



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

Parish

CHURCH NEWS



AUGUST 2013

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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ROUGHLEE

The 997th running of our annual duck race took place last Saturday in quite Mediterranean conditions with approximately 600 competitors. Once in the water, the start was quite messy with lots of confusion and struggling taking place. However, within minutes a

number of ducks broke free and starting sprinting away. This proved to be short lived with most of the original front runners crashing and burning half way down the course, to be overtaken by those that had decided to pace themselves. Yet more proof that the Tortoise and the Hare fable may have been correct. Putting humour to one side, we had a cracking evening with more than 100 people attending the race itself. We then decamped down to the Village Centre where we had a BBQ, where we catered for even more people. Thanks must go out to the ladies that organised the catering and the VC, the men that did the BBQ, the team that looked after the ducks and made sure that none escaped, importantly to those who attended the event and helped to make it the success that it was and to the rain for holding off until after we had all eaten.

Most of you will have now noticed that the bridge at the white railings is closed for replacement, I wonder how many of you had forgotten of this and had to make the long detour? Our household managed it on the first Monday. A number of our younger residents will be on tenter hooks waiting for exam results in the middle of August. Let's wish them luck and hope that they get the results they had hoped for. Finally, congratulations to Issy Hartley who at the Great Yorkshire Show earlier in the month, competed with her homebred 16 month old Pedigree British Blue Heifer (called Pendle Heather) and came 1st out of 18 in the senior young handlers, which is especially impressive given the age of the group ranged between

16 and 20 years old. She then went forward in to the final which included the 1st and 2nd placed from the senior and junior classes where she was placed as reserve champion. *Martin Schofield*

Thank you to Martin for his kind words above and also for the inspiration that kickstarted the FDSO. 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 Thomeyholme 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 lent 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

Dear Friends

'Of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world, she walks into mine.' No prizes for recognising this line from Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca. Or if you didn't recognise it, then you're quite young.

It's not just fiction. Recently I had to the opportunity to minister to a couple in their nineties who had met on an airfield in Germany in 1945 and they've been together ever since. He was from the south of England, she was from the north, and had it not been for the war the chances that their paths would have crossed would have been minimal.

We have different ways of accounting for such occurrences. Some say it's just coincidence. Others say it is fate. I have difficulty with this. It suggests a powerful impersonal force moving us around like pawns on a chessboard. There is no space for freedom.

My take on it is different. In Greek there are two words for time. One is about counting time giving us the word 'chronology'. The other word which hasn't made it into English suggests time as opportunity. The time for... time is seen not as a clock ticking away, but as moments when we can respond and act.

How we live through time reflects a conflict between these two senses of time. Sometimes we waste time, and it slips through our fingers. Sometimes we act and hopefully it produces beneficial results.

Even our time off should be seen as opportunity. Being still and purposefully doing nothing can relax us and give us a perspective on the busy-ness of our lives. And I am always amazed at retired people who tell me that they are so busy now that they don't know how they found time to work. Not the oppressiveness of empty hours but time to do a variety of things, with perhaps the added bonus of being able to choose.

Sometimes these opportunities are life-changing: to respond with a word or act of kindness that brings hope to an unhappy person; to write that letter or give that donation that raises an issue of justice or reduces poverty. Or maybe answering that deep question about life's meaning or my ultimate value that we can't put off any longer. As St Paul says, 'Listen! This is the hour to receive God's favour; today is the day to be saved.'

God bless you



John

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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

Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meeting: August 14 & September 11

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

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: August 13 & September 10

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369
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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: August 5 & September 2

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

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Pendle Borough Councillor: James Starkie Tel. 699262 james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

MESSY CHURCH

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

Takes place on the third Tuesday of
EVERY month at 3.30pm

FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP & FELLOW-
SHIP

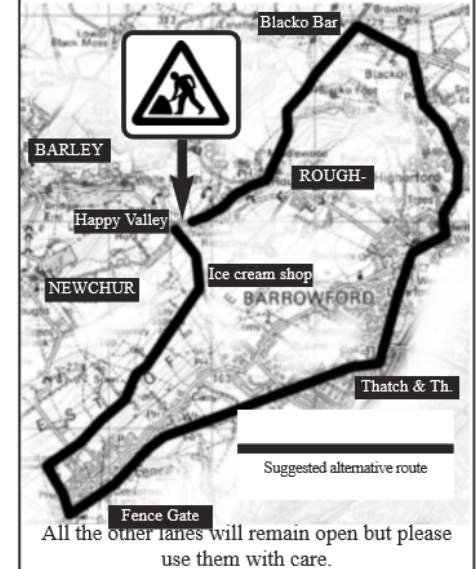
We ask parents to contribute to the cost of the activities and meal that we have at each session. MESSY CHURCH is organised by Mandy Cul-

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 29th 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.



Local History Group

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.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

BARLEY

In case you had not noticed, we are now cut off from Roughlee as the County Council has demolished Dam Head bridge and has started constructing a replacement. A temporary footbridge has been installed so that you can still walk to Roughlee if you wish to without having to wade across the river. I suspect many of us will get the chance to get better acquainted with Nogarth ridge over the next few weeks.

This time last year we were preparing for the Pendle Witch Walk to commemorate the events of 1612 and enjoying the Olympics. This month we have two events to look forward to – the vintage tractor rally to be held on 17th August and the “Ride with Brad” cycling event on the 11th August when you can tag on to the wheels of Sir Brad and cycle through the village with a knight of the realm on a parade of Pendle and the Ribble Valley.

The PC has now formally approached the County Council with an offer to part fund the upgrading of the street lights in the village. If this is well received we will progress to consulting with you on what is on offer and hopefully on to the project being realised. The meeting with PBC to discuss future spending cuts did not really clarify any matters and the sticky subject of funding the cleaning of the village green toilet rolls on. PBC manage the cleaning contract and we are trying to bring some influence upon how standards can be improved.

Rural Watch recently reported the theft of letters from remote unlocked letter boxes leading to identity theft by rogues who apply for credit cards in your name and run up a big bill for you, good advice is to keep them locked.

The Best Kept Village 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. The village has looked well basking in the recent sunshine and that has attracted many visitors who bring their packed lunches and picnics to the village green. It has been a job for councillors and other residents over the last three weeks to keep the place tidy when the bins have been overflowing.

Finally, Himalayan Balsam, a pervasive tall annual plant is now approaching 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 Wednesday 7th August at 7.15pm, meet me at the car park to do some bashing!

Derek Heap

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.

Goldshaw Booth

DATELINE: 2/13/2017

Parish of Pendleside;

Borough of East Lancashire.

This is my first bulletin as a newly-elected member for the recently created “Parish” of Pendleside, an amalgamation of the six old church parishes which lie on the foothills of Pendle hill. This new constituency is the smallest of the ten “boroughs” which now comprise the Super Borough of East Lancs (SPEL) which itself is a small part of the People’s Republic of Northern England (PRONG).

My constituents will well remember the traumas of last year when the Capitalist Kingdom of London and the Home Counties (CLINK) finally broke with the rest of the UK, being, as its Mayor St Boris Johnson joked, “heartily sick of supporting the rest of you plebs”, and formed an independent state which was delightedly welcomed into the EC. And, as you will know, PRANG voted by a majority of 15 to one to “leave the EC bureaucrats behind”, in the words of its President Sheik George Galloway.

In celebration the sheik’s screaming supporters danced in the streets, sacrificed members of the BNP, and called for a caliphate of South Yorkshire (COSY). PRONG will now apply for membership to the group of nations known as SWING (Scotland, Wales, Iran, Nepal and Greece) who will form a trading group specialising in drinking whisky, playing rugby, building atomic bombs, carrying tourists up mountains, and sitting in cafes drinking strong coffee and complaining about Germans.

As my constituents will also remember that these enormous changes were driven by

our old Boroughs running out of money and finding themselves incapable of providing those services which a spoiled public had been taught, by years of indulgence, to expect. Hedges were not cut, toilets were closed as were swimming pools and libraries. Streets were un-swept and rubbish bins un-emptied; whole regiments of council employees, having no services to administer, were made redundant to squeals of anguish from Unite. Borough and County Councillors wandered the streets like Ancient Mariners, accosting passers-by and addressing them tediously for hours. And the final straw, the spark which fired the revolution, was the withdrawal of bus passes for pensioners. You will remember the marches through Nelson, led by bent cronies brandishing zimmer frames, supported by the vast armies of the un-employed and those who deliberately park on double yellow lines. You will recall the frantic – and declined- overtures to Burnley and Accrington and the eventual offer from the affluent borough of Brierfield to take Pendle over and to lead us into SPEL and then PRANG.

This, my constituents, is the future, and your new council, elected by postal votes only, are the men (and token woman) to lead you there. Into a future where you will have to look after yourselves. Back to 18th century!

It’s the silly season and it’s hot, so forgive this indulgence – but the Borough is running out of money and things will not be as they are, ever again.

Bill

Mayor