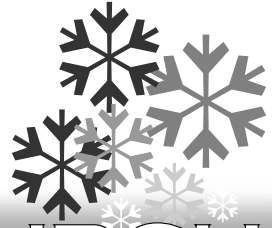


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# *Dear Friends*



One hundred years ago on Christmas Eve, lighted Christmas trees appeared on trench parapets on the Western Front. It was the beginning of the Christmas Truce.

What is interesting is that it wasn't a truce at all. There were no commands to cease hostilities. It was sporadic – for some sectors it was business as normal. How the opposing troops celebrated the truce varied. Some met in No Man's Land and shared a cigarette and showed photos of loved ones; some visited each other's trenches; some exchanged gifts; some engaged in a kickabout with a football; some viewed the whole thing with suspicion – after all hadn't the Germans butchered civilians in Belgium? In some sectors it lasted 24 hours or even days until orders came to resume hostilities.

The Christmas Truce captured people's imagination and became a legend. It represented overturning violence for people's deepest desire – peace. Symbols triggered a response which shattered the conventions of war. A Christmas tree, a carol, a shouted greeting gave ordinary soldiers the authority to disobey orders and 'fraternise' – in other words to celebrate what they had in common with brothers-in-arms rather than what forced them apart.

Christmas is a time when the powers-that-be are overturned. In addressing the problem of sin and suffering, God chose not to wade in and subjugate wayward folk. Instead 'taking the form of a servant' Jesus came among us to renew our relationships with God and people. As in the case of the soldiers on the Western Front, small and ordinary has the power to make a difference. We can overcome hostility; we can be generous and compassionate; we can reconnect with the ideals that inspire us to goodness.

St Mary's will be celebrating Christmas as usual. One new feature is to have Coffee & Carols on the Sunday after Christmas at a later time, 10.30am – worship and a lie-in! Do come along, and when we sing Silent Night we'll feel solidarity with those people one hundred years ago.

God bless you.

*John*

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

# Parish NEWS

## Barley Parish Council

Car parking and mobile phone networks are the issues of the day this month. As I have reported previously, the PC has tolerated the contractors' vehicles working on the Barley Mow parking on the bus turning circle, within those vehicles are expensive tools and they need those tools to hand and stored securely where they can see them. The presence of these vehicles has caused the Garage, residents and visitors to use the turning circle as a parking area and so an array of vehicles have been parked there for the last few months.

The contractors will soon be gone and with the opening of the Barley Mow we now have visitors treating the circle as a car park. This has only marginally been alleviated by the opening of the Barley Mow car park. At times we now have significant congestion in the village, safety hazards caused by inconsiderate parking by visitors and our village centre piece devalued to being a car park.

Clearly things should settle down after the Christmas period as the new attraction "has been visited" but I am not expecting to have our turning circle restored to its former glory and function without some action. All our Councillors want, and have been lobbied by numerous residents who also want, the circle restoring and so that is our challenge.

To this end the PC have invited our Borough Councillor and officers of PBC to support us and I am hoping to meet with them soon to discuss what initiatives we could take forward together. I understand the circle to be owned by PBC.

The PC hosted a meeting to inform residents of a £150m government funded project to deliver mobile phone coverage to areas where the big suppliers would not provide a service under

normal market conditions. The project involves constructing a 20m high lattice mast up near Aitken Wood which might or might not replace the two smaller masts up there. 3G is likely to be available and the coverage would include most residents but not all. Barley would likely qualify for inclusion in the project because we have quite a high density of properties that cannot access the mobile network. The company leading on the project are liaising with the PBC about the planning issues and the public meeting was arranged to gauge public support or objection to the proposal. Their position was that if there was positive encouragement they would proceed and if not they would go elsewhere. Subject to any future government initiatives, this might be the villages best and maybe only opportunity to get connected.

The issues discussed by the thirty residents who attended focused on the advantages of being connected, the extent of the coverage and objections to such a significant mast on our skyline in the AONB. The majority of those attending favoured the project progressing.

Rose Turner, who is writing a history of the village based upon the minutes of the Parish Council meetings between 1994 and the present, has gained access to recording equipment and will be inviting residents to contribute their recollections of the village over the last 50 years. Please give generously. Derek Heap



## Barley issues ~ Councillor's Inbox



Turning circle parking *The area does belong to Pendle. Traffic engineers are monitoring the area including the residents'-only parking request. Polite 'tickets' have been issued requesting that people find alternative places to park.*

Pendle Borough Councillor James Starkie



# BURNS Night

Saturday January 24, 7 FOR 7.30

Piper & Haggis

Bring your own drinks

Barley Village Hall

Tickets £15 from Audrey 613280 or Chris 691850

## Barley Chapel

### Family Friendly Church

**Sunday School & Service** weekly at 10.30am

**Tuesday** - Adult Table Tennis 7.30 to 9pm

**Wednesday** – Ladies fellowship. Have a brew and share your week. 7.30 to 8.30pm

**Thursday** FOG club Christian Youth Club for ages 7 to 13 (6.30pm to 7.45pm)

**Friday** Junior table tennis 7.30pm to 9pm

### **Sunday 14th December**

Carols by Candle light service at 6pm followed by coffee and mince pies.

