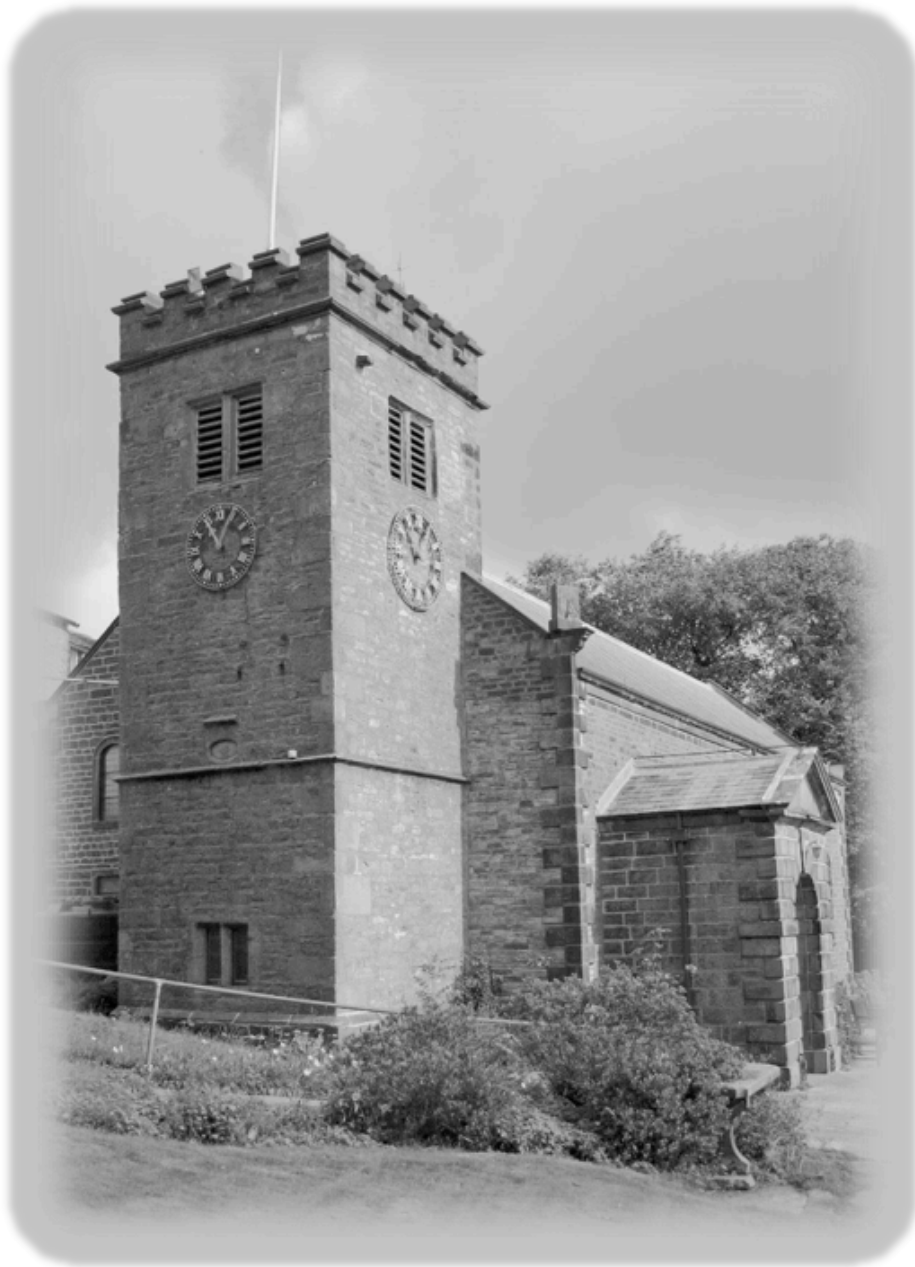


Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

February 2020



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Vicar's Letter

Perfection

If January is the month for making resolutions many of which will have been broken in the first week, perhaps February is the month to ponder not how to be perfect but how to use our imperfections.

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to see as a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologise to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologised to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Do we ever feel that we are not making a difference or that we are not doing as much as others we know?

