

# Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

## Barley with Wheatley Booth

[www.barleyvillagehall.org](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org)

Parish Council meetings take place on 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: February 11 & March 11

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## Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: February 10 & March 10

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## Roughlee Booth

[www.roughlee.org.uk](http://www.roughlee.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on 1st Monday of every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: February 2 & March 2

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## Goldshaw Booth

I like to greet New Year's Day with Mahler's "Resurrection", with those glorious fat chords of the final movement saluting the rebirth from the winter darkness and giving hope that I will meet the problems of the new year with tact, skill and charm; for a change. But my hopes were soon dashed. No sooner had the hangover dissipated than the flu took hold and then, as that retreated under floods of whisky, I twisted a knee.

So the glorious resurrection turned into more of a re-interment and I missed those beautiful days when the hoar frost turned every tree into a crystal and the nights were filled with stars. So, really, it couldn't fail to get better and now fully recovered I can look forward to an exciting year of depression, to owning substantial parts of failing banks and carrying debts heavy enough to burden my children, yea, even unto the fourth generation thereof. But here in the hills of Pendleside, we are made of sterner stuff and will not succumb to the general malaise. We shall look ahead, clear-eyed and resolute, and stride – or hobble, in my case – into 2009 confident that we will rise to the challenges that undoubtedly lie ahead and which your Parish Council will face with their world-renowned clarity of vision, depth of wisdom and foresight.

Parish Councillors invite all Parishioners to the School on Friday 20th March at 7.30 to meet them and your neighbours and to drink a glass of wine or a cup of tea and tell us what you want to see happening in the area. This is primarily a social event but will also give you an opportunity to tell us where we have been going wrong and what we can do to put it right. And for the PC to tell you what we have in mind for the coming year. Please try to come.

As always, there is still a lot to achieve within the Parish and we are currently

thinking about all manner of projects; There is some fencing to be done opposite the church gates, walls to be rebuilt in Sabden Fold, the possibility of re-facing the toilet block with natural stone, more work on the Sparable Wood wetland and the cutting back of overgrowth on the walls on Spen Brook Road, amongst others. If you wish to add anything you are more than welcome to do so.

Gossip in the villages and discussion in the PC in the new year has covered the usual wide range of topics. The cutting back of the trees on Spen Brook road has resulted in a rather unsightly mess but this was unavoidable and should be repaired by future growth, but it has resulted in much improved sight-lines and thus traffic safety. The problems of gritting – or its absence – have occupied much time and may result in a better service. There have been complaints of sheep on the road, but this is the countryside not an extension of suburbia, and these things happen: sheep are adventurous creatures and no great threat to mankind. There has been a considerable amount of fast-food rubbish dumped on Nanny Maud brow and we hope to get a bin placed there, together with a salt bin.

There is still little crime in the area but Phil & Bev were recently instrumental in the arrest of a "lost" lurker on their land and there was panic over what appeared to have been an attempt to pinch the stump of the old gritstone cross at the top of Cross Lane which has now been shown to be a totally legitimate "investigation" by the landowner. But – stay vigilant; in Pendleside even walls can move overnight, as Roger Nowell will testify, and apprehension of the guilty will undoubtedly lead to hangings in Lancaster from which there will be no resurrection.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 10th February. BMA

## BARLEY

### Village Hall

**CRAFT GROUP** Monday 16th 1- 3pm. Future classes 1st & 3rd Monday every month.

**YOUNG FARMERS** Monday 2nd February visit to Hartley's. Monday 23rd 7.30pm. Pancake eating competition. Contact Charlotte Hargreaves. Tel. 603682

**KEEP FIT** Monday 8pm weekly circuit training, Contact John Tel. 611517 for information.

**WHIST** Every Tuesday at 7.30pm and the last Sunday in the month.

**PENDLE PATCHERS** Tuesday 10th & 24th from 1 – 5pm. Future classes will be held on the second & fourth Tuesday each month. Tel Audrey 613280 or Dorothy 709780

**COFFEE & CHAT** Wednesday 11th from 10am to 12 noon.

**PENDLE PUMPKINS** every Thursday 10am to 12 noon. For information contact Jan. Tel.613564. No meetings in school holidays

**LINE DANCING** every Thursday 7.45pm, for further information telephone Ruth 696834.

**PILATES** Course every Thursday morning. For more details or to book please contact Tracy on 07773785904. Booking essential.

