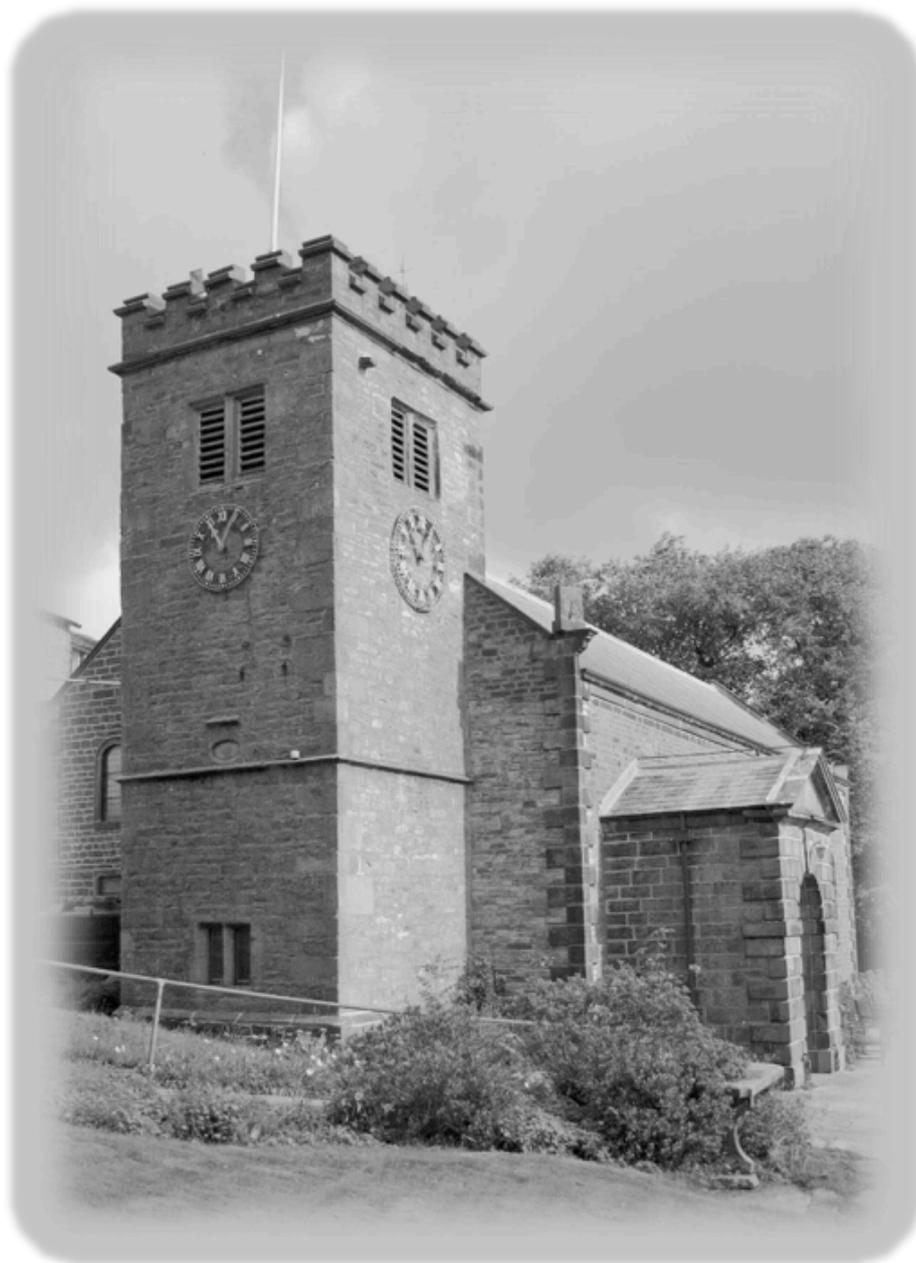


Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

August 2017



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

Dear Friends

We are, at last, able to announce that a new incumbent for our Benefice has been appointed. We look forward to welcoming Rev Julie Smith in the Autumn. She is currently Curate in the parishes of Saltburn and New Marske in North Yorkshire and will be moving across in Mid October.

