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Welcome to our Spring / Summer 2024 Newsletter



As the village is beginning to spring into life we are busy preparing for an exciting year ahead, filled with lots of events and activities for the whole community. We are now taking applications for the new Memorial Wall see page 2 and residents can now sponsor one of the villages hanging baskets. If you have a question regarding the work of the Parish Council then please see page 4 for our 'Ask the Clerk' initiative. **Happy Spring to all!**



ACKWORTH GALA

Saturday 22nd June 2024
12pm - 4pm

* Live Music * Community Stalls * Live Acts *
* Food Stalls * Climbing Wall * Inflatables *

Planning is underway for this years Ackworth Gala on Saturday 22nd June and we are set for another fabulous day. We have lots of wonderful family acts and activities booked in.

The event will be opened by the Gala King and Queen at midday with a full schedule of live stage acts, walk-about entertainers and family activities throughout the afternoon. Food vans will be available on site but feel free to bring your picnics and blankets for a family focused celebration. Our community is the centre of our celebration. If there are any constituted groups, clubs or charities interested in having a stall at this years event, or anyone interested in volunteering please contact

projectsmanager@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk
we would be delighted to hear from you.

Sunflower and Pumpkin Planting with Brackenhill Allotments Association

This year we are combining our two planting events and holding a drop in on Saturday 20th April between 10am and 2pm at Brackenhill Allotments.

There's no need to book and all are welcome!



You will have a choice of seeds to plant and take home for your gardens, plus there will be crafts and refreshments throughout the event.

Seeds will still be available from the village notice boards which will be distributed towards the end of April/ beginning of May.



Free Entry

Amazing Prizes

'Olympics, Euros and Sporting Greats'

Sunday 9th June
Ackworth's Scarecrow Festival 2024

We are delighted to announce this year's Scarecrow Festival 2024, hosted in partnership with the Ackworth Scarecrow Festival group. This year's theme is 'Olympics, Euros and Sporting Greats'. All entries must be up by the 9th June for judging. Winners will be announced at the Gala.

Ackworth's Christmas Light Switch-On 2023



This year's annual Christmas Light Switch-On did not disappoint, with a record number of residents enjoying the occasion. Everyone gathered excitedly around the Christmas Tree on Wakefield Road awaiting Ackworth's Official start to Christmas 2023. 1st Ackworth Brownies joined in the celebration and brought their beautiful handmade lanterns to add a little more sparkle to the evening. Churches Together lead the service with Ashley Guest delivering the sermon and Karen Young supporting. Ackworth's Gala Queen for 2023, Hollie officially turned on the lights by plunging the plunger, which illuminated the tree's lights, this was welcomed by a large cheer and a carol around the tree it gave a truly festive start to the season. The Volunteers from All Saints welcomed everyone into the church for a mince pie and hot drink. The evening had a truly joyous atmosphere and was enjoyed by many generations.

Santa Day 2023



Bell Lane Community Centre had a very special visitor over the weekend of the 9th and 10th December. Santa came to visit the children of Ackworth. The whole centre was filled with festive cheer and was a perfect family event. Santa's magical grotto was created downstairs where families were able to book in to visit Santa and his elves, received a small gift and have a quick chat with the big man himself. Upstairs in the centre there were free craft activities for children run by some very busy Parish Councillors as well as craft stalls for the adult visitors, perfect for some last minute present buying. A Magician wandered around creating some impressive balloon models and entertaining the crowds with a few magic tricks. The Ackworth Community Library served festive refreshments to all who visited. The whole building was a hive of festive fun and a hugely enjoyable family event. Many thanks to all who supported a very successful community event.



*Santa and Mrs Claus
Snow Cottage
North Pole
NP 1 0HO*

Dear boys and girls of Ackworth

Thank you to all of you that came to see me on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of December in the Christmas grotto created by Ackworth Parish Council's elves. It was wonderful and magical. The elves that helped me in the grotto worked really hard. Thank you.

I told Mrs Claus when I got home that there had been activities for the children to do, stalls to buy things from and the library staff had organised a raffle with some super prizes.

Remember we talked about being good and being kind to others some who may be less fortunate.

