



# Parish NEWS



**f** Barley - Past and Present

**f** Newchurch in Pendle

**f** Roughlee Then and Now

BARLEY~NEWCHURCH~ROUGHLEE~SABDEN FOLD~SPEN BROOK

March 2017

## BARLEY

**Parish Council: Wednesday March 15 at 7.30pm**

At our last meeting Brian Nelson updated us on "Burnley Football Club in the Community" attempts to secure the Whitehough Camp School site from LCC and, whilst the deal is not quite done, their plans all sounded very positive. Many of the previous activities could continue, boosted by some Duke of Edinburgh and corporate training courses. For our part we offered encouragement whilst emphasising our determination to keep the valley as tranquil and dark as practical.

The Filter House developer also attended and that gave us chance to discuss the site "finishings" and specifically the roadway surfacing, drainage and landscaping etc - again all the exchanges were positive and we hope the development blends in when it is finished.

A source of some frustration, and complaints, has been the lack of maintenance to the car park which has now become a pot-holed mess. We have stone on site and once we get a dry period the holes will be filled. We held off doing the works at the back end of summer for good reason but with hindsight we should have pressed on and we have learnt a lesson on how quickly the surface can deteriorate in winter.

We are still looking for a PC Clerk who has the skills to administer the council's business and articulate the Council's views in correspondence and at meetings. We are hoping there is somebody out there with those skills and who wants to get involved in the village. Derek Heap

### VILLAGE HALL

MONDAYS

**CRAFT GROUP:** 1-3pm **Valerie** ☎691850

**YOUNG FARMERS:** 7.30pm

**KEEP FIT** Circuit training: **John** ☎611517

TUESDAYS

**MESSY CHURCH** 3.30pm. 3rd  
**MYSTERY MAKE & TAKE** - 3rd ☎ 07595 493289

**PENDLE PATCHERS:** **Audrey** ☎613280

WEDNESDAYS

**COFFEE & CHAT** 2nd Wednesdays 10am-12.

**KNIT & KNATTER** 2nd & 4th. 7-9pm

THURSDAYS

**PILATES:** Mornings **Tracy** ☎07773 785904

**CRAFTERNOON TEA:** 2pm every 1st & 3rd

**LINE DANCING:** 7pm **Sally Anne** ☎541303

**YOGA:** 8pm **Michelle** ☎07710 307563

### LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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

**Wednesday 15th Mar. 7.30pm**

Presentation by David Johnstone  
'Kilns of all kinds' BVH

## St Georges Night

Saturday April 22 7.00 for 7.30pm £19  
**Audrey** ☎613280 **Chris** ☎691850

## Barley Chapel

welcomes everyone. Sunday services are family friendly and are held at 10.30am. Refreshments are provided after the service and there is a Sunday school for younger members.

### Regular activities at Barley Chapel.

**Monday** (fortnightly). Housegroup and Bible study. **Sally Wilshaw** ☎617978

**Tuesday** (weekly) Table Tennis.

Juniors 6.30 to 7.30pm. Seniors 7.30 to 9pm. **Ian Bennett** ☎543616

**Tuesday** (2nd of each month) Ladies fellowship. **Lorraine Goldsbrough** ☎694127

**Thursday** (w'kly) FOG club 6.30 to 7.45pm  
Christian youth club for ages 7 to 16.

**Angie Hargreaves** ☎605090

Minister **Revd. David Edmondson** ☎ 843064

## Friends of Newchurch Group

The Winners for February of the 100 Club draw on behalf of School are:-

**1st: £25 - Andrea Wilkinson (Associate)**

**2nd: £20 - Susan Procter (Governor)**

**3rd: £15 - Lesley Muffitt (Governor)**

Anybody wishing to get involved with the school fundraiser, please contact **Rosie Hudson** for available numbers on 07790 167590 or email her at [rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com](mailto:rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com)

## GOLDSHAW BOOTH

**Parish Council: Tuesday March 14 at 7pm**

This is traditionally a quiet time of the year but the PC continues to make improvements on behalf of residents. The long awaited noticeboard has now been delivered and will take pride of place in the centre of Newchurch.

The project to thin out trees in Sparable Wood is all-but completed, save an area of woodland at the bottom of the football pitch in Spen Brook. The wood from the trees that have been felled has been cut into short pieces and piled up to improve habitat for wildlife **so please do not remove it**. We have worked closely with the environment officer at PBC to correctly manage this woodland.

The Annual Parish Meeting which is open to everyone in the Parish will be held in May and although the date is yet to be arranged it will give residents the opportunity to speak to councillors about any topic that concerns the Parish. At the meeting I will inform residents of the highlights of the past year and what we hope to accomplish in the future and will of course, take any questions you may have.

The PC is keen to involve the residents of Sabden Fold in parish business and would be delighted if anyone from this hamlet would let us know of their concerns. As a first step we intend to put up a noticeboard in Sabden Fold so the business of the Council and other notices can be advertised. Christopher Burt

## Broadband

Residents of Newchurch and Spen Brook are reporting successful results with Boundless Communications, including grants. **Anthony Dawson** has details.

## ROUGHLEE School

The school was a hive of activity over the half-term holiday with both the playground and interior refurbishments. The children were extremely impressed with their new playground equipment, which composes of a trim trail, storytelling reading area, a water wall, a mark making area, a new traditional hopscotch and an eagerly awaited mud kitchen. Thank you to the all the children who designed it. We have also had the tree outside the main entrance trimmed in order to allow more natural light into the playground and Infant classroom. The toilets and communal areas have been refurbished with a new modern non-slip safety flooring.

