

New Farnley Community Newsletter



Issue 2016

Update on the land development

There's nothing like a spot of good news to start the New Year is there? That good news came to us in October last year when Leeds City Council were able to confirm that the field - bordered by Low Moor Side, Walsh Lane, Whitehall Rd and Castle Ings Gardens - had been designated as a site to be safeguarded from development in the current Sites Allocation Plan.

Each and every one of you who came to a meeting, who, phoned, emailed or wrote to Leeds City Council or Rachel Reeves MP, deserves a pat on the back. If not for you, if not for the effort you made to fight against the planned housing development, we might already have been seeing builders in our field and houses going up. Working together with your friends and neighbours has prevented that from happening and that's something we should all be proud of.

I'd like to say that the battle is over but the site is only safeguarded until the end of the current Plan in 2028. We can't be complacent, not if we want future generations to enjoy this beautiful area just as much as we do.

Support New Farnley and keep the community spirit you've helped to build alive. Support the groups who work hard to make this village an even better place; such as The Community Centre, The Lancasterian



School Room, New Farnley in Bloom, The New Farnley Vision Group (who put together the Village Design statement), the Bowling Club (who don't just look after the Bowling Green but also the village Green) and use our New Farnley Residents Association Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/New-Farnley-Residents-Association-831040140261157/> - to share news and concerns with others.

Finally, I'd like to thank John Hardy for all the help and advice he gave us in support of our crusade against the builders. His guidance and patience were invaluable and very much appreciated.

*Pat Fletcher
(Chair of Residents Association)*

The Vision Group

The New Farnley Vision Group is still working very hard for the community. We are constantly in touch with our local Councillors and Leeds City Council regarding any problems residents report, including, trees which have been cut down, problems with potholes in the road, dog fouling, grass cutting, litter, damage to the Village Green and much more.

The Planning Enforcement Team have stopped any other cutting of the trees and any other work on the land opposite the Woodcock until they have completed their investigation. We will then be informed of the outcome and a



report will be sent to us. We can then pass this information onto the residents and also put it up on the Vision Group website.

The group meet every two months, - our next one will be on the third Thursday is the 19th May, at the Lancasterian Schoolroom, Moor Top at 7pm. We are looking for new members and if you are interested, please come and join us. You may even get a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Residents of New Farnley

I am writing to you as one of the Police Ward Officers for the New Farnley area. As part of my role, I undertake any work around long term issues and problems such as Anti-social behaviour and I also carryout work around crime patterns and crime prevention. I carry this out by directing local policing resources and working with various partners such as the Leeds City Council Housing Office and the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

New Farnley has historically had low rates of Anti-Social Behaviour and reported crime. However we are always keen to hear about any local issues which arise and I would encourage local residents to report any incidents of concern via 999 in emergencies, 101 in non-emergencies and reports can also be made via the West Yorkshire Police website; this allows the best Police resource to be dispatched for ongoing incidents.

If there are any repeat issues that anyone would like to raise with myself then feel free to send me an email or write to me at Pudsey Police station and I will look to address any issue raised. I am also keen to attend any local Community groups where an input from the West Yorkshire Police would be of interest.

Police work is always ongoing in the New Farnley area of Leeds, including regular Police patrols, work with the Farmwatch group and Neighbourhood watches and other Community groups within the area. I look forward to engaging with the community further.

*Regards, Adrian O'Connor PC6546
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Charity Event

The Community Centre held a charity Fundraising Event in memory of Matthew Donley for the BTRS (Brain Tumour Research and Support). The Afternoon Tea was a great success. The money raised for this charity was an amazing £1843.28. Thank You to everyone.

Cutting of Trees

Recently it came to our attention that established mature trees had been cut down opposite the Woodcock Inn. The New Farnley Vision Group immediately contacted the Planning Department to discuss this issue. As a result of this enquiry, members of Leeds City Council, the Tree Office and the Planning Enforcement Team made a site visit to assess the site and how many trees had been destroyed.

