



**A pretty picture at the Nook Road junction with The Avenue**

However, there have been many gains in the life of the village and the 'huts and sheds' have grown into, to use the language of estate agents, 'a popular and sought after village'. It has a village hall, street lights, playing fields, a children's playground, a library, shops, a school, two pubs, the Manor House social centre, two hairdressers and a beauty parlour, a post office and last but not least, a doctors' surgery and a dentist. The greatest asset the village has, however, is its people. As each building phase went ahead, those who came to live here put their energy, talents and enterprise into starting clubs and organisations, many of which still exist today. One only has to think of the Women's Institute, the Mothers' Union, the Village Players and the sports clubs (which were 'on the go' long before the present playing fields were opened.). In the early 1940's a Scouts troop and Cub pack were formed, followed by a Guide company and Brownie pack. In more recent memory Scholes Community Care, a lifeline for so many in the village, was started. Even more recently we have seen the flowering of 'Scholes in Bloom' and, to bring us bang up to date, Scholes Community Forum has been inaugurated.

Other interests in the village are catered for. The village hall is home to productions by Scholes Village Players, a group started in 1932. It also hosts children's singing and ballet classes, an adult dancing class and monthly tea dances. Barwick Flower Club and a Tae Kwondo class meets there and every Thursday the hall resounds to the sound of Leeds Pipe Band. It is a popular venue for children's parties and wedding receptions. One of the highlights of the village calendar is Scholes Gala which is organised by the village hall committee. Scholes Community Archive Group caters for those who have an interest in the history of the village. It meets in the Manor House which is the social centre for the senior citizens of our community, holding coffee mornings, bingo sessions and arranging trips. A 'Tiddlers and Toddlers' group meets in the church hall, giving mothers and young children the opportunity to socialise.

What the future holds for Scholes in terms of built development will depend to a large extent on central Government as implemented by Leeds City Council. The Council has accepted the recommendation of the Inspector of the Unitary Development Plan Review that land east of Scholes and down Wood Lane should not be returned to Green Belt but should remain as PAS (Protected Area of Search) land and not be brought forward for development until at least after 2016. To date the community of Scholes has shown itself adept in defending the village's best interests and will doubtless continue to do so.

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