

# Parish NEWS



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR



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## August 2016



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

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

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

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5th Sunday (when applicable): Prayer Book Mattins

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Saturday / Sunday September 3 / 4 Patronal Festival

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## Dear Friends



What did you make of Boris Johnson's reason for not apologising to the people he had insulted over the years before becoming Foreign Secretary. In case you missed it, he said, 'It would take too long!' Not good enough. I hope he listened carefully to John Kerry for a first lesson in diplomacy. Maybe Boris was thinking that most of his invective was as a columnist for The Spectator. On a journal that likes to be outspoken it's ok to say things that offend. It is not unusual in political and debating societies to spice your argument with a couple of insults, and then to have a beer together afterwards. Been there, done that. But not everybody knows these rules and then what's left is resentment.

In the free-for-all of social media it can lead to nastiness being voiced and even acted on, as we saw in the murder of Jo Cox. Yet one of our British values is respect – respect for the law, but also respect for other people in our society. It is especially important to respect people we disagree with. They provide us with a reality check.

Living in a democracy we enjoy a diversity of opinions. We may not agree with them, but they challenge us to defend our beliefs with reasoned argument. The opposite is totalitarianism – everyone goes along with the loudest voice. But when we disagree, we should do so with respect. If we don't, we are opening the way for forces that will harm us.

Two thousand years ago, St Paul understood the destructive forces in the political system he lived in. He said we needed a special kind of armour to defend ourselves – truth, justice, a passion for peace. And most especially, when we speak, we speak God's word. If you want see his full kit list it's in Ephesians 6.10-20.

God bless you.

*John*

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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: August 10 & September 14.**

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Village Hall Chairman Ian Middleton ☎ 501303 iansallyanne@icloud.com

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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: August 11 & September 13.**

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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 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: August 1 & September 5.**

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# Parish NEWS

BARLEY  
NEWCHURCH  
SABDEN FOLD  
SPENBROOK  
ROUGHLEE

LANCASHIRE



BEST KEPT  
VILLAGE  
COMPETITION

Our Villages are entered into the BKV competition, and even though we are all in the same class, there is a common bond between us that means we wish each other well.

The next few weeks are very important as it's the time when final judging takes place.

Please therefore, keep up with the weeding and the pruning and also, please keep the lanes and public areas litter free.

## Barley Parish Council

Regular comments have been side-lined in favour of the new big issue - Bra-skets in Barley. If you have not seen them there are a great rack of blossoming brassieres decorating the WI Garden in the village car park, which has been created by the local membership of the WI as part of the centenary anniversary celebrations of the WI. Bras of all shapes, sizes and colours have been stuffed with plants and hung over the garden wall in support of raising money for breast cancer. A competition is being run for the best in class. The project has caused quite a stir, similar to that made by the WI "Calendar Girls" a few years ago and the girls have attracted the attentions of the BBC and the press who have reported the story widely. Headlines of "breast in competition" and "simply the breast" have been used to uplift the story but we will not be so tacky here.

A spokeslady told me "The competition and the bras have had their knockers but they are attracting as much attention as hanging baskets

as they ever did." Well done ladies and if villagers want to donate to this worthy cause you do so at the Cabin or directly to the WI at the Village Hall.

The other big story in the village was the announcement of Audrey Weatherill MBE in the Queen's Birthday honour's list. Well done Audrey, very well deserved and we are all proud of you and very grateful for the efforts David and yourself put in to our community over many years.

Parking – we have moved the big red sign to the back of the turning area and relied on a couple of cones to discourage car parking and it seems to be working, a small step forward.

There is still a vacancy for a Councillor and if you wish to become involved please speak to any Councillor and/or come along the next meeting on Wednesday, 9th August at 7.30pm. Finally on more mundane matters the Council is progressing car park repairs and upgrading the playground over the next couple of months.

Derek Heap

## Barley Chapel

Saturday 3rd September. Jumble sale at Barley Village Hall from 10am. Can you help on the day? We are collecting Jumble from now right up to the day, so why not have a clear out? Ring Angie ☎ 605090 or Margaret ☎ 690420 to arrange collection. We accept clothes, shoes, toys, bric a brac, books small items of furniture, garden tools bicycles in working order etc.

