

# New Farnley Community Newsletter



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I don't know about you but I really like living in New Farnley. I moved here with my family in 1976 when I was in my late teens and, despite the appalling winter, I loved it right away.

New Farnley is a great place to live, we look down on Leeds City Centre - just a few minutes away. Bradford, Wakefield, Huddersfield, and Halifax are all on our doorstep despite that our lovely village sits in the middle of an island of green. Parts of the original village still remain with small, newer developments slotted easily alongside, and somehow that works. What I really love though is the sense of community and belonging. Walk down any street, visit the Co-op, the fish and chip shop, or pop into the Woodcock for a drink and there's always a friendly smile and a 'hello'. People are friendly here - welcoming. I don't know how many times friends have come to visit and have said how much they'd love to live here. Those of us who do live here are lucky.

The thought of losing that sense of community, that village identity, is worrying. It's not just we, the residents who see New Farnley as a great place to live; developers see it too and consider it the perfect place for new housing developments - developments that would destroy that sense of community which makes the area so special.

Last July I came home from work to discover that the field bordered by Low Moorside, Castle Ings and Whitehall Road, had been ploughed up and the Company who had done this planned to return to clear the trees and hedgerows - as a housing

developer had bought the field on an Option, as a precursor to obtaining planning permission to build over 130 houses on the site.

Knowing an urgent response was needed to prevent this from happening, we leafleted local residents, quickly held a meeting, and formed **The New Farnley Residents Association**. There followed a campaign of telephone calls and emails by local residents to the Leaders of Leeds City Council, MP Rachel Reeves, and local Councillors. Following a fast response by Rachel Reeves and Peter Gruen, the Deputy Leader of Leeds City Council, a Temporary Tree Preservation Order was placed on the field. Since then, we've worked hard to convince the Council that a housing development would be unsuitable on this site.

Working together, we, the residents, made a difference. Leeds City Council, in the new Site Allocations plan, has designated the field a Protected Area of Search (PAS Land) as they too believe the site to be unsuitable for building; the builder will no longer be going ahead with the development.

I think that by working together (and with the invaluable help of former Councillor John Hardy) we achieved a great deal and deserve to give ourselves a pat on the back.

We need to look to the future now and find a way to preserve the land, and the wildlife it supports, from any further attempts at development. I think that by working together, as a community, we can find a way to do that.

*Pat Fletcher  
(Chair of Residents Association)*

## Pimms, Pate & Pearls Evening

The Institute was formed in January 1962 and we still have one of the original members, Mrs. Gladys Grimes. The Institute is part of the West Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes (WYFWI), which in turn is part of the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI).

Meetings are held on the first Monday in the month (except January) and commence at 7.30pm. Members get together to listen to an array of interesting speakers, take part in hands-on sessions with experienced crafts people and generally swap ideas and chat with like-minded people. During the year we hold Easter and Christmas coffee mornings to raise funds and our Christmas party and faith supper is always an enjoyable end of year celebration. We have a couple of statutory meetings, which are part of the constitution of the Institute and there is an array of activities available to enjoy which are organised by the WYFWI.



As 2015 is the Centenary of the Women's Institute there are many national celebrations over the coming months and we here at New Farnley will be holding our own event in September.

We are always looking for new members so, if anyone out there is interested, come along and join us one evening. You never know you might enjoy yourself and decide become a member!"

## New Farnley in Bloom

The New Farnley In Bloom group hope you have enjoyed the splendid display from all the planters situated around New Farnley.

The group have met several times since the last newsletter, planting wallflowers and pansies in the planters; they have been quite delightful.



Easter in New Farnley has been beautiful with thousands of daffodils all around the village, planted by numerous local groups, including the New Farnley In Bloom, New Farnley Community Centre, Vision Group, Bowling Green, St James Church, Woodcock, and children, from as long ago as twenty years.

Having been successful in obtaining funding the New Farnley Community Centre and Lancasterian School Room now have community Christmas Trees (it was disappointing to hear that someone had tried to remove the Christmas

Tree at the Community Centre). Thank you to Roger and Jean for spending time in rescuing the tree by re-planting it.

