

Ackworth  
Parish  
Council



## Newsletter

# Autumn Issue

November 2010



The parish council has overall responsibility for the well-being of the local community. Its particular responsibilities include the cemetery, the sports fields and playground equipment at Low Ackworth, Brackenhill and Carr Bridge (including the changing rooms), the Green at High Ackworth, Brackenhill Allotments, the Youth Centre adjacent to Low Ackworth Community Centre, the Friends of Brackenhill Community Centre and the Parish Council Community Centre on Bell Lane.

The Parish Council has committees and working groups that deal with these responsibilities. These meet in between full parish council meetings and report on their discussions and recommendations for action.

Meetings of the full parish council are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (excluding August) at 7:15pm at the Parish Council Community Centre. Any Ackworth resident wishing to address the parish council may do so during the first 15 minutes of the meeting. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for 13 December 2010.

A contact list has been printed on the back page of this booklet providing you with useful numbers including your local and district councillors.

Please visit [www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) for more information.

### Message from the Chairman – Allan Garbutt

It's coming to that busy time of year again and winter is fast approaching.. There is lots being organised for the coming weeks in the run up to Christmas.

I mentioned our plans for Carr Bridge Playing Fields in our last newsletter, I can now confirm that we have been successful and the application has been approved by the planning authority. The funding of this scheme is yet to be finalised. Additionally, we have been working with Youth Services and have been successful in securing funding from Capital Youth Programme and have received a grant of £40k for use within the village for local children.



Finally, I would like to make you all aware that the changing rooms at Carr Bridge were vandalised in early November, anyone with any information should contact the Police.



## Focus on a local group

### 1<sup>st</sup> Ackworth Scout Group

The present 1<sup>st</sup> Ackworth Scout Group has just celebrated 30 years of Scouting in Ackworth, although records show a Scout Troop was registered here in 1910.

Most people will know its origins began with the hero of Mafeking Robert Baden Powell, when he took a group of boys camping on Brownsea Island in 1907, and as the saying goes it never looked back. It proved so popular that it became the biggest youth movement in the world, and continues today.

The ideals and ideas of the first Scouts still hold true today. Its aims are to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people, so that they may take a constructive place in society. It does this through a progressive training scheme, which is based on the Scout Law & Promise guided by adult leadership. Scouting is about adventure at all levels and in many forms. It gives children more confidence, a sense of responsibility, and a chance to pursue things they might not do otherwise. They have fun and learn discipline at the same time, and develop leadership skills.

Some of the activities undertaken by our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts this year have included:- a Pirate Sleepover and sleeping with sleeping with sharks at “The Deep”, camping, shooting, archery, sailing & canoeing, swimming, shelter building, cooking on wood fires made by themselves, night hikes and tracking. Weekly programmes are made up of lots of different activities such as sports and games, challenges and various craft activities. As well as the fun element we have given service to the community, raised funds to send chickens and goats to the Third World Countries and supported Harvest Festivals, Lord Mayor’s Parades and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

We need more members. Only a few of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts actually live in the village! We’d like to develop our group in this its 30<sup>th</sup> year. So come on Mums and Dads, encourage your children to join us in the adventure that Scouting offers everyone from 6 -14 years here in Ackworth. It’s far healthier than just sitting playing computer games for hours on end. The experience your child has as a scout is likely to stay with them for the rest of their lives.

We also welcome new leaders, no experience necessary. We’ll provide the training needed after suitable CRB checks. For more details contact 01977 611225.

## **Ackworth Cemetery**

Over the last few months we have been preparing the new section of the Cemetery. We have installed a new roadway and laid some kerb edgings to denote the first two sections to be used. In December the Bishop of Pontefract will perform a consecration ceremony in readiness to accept burials, to which the Mayor of Wakefield and other local dignitaries have been invited.



Cllrs Allan Garbutt, Mrs Sue Hollyhead and Bill Storey at the new roadway.

The Parish Council has taken a decision to use the new section for the burial of Ackworth residents only. This is to ensure that there will be burial space available for future residents.

Non-residents will be able to continue to purchase new grave spaces for two people in the existing cemetery; we anticipate that the space available will last approximately 3 years. Burial of cremated remains or the purchase of new single graves for non-residents should not be affected.

Our fee system differentiates between residents and non-residents. We base our fees on Wakefield MDC Cemetery fees. Residents are charged 60% of Wakefield MDC's fee and non-residents are charged 20% in addition to Wakefield MDC's fees.

A resident is someone who has lived in the parish of Ackworth for at least 12 months and has paid a full years council tax or someone who has had to move out of the village into a care home.

## **Free Top Soil**

As advertised in our last newsletter, a large amount of top soil was available free of charge to residents of Ackworth. It was great to see many local people take up the offer. A small amount still remains so if you are interested please contact the office on 01977 611583.