We are not perfect and never will be. Each of us had our own unique flaws but God still loves us. We are all loved and if we can admit that we are not perfect we can begin to trust in the Lord and his promises. In 2 Corinthians 12:9 St Paul prays about his weaknesses and receives this answer from the Lord, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness'

May February be the month we hear God's call and how we can serve him complete with our cracks.

God Bless

Julie

Barley

It is not too late to wish all our parishioners a healthy and prosperous year in 2020. Whether you consider we have started a new decade or you prefer that the next decade does not start until 2021, what is for sure is that we are in the '20's again and we will see if they roar or not. And looking back to Xmas, what a good job the Barley Garage and the Barley Mow did to bring some decoration to the village centre.

As you will have seen, the car park works are now completed with the exception of a couple of remedial works to complete. Whilst I know the weeks of delay due to very wet weather were a frustration to some, the professional standards of Asphalt Systems Ltd. in relation to keeping the site safe, good regular communications with the PC and good judgement in assessing site conditions to minimise the risk of damaging the subgrade, which would have delayed the works much longer and significantly increased costs, were a credit to them. The Council are looking in to submitting a grant application from the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund to finish the car park. To be successful we would need to demonstrate we are developing tourist infrastructure and extending the visitor season beyond May to October.

The Council have erected a temporary height restriction barrier on the car park courtesy of support from Kirk Scaffolding Ltd. The Council were not able to afford a depth of macadam that would support heavy goods vehicles turning without risking damage to the surface hence we are trying protecting it with the barrier. Coaches have been parking on the road outside, as many cars do, and this has not caused any issues to date.

A big well done to Rod Statham for raising almost £3k for the Village Hall by collecting your old clothes, curtains and fabrics over the last few years. You will have seen the collection bin outside the VH and if you are having a new year clear out please put your wares in it and help get to the £3k milestone.

Our condolences go out to the family of Alec Moles who has been a resident of Barley, mainly Beckside, for longer than most can remember. Alec was well known in the village and he worked tirelessly to establish and maintain the spring water supply enjoyed by many residents. He used to be a regular in the Pendle Inn and is remembered

as a keen fisherman and a man who loved to travel with his caravan. He leaves behind his wife Maureen; siblings Chris and Cheryl and our heartfelt sympathies are with them and the family.

Most people will have heard of the untimely passing of Simon Halliday whilst cave diving in the Yorkshire Dales. Simon lived in the village for many years and is well remembered by many – I have some very vivid memories of him taking me caving a few years ago.

I have written about Simon in this newsletter previously recounting amazing stories of his achievements as a runner and caver. He competed in some of the toughest fell races and I remember him completing the famous "Bob Graham Round" (72 miles, 42 summits, 29,000 feet of climbing and descending in less than 24 hours) twice in 2007, in the summer and in the winter. Our deepest sympathies are with Toni, Izzy, Connor and family.
Derek Heap

The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for December 2019 & January 2020. Winners were:

December 2019

- Andrea Lord with number 39, winning £50
- Wendy Nutter with number 8, winning £25
- Chris Widdas with number 71, winning £20
- Cameron Hill with number 16, winning £15

January 2020

- Philippa Watson with number 95, winning £25
- Steph Grundy with number 10, winning £20
- Susan Fletcher with number 91, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are still 5 numbers available.

Anybody wishing to get involved with the fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on 07790 167590, or e-mail her at rosie.hudson08@hotmail.com.

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Complaints have again been raised about contractor vehicles parking on the bend at Spenbrook Mill. In addition to this, several complaints were received about roofing nails scattered on the highway outside the mill. This led to a number of tyre punctures to resident's vehicles in December. The Chairman has raised these issues with the site manager to discuss potential compensation and so he can progress the matter, he has been asked to provide evidence, (date, photos, receipts etc.). Any affected residents should send their evidence to the Chairman at bobdon1612@gmail.com

Complaints have been received about dog fouling on the highway and the Parish Council have posted additional notices in the areas concerned.

The Parish Council has employed the services of a new gardener whose first task was to remove the overgrown vegetation alongside the footpath between Newchurch and Spenbrook. This has been completed and as a result, the path looks much better.

