



# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

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.



## Parish NEWS



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SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM



## Sunday June 3

*Service of Thanksgiving. St Marys, Newchurch. 1030am*

Saturday August 11th 2.30pm

Rushbearing

Sat/Sunday 8/9th September

St.Mary's Patronal Festival and Art Exhibition

Saturday 22nd September

"In Pendle's Shadow" Walks

Saturday October 13th

Friends of St.Mary's "Lancashire Night".

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### NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

Thanks to all who contributed to our 'Phil the Bag' recycling scheme. Our efforts raised £93.50 for school funds. We also raised money for 'Sport Relief'. The children were asked to dress in sports / or other fancy dress and make a donation to this charity. We sent them a cheque for £71. Harry Barnes & Harry Wilkinson accompanied Mrs Hasler-Cregg to the 6th RE Conference for Children, organised by Blackburn Diocese. This was a day of storytelling by Bob Hartman.

Jude Buksh from 'Schools work in Pendle' visited our school and engaged our children in various spirited activities. In Collective Worship he presented an incredible powerpoint about God's Amazing World.

We are very sad to be losing our site supervisor, Mr Michael Duerden, at the end of the summer holidays. We hope to have appointed his replacement by the end of May.

*Mrs S Hasler-Cregg*

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## *Dear Friends*

Here's a fact for you to impress your neighbours with, or slip into a pub quiz: the word 'jubilee' comes from the Hebrew word for a ram's horn - yōbhēl.



The details are set in the Book of Leviticus, chapter 25, in the Old Testament. It has all to do with the significance of the number seven. The seventh day was to be a day of rest; the seventh year was to be a fallow year in which the land was allowed to rest, and people lived off the hopefully bumper crop in the sixth year. And then after seven periods of seven years - the fiftieth year - the trumpet - a ram's horn - was to sound throughout the land to proclaim freedom to everyone in the land. Freedom from slavery, freedom from debt, restoration of lost property and the right to an economic fresh start. It was a year for joy which is why yōbhēl has given us another English word — 'jubilation'.

The thought behind this arrangement was that people, indeed the whole world, needed the chance to begin again. The Day of Rest gave you a chance to begin the working week refreshed. The Year of Jubilee meant that people could begin their economic life anew. (It's ironic that the government is removing the last legal restrictions on the Day of Rest in a Jubilee Year to coincide with the Olympic Games.)

Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee is a long way from the economic fresh start envisaged by the Law of Moses. It will have no impact on the bad debts of our EC partners or of people in this country. And yet the idea of renewal should not be lost. Deep debt is as bad for the lender as the borrower. People and nations need to be allowed a way back into economic activity for the good of all.

God bless you,

*John*

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# BARLEY

The Annual Parish Meeting was a success with forty parishioners attending and we enjoyed celebrating local achievements and the Council reported on progress and consulted on current issues in the community such as improvement projects and planning issues etc. We had speakers from the various groups in the village and we then tucked in to wine and food supplied by The Cabin. Thanks to all those who made the effort to attend and I trust you enjoyed the evening and catching up with acquaintances.

Plans for the Jubilee Carnival on Monday 4th June at Whitehough field are now gaining momentum. The procession to start the carnival is our current focus and we now have 7 floats registered with David Goodger (Co-ordinator for Barley) who will gather at 1pm outside the Village Hall and lead us off to the carnival. You are welcome to join the floats and walk alongside them on to the carnival field. Decorate your float or wear fancy dress to support the occasion.

I look forward to seeing you on the field and doing your thing at the disco in the evening.

Boothman Wood planning issues have dominated the recent business of the Council and we raised objections to the proposed development of a camp site in the woodland. Timber pods have already been constructed without permission and are visible from Heys Lane. We raised our concerns at the Barrowford & Western Parishes Meeting earlier this month. The Borough Councillors there refused the application and so we await the next step. At the Annual Parish meeting we received the full support of the parishioners who

attended to object to this development. The plans for the "1612" have now been withdrawn but commemoration events will go ahead. I recommend you get in the "spirit" of the occasion later in the year for such events as the charity walk on Pendle / Band on the Green on August 18. Finally, John Connor and I were elected vice Chairman and Chairman of the Council respectively for another 1 year term.

