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Welcome to our Autumn / Winter 2024 Newsletter

Ackworth's Autumn Big Clean-up

21st September - 14th October

Wow! What a huge success!

Bulbs were planted, litter was picked and the planters were tidied in readiness for winter. Parish Councillors were joined by local groups, schools, clubs, residents and staff who all worked tirelessly to plant the donated bulbs and clear the village of any litter before winter. We're looking forward to seeing the village in bloom.

Thank you to all the groups, schools and residents who supported our community during the event.



Pit tub planted!

As part of the planned activities the Pit Tub was sited and filled with spring bulbs and looks great in it's new home on the village green. A good variety of bulbs have been planted in and around the tub which will look great in the springtime.



- * 15,000 Bulbs planted - Donated by National Highway
- * 40 Bags of litter collected
- * Pit tub sited and planted
- * Planters maintained



SANTA DAY 2024

Saturday 7th Sunday 8th December

11am - 2pm

★ Free Tickets available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ackworth-parish-council> for all children of Ackworth who are in Year 6 or under or who attend an Ackworth Primary School. ★

SANTA
CLAUS
NORTH
POLE
2024

- * Santa's Grotto
- * Refreshments in the Library
- * Children's Crafts Fair
- * Free Craft Activity
- * Magician



CHRISTMAS
LIGHT
SWITCH-ON
2024

Friday 29th
November
6pm

Adjacent to
All Saints
Church
on
Wakefield Road

ACKWORTH GALA 2024

What a wonderful Gala! The sun was shining, and the field was filled with happy faces. A perfect celebration for Ackworth. With something for all ages, it was an impressive event. Families were thrilled with the array of free activities. Lots of new skills learned in the circus area and climbing wall and energy burned on the inflatables and football darts. The bets were placed at the ferret racing with Tiny Tim the firm favourite stealing the hearts of the participants. Mr John Martin wowed the crowds with his astonishing magic tricks and the field was amazed by the stilt walkers wandering around. It truly was a happy event.



This year's live music acts were fabulous. The event kicked off with our very own local celeb Joe O'Brien setting the tone of the gala. He was followed by the Undertone, Micky Johnson and Steve Lindsay who all provided a wonderful mix of music for the event. Dance Fusion showed off their dynamic skills and definitely drew in the crowds.

The fire service and police van wowed the residents with their impressive and hands on activities teaching families about their roles and how to keep safe. Pontefract Air Cadets worked tirelessly keeping the parking under order. Hunger was kept at bay with the help of Pizza Box Co, Grub Club and Yorkshire Traditional ice creams.

This year we welcomed back many of our usual community stall holders including the Brackenhill Allotment Association, Ackworth Juniors and College Lane Surgery, who all reported a hugely successful day with record funds/ awareness raised. We also welcomed many new groups who were delighted with the event. Home Start, NHS Stop Smoking and Nostel Priory found the event hugely beneficial for their organisation. We thank them for all their efforts!



Ackworth Parish Council would like to thank all the groups, organisations and residents who helped make it such a special occasion.

Pumpkin Weigh-In



Congratulations to all our pumpkin growers. This year we welcomed an increase number participants in our annual growing event. On Friday 11th October we celebrated their achievements at Brackenhill Allotments. Big Thanks goes to all who took part and to the Allotment Association for all their support. Well Done everyone!

11AM - 2PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
CRAFT & FUNDRAISER STALLS
WANTED FOR OUR

£10
PER STALL

ACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL'S
SANTA DAY
CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 7TH & SUNDAY 8TH
DECEMBER 2024

CONTACT PROJECTSMANAGER@ACKWORTHPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

Ackworth's Scarecrow Festival 2024 Winners



School Winner
Bell Lane Academy
Mrs Trunchbull



Resident Winner
Susan Gardham
Sporty Spice

A huge Thank you to this years' Scarecrow participants for their efforts in their scarecrow creation. It was a delight seeing them on display. Congratulations to the winners!

