



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

Your Parish Church exists to be the people of God through faith in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, worshipping Him, making disciples and serving others.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Sunday August 3	Trinity 11	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday August 4	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Sunday August 10	Trinity 12	9.30am Rushbearing Communion
Sunday August 17	Trinity 13	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday August 24	Trinity 14	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday August 31	Trinity 15	9.30am Morning Prayer



!!STOP PRESS!!

Friday August 1

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Unofficial news is that Preliminary judging in this year's Best Kept Village Competition is now completed and, alphabetically
Champions Class: Blacko, Roughlee, St. Michaels
Hamlet Class: Arkholme, Barley, Newchurch
will go through to the final round of judging which will take place during the first 2 weeks of August, to be followed by one more judging after that.
So, the Final push is on! Residents, please weed your weeds; pick up any litter

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Next issue Please have your articles for the September 'News' by Friday August 15.

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Parish NEWS



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Dear Friends

This is the time of year when my mind turns to my other identity.

This month, I'll be spending two weeks as padre with the Army Cadet Force. It is so different from the other fifty weeks of the year, but the saying 'a change is as good as a rest' doesn't apply here.

Although as a vicar you are on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week, the phone rarely rings requiring an immediate response.

On camp it is different. When 500 teenagers and adults, who know you, and realise that you are there for them and are not going to ram religion down their throats, they don't hold back. Not all of it is crisis listening - a good part is. I am amazed at how many young people experience bereavement of one kind or another. But there is a lot of befriending and sharing in experiences. Sleeping on the ground under a basha not only boosts my credentials, but also proves surprisingly comfortable.

What comes out of these conversations is how much people need to be taken seriously. It might be a question of self-worth, as when relationships break down, or regular soldiers move from the Army to civilian life, or in the instances of bullying, which are quickly dealt with. It might be a question of purpose, maybe career choices, often what's it all about. Questions of right and wrong, science and religion crop up too. Often these begin as attempts to shock the padre, but can move on to something more profound when they realise it takes something really imaginative to shock this padre!

But the adult instructors and the cadets are no different to people anywhere else. We all have questions, although we tend to sit on them until something blows up. Maybe we are frightened by the responsibility of asking them. And we all need somewhere to go with these questions - a close friend, a wise family member, a vicar.

Big questions are fundamental to being human. It is part of our make up to look around and ask why. If we silence these questions we are denying part of ourselves. And in asking them we open ourselves to just how wonderful and challenging it is to be fully human. The Books of Psalms and Job are full of questioning - asked sometimes with awe, sometimes disbelief, sometimes irreverence. But the Biblical answer comes back - the universe is amazing; the God who made it is amazing; and amazingly we matter to him.



God bless you

John

REUBEN BURTON TRUST FUND

Former pupils of Roughlee and Newchurch Schools who are undertaking a course of study at University or other Higher Education Centre, are invited to apply for a small grant from the Reuben Burton Trust Fund on sending details of their intended course and past academic career to: Mrs. D.A. Watkinson, 5 Queensgate, Nelson BB9 0AT before Friday August 29th. The grant is payable at the end of the year's study subject to confirmation of successful completion, and candidates may apply for each year of the course's duration.

RUSHBEARING

Friday August 8th, from 7pm onwards at the Milligan's, Croft Top Farm, Stang Top Lane, Roughlee - an opportunity to make the rushbearings. Refreshments available.

Saturday August 9th 2.30pm - procession through the village, with crowning the Rushbearing Queen and service in church followed by tea.

Sunday, August 10th 9.30am - Rushbearing Holy Communion service. This will be an all-age service and will be followed by bacon butties and coffee, and a treasure hunt for children in the church grounds.

Please come along to join the festivities. Our Mayor, Cllr. Shelagh Derwent, will crown our Rushbearing Queen, Hannah Duerden

SOCIAL

Saturday 30th August at 7.00pm
Salmon Bake, Spenbrook Tickets £10

ST. MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th August at 7.30pm at the home of Joan & John Parsons.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Emma Louise Rawstron & Bruce Alexander Garrow on 14th June
Melanie Fraser & Daniel Kobak on 26th July
Hilary & Tim Bradshaw on their marriage blessing on 26th June

mothers union

Our outing to Southfield was most enjoyable. We were met with a lovely aroma of home-made potato pie, followed by plates full of the most delightful cakes.

One of the ladies gave a very interesting talk about the history of Southfield through the good times and the bad. We ended the evening by going into the chapel to sing a few hymns. A good time had by all.