Her Induction service will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th October in St.Thomas' Church, Barrowford and her first service at St.Mary's will be at 9.30am on Sunday 29th October. We hope as many as possible will turn out on that morning to welcome her and to thank God for calling her to minister to our two parishes.

At the moment the church tower is wreathed in scaffolding as we undertake the second phase of our Heritage Lottery work. The stonework of the tower has been repointed and new louvred units fitted to the belfry. Once the clock chapter rings have been returned after being repainted the scaffolding will be taken down before the end of this month.

Our Rushbearing Festival this year had to be completely held in the church but whilst it rained outside there was no damper on the celebration. Our thanks go to the members of Messy Church and to Rev Paul Payton for the conduct of the service and to the ladies who supplied and served the tea. Congratulations to Lexie Milligan who was crowned Rushbearing Queen for 2017.

As the schools look forward to the end of term many of us can look forward to holidays. It is a time to recharge the batteries and to return refreshed. With this in mind we look forward to the end of our vacancy as we prepare for the arrival of our new Vicar. We must continue to ask in our prayers that the transition for our new incumbent will be smooth and refreshing.

Happy holidays.

Kathleen & Chris. (Wardens)

Barley Parish Council

The Village Green maintenance – apart from cutting the grass the Borough Council have not been able to do afford much more and so it has become tired. The most obvious symptom has been flooding over the last couple of years but I am pleased to inform you that Richard Hargreaves has jetted the three gullies and all are now running. This might not stop flooding because once the river outlet is submerged the water has nowhere to go until the river level subsides but then the flooding should quickly disappear. The Council are considering further works to re-vitalise the green so any local experts please step forward.

As I reported last month, a number of small projects are now completed which will improve the look of the village including painting and planting summer plants and we hope the village looks at its best for the Best Kept Village competition. Cllr. Connor is again leading for us and organising works and we hope you will all do your best to help keep the village tidy and looking good to for all our benefits and maybe help us to another BKV award.



The Women's Institute has again put on a show on the village green entitled "jeans for genes" and a very impressive display of old jeans used as planters.

There are a couple of planning issues of interest. The developer at Boothman Wood applied for permission to construct a 14 x 4m timber office structure which was opposed by BPC and rejected by PBC on the grounds it was too large. A new application is under consideration with the office size reduced to 6 x 4m and that is currently subject to process. The Council are pleased to report that an application to remove the corrugated tin sheds, on the slopes of Pendle Hill at Ings Head Farm, with two attached cottages has been approved. This follows previous rejections regarding the quality of design and the Council is pleased that PBC will be more focused on design in

the future and that a local blemish of many years will be removed.

More balsam bashers required – come and join us next week and do your bit. Derek Heap

Barley Village Hall

Regular Activities

	<i>Mondays</i>
Card Craft Group	1-3pm (1 st & 3 rd week) Valerie 691850
Young Farmers	7.30pm 07811666790
Keep Fit Training	8pm John 611517
	<i>Tuesdays</i>
Messy Church	Monthly Mandy 696635
Pendle Patchers	1-3pm (2 nd & 4 th week) Audrey 613280
	<i>Wednesdays</i>
Coffee & Chat	10-12 on 2 nd Wednesday
Knit & Knatter	7-9pm 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday
	<i>Thursdays</i>
Pilates mornings	Tracy 07773785904
Line Dancing	7pm Sally Anne 541303
Yoga	8pm Michelle 07710307563
Badminton	for times contact John 611517

A Beginner's Guide to Willow Work - Friday 19th August 2017. 1-4pm. with SallyAnne
@willowwitchofpendle@gmail.com

August 2017

The Quilting & Patchwork Exhibition, WI Show & Afternoon tea were very successful, these events attracted many people to the Village Hall and we look forward to many extra bookings in 2018. There are still many improvements required at the Village Hall over the coming months.