**BADMINTON** is now being played on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, under 16's must have adult supervision, contact John for availability Tel.611517.

The Children's Christmas Party was very successful and enjoyed by all the children. Thank you to Barley Parish Council for sponsoring this event. AW

I will start by wishing all parishioners a happy and prosperous 2009, a tall order if you follow the doom and gloom being put out by the popular press who would have us believe we could all be eating in the Village Hall soup kitchen before long.

The Parish Council met in January and its focus over the next couple of months will be to progress replacing the tube type fence opposite the village hall with something more attractive; car park maintenance; landscaping the Barley Bridge embankment and trying to make the best out of the current environmental damage to Boothman Wood. It's a busy time for the Council and your support will be appreciated.

A Parishioner has asked that mobile phone companies are approached to offer them access to the village TV mast, you might have a view on this matter and it will be debated at the February Council meeting. The Council has reviewed its finances and again set a Zero precept tax upon the Parish. The economic downturn is of course a worry but car park receipts are up suggesting more people are staying in the locality rather than travelling to distant hills. However, the Village Hall does need your financial support and I would encourage everyone to attend some of the events this year that raise money for your Hall. The 'Burns Supper' was a sell out and described by our Clerk who attended as "great value for money at £13 for a 4 course meal with whisky tasting, the food was wonderful".

The village wireless broadband has been upgraded to 4Mb which basically means it is now faster, there is room for a couple more households on the system on a first come first served basis so if you are interested contact David Goodger or David Weatherill. Finally, I am pleased to report that Vicky Thorp and Caroline Heap have been confirmed in the permanent roles of Clerk and Financial Officer respectively, bringing both stability and flexibility to these important positions. DH

## ROUGHLEE

Last year ended on a flurry for our residents - particularly the Seniors who continue to enjoy the facilities put on for them in our Village. The Annual Lunch was well attended and it was good to see several 'new' faces - responding perhaps to the challenge set down in the last issue. All had a thoroughly good time; lunch was excellent, the schoolchildren put on another fine performance, Parish Council Vice Chairman Richard Stansfield tried his hand at comedy and the event was rounded off with a most enjoyable sing-along, all in the company of The Mayor, Shelagh Derwent. Thanks to all for attending and contributing.

Just two days later, they repeated the exercise at the Luncheon Club with another 3 course dinner, and ten days later, that group put on a rousing Carol concert which attracted over 30 villagers & friends.

The work of the Parish Council continues, even though it is a quiet time. Much of the current discussions revolve around the month to month overseeing of village life, including the minutiae of trying to get problems solved; gulleys emptied, street lights not working etc. Not major items, but very important to the people who they affect. Sadly some items are difficult to solve - there has been a street lamp out on Noggarth for over 2 months - all down to staff illness!

It was agreed at the last meeting that there wouldn't be an increase in the amount of precept that the Parish Council ask for - doing our small bit to keep costs to a minimum.

We have received a grant for the purchase of some planters to be affixed to some of the horizontal bar railings that we still

have too many of. The area we are thinking of is opposite Crowtrees Cottages and volunteers in that area would be welcome to ensure that the plants are adequately watered. It is hoped that these will be purchased and planted up in the spring. Our 'Friends of Roughlee appearance' supremo, Alistair McGeorge will also be back this year to oversee the garden areas.

The Village Centre Committee reviewed the events of the past year and look forward to this coming year with several of the 'regular' events taking place from spring onwards. JKS

### HIRE THE VILLAGE CENTRE

**Birthdays  
Weddings  
Parties etc.**  
☎ 699262 to book

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Our New Library Van will be round our 3 villages on the 11th & 25th Feb:  
Bay Horse Roughlee 1.45pm;  
Thorneyholme 2.15pm;  
Narrowgates 2.30pm;  
Barley Centre 2.50pm;  
Newchurch 3.10pm; Spennbrook 3.30pm.

There are additional stops to the above. Come and see this new van with its many new books, low rise stairs, passenger lift and loop system. USE THE MOBILE LIBRARY OR LOSE IT! AW

### Harold Lightbown

With sadness we report Harold's death, less than eighteen months since the passing of his wife Joan. He had moved into Dimpenley nearly 30 years ago. Our sympathies go out to Steven & family.





