

Ackworth
Parish
Council



Newsletter

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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. Listed below are members of each committee\working group

Playing Fields Committee: Cllrs S Balfour, R Barnsley, A Garbutt, R Hirst, D Johnson, B Storey

Cemetery Committee: Cllrs S Balfour, Mrs S Hollyhead, A Garbutt, R Hirst, D Johnson,

Village Events Committee: Mr Terry Hollyhead, Cllrs, A Garbutt, Mrs P Garbutt, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson, K Wilson

Staff and Finance Committee: Cllrs R Barnsley, A Garbutt, Mrs P Garbutt, D Johnson, B Storey

Allotment Working Group: Cllrs S Balfour, Mrs S Hollyhead, D Johnson, B Storey, 5 tenant representatives

Road Safety Working Group: Cllrs S Balfour, R Barnsley, J Evans, A Garbutt, R Hirst, D Johnson, D Lloyd, K Wilson, representatives of SELRAG, West Yorkshire Police and Officers from Wakefield MDC

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on 14 March. 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 office. For more information on the Parish Council including a detailed list of responsibilities, services available, news, plus more; please visit our website at www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Precept 2011/2012

Ackworth Parish Council were recently successful in obtaining planning permission to build new changing rooms on Carr Bridge field to replace the existing portable units which are coming to the end of their usefulness and are fast becoming not fit for purpose.

To enable local teams to continue to have a base in the village it is imperative that the new changing rooms are built as soon as possible.

To this end it is the Parish Council's intention to apply for a loan to cover some of the cost of the work along with money set aside by the Parish Council and some grant funding. This year's increase in precept will go towards supporting the new changing rooms. This will mean that a band 'D' property will pay £59.58, which equates to an increase of 10p per week.



Focus on a local group

Ackworth Footpath Group

Ackworth Footpath Group has existed for some 40 years (or more). It is a very informal group of like-minded individuals who are interested in walking and protecting the Public Rights of Way in the village and surrounding areas to prevent their obstruction or disappearance.

Ackworth has many more historic paths than would initially be apparent and it is this heritage that must be preserved for the benefit of this and future generations.

The group meets every alternate Sunday afternoon for a gentle stroll for a couple of hours and covering about 4 miles. They are lead by a team of member/volunteers who are familiar with the official line of most paths and decide the actual route. It has been described as more of a mobile talking group than a walking group and everyone is welcome. Suitable footwear is desirable as some paths can get quite muddy in bad weather and are not wheelchair-friendly.

Meeting points are usually at 2.00 pm and can be either Bell Lane Car Park (junction of Bell Lane and Barnsley Road) or the Village Green at High Ackworth as indicated on the programme.

Copies of the programme are displayed around the village and the rest of the current one includes -

Date	Meet At	Area	Leader
23 Jan	Bell Lane car park	Taylor Wood	Sid Heywood
06 Feb	Village Green	West Hardwick	Enid Barnard
20 Feb	Bell Lane car park	Haw Park Woods *	Deanna Curtis
06 Mar	Village Green	Ackworth Circular	Janet Standen
20 Mar	Bell Lane car park	Hampole Woods *	Sid Heywood
03 Apr	Village Green	Went Way	Gordin Smith
17 Apr	Bell Lane car park	Badsworth	David Martin

Lifts available *

For further information, ring 611866, 610694 or 610603

Thank You from the Village Events Committee

Mr Terry Hollyhead – Chairman

On behalf of the village events committee I would like to thank the residents of Ackworth for turning out on 26 November to see the Christmas lights switched on in the village.

The celebrations were held at Rhyddings Drive followed by refreshment in All Saints Church. Special thanks go to Reverend Hartley from St Cuthbert's and All Saints Church along with Ackworth Community Church for providing a wonderful carol service, Gala Queen Olivia Hardwick who switched on the lights and all the stall holders who took part. Next year's event will be held at the Village Green in High Ackworth.



Gala Queen Olivia Hardwick

On 11 December the Parish Council Santa Day was held on Bell Lane. Over 300 children arrived to see Santa and receive a gift. Thanks go to Mrs Pauline Lloyd for getting the presents ready for the children, Cllr Barnsley and Cllr Johnson for building Santa a new grotto, students from Hemsworth Arts and Community College who provided lovely artwork to decorate the room, Andy Lubelski and Cllr Sue Hollyhead for their efforts during the day and all other Councillors who helped decorate the room and were present on the day.



Cllr Dave Johnson and Cllr Ron Barnsley working on the new grotto and Terry Hollyhead and Parish Councillors pictured with artwork kindly provided by Hemsworth Arts College.

Ackworth Gala 2011

Plans are already underway for this year's Gala. To be held on 25 June at Carr Bridge, it's sure to be another great success with lots of entertainment for all ages from start to finish. Fancy dress theme – Children's story book characters

Stalls are available to any local charitable organisation on a first come first served basis. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for your club. If you are interested in having a fundraising stall this year please call us on 01977 611583 or email info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk so we can add you to our distribution list. The parade last year was much improved, lead by

Parish Assembly

Every English Parish must hold a Parish Meeting between the 1 March and 1 June each year. Everyone who is on the electoral register for the parish of Ackworth is eligible to attend the meeting. The Chairman of the Parish Council will preside at the meeting.

