

Ackworth Parish Council



Newsletter

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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 2nd 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 9th March 2009.

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

Message from the Chairman – Allan Garbutt

Dear Friends

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and to thank all the fellow councillors for their efforts during 2008. 2008 was a busy year which saw the finalisation of the facilities at Brackenhill including the installation of new playground equipment and a new Community Centre.



After careful consideration and in view of the current economic climate it has been decided not to increase the precept for the upcoming year. This does mean that the plans we had for 2009 will go on hold however we need to do all we can to help the residents of Ackworth during these difficult times.

Finally, thank you to all those who have given us feedback and suggestions about the ways in which the parish council can improve facilities in our village. We are always interested to hear from you.

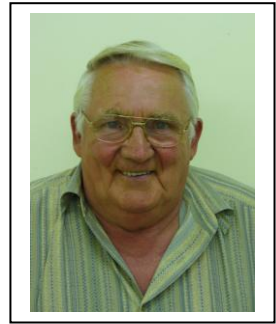


Profile of your Councillors

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 Ron Barnsley and John Evans.

Ron Barnsley

Ron has been on the parish council for almost 6 years representing the Moor Top Ward and has lived in Ackworth for 22 years. Ron started his career as a Joiner working at Nostell Colliery where he was employed for 20 years, continuing in this trade at Nostell Priory for a further 18 years. In 1986 Ron took over the fish and chip shop at Brackenhill.



In his spare time Ron likes to work his allotment and was instrumental in the recent improvement to facilities at Brackenhill and remains heavily involved in the Friends of Brackenhill.

John Evans

John has been on the parish council since 1984 representing the Moor Top Ward. He lives in Ackworth and is married with two daughters, with the recent addition of a grand-daughter. John spent all his working life at British Rail.



In his spare time John loves to get involved with the local community and is very keen to keep fit. He currently umpires for Pontefract Cricket League and has previously managed and played football, played professional rugby at Doncaster and coached younger rugby teams.

Christmas Lights Switch 21st November 2008

Organised by the Parish Council and Churches in Ackworth, the Christmas lights were switched on the Green in High Ackworth and the Christmas tree just outside All Saints Church. Carols and prayers were led at both locations by Pastor Brian Donner from Ackworth Community Church. Refreshments were provided for everyone at All Saints Church.

Santa Day 13th December 2008



Parish Councillors, volunteers and children from Airedale High School help decorate Santa's Grotto.

Our Santa Day was another great success and free event for all children living in Ackworth. Children from Airedale High School were amongst the volunteers who helped to get the grotto ready for the children, they were supported by their teacher, who lives in Ackworth, and the local community liaison police officer.

Over 600 invites were sent out to local schools for distribution. Santa arrived on his sleigh at 09:30 and although the weather was bad on the day, almost 300 children turned out to meet him, all receiving a goodie bag.

Ackworth Senior Citizens Christmas Party

The party this year was held on 18th December. The party was attended by approx 150 people with all guests receiving Christmas Dinner and a raffle prize. The guest speaker was the Mayor of Wakefield and entertainment was provided by Houghton Male Voice Choir.

Ackworth Village Gala

The Parish Council Events sub-committee is in the process of planning this year's Gala. It is planned for Saturday 27th June. The theme for this year is still to be decided and the committee would like to hear from Ackworth residents who have ideas about themes or would just like to help. In particular it would be good to see more participants in the parade.

The Events Committee can be contacted at the Parish Council, contact Sue Templeman on 01977 611583.

Youth Group



**YDSS Part of Family Services
South East Hub
Wakefield Road
Hemsworth
WF7 4AR**

Ackworth Youth Group WF7 is situated on Station Lane, Low Ackworth (200 yards past the Howard School), young people aged 13 to 19 are welcome. Come and join us every Wednesday night between 6pm and 8:30pm, there is lots to do including Play Station 2 on big screen, Air Hockey, Pool Table, Football Table, Wii Fit and Wii Sport. Outings to Ice Skating, Bowling, Laser Quest and residential trips are often organised along with activities such as board games and art.

The Youth Group is also involved in issue based projects, Healthy Eating, Youth Parliament and Elections, Involving Young People and Positive Activities for Young People. For more details contact Terry Cutler 01977 723165

Neighbourhood Policing Team

There has been no specific rise in crime in Ackworth but please remain vigilant. Take care with personal items of property eg keys. If you see something that you feel is suspicious please don't hesitate to contact us on either 0845 6 060606 or in an emergency on 999. If you have any questions or issues you wish to discuss please feel free to drop in at the Parish Council Community Centre, we hold a Police forum on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Please see the notice board for dates and times.

Group	Contact Details
Ackworth and District Embroidery Group	Janet Martin 01977 610780
Ackworth Heritage Group	Stephen Carlile 01977 706444
Ackworth First Responders	Tony Glover 07833 138118
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 795459
Ackworth Cricket Club	Keith Best 01977 611409
Ackworth Karate Club	Karl Tate 07816 467323
Ackworth Community Church	Pastor Brian Donner 01977 615231 accchurch@tiscali.co.uk www.ackworthcommunitychurch.co.uk
Ackworth Methodist Church	Harvey Jubb Cahjubb@hotmail.com
St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches	Rev. Paul Hartley 01977 602751 Rev. Jenny Montgomery 01977 702726
Society of Friends	John Wattis 01977 619962
Townend Avenue Sheltered Housing	Lynne 01977 723150

Chiltern Court Sheltered Housing	Ann Kay 01977 273150
Ackworth and District Probus Club	Meets at the Boot and Shoe, Wakefield Road 10am 'til 12pm, 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month. Contact Jack Forrester 01977 617037
Ackworth Concert Society	Maureen O'Neill 01977 705805

Groups and Activities for Young People

1 st Ackworth Rainbows	Sue Malyan 01977 615575
2 nd Ackworth Rainbows	Marie Baxter 01977 643826
1 st Ackworth Brownies	Sue Malyan 01977 615575
2 nd Ackworth Brownies	Deborah Barker 01977 610243
1 st Ackworth Guides	Jane Siddall 01977 617862
1 st Ackworth Rangers	Deborah Barker 01977 610243
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tom Peacock 01977 611225
1 st Ackworth Boys Brigade	http://www.wakefieldcommunities.co.uk/site/ackworth-methodist-church/index.htm
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 Biggs 07860 622338 Brian.briggs@bt.com



Useful Information

Ackworth Parish Council

Sue Templeman - Clerk 01977 611583
Kyla Batty – Admin Assistant 01977 611583
Email - clerk@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Police

Non urgent calls 0845 606 0606
Local Officers 01977 601077
Emergency
999
Email – 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	Roy Hirst	01977 611875

Sarah Balfour	610699	Dave Johnson	613816
Ron Barnsley	611905	Don Lloyd	617318
John Evans	610375	Bill Storey	611785
Pat Garbutt	780742	Sara Tonkinson	611583
Sue Hollyhead	611585	Keith Wilson	704688

District Councillors

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Sarah Balfour 01977 610699 sbalfour@wakefield.gov.uk
Richard Molloy 01977 612338 rmolloy@wakefield.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

Jon Trickett 01977 722290 jtrickett@jontrickett.org.uk