August 7th 7.30pm

Quiet Evening at St.Paul's, Nelson.
August 19th Indoor Members Tea Party at St.Luke's, Brierfield.

Local History Group

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th August at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. The speaker will be Martin Charlesworth, Countryside Officer for the Forest of Bowland.

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On 6th August at Barley Village Hall the speaker will be Chris Peat, a member of the Northern Bridleway Association. She will deal especially with the "Mary Towneley Loop" a bridleway in the Cliviger area which she and the late Mary Towneley developed. This is an OPEN MEETING and all who are interested in local bridleways and horses are most welcome.

The Annual

"In Pendle's Shadow" walk needs your help!

We need more helpers to make sure this important outreach work happens safely and successfully. Can you please spare some time on the 20th September 2008? We need people to help from anywhere between 1 hour and the duration of the walk. Please reply, with contact details to John Parsons, 1 Gorrell Close, Newchurch in Pendle tel. 01282 699580 email: john@spenbrook.co.uk

Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Barley with Wheatley Booth

www.barleyvillagehall.org

Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: August 13 & September 10

Parish Council Chairman / Parish News Co-ordinator:

Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 audrey@stanglaithe.fsnet.co.uk

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School.

Next Meetings: August 12 & September 9

Parish Council Chairman: Kathleen Wilkinson Tel. 617971 brianwilco@tiscali.co.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Carol Donahue Tel. 07769 857595 caroldonohoe@msn.com

Parish News Co-ordinator: Chris Widdas Tel. 691850 cwiddas@beeb.net

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays of every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre.

Next Meetings: August 4 & September 1

Parish Council Chairman: Brian Nelson Tel. 697220 brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com

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Pendle Borough Councillor: James Starkie Tel. 699262 james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk

Barley

Jack Thompson announced his retirement from Barley Parish Council in June 2008, forty years after joining the Council.

Back in 1968 the war raged in Vietnam, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King were assassinated; the first Boeing 747 took to the skies; Man United won the European Cup, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang was the car, Burnley F.C. were in the top flight and Barley was still recovering from the floods of '67and Jack joined the Council.



Jack has been a dedicated servant to the Village ever since and had been the Chairman of the Council for many years. He is a well known character and if you don't know him you've seen him, probably sat in his garden half way up Cross Lane sporting his beard, hat and pipe. If you want to know the history of the Village for the last forty years, Jack's your man.

On a personal note Jack was very helpful when I became Chairman of the Council and went out of his way to show me the ropes. I also know he was instrumental in negotiating the lease of the car park to the Parish Council which is our financial lifeline, without Jack and his colleagues foresight today's Council would not be able to fund improvements and support local initiatives at the current level.

On behalf of the Council and the Village I am pleased to express our gratitude and appreciation to Jack for the work done on behalf of us all.

This leaves us with a vacancy on the council and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who wants to get involved, for details see the notice-board. Finally, I would like to introduce Vicky Thorp as our new Clerk to the Council. Vicky grew

up in Barrowford and now lives in Whitehough, she has good local knowledge and will be a great asset to the parish.

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Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 4th & 18th August, 1 – 3pm. This is a small group who make cards for all occasions or you can try your hand at Patchwork, or bring along your own work, or just come and enjoy the company. Tea, coffee and biscuits are always available.

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm - Contact John Tel. 611517

YOUNG FARMERS: Every Monday

– Contact Charlotte 07732 148576

WHIST: Every Tuesday & last Sunday of each month

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 13th August - 10am to 12noon.

PILATES every Thursday 10-11am. Booking essential – All Welcome – for details contact Tracy on 07773785904

PENDLE PUMPKINS: next meeting 4th September, for information contact Jan tel. 613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm

– Contact Ruth 696834

FUTURE EVENTS:

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER: 10am to 3pm

TABLE TOP SALE contact Margaret 690420 for details. £7 per table

SAT/SUNDAY 18/9TH OCTOBER

QUILT SHOW All proceeds from this event are for the chosen charities of the Mayoress of Pendle.

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER~QUIZ AW

Goldshaw Booth

Well! Quite an interesting month or two. Who says that the role of Parish Councillor is dull? Stressful, challenging, yes, certainly. But dull? No way. And this is only a small parish. Goodness only knows what it's like in Westminster.

