



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 JULY

Sunday July 5	Trinity 4	
	9.30am Holy Communion	
Monday July 6	PCC Meeting	7.30pm School
Sunday July 12	Trinity 5	
	9.30am All Age Service	
Sunday July 19	Trinity 6	
	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday July 26	Trinity 7	
	9.30am Holy Communion	

RUSHBEARING.

This year our Rushbearing Procession and service will be on Saturday 8th August. The visiting preacher will be the Bishop of Lancaster. This year is the 60th anniversary of the office of Rushbearing Queen. We hope that many former Rushbearing Queens will be able to join in the celebrations.

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Parish NEWS

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Dear Friends

This week saw another gloomy report about rural life in this country. The National Housing Federation estimated the number of families on waiting lists for affordable housing in the countryside at three quarters of a million. The 'gentrification' of villages has meant that local people are priced out of existing housing stock. This has alarming knock-on effects. The British Beer and Pub Association has forecasted that over six hundred country pubs will close over the next year, and the Rural Shops Alliance says that over four hundred rural shops will close in the same period. Local people are more likely to use local pubs and local shops, and because they are having to move into the towns, the customer base is disappearing. Not only that, pubs are finding it hard to hire staff because of the cost and inconvenience of having to travel from the towns. At the same time I have heard planners say that often schemes for building affordable housing in the countryside are blocked because of objections from people who live in the countryside. Nimbyism is part of the problem.

Rural life is a delicate thing. Because they are so few, the amenities we have are worth taking care of, whether it is a pub, shop, village hall, or school, because once they are gone, they won't come back. Rural relationships are also important. Our villages have benefited from the influx of people, as well as the continuing presence of families who have lived here for generations. New people can bring new energy and life if they get involved in our schools, parish councils and village halls. It is good that we have families coming in, attracted by the safety of rural life. It gives our schools more sustainability. At the same time we do need to be aware that some families are moving out because they can't afford to live here. We also need to be aware of the dangers of using our villages as dormitories. If all we do is sleep here, the quality of rural life for all of us will diminish.

Jesus once told a story of three men who were given something valuable. Two of them used what they were given to make it more valuable. The third just sat on it. The first two were praised. The third discovered that what he had, he in fact lost. All of us who live in our villages are blessed with the beauty of where we live. It would be a shame if the quality of village life diminished because we didn't make the most of it.

God bless you,

John

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Shine '09 is a national celebration of the talent of all young people. Shine is being celebrated at St. Mary's by holding a 'St. Mary's Got Talent Week', beginning on the 6th July.

School Council members have once again been invited to attend the Pendle Network School Council Conference. This is our way of saying thank you to them for a year of hard work - helping to move the school forward from a child's point of view. At school we are all very aware that we need to help our planet in the way we use natural resources such as energy. On the 19th May we decided to hold a Walk to School Day to show how serious we are in trying to reduce our carbon footprint whilst promoting our healthy status.

During our Sustainability Week the children were involved in various activities which promote the care of God's World. We all know that we need to do something to tackle the issues such as Global warming and we have to do it now!

Global Renewables visited us and worked with KS2, developing the '3Rs' Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The Infants worked with Isobel from WRAP studying compost! They are now more aware of how to reuse our waste.

The Park Keepers have been into school on several occasions working with the children and Mrs Davenport, to help develop the school grounds.

On 19th May the netball team played in an inter-school netball tournament at the Colne Astro Pitch. Well done to Devon, Micah, Sarah, Jake, David and Daniel. A special mention should be made of Kizzy, who went into the team at the last minute. We finished a creditable second of five teams.

A whole school trip took place on Friday 12th June. The children enjoyed a visit to the Salt Museum at Northwich.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

SOCIAL

Saturday July 25. Barbecue at Spenbrook 6.30pm.
Tickets £10

'LETTER TO THE EDITOR'

I felt compelled to write to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone concerned with the planning, management and maintenance of this beautiful oasis of wildlife on our doorsteps - the Goldshaw Booth Playing Fields.

I have lived in the area for some twenty years now and seen these playing fields evolve from a plain simple grassed area to a truly beautiful haven of flora and fauna; the pathways are a delight to explore revealing an abundance of wild flowers, grasses, butterflies, bees etc. - the list goes on. I cannot wait to see the pond settle and unveil its water life. The playing area is fantastic too.