# Brackenhill Allotments Prize Giving and Social Event

Brian Coop – Secretary Brackenhill Allotments

During July, as usual, all the plots on the allotments were inspected to determine the “Best Kept Plots”. This year we were privileged to have the judging carried out by a local man, Mr Fred Darlison, a past plot holder and prize winner. Following the judging he commented on the improvements on the allotments and the high standard of the winning plots.

Following the success of last year, the Allotment Association decided again to make the prize giving evening into a social event, which was held at Moortop Club. All the plot holders, family and friends were invited to attend.

Mr Clive Johnson welcomed everyone present and Mr Allan Garbutt, Chairman of the Parish Council kindly presented the prizes. Mr Garbutt also presented a bouquet of flowers to the lady prize winners and the prize winner’s wives.

Following the presentation, a buffet was provided and everyone had a really enjoyable evening.



The prize winners were:

## Full Plots

1<sup>st</sup> Brian Deacon  
2<sup>nd</sup> David Hirst  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Maunder

## Half Plots

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Waters and Martine Nichol  
2<sup>nd</sup> Les Stevens  
3<sup>rd</sup> Graham Jones

## Most Improved Plot

Angela Thomas

## **Ackworth resident reaches 100 years**

On 20 August 2010 Mrs Suzannah Johnson of Ackworth celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Originally from Purston, Mrs Johnson spent some of her early working life at Marks and Spencer in Leeds before being called up to the Fire Service at Thorp Arch during the war. In 1947 she decided to move to Ackworth to be near relatives and start a family of her own, she now has four great grandchildren.

For some time during the 1950's she was heavily involved in the organisation of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party,

With the help of relatives Mrs Johnson still enjoys getting out and about and likes to go shopping.

On her birthday she received a telegram from the House of Commons and a birthday card from the Queen. Her family organised a big party at The Rustics Arms with many friends and relatives joining in the celebrations.



Chairman Allan Garbutt and Cllr Dave Johnson present Mrs Johnson with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# **Senior Citizen's Christmas Party**

Richard Dunn (Treasurer of Senior Citizen's Christmas Party)

To be held at the Quaker School on Tuesday 14 December at 3:30pm

In its present format, the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party began after the end of the miners' strike. The Miners' support group in Ackworth had money left following the strike and decided that spending it on a Christmas party for Senior Citizens would be a worthwhile project.

My wife and I joined the group a couple of years later and are the only remaining members of the group. In the early days under the Chairmanship of Roy Hirst, the group was involved in fund raising but these days there are a number of generous local charities and individuals providing funds. The largest contribution comes from the Parish Council.

The Quaker School provides the venue free of charge and we have enough money to cater for 200 guests and in recent years this is about the number that turns up on the day. A coach provides transport for those who need it and once everyone arrives we begin the celebrations with a three-course meal. This is followed by a few words from the Mayor of Wakefield and then the distribution of prizes. (Everyone receives something.)

The afternoon concludes with entertainment and the bus is ready to take people home at 7pm.



## **Events at Ackworth School**

### **'Brassed Off'**

**Adapted from screen play by Mark Herman**

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**7.00 pm in Fothergill Theatre at Ackworth School**

Ackworth School is proud to present the play 'Brassed Off' which is set in the fictional town of Grimley, West Yorkshire in 1994.

Please contact Julie Hart at Ackworth School for tickets: 01977 611401

## **West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Police Team Contact Opportunities**

PC Dave Walker would like to hear your views on what you would like your neighbourhood police team to do in Ackworth. He would welcome people to attend one of the regular contact points at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, and discuss local issues and concerns.

- Saturday 11 December 2010 @ 10am
- Wednesday 15 December 2010 @ 7pm
- Friday 31 December 2010 @ 10am

## **Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

PACT Meetings are open meetings for you to attend. They last for approximately 1 hour and this is your opportunity to be informed of what has occurred over the last 6 weeks in your area, what your local Officers have been doing and what the planned activity is for the next 6 weeks. You will also be given the opportunity to air and discuss any concerns you may have.



The meetings alternate between The Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth and Upton Village Hall, Harewood Lane, Upton.

- Thursday 13 January 2011 (Ackworth)
- Thursday 24 February 2011 (Upton)
- Thursday 17 March 2011 (Ackworth)

Although we would really like to see you in person at the PACT meetings we understand that it is not always possible for you to make it. As a result we have introduced an esurvey whereby you can nominate an issue that you feel should be a policing priority in your area. Fill in the form on our website and we will ensure that your voice is heard at the next PACT meeting. Visit [www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt/Contact.asp](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt/Contact.asp).

## Ackworth Parish Council Santa Day



To be held at the Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane on **Saturday 11 December 2010**. Santa will arrive at approx. 9:15 and will head back to the North Pole at 4:30pm.