Let's begin with the matter which has attracted more attention than any other in recent years, the problem of the playing field. I don't want to go back over the arguments and I would be the first to disagree that the matter is over for ever, but I do think that, in a way, democracy has been shown to work. I know that some are dissatisfied with the conclusions which we have come to, but there are others who believe that a valuable village asset has been acknowledged, and I certainly hope that everyone feels that their opinions have been noted. If that is so, then democracy wins, and that's important. The Parish Council exists to represent the views of the majority and to practice the responsibilities which tradition, history and the constitution impose on it; it does not exist to bolster the egos of those who serve on it – if it did it would not have survived the onslaught of the last few weeks!

These discussions have been faithfully reported by the Nelson Leader whose impartiality cannot be questioned, but the report on the 4th, "Fury at fate of village Christmas tree..." was surely over the top. "Fury", meaning "wild anger" or "rage" is far too strong. Annoyance, possibly; irritation, displeasure, OK; but "fury"? Somewhat excessive, don't you think?! Somewhat irrational? And also misplaced! The plans very clearly show that the tree – a gift by the Parish Council some 12 years ago – will survive the proposed alterations to Newchurch centre and, indeed, is central to the development. But it's good to know that the plans, which attempt to improve the ghastly toilet block and garden, and parking for visitors, residents and for our two busi-

nesses, are being questioned before the work is done, rather than afterwards! These plans are on display in the Cauldron tea shop in Newchurch and all comments will be noted and considered, and suggestions for future work would be greatly appreciated.

Any application for planning consent made in respect of proposed alterations to buildings in the parish comes before the PC who try to assess the impact on the countryside and the villages; their views are opinion only and that opinion is only one of many taken into account by Pendle Planning Dept. when considering the application. There is often disagreement over these matters but the PC, once again, tries to be impartial. It listens to comment and argument from around the parish and reacts accordingly; it is in no way personal, although an applicant can often influence these decisions by attending the meeting. Notice of the consideration of planning matters is always included in the agenda posted before each PC meeting.

Some good things might come out of the turmoil of these last few weeks; the workings of the PC and its constitution and membership have been in the spotlight as rarely before; parishioners have, I hope, learnt a little about how the Council works and about the wide role it has to fulfil.

The PC in its turn has learnt that it must communicate better and be more open in its workings and must not be arrogant in its reaction to criticism. The fact that we do this job for little reward and often unseen and unheard should not make us intolerant of the views and opinions of our parishioners.

Maybe democracy, and the little theatre in which we practice it here in Goldshaw Booth, might benefit from the "fury" of the last few weeks!

Anyway, who wants a quiet life?

BM

ROUGHLEE

The heady (and sunny!) days of June seem a long way away now but on two successive weekends we had excellent turnouts for our ongoing quest to improve village life. The first was an impressive showing to the request for volunteers to join in a tidy & spring clean. Members of both the Parish Council & Village Centre Committee lead the duties but the most impressive work was undertaken by Bob & Glad Yates of Judson Fold who willingly took on the task of repainting the outsides of the entire Centre building & steps area. Committee members helped with this and then went onto various weeding & bark laying of our planted areas. Some people painted street name signs, benches & noticeboards. Others did various cleaning jobs, plants were planted and almost the whole length of the village was litter picked. It was a marvellous effort by all concerned and a most grateful thanks is offered to everyone who did, and continue, to do their bits.

It's easy to forget just how neat & tidy Roughlee does look, as our neighbours in Barley, Blacko & Newchurch are also heavily involved in doing their best to do well in this year's Best Kept competition. Go further afield into the county and you will soon see less-maintained hamlets & villages.

One week later came our Village Fayre. Born out of the Millennium celebrations of 2000 we have kept on the tradition, and mentioned earlier, the sun shone down on us all day. The most popular stall was again the Plants, lovingly home grown by Helen Grahame (pictured above right). Books, bric-a-brac, cakes, tombola and a new sunflower making stand did brisk business, as did the café and drinks tents. Pendle Young Farmers made a welcome debut with animal related attractions. Most rewarding was the number of children in attendance. We aren't noted for the numbers of young families in the area so the sights of the youngsters enjoying the simpler pleasures of village life was one to behold, and one that will live with them into



adult life. Thanks to all for making it a thoroughly enjoyable day which also raised valuable funds for the Centre.

Hot on the heels of the Fayre is the forthcoming Duck Race & BBQ. It's another popular event for families and with only a few days left, we urge you to sell the Ducks and buy your meal tickets in advance as we will need to know how much food to provide.

DUCK RACE SAT AUGUST 9



& BBQ Tickets



£6.50

£2.50

All Duck enquiries to Pam on 614755

Diary Date: We will be repeating our successful 'Last Night of the Proms' on Saturday September 13.

JKS