



# 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 SEPTEMBER

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL September 5 & 6

Our theme is the history of the Parish, we hope to have items on display from the Records office in Preston, also from any one who may have any items of historical interest of the area, to loan us for the weekend.

Saturday 5th History exhibition in the Church 10am - 6pm

Genealogy talk 2.30pm

Sunday 6th 9.30am Holy Communion

4pm Songs of Praise

Sunday Sept 13	Trinity 14 9.30am All age Service
Sunday Sept 20	Trinity 15 9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Sept 27	Trinity 16 9.30am Holy Communion

### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

to Jayne Elizabeth Slater and Richard Theaker. Married at St Marys in August.

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Next issue Please have your articles for the October 'News' by Friday September 18.

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# Parish NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2009

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*Dear Friends*



I am writing this from the middle of Salisbury Plain - a beautiful rolling countryside, full of pretty villages and ancient monuments, and of course a massive military training estate. I'm here with army cadets for our annual camp.

So far it is quiet - the cadets are due to arrive in the next few hours. Yesterday I took the opportunity to visit a little village called Imber.

Imber's story is sad. In 1941 the residents were moved out so that the army could use the village as part of its preparations for the Normandy invasions. The people were told they could return at the end of the war. You could imagine the mixed feelings of people having to leave their homes but wanting to do their bit for the war effort.

The village is still deserted. Its people have not been allowed to return. More than that, new buildings have been put up by the army to train for urban warfare. It is a reminder of how far-reaching the effects of war can be.

On the edge of the village is one building that has resisted this process. The village church is still there, still in good repair, even without parishioners. In fact it has just acquired a new roof thanks to the charity that cares for it. It is opened on specified Sundays, and worship is held in the church a number of times in the year.

It is a powerful symbol.

In spite of good intentions, we still haven't managed to create a world which has grown out of war as a solution to international disagreement. We can see that every time we switch on the news. And yet we do know there is another way. God's way is justice and peace, and the church still standing in Imber is a reminder that even in conflict we need to be trying to build a world of justice and peace.

It's not easy. But it doesn't make much sense - in personal relationships and in international politics - to walk into conflict simply because justice and peace demand too much effort.

God bless you,

*John*

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## The Chamber Pot

An occasional feature  
bringing news from the Town  
Hall

Three items to bring to your attention this month. Firstly, all households should have received their form for registering on the 2010 Electoral Roll. If there are no changes then it is a simple matter of confirming this and returning the form in the prepaid envelope, or using the secure internet, freephone and text messaging facilities. Details of these are included on the form. Secondly, September sees the launch of the new brown bin recycling scheme and will start as soon as you receive your new bin. You should have also received a new calendar showing the amended collection regime. The Council is very aware that some households may have difficulties and is adopting a very flexible approach; ie smaller bins are available and there is also a facility whereby households can share bins. If you have any problems with any of this, please telephone Operational Services on 661743 OR Councillor James Starkie on 699262. Finally, September 5 sees the launch of this year's Pendle Walking Festival. It continues for 8 days and several walks either start, or pass through our Villages. So, if you see lots of walkers about, they're probably visitors from all over the country who have come to enjoy our marvellous countryside. For more information telephone 856186.

## WI

"Norwegian Fjords"  
with Gordon Bartley  
Wednesday 2nd September  
at 7.30pm  
Barley Village Hall  
Visitors most welcome

## In Pendle's Shadow Walk Saturday September 12

Much HELP with marshalling and  
preparing food will be required on  
the day.

OFFERS of HELP to either of the  
Church Wardens.

## MESSY CHURCH 4

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL  
15TH SEPTEMBER @ 3.30-3.45 TILL 6  
COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN,  
GAMES, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

## Local History Group

Barley Village Hall  
Wednesday 16th September  
A talk by Laura Oddie  
entitled "110 years of Oddies Bakery"

## mothers union

Tuesday September 22  
OPEN EVENING, when Valerie and Chris will  
take us on a trip to the ANTARCTIC  
in St MARYS School at 7-30 pm.  
Do come along and see the spectacular  
scenery.

## Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Wed Sep 23 at Roughlee Village  
Centre.

## 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

# 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 the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: September 9 & October 14

Parish Council Chairman / Parish News Co-ordinator:

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Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 [vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk](mailto:vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk)

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280

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## Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: September 8 & October 13

Parish Council Chairman: Kathleen Wilkinson Tel. 617971 [brianwilco@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:brianwilco@tiscali.co.uk)

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## Roughlee Booth [www.roughlee.org.uk](http://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: September 7 & Oct. 5

Parish Council Chairman: Brian Nelson Tel. 697220 [brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com)

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## Councillors

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# BARLEY

Two ends of the Barley have had a bit of a facelift this month. At the northern end new footway paving has been installed made up of rustic blocks. The works got off to a bumpy start with the County Council's Engineers visiting the site daily to placate residents but now the works are finished most people seem satisfied. It certainly looks better than tarmac or concrete and the Parish Council will encourage LCC to do a bit more.

At the southern end new black steel railings have been erected to replace the old rusty scaffold like fencing which was an eyesore at the entry to the village. The new railings have natural stone copings fitted below to hide the old concrete retaining wall. This scheme has been funded and managed by the Parish Council and I hope you agree it is a major improvement.

The next scheme the PC intends to take on is maintaining the village green river embankment whilst LCC has agreed to upgrade gully grates on Barley Lane and Cross Lane.

Ellen Hargreaves of Wilkinson Meadowbank Farm celebrated her 80th birthday over the bank holiday weekend with a family bash at the Village Hall – best wishes Ellen. She came to Barley 55 years ago and she has added Christine, Mary, Margaret, John and Richard to the community. She must be a great mum because none of them have moved more than a mile from home!

There are a couple of events to bring to your attention. Simon Halliday is organising a National Three Peaks Challenge for the 26/7th Sept. so if you fancy a weekend jolly around Ben Nevis, Scafell and Snowdon give him a call. Mike Goldsborough has organised a Charity Auction to be held at the Pendle Inn on Friday 11th Sept. to raise money for "Kids in Kailahun" which is a sponsorship programme for children orphaned through war or disease in the Kailahun district of Sierra Leone – a worthy cause and it was a great night last year.

Finally, if you get in to the Pendle Inn look out for the new guard dog, a black and tan puppy Lancashire Heeler. As the breed name suggests, its origins are local and they are used to herd cat-

tle by snapping at their heels. His name is Blakey after the BFC player who smashed the ball in the Manchester United net, as if we need reminding.  
Derek Heap

## Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday, check with Valarie for classes Tel. 691850

YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday contact Charlotte Hargreaves. Tel. 603682

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

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1 to 5 pm– we regularly have 10 ladies sewing away. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280

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

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 9th at 10am to 12 noon.

LAST WEDNESDAY in month: Police & Community Together meeting at 7pm when our local Police will be present.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: holiday until 10th Sept. then every Thursday 10-12 noon

LINE DANCING: start again in September, PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904.

BADMINTON: contact John 611517.

FARMERS MEETING: Rural Payments Agency – new farm maps to be confirmed by all recipients. Two meetings will be held in the Hall on Thursday 3rd September. For details contact Andrew tel. 01200 429622

Audrey Weatherill

# Goldshaw Booth

The Events Committee under its organisers Ann Norris, Phil Sanderson and Debbie Mounsley deserve praise for going ahead with the Picnic at Newchurch despite the weather and making it a successful and very happy occasion; those who came enjoyed an afternoon and evening of good fun and friendship and those who didn't "shall think themselves accursed they were not here". Although it wasn't actually St Crispin's Day; more like St Swithin's, what with the rain and that. But it was a splendid do and it was great to see so many children doing what children should do, getting muddy and dashing about without parents worrying and fussing over them. Well done, everyone; here's to the next event – at Halloween.

Somebody asked the other day whether these events helped to make the PC more accessible; I think that any social meeting of parishioners can provide an opportunity for discussion and the Picnic certainly did.