### **Sunday 21st December**

Barley to Bethlehem. Meet on the village car park at 6pm. (Angels and shepherds meet in the chapel at 5.30pm) Follow the donkey through the village as the greatest story ever told unfolds. Ending up at Meadow Bank Farm Barley to welcome baby Jesus. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the chapel afterwards. (wrap up warm and bring a torch)

### **Thursday 25th December**

Christmas Day family service at 10.30am led by Mark Clegg. Children bring your favourite present.

*You will be made very welcome at all our services as well as those over the Christmas period.*

Barley Chapel supports **Kids in Kailahun** - a Barley based charity working with children in Sierra Leone. The ebola crisis is resulting in more and more children becoming orphaned. If you would like to sponsor a child, or find out more, please contact Lorraine or Mike Goldsbrough ☎694127 or call at Barley Tea Room. Christmas cards are for sale in packs of 10 at the Tea room.

## Barley Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is holding an OPEN AFTERNOON in the Hall on Sunday 21st December 2pm to 5pm, come and have a relaxing afternoon before the rush, with mulled wine & cake. All regular hall user groups will feature small displays to highlight their activities. Call in and enjoy our free hospitality.

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

Check with Valerie for classes ☎691850

YOUNG FARMERS: Monday evenings

KEEP FIT: 8pm weekly circuit training.

Contact John ☎611517.

**Tuesday** (2nd & 4th) PENDLE PATCHERS

1-5 pm. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Audrey ☎613280

**Wednesday** (2nd) COFFEE & chat 10am-12.

**Thursday** mornings PILATES

Tracy ☎07773 785904

LINE DANCING: 7.30pm.

BADMINTON: contact John ☎611517

Audrey Weatherill

### **Christenings**

A double Christening took place on Sunday November 23 with Freddie Jacob, son of Laura and Stuart, and Harry Isaac, son of Sarah and Martin.

## CHURCH

The Remembrance Tree is now available in St. Mary's Church for those who wish to hang stars in memory of anyone they wish. The Tree will remain in church until Epiphany on 4th January when the stars will be taken down and used in prayer during the service

**Saturday 20th December** 7pm. Mulled Wine and Christmas Decorations at Mr & Mrs Widdas' home, 5, Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook.

**GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL**, in conjunction with the North West Ambulance Service would like to offer residents of the three parishes the opportunity to attend a free **HEART START** course to be held in Roughlee Village Centre at 7pm on **28th January, 2015**

If you would like to book a place on this course please email [john@spenbrook.co.uk](mailto:john@spenbrook.co.uk) or ☎699580, as places are limited. If many people wish to learn how to keep someone alive in an emergency than another course will be arranged at a later date.

Goldshaw Booth PC wishes to establish a First Responders Team in the area and this is a first step in that process.



## **GOLDSHAW BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL**

At our recent meeting, we had discussions regarding good news and not so good news. The not so good is that if the prediction forecast from the Borough of Pendle that our grant could be less by half. All members were in agreement that we will not have any option but to increase the Parish Precept to enable us to maintain the current level of service in the Parish. More discussion on this item at the December meeting.

Council is intending to consult members of the Forest of Bowland committee with thoughts on an Artwork Sculpture that would be suitable for the Millennium Garden area.

We have now received the Highly Commended certificates from the Best Kept Village Competition also from the Forest of Bowland Competition.

Our four barrier baskets in the centre of the village have been replanted with spring bulbs, wallflowers and winter pansies. Kathleen Wilkinson

## **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

**Wednesday 17th December**

Christmas Social

**Wednesday 21st January, 2015**

Presentation by Dave Oyston

"A Village in Bowland"

Both at 7pm in **Barley Village Hall**

[www.pendleforeshistorygroup.co.uk](http://www.pendleforeshistorygroup.co.uk)

## **ROUGHLEE**

We have now had the final summary from the BKV judges highlighting in their opinion our shortcomings during the judging period. This has caused us a dilemma, as one of the points raised was the general condition / state of some of the benches within our village. What you may be asking yourselves has this got to do with me? We have a number of benches within the village that we have been told will be maintained by the family that has placed or requested it, and as such we have been asked to leave this up to them to maintain i.e. "do not touch." Whilst we have no evidence from the judges as to where these benches are, we know which ones we have maintained and cared for, so this only leaves the private seats. Please if you do have a bench within the village could you have a look at it when the better weather comes. If you cannot, let us know and we will discuss doing it for you, with maybe a small donation to village funds to cover the cost.

The invitations for the Seniors Christmas Party (16th) have been sent out and I know that we have made a couple of errors in relation to who is residing where and missing invites, please accept my apologies for that. Please, if you think that we have missed any more of you out let me know so that we can rectify this.