### BARLEY VILLAGE HALL REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**BADMINTON & KEEP FIT:** John ☎ 611517

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

**CRAFT GROUP:** Valerie ☎ 691850

**LINE DANCING:** Thursday 7.30pm

**MESSY CHURCH** 3rd Tuesday 3.30pm

**PENDLE PATCHERS:** Audrey ☎ 613280

**PILATES:** Tracy ☎ 0777 378 5904

**YOUNG FARMERS:** ☎ 0781 166 6790

**CANDLE HOLDER CRAFTERNOON TEA**  
18th Aug at 1.30pm. £6 incl. materials and refreshments. Sally-Anne ☎ 0759 549 3289

### LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

[www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk](http://www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk)  
Wednesday 17th August 7.30pm

Business Meeting and items of interest

### BARLEY WATER COMMITTEE

A Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at 7.30pm. Water quality update for households using the Barley Spring.

### GOLDSHAW BOOTH PC

Residents in Newchurch have requested a 20 mph speed limit through the village, which was supported by councillors at a recent Parish Council, but also adding Spenbrook to the speed limit area. As it is expected that building at Spenbrook Mill will commence soon, thus increasing the volume of traffic, it was felt appropriate to petition for the speed limit adjustment for both hamlets at the same time. Parish Councillors Carl Ryder and Andy Cowell have circulated residents with petitions and these

are being forwarded to County Councillor Christian Wakeford, who will pursue this cause with Lancashire County Council. Carl and Andy have spent a great deal of time organising this project, which I am sure residents will appreciate, and recognise the important role parish councillors fulfil in representing residents concerns.

The vegetation around our verges and footpaths has grown to its full height and now needs cutting. The public footpath between Spenbrook and Newchurch has just been cleared of vegetation as well as the much used public right of way to the left of the toilet block in Newchurch. There is a continuing problem with Lancashire County Council not cutting the roadside verges, which residents have commented on. It is not a satisfactory situation and the Parish Council will continue to press LCC to fulfil its obligation.

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and despite expressions of interest, no-one has come forward at a council meeting. If you wish to represent your area and help to get things done, please come along the next meeting of Goldshaw Booth Parish Council on Tuesday, 9th August at 7pm.

Christopher Burt

## ROUGHLEE

The past few months have seen significant changes at Roughlee Parish Council. The long serving Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), Martin Schofield has retired to direct his energies elsewhere. His contributions to the Parish Council, and to the village have been immense and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. As we do to Elaine Todd who was mentioned last month Also our long serving Clerk, Carol Donohoe, has retired after more than seven years service. Our thanks and best wishes go to Carol. We now have a new Clerk. Mary Reed joined a couple of months ago and has recently also taken the role of RFO. Both posts carry real and significant responsibilities but, in the short time that I have been with the Council, I have seen just how able and competent she is. The administration and finances of the Council are in good hands.

Following an appeal for new members in Parish News a couple of months ago two new Councillors have been co-opted, Nigel

Brotherton and myself. Due to recent changes to personnel, the Council, at its AGM in May, was unable to appoint a new Chairman. The current Councillors all have their separate responsibilities and did not feel able to take on the job of Chairman.

It was against this background that I joined the Council offering my experience in local government and planning as something that may be useful. I also made clear that my DIY skills were not something I was proud of! One meeting in I found myself appointed Chairman and I will do my best to live up to this responsible task. Thanks are due to Colin Williams, our vice-chairman, who has provided cover in the meantime.

A bit of personal information may be appropriate. I worked in Government for some 30 years and in Town Planning for over 50 years, (is this possible for one so young and handsome!). In fact I still work as a planning consultant for several hours per week but I shall ensure that no conflict occurs with my role on the Parish Council. Elizabeth and I live in Crowtrees Grove and have been there since new in 1973. We have seen our neighbours come and go but, throughout, it has been a friendly and helpful place to live. Daughter Lucy went to Roughlee School in the era of Mrs Watkinson and has fond memories of her time there. Given the threats to its existence from time to time it is wonderful to see the thriving establishment we have today.

In spite of our time in the village we are probably not well known outside of our immediate neighbourhood. Elizabeth keeps strange and (very) early hours looking after her horses and is generally a very private person. I travel a lot playing golf, albeit to a miserable and declining standard, and this is my main social interest. Nevertheless, I will make every effort to meet as many of the villagers as possible so if you recognise me, please say hello and introduce yourselves.

Being very new to the post I have little to say at this stage on how things will develop. I am aware that following the recent difficulties, some things have not gone according to plan. An important minus point was our failure to hold an Annual Parish Meeting. This is something which is required by law and is the opportunity for all villagers to take part in and comment /

complain about issues affecting Roughlee. No doubt many of the issues, for example highway matters, fall outside of the Parish Council's remit but we do have Councillors from both the County and Borough Councils at our meetings so we can influence matters. Towards the next Annual Meeting, probably in June next year, I hope to develop a dialogue with villagers so that we can have a well-attended, even rowdy, exchange. It may seem a long way off but please let us know how we can help of what ideas you have to improve the village.