Sponsor a Hanging Basket in 2025

Did you know that you can now sponsor one of the village's hanging baskets. These are available to residents and local businesses of Ackworth. This includes an engraved plaque mounted above the basket.

Any enquiries please contact
Info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk



Thanks to all the village volunteers for their continued dedication to

supporting Ackworth, by running groups and clubs, tirelessly picking up litter and tending to the planted areas. We are sincerely grateful for all your efforts in making Ackworth a fabulous community to live in.

Ackworth Community Library

The library has been busy over the summer months. We had stalls at Ackworth Gala and Badsworth Village Fete and our grand summer raffle raised £451. We are so grateful to the local businesses and our volunteers and members who support us in these fund-raising activities.

Our weekly Friday coffee mornings continue to be very popular as is our monthly Chapter and Verse readers group.

Coming up Soon

Ackworth Community Library Annual Craft Fair, at The Ackworth Village Club on Saturday 16th November 2024 11am-3pm



12 stalls with local crafters will be there to help you start your Christmas shopping. Refreshments will be available...including our famous homemade bakes. Please come along to support and enjoy.

During the school holidays, the library ran a children's reading challenge as well as the twice weekly Storytime sessions and craft activities. This included the construction of a 'Giant Peach' in the library to give the children a hands-on experience to go with the famous Roald Dahl story.



The Grand Christmas Raffle Tickets will be available in the library from November. Our wonderful local businesses always provide us with fantastic prizes. The Parish Council Santa Days - 7th and 8th December. The library will be open for refreshments to support this event.



Ackworth Community Library is a Charitable Trust. We rely on the generosity and support of the Parish Council, local businesses, our dedicated staff and board of trustees, our amazing volunteers and loyal members to keep this important village hub open.

Can you help to ensure the future of the library by...

Becoming a Trustee? Becoming a Volunteer? Becoming a sponsor? Helping with fund raising and grant applications? Donating good quality books and jigsaws?

Please get in touch with the library...on line, by phone, by dropping in, if you would like to help us develop and continue serving the Ackworth Community.

We are pleased to hear that from October 1st we are one of the Hemsworth Tesco's chosen charities for the blue token scheme. So, when shopping there please remember to ask for your blue tokens and put them in the library nomination box to help support us.

Contact us on :info@ackworthcommunitylibrary.org.uk 01977 625617 Registered charity no: 1152172

Ackworth Parish Council's Coffee Morning



Monday 21st October
Monday 18th November
Monday 20th January
10.30 - 12pm

All Welcome

Come and join your Parish Council for a chat and coffee. Find out what's happening and share your ideas.

Bell Lane Community Centre

Senior Citizens Christmas Tea Tuesday 10th December 2024



The team are excited to welcome around 200 guests to this year's Senior Citizens Christmas Tea at Ackworth School. Everyone receives a three course Christmas dinner and a gift and transport can be arranged, courtesy of Elise from Ackworth School. We are very grateful for the generous donations we receive from the Parish Council and Ackworth United Charities. District Councillor Allan Garbutt, Mr Dave Johnson and Sue Hollyhead have been organising this event for several years now and thank the helpers on the day. Terry, Pat, Mag, and Jim.

Memorial Wall

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRED JONES
1929 - 1979

Plaques can now be purchased for the Memorial Wall at Ackworth Cemetery. These will be 7" by 2" and will be displayed on the Cemetery Building Wall. For further details please contact info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Rooms to Hire

Bell Lane Community Centre

Situated on Bell Lane our community centre provides a valuable space to many groups,



clubs, organisations and is perfect for parties. The centre has 3 rentable spaces all furnished ready for use.

Function Room

17m x 15m

The function room is our largest space and will suit most groups. It is an ideal room for parties as it accommodates a small bouncy castle (H 2.4 m) and has access to a small kitchette for catering. There is disabled access throughout the building. **Great Party space**



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e-mail: info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Multi-function Room

9m x 5.5m

Bright airy space with access to it's own kitchenette and toilet.

