

Ackworth  
Parish  
Council



## Newsletter

# Summer Issue

August 2011

**\*\* Including Ackworth Library Survey \*\***



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 12 September 2011.

A contact list has been printed towards the back 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

I was delighted and honoured to be elected as the chairman of Ackworth Parish Council in May of this year.

As you will see from the list of organisations at the end of this newsletter, there are an amazing number of Ackworth residents who freely give of their time to organise and to be involved in groups and activities in our village. We should all be grateful to them and proud of what is achieved here.



Ackworth Gala was once again a great success with sunny weather and an excellent turn-out. I give my thanks to the Village Events Committee members, all those who organised stalls, and to the people of Ackworth for their support.

We have reported before on the progress of the project to build new changing rooms at Carr Bridge. Plans are now well advanced. We hope very much that you will see work beginning on this in the next few months.

You will have seen in the 'Pont and Cas' that a group of residents organised opposition to plans to build houses on the site of the Catholic church. They are very concerned about the road safety problems that would be caused by cars leaving and entering the new development so near to the roundabout. Despite their opposition, outline planning permission has now been granted. This means that, in principal, houses can be built on that site but that the detail has yet to be agreed. When the detailed plans are published, I urge you to support the action group in ensuring that the plans are as safe as they can be for all residents.

Lastly, you will see as you read this newsletter further that Wakefield Council has produced plans for the libraries in the district that include the closure of Ackworth library. There are several different possibilities for the continued provision of library services for Ackworth. One of these is that Ackworth Parish Council may be able to take over the running of the library. There would, of course, be a cost to this. Before we take any decision, the council really needs to know what you think. Please do take the time to respond to the questionnaire in this newsletter and to the WMDC consultation so that we can make the right decision for the people of Ackworth.

## **Ackworth Library**

Wakefield MDC has agreed to move forward with their plans towards the closure of Ackworth Library. Ackworth Parish Council, at their meeting in July, agreed in principal to support keeping the library open. The Parish Council want to know Ackworth residents views on this very important matter. A questionnaire is available on line at [www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) or you can contact the Council by telephone on 01977 611583, or call at the Office Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 12:00 noon. All completed questionnaires need to be returned by **9 September 2011**.

Everyone's views are important and will be taken in to consideration by the Council before they decide what their next step will be at the September Parish Council meeting.

## **Ackworth Gala 2011**

Another fantastic gala, the weather was very kind and it was a great fundraising day for local groups and societies.

The day started with a parade organised by Cllr Mrs Sue Hollyhead and Cllr Bill Storey. Leading was Derbyshire Midshipmen Marching Band, followed by Gala Queen Elisha Bagg and her attendants Phillippa Shearon and Matthew Jordan, driven by Dr McWilliam and Mr Perry. Fifteen groups followed behind and arrived at the playing fields to a warm welcome from compere John Atha.

The gala was officially opened by Jon Trickett MP who along with Cllr Sarah Balfour and Cllr Terry Hollyhead judged the amazing fancy dress competition. The Kangaroo Gymnasts kept the crowd entertained along with K9 Kapers dog display team. Free use of the climbing wall and inflatables were a great success for the younger visitors.

Any feedback on the event would be appreciated.



## **“Thank You” from Brackenhill Allotment Association**

(Mrs Beverley Richmond – Secretary Brackenhill Allotment Association)



Brackenhill Allotments Committee would like to say Thank You to all those who provided raffle prizes for their stall at Ackworth Gala. We had a wonderful fundraising day and would like to thank the following for their donations; Ash’s Balti Restaurant, BlossEm, Diva, First Impressions, Hair Plus, Ladywell Beauty

Salon, Lamprey’s Nursery, Morrisons Pontefract, S K Lo Pharmacy and The Card Gallery.

## **Ackworth Gala 2012 and Queen Diamond Jubilee**

In celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we are hoping to hold a 2-day event next year which will coincide with our gala day. June 23 and 24 2012 have been earmarked with Saturday being a normal gala day with the addition of evening entertainment. Sunday 24 June will see the jubilee celebrations with lots of entertainment for children.

We are looking for members of the Ackworth community to provide input into this celebration and also provide help over the weekend.

If you would like to be involved or have any suggestions please contact the Parish Council office on 01977 611583 or complete the questionnaire on the back page of this newsletter, or email [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk),

### **Parish Council Drop In**

The Parish Council hold a Drop In session on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Parish Council Community Centre on Bell Lane. All Ackworth residents are welcome to come along and socialise with other local people. The session runs from 1pm - 3:30pm. Refreshments provided. Please contact Cllrs John or Joyce Evans on 01977 610375 for more details.



### **Christmas Lights Switch On**



At the time of going to press our Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Friday 25 November 2011. Celebrations this year will take place at the Green in High Ackworth. Please watch out for posters giving more details.

### **Santa Needs Help in Ackworth**

As it's his busiest time of the year, Santa is looking for someone to assist him and hand out gift bags to the children on the day when he visits the village on Saturday 10 December.

