

BARLEY

Pendle Hill has many attributes that attract people, it is isolated and prominent on the landscape, is accessible to many, offering a great hill walk with splendid views and it is associated with the foundation of the Quaker movement. But what makes Pendle Hill famous is the trial of twelve local people for witchcraft, all but two were tried at Lancaster Assizes in August 1612 and ten were hanged for their "crimes". This is what makes our hill and area known around the world.

And this month we can commemorate these events 400 years on which were fuelled by fear, superstition, ignorance and intolerance. The people who lived on this land in 1612 suffered a harrowing experience and a cruel incarceration and death.

You will be familiar with the project to put the numerals 1612 on the hillside 400ft high using materials that would fade away in months. This project has been on and off over the last few weeks with the landowner Lord Clitheroe and the artist being the main players. Pendle BC has now withdrawn its support. Within the village there have been mixed views with some considering it desecration of the hillside, some concerned it will look a mess because of the terrain and weather, some worried about the damage it might cause and that it will not fade and some supporting it as a defining image attracting national attention. I still hope a suitable alternative might emerge to profile this historical landmark.

We need to co-opt a new councillor and the position is currently advertised on the village noticeboard. If you want to get involved please give me a call.

We have just learned that United Utilities has submitted an appeal to HM Inspectorate against the decision to reject the planning application to build 3 houses on the old filter beds site next to the Village Hall. The PC will submit our objections, focusing on the permission previously granted to convert

the Water Treatment Works into 7 dwellings and this application will mean overdevelopment and urbanisation of this area of the village. We will also stress that the application is not in keeping with the character of Barley Green and the AoNB, the increased traffic and parking problems and the safety of villagers and visitors to the Village Hall and other users of Barley Green. You can respond to the HM Inspectorate yourself and support or object to the development.

The 'Best Kept' judging is undertaken in August and if you were thinking of tidying up a patch near you then the sooner the better will help our score. Finally, Himalayan balsam, a pervasive tall annual plant is now in full pink flower and continues to creep upstream. It has reached the car park and needs to be stopped before it reaches Ogden and Black Moss. I invite you to join me to pull it easily from the ground for about one hour on Tuesday 14th August at 7.15pm at the car park.

And best wishes to newly-weds Kierran and Laura Marshall.

Derek Heap

The Village Hall Committee looks forward to the completion of the recent re-furbishing at the end of August.

To promote the hall and user groups we are holding an Open Afternoon on Sunday 16th September 1pm-4.30pm when visitors will be encouraged to join existing groups or start a new one. If you would like to promote your group on the 16th please contact David tel. 613280.

The hall is ideal for special family celebrations; you can do your own catering & decorate the hall if you wish.

We also hope to invite all who have helped towards flood reconstruction & upgrading of the hall over the last few months. Come & join our celebration & enjoy tea & cakes.

Audrey Weatherill

Dear Friends

All the excitement of the Jubilee weekend may well have receded into memory, and perhaps our attention is taken up with the summer holidays, and more recently, the Olympic Games.

But as an event we should take a lot of heart from those Jubilee celebrations — from the service of thanksgiving in St Mary's on the

Sunday to the pageant on the Monday. The latter was an amazing display of the vitality that exists in our villages and drew in a large number of visitors who must have gone away wondering why towns and larger villages can't manage to do things like this. Our thanks must go to the organising committee for their vision and energy. To cap it off, I went up Pendle Hill for the lighting of the beacon by Pendle and Rossendale Mountain Rescue. I broke a lifetime's practice and took my hip-flask full of whisky to toast HM at the top, and relish the experience of the previous 48 hours.

We hear a lot of bad news about rural life — the increasing fragmentation and isolation as more people use villages as a base for commuting; the difficulties of hill farmers to make a decent living, and pass their farms on to the next generation. Pendleside bucks the trend, but we shouldn't be complacent about it. Things happen in our villages because people actually care about them. You just have to look at the physical environment, with well-tended beds, freshly painted signs, neat stone walls. And again how our institutions — churches, schools, village halls — thrive because of the commitment of individuals who serve on committees, councils, governing bodies. There really is a sense of 'better together'. And if you haven't experienced it, why not?

Community spirit is not wishful thinking. It really works. It has an energy which is greater than its parts. When St Paul blesses the Christians in Corinth he cites the 'fellowship of the Holy Spirit'. William Tyndale's sixteenth century translation of the Greek word doesn't do it justice. The root of the word Paul uses is about things that bind us together into one. It's as if in the heart of God there is a drive for community, and this spreads into human communities. When we experience community spirit, it's as if we are plugged into a divine force that holds all things together.

So well done! Let's nurture the community spirit of our villages.

God bless you

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John

Goldshaw Booth

I've just been watching a few swallows who are sitting on the overhead wires outside my window discussing whether it's time to set off to sunnier climes. I try to tell them that they should stay a while, that summer is only just around the corner but they don't seem very impressed; it has not been a good summer for them, few insects appreciate the continual rains. I do wish that this government would get things right; just because there's a drought down south shouldn't mean that the north should get soaked. Unfair, I call it. Let's declare independence for the North; if Scotland can do it, why not us? "Independence and Dry Summers" should be our cry!

The PC has plans for a new garden near the Gorrell Close entrance and has been given support from Barrowford and Western to help with this; ideas for the design would be appreciated.

The recent announcement of an advisory 20mph speed limit on Spen Brook Road drew much comment to the effect that a mandatory limit should be imposed for the whole length of the villages and we have referred these comments to the appropriate authorities. And quite a few mentioned in their response the perennial parking difficulties in NIP. The Council's capabilities in this respect are few; any possible solution would be enormously expensive and doubtfully effective. All we can do is to urge residents to act in a neighbourly fashion and try not to exacerbate the problem.

Judging for the BKV competition is proceeding; Spen Brook has looked very tidy and deserves recognition; Newchurch has suffered from building work and also, unbelievably, from the dumping of soils and rubble and hedge cuttings on Jinny Lane. We can accept, to some extent, the throwing of cans from speeding cars – it's not their village so why should they worry? But for residents to dump rubbish in this way – and others to continuously allow their dogs to despoil our playing fields – is unacceptable and incomprehensible and shows a total lack of regard and consideration for others.

And a complete lack of appreciation for the beautiful place we live in. Bill Mayor

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the 6th July the whole school went on a trip to the Lake District. Despite the weather they enjoyed a visit to the Beatrix Potter Museum, a boat ride on the lake and a ride on the steam train.

We had our Leavers' service in church and sadly said goodbye to our year six pupils: Danielle Buksh, Albert Sanderson, Naomi Sturdy and Zoe Collin. We wish them all well in their high schools. We also said a very sad farewell to our Site Supervisor, Michael Duerden who will be leaving us at the end of the summer, to start a very well deserved retirement. Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

ROUGHLEE

Summer seems to have passed by in Roughlee without being noticed, certainly by me anyway. It did not however, spoil the Duck race earlier in the month and it did for once manage to stay dry. The event was well attended and we all had the chance to get our hands on an Olympic Torch. This was brought to us by Nelson girl Alice Martindale who had ran through Oswaldtwistle with it the previous week. Thanks to the duck selling team and organisers for their work in making this a success and selling over 500 ducks. (If anyone would like to look after, feed, water and exercise the ducks to keep them in trim during the long winter months, please let me know, as it could be arranged.) The absence of an "official" BBQ in the village hall afterwards did not spoil the evening as an impromptu gathering was held with much music and dancing, with some of the younger attendees not being too embarrassed by their parents' dance floor antics.

By now I hope that most of you will have seen the latest addition / old comer to the village in the shape of "Alice". I for one think that she has always belonged there and has just come home after 400 years. I am sure that some of you will disagree, and that's fine as we all have different opinions on works of art. Well done to

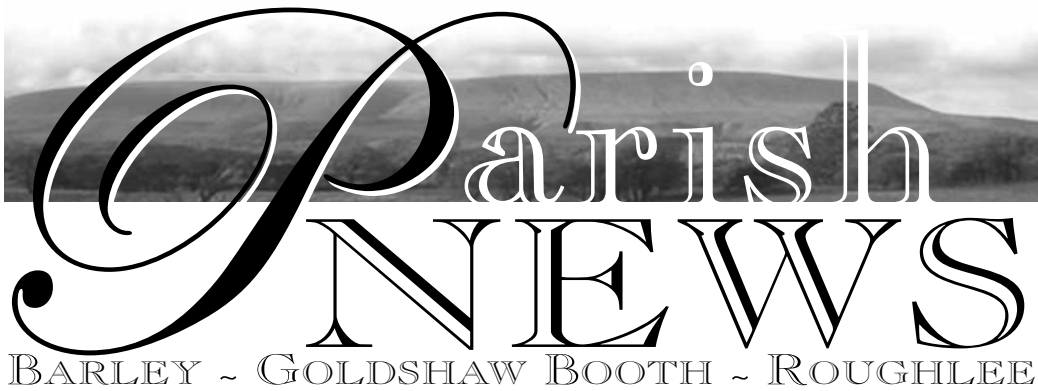
James for pushing and running with this project and to Roughlee 'lad' David Palmer who used to live on Jinny Lane, who had been given the task of creating her and has done a magnificent job. Nothing much more to say now other than to keep my fingers crossed for good news from the 'best kept' judges.

Martin Schofield

alice After nearly three years in the planning, design, fundraising and commissioning, Alice was finally unveiled at 11am on Saturday July 28. Part of the plan was to have a short bus tour first, but just days prior I had been dealt a minor blow when I learnt that the local bus company thought the only way to get a 36 foot double decker coach into Roughlee was by it being dropped in by a Chinook helicopter! After a touch of begging and pleading, the B&P management team agreed to do it and it really was a magnificent sight to see one of the regular X43 buses in our village. All have names and ours was of course 'Alice Nutter'. The tour did take place, in the company of historian Simon Entwistle, sculptor David, villagers and a few 'dignitaries'. One of these was past Roughlee lad and drummer with The Hollies, Bobby Elliott. He ceremonially unveiled Alice to the crowd of over 100, to an enthusiastic reception. Our Vicar John, said some very emotive and carefully chosen words which too were very much appreciated. We were then invited back to the Centre for a light snack.

In the few weeks she has been there, there has been a steady flow of visitors with cameras, some coming a long way. I hope you approve of her. James Starkie





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 Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: September 12 & October 10.

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 david.weatherill@cibluk.com

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: August 14, September 11 & October 9.

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369 chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Sheila Grindrod Tel. 693857 sheila.grindrod@btinternet.com

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 8pm (new time) in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: September 3 & October 1.

Parish Council Chairman: Martin Schofield Tel. 691482 roughleechair@btinternet.com

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Events over the weekend of August 18/9

Pendle Witch Walk is a sponsored event supporting Pendle Side Hospice.

To mark the 400th anniversary of the Pendle Witch trials you are invited to join in a circular sponsored walk from Barley that takes in the summit of Pendle Hill. You're invited to come along in fancy dress - as we want as many "Pendle Witches" present as possible.

All you have to do is register for the walk.

Car parking in and around Barley will be at a premium on the Saturday.



The following day sees the holding of a major cycle race organised by Olympic Gold and Tour de France winner, **Bradley Wiggins**. The race sets off and ends in Barnoldswick. There are two routes but both will enter our area from the top of Guide Lane, Higham, through Sabden Fold, Newchurch, Barley and then up to Twiston. Localised delays may be possible. Details on the website.

www.bradleywigginsfoundation.org



Bradley Wiggins Foundation

mothers union

August 14 Quiet Evening at St Michaels Foulridge 7.30pm.

August 21 IMPC PARTY at St Lukes 2pm.

August 28 at 7pm Newchurch 'In the Steps of George Fox' with Sheila Curry.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistrorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 15th August

7.30pm Barley Village Hall

Project Planning, Maps and Photos

Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Weds. Aug 27 at Roughlee Village Centre.

New members and new ideas to promote safety on our country lanes always welcome.

Wednesday 5th September "Autumn Garden" with Peter Foley at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall

Stall: Garden plants

Visitors welcome

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Jubilee accounts The accounts for the Diamond Jubilee celebration have been finalised and are available from either Bill Mayor or Derek Heap. The total income exceeded £8000 and expenditure was around £6000 - leaving a surplus of approximately £2000 after the repayment of loans from the Young Farmers and from Barley PC. The committee met for the last time last week and decided that the surplus funds would be divided equally between the three villages and the YF where they would be administered by each village's representatives on the committee.

The Pendleside Diamond Jubilee Committee would like to thank our sponsors: The Hartley family; the National Lottery; Awards for All; Lancashire County Council; Pendle Borough Council; the British Army; Hillendale; JKS Advertising; Geoff Hook and Nick Stevenson. We also send our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who gave time and money, encouragement and support, to this most successful event.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH



NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

ART EXHIBITION

A display of works by local artists and TenOvus Art Group

Friday 7th September Preview: 7 – 9pm

Saturday 8th September 10am – 6pm

Sunday 9th September 11am - 4pm

4pm Songs of Praise Service

Admission and refreshments by donation

CHURCH WARDENS

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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 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.

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.



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