



ACKWORTH GALA 2022

We are delighted to announce that Ackworth Gala will go ahead this year, albeit in a slightly different format. There will be **no parade** however the afternoon will be fun-filled with family entertainment.

SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022 CARR BRIDGE PLAYING FIELDS 12PM UNTIL 4PM

There will be the lots of community stalls along with some free activities for everyone to enjoy, to bring the community back to a semblance of normality. Updates will be posted on Facebook and the Parish Council website.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate this historic milestone.

A full calendar of events for the extended bank holiday weekend can be found at www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend

The Parish Council is taking part in the **National Beacon Lighting on Thursday 2nd June** at 9.45pm at the Water Tower, A628 Castlesyke Hill.

Other events being organised by the Parish Council include:

Best Dressed House Competition—Decorate your garden \ house exterior to celebrate the jubilee. There will be a prize for the winner. Look out for further details on our website.

A **seed bomb** for every primary school aged child in the village. Seed bombs are small capsules filled with nectar rich wildflower seeds.

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - Each school in the village will be offered a tree to plant. Once planted the trees can be added to the Queen's Green Canopy Map.

Children are invited to submit **Jubilee themed art work** to the Parish council office for display at Carr Bridge Pavilion. See website for further details.

On **Sunday 5 June** people are encourage to take part in the Big Jubilee Lunch. People are encouraged to organise street parties, share connections and get to know each other a little bit better. Coming together in the spirit of fun and friendship.



PARISH PRECEPT AGREED 2022/2023

The Parish Council has agreed a budget for the coming year. This year we have been able to set a budget that means no increase in the overall precept paid by Ackworth households.



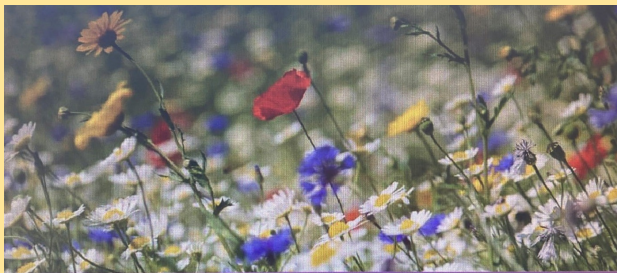
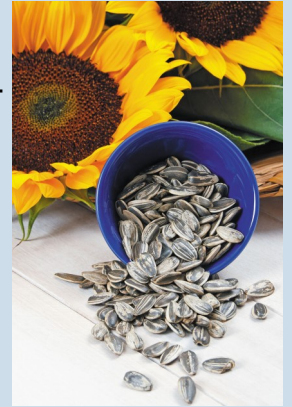
Pumpkin and Sunflower Seed Distribution

PLANT A PUMPKIN SEED 2022 Each year Ackworth Parish Council and Brackenhill Allotment Association provide an opportunity for children to grow their own pumpkins. The Parish Council would like to invite all budding gardeners to visit the Allotments on **Saturday 23 April at 11am**. There will be some

arts/crafts and refreshments provided before the main event of planting a pumpkin seed and finding out how to nurture it. The children will come back to the allotments in October to show off their wares at the annual Pumpkin Weigh In event. Please register your interest to attend the event in April by contacting the Parish Council via Facebook message, phone or by emailing info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

SUNFLOWER SEEDS 2022 As in previous years, sunflower seeds will be left at the following locations for you to collect at your convenience:

Parish Council Noticeboards at the Community Centre on Bell Lane, Carr Bridge, Low Ackworth High Ackworth, and Brackenhill and the allotments main gate



Ackworth Parish Council Wildflower Planting Area

Wildflower Planting in the Village

The Parish Council are extremely pleased with the results of the wildflower planting throughout the village. The existing areas are already starting to flower again this year.

In our last newsletter we asked for suggestions for additional locations, thank you to the residents that have submitted their ideas. These areas being investigated and will be planted up if deemed suitable.

LOW ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

FUN DAY

SUNDAY 8TH MAY 11-2PM

**PIZZA VAN
BAR
BOUNCY CASTLE
FACE PAINTING
ICE CREAM
MUSIC
FOOTBALL, GAMES, STALLS & MORE**

FREE ENTRY!

MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILD

[LOWACKWORTHCOMMUNITYCENTRE](https://www.facebook.com/LOWACKWORTHCOMMUNITYCENTRE)

Parish Council—Casual Vacancy John Hardman resigned his position in January. He had been a councillor since May 2019 and is thanked for his contribution. At the community's request an election was called and subsequently held on Thursday 24 March, Mr Stephen Parker was duly elected as Parish Councillor to represent Ackworth Moortop Ward.

Improvements at Low Ackworth

The new permanent bookstore is now sited in the play area, it has certainly been a welcome addition to the village and had proved very popular when it was sited at its temporary location. Thanks go to Clare Wilkinson for her on-going efforts with this.

A new planter will be soon be installed in the same area along with two new benches. Two existing benches within the play area will be relocated to Carr Bridge.

Additionally, thanks to Ackworth's District Councillors funding from Capital Projects the car park has been extended. This will benefit community centre users as well as those using the playing field. The car park is often used for parents and carers for drop off \ pick up from Howard School too.



Vandalism in our Parish

The bin at the youth shelter adjacent to Bell Lane car park has been set on fire again. The bin was only repaired in November following the previous fire.

The purchase of the bin and subsequent repairs has cost over £500.



WE ARE



Wakefield Council's Youth Work Team

We work with and for young people to fully prepare them for adulthood, and to help equip them with the personal and social skills to be valued and engaged as citizens, capable of making positive choices and accessing opportunities.

A local resident has been working with this team and the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of setting up a youth club in the village.

Further details will be posted on Facebook and the Parish Council website.

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There has been an increase in the amount of theft from vehicles in our village.



**WEST YORKSHIRE
POLICE**

WY Community
ALERT

The Police ask that residents remain vigilant and ensure they lock their vehicles and STOP leaving items of value on show.

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Community Library continues to thrive thanks to the hard work of our staff and volunteers and the support of our loyal members and Ackworth Parish Council.



Our membership is growing, with 11 new adult and 24 new child members since Christmas.

We are pleased to announce that the library was successful in a bid from the National Lottery to update our computers and technical support. The work on this will be starting shortly and we hope to have a new suite of computers in place for use by our community by the summer.

Do you know that we also do printing and photocopying in colour and black and white at reasonable prices?

As well as offering a good selection of books to borrow, the library continues to run a variety of activities for all ages. The Christmas raffle raised valuable funds for the library and we were again well supported by local businesses and individuals who donated prizes. Christmas and half term activities for children, and the regular Wednesday and Friday story times are always well attended and great fun.

Every third Friday morning of the month we hold our coffee mornings. These are always popular and feature our famous home-made scones and cakes!

These activities are a great way to meet up with friends and to make new ones, so we would love to see you.

The Community Library is a valuable service and Hub for the people of Ackworth and is a charity which relies on donations and grants to keep going. You can help us by becoming a member, attending our activities, donating good quality books and donating raffle prizes. You might also consider volunteering for a few hours a week or becoming a Trustee.

We are particularly looking for someone to become our Treasurer as our present Treasurer will be retiring from the post next year.



Look out for our future activities!

- Coffee mornings every 3rd Friday morning of the Month.
- Our Easter/Spring craft activities will take place on 12th, 13th, 14th and 19th, 20th and 21st April in the library at 50p per child.
- Sale of surplus book stock at 50p per book, sale of jigsaws and DVDs.

You can follow us on Facebook and join our group on line or call in any Tuesday-Thursday 1pm -5.30pm or on Friday morning at 9am-12.

Contacting the Ackworth Parish Council

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Office opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 12 noon or by appointment.