

# Ackworth Parish Council



## Newsletter

## Summer Issue

August 2009



The Parish Council has overall responsibility for the well-being of the local community. It 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.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September. All meetings take place at the Parish Council Community Centre on Bell Lane and start at 19:15 unless otherwise indicated on the notice board. Full Parish Council and Committee Meeting dates are published on the website along with the minutes. If you do not have access to the internet copies can be obtained at the Parish Council Community Centre. For more information on the Parish Council including a detailed list of responsibilities, meeting dates, services available, news, plus more; visit our website at [www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk).

### Message from the Chairman – Allan Garbutt

Since the last newsletter we've seen the Ackworth Gala come and go; we had a very successful day with lots of money being raised for local charities. I would like to thank Mr Terry Hollyhead, Chairman of the Village Events Committee for his continuing efforts and dedication organising the gala. Read more on the gala in the "News and Events" pages.



We've also been busy updating our website. This gives the residents of Ackworth easier access to what's on in the village and what's happening at the Parish Council.

We have been looking for some time now to improve sports facilities in the village; we continue with our efforts and are working with various agencies to secure funding for the long term future.

Over the next few months we'll be organising events leading up to Christmas including Santa Day and Christmas lights switch on.

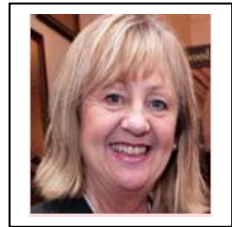
### Neighbourhood Policing Team

The next forum meeting is scheduled for Saturday 5th September 10.00am and the next Police and Community Together meeting (PACT) is scheduled for Wednesday 16th September 7:30pm. Both meetings will be held at the Parish Council Offices on Bell Lane.

Ackworth Parish Council covers two wards. One being Ackworth Moor Top which has eight representatives, the other being High and Low Ackworth which has four representatives. As part of each newsletter we will be introducing your parish councillors; this issue gives the profiles of Pat Garbutt and Keith Wilson

### Pat Garbutt

Pat has been on the Parish Council for 6 years representing the High and Low Ackworth ward. She is also District Councillor for Pontefract North. Pat was born in Pontefract and has lived in Ackworth for the last 9 years.



Pat started work at Wakefield MDC and spent 15 years in Markets, the last 7 years of which holding a senior position responsible for Castleford Market Hall, South Elmsall and Hemsworth markets. She is currently Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in Family Services.

Pat's hobbies include caravanning and walking the dogs.

### Keith Wilson

Keith has been on the Parish Council for 6 years representing the High and Low Ackworth ward. He is married and has 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Keith was born and still lives in Ackworth although he did spend 10 years in Blackpool in the 1980's.



Keith spent his working life as a mining engineer and was previously a Parish Councillor in the 1960's.

In his spare time Keith enjoys gardening and boating.

## **Ackworth Village Gala – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

The gala this year was another resounding success with over £5000 being raised for local charities, thanks to the weather and the many people who attended on the day.

This year was our busiest ever with 32 local charities taking up the offer of a stall. The gala is organised and funded by the Parish Council and the aim is to give local charities the opportunity to fundraise.

Next year we are looking for more organisations to take part in the Parade. For more information or if you would like to provide us with feedback on the gala please visit our website.



Pictured: Gala Queen Courtney Shorthouse and her Attendants Lucy Pollitt and Ella Marsh  
Pictures courtesy of Pontefract and Castleford Express and Dr McWilliam

## **Ackworth Heritage Group**



Members of the Ackworth and District Heritage Group are very keen to protect Ackworth Heritage. Our most recent project has been the Obelisk in Station Road. It was built 204 years ago and over the years it has suffered from erosion by the weather and during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, by exhaust fumes. It was certainly in need of restoration. Ackworth District Heritage Group has worked closely with English Heritage to get the obelisk back to its original appearance.