The NFIB continue to work in partnership with Parks and Countryside, and we would like to say thank you to Chris Hodgson, who is now the local officer responsible for our parks. We asked Chris to replace some of the posts and hedges on Low Moor Side Lane into the park, as the previous ones had been removed and the gap was getting used as an access into the park.

We also continue to work closely with Jason Singh from Street Scene, who has removed a vast amount of litter around the village including Lawns Lane school footpath, Whitehall Road, Low Moor Side Lane and Back Lane.

The group has also been successful in securing some funding to put two benches down Back Lane. The location was suggested by some



members from the local walking groups, hopefully the work will be completed for the summer.

We have also been approached by one of our local businesses who would like to work in partnership with the group which is fantastic,



and we hope to have a meeting shortly to discuss ideas.

Thank you to all the the volunteer members of the New Farnley In Bloom - Ron, Jose, Jean, Steve, Roger, Linda, Ailsa, Jenny, Christine and Maggie.

The group will next meet at the Lancasterian School Room, Friday 5th June at 10.00am, (preparation for summer planting) Monday 8th June at 10.00am (summer planting).

We would like to invite any residents to come along and join in the fun.

Here are some photographs from around New Farnley.

Further enquiries please ring either Christine or Maggie.



## Sally's Charity Work

Sally Chocholko has achieved 25 years of raising thousands of pounds for her "Take Heart" charity, she has been competing in the Annual Charity Walk every year and on the finishing line she has collected her medal; all 25 of them.

Sally has previously done this walk each year with her friend Marianne Gacesa, but sadly Marianne passed away last year: However those who sponsored Marianne chose to sponsor Sally, to continue the support which was very touching to Sally and she was very pleased to have raised a total of £750.00.

She also knits scarves, gloves, hats etc, to support the charity and they are donated for the Christmas draw held each year. She has chosen to support this particular charity as a thank 'you' for all the help and kindness they showed when they were looking after her late husband. Sally, herself has personal

connections with this charity, as, 23 years ago she was fitted with a pacemaker, and is due to have her 4th fitted she always refers to the charity as "My Lovely Charity".

*Well Done Sally - keep up the good work. (photo shows Sally with some of her knitting).*



## Community Worker



As a community worker it is so good to see so many people involved in the community of New Farnley. It is often difficult to get local people to come to meetings, so it was good to see so many people at the new Residents' group meeting in the village.

Sometimes, people want things done for them without any involvement on their part, but this was not the case. Well done to all who took the time out to come and have their say. I look forward to working with all the different groups to make New Farnley an even better place to live.

John Hardy, Community Worker  
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## The Vision Group

Since the group was established in 2006 the group's aims have been- To promote the protection, conservation and enhancement of the heritage, history and local environment of New Farnley and its surroundings: To help improve the public facilities and resources of New Farnley; To increase public awareness regarding future developments in New Farnley; To support other community groups in New Farnley who are sympathetic to the aims of the NFVG; To represent the interests of all residents living in New Farnley and its surrounding areas; To work for improvements in the area, to increase community spirit, to provide social activities for all sections of the community and to promote a healthy environment; To encourage the participation of all residents in the area in a way that promotes equal opportunities and opposes racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination.

Over the years the NFVG Members have worked hard in numerous ways to achieve the aims.

The NFVG Members along with local residents and businesses within New Farnley, achieved the adoption of the Planning Supplementary Document 'The New Farnley Village Design Statement'. This document is really important and any proposed planning applications should refer to this document.

Examples where the document has already been consulted have been; proposed planning on Castle Ings/Low Moor Side Lane, Wind Turbine Harper's Farm and Woodcock Farm (Back Lane)

We initiated the Flower In Bloom, which has improved the local environment as many residents said they would like more colour in the area.

New bins have been provided around the village and Back Lane. We have also requested bins for the school footpath on Lawns Lane the Bus Stop opposite Bolton's Garage and Nan Win Woods.

We initiated the landscaping to the rear of Farnley Hall Park; We have often mentioned the speed limit around the Village including Whitehall Road.

The group has regularly contacted and had meetings with local Services to address issues to do with dog fouling and issues that residents have raised over horse riders using footpaths and ginnels.

