

New Farnley Community Newsletter



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Walkabout to view problems

On the 14th October a few members of the New Farnley Vision Group met with various officers from the West North West Locality Team. This included the Service Manager, Street Supervisor and Enforcement Officers. The walkabout was arranged by Councillor John Hardy was to see where areas of improvement were required. These areas had been discussed at length during our monthly meeting of the committee. Some of the issues raised were:-

Benches - Following the walk about Cllr Hardy has chased up the possibility of having some of the old benches replaced on Back Lane. The old benches had been built years ago by the Hollybush Conservation Team.

Litter - various areas were noted as hot spots which needed regularly cleaning. Some of these included around the land around the Co-op, New Farnley Park, Woodcock, Lawns Lane, Back Lane, particularly entrance to Nan Win Woods, and the junction leading over to Gildersome Lane.

'Dog fouling' - following the walk about, and numerous complaints about the amount of dog fouling, one particular area highlighted was on Low Moor Side Lane.

Please note there are to be a bin situated at the bottom of Low Moor Side Lane and to the entrance of Nan Win Woodsto be used for litter and dog fouling.



'Horse fouling' - during the walk about the amount of dog-fouling was highlighted. The problem of grass-verge erosion caused by horses was also mentioned. Many people have raised this issue and

Councillor Hardy has agreed to contact local livery stables about the problem.

Members of the NFVG

New website and newsletter for Vision Group

The Vision Group are very happy to announce that the website and newsletter are being updated with articles and information that is relevant to the residents and community of New Farnley. The website will be updated on a regular basis with events, dates and times, and news of progress with the local council. You can view these details at www.cwnf.btck.co.uk; so take a look and, if you would like to add anything or make an enquiry, then let us know.

Liz Room

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Village Design Statement

New Farnley has a distinctive character, formed as a result of its historic development and its setting in a countryside landscape at the edge of the city. The Village Design Statement provides guidance for anybody designing or building in the area - whether its an extension or something bigger - so that the area won't be spoilt by development that does not respect or improve that character.

It probably seems a long time since the New Farnley Vision Group asked me to help with the creation of the VDS. The workshops and fieldwork which residents carried out took place some time ago and since then the VDS has had to undergo a long series of consultations with various local authority departments and outside bodies. All their disparate views had to be taken into account in a series of drafts without compromising what local residents wanted to see. Of course the VDS is only effective because it is official local policy and to achieve that status it has had to pass through a series of hoops so that it met the Council's and Central Government's higher policy framework. While the process was underway there have been a number of changes to that higher policy which, unfortunately, did not help the speed of progress.

However, the VDS is now adopted policy and will be used by the planners and planning inspectors in deciding whether. proposed developments conform to its guidance. But that does not mean that you, as residents of New Farnley, can sit



back and let it do the work. If you are contemplating an extension or alteration to your house, take some time to look at what the VDS says about how best it can be done without compromising the appearance of the street you live in. Keep an eye on proposed developments in the village. If you think a planning application does not measure up to the ideals of the VDS, make your comments more effective by including appropriate references to the VDS in your comments. Support the applications that do measure up. The VDS also includes a series of suggestions for improvement - many of these need to come from the local community, so get involved and

help make New Farnley an even better place than it is already.

It has been a pleasure for me to be involved in helping to produce the VDS, and especially to work with such a dedicated team of people in the Vision Group. There is a real sense of community in the village and pride in the place where you live. It is because of places like New Farnley and its people taking the initiative that the concept of localism in planning has gained credibility. I hope that the VDS will help New Farnley retain its distinctiveness long into the future.

The VDS can be viewed via the website: www.cwnf.btck.co.uk.

Peter Baker (Architect)

Gardening Club

The Moor Top and District Gardening Club - was founded in 1986 by a group of local enthusiasts and it has been growing ever since! The Lancasterian School Room is still its home but its activities have spread to the New Farnley Community Centre where the Plant Sale in May and the Annual Show in August have become local events.

The club is also involved with the Annual Village Fete. Members enjoy regular monthly meetings with speakers and

demonstrations.

The Club marked 2012 by winning a Gold Award for its Society Display (see photograph opposite) at the prestigious Leeds Show - progress indeed!

Joe Walker



Success on the park

Following concern by the New Farnley Vision Group (NFVG) over the last year or so about the neglect of New Farnley Park, the group undertook a couple of walkabouts with representatives from Leeds City Council to highlight their concerns. Since the most recent walkabout with Leeds City Council officers and one of local councillors', John Hardy, progress has now been made.

The NFVG is now delighted to report, following a request that regular maintenance was required to bring the park up to a satisfactory standard, that a new site gardener has now been provided, working a full week on a fortnightly basis. The gardener can be contacted at the New Farnley Bowling Club if residents need to discuss any concerns regarding the park. The park looks much improved already.