I walk my dog through here daily (responsibly using the "doggie bin") and I cannot help but laugh when he takes such delight in romping through the long grassy wilderness - he adores it and so do I.

To have the delights of this wonderful area on our doorsteps is something to be proud of, may we all cherish it and care for it so our children and their children will benefit from it. Thank you again!

From a delighted Spenbrook Doggy Walker.

Barley Chapel

is a family friendly church that meets every Sunday at 10.30am for Worship, and Sunday Friends of God Club for children. 10.30-11.30

The weekly FoG Club for ages 7-16 also meets on Thursdays from 6.30 - 7.45pm

Rev'd A Turner. Tel 614500

Pendle Forest History Group



FOREST OF
BOWLAND
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



cordially invite all residents to the official Launch of our Archaeology Project in conjunction with Oxford Archaeology North. Wednesday 15th July 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall

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

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. No Meeting in July. Next Meeting: August 12

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenn Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: July 14 & August 11

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on the 1st Monday of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: July 6 & August 3

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BARLEY

The new proprietors of the Cabin on the Car Park are Tony from Barley and Paula from Fence and we wish them well in their new business venture. They have given the place a makeover and are hoping for a good summer to boost trade. There is a new menu and some new attractive timber bench and seating installed so take a wander over and look round, it might be just the place for a snack, a brew and a chat.

The last Parish Council meeting was attended by the developer down at Boothman Wood. The Council was again given assurances that the intention was only to provide a woodland fishery which would blend into the rural environment. The Council responded by confirming their concerns and disappointment regarding the damage done to the woodland and their current lack of confidence in the development. The Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee will be considering the retrospective planning application submitted by the developer to legitimise the construction of earth bunds and access tracks at a public meeting to be held at Barrowford Civic Hall on Thursday 9th July. The Council will be making a submission on behalf of the Parish, but all interested residents are welcome to attend.

Whilst on Planning matters I can report that Foothouse Gate Barn, which was blown down in strong winds a year or so back, has again been refused planning permission and so it will continue to stand as a shell supported by scaffold. Also, the works adjacent to the road at the top of Whitehough have been stopped, awaiting appropriate permissions.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a good summer and a super holiday wherever you might travel to. With Burnley FC now in the Premiership League it is a good bet that some people you meet will want to talk about the club and its prospects for next season, for sure promotion has put the town firmly back on the global sporting map. From Best Kept Village to Premiership contenders it sure was a right

good season. Roll on kick-off.

Derek Heap

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday, never buy a card again, new ideas from Valerie every time they meet.

YOUNG FARMERS: Meet every Monday 7.30pm, contact Charlotte Hargreaves. Tel. 603682

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

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday every month – we regularly have 10 ladies sewing away. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280 or Dorothy 709780

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

COFFEE & CHAT: 2nd Wednesday at 10am to 12 noon.

LAST WEDNESDAY PACT at 7pm please support this Police & Community Together Meeting when our local Police will be present. We complain we never see police in Barley – now is your chance to meet them!

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10am to 12 noon for information contact Jan. Tel.613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm

PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517. Audrey Weatherill

The sad mess in Westminster and the demise of a local MP brought to mind the opening paragraph of the Edgar Allen Poe story "the Fall of the House of Usher"; the first paragraph is worth re-reading as a wonderful image of the gloom which pervades the building: "I looked upon the scene . . . with an utter depression of soul . . ." How very appropriate. And read also the last paragraph of "Animal Farm: "The creatures outside looked from pig to man . . . but it was impossible to say which was which." What an awful mess. It makes Parish Councillors appear whiter than the driven snow although, speaking personally, I'd love a little temptation; as Oscar Wilde remarked: "I can resist anything but . . ." But temptation, unfortunately, rarely comes my way these days; apart from sneaking a last scotch when Sue isn't looking, I live a relatively blameless life of service to the community. How boring. How unimaginative. Maybe I should stand for Westminster and an exotic life of flipping bath plugs and moat cleaning. But how do we dare to lecture other countries on "democracy" when we make such a mess of it? I'm not convinced it worked in Athens when its political system only allowed about 10,000 out of a population of 80, 000 to vote; it certainly was not representative then – why, then, our unquestioning belief in a system which seems to favour the pigs?