Derek Heap

## Village Hall

The Hall has had restricted use over the past 10 weeks following the ground floor flooding, we are now 99% finished.. The toilets, terrace room & corridors have all been refurbished & upgraded. This work was completed just in time for our Model Exhibition which was a great success, many thanks to the many helpers who helped us to raise £1200 for Hall funds. We had visitors from all over the north of England. In July, work will begin on repair and upgrade of the roof and a list of other small improvements, partially funded by Barley Parish Council, with major amount coming from Lancashire Environmental Fund. There will be scaffolding all round the Hall for a few weeks but this external work will not affect continued use of the Hall.

Regular events are as normal. Audrey Weatherill

**WI "Coronation Film" Wed Jun 6 7.30pm**

Hats and Handbags appreciated

Coronation memorabilia display

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**History Group**

**Wed Jun 20 7.30pm**

Documents from Oxford Archaeology North and Walk Report.

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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 Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: June 13 & August 8**

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap Tel. 692264 [derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk)

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Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 [david.weatherill@cibluk.com](mailto:david.weatherill@cibluk.com)

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

**Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: June 12 & July 10**

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369 [chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk](mailto:chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk)

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## Roughlee Booth

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

**Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: June 11 & July 2**

**Annual Parish Meeting - Jun 15**

Parish Council Chairman: Martin Schofield Tel. 691482 [roughleechair@btinternet.com](mailto:roughleechair@btinternet.com)

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# Chamber Pot

Pendle Borough  
Councillor James Starkie  
Higham & Pendleside Ward

I hope that Parishioners will forgive me for taking some space for my irregular column in this month's issue but I thought there was enough going on to be able to write a piece.

One of the hardest jobs of being a Councillor is that as soon as you are elected you are thrown into a world where you have to make decisions. Real life decisions that affect real lives and, as with any decision, it's one way or the other - at the detriment of someone. Take for instance the (now shelved) idea to superimpose the numbers 1612 onto Pendle Hill. The idea was first mooted over six months ago and the tourist team had visited Barley Parish Council to seek their views. It has to be said that the views (at that meeting) were 50/50. Personally, I felt that if it helped the area, that would have been fine, but I did have concerns about how well it could have been done. In the end, the idea was scrapped but it left the subject of tourism in the mind. Several years ago when I was Chairman of Roughlee PC, I spent many an hour around the village, tidying, painting and pruning. What we had then was a pub that brought life, people and money into the village. Last week I was putting posters up for the Jubilee and noted just how quiet Roughlee was. Thus the quandary of what 'tourism' actually means. If by having the odd attraction means that life flows through our lanes rather than tumbleweed, then surely that is worth having?

Whilst Roughlee has its pristine Village Centre, it is sadly underused. Our other two villages have their own challenges and pressure points. Newchurch has been a honey pot for years, with many from afar visiting the Church and the Witches Galore shop. Thus the feeling in t'Kirk is that, even without the treasured 'Lamb' there is something happening and the relatively-newly formed Events Committee has breathed more life into Goldshaw Booth, and good on 'em.

Barley is thronged with a different type of tourist which helps to sustain cafés, a restaurant and a pub, as well as an excellent Hall and chapel, plus a car park which provides valuable income.

One aspect of the 'witch' story will be coming, quite soon. 'Alice' lives and is currently being constructed, cast and welded together by a young man who spent much of his youth in the village - David Palmer. Alice will be an all-metal structure and will be stood up, just below the Hartley caravan site where there is a small grassy mound. I know now that some will not like her but I ask for your tolerance. She will not resemble the traditional image and when people drive past and say "She looks nothing like a witch" that will be the legacy of the work and will go some way towards righting the wrongs of the past.

And, if sufficient people came to see her to enable the Bay Horse to re-open - so much the better!