This year's Parish Assembly will be held on **Monday 11 April 2011** at 6:30 pm prior to the Parish Council meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be displayed on the notice board outside the Parish Council Community Centre on Bell Lane, the notice board on the Green at High Ackworth and the notice board outside Howard School, Station Road, Low Ackworth.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Council office on 01977 611583.

Dog Fouling

Over recent weeks we have received numerous complaints about dog fouling on the playing fields and streets throughout the village. People who do not clean up after their dog can be given a £50 on the spot fine.

If you see fouling in these areas, report to 0845 8 506 506, if possible give details such as the name and address of the offender or, if not, a description of the owner and the dog.

Consecration Of Land At Ackworth Cemetery

On Friday 21 January 2011 the Bishop of Pontefract along with Parish Councillors, local clergy, funeral directors and dignitaries attended Ackworth Cemetery on Doncaster Road, to consecrate part of the new section in readiness to receive burials.

The original ceremony was planned for December but due to the severe weather conditions was postponed.



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.

In the existing cemetery, non-residents will be able to continue to purchase new grave spaces for two people; 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.

Ackworth Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

Workers from Family Services Youth Development and Support Service based in the South East have supported young people from Ackworth to apply for their own MUGA. The application from young people was successful under the previous government's Youth Capital Fund (YCF) initiative. This project was led by young people, aged 13-19, they applied for and managed the funding, groups of young people applied for grants for activities - YOF and capital investment – YCF.

A £35k investment on Dando Way is now complete and young people are using it daily. Ackworth Parish Council has also supported this initiative from its infancy – “Their chairman was pleased to see some activity for young people and will endeavour to pursue further opportunities in the future”. This is a real bonus for the young people of Ackworth and the surrounding areas, as youth facilities are much needed. Young people will have somewhere positive to go and be involved in positive and healthy activities.

The young people would like to thank in particular: Youth Worker, Terry Cutler, Ackworth Parish Council Clerk, Sue Templeman and WMDC Estates Management and Planning Department and the contractors, “Lightmain”.

A formal handing over to young people will take place around April 2011.



Dando Way adjacent to Bell Lane car park

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.

- Thursday 10th March 7:00 pm
- Saturday 26th March 10:00 am
- Friday 8th April 7:00 pm
- Thursday 21st April 7:00 pm
- Saturday 7th May 10:00 am
- Friday 20th May 7:00 pm

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 17th March 2011 - 7.30pm
- Thursday 19th May 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.

Bogus Callers

General points to follow:

- Always ask to see identification from people who call at your home. A genuine caller will be happy for you to contact their office or base to confirm their identity while they wait.
- If a caller claims to be from the gas, electricity or water “board” do not let them in. Boards of this kind no longer exist.
- If you are in any doubt you should refuse to admit a caller to your home. You do not have to open your door to anyone you are not expecting.
- If you are contacted by telephone do not give out any personal details to anyone you do not know.



Events at Ackworth School

Veronica Bird OBE

Sunday 3 April 2011 at 7.00 pm

Veronica Bird is coming to Ackworth School on Sunday 3rd April at 7pm to speak to the students and staff about her life at Ackworth School and beyond.

Veronica is originally from Barnsley where her Mum owned a fish and chip shop. She came to Ackworth as a scholarship boarder, and went on to become a police officer on the beat. She switched to the prison service and rose through the ranks to be a governor in various prisons, including Armley in Leeds.

I understand from people who have heard her speak that she is a very entertaining and motivational guest speaker and we are thrilled that she is coming back to her old School, which she referred to in the ‘My Yorkshire’ article in the Yorkshire Post in January 2010 as her Yorkshire ‘hidden gem’.

Contact Delia Coburn at Ackworth School for further details: 01977 624305

Group	Contact Details
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 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
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 st and 3 rd 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 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month. Contact Jack Forrester 01977 617037
Ackworth and District Rotary Club	Meets at Rogerthorpe Manor Tuesday @ 19:30. Meal every 2 nd and 4 th 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 st Sunday in the month. Malcolm Lodge 01977 610655
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	www.yaa.org.uk Mr Rawcliffe (Local Volunteer) 07850 957421 Halifax Office 01422 237900

Groups and Activities for Young People

1 st Ackworth Rainbows 1 st Ackworth Brownies	Sue Malyan 01977 615575
2 nd Ackworth Rainbows	Lisa Tasker 07724 837708
2 nd Ackworth Brownies 1 st Ackworth Rangers	Deborah Barker 01977 610243
1 st Ackworth Guides	Jane Siddall 01977 617862
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tom Peacock 01977 611225
1 st 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

clerk@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Kyla Batty – Admin Assistant

admin@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

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

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