The most popular topic was the future of Spen Brook Mill, a project which is going to affect us all because of its potential size and consequent impact on our landscape and community. Unfortunately neither the PC or the Borough Councillors don't know much about what will happen: my recent quizzing of a member of the Planning Committee produced nothing. I urge everyone to make their fears and wishes known as widely as possible – this is not going to go away, there will be development, so let's try to make it acceptable to us and not merely a developer's whim. Have a look at [www.pendle.gov.uk/landuseallocations](http://www.pendle.gov.uk/landuseallocations). We've shown ourselves capable of making a fuss about matters before – this is a bigger challenge, but we can make a difference. The Minutes of the PC go back for many years and for a long time were recorded in longhand. Then, with the advent of the

computer, clerks started to type and print them electronically and the print-offs were pasted into the old Minute book. This book is now full and the PC has chosen to buy a new one at pretty high cost, into which future Minutes will be pasted. It's a bit like buying an Old Master and then sticking prints of the picture over it! Why can't we just have an electronic record, kept in some "cloud" computer in the sky, which could be available instantly to anyone who was interested? Heaven knows, I hate computers, I spend half my time screaming at the smug complacency of Microsoft, a company whose self-seeking operations have delayed the benefits of computerisation for a generation, but if there is a feasible electronic capability, let's use it, let's not cling to anachronisms.

In the second century, the Egyptians banned the export of papyrus to stem the growth of the library at Pergamon; what would have happened to the western world if somebody hadn't thought to use parchment and made the codex, the first books?

The Rushbearing ceremony was well attended and the weather was kind- it's a pity that we hadn't asked car-owners to move their vehicles for just half an hour. It was ludicrous that we should all stand crushed between vehicles and assailed by roaring buses during the service. Next year let's try and clear the area. In fact I would like to see the whole of the centre of Newchurch redesigned, with a cobbled area beneath the new – and successful – garden and extending across the road right up to a newly planted garden in front of the toilets which will, by then, be faced in stone. That would be a fitting site for the ceremony! What do you think?

Bill Mayor

# ROUGHLEE



The recent rains show us all too soon that the summer has been and gone. Two items worthy of report have been our progress in this year's Best Kept competition and also that of another successful village event - the Duck Race & BBQ, pictured above.

Firstly the competition: Residents will be aware that by winning our class in 2006 meant that we were promoted to the Champions class the following year - which we won as well. It wasn't to be last year but we were placed and commended. The good news so far in 2009 is that we have reached the final five for re-judging and those results are expected to be released at any time - so we await with bated breath! It isn't just about the winning of course, it's just as important to foster a community spirit and a pride in the place we live. Thanks must go to the many volunteers who have swept, weeded, tidied and painted over the last few weeks. The work isn't wasted and we go into the autumn looking spic & span.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed the two black posts that have

Friday September 25  
10am - 12.30pm  
Village Centre

Organised by  
members of  
Roughlee  
Luncheon Club

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CANCER SUPPORT**



appeared on the stretch between Crowtrees and the pub. Very soon they will be fitted with plates adorning road safety messages, in conjunction with 'Safe Lanes', AND every month or so, one of them will have on it a SPID - those smiley faced interactive speed indicators. This has been transferred to us from Blacko and is shared between Fence & Higham Parish Councils.

Thankfully the rains did stay away on the evening of our Duck Race & BBQ. The pre-selling of ducks to friends, family and work-mates from out of the village was another success, with the highest ever entrance of over 700. Jeff Brown, "the buy one get one" free chap was most entertaining, both at the river and later at the BBQ where he even made the raffle enjoyable! Winners of the three prizes all went to Roughlee-ers too;- Paul Dawson, Margaret Simpson & Gayle Young. Again, thanks to all attendees, helpers and sellers, including the Bay Horse who kindly provided a prize of a meal for 2.

## HIRE THE VILLAGE CEN-



Birthdays  
Weddings  
Parties etc.

Roger Berry  
Derek Bythell

With sadness we report the deaths of Roger of Mill House and Derek of Happy Valley. Our sympathies go out to both families.