Barley Chapel

Our family friendly Sunday Service is at 10.30am. Refreshments afterwards and Sunday School for younger members.

Regular Activities

<i>Monday</i> fortnightly Bible Study Sally Wilshaw 617978
<i>Tuesday</i> Table Tennis Jnrs 6.30 pm Snrs 7.30pm Ian Bennett 543616
<i>Thursday</i> FOG club 6.30 to 7.30pm Angie Hargreaves 605090
<i>Minister</i> Rev. David Edmondson 843064

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council has received the promise of funds from Pendle Borough Council to purchase a new noticeboard for Spenbrook, similar to the one in Newchurch. We have confirmed the order with the joiner, Simon Gilbert who made the board in Newchurch. This is very good news for the Parish as a decent looking board enhances the look of the local area. We have to thank our Borough Councillor, Mr James Starkie for his help in securing the funds.

Residents may be aware that a volunteer from Newchurch wishes to renovate the bog garden in Sparable Wood. I have had a meeting with the volunteer and the Principal Environment Officer of Pendle Council to establish a plan for dealing with this worthwhile project. It was decided that a narrow path can be cut initially to establish the perimeter of the bog garden. This should not do any damage to wildlife at this time of the year and no further work will be carried out until the Autumn, when renovation will then start.

There are always various maintenance jobs that the PC attends to during the year, but it was noted that the vegetation on the wall at the side of Spenbrook Road between Spenbrook and Newchurch needs attention. Hopefully, this can be dealt with during the next few weeks.

The PC has decided to have more regular safety checks on the playground equipment at the playing fields in Newchurch. Volunteers were requested for this job and happily we have had public spirited individuals come forward to offer their services. The PC will provide support and training and a volunteer will check the equipment, with a reserve prepared to take over in the event of holidays and absences. I think this exercise reflects well on the community and shows the good will present within our community
Chris Burt

St. Mary's School

July is such a busy but happy month for us all at school! At the beginning of the month we welcomed into school our new Reception children and their families. The children had lots of fun in their new school, whilst their parents had an opportunity to get to know Mr Whittaker and Miss Stephenson.

We celebrated our Year 6 pupils SATS results – they all did fantastically well and can go onto high school knowing they can achieve anything they set their minds to. Very well done to all of them.

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed a mornings Street Dancing, this was an activity we undertook to enhance our Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds week. It was wonderful to see every child making their moves with a smile on their face.

KS2 pupil performed their second woodwind concert for our KS1 pupils, parents and staff with great aplomb. Thank you to Mrs Abbie Blackledge from the Lancashire Music Service for her patience and dedication.

The Chill Factor was the destination for our Year 6 leaver's trip. Some children thought it was a little bit chilly on the slopes, but nevertheless lots of fun was had whilst learning to ski.

Many thanks to the families who once again donated old clothes to the Starlight bag collection. The Starlight charity is one that is close to our children's hearts, as it works tirelessly to brighten the lives of terminally ill children. Your support is very much appreciated.

We have been very lucky this term to have enjoyed Collective Worship lead by Mr Jude Buksh and our very good friend Mr John Hallows. Your worships were appreciated by both pupils and adults alike. Thank you.

We truly have some talented Thespians in our midst! Our summer production 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' was received with lots of giggles and rounds of applause – the children were simply brilliant. Thank you to parents and staff for supporting the children costumes, lines, props etc.

Finally, our Leavers Assembly was an opportunity for our Year 5 pupils to recount tales of and award prizes to our Year 6 pupils. The Year 6 pupils shared some fond memories of their time at St Mary's, as well as leading the school, parents and Governors in prayer. Hoodies and Bibles were presented to each of our Year 6 pupils by Miss Stelfox and Dr Smith.

