

ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Chairman - Cllr Sarah Balfour

Following the elections in May, Ackworth now has a new Parish Council. We have said goodbye to Nathan Bland, Phil Davies, John Evans, Pat Garbutt, Dave Johnson, Harry Malkin and Richard Molloy. Some of these Councillors have served Ackworth for many years; all of them have made a valuable contribution to the life of our village and we are sorry to see them go. The Parish Council is grateful for their hard work and commitment.



The members of the Parish Council for the next 4 years are Sarah Balfour, John Bell, Amanda Cook, Michael Galvin, Alan Garbutt, Tony Hames, John Hardman, Sue Hollyhead, Terry Hollyhead, Gwen Marshall, Sean Richmond and Martin Roberts. We welcome all the new Parish Councillors and we trust that we will all be able to work together in cooperation with each other, with the other elected representatives for our area, with Wakefield Council, the Police, the community and community organisations for the benefit of all Ackworth residents. You can find details about the Chair, Vice - Chair and Committee members, as well as information about each Councillor, on the Parish Council website.

As usual at this time of year the Parish Council is busy with plans for the annual Ackworth Gala which will be on Saturday 29th June. Do come along and enjoy this great community event. We hope to see you there.



ACKWORTH GALA SATURDAY 29TH JUNE



Preparations are well underway for this year's event. The theme for the fancy dress competition is:

"Movie Superheroes & Villains"

For children and adults

Bell Lane School will be choosing the Gala Queen/King, with Mill Dam School and Howard School choosing the Gala Queen/King Attendants.

The parade will be led by the Melton Mowbray Toy Soldiers Band. CG Dance Academy, Clown Bluey Crazy Fire Engine and The Falconry School will also be entertaining the crowds throughout the day.

There will be community and charity stalls, both raising funds for good causes, as well as craft stalls and local tradespeople with Information Stalls.

A climbing wall and bouncy castles will be available free of charge for all those who would like to have a go.

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

Pumpkin Seed Planting at Brackenhill Allotments



Thank you to the Brackenhill Allotment Association for supporting the Pumpkin Seed planting event that took place on Saturday 27th April. The morning started off a little wet and grey but we were soon greeted with families ready to plant some seeds. The pots and expertise were kindly provided by the Brackenhill Allotment Association as well as refreshments.



Previously grown pumpkins

We look forward to the children bringing their pumpkins back to the allotments back on *Friday 18th October* at 4:30pm so we can see how they have grown.



Help clear up Ackworth

We were proud to support the Community Litter Picks in Ackworth that took place in March this year. It is a great event organised by

“The Ackworth Big Spring Clean 2019” helping to keep the village clear of

litter. There was 860kg of litter collected over the weekend long event. The team

have also arranged to have a further 12 litter bins placed throughout the village. The

bins are due to be installed in areas that were chosen through surveys coordinated by students at Ackworth School.

There will be more litter pick events taking place on **22nd & 23rd June**. Contact Adam Fletcher 07740 236512 or follow the “The Ackworth Big Spring Clean 2019—All Year Round” on their Facebook Page to keep updated.



Bell Lane Car Park— Improvement works have commenced on the car park. Jointly funded by District Councillors, the Parish Council and Wakefield Council; new lighting, line markings, speed humps and raised kerbs will be installed.

Low Ackworth Playground— Two new seating benches have been placed within the Low Ackworth Playground.

New member of staff—A new Admin Assistant joined Ackworth Parish Council in May.

Contacting the Parish Council

Find us on 

If you would like to contact 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.

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.