Contact has been made to have

street signs cleaned and repaired including Walsh Lane, West End and Castle Ings Drive

Regular contact with Street Scene to have rubbish removed, which has included dumping on the school footpath on Lawns Lane, dumping of asbestos adjacent to St Michael's, Back Lane, Low Moor Side Lane and other areas.

The group has made positive links with the PCSO's including the Wildlife Officer.

The group would like to say thank you once again to all those residents, businesses and local services that continually work in partnership with the Vision Group.

We would also like to thank those residents who have contacted various group members to raise concerns about their area; However, the group would like to encourage residents to use the contact numbers listed in this newsletter if they have specific concerns.

*Thank you - New Farnley Vision Group*

## Fish & Chips

The village 'chippy' is under new ownership; Stewart and Alison Craven have taken over and it is now known as Craven's Traditional Fish & Chips. They have refurbished the premises and altered their opening hours and are happy to take your orders. The opening times are: Monday, Tuesday closed, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Lunch 11.30 - 1.30 Evening 4.30 - 7.30 Saturday Lunch 11.30 - 2.00, Evening closed. So why don't you call in say 'hello' and order your meal of Fish & Chips.



## Charity Fundraiser

**At the Community Centre on:-** Saturday 23rd May saw the arrival of ladies dressed in their PJ's to support Cancer Research. It was a fabulous evening with music, dancing, fun and possibly some sore heads on Sunday. However, thanks to your generosity, we have raised £884.25 for the charity. A very big **THANKYOU** to everyone who supported the night and all the volunteers who helped with setting up and the food - it really was a great night, heres to the next one.

## What's On Guide

The NFVG website has up to date events and activities to view at:-

[www.cwnf.btck.co.uk](http://www.cwnf.btck.co.uk)

## Community Centre

### Regular Events:

#### Pre-School Group

Monday-Wed and Fri mornings 10.15 -12.00

**Jelly Tots** - Tuesday 10.15-11.30am £2

**Beavers** - Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm

**Bingo** - Wednesday 8.00 - 10.00pm

**Sequence Dance** - Wed - 2.00-4.00pm

**Happy Circle** - Thur - 2.00 - 4.00pm

**Arts & Crafts** - Thur 8.00 - 10.00pm

**Quiz Night** - Bar opens at 8.30pm quiz starts at 10.00pm

**Bingo** - Sun - 8.45pm

## Lancasterian School Hall

**The Annual Sumer Fete** - will be held on Sat. 4th July 2.00pm to 4.00pm this will include - Stalls, Cream Scones, Tea & Coffee, BBQ Burgers & Sausages, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, plus much more. So put this in your diary and come along and enjoy the afternoon.

### Regular Events:

**Gardening Club** - Second Mon in the month at 7.00pm

**Women's Institute** - first Mon in the month, 7.00 to 7.30pm

**Trustees Meetings** - third Mon in the month 7.30pm onwards

## St James Church

### Regular Events:

**Holy Communion** - 1st and 4th (5th if there is one) Sun 11.00am.

**Family Service** - 2nd Sun 11.00am

**Yoga classes** - Mon 7.00pm

**Karate** - Tues 7.00pm

**Zumba** - Tues 10.00 - 11.00am

**Gentle chair-based exercise** suitable for older people - Wed 2.00pm

**Cubs** age 8 -10 at 6.15 to 7.45pm (term time) - Wed

**Scouts** age 10 - 14 at 8.00 to 9.30pm (term time) - Wednesday

**Coffee Morning** - Thur 10.30am

**Children's Dance School** - Thur 5.30 - 6.00pm (from 3 years and over)

**Zumba Dance/Exercise** Thurs 8.00 - 9.00pm

## Information For Local Residents

Contact details and functions of different teams and services they provide within West Outer West Area of Leeds.

**Environmental Action Team:** Deals with cleansing of the streets, removing litter, fly tipping, waste in gardens, commercial waste from businesses, bonfires, drainage issues, abandoned vehicles, graffiti removal, lost dogs and respond to dangerous dog reports. They also enforce environmental crime and take action against offenders.

Tel: 0113 222 4406

Email: [environmental.action@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.action@leeds.gov.uk)

**Pest Control Unit:** Provide services in homes and businesses, dealing with rats, mice, wasps, fleas and other insect pests.