Not only do we say goodbye to our Year 6, but also Miss Stelfox, our KS2 teacher and Mrs Zoe Rothwell. We wish Miss Stelfox all the very best in her new post and house and the start of a new exciting adventure. Mrs Rothwell has played an invaluable part in school life during the last eleven years as both a Governor and parent helper – your cheery smile and support will be missed. These pupils and people may be out of sight come September but they will always be a part of the St Mary's family.

Everyone at St Mary's wishes you all a happy summer.
P Nightingale.

The 100 Club

drawn on behalf of St Mary's School took place in July. The winners were:

1st Prize Ruth Nutter Grandparent £25

2nd Prize Zilpah Oulsen-Jenkins Parent £20

3rd Prize Susan Eames Parent £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. Anyone wishing to get involved with the fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on 07790 167590 or email rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com

Roughlee Parish Council

News about the campaign to save the **BAY HORSE** pub continues to be positive. Sufficient funds have been raised by residents to buy the business and completion of the purchase is expected shortly. Once a tenant has been selected the pub should be open for business later this summer. The fund-raising by local people has attracted considerable media interest including a BBC television news item. This is a great credit to the campaign organisers and the many villagers who are supporting efforts to save the pub.

Pendle Council have now agreed our bid for capital programme money to improve a number of difficult stiles. Two routes, one linking Stang Top Road to Whitehough and the other linking Dam Head to the Pendle Way at Whitehough Plantation, have been partially improved under previous programmes but five stiles remain unimproved and can be difficult, particularly for the less agile members of society. A programme to improve these five stiles will take place this summer.

As explained at our Parish Gathering in June the Parish Council is exploring measures to protect our countryside environment and to raise awareness of the valuable habitats within the parish. In this we are being assisted by Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership and the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. The longer term aim is to find out more about our local environment and, where necessary, to introduce measures to protect and enhance the flora and fauna with which we share our countryside. The July meeting of the Parish Council considered a "shopping list" of measures put forward by the Wildlife Trust which would look in detail at habitats in Roughlee and suggest longer term measures. After much debate and a vote it was decided to proceed initially with a limited approach which will give us much more detailed information on our local habitats and the species which are present. Future measures will be considered when we have these initial reports.

The aim to remove Himalayan Balsam from our village saw a major effort on 25th June. The river banks between the school and Thorneyholme were largely cleared before the plants began flowering. Whilst this will help the problem will return. Huge areas of Balsam are now in flower upstream towards Barley and these will set the seeds for a return of the plants to Roughlee next year. The only answer is to keep clearing year by year and with co-operation from our up-stream neighbours we may be able to reduce the problem.

Whilst Himalayan Balsam is an invasive species which has the potential to overwhelm native species it is a source of nectar for insects. The Parish Council discussed this dilemma and will explore opportunities to

plant native wild flowers as an alternative source for pollinators.

Attention has been drawn to an increase in dog fouling in the village particularly between Crow Trees and Judson Fold. It is known that much of this is from dogs owned by local people. This is an unpleasant and unnecessary problem and villagers are asked to take care to clean up after their dogs.

Proposals to expand the Forest of Pendle Leisure Park have attracted a large number of objections from local residents and the Parish Council. The expansion would greatly increase visual intrusion and be highly damaging to the environment of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. At the time of writing the planning application has not been determined by Pendle Council but the Parish Council will press for a refusal at every opportunity. Andrew Walker

Pendle Forest History Group

Wednesday 16th August 7.30pm, Barley Village Hall

Business Meeting and items of interest

We've been asked to contribute to this month's parish magazine so I thought a brief account of the group's latest history walk might be of interest. Two of our members Brian Jeffery and Richard Higgins have been researching documents and checking the lie of the land from Spen Brook to Roughlee to determine the locations of the Over and Nether Roughlee vaccaries both of which are mentioned in the early records for the area. A vaccary is the term used for a medieval ox farm and a number of these were established in Pendle Forest during the 13th century to raise income from breeding draft animals and by producing cheese and butter.

