

## Update from Parish Council meeting held on 12 February 2018:

- Planning Permission has been granted to install a new Notice Board at the Pavilion. A notice board has been ordered.
- John Gully's Grave – Ackworth Parish Council are working with representatives from Ackworth Heritage Group who are in the process of obtaining costs to carry out the necessary work on this site and a funding application may be submitted.
- Hesse Beck – a site meeting is due to be held this week. A report on this will be published in the next few weeks.
- Low Ackworth Community Centre – the Parish Council agreed to invite the committee who run the centre to a meeting to discuss its future.
- Reports were received from PCSO Lorraine Kavanagh and District Councillor Jessica Carrington both are available on our website.

**The Precept** – Ackworth Parish Council decided not to increase the precept for the forthcoming year. Therefore the precept to Ackworth residents for financial year 2018/19 will remain the same as last year.

**Tour de Yorkshire** – Over 60 residents attending a public meeting to discuss how best to promote the village on 4 May. Work is well on its way knitting, crocheting and sewing bunting, Ackworth Needles & Pins are co-ordinating this. They will be delivering leaflets to all properties on the route through the village inviting residents and businesses to be involved. Craft days are being held here at the centre on 17 March, 7, 21 and 28 April. See poster for more details.

A local resident has designed and will be cutting 5 bikes out of wood one of each of these will be given to the local schools to paint. These will then be displayed along on the day and then be given back to the schools for them to keep.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance is the official charity for the race this year and they are holding a Yellow Yorkshire Day on Friday 27 April in celebration of the event. There are many ways that you could be involved in raising funds for them. To register go to [www.yaa.org.uk](http://www.yaa.org.uk)

To keep up to date visit our Facebook page and website.

**Stone walls, Pontefract Road** - Concerns were raised about the condition of stone walls along the route in particular on Pontefract Road as you approach the top of Castle Syke Hill. Unfortunately there is little that the Parish Council can do about these walls as they are privately owned. The Parish Council have for a number of years been concerned about the impression that these broken down walls give to people entering the village and have tried on a number of occasions to contact the owner of the land who is responsible for the walls with no success. They are the responsibility of the land owner and the Parish Council have no powers to make them carry out the repairs necessary.

**Big Ackworth Spring Clean 2018 – Year 2** – for the second year running the group is organising a clean-up in the village. It will be held on Sunday 4 March coinciding with the Great British Spring Clean initiative for 2018 taking place over the weekend of 2 to 4 March. They are working with other groups across the village. Wakefield Council has agreed to loan the litter pickers and provide the refuse bags which will be dropped off at the Council office prior to the event. The Parish Council will assist in collecting the bags of rubbish to ensure they are in the designated places for collection by Wakefield Council on Monday 5 March.

Anyone interested in taking part, go to The Ackworth Big Spring Clean 2018 page on Facebook.

**David Gillan** is our latest member of staff who recently started work as Team Leader. Dave will be responsible for the Cemetery Attendant / Groundsman, Caretakers and Cleaner ensuring that all our buildings and land we are responsible for a maintained to a high standard.

*Ackworth Needles & Pins Craft Group with Ackworth Parish Council*

### **Tour de Yorkshire 2018 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**



You may be aware that the Tour de Yorkshire will be passing through Ackworth village, past your property, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May (time to be confirmed). We plan to festoon as much of the route as possible with yellow & turquoise bunting made by the residents of Ackworth

If you would like to help by decorating your roadside boundary, any type of decoration will be great and will look fantastic. If you would like some help or would prefer volunteers to decorate your boundary please contact the Parish Council.

Why not have a look at the "Tour de Yorkshire Ackworth 2018" Facebook page.

If you are interested, bunting making days will take place in the parish rooms on Bell Lane from 10am to 4pm on the following Saturdays, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Please come along and join in, if you can knit, crochet or sew. If you just want to help, please just turn up on one or all of the dates.

*We are selling wool at £1 a ball with a free knitting or crochet pattern and bunting kits to sew from £5, all available from the Parish Council Office in the library building on Bell Lane or by contacting Helen on 07947 001393.*

Donations of yellow and turquoise wool and fabrics can be dropped off at the Parish Council Office or at Ackworth ~~Autoserve~~ on Wakefield Road.