Life in the council chamber demands that extra posts are undertaken. For the last two years I have been heading the Waste and Environmental Health portfolio. However, since the recent election when the political balance changed we now have a Conservative/LibDem 'co-operative' and my new post is Communications & PR - something which of course I do for my day job. I was also elected as Chairman of the monthly Development Management meetings where contentious planning decisions are reviewed - more decisions! Finally, I've had two or three nights out recently in the villages. One was the delightful lambing service up at Mountain Farm where we sang and gave praise for the new life on the farms. Last week I was invited to attend one of the meetings for the Jubilee. Both proved that Community does exist in Pendleside and it was marvellous to see members of all three villages working and coming together to put on events for the benefit of others. They deserve our thanks and our support. *James*

# Goldshaw Booth

Summer at last! And just in time for the Jubilee celebration! We hope that everyone has seen the publicity – so well designed by James Starkie and so kindly printed by Nick Stevenson – and has decided to come to the free event. And we hope that you have built lots of floats to join in the procession. If there are any with mobility problems please be assured that wheelchair access to the field is adequate and movement around the field quite easy and that we will be delighted to have you with us. And please do not forget the 4x4 rally on Friday 1st June at 7pm from Barley; it's an hour's gentle run to set the scene for the big day on the 4th.

Parishioners will be aware that the application for planning consent to erect a turbine above Douglas Hall was rejected and that the presumptive development in Boothman Wood has been halted; Borough Councillors are to be congratulated on these difficult decisions which are in accordance with the wishes of the whole of Pendleside.

I am, personally, pleased that the disfigurement of Pendle caused by writing "1612" on its flanks has also been dropped.

And for those who have a minute or two to spare – have a wander through Sparable Wood which is looking so beautiful at the moment. Enjoy its flowers and birds and the sweet fresh growth of the trees: it's a peaceful refuge from a busy world! Bill Mayor

## EVENTS COMMITTEE

'Party in the Paddock' was a huge success and raised over £1000. Sadly the drinks chillers were stolen in the early hours of Sunday morning, so that put a bit of a damper on the occasion.

But we have decided not to be defeated by these useless louts and will be having another, (marquee, band, DJ) and bar in early September, but local residents do not need to worry as this time it will be held at the 'Rigg of England'.

We are holding a Treasure Hunt at the end of July and further information on both these events will be advertised in next month's Parish Mag and on the notice boards.

# ROUGHLEE

WRITTEN BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF  
ROUGHLEE PARISH COUNCIL.

Changes are “afoot.” At our recent AGM, and after many years of dedicated service, Brian Nelson decided that he needed a change and stood down as Chairman and Parish Councillor. Brian’s input and drive will be sorely missed, and for this service I would like to say on behalf of the Parish a “very BIG Thank You.” For my sins or your sins, I do not know which, I was elected as his replacement as Chairman.

Brian’s departure has created a vacancy on the Council, so if you would like to try and make a difference to our community or even put us back on the “straight and narrow” please feel free to contact me directly, or pop along to our next Council meeting.

This is the time of year when we are able to apply for grant funding to assist with, or pay for any projects that we want to enter into in the 2012/13 financial year. Last year we replaced some of the wooden fencing surrounding the Village Centre. Do you have any ideas for us to

consider? If you do, please tell us, so that we can consider them and try to put them into action.

Our Annual Parish Meeting is planned for Friday June 15th starting at 7pm and everyone is welcome to come and meet the team, find out what we have done, how we have spent your money in the last 12 months and even have a glass of wine and some nibbles.

The planned road closure of the bridge at Happy Valley / Dam Head has now been **SUSPENDED** for one year.

Congratulations go to Matt Norris and Laura McGeorge who were married at Newchurch on Saturday the 19th of May. Both are members of families who are well known to many in our three villages.

Finally it is the time of year when the judges start to appear for the “best kept village” competition, so we are organising a tidy up the village morning on Sunday the June 10th starting at 11am, if you could spare us an hour or so it would be gratefully appreciated “as many hands make light work.”

Martin Schofield

## Village Fayre Sunday Jun 24



- ✦ Childrens' Games ✦ Pole jousting ✦ Tombola ✦ Plants
- ✦ Drinks tent ✦ Animals ✦ Birds of Prey ✦ Refreshments
- ✦ Burnley Alliance Silver Band ✦ Ice cream
- ✦ Cakes, chutney & jam ✦ Craft activities
- ✦ Witches & Wizards Fancy Dress competition
- ✦ Books ✦ ..and more!

**NO ADMISSION CHARGE**  
Proceeds to Roughlee Village Centre