One great success we can be proud of is the Village Centre which hosts a wide range of events including the luncheon club, Christmas lunch and many other social and family events. James Starkie chairs the Village Centre Committee and is ably supported by willing volunteers who run the various events; a good example of which was the Duck Race / BBQ on 16th July. New volunteers are always welcome and needed so if you can help please give James a call.

By the time of the next Parish News I hope I will have more to say about what the Parish Council is about and what we are doing to look after our village, but please remember your input is vital if we are to serve Roughlee and make sure it remains a wonderful place to live. Andrew Walker

## Roughlee School

Wow, what 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 fabulous Year 6 children leave us to go to their different secondary schools. All the staff and the Governors would like to offer them our best wishes and thank each and every one of them for contributing so much to the life and enjoyment of our school, we are very proud of them and I am certain they will continue to go from strength to strength. We also say goodbye to Mrs Clegg and Mrs Lensky, who have both taught at Roughlee and contributed so much to our school for a substantial period time. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. The children have competed in a wide range of sporting events this term; including indoor Kurling, the Pendle Swimming Gala, rounders and the Primary Olympics. All the children who took part were excellent ambassadors for our school. The children thoroughly enjoyed their

first Sports Day, which was a great day for all involved. Well done to the children in St Patrick's team, who triumphed overall. The children have also performed a lovely music concert for family and friends, held at the Village Centre. Thank you to Mrs Carson for facilitating this. Brad the Owl and Mr D Hartley visited school and led our collective worship, focusing on respect. During the Summer break we will be having new flooring installed in our classrooms. We will also be having a much needed staffroom built. May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff, governors, FORS, parents and children for making our school the wonderful school it is and I hope you all have a fabulous holiday full of love and happiness – you deserve it! Mark Elliott

## Roughlee Village Centre

Another successful event and another few hundred in the coffers! A BIG thank you for all those that bought Duck Tickets, to those that sold them and stapled them together. For those that watched the exciting race and those that followed onto the Village Centre afterwards. For those who bought, prepared and served the food and for those who enjoyed it. To the Bay Horse for kindly supplying us with a voucher. And for those who set up both events on the day and those that took it all down the following morning. We have a great team! James Starkie

## St. Mary's Church

Heritage Lottery Grant – Update.

The church tower is now watertight - complete with a new roof and stone banding. The drain from the tower foundations is due to be installed soon. This will take the water from the tower and the church roof away from the foundations of the tower.

We are ready to reinstall the organ but we are waiting for some specialist dry rot resistant material to be manufactured to fit behind the organ and prevent a reoccurrence of the problem. Once the material is delivered to Sixsmiths the Organ Builders the organ will be rebuilt.

The Heritage Lottery fund have said that our supporting activities are excellent and have released the next part of the grant.

The school children from St. Mary's and

Roughlee Schools painted using watercolour in the style of Noel Leaver, who is buried in the churchyard, and Towneley Hall are presenting an exhibition of both Noel Leaver's and the children's work in November. John Parsons

## Church Social

Barbecue at Spenbrook. Saturday 13th August. Trains from 5pm, food from 6pm. Tickets. Adults £12.50. Children : a contribution towards their food. Venue: 5, Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook. [chriswiddas@gmail.com](mailto:chriswiddas@gmail.com)

## Friends of Newchurch Group

The 100 Club draw on behalf of School has taken place. Winners are:

1st prize, £25 - Jo Applegate (parent)

2nd prize, £20 - M & P Eames (grandparents)

3rd prize, £15 - Vicky Morley (parent)

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

Wednesday August 3

Guide Dogs for the Blind

With David Fishwick and Belle at 7.30 in Barley Village Hall.

Visitors most welcome

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INSPIRING WOMEN

## Pendleside Charity Tractor Run Saturday August 20 from 4pm

This year our charities are The Chemotherapy Unit at Royal Blackburn Hospital and Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Guide times: Sparrow Hawk 5.15pm, Roughlee 6.50pm, Barley 7pm, Newchurch 7.10pm

## 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 Fund on sending details of their intended course and past academic career to: Mrs D.A. Watkinson, 5 Queensgate, Nelson, BB9 OAT before Sept 1.

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.