



# 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

Sunday Sept 5	Trinity 14	9.30am Holy Communion
11am - 4pm	Flower Festival	4pm Songs of Praise
Monday Sept 6	PCC Meeting	7.30pm in School
Sunday Sept 12	Trinity 15	9.30am All Age Service
Sunday Sept 19	Trinity 16	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Sept 26	Trinity 17	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Oct 3	Harvest Festival	9.30am
Choral Evensong at 4pm with the Choir of St Annes Tottington		

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# Parish NEWS

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# 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 15 & October 13

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## Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenn Brook [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: September 14 & October 12

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

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: September 6 & October 4

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## Dear Friends

Picture this - a wood of Scots Pine with light undergrowth set in rolling hills interlaced with sandy tracks. In the wood a group of fifteen to eighteen year olds and a few adults sitting around the sawn off base of a pine. On it a white cloth and some bread and wine. It was the setting for one of the Sunday Communion services I led while I was with army cadets last month.

It was a break between their section attack and ambush drills, and I had come out with a Communion kit which once belonged to the Parachute Regiment! I told the cadets they would be welcome to join in, but that it was cool if they didn't want to come. Half the group came over even though most of them were not familiar with church. It was a relaxed but prayerful time. Fifteen of them took Communion reverently with cammed up faces and hands. At the end two cadets asked if I would pray for a friend of theirs who had gone home to his cousin's funeral. When we finished I had some time talking with an adult instructor about his own grieving, and another cadet spoke about how he was not a religious person but he felt moved because the service had given him space to think about the people who mattered to him.

Annual Camp is full of such moments when simply being around some six hundred people creates opportunities to share what matters to them, to listen, and offer a perspective. Why it is so important for me is that the vast majority would never dream of going to church or talking to a vicar.

We hear a lot nowadays about the decline in religion and faith. One cadet told me how hard it was to embrace religion when it was 'religious' people who caused wars. And yet the big questions about the meaning and purpose of life, of personal worth and destiny, won't go away. We can crowd them out with our pursuit of pleasure and material security, but it just takes one tragedy to bring us back to wondering why.

Faith is an important part of facing these questions - not because it gives all the answers, but because it gives people the confidence to ask hard questions, and to live accordingly. Sadly people of faith sometimes give the opposite impression. But for all that, faith is a sense that beyond the joys and tragedies of human existence there is a purpose in the universe which is life-affirming and generous. Many of the cadets and adults I spoke to knew this intuitively. As a Christian I find it comes to life in the person of Jesus.



God bless you,

*John*

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## mothers union

7-30pm Tuesday September 28 our next meeting at Newchurch when our speaker will be Heather Slater "Working in Saudi Arabia". All are welcome.

## Local History Group

7.30pm Wed 15th Sept  
Barley Village Hall  
Speaker is Mike Townend, Senior Curator at Townley Hall Museum "Local History Collections"

WI Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Barley Village Hall.



## 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  
Revd A Turner. Tel 614500

## Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Wednesday  
September 29 at

Roughlee Village Centre.

The Group is now based at Roughlee and in return for use of the Centre, members made cakes & biscuits which were sold at the Village Fayre in June. Visitors with concerns for highway safety and/or other ideas are always welcome to attend the regular meetings. The signs continue to be rotated around the area and the recently purchased gazebo has made its first



# Family Art Event

Join the Forest of Bowland AONB as we continue to explore history and heritage. Archaeological jewellery finds can tell us a lot about ancient peoples and how they lived. Come and work with jewellery maker, Samantha Taylor, to create a beautiful, Anglo-Saxon inspired necklace or ear-rings using copper wire, beads, glass and shells.

## Saturday 9th October at Roughlee Village Centre

### 10am - 12 noon or 1 - 3pm

Booking necessary. Children 8 years and over welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

# BARLEY

Our most recent news is that we are once again in the final of the Best Kept Village competition. The results will be released on or around September 10th and we look forward to hearing how we've got on. This is particularly impressive as judging took place in the middle of preparations for the National Cycle Race at the end of June. Despite a lot of misgivings, this major event was enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and Barley and the surrounding villages looked fantastic. Thank you to all the residents and local businesses for their contribution. Thank you also to the workforce at Pendle Council who came in the following day and quickly returned the village to its normal clean and tidy state.

The Parish Council has recently agreed three projects to commence in the very near future. The first involves the childrens play area. The surface will be replaced with a non slip safety surface. The second project will be to restore the stream embankment of the Picnic area which has become badly eroded during the winter. The third project will be to replace the key clamp fencing and restore the retaining wall at the entrance to Whitehough.

The Parish Council would welcome any suggestions for any new projects to improve the village. Just contact any Parish Councillor or better still come along to the meetings which are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the villagers who sent cards and messages of support during my recent illness, your support made a big difference and I am glad to say that I am now well on the road to recovery.

John Connor

## Village Hall

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

Tel. 691850

YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday contact Charlotte Hargreaves.

Tel. 603682 or Bev. 604634

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training, Contact John

Tel. 611517 for information.

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1 to 5 pm. 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.

Jeau 615089

COFFEE & Chat: Wednesday 8th at 10am to 12 noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10-12 noon. COME & JOIN THIS GROUP there seems to be a shortage of young children in the district. Our numbers have reduced with the new school this term.