We are also delighted that the new swings have now been reinstated.

The Vision Group would like to thank all those people who have helped to improve the park, particularly our new site-gardener and the Parks Area Officer who is based at Farnley Hall.



However, the Vision Group is also concerned about work that has still not been completed following the upgrading of the park. The fact is that certain grassed areas were never reseeded effectively following the improvements to the park.

We would also like to ask the City Council to: upgrade the park benches, as the paint is peeling off these; clean the graffiti off one of the park information boards; and to remove the trainers dangling from the telephone wires in the park. Concern has also been expressed that cracks have re-appeared on some of the tarmac around the park.



Everyone at the New Farnley Vision Group would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and a special thank you to all volunteers who work in the community of New Farnley.

Feeling the pinch?

Then help is at hand - West Leeds Debt Forum is available to give free impartial advice on financial matters that you may be concerned about. If you feel you need assistance for free advice contact:

Armley One Stop Centre 0113 3950891
Leeds Citizens Advice Bureau 0844 477 4788

If you have been a victim or know someone who has been a victim of Scams and Fraud contact any of the following:

West Yorkshire Trading Standards 0845 404 0506
Stop Loan Sharks 0300 555 2222 or email: stoploan sharks@leeds.gov.uk

Check out the West Leeds Debt Forum on www.westleedsdebtforum.com they will be able to guide you in the right direction and **STOP THE LOAN SHARKS**

What's on corner

The New Farnley Vision Group website have a host of activities to view that are held at:-

**St James Church
Lacasterian School Room
Community Centre**

Check Out the website for all the details at

www.cwnf.btck.co.uk

Community Centre - One Off Events for December

Pre school Christmas Fair Sunday 2nd December - 12 noon to 3.00pm - tombola - raffle - cake stall - white elephant stall all welcome.

Boxing Day

The bar opens from 2.00pm to 11.00pm Karaoke from 3.00 to 9.00pm. All welcome.

New Year's Eve Party with DJ

Randyman Monday 31st 7.30 to late. £10 members £15 non-members, including supper ticket. **(Tickets on sale now)**

Senior Citizens' Party Saturday 12th January 2013 door opens at 3.00pm £5.00 per person **(must live in New Farnley to attend)** **(Tickets on sale now)**

Lancasterian School Room

The Lancasterian School Room's Music by Candlelight, will be held at 7pm on Friday 14th December (by popular demand, the group singers from last year will return). Come along and enjoy the music and a glass of mulled wine and mince pies.

To hire the school room contact Jenny Jamieson (Treasurer) Tel: 2853536

St James C of E Church

There will be a Family Nativity Service on Sunday 9th December at 11.00pm. All Welcome.

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club in New Farnley was founded in 1908 and it is amazing how many people say they did not know that there was a Bowling Green in the village. Hopefully, this will change as we now have a nice new welcome sign at the entrance to the green.

The green is open from April to September and we have 9 teams running at the moment. Somebody is about most afternoons and nearly every evening, so, if you fancy watching and having a cup of tea, call in you will be made welcome and who knows you might fancy having a go.

The Annual Awards Evening was a great success. With all the awards announced and presented to proud players, it was left to the evening's food and superb entertainment and dancing to finish a brilliant night.

The bowling season is from April to September. There is usually someone at the green most afternoons and evenings during this period, so, if you are interested in



Above are photographs of the Queens Jubilee and the Awards Evening.

joining the Bowling Club, come and visit us at the green and have a chat.

Jan Ingham



New Farnley in Bloom

The group has met several times this year and we have now planted a total of 26 tubs around New Farnley. We have really appreciated the support of local businesses in sponsoring the 'Diamond Jubilee' by purchasing several more barrels.

The volunteers who planted all the lovely red geraniums, with the blue and white lobelia, complemented all the other fantastic activities which took place during the Diamond Jubilee weeks.

Thank you again to all the volunteers, businesses and West North West Area Committee in sponsoring the New Farnley In Bloom.

We have recently undertaken the Autumn planting of winter flowering pansies, and put lots of new spring flowering bulbs in the new tubs. Hopefully, the long winter may be brightened up by the planting of the pansies.

The group made a further application to the give away bulb bonanza by Leeds Groundwork, and we are pleased to say we were successful again in obtaining a large amount of bulbs. We have

planted these in the following areas: to the centre of the large traffic island opposite the Woodcock, the grassed area in front of the Woodcock, grassed area to the entrance of Nan Woods, Walsh Lane, Whitehall Road and outside the GPs' surgery.

We have also been successful in obtaining a grant of £1000 from the Community First Project, which will help toward the continually planting of the tubs.

The group is keen to hear from anyone who is able to help or any suggestions to improve the area.

For further information please contact any of the group members:

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Steve Fletcher & Maggie Thompson



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