English Heritage surveyed the structure and arranged for the architect to draw the design and specification for the work. We were told that as the structure was a Grade 2 listed monument only a specified contractor approved by English Heritage could carry out the work. The restoration work was expensive therefore members had to work very hard to fund this project. The money was raised from donations and many fundraising

events; we published a local book “Miles around Ackworth”, we sold raffle tickets around the village for paintings of the village by David Newbould, we had stalls at the village green event, the steam fair and the gala. We are very happy with the finished restoration and think it looks exactly as it did 200 years ago. We are still waiting for English Heritage and the contractor to return to sort out the problem of paint peeling at the bottom and I’m sure it will be soon remedied. I would like to thank all those people who have supported this project.

P.S Lockett (Chairperson Ackworth & District Heritage Group)

## **Sports Facilities – Carr Bridge Playing Field**

Response from the Parish Council to letters published in the Pontefract and Castleford Express

I refer to the recent press comments by Ackworth Community Development Limited (who we were informed had been dissolved) suggesting the Parish Council are killing off sport in the village. Nothing can be further from the truth. This Council and previous Councils have supported Ackworth Community Development Limited with many, many thousands of pounds for them to pursue the development of sports facilities, without any success.

The Council agreed to levy charges following numerous complaints from the sports clubs themselves regarding the standard of cleanliness to which the changing rooms were left. Added to which the numerous complaints from members of the public to the state of litter left on the playing fields following matches that had taken place. On a number of occasions the changing rooms were found to be unsecured and often with electrical equipment not turned off. With this in mind the Council decided to employ someone to carry out cleaning and securing of the changing rooms and marking out the pitches. Coupled with the increase in the cost of electricity it was decided that the teams using the facilities should contribute to this service.

Finally the Council are working with various agencies to secure funding along with money which is being set aside by the Parish Council to provide improved facilities for the future. The fees we have levied are in line with charges made by Wakefield MDC and are only a contribution toward the cost of providing this additional service.

## **Tree Preservation Orders**

The Parish Council are working with WMDC newly appointed Arboricultural Officer, Mark Jennings, to discuss Parish Council concerns about the amount of trees which are being removed in the village and to ensure trees in the village are preserved.

<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
Ackworth & Featherstone Model Railway Society	0845 1563438
Ackworth Allotment Association	Sue Templeman 01977 611583 Tony Dockerty 07792 195694
Save the Children – Ackworth Group	Margaret Shaw 01977 704932 Tonia Weaver 01977 610855
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
Ackworth Karate Club	Karl Tate 07816 467323
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 Rev. Jenny Montgomery 01977 702726
Ackworth Spiritualist Church	Mrs Anne Arundel 01977 790540
Society of Friends	John Wattis 01977 619962
Townend Avenue Independent Living Scheme	Lynn Jackson 01977 723185 01977 614362
Chiltern Court Independent Living Scheme	Ann Kay 01977 723150 01977 625093

Ackworth Concert Society	Maureen O'Neill 01977 705805
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 74 Club (Ladies group)	Linda Phillips 01977 613653
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
Ackworth Reading Club	Sara Tonkinson 07852 141850

### **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	Marie Baxter 01977 643826
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	<a href="http://www.wakefieldcommunities.co.uk/site/ackworth-methodist-church/index.htm">http://www.wakefieldcommunities.co.uk/site/ackworth-methodist-church/index.htm</a>
Ackworth Youth Group	Terry Cutler 01977 723165
Ackworth United Football Club	Steve Winder 01977 612452
Ackworth Allstars Junior Football Club	Mick Ryan 01977 611617
Ackworth Juniors Football Club	Dave Roughley 07890 539078
Ackworth Jaguars ARLFC	Brian Briggs 07860 622338 <a href="mailto:Brian.briggs@bt.com">Brian.briggs@bt.com</a>



## Useful Information

### Ackworth Parish Council

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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

01977 601077

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

John Evans 610375 Roy Hirst 611875

Pat Garbutt 780742 Sara Tonkinson 611583

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