Since the site visit and meeting we the NFVG, have been advised that a case has now been opened against the people who cut the trees down and the men concerned have received a letter confirming this. Unfortunately, the damage has been done; and all the mature trees have now gone, which has upset residents within the area.



It is worth noting that it is very important **BEFORE** cutting trees down to check with the correct Authorities that they are not in a Conservation Area or have a Tree Preservation Order on them, as there could be consequences for you after the act. If you are not sure then please contact the relevant department for advice; you can contact **Rob Dracup**, the Tree Officer for his advice.

Farnley Upper Moor Side Conservation Area

Farnley Upper Moorside Conservation Area is going to be reviewed! Upper Moor Side's Conservation Area was first designated in 1975. The village has an abundance of special character, as well as architectural and historical interest. It is for these reasons, why Leeds City Council will be undertaking a review of the Conservation area, including producing a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

A Conservation Area Appraisal records the special interest of an area including listed buildings, buildings of interest, key views and positive green spaces; all of which create a positive feature in the Conservation Area. The appraisal also lists the ways in which the special character of the area can be preserved and enhanced. The document is currently going through consultation within Leeds City Council, but before the



document is formally adopted it will be going through a public consultation process, when it is hoped we will receive your views to help shape the management of the Team.

Matt Bentley
Senior Conservation Officer
Leeds City Council conservation area.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is an absolute eyesore and a serious health hazard (especially for children who can be blinded). The state of most grass areas around the village, whether it is Low Moor Side, Whitehall Road, the Village Green and Park, there is dog waste which has been left. This is ridiculous as within the Park there are 9 waste bins and other bins around the village, all will take dog waste..

If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog fouls in a public place. Registered blind people are not

required to clean up after their guide dogs, but if they are with someone, then that person should pick up. - **SO - if you are not blind YOU HAVE NO EXCUSE for not picking up.** You know who you are and you give EVERY DOG OWNER a bad name.

If you do spot someone who walks away without picking up and you know his or her name and address, please report them and they will be fined. There is a form on the Leeds City Council site entitled "Report litter or dog fouling" where you can fill their details and LCC will take action.

So please look out for offenders and if you can, report them.

Community Committees

The Council has launched the new Community Committee, which campaigns for local people in Calverley & Farsley, Farnley and Wortley and Pudsey. The Committee has replaced the former Area Committee and the aim is to get more residents involved in local decision making. To keep residents informed we would like to introduce you to the new Outer West Community Committee Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LCCOuterWest> Please Like Us on Facebook.

If you are on Facebook Please Like Us we aim to keep the page up to date with local events and stories from the three Wards. If you have any Community news or events for the Outer West areas, please get in touch, we'll be more than happy to update our followers or post events and stories on our Facebook page. Also, if you have your own Community Facebook page, why not link with us to keep all local residents informed.

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Harpreet Singh

Community Worker

It was very nice to see John Hardy at the NFVG on Thursday, 17th March supporting and advising us on issues around New Farnley. His knowledge and advice was greatly positive. John will be standing again



for the Labour Party on Thursday, 5th May. However you vote, please remember John has worked hard for the Community in the past and achieved a lot.

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Would you like to be involved improving the village, we need new volunteers to join the Vision Group. If interested please contact a member.

New Farnley in Bloom

The volunteers involved in the New Farnley Flower In Bloom, met several times last year at the Lancasterian School Room to plan the Summer and Winter planting of all the tubs situated around New Farnley.

The summer display of geraniums and lobelia were fantastic, thank you to the residents who made such lovely comments. Unfortunately, the winter planting of the wallflowers have been very disappointing, but this has been due to the poor weather and not due to the lack of 'green fingers'.

The group have decided to go with a mixture of geraniums and begonias for the summer planting, so fingers crossed for vibrant displays.

Requests have been made for additional planters to be introduced around New Farnley. These will be at the top of Lawns Lane, adjacent to Bolton's Garage, next to the New Farnley Community Centre and Upper Moor Side. The additional planters have been possible because of a small grant we secured.

Due to concerns raised by some residents and group members about joy riders using the Green adjacent to the New Farnley Community Centre, causing a lot of damage, it has been suggested that further trees or large stones should be considered to be put around the Green, to prevent further damage. The group will need to contact the Parks Department to gain permission and ask their advice.

Future projects, again in consultation with the Parks Department, is to put a couple of large planters

and small trees on the green space in front of the Woodcock Inn.

Other work which the volunteers have undertaken includes the planting of lots more daffodil bulbs around the Village and around the new benches on Back Lane.

Picking up litter and working closely with "Street Scene" Jason Singh and Chris Chamberlain from the Area Office.

The New Farnley Flower In Bloom would really welcome anyone who could spare a little time to help keep our Village looking nice.

For further information on dates of meetings please check the New Farnley Community website below or contact Maggie 0113 2854219 or Christine on 0113 2852453.



Moor Top WI

The Moor Top and New Farnley Womens Institute meet on the 1st Monday of every month (with the exception of January) at the Lancasterian Schoolroom.

In addition to various Speakers offering presentations on numerous different subjects, which this forthcoming year include, "Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire", "The secrets of York Minster" and "The Great American Songbook" plus several others, we also hold social afternoons/evenings. Our members also regularly meet at various venues locally for lunch and a "catch-up"

These are some of our members who enjoyed a carvery buffet at our last lunch gathering.

We are always looking for new members and visitors, so please come along, you will be made very welcome!!!

Lynne Brook (on behalf of Doreen Appleton)



What's On Guide

The NFGV website has up to date events and activities to view at:-
www.cwnf.btck.co.uk

Community Centre

Regular Events:

Pre-School Group - Mon, Wed and Fri 10.15am -12.00 noon

Jelly Tots - Tues 10.15am - 11.30am

Line Dancing - Tues 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Sequence Dance - Wed - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Beavers - Wed 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Bingo - Wed 8.45pm - 10.00pm

Happy Circle - Thur - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Arts & Crafts - Thur 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Indoor Bowling -Fri 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Quiz Night - Fri starts at 9.00pm

Bingo - Sun - 8.45pm - 10.00pm

One Off Events

Sponsored Canal Walk 2016 - Sat 4th June Leeds/Liverpool Canal Challenge.

Ladies Night - Sat 16th July from 7.30pm till late with music from DJ Nights.

Lancasterian School Room

The Annual Sumer Fete - will be held on Sat. 2nd July 1.00pm 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

One Off Events.

Table Top Sale 2016 - Sat 9th April, - Sat 11th Jun, - Sat 20th Aug, and Sat 8th Oct, from 10.00am to 1.00pm cost of table £6, to confirm a table please use the NFGV website using the contact enquiry.

St James Church

Regular Events:

Holy Communion - 1st and 4th (5th if there is one) Sun - 11am.

Family Service - 2nd Sun - 11am

Yoga classes - Mon- 7pm

Karate - Tues - 7pm

Zumba - Tues - 10am - 11am

Gentle chair-based exercise

suitable for older people - Wed- 2pm

Cubs - Wed - age 8yrs - 10yrs -

6.15pm - 7.45pm (term time)

Scouts - Wed - age 10yrs - 14yrs -

8.00pm - 9.30pm (term time)

Coffee Morning - Thur 10.30am

Children's Dance School - Thurs

5.30pm - 6pm (from 3 years and over)

Zumba Dance/Exercise - Thurs 8pm

- 9pm

One Off Events

Afternoon Tea - Bingo with raffle, Tombola prizes Sat 9th April, Sat 23rd July, Sat 10th Sep Sat 19th Nov all dates

2.00pm - 4:00pm

Bowling Club

The start of the new bowling season is almost upon us & the members are all looking forward to getting back on the Green.