Perfect for smaller groups



Council Room

7m x 5m

An ideal spacious meeting room with access to the upstairs kitchenette. This space can also accommodate small groups.

Carr Bridge Pavilion

5.5m x 5m

The community room is perfect small groups, parties and meetings, ideally located next to Carr Bridge Playing Field.



Brackenhill Community

This centre is ideal for regular courses and small groups with perfect access to the park, allotments and playing fields.

5m x 3.55m



Ackworth Quarries Community Centre

An amazing versatile community space.

Coming soon in 2025



Calling all Residents



There is currently £32,385.40 of Community Infrastructure Levy Funding to be allocated to spend in our Village. If you have any ideas on what you think could benefit Residents of Ackworth please let us know. Information on how to submit a proposal, the criteria and deadline date, can be found on our website, visit us at www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk to find out more.

Your Parish Councils responsibilities. Introducing our new document which outlines the roles and responsibilities of Ackworth Parish Council and those of Wakefield Council. To report an issue to Wakefield Council call 0345 8 506 506 and to contact Ackworth Parish Council call 01977 611583.



* Ackworth Parish Council provide grounds maintenance at Low Ackworth, Carr Bridge, Brackenhill, Village Green, Bell Lane Community Centre and the Cemetery.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS

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PACT (Police & Communities Together) Meetings
Ward 1 - Ackworth, North Elmsall & Upton

31/10/2024 12/12/2024

These meetings will take place at
Bell Lane Community Centre, Ackworth
10.30 - 11.30am

www.west-yorkshire.police.uk

West Yorkshire Police

Ask the Clerk



Your Parish Council - Your Questions
Concerns? Queries? Heard or Read something
and want Clarity? We're here to help

'Ask the Clerk' and I will be happy to provide accurate
information, answering any questions you may have.

clerk@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk
01977 611583
In person - by appointment



Bell Lane Community Centre			01977 611583	info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Bloom Wakefield - Morning sessions	Painting for pleasure 10.00 - 12.00	Parents and Toddlers 9.30 - 11.00	Ackworth Slimmer's Support Group 9.15 - 10.15	North Star Pilates 9.15 - 10.15	Dance Works Various classes	Ackworth Community Church 10.00 - 12.00
Bloom Wakefield - Afternoon sessions	Yoga 13.30 - 15.00	Painting for pleasure 10.00 - 12.00	Hugge Yoga 10.30 - 11.30	Available	Available for party bookings	
Ackworth Community Library Monday 09.00-12.00 Tuesday 12.00-17.00 Wednesday 12.00-17.00 Thursday 12.00-17.00 Friday 09.00-13.00 Saturday 09.00-12.00	Ackworth Drop-in 4th Tuesday of the month 13.00 - 15.00	Ackworth Line Dancing 13.00 - 15.00	Dance Works 17.00 - 18.30	Wakefield Carers 3rd Friday of the month 13.30 - 15.00	Contact the office for further details	Ackworth Community Church 18.00 - 19.15
	Yoga 19.00 - 20.30	1st Ackworth Rainbows 17.30 - 18.30	Sound Healing Adventure 3rd Thursday of the month 19.30 - 20.30	GKR Karate 18.00 - 19.00		Spiritualist Church 18.00 - 20.00
	Ackworth Scouts Squirrels 17.00 - 18.00	Ackworth Needles and Pins 19.00 - 21.00	Yorkshire Country Women 1st Thursday of the month 19.30 - 21.30	Ackworth Parish Council Office opening hours Monday 10 - 12pm Tuesday 10 - 1pm Wednesday 10 - 12pm Thursday Closed Friday 10-1pm		
	Ukulele 19.00 - 21.00	Board Games 19.00 - 21.00 every other Wednesday	Heritage Group 4th Thursday of the month 19.30			
Ackworth Choir 19.00 - 21.00	If you are interested in booking a room please contact the office on info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk					
Blue - Sessions must be booked			Green - Drop in			