children receive a gift bag from Santa.



Ackworth Senior Citizens Christmas Tea

Ackworth Senior Citizens Committee has announced that this year's event will be held on **Tuesday 11 December** from 3.30pm at Ackworth School. This is a free of charge event for all senior citizens who live in Ackworth and will be in the same format as previous years; generally catering for 200 guests. A coach provides transport for those who need it and once everyone arrives celebrations begin with a three-course meal. Entertainment follows and the coach leaves on its return journey at 7pm. No ticket is required, please just turn up on the day.

Special fundraising events have taken place throughout the year to make this event possible. Thanks go to Ackworth Parish Council for their support, Ackworth United Charities and to Ackworth School for providing the venue free of charge, committee members: Parish Councillors Allan Garbutt, Mrs Pat Garbutt, Mrs Sue Hollyhead and Dave Johnson for their continued support and hard work in making this such a wonderful afternoon for everyone. For further details or help with transport to the event please contact the Parish Council office.

Brackenhill Allotments

The Allotment Association hosted its annual presentation evening on 17 October. Cllr Terry Hollyhead presented the awards to the winners of the best kept plots: Corinne Clarkson and Phil Kinsey, Bev and Neil Richmond, and Ian Fox (1st, 2nd 3rd respectively for full plots) and Joyce Asquith, Danny Wong and Brian Deacon (1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively for half plots). The most improved newcomer was Paul Jordan.

The competition this year was to grow the largest beetroot, this was won by Gary Maunder, and the best Trio of Potatoes was won by Pat Maunder. The Association wishes to express its thanks to the Parish Council for its contribution to the event.

The Parish Council has responsibility for the allotments on Wakefield Road. All plots are currently occupied however if you live in Ackworth and would like to be added to our waiting list please contact the Parish Council office.

All tenants are eligible to join Brackenhill Allotment Association. The Association run a shop on site and organise events throughout the year including summer BBQ, pie and pea supper and the annual presentation evening.



Remembering Mrs Margaret Shaw

12 July 1937 - 28 July 2018

A minute's silence was observed at September's Parish Council for former Clerk Margaret Shaw. A great fundraiser and very active in the village, Margaret was instrumental in getting Low Ackworth Community Centre built and in the setting up Ackworth Gala in 1977 to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. She will be sadly missed.

A tree will be planted at the Village Green in memory of Margaret.

ACKWORTH PRAM RACE. Organisers of this year's pram race would like to thank all those involved in making the event a success. The presentation night was a huge success with a raffle, an auction, hot & cold food and live music.

An amazing £6547 was raised this year for charity (75% Prince of Wales Hospice & 25% SOFAB, Supporters of Families and Babies) which gives them a running total of £24000 over 4 years. What a fantastic achievement.

Parish Council Community Day

As this newsletter goes to print the Parish Council is busy organising its second Community Day; a gathering of user groups, community groups and charities, showcasing what goes on in the village. The event, which takes place on Saturday 27 October between 10 and 4 at the Community Centre on Bell Lane, is shared with part II of the Made in Ackworth Art Walk where local creative businesses will have stalls offering handmade products as well as the opportunity to visit working studios around the village.

Bell Lane Car Park

Following a spate of anti-social behaviour at the car park, Ackworth Parish Council urges anyone who encounters a problem to report it to the police by contacting them on 101.

The Parish Council has facilitated several meetings with WY Police, Wakefield Council Car Park Department, Wakefield Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team and District Councillors to discuss how improvements can be made and to find a long term solution.

Howard School Peace Garden Opens

Friday 28th September was a special day for our school community. We held our MacMillan Coffee Morning which raised £440 and then undertook a special service to mark the opening of our new Peace Garden. The service offered an opportunity to discuss how the garden will be used, the journey and reasons for developing the garden and to dedicate the garden to staff, family and friends that have been lost. Rev. Charlene Smith conducted a blessing.



As a Church School, our objective was to create a beautiful space which fosters the children's spiritual development and offers opportunity for thinking and reflection. The Worship Group and the children in school worked with a designer to plan the garden. The garden has 3 distinct zones – prayer, remembrance and celebration and the choice of planting reflects each focal point.

The children are now working on practical suggestions for utilising its full potential. Each zone will have different stations for the children to interact with and be inspired by. We want the children to explore the senses and plan activities which offer opportunities for reflection and prayer. Children can use the area using their own initiative and spontaneity and it can also be used to provide variety to worship sessions in class and smaller groups. Children, staff, parents and others from the school community are able to use the garden for moments of thought, reflection, prayer and remembrance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have donated, offered time and helped to drive this project - thank you. **Mr M Walker Headteacher**

Low Ackworth Noticeboard – A new noticeboard has been installed near to the play area on Station Road. Parish Council meeting agendas will be displayed along with notices advertising community events. If you would like to display such events please contact the Parish Council office on 01977 611583 or email a poster to info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any comments, compliments or criticisms to make about the work of the Parish Council, then please contact us in one of the following ways:

BY EMAIL: clerk@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

BY TELEPHONE: 01977 611583

BY POST / IN PERSON: Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, West Yorkshire, WF7 7JH. The office is situated at the front of the building. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 12 noon or by appointment.

Alternatively you are welcome to attend a Parish Council meeting – dates are published on the website and in the notice board at the front of the Community Centre. We have a 'public' session from 7:15 pm for approximately 15 mins.

We endeavour to respond within 7 working days to correspondence received in the above ways. Sue Templeman, Clerk