

Dear Friends

Sadly, last Sunday saw England unceremoniously dumped out of the World Cup. I didn't see it. I was watching the cycle race round Barley.

On Monday the papers were looking for people to blame — Capello, overpaid and under-motivated players, a league that needs a bulging schedule to pay the overheads.

And then on Tuesday, the same papers proclaimed British sporting hopes were now resting squarely on the shoulders of one young Scot.

What is it with this need for sporting Messiahs?

Perhaps sporting success lifts our self-esteem as a nation. And perhaps we need it in the current economic gloom. But the need was still there even during the times in the last decade when we were on an economic boom. And then, why don't we get our self-esteem from knowing that we beat Germany every time in our development aid and charitable overseas relief work.

Perhaps it is a way of denying our own responsibility to get up and do things. We can sit back and cheer the Messiah on. But then why are we so fickle? If the Messiah doesn't deliver, we just wait for the next one. John Cleese says to Brian in that much-quoted film, "I say you're the Messiah. And I should know. I've followed a few." I must confess I've only ever followed one Messiah and I don't think he knew one end of a tennis racquet from the other. But the great thing about him is that he won't let me sit back and watch. He challenges me to get into the game.

"Take up your cross and follow me." — "Whatever you do for the least important, you do for me." — "Be ready for whatever comes, ready for action." — "You go and do the same."

God bless you,

John

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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 4	Trinity 5	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday July 5	PCC Meeting	7.30pm in School
Sunday July 11	Trinity 6	9.30am All Age Service
Sunday July 18	Trinity 7	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday July 25	Trinity 8	9.30am Holy Communion

RUSHBEARING Saturday & Sunday August 7 & 8

Procession and Crowning Saturday 7th at 2.30pm. Rushbearing Service 3pm
Rushbearing Communion Sunday 8th at 9.30am

REUBEN BURTON TRUST FUND. Former pupils of Newchurch and Roughlee 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 OAT before Wednesday Sept 1.
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 duration.

Wed. 7th July Walk from Foulridge
Meet at Canal Car Park at 10.30am for
Walks, and 12 noon for Lunch. Visitors welcome. **theWI**

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

"An illustrated talk on the changing
history of the Calder Valley from
Cliviger to Great Mitton"
Wed 21st July 7.30pm Barley
Village Hall.

mothers union

For our June meeting 15 of us really enjoyed our trip to Gawthorpe Hall. Our guide told us all about history of the hall and the Shuttleworth family who lived there for hundreds of years.

NO MEETING IN JULY.

Members are holding a Strawberry Supper on Wednesday 21 July at 7.30pm in ST LUKES Church Hall. Fun and games for all the family.

Goldshaw Booth

The new coalition between Spen Brook and Newchurch passed its first test last month by holding a very successful fete on the playing fields, attracting around 160 people of all ages to races and an obstacle course, to penalty shoot-outs and games of rounders, and to sausages and burgers cooked on our new barbeque. An excellent day, blessed by the weather, and a tribute to all who worked so hard to organise it. There were village galas in the seventies when brass bands marched up Cross lane and the fields were full of stalls selling buns and pop, but interest waned and little happened for a few years. But when the coalition formed the Events Committee – a sort of quango, but unpaid – things started to move again and the new partnership has brought parishioners back together. Very well done, everybody; let's look forward to next year – and to the events which will take place over the next few months. And to the proposed cricket challenge between Spen Brook and Newchurch – if you can, or could, play, let us know!

There are lots of fetes around this time of the year, as if Pandora had recently opened her box, and I particularly enjoyed Roughlee's professional event – and the pink champagne; although even they didn't get the weather quite right; I'll put a word in for them, next year. Pandora, of course, a bit like Eve in the later myth, brings mischief on mankind, leaving only hope: let's hope that these splendid events, quite unique in the commercial world of today, continue to receive support and add to the pleasures of

life in Pendleside.

Last month's PC meeting saw the re-introduction of Standing Orders and Financial regulations. These are essential in maintaining the interest of both councillors and visitors to our meetings and in ensuring that the necessary administrative work of the PC is dealt with swiftly. The financial controls should not be seen as constraints on our work but we have to operate within our budget and the possibility of grants from outside bodies is low this year. Our income from the precept and PBC grant is around £5400 for 2010/11 and just about covers our liabilities, leaving less than £1000 for new works. Any extraordinary projects will have to be funded from elsewhere – but this does not mean that we shouldn't think about what we would like to do. We must not let money shortages thwart our ambitions! We need ideas for the improvement of our villages and I have asked Councillors to come to the next meeting laden with them; if the projects can't be accomplished this year, Ok, so be it; but we'll do them next year. If you have an idea, tell a Councillor; if there is something you want to change, tell us. Your local Councillor – they are scattered around the Parish, in Spen Brook and Sabden Fold, in Newchurch – must listen to you and must bring your thoughts, hopes and ambitions to Council. If that doesn't happen, come the meeting yourself and shout! Keep the villages tidy – don't forget that Spen Brook and Newchurch have separate entries – Pandora was created to punish man, but she still let's us hope to win the BKV! Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

The Cycle Race finally took place over the weekend just gone and seemed to pass without a great deal of disruption to the village. It became apparent as I circulated the village with parking details etc. prior to the event that whilst many residents were in favour of the event there was some who expressed their displeasure at the disruption it would cause. Barley being the start and finishing point of the race obviously had the large majority of the visitors but Roughlee still did play host to a good number of visitors. I am sure they would have been pleased with the village appearance at the present time. We must compliment our gardener Michael Hitchen for the extra effort that he has put in over the past few weeks in preparation for this event and of course, the Best Kept Village judging which is taking place around this time. Also the Parish Council wish to publicly thank Alistair McGeorge who

co-ordinates the work and can be regularly seen tending the various gardens throughout the village. I am sure all residents agree the village is looking extremely good. Can I also congratulate Roughlee School for the "artistic" bike display they put outside the school in support of the request from Pendle Borough Council for local villagers to participate. I saw many people stop to admire the work.

The Parish Council was awarded some £2850 by Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee at the June meeting for 2 projects earmarked by the Parish Council. The first is part of our ongoing quest to renovate the dry stone walling in the village, with a repair on a section of wall along Noggarth Rd. The second is to place an "information" type board at the car park opposite the school. This we hope will have tourist and historical information about Roughlee.

Brian Nelson

NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

We invited 'Venture Productions' into school once again with their performance of 'The Happy Tree'. This Eco musical hopes to encourage the children to become 'Habitat Heroes' that care for and appreciate their surroundings. The show was exciting, entertaining and a wonderful experience enjoyed by the whole school.

On Thursday 10th June an Eco School Assessor visited our school and was greeted by our Eco Team. They presented a wonderful power point and guided the Assessor around our school. He was very impressed with all the work St. Mary's stakeholders have done to improve the grounds/school and hence God's World.

We are very proud to report that we passed with flying colours!!

During June our children enjoyed the following school trips: KS1 Blackpool Zoo, including a session with a guide handling creepy crawlies, lizards and snakes, all the children returned in one piece!!

KS2 went to Manchester! They spent the morning in Salford Quays at the Lowry, looking at the works of L S Lowry and looking around the area of regeneration. They then moved on to Manchester Airport viewing platforms where they enjoyed a two hour tour, including visiting a sawn off DC10 and an opportunity to observe planes landing and taking off.

We shall be holding our Leavers' Service in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 21st July at 2.00pm and will be very sad to see our oldest children leave. We wish them well in their new schools.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg