

Parish

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JULY 2013

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ST. MARY'S



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.

WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Communion from the 1662 Prayer Book, with hymns and sermon.

2nd Sunday: All Age Worship – a service with more modern hymns and sermon for young and not so young.

4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book, with hymns and sermon.

5th Sunday (when applicable): Morning Prayer

RUSHBEARING SATURDAY 20th JULY
2.30pm Procession and Crowning
3.00pm Service in church followed by tea and silver band

CHURCHYARD GRASSCUTTING.
We will be grass cutting in the churchyard on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month (weather permitting). All help will be much appreciated as the tidy village judging is upon us and we hope we can make the churchyard attractive to visitors. If you can help (either grass cutting or tending the flower beds) please come along any time between 6 and 8 pm.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL CRAFT EXHIBITION 7th & 8th September.
If anyone would like to exhibit their craftwork please contact Valerie Widdas, Tel 01282 691850 or email: chriswiddas@gmail.com We also need helpers to steward the exhibition in church. Please contact Valerie if you can help, even for just an hour or so.

**IN PENDLE'S SHADOW
LONG DISTANCE WALK**
Saturday 21st September

CHURCH WARDENS

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next issue by **Monday July 22.**

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Dear Friends



Is it just me, or does the greenery of trees and fields seem more lush this year than previous years? Maybe it is the effect of the cold, even wintery spring, which delayed the onset of new growth.

Or perhaps after such bleakness early in the year, anything looks very green now. Even so, it makes me rejoice in the natural beauty of our bit of Lancashire. Even after twelve years in the parish I find the view across the valley from the top of Pasture Lane towards Pendle Hill still something that makes me want to stop and admire. And at the moment, at least when it's not raining, the saturated variety of green makes me think we need more than one word to describe it.

At this time of year we celebrate Rushbearing at St Mary's. We are experimenting this year with a change of date to accommodate school holidays. We are counting on the rushes obliging us by growing quickly through the early summer.

The significance of Rushbearing as a festival even in these days when we have moved away from a dependence on rural economy is its link to renewal. Just as the countryside renews itself after the winter, and just as in pre-carpet and laminated flooring days people renewed the rushes on their hearths, so it is good for us to renew ourselves spiritually.

It is not just a religious thing. Routine and the pressure of modern life can mean that we get into ruts, or bad habits, or simply failing to look above the parapet. Just to stop, and reflect and reengage with what give our lives direction and energy can drive away the gloom. We can feel renewed.

The word 'new' is a favourite one in the Bible. God talks about a new heaven and a new earth. There is also the promise of being a new creation, and having a new heart and a new mind. Being renewed is the heart of our Rushbearing Festival. So do make time on July 20th to be part of it.

God bless you

John

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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 Meeting: August 14

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: July 9 & August 13

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

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

Church News Co-ordinator: Chris Widdas Tel. 691850 chriswiddas@gmail.com

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: July 1 & August 5

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

Parish Council Clerk: Carol Donohoe Tel. 07769 857595 caroldonohoe@msn.com

Village Centre Chairman: James Starkie Tel. 699262 james_k.starkie@yahoo.co.uk

Councillors

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Planning Applications

Applications are now easier to find on the Council website: www.pendle.gov.uk under 'My Area'

Goldshaw Booth

Interesting developments about Spen Brook Mill: notification of appeal against the refusal has been posted. Please see the PBC Planning website under 13/12/0346P which gives the grounds cited for appeal and a direction to the Planning Inspectorate website. Any comment to the PI should be sent in triplicate and should quote APP/E2340/A/13/2199070; your PC will be making a submission on the lines of its earlier objections.

We have had discussions with the developer and PBC about an alternative proposal and hope to be able to make details public within a few weeks. The alternative currently being considered is, in my personal opinion, much more attractive, and incorporates many of the changes which we suggested when considering the earlier scheme. I believe that the mill is an eyesore and is a greater blot on the landscape than a sympathetic housing plan without a commercial element and for fewer buildings. The PC will call a public meeting when the plan is finalised.

The village party on the 24th was poorly attended but very much enjoyed by those who were attracted by Debbie Mousley's nibbles and plenty of wine; we shall have to consider the timing more carefully for next year as its coincidence with the Bank Holiday may have contributed to the sparse attendance. The PC is grateful, once again, to Debbie and Lee and also to the Events Committee for their financial support.

National financial support for the Borough Council is again being reduced and there will be renewed pressure on them to devolve responsibilities to local hands. I fear that the public toilets in Newchurch may be threatened and we will have to consider whether we, from our funds alone, can continue to provide these facilities to our visitors.

The two hamlets look smart at the moment after the efforts of a few dedicated people whom we should all thank and our hopes for success in the Best Kept Village competition are high: please keep up the good work! The roads are much improved following the re-surfacing and make the place

much neater; the work on re-lining the parking bays will be done soon with some small alterations. Would the owner of the small black cat with the red collar please restrain it from decimating our bird and vole populations – it can't be that hungry!

Bill Mayor

St. Mary's Primary School

Mr Archer took a team of six boys & six girls to Seedhill running Track. Years 3 & 4 from across Pendle got together to do battle Olympic style! The children had to compete in four events and well done to our team for an excellent job.

Children and parents gathered at the Sports Day with a keen sense of anticipation and undoubted enthusiasm, on a mossy and very springy, Spenbrook Playing Field to do "battle" athletically speaking, with each other. And so it was that Braden conquered all in Reception, Oliver ruled the roost in Year One and Jake mastered Year Two. In Year Three, Abigayle vanquished one and all, Ben drubbed the rest of Year Four, Hermione and Matthew jointly tied in Year Five, the points were so close it was difficult to separate them, and finally Harry Wilkinson shellacked those in Year Six.

Our whole school trip this year is to Liverpool. Firstly to the Cathedral of Christ the King; then on to Pier Head for a trip on the Mersey Ferry, followed by a short walk to the Maritime Museum. Here, Reception up to year three children will take part in a workshop entitled "Pirates Ahoy", whilst Years Four to Six will take part in a creative workshop looking at African Batik with reference to the slave trade that involved Liverpool in past times. The weary travelers will then be returning to school!

Our Leavers' Service this year will be held on Thursday 18th July at 2pm in St. Mary's Church. We shall say a tearful farewell to our year 6 pupils along with others moving on to new schools. In addition we will be sadly saying "goodbye" to Mr Archer who is retiring at the end of the Summer Term. We wish him & his family all the very best for a long and happy retirement. More details of all these events and more can be seen on our website: www.st-marys-ce23.lancsngfl.ac.uk Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

BARLEY

Summertime is with us and no doubt many of you are planning to get away on your summer holidays and get some sunshine, I went in early June to Bavaria and took in the grey skies and the snowfall and had no problem avoiding any risk of skin damage from the sun or the mossies' who had probably gone to warmer climates.

Pendle BC dominates PC affairs just now. All PC's have been summoned to a meeting with the Borough Council to be informed of the impact of the Governments spending cuts and how it will affect us, you can guess what is coming. PBC have also approved the planning application for a 30% increase the size of one of the three dwellings being constructed next to the Village Hall, somewhat bizarre as PBC turned down the original application for three dwellings on the grounds of the impact on the area and on the Barley Green grade listed buildings. I could not understand the logic to the way Councillors voted and the obvious contradiction in this decision.

The car park toilets have become a bone of contention. They smell and that means they are not cleaned properly and cleaning is arranged by PBC. The advice from PBC is that we should get our marigolds on and do the business. We also hear that after the spending cuts "spending a penny" could become a thing of the past in Barley and our visitors will have to hang on till they get home. The Privy Council discussed this issue at some length but no motion was passed on the night, we will see how things pan out.

The best kept village competition is underway so thanks to everyone who does their bit and especially to Mr & Mrs Corcoran who have adopted the raised garden as you leave the village towards Downham and are keeping it well maintained.

Derek Heap

At the recent **Village Hall** Annual Meeting we were pleased to welcome Sarah Hartley as our new treasurer. Sarah has been working on a handover of our accounts from Sheila Hartley who is retiring after 25 years keeping our finances in order. Sheila was presented with a large flowering plant.

The past year has been particularly challenging, keeping track of more than £7,000 of our own funds and much larger amounts of grant funding spent on upgrades and reconstruction of the Hall. We greatly appreciate the hard work that Sheila has put in and look forward to working with the new computerised accounting system which Sarah will be setting up.

The Clothes & Rag recycling bin which Rod Statham is operating for Hall funds is proving highly successful, not quite "rags to riches" but a very worthwhile contribution to hall finance. Keep Filling Up the Bin!

Houghton Weavers event 6th September is now sold out – we look forward to a marvellous evening.

Audrey Weatherill

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm John Tel. 611517

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tues 1- 5

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 10th at 10am

PILATES every Thursday morning. 10 – 11

BADMINTON: Availability Tel.611517.

Len Tolliday

We were sorry to hear of the death of Len. He and his family have lived in Sabden Fold, Newchurch and Barley over the past 40 years.

Len and his wife Kathy and daughter Jane were very much involved with St. Mary's Church & School - especially during Jane's time at school. Len joined the Parochial Church Council in 1971, became a Church Warden in 1975, a governor and a member of the choir. Len worked in insurance before retiring and was a JP at Reedley Magistrates. Our thoughts and best wishes go to Kathy, Jane and family.

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ROUGHLEE

The Parish Council agreed to apply for capital grant funding from Pendle Council to install a ramp and porch onto the Village Centre to facilitate easier access for all of our visitors. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope we get it. The decision will be made on July 4th. We have also asked for our Christmas lights back (yes I did say that word, and the nights are drawing in) for the Pub which will be reopening in September. We are looking for a volunteer or a number of them to paint our railings black again, whilst in an ideal world we would looking for free labour, we appreciate, that in the real world this might not be realistic, so we are prepared to pay for this task, so if you know of anyone, or, we have any responsible teenagers on school holidays that would be looking for some spending money, let me know and we will see if we can come to some agreeable terms.