Thank you to Mr Cole and St John's Church, Colne, who have presented school with a beautiful oak cross for our new staffroom. Mr Parsons has very kindly joined us, leading our Tuesday acts of collective worship. The PAIS Team has also been in school delivering worship on our focused Christian Value - Perseverance. The children are thoroughly enjoying their 'Drama Project', which is being delivered by Miss Veevers, a qualified drama teacher from the Burnley Youth Theatre. The children are exploring various aspects of their curriculum, including British values, through drama. The children who attend the after-school drama club are rehearsing for their end of term production, which will be held at the Burnley Youth Theatre. This will be a fabulous evening for the children, who will have the opportunity to perform on stage in a theatre, and for the audience who will be entertained by their spectacular performance. Everyone at Roughlee is very excited by our new 'Reading Scheme' which includes a large range of new modern books as well as an extensive range of eBooks. It also includes a dedicated section of books which are phonetically decodable, to further enhance and complement our phonic provisions. It is so pleasing to see the children developing a love of reading. Our new reading scheme is part of our new interactive teaching and learning provisions here at Roughlee CE Primary School. Mark Elliott

# ROUGHLEE

**Parish Council: Monday March 6 at 7pm**

At our last meeting the Parish Council welcomed new Councillor, Simon Cronshaw. The PC has been expressing concern for some time now regarding the slow progress, by BT, of introducing superfast broadband. Problems with access rights delayed the introduction beyond the programmed date of 2016 and no firm date is yet available. It was, therefore, of interest to receive a presentation by Jason Richardson and Tom Richardson who have a proposal to introduce a private broadband connection which could be available within a couple of months. Installation and monthly charges would be incurred and a minimum of 35 subscribers are required. This may be of interest to villagers who need a superfast broadband connection.

Perhaps the most contentious issue currently relates to the future of the Bay Horse public house which closed in September last year following a kitchen fire. Initial indications suggested it would reopen by Easter this year but this now looks highly unlikely. Since its closure there have been various stories and rumours relating to its future, some good and some bad, but the situation is becoming clearer now as it appears that the owners may be considering closing it permanently and seeking another use for the site. This, in the opinion of many villagers, would be a grievous loss and something which should be resisted if at all possible. The matter will, therefore, be considered at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 6th March. We hope to have independent experts to offer advice on the process of designation as an Asset of Community Value. This designation, if approved by the Borough Council, introduces greater controls on the disposal of the pub or its change of use for another purpose. We will consider what measures can be taken to support the retention of our village pub so if you share concerns about the future of the Bay Horse please come along to the meeting and have your say. Parish Councillor Nigel Brotherton has arranged an informal get together to reform the Friends of Roughlee Appearance (FoRA) group - 7.30pm on Wed 8th March in the Village

Centre when we can discuss how, as residents, we can improve the appearance of the village to improve our chances of success in the Best Kept Village competition.

As part of our capital programme allocation from the Borough Council we have purchased a picnic table for the riverside grassed area adjacent to the car park opposite the school. Thanks to Reid Nutter for his help with this. Finally, a reminder and a date for your diaries. Our annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 5th June. We hope to make this an interesting occasion and look forward to your support.

Andrew Walker

## **Roughlee Village Centre Tuesday March 7 at 7pm**

Mindful of the gloomy news coming from the continuing closure of the pub, the Centre continues to open every second Friday, usually with a quiz but you don't have to take part! It's proving to be a good laugh so if you want a simple night out in the village, do come along! Dates are March 10, 24, April 7 & 21 etc. The Committee is also looking at increasing activities by offering different types of entertainment and this may include cinema, theatre and food-style shows etc. Anything is possible and it's important that villagers support it so as to not lose the community spirit. These will be discussed further at our monthly meeting

Our next event is a

**PLANT SWAP/COFFEE MORNING**  
on Sunday March 12 1100-1300

Our next paid-for event is a

♪♪♪ **BAND NIGHT** ♪♪♪  
on Saturday April 29

James Starkie

## **SAFE LANES IN PENDLESIDE**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 29 at Roughlee Village Centre at 7pm.

## **St Mary's School**

We are truly blessed to have St. Mary's Church in our community. The faith that is shared by staff, governors and many of our children is not something to be taken for granted. Instead it should be celebrated and enjoyed! Every year we set aside Education Sunday to do just that,

which this year was on the 29th January. We joined with staff and pupils from Roughlee Primary School to play a part in the worship through songs, prayer and readings.

As you are all aware our vicar Reverend John Hallows retired at the end of January and to celebrate his time with us we held a special Collective Worship for him. Pupils invited Parents to attend the service in which they personally took the opportunity to thank him, in their own words, for showing them how to follow a Christian life. His favourite songs were sung and the children presented him with cards and a gift. Although we don't look forward to snow in Newchurch the Infant children had lots of fun building a snowman and finding bird foot prints! On National Pizza Day the children designed and made their own pizzas to celebrate. The Junior children have been inspired by their Guided Reading sessions, rehearsing and performing a play called 'Meena the Monster Minder' by Julia Donaldson. We will be holding a School Disco on Friday 24th February. Our School Council asked if we could charge a £1 entrance fee. The money raised will be put towards some new outdoor play equipment.

The Fire Service will once again be visiting school this week to deliver Fire Safety talks to each Key Stage.

Mrs Pauline Nightingale

## *Congratulations*

to Tracy & John Hallows who were married at St Thomas on February 11.



## **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.



**WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM**  
offering different types of services and hymns each Sunday

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Sat. 11th March from 10am Coffee Morning and quiz results at the home of Valerie and Chris Widdas

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26th March - Mothering Sunday 9.30am with Messy Church

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Sunday April 9th 9.30am Palm Sunday † Friday 14th April 11am Passion Play in Newchurch Village

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Sunday 16th April 9.30am Easter Sunday

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