Contact Tracy tel. 07811 114865

LINE DANCING: contact Ruth 867438

PILATES every Thursday morning.

Tracy 07773785904. 10 - 11am.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel. 611517

Audrey Weatherill

# Goldshaw Booth

Didn't catch a glimpse of the Perseid shooting stars which greet my birthday this year as the skies were overcast so possibly my birthday itself didn't happen and I'm still the vigorous youth that I was at the beginning of the week; sometimes I wonder why we count the years, the numerical burden seems to increase much more rapidly than I actually age, so really I'm still only 21. . dream on. . But having a five year old in the house does dispel the cynicism of age and you see the world again with new eyes, and the delights, like a dewdrop in the sun, and horrors, like a stinging nettle, have to be learnt all over again. And I wanted to show him the shooting stars; but there's always next year, isn't there? I hope so, anyway, although the light pollution in the skies over Newchurch is so great that we may not be able to see the stars at all in a few years' time. Why we can't turn the million lights I can see from my bedroom window off at midnight, say? It seems daft that we are admonished to switch off the stand-by lights on our TVs when Lancashire and Pendle eat electricity at the rate they do and fill the air with so much light that our children will be denied the stars and the brilliance of a truly dark night. And while we're on the subject, why not use the flow of Pendle Water to light our houses? The river used to give enough power to drive mills which were terribly inefficient; just think what we could do with modern turbines harnessing the lake at Roughlee, the old lodges at Whitehough and Barley. Which brings me round to the BT intention to build three enormous wind tur-

bines at the junction of Greenhead Lane and the by-pass. I went to the exhibition at Fence which was held by the very well-funded consultants for BT to attempt to convince us that the impact of these 300 foot high monsters would be minimal. Rubbish! You are driving down Greenhead, you look towards the west, you see Blackburn in the far distance with Whalley Knoll to its right, you see the transmission tower at Winter Hill looking pretty big. Then you bring that tower ten miles nearer, multiply it by three and stick it two fields away. Those turbines are two-thirds of the height of Blackpool Tower! They will dominate! They will howl! They will kill birds by the thousand! They will be seen from Cliviger to Pendle, from Colne to Blackburn. They will be out of date within ten years! Everyone in Bumley and Pendle should shout in unison "We do not want these things!" It would be much easier to switch off a few motorway lights for a few hours. . You may have noticed the new Goldshaw Booth village signs, resplendent in green and gold, which surround our Parish; it's nice to see a project nearing completion after such a long gestation but, here again, are lessons to be learnt. A Parish Council should look forward and see possibilities, rather than looking back and seeing problems. Some of us have the ideas – let's create a forum in which they can prosper rather than be strangled at birth in niggles and negatives.

Bill Mayor

# ROUGHLEE

The recent sunny spell hasn't made up for the relatively miserable weather that we've had over the summer, but it does give us the opportunity to look back at events and functions that we've enjoyed in the village. The high-profile bike race swept in and out and was followed by our annual Village Fayre. This turned out again to be a most enjoyable and successful event, bringing together, as it does, all sections of the community, from Roughlee and beyond. The birds of prey and silver band were the highlights this year.

The Duck Race & BBQ was held in mid August, and this too was enjoyable and successful. It was a fine night and we were entertained, again, by Jeff Brown, "the buy one get one free" chap. Ah say..

The winning ducks were; 465- Karen Ingham (£50); 174- Julia Knowlson (M&S Voucher); 119- Deborah Stansfield (Champagne). Nearly 600 ducks were sold in total and nearly 100 adults & children enjoyed the BBQ afterwards, contributing (with the Fayre) close on £2000 into the Centre coffers.

Whilst not a Roughlee event, mention should also be made of the tractor display that passed through on the same night. Ably organised by Philip Sanderson and Laura Nutter, there were over 60 tractors and ancillary vehicles that made a splendid tour of the area. Held in memory of Andrew Nutter and another young man, over £2000 was raised for local charities.

Early indications are that we haven't progressed into the finals of the Best Kept Village competition this year. We do appreciate the ongoing efforts of many of our residents who go out of their way and have swept, weeded, tidied and painted over the last few weeks. The work isn't wasted though and we go into the autumn looking spic & span.

At another function held in the Village Centre, we were delighted to host a thank you reception for the local group 'Kids in Kailahun' - a sponsorship programme for children who have been orphaned through war or disease throughout the Kailahun District of Sierra Leone. Guest of honour from Sierra Leone was The Honourable Paramount Chief Alhaji Mohammed Kailondo-Banya who spoke warmly of the work done in his homeland, to the invited guests that included the local group members, Andrew Stephenson MP, the Mayor & Mayoress of Pendle and County Cllr. Shelagh Derwent.

Villagers Gary Sharples & Louise Pickles were married in July and held their reception in the Village Centre. We send them our congratulations!!

Finally, as I'm in charge of writing this month's issue, it's a small opportunity to tell you that life at the Town Hall has become more interesting and busy for me over the last few months. Following the elections there was a change in the political landscape which meant that the Conservative group had the majority, and, in a slightly different way of 'sharing power', has joined forces with the Labour group to run the Council. This has resulted in a 'promotion' for me to the Executive, with responsibilities for Operational Services.

James Starkie

## HIRE THE VILLAGE CENTRE



Birthdays  
Weddings  
Parties etc.