The **FunDaySunDay** (FSDS) took place last weekend and whilst the weather did not disappoint us (honest), we had rather a splendid day, with what I believe was a record attendance. THANKS VERY MUCH to the large team (too numerous to name individually) for the hard work that went into the planning and to those that attended on the day to make it the success that it was. Special thanks also to those that sponsored some of the events.

I think we have won the fight to retain the white railings at the Dam Head bridge - the original plan was for m-way style armco!

One of our duties as a PC is to comment on planning applications. Two that have come before us recently were rejected at local level;- 1. Conversion of a garage into a dwelling at Higher Greystones, and 2. A massive scheme which would have allowed the erection of many more

caravans on the Pasture Lane site. Both went to the Planning Inspectorate for his final decision and both have now been rejected.

Martin Schofield

Thank you to Martin for his kind words above and also for the inspiration that kickstarted the **FSDS**. Despite a dreadful forecasted weekend which did let up slightly, the team came together to put on probably our best fair ever. Not only that but the people came out in large numbers and stayed for much of the afternoon. It was opened by the Mayor, ably introduced by Nelson's Town Crier.

All our visitors, including the new Bay Horse landlord Peter Waters, who came along especially to see his new village, were impressed and whilst it is usually unfair to single out people, let's say that the young singers, the saxophonist, the dog show, the draught beer & hog roast, and an extremely busy café were highlights, all of which we hope will be repeated next year. Thank you to the many villagers for their donations and produce. I think that we can all be very pleased with ourselves with putting on such an event. I was particularly pleased that we had many more helpers this year: before, during and after the event; from Ousel Rock to Blacko Foot, from Thorneyholme to Stang Top to Dimpenley, and everywhere inbetween. Roughlee is a stretched-out village but it was good that all areas came together. Thanks too to all exhibitors, stall holders and to our friends from Barley & Goldshaw who leant us tables, chairs and a fine gazebo.

Our next event is the Duck Race and BBQ on July 27 - two days before the beginning of the bridge / road closure.

James Starkie

Wednesday 3rd July
 Walk from Newton to Slaidburn
 Meet at Barley Village Hall at
 10.30am. Lunch at "Hark to Bounty"
 at 1pm
 Joint meeting with Fence WI on
 Wednesday 10th July at
 7.30 pm at St Anne's
 Church Hall



MESSY CHURCH
BARLEY VILLAGE HALL
 Takes place on the third Tuesday of
EVERY month at 3.30pm
FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP
 We ask parents to contribute to the cost of
 the activities and meal that we have at each
 session. **MESSY CHURCH** is organised by
 Mandy Culshaw who can be contacted by
 email on: a.culshaw635@btinternet.com

**ROUGHLEE
 DUCK RACE**

SAT. JULY 27

**Duck
 Tickets £1**



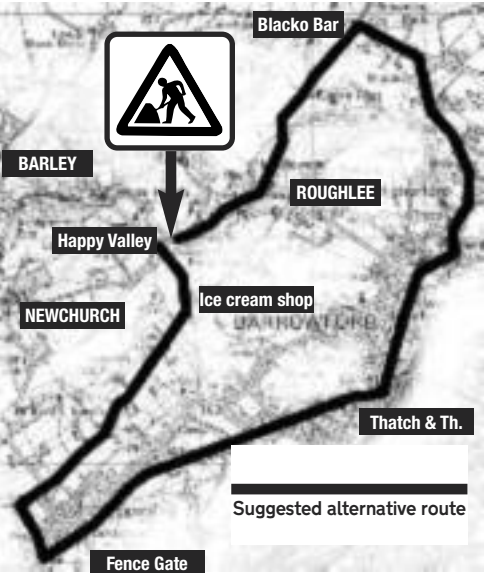
**1st Prize: Meal for Two
 at the Bay Horse when it reopens**

BBQ Tickets

Steak & Salad Bar | Burger/sausage
£7.50 | £3

Tel. 699262

**Temporary Traffic Regulation
 Order**
 Closure of road from Happy Valley to a
 point 145m to the east, towards Roughlee.
 Pedestrian access via a new bridge.
**Monday 29nd July 2013 to 9th
 September 2013 or to a date earlier.**
 A suggested alternative route is shown below.
 This route has been identified, based on the
 route that incorporates main roads and avoids
 roads with excessive gradients where possible.



All the other lanes will remain open but
 please use them with care.

SAFE LANES IN PENDLESIDE

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
www.pendleforesthistorgroup.co.uk
 Wednesday 17th July 7.30pm
 Barley Village Hall
 Pendle and Trawden Forest Vaccaries
 Presentation by David Morris

**BRING YOUR OLD CLOTHES & RAGS TO BARLEY
 VILLAGE HALL AND PUT THEM IN THE
 CONTAINER. ALL MONIES TO THE VILLAGE HALL**