I hope that the girls and boys that I didn't get to meet this year will be able to make it next year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kindest regards

Santa and Mrs Claus



Memorial Wall

New

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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS

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

16/05/2024
27/06/2024
08/08/2024

19/09/2024
31/10/2024
12/12/2024

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

www.westyorkshire.police.uk



Ackworth Parish Council donated the surplus selection boxes from Santa Day to four local charities who support Ackworth residents. It was great to spread a little extra Christmas cheer. This year's recipients were Oakfield Park School, Star House, Hemsworth Food Pantry and Pontefract Food Bank.

Sponsor a Hanging Basket

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

Ackworth Community Library

Warm Spaces

Ackworth Community Library continues to provide a warm and welcoming space for everyone in the Ackworth area.

The Warm Welcome Space initiative, where we have provided free warm drinks and a friendly environment, has been a great success. We have helped many in our community to keep warm and combat loneliness during the colder months. The scheme will officially finish at the end of March but the library will continue to be a welcoming hub with a range of affordable refreshments on sale.

Chapter and Verse Reading Group.

The reading group meets every third Monday of the Month at 7.00pm in the library.



Coffee Morning

Every Friday we run a coffee morning, serving home-made cakes and scones. Please drop in for delicious treats and great company.

We have well stocked shelves of books for all ages to borrow as well as books to buy.

We have Computers and Wifi for public use, as well as printing and photocopy at affordable rates.

YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

The library is a registered charity that is run by volunteers and through donations and grants.

HOW COULD YOU HELP US TO CONTINUE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY?

Could you spare time and share your experience by becoming a volunteer?

Could you help us manage and develop the library by joining the Trustees?

Are you connected to a local business or organisation that might become a sponsor to the library?



Coming up this Summer! The Community Library will have stalls at these local events...

Low Ackworth Fun Day 12th May - Ackworth Gala 22nd June - Badsworth Gala 13th July

Please visit our stalls for book bargains!

Keep up with all our news and events on our Ackworth Community Library Facebook page and our website.

Drop us a message on: info@ackworthcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Childrens Activities

Our Children's activities continue to be very popular and great fun!

Storytime for Toddlers -

Every Wednesday at 2pm & Every Friday at 10.45 am Each storytime is followed by a fun activity.

Look out for Children's activities for May Half Term.

THANK YOU!

Our ongoing Thanks go to all residents, volunteers and groups who continue to support the village by running groups, tirelessly picking up litter and tending to the planted areas. We are all sincerely grateful for all your effort in making Ackworth such a wonderful and beautiful place.

Ackworth Parish Council Rooms

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.

Multi-function Room 9m x 5.5m



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

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 Room 5m x 3.55m



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

Old Quarries Community Centre



Coming soon, an amazing versatile community space.

Further details will be issued later in 2024.

Save the Date...

Event Dates 2024

Pumpkin and Sunflower Planting

Saturday 20th April

Scarecrow Festival

Sunday 9th June

Ackworth Gala

Saturday 22nd June

Pumpkin Weigh-in

Friday 11th October

Christmas Light Switch-on

Friday 29th November

Santa Day

7th & 8th December



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

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In person – by appointment



Bell Lane Community Centre

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Bloom Wakefield - Morning sessions	Parents and Toddlers 9.30 - 11.00	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	Painting for pleasure 10.00 - 12.00	Painting for pleasure 13.00 - 15.00	Hugge Yoga 10.30 - 11.30	Kidspace 9.30 - 10.30	Available for party bookings	
Ackworth Parish Council Office opening hours Monday 10 - 12pm Tuesday 10 - 1pm Wednesday 10 - 12pm Thursday Closed Friday 10 - 1pm	Yoga 13.30 - 15.00	Ackworth Line Dancing 13.00 - 15.00	Dance Works 17.00 - 18.30	Music Bus 13.00 - 14.30	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 1st Thursday of the month 19.30 - 20.30	GKR Karate 18.00 - 19.00		Spiritualist Church 18.00 - 20.00
	Ackworth Drop-in 4th Tuesday of the month 13.00 - 15.00	Ackworth Needles and Pins 19.00 - 21.00	Yorkshire Country Women 1st Thursday of the month 19.30 - 21.30	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		
	Ukulele 19.00 - 21.00	Board Games 19.00 - 21.00 every other Wednesday	Heritage Group 4th Thursday of the month 19.30			
	Blue - Sessions must be booked			Green - Drop in		