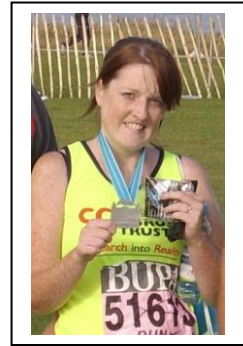
If you are able to help please contact the Parish Council office on 01977 611583 or complete the questionnaire on the back page of this newsletter, or email [info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk),

## Charity Cricket Match

(Mrs Sue Marley – Becci's Find A Cure Memorial Fund)

The charity cricket match and family fun day is being held on **Sunday 4th September** at Ackworth Cricket Club between the cast of Emmerdale and Hundhill Hall. The event is to raise money in aid of Cystic Fibrosis in memory of my daughter Rebecca (Becci).

Becci was born and lived all her short life in Ackworth until she passed away on 10th June 2009 aged just 27 and had many friends in the village.



Becci at the end of the  
Great North Run

Me and my family have always raised money for CF but after Becci's death, we set up "Becci's find a cure memorial fund". We want to raise money for research into a cure and better treatment of CF to hopefully extend lives, the life expectancy is still only 38 years old and an average of 3 young lives are lost to this illness every week.

Our fundraising is helping us to get through the dark days since we lost Becci and it also makes us feel we are helping other families in some small way.

The day will start from noon and it is a family day and in addition to the cricket there will be, a Tombola and card Tombola stall, bouncy castle, stocks, food, auction and a raffle. The auction will include the following, Liverpool signed shirt, 2 night break at Langdale Chase Hotel Windermere, Police skid pan experience, F1 Red Bull Vettel and Webber signed race cards, Barnsley FC tickets, SantaPod Raceway Family tickets and lots more. The raffle will include the following, MOT voucher, Select Hair Voucher, Nestle chocolate hamper, bottle of Champagne, tickets for Jorvik Centre York and lots more.

John Atha who has been involved with this event for many years has kindly agreed to let us raise money for CF each year and it is with his help, the last two years have been so successful. My parents donated a cup last year in Becci's memory and Hundhill Hall who won it last year will be defending the trophy this year. (Unfortunately my dad passed away a few days after last year's event so this year will be tinged with more sadness). Although there is a cup to be awarded which makes the cricket match a little competitive, the day is really all about families coming along, having a good time and at the same time raising money for a very good cause.

## 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 10 September 10am
- Friday 23 September 7pm
- Thursday 6 October 7pm
- Saturday 22 October 10am
- Friday 4 November 7pm
- Thursday 17 November 7pm

### 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. The meetings held at Ackworth are listed below:

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 7.30pm
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 7.30pm

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).

<b>Group</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Ackworth and District Embroidery Group	Contact details to follow
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

### **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	Andy Coupland 07801 240921
Ackworth Jaguars ARLFC	Steve Reeve 07966 876031



## Useful Information

### Ackworth Parish Council

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Sue Templeman - Clerk

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Kyla Batty – Admin Assistant

[admin@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Low Ackworth Community Centre

Judith Rooke

01977 611285

### Brackenhill Community Centre

01977 611583

### 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 Sarah Balfour

611699

Vice Chair Roy Hirst

611875

Ron Barnsley

611905

Philip Davies

700413

John Evans

610375

Joyce Evans

610375

Don Marshall

700961

Richard Molloy

612338

Sue Hollyhead

611585

Terry Hollyhead

611585

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611785

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704688

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### Member of Parliament

Jon Trickett

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# Library Questionnaire

Wakefield MDC has taken the decision to move forward with plans to close Ackworth Library. Ackworth Parish Council may be able to apply to take over the running of this facility; but this would probably mean an increase in your precept (council tax):

Are you a member of Ackworth Library yes/no

If yes – how often do you use the library weekly/monthly

If no – would you use the library in the future yes/no

What services do you use (please tick all that apply)

- Loan books
- Use the internet

What time of the day do you visit the library?

- 09:00 - 11:00
- 11:00 - 13:00
- 14:00 – 16:00
- 16:00 – 19:00

Wakefield MDC is proposing that part of the Hub service alternative would offer:

1. a new learning and skills mobile, with small library offer
2. an enhanced learning and skills outreach team
3. an expanded home library service
4. a new e-book loan service
5. a network of community based drop-off points

*and potentially*

6. a loan scheme for electronic devices (e-readers) which allow you to download e-books
7. a network of community based book pick up points
8. a chargeable home delivery service in addition to that which is already provided to those free of charge that need such a service for access

Would you use any of the above services yes/no

If so which ones (please circle the numbers above)

**Please return to Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, WF7 7EQ**

# Queen's Diamond Jubilee Weekend



I am interested in helping to organise the event

I am interested in helping on Saturday 23 June during the day

I am interested in helping on Saturday 23 June evening

I am interested in helping on Sunday 24 June during the day

## Santa Day Help – Saturday 10 December 2011

I am interested in helping to decorate Santa's Grotto on 9 December

I am interested in providing cover for Santa on 10 December

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

Email .....