Our walk began at Spen Brook Mill and would follow most of the proposed boundary for the Over Roughlee vaccary. Brian gave a brief introduction at the start and then we set off down the lane towards Dimpenley. After crossing the valley bottom we took the foot path by Clarion House and followed the stream into Thorneyholme stopping for a picnic lunch by White Hough Water. We continued up Heys Lane and then followed the path up to Black Bank where we had an excellent view over the valley below returning eventually to Spen Brook via Newchurch village. The route passed many buildings and landscape features that tell us much about the lives of our predecessors, more than I have space to describe here, but if you're interested to learn about the history of this area our group is a good place to start.

Roughlee School

School has been a hive of excitement and activity, as we have enjoyed a wonderful and busy end to the term and indeed the academic year. The end of term is an exciting time albeit with a little sadness as our Year 6 children leave us to embark upon the next stage of their educational journey. Staff and Governors would like to offer them our best wishes for their future endeavours and thank each and every one of them for contributing to the life and success of our school, we are extremely proud of them and I am certain they will continue to go from strength to strength. We also say a goodbye to Mrs Walker, who is going on maternity leave, however she promises to come back after the holidays to introduce us to the new members of the Walker family. There have been several new families join Roughlee recently and we will also be joined in September by Miss Barraclough, who will be covering Mrs Walker's responsibilities until she returns and Mrs Day as our new School Administrative Officer. I'm certain you will make them feel welcome.

The children have competed in a wide range of sporting events this term, including our own Sports Day, which was held at Roughlee Village Centre. St Andrew's were victorious, but all the children competed with a splendid attitude.

The school had a very successful and positive OfSTED inspection on 28th June 2017, which identified many strengths. Thank you to all the staff, governors, parents and especially the children for making our school the 'GOOD' school it is. As a direct result of your support and hard work, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of children achieving age related expectations & above across the whole school, specifically within our end of Key Stage data – with the school achieving above the National Average for Reading, Writing, Maths, EYFS and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling. (Our inspection report is available on the Ofsted website.)

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a fabulous holiday full of love and happiness – you deserve it! Mark Elliott

Pendleside Charity Tractor Run

Saturday 19th August 2017

This year our charities are the Chemotherapy Unit at Blackburn Royal Hospital and Rosemere Cancer Foundation.

More details on Facebook at Pendleside Charity Tractor Run

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7pm SATURDAY JULY 29

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Available for parties, christenings etc. Day time &/or evenings. Inside and out with space for parking & marquees. Discounted rates for residents. www.roughlee.org.uk/roughlee-village-centre-hire

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 on sending details of their intended course and post academic career to

Mrs D A Watkinson 5 Queensgate Nelson BB9 0AT before September 1st.

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.

The Trust is looking to appoint a new trustee. If you have relevant experience and the ability to fundraise please contact Mrs Watkinson.



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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.uk

Council meetings are held at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall on 1st Wednesday in the month

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Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenbrook) www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7pm in St. Mary's School on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

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St. Mary's Church

Our 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 modern hymns and a sermon for the young and not so young

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

5th Sunday (when applicable) Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer

MESSY CHURCH is held in Barley Village Hall at 3.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

St. Mary's Patronal Festival Arts & Crafts Exhibition

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September.

Exhibition open. Saturday 11am - 5pm.

Sunday 11am - 4pm

4pm. Songs of Praise

Do come and find out about the different crafts through displays and demonstrations e.g willow work, rag rug making, knitting and **MESSY CHURCH** activities. If you would like to be involved please let us know, or just come and see the interesting crafts.

Pendle's Shadow Walk Saturday 16th September

Start at 8.30am from Barley Village Hall

If you can help with either of these events, even if only for an hour or so, please fill in the sheet at the back of the church or contact Chris or Valerie on 691850 or email.

chriswiddas@gmail.com

For your diary:

Harvest Festival - 9.30am Sunday 8th October

Lancashire Night - Saturday 14th October in Barley Village Hall - to book contact Chris Widdas

All Souls' Service - 2.30pm Sunday 5th November

This and past issues of the Parish News can be found at

WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK

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