Hopefully we can have another good year, last season our Sat A team won both the Championship Cup which dates back to 1923 and also the Yorkshire Evening News Cup which again dates back to 1923; this was the 3rd time the club have won this trophy in the last few years. We were also successful on a Tuesday by winning the Jennifer Caine Cup for the 1st time in the clubs history; our Ladies were also promoted as were the Wed B team. We run 9 teams a week and are always looking for new members. The season runs from April to September; if you fancy having a go come to our Bowling into Squares day which this year is 30th May. We start at 10.00am and usually have bacon & sausage sandwiches available.

This year at our presentation evening, we were proud to make 7 people Life members, this honour is for their dedication & hard work to the club. Two of our oldest members were given this award Mr Eric Jagger who sadly wasn't at the evening. In the mid 80's helped to get the club back on its feet and



well on the way to being the successful Club it is today and Mrs Doreen Parker, who was presented with some flowers. Doreen started bowling about 23 years ago when she was in her 70's playing for both the Sat & Tues teams and was a founder member of the Ladies team; she played regularly 3 times a week until the last couple of years and can still be found supporting one of the teams 4 or 5 times a week.

We run 2 teams on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and the ladies on a Thursday. During the week the matches start from 6.30pm and on a Saturday from 2.00pm when you can always get a cup of tea and watch the bowls.

Jan Ingham



Primary Sports UK



Touch Football

Primary Sports UK, Leeds United and West Leeds Juniors are working in partnership to deliver 'First Touch Football' to children aged 2-6 years old. First Touch Football is designed to give children an early start in the development of a range of physical, technical and tactical skills as well as ensuring children have as much fun as possible!



Details are as follows:

Nursery Class - Saturday

Time: 09:30am -10:15am

Venue: Swallow Hill Community College

Cost: £4 per week (First Session Free!)

Foundation-Year 1 Saturday

Time: 10:30am -11:30am

Venue: Swallow Hill Community College

Cost: £5 per week (First Session Free!)

For further details, please contact Tom on 0790 4634 666 or, alternatively come down this Saturday for your free taster session!

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Moor Top Gardening Club

With spring in the air the gardening fraternity in general is arousing from its winter slumber and is looking forward to another year of growth. The Moor Top programme is already well under way and following last year's successes the club is hoping to do even better.

It was pleasing that another Gold Medal award was won in class 500 at the L.H.S Leeds Show last August, with quite a superb display of edible plants and their culinary uses. It proved a real eye catcher and a popular talking point. Unfortunately, the success won't be repeated because this year's Leeds Show will be a one-day event at St Chad's with insufficient space to house the larger displays. But, suffice to say, we went out on a high.

Our Annual events at the Community Centre are already scheduled. The Plant Sale will be on Saturday, 14th May 2016 when Bedding Plants, Perennials, Herbs, Vegetables, Fruit etc will be available.

The Annual Show will follow on Saturday, 13th August 2016. Space limitations make it a members only competition but it is a well-staged event with refreshments, Tombola, sales and information and the popular after show Auction of

produce. So, it is well worth a visit and all are welcome.

Make a note of these dates: -

Additionally, in between these two events, the club will be involved in the Annual Village Fete at the Lancasterian Schoolroom on Saturday 2nd July 2016 where we will organize the plant stall.

The club meets at the Lancasterian Schoolroom on the 2nd Monday in the month. Already we have had interesting talks on Biological Gardening and the cultivation of Geraniums, with a full programme for the rest of the year. There is a friendly atmosphere with a healthy exchange of gardening know how, entertaining and educational. However, membership has to be limited due to space restrictions, which means we have no vacancies for new members at the present time.

Just now members are getting out into the greenhouse, sowing seeds, or in the garden dividing perennial plants and generally getting organized for another battle with the elements to achieve a garden to be proud of.

To those of you who attend our events we thank you and appreciate your support. To those who haven't yet been to one of our events, please look us up, you will be very welcome.

Joe Walker Chairman