This is a ticket only event and is open to all primary school children who live in Ackworth. The tickets are free of charge and are distributed via the schools prior to the event.

## Pumpkin Event – Grow your Own

In January 2010 the Parish Council organised an event where children could “grow their own pumpkin”. Many children registered for the event and the seeds were sent out. Progress was charted throughout the year with the parents sending in photographs at different stages.

In October the children were invited to the Parish Council Community Centre to display the results of their hard work. Many pumpkins had to be brought in using a sack barrow. Mrs Margaret Canning kindly provided refreshments which included pumpkin soup, pumpkin pie and pumpkin cake.



Eddie Anne Perry watering the pumpkins at an early stage.



Alice and Peter Thorpe with their well established pumpkins



Children display their pumpkins at the Community Centre

We will be running a similar event in 2011, for more information visit our website or contact the office.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Ackworth and District Embroidery Group	Janet Martin 01977 610780
Ackworth Heritage Group	Stephen Carlile 01977 706444
Ackworth First Responders	Tony Glover 07833138110
Save the Children – Ackworth Group	Margaret Shaw 01977 704932 Mrs Janet Standen
South East Link Road Action Group	Des Waites 01977 797942 Keith Shaw 01977 704932
Riding for the Disabled	Alison Harris 01977 795450
Ackworth Cricket Club	Keith Best 01977 611409
Taekwondo	Steve Penistone 0787 244 1257
Ackworth Community Church	Pastor Ashley Guest 01977 649320 <a href="mailto:accchurch@tiscali.co.uk">accchurch@tiscali.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.ackworthcommunitychurch.co.uk">www.ackworthcommunitychurch.co.uk</a>
Ackworth Methodist Church	Harvey Jubb <a href="mailto:Cahjubb@hotmail.com">Cahjubb@hotmail.com</a>
St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches	Rev. Paul Hartley 01977 602751
Society of Friends	John Wattis 01977 619962
Townend Avenue Independent Living Scheme	Lynn Jackson 01977 614362
Chiltern Court Independent Living Scheme	Ann Kay 01977 625093
Ackworth Concert Society	Maureen O'Neill 07946594099
Ackworth Reading Club	Sara Tonkinson 07852 141850
Ackworth 74 Club (Ladies group)	Linda Phillips 01977 613653

Featherstone and District Lions Club International	Meet at Ackworth Moortop Club, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. New members always welcome. For more information contact Lions Secretary Susan Hollyhead 01977 611585. Our aim to help others less fortunate than ourselves.
Ackworth and District Probus Club	Meets at the Boot and Shoe, Wakefield Road 10am 'til 12pm, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. Contact Jack Forrester 01977 617037
Ackworth and District Rotary Club	Meets at Rogerthorpe Manor Tuesday @ 19:30. Meal every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday (must book) £10. Cynthia Edwards 01977 616966
Ackworth and Pontefract The Royal British Legion	Meets at Ackworth Village Club, Wakefield Road, 10:30am, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month. Malcolm Lodge 01977 610655
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	<a href="http://www.yaa.org.uk">www.yaa.org.uk</a> Mr Rawcliffe (Local Volunteer) 07850 957421 Halifax Office 01422 237900

### **Groups and Activities for Young People**

1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Rainbows 1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Brownies	Sue Malyan 01977 615575
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ackworth Rainbows	Lisa Tasker 07724 837708
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ackworth Brownies 1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Rangers	Deborah Barker 01977 610243
1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Guides	Jane Siddall 01977 617862
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tom Peacock 01977 611225
1 <sup>st</sup> Ackworth Boys Brigade	Colin Godridge 01977 704883
Ackworth Youth Group	Terry Cutler 01977 723165
Ackworth United Football Club	Steve Winder 01977 612452
Ackworth Allstars Junior FC	Mick Ryan 01977 611617
Ackworth Juniors FC	Dave Roughley 07890 539078
Ackworth Jaguars ARLFC	Gary Roberts Garyroberts9@googlemail.com



## Useful Information

### Ackworth Parish Council

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Kyla Batty – Admin Assistant

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### Low Ackworth Community Centre

Judith Rooke

01977 611285

### Brackenhill Community Centre

Friends of Brackenhill

07954 814325

### Police

Non urgent calls

0845 606 0606

Local Officers

01924 295413

Emergency

999

Email – [southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

### Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

General Enquiries

01924 306090

Amey – street lighting (24hrs)

0800 783 1654

Social Care Direct (24hrs)

0845 8 503 503

Environment Contact Centre

0845 8 506 506

Wakefield District Housing – Access Point (24hrs) 0845 8 507 507

### Parish Councillors

Chair Allan Garbutt 01977 780742

Vice Chair Bill Storey 01977 611785

Sarah Balfour 610699 Dave Johnson 613816

Ron Barnsley 611905 Don Lloyd 617318

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