**Valentines Ball**  
**Saturday Feb 14**  
 3 course Dinner  
 7.30pm Barley Village Hall  
 All proceeds to Newchurch School  
**Tickets: Bev 604634**

**Safe Lanes in Pendleside**  
 7.30pm Wednesday March 4 at Roughlee Village Centre.  
 Walkers, Cyclists, Horse Riders etc  
 If you care about road safety on our lanes, please attend this meeting.

**LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**  
 Wednesday 18th February at 7.30pm  
 AGM and Project Planning  
 Barley Village Hall

**FLOWER DEMONSTRATION**  
 Wednesday February 4 at 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall. Visitors are most welcome.

**mothers union**  
 In February we shall meet on Wednesday 11 at 11-30am in St Thomas for Wave of Prayer and again on Tuesday 24 at a time to be confirmed.  
 The speaker will be Mrs M Taylor.

**SCHOOL**  
 Happy New Year to you all. I hope your Christmas break was enjoyable and that 2009 has started peacefully for you.  
 Following our Christmas performances in church the collections raised £200 for our chosen charities. This will be split equally between Cancer Research and MedEquip4Kids. I would like to thank everyone who attended for their generosity.  
 We have a busy half term ahead of us, including:  
 An afterschool Multiskills Course run by Pendle Sports Development, which will run for 5 weeks. Children will be involved in gymnastics, movement, balance and co-ordination activities along with ball skills. The course is part of the Every Child Matters Initiative to encourage children to lead healthy life styles.  
 Our KS2 children went to Burnley Football Club as the final part of the SCARF Project on Anti-Racism and Anti-Bullying. This course has run for ten weeks altogether culminating in this integrated day at Turf Moor, with several other schools attending.



**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 FEBRUARY**

Sunday Feb 1	Candlemas 9.30am Holy Communion
Monday Feb 2	PCC Meeting 7.30pm School
Sunday Feb 8	Education Sunday / Third Sunday before Lent 9.30am Holy Communion, including participation by Children of St. Mary's School.
Sunday Feb 15	Second Sunday before Lent 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 22	Sunday next before Lent 9.30am All age Service
Wednesday Feb 25	Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service

**MESSAGEBOARD**

Belated Christmas and New Year greetings to all our friends at St.Mary's.  
 We look forward to seeing you all in the spring.  
 Mavis & Ernie Entwistle

Belated Golden Wedding Congratulations to Ronnie and Margery Williamson who celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss quite recently.


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*John*  
 God bless you

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And discern what is good, and acceptable and perfect about ourselves. It may even be a year when we can look at what is important in our lives, So 2009 is a time when we can celebrate human achievements, and be a bit more realistic believe, has done the hard part. The Spirit is stronger. Of course we have a model in Jesus of Nazareth, who, Christians But St Paul is clear that if we allow ourselves to be transformed spiritually, then the pull of pulled towards egotism. We can see the consequences of that every time we watch the news. It is a deep-seated struggle. Unless we are aware of it, and resist it, we are inevitably Each polarity wants to pull us in its direction, but it isn't simply a matter of resolve on our love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. St Paul talks about two polarities in our moral life - the life of the flesh, which I suppose we So why can't we do it? Good will on its own is not enough. disputes without resorting to violence, or providing clean water for every human answers to most of the problems of the planet, whether it's care of the planet, solving human intelligence and resourcefulness, how is it that we can get things so wrong? We have the At the same time as celebrating human genius, I will also find myself asking, given our magazines that will try to show just how important these two scientists are. truth. So I'm looking forward to the many programmes on TV and radio, and articles in wonders of the human mind - our curiosity, intelligence, and persistence in pursuing the simplicity of the universe and life forms on this planet. It will also help us celebrate the Both these anniversaries will help us focus on the beauty, complexity and, at the same time, Charles Darwin who has changed the way we think of ourselves with his 'Origin of Species'; moon and gave birth to modern astronomy. It is also two hundred years since the birth of two leap out in particular. It is four hundred years since Galileo trained a telescope on the But 2009 is an upbeat year as well. Among the many centenarians occurring this year, Middle East. could be about the economic downturn, or the violence in the With all the gloom and doom to the beginning of 2009, this letter A somewhat belated Happy New Year to you all.



*Dear Friends*

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