Tel: 0113 222 4406

Email: [pests@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:pests@leeds.gov.uk)

**Environmental Health:** Inspect food businesses and investigate complaints about food and food premises, as well as investigating incidents of food poisoning.

Tel: 0113 222 4406

Email: [food.safety@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:food.safety@leeds.gov.uk)

## TOTS FOOTBALL

New football programme we are delivering in New Farnley. Our programme is open to children aged between 4 and 6 years old and will take place at 'The Farnley Academy'. The sessions will start on the 16th May and will run every Sunday. We are offering parents the opportunity to bring their child for free for the first session so they can try it out before committing further.

Our Tots Football programme is open to all children aged between 4 and 6 years old. Our aim is to develop the footballing skills required for children to begin to embark on their footballing journey. Each programme is tailored to each child's individual needs, however, our coaching philosophy and beliefs remain the same throughout. Once a player has graduated from our tots programme they will have the option to represent 'West Leeds JFC'.

Football is best when players are having fun and on the ball; we strongly believe children develop more efficiently when 'learning through play'. This means every session is designed so children are learning something new whilst having as much fun as possible. Children will remain engaged throughout all sessions, either mentally or physically, meaning we avoid long lines of bored children!

All of our sessions are lead by fully qualified FA and/or Uefa licenced coaches, who have a passion for football but also a desire to work with and develop young people.

Should anyone be interested please contact Tom Leeming:-

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## NF Cricket Club

Well, after a very successful season last year in which the first team finished fifth in their very first season in the top flight of the Bradford League, which is amongst the highest standard of cricket in the country. The second team won their League and reached the final of the cup.



This year the bar has been raised ever higher with the prospect of the League being accredited next year as a Premier League and one of only four in the county. This means that to be in this League, standards of the ground and of the team have to improve considerably.

We have started quite well with the first team mid-table and still in both cups. The second team are top of their League but, unfortunately, out of the cups.

*John Baldwin*

## Community First Funding

We would like to say a very big thank you to all the local groups within New Farnley who have been successful in obtaining small grants which have helped improve the local area and amenities.

**Some of these have been.**

**St James's Church**

- the refurbishment of a new kitchen and toilets. Scouts - new camping equipment.

- **Memories of Farnley** - repairs to war memorial on Lawns Lane (also received funding from the War Memorial Trust)

- **New Farnley In Bloom** - planters around the village with seasonal planting. Lancasterian School Room new kitchen equipment and resources.

These are just a few examples of how the Community First Funding has helped improve New Farnley.

On behalf of the residents of New Farnley - Thank you

## The Woodcock

Over the last 6 months there have been a lot of changes at the Woodcock; there are plenty of exciting things happening and more to come over the next few months for you to keep your eyes out for. Myself and my team are pulling out all the stops to make sure your Local, a pub to be proud of, - from family fun days to charity fundraisers, our brand new menu and upcoming refurbishment.

We now serve food from 9AM till 10PM and offer an amazing value breakfast from just £2.49. We also have food deals everyday, such as Monday, where kids eat for £1 when purchased with an adult meal and Thursday, which is Grill day. You can enjoy one of our Mixed Grills or Juicy Rib-Eye Steaks whilst taking part in our Thursday night digital quiz. Having BT and SKY Sports means you can watch all your favourite sporting events live on our big screens whilst enjoying a pint of our Cask Marque quality ale, a beer or wine from our wide selection, or one of our premium spirits.

If you haven't already, why not call in and see just what we have to offer at your Big Hearted Local

*Tina and the team*



## Police Horse Watch

Hello there, my name is Gareth Poole; I am the Horsewatch liason officer for North West Leeds covering Farnley. Firstly, I will visit the local livery yards and advise them of the possible offences they are committing by riding their horses on the pavement. I anticipate that this will reduce, however not eliminate, the problem.

I will be coming around the area of New Farnley and inspecting from time to time; however, if there is a problem, please contact me - PCSO 592 Poole, Pudsey NPT email [gareth.poole@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gareth.poole@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Would you like to be involved in improving the village, we would like new volunteers to join the Vision Group. If you are interested please contact one of the members.**