Finally as it is the last magazine of the year can I take this opportunity to personally thank all of the fine band of volunteers that work tirelessly in our village to make it the marvellous place that it is.

Martin Schofield




### **Roughlee Defibrillator**

The appeal for funds for the provision of a defibrillator continues to do well. We've had

Roughlee Keep fit group thank all who attended and donated at their recent event which raised an amazing £970!



some donations and there was a Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fayre on Nov 30 and Roughlee School is to make a cheque donation at the forthcoming Christmas Seniors Lunch.

  **Roughlee issues ~ Councillor's Inbox**   
Information requested / passed on to residents of general interest:

☛ Broadband roll-out *More information will be forthcoming before the middle of December.*

☛ Barn rebuilding on Ridge Lane *Planning permission was granted to demolish the previous structure and completely rebuild it. It was allowed because it's a holiday let and not a dwelling. (I don't make the rules!)*

☛ Street lights at Crowtrees *The utility company had had difficulties gaining access to land to install new cabling. It's now half done.*

Pendle Borough Councillor James Starkie

## **Roughlee School**

The children are very busy as ever. The junior children are finding out about World War One. It is very poignant for them to find out about the hardships faced by everybody during 1914-1918. As part of the work, they will be visiting the commemorative stone that was laid in the village during the summer. The infant children are studying a topic called "Then and Now" and have been comparing photographs of themselves when they were babies to how they look now. They are also preparing to attend a dodge ball competition against other primary schools, which should be great fun.

All the children are currently enjoying weekly gymnastic lessons which are taking place at the Best Centre in Burnley and are being led by an ex European Gymnast, who knows we may produce a future champion !

Carolyn Potts

## **ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE**

November saw two contrasting events; a 'Black Cats' boogie with a group and ex-Roughlee'er Chris Manley who played several excellent guitar sets. Three weeks later was the annual Ball which was up in numbers from the last few years. Over 120 in dinner jackets & posh frocks enjoyed a great night in a warm marquee. Thanks to those villagers for supplying much of the 'hardware' and of course to all who attended. The porch and ramp project is now

finished and has been admired by many and we again thank Mike & Kath Riley for their kind contribution. We also managed a PBC grant to purchase the new railings & gates and thanks go to Bruce Hartley for providing a Christmas tree and a new set of LED lights.

James Starkie

## **St. Mary's Primary School, Newchurch**

FON raised a massive £504.25 following last month's Quiz Night at Rigg of England Farm. Plus a further £50 was raised from the Chocolate Raffle at the Church Fair. A huge thank you to all who supported these events and to the members of FON for continuing to provide transport for school trips and extra resources for school. For the BBC Children in Need our children wore something spotty and the Junior children sold their baking, yumyum! We raised £90 for this worthy cause.

On Monday 17th November KS2 children were invited to Westholme school to watch a play called 'The World's Gone French.' The play was in both English and French and the children could understand most of what was going on. This was a fun educational trip which gave them the opportunity to see French spoken in a more realistic and creative way.

The 17th November was the start of 'Say No to Bullying' week. The children were involved in an e-safety Awareness Day on Thursday 20th Nov. We received a lovely letter from SafeNet who asked us to convey their grateful thanks to staff, children and parents for their most generous response to the Harvest Appeal. Christmas will soon be upon us. The children have auditioned for their parts in the school performance and are busy practising to perfect their characters.

Susan Hasler-Cregg

## **Womens Institute ~ WI Wednesday 3rd December**

Christmas Party ~ "Flower Demonstration"  
with Hannah Parkinson

## **Wednesday 7th January 2015**

Film Night ~ Stall: Recycle Christmas gifts

## **Wednesday 4th February**

"What's new at Whitehough Outdoor Education Centre" with Tony Flanagan  
All at 7.30pm in **Barley Village Hall.**

Visitors most welcome

# Parish Dates & Contacts

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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: Dec 10, Jan 14 & Feb 11**

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## Goldshaw Booth

~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

**Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10**

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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 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: Dec 1, Jan 5 & Feb 2.**

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Seasonal Greetings to all Villagers





# 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.

**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): Prayer Book Mattins

**Advent Carol Service “Darkness into Light” Sunday 30th November**

6pm at St. Anne's together with the  
Choirs of St. Thomas', St. Mary's and St. John's.

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**Christingle Service Sunday 7th December**

4pm at St. Mary's.

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**Sunday 14th December**

6pm Joint Carol Service at Barley Chapel with Barley Methodists.

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**Wednesday 16th December MESSY CHURCH**

3.30pm Barley Village Hall

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**Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve**

10pm First Communion of Christmas at St. Mary's.

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**Thursday 25th December Christmas Day**

9.30am Christmas Day Communion at St. Mary's.

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**Sunday 29th December Villager's Carol Service**

10.30am Carols, Coffee and Mince Pies.

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**Sunday 4th January, 2015**

9.30am Epiphany – Remembrance Stars will be prayed over in the service.

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