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Message from the Chairman – Cllr Sarah Balfour

Summer is upon us again and I'm pleased to say that the last few months have seen the completion of several projects in the village which are described in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. We can all enjoy and benefit from the work that has been done on Dando Way, the planters on the roundabout, and the new bridge over the Went near the six arches. It is a pleasure to see so many children having fun in the Low Ackworth play area - this will be improved by the addition of more fencing in the not too distant future.



We all also benefit from the second Big Clean Up organised by and for Ackworth residents. Thanks to the organisers and all who took part. It's great to see people working together to improve the village for us all.

Ackworth Gala had more visitors than ever this year - and we even managed to lay on good weather. Thanks to all who came with stalls and all who came along to enjoy the day, and those who took the time to let us know how much you enjoyed it. Thanks to the staff of Ackworth Parish Council and to the Councillors of the Village Events committee who work hard every year to make the gala such a success.

The Parish Council wishes all residents a very enjoyable summer.



Donation to Westfield Foodbank

Ackworth Parish Council has donated £500 to Westfield Foodbank. Bernadette France, Deputy Chair of Westfield Foodbank received the cheque from Ackworth Parish Councillors.

Bernadette said "On behalf of the Committee and Volunteers of the Westfield Centre Food Bank, a huge thank you for the fantastic donation of £500 from Ackworth Parish Council. The food bank exists solely on donations of food and money from organisations and individual community members. Part of the donation has already been utilised for the purchase of an additional chest freezer to store perishable items.

New Footbridge at Low Ackworth

The public are now enjoying the new bridge over the River Went. Cllr Garbutt stated that there had been a number of setbacks due to technical specification difficulties and the bridge having to be moved to a new location close to the old bridge. It is now being fully utilised and local residents have said it's been well worth waiting for and will be a benefit for walkers for many years to come. Pictured:: District Councillors, Parish Councillors and local dog walkers on the new bridge.



Ackworth Gala 2017

A great fundraising day for local community groups and charities at the annual village gala. On Saturday 24 June Carr Bridge Playing Field was filled with stalls and arena entertainment for an afternoon. Many local groups took part in the parade through the village arriving at Carr Bridge to a very warm welcome.

Gala Queen Megan Mackay from Howard School and her Attendants Rachel Lubelski and Lauren Askew, who represented Bell Lane School and Mill Dam School respectively looked beautiful.



Cllr Sarah Balfour, Chairman of the Parish Council officially opened the Gala and with the help of Cllr Pat Garbutt and District Cllr Jessica Carrington, judged the fancy dress competition.

Pedal Power vs Parkour put on a fantastic arena display which combined the incredible skill, balance and power of a trials rider and the finesse of a gymnast / parkour athlete. Both athletes put it all on the line in an attempt to become the crowds' favourite.

Also in the arena were displays from Melton Mowbray Toy Soldiers marching band and local dance group CG Dance Academy.

Cllr Terry Hollyhead said "It's always such a lovely day, bringing the people of Ackworth together and for such a good cause. Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers who come along on the day to make it such a success."



Thank You For Your Support!

Brackenhill Allotment Association would like to say a big thank you to local businesses for supporting their fundraising efforts throughout the year. Thanks to *First Impressions, Ego Restaurant, Co-op, Card Gallery, Chemist, SPAR Shop and Petrol Station, Rustic Arms, Scissor Happy and Select Salon* for donating raffle prizes for the Association stall at Ackworth Gala. In total £207 was raised from the sale of raffle tickets.

Without their generosity we would not be able to be so successful in our fundraising.



Pictured Barry Kirtlan, Ken McCluskey, Phil Palmer and Neil Richmond

Ackworth Juniors Family Fun Day

Ackworth Juniors are holding their second annual Family Fun Day on Sunday 3 September, which kicks-off at 12 noon. Following-on from the success of last year's event, club secretary Andy Coupland is looking forward to welcoming players old and new to Carr Bridge.

Coupland said: "Our Fun Day is a fantastic way for everyone – players, parents, carers and supporters - to come together on the eve of a new season and have fun, be entertained and generally get to know players from our different age groups, we consider ourselves a family club that supports the village and where taking part and making friends is at the heart of everything we set out to do. We'll have something for everyone on the day including a prize raffle, chocolate tombola, food stalls as well as a number of exhibition football matches taking place for everyone to enjoy and of course put on their boots should they wish to join in!"

"Our door is always open to new players – boys and girls of all abilities. Our Kickabout Club is aimed at three to five year olds, while we have teams from Under 7's all the way to Under 15's playing in local leagues every Sunday," he explained. For further details contact Andy Coupland on 07801 240 921, or visit www.clubwebsite.co.uk/ackworthjuniorsfc/328422/Home



Local people have been coming together to help clean up their village. On a weekend in March and again in June over 80+ volunteers (160+ voluntary hours) took to the streets to pick up litter. Over the two weekend 590kg of rubbish was picked up. Additionally, Wakefield Council's Street Scene removed the Flytipping from the Water Tower and the Enforcement Team is involved to try and identify the culprits. The bags dumped contained household waste including baby nappies, puppy food and striped wallpaper along with many other items.

The Ackworth Big Spring Clean has been organised by residents Adam Fletcher and Ashley Sowerby. Adam is currently working with Street Scene and Ackworth Parish Council to make these litter picks a more flexible event where residents can collect litter pickers from predetermined places and litter pick whilst out walking. Keep up-to-date via Facebook www.facebook.com/AckworthSpringClean

Dando Way Improvements – Improvements have been made by Wakefield Council to the footpath near to the Tarmac Depot, additionally, work to cut back nettles and pruning of trees will be carried out in the near future.

Christmas 2017 – The Parish Council has ordered 2 root ball Christmas Trees. One to be planted on the grassed area on Wakefield Road at its junction with Rhyddings Drive, the other will be planted on the grassed area on Doncaster Road at its junction with Doncaster Road Estate. The Christmas Lights switch on will be on Friday 24 November. Our annual Santa Day will be held on Saturday 9 December.



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contact Wakefield Council 0345 8 506 506.

Or visit website www.wakefield.gov.uk and
report the issue via the Neighbourhood
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Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any comments, compliments or criticisms to make about the work of the Parish Council or if you would like clarification on what we do, then please contact us in one of the following ways:

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

VIA OUR WEBSITE: – www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk use the 'Contact Us' section.

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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

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