The last Council meeting did not raise the gloom of this odd summer; we talked for nearly three hours. Maybe we did come to some conclusions – I'll have to check the minutes - although our recently departed Clerk must have had great difficulty in deciding what we have decided. Carol has served us well and been very tolerant. Our newly appointed Clerk – John Parsons – will have a hard time in recording accurately our meandering deliberations!

At a separate and swifter meeting it was resolved to form the Goldshaw Events

Committee to build on the success of our Easter social. The new committee will try to hold four events each year and hopes that they will appeal to Parishioners of all ages and interests; the first is to be a Summer Picnic to be held on the Newchurch playing fields on Saturday 1st August at 3pm when there will be games and competitions for the children and conviviality for the more adult or lazy. Every household will get an invitation over the next few days: do, please, try to come. We are going to provide a barbeque and gazebos; the papers all say that it's going to be a "barbeque summer" so come and enjoy it with us.

The building activities noted in last month's despatches seem to be coming to a close and new families are arriving in Newchurch; it will be good to have nearly all our tangle of houses and cottages occupied again and to have fresh faces around. Let's do our best to welcome them and to make them feel at home in our community – despite our parking problems. I'm afraid that these are not going to get better in the short run so a degree of tolerance will be necessary but it's a problem not unique to us, just drive through Wheatley Lane! England wasn't designed for cars; if it had been, we'd all have to live in somewhere like Milton Keynes and who wants that? I'd much rather live in our eighteenth century maze and, judging by the number of newcomers to the village, so would a lot of others.

Please don't forget the Best Kept Village competition; we're still being judged and it would be lovely to beat our friends down the hill – to whom our best wishes and respects – to the prize, but rivalry is always a spur! The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 14th July.

Bill Mayor

We are now amidst the judging time for the Best Kept Village and Alistair, Michael and their helpers are doing a fine job once again within the village. A tidy-up took place at the beginning of June and a hardy bunch of Villagers turned up to do a variety of tasks, so a BIG thank you to them, and to those who do their bit, unsung, at other times too. In those immortal words, or similar, "a village tidy-up isn't just for June - it's for the whole summer, so please keep up the good work whilst the judges are about us. A few more hanging baskets and the clearance of a few weeds would be very much appreciated.

As far as the playground project is concerned an area has been now designated as a potential plot that will not encroach on any of the current grass play areas. Details will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting.

Many of you may have read in the press about the situation at the Pasture Lane Caravan Park. The Parish Council is closely monitoring the issues and are in liaison with Pendle Borough Council and hopefully will have more information for the next Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on July 6 at the Village Centre.

The Village Fayre on Sunday June 14 was another exceptional event, superbly organised by Michelle Harvey and her Village Centre Committee, ably supported by members of the Parish Council and other villagers. The PC appreciates the work that goes into these events, with costs continually rising in Village Centre upkeep, they are increasingly important. Two weeks earlier we had hosted the Songs of Praise gathering, again held in brilliant sunshine and we made a pact with the Vicar and The Good Lord for a repeat of the weather - happily both obliged!

The melodic sounds of a silver band on a sunny summer's afternoon provided the set-

ting for a most enjoyable afternoon. Record numbers attended, and most encouragingly, stayed, for a simple afternoon of enjoying each other's company, strolling through a selection of stalls selling cakes, bric-a-bric, plants & vegetables and the like. The café and drinks outlets did brisk business, as did the attractions for children: bouncy castle, ducks, and stocks etc. Pendle Young Farmers ably organised childrens' games. Sadly the vehicle carrying the hawks and owls broke down on its way so they didn't make it and there was another no-show from the Barley tug 'o war team!

Perhaps we can entice them next year?? Thanks go to all for their support and help. It really is an event that brings Villagers together, and whilst the final figures have yet to be tied up, it is expected to be a profit of over £1000 for Village Centre funds. The afternoon ended for 'the workers' with a well-earned (and delicious) supper at the Bay Horse.

No sooner has one finished than another comes along! Next time it's our popular Duck Race & BBQ on Saturday August 15. Duck tickets will be circulating during July and we urge you to sell some to your work colleagues and friends. Pam on 614755 will again be selling food tickets for the BBQ.

Brian Nelson / James Starkie

DUCK RACE
& BBQ
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