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Message from the Chairman– Cllr Sarah Balfour

This summer has seen the community of Ackworth come together to trim up our village for the Tour de Yorkshire. The Parish Council provided a big screen on Carr Bridge playing fields and the whole race route looked fantastic. The weather was good and everyone had a great day. It was a real team effort. Thank you to all those involved. I also want to thank everyone who helped to make the annual Ackworth gala the best yet.



It is the aim of all Councillors elected to Ackworth Parish Council to represent all the people of the village to the best of their ability. We value the stability of the community and we welcome new residents who bring new skills and new ideas to our village. The Parish Council works positively with community groups and organisations, our three District Councillors and our Police Community Liaison Officer to promote positive action in the village.



Ackworth Gala 2018

We would like to thank the community of Ackworth for such a successful day. The gala gives local community groups and charities an opportunity to raise funds for good causes and it's a great social event for the village.

The day started with the parade through the village led by Knottingley Silver Band. Twenty community groups followed behind and made their way to Carr Bridge.

Chairman of the Parish Council Sarah Balfour officially opened the gala and crowned Gala Queen Macey Firth, pictured

below with her attendants Heidi Taha and Isobel Gordon. A fancy dress competition with a Sporting Greats theme followed and there was some wonderful homemade costumes on display. Shadowquest Dog Display team, CG Dance Academy, Jesters Gym Club and Featherstone All Stars Dance Academy provided arena entertainment.

It is estimated around £10,000 was raised for local community groups and charities. If you have any feedback about the gala please contact us and your comments will be discussed at our next Village Events committee meeting.



Pictured above: Parish Councillors Mike Galvin, Dave Johnson, Sarah Balfour, Allan Garbutt, Terry Hollyhead, Sue Hollyhead, Harry Malkin, Pat Garbutt and Nathan Bland (front); Pictured left: Edie Perry, Caitlin Siddons, Heidi Taha, Macey Firth, Isobel Gordon, Jackson Kelleher and Pixie Pell



Thank You For Your Support!

Brackenhill Allotment Association would like to say a big thank you to local businesses for supporting their fundraising efforts throughout the year. Thanks to *Rustic Arms Public House, Select Hair Salon, Card Gallery & Victoria Tea Rooms, Spar Garage, Scissor Happy, Angel Inn Public House, Go Local convenience Store, Morrisons of Pontefract, Tesco of Hemsworth, First Impressions, Mr Lo Pharmacy and Ladywell* for donating raffle prizes for the Association stall at Ackworth Gala. Without their generosity we would not be able to be so successful in our fundraising.

Tour de Yorkshire- A Great Community Day

On 4 May stage 2 of the Tour de Yorkshire travelled through Ackworth. The village looked fantastic, a real testament to our community spirit. Well done to everyone who worked so hard; residents, businesses, churches, schools and community groups. Special thanks to Phil Hollinworth for making the wooden bikes, Helen Penty and the Ackworth Needles and Pins craft group for the endless strings of blue and yellow bunting, the local Tour Makers and Adam Fletcher and all of the volunteers involved in the Ackworth Big Spring Clean. A fantastic team effort.

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance confirmed that £1454.85 was raised in Ackworth on the day.

It was great to see that Ackworth was shortlisted for the best dressed village; it has recently been announced that Kippax won this award with Wentworth Woodhouse winning "Best Land Art".



Damage at Low Ackworth Play Area

Over recent weeks damage has been caused to the play area on Station Road. The picnic table was damaged by what looked like a disposable barbecue. This has subsequently been repaired at a cost of £150. Additionally, the soft pore safety surface was damaged by fire. This has been reported to the Police. Repair work costing around £350 is due to start week commencing 6 August. Anyone with information should contact West Yorkshire Police on the non-emergency number of 101.



Dates For Your Diary

Christmas Lights Switch On- Friday 30th November at Rhyddings Drive

Parish Council Santa Day- Saturday 8 December at the Community Centre, Bell Lane

Senior Citizens Christmas Tea- Tuesday 11 December at Ackworth School

Further details will be published on our website and on Facebook nearer the time.



A Nations Tribute - 11 November 2018

The Parish Council are delighted to be taking part in this unique, historic event by lighting a WW1 Beacon of Light in tribute to the millions of men and women who died or were injured in World War One.

We will be joining over 1,200 other organisations and local communities in lighting a beacon at 7pm on 11th November 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War.

The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping

the wheels of industry turning and bringing home the harvests. The beacons will symbolise the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war.

The event will take place on the field next the Water Tower, High Ackworth. Further details of the event will be advertised through the village on noticeboards and on our Facebook page and website.

Additionally, as part of the commemoration, the Parish Council recently planted a new oak tree on the grassed area outside Ackworth Cemetery. A plaque unveiling will take place on **Friday 9 November** at 11am and we warmly welcome everyone to attend.

Ackworth Community Library

Calling all little bookworms! Ackworth Community Library will be running their reading challenge from Saturday 21st July to Saturday 1st September- the scheme is open to children aged between 3 and 11 years of age.

Children taking part in the challenge will have a chance to receive prizes after completing some of the stages and a certificate on completing the course.

They are also running summer activities on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings during the school holidays.

Coffee Morning

Held on the 2nd Friday of each month between 9am and noon. £1.50 for tea \ coffee and a piece of cake.

Come along and support your community library; meet friends, make new ones, eat cake and enjoy!



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The 4th annual Ackworth Pram Race and Fun Day
Bank Holiday Sunday - August 26th 2018
1pm start - Carr Bridge Pavilion

Push your "pram" around a circuit approximately 2 miles long through Ackworth. Stopping for drinks at 4 pubs on route. For further details find us on Facebook "Ackworth Pram Race".

Finishing at Ackworth Cricket Club where there will be a fairground, food, drinks and stalls

THIS IS ACKWORTH...

This is Ackworth – This is our community. A number of community asset holders (local residents, publicans, schools and churches) have met to explore how we can work together to promote social, economic and community well-being.

We have some ideas, but we would like to hear yours. Our third meeting took place on 19 July and it has been wonderful to see the attendees increase dramatically each time. The date of our next meeting, scheduled for September, will be advertised around the village and on social media.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM - MEET YOUR PCSO

PCSO Lorraine Kavanagh holds regular informal drop-in sessions around the village. Come and discuss issues in connection with Policing matters. These are not formal meetings and everyone is welcome to attend. Details of these sessions can be found on noticeboards around the village and on the Parish Council website.



Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any comments, compliments or criticisms to make about the work of the Parish Council, then please contact us in one of the following ways:

BY EMAIL: clerk@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

VIA OUR WEBSITE: – www.ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk use the 'Contact Us' section.

BY TELEPHONE: 01977 611583

VIA FACEBOOK: private message us at Ackworth Parish Council.

BY POST / IN PERSON: Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane, Ackworth, West Yorkshire, WF7 7JH. The office is situated at the front of the building. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 12 noon or by appointment.

Alternatively you are welcome to attend a Parish Council meeting – dates are published on the website and in the notice board at the front of the Community Centre. We have a 'public' session from 7:15 pm for approximately 15 mins.

We endeavour to respond within 7 working days to correspondence received in the above ways.
Sue Templeman, Clerk



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