A contractor has been employed to cut overgrown hedges around Sabden Fold which are encroaching onto the roadway.

A storage solution has been found in readiness for the purchase of the sit on mower. As previously reported, the Parish Council plans to undertake its own grass cutting on the playing field in order to reduce future maintenance costs.

Councillor Cronshaw has spent a considerable amount of time making a Pocket Parks Grant Funding application, primarily to refurbish the playground equipment. The Parish Council thanked him for his time and effort. The grant, if successful will go a long way to help funding the replacement and improvement of the wooden adventure play park on the field. The remaining cost will be available from the 'section 106 monies'.

400 trees are to be supplied by the Woodland Trust for planting in Sparable Wood. This is to further replace trees lost to Ash dieback disease. Residents will be asked to volunteer time where possible to help in the planting of the new trees.

At the last council meeting, members discussed and agreed the final budget for the forthcoming year and are pleased to announce that the precept has been

maintained at last year's level and there will be no increase.

It is proposed to better promote the Annual Parish Council meeting this year with refreshments being provided and hopefully some presentations. The meeting will include information on the achievements of the Council over the past year and following the strong response to the resident's questionnaire, it will include information on how the Spenbrook Mill Section 106 is proposed to be spent.

Bob Donovan

Barley Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee meet on Tuesday 4th February at 7pm when we will discuss future maintenance requirements and events to be held in the hall..

WE WOULD WELCOME VILLAGERS WITH FRESH IDEAS AND NEW ENERGY.

Anybody or group who are interested in hiring the hall please come to our meeting.

WHAT'S ON:

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday Valerie Tel. 691850

YOUNG FARMERS: Monday evenings in Village Hall.

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training
Contact John Tel. 611517 for information.

PILATES: Monday evening. Tel.07853176011

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1-5pm Tel Audrey 613280.

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 12th Feb. at 10am to 12 noon.

This group is getting smaller, please help me to keep this Group running, I can offer Dominoes(Lancashire ones) not sure about the rules or bring your hobby to show us. Audrey.

WI: 1st Wednesday 7.30pm

PARISH CONCIL: 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

HISTORY GROUP: 3rd Wednesday 7.30pm

CRAFT CLUB 3rd Thursday 1.30pm Sally Anne 07595493289

LINE DANCING: Thursday 8.00pm Sally-Anne 541303

PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904.

10 – 11am.

YOGA: 8pm.Tel. 07710307563

MOBILE LIBRARY 3RD & 17TH FEB. Approx 10.30am

Roughlee Parish Council

Due to holiday arrangements this, the first Parish News of the new-year, is a collaborative effort between Andrew and Mary. It also reports on two busy months which included some important issues for Roughlee.

December brought the dramatic General Election which saw Andrew Stevenson returned as our MP. Local boy, Christian Wakeford, also achieved his personal ambition by being elected as the MP for Bury South. Congratulations to both. Christian has been a stalwart of the Parish Council and has done an enormous amount for us in his role as a County Councillor. Given his new responsibilities it is not clear if he will continue with this but he deserves a huge thank you from the people of Roughlee.

A planning application to build two large detached houses fronting Barley New Road to the east of Thorneyholme Hall had been refused by the Borough Council but this decision had been appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. It is pleasing to report that the appeal has been dismissed so the houses will not be built. The Parish Council fought very hard to prevent this development which would have been highly intrusive in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and would have looked out of place adjacent to Thorneyholme Hall which is a listed building.

As one appeal has been dismissed we have been notified that another has been lodged. In this case it is against the refusal of planning permission to build two houses in a field off Blacko Bar Road. The appeal raises similar issues to the one recently dismissed, notably adverse impact on the AONB, and the Inspector's report dismissing the Barley New Road appeal very much supports the Parish Council's stance in objecting to the Blacko Bar Road proposal. We will be making further comments on the new appeal.

The social events in December were very successful. The Senior Citizens lunch held on 11th December was attended by 40 people who greatly enjoyed the catering by The Cabin from Barley and the singing by the children of Roughlee School. The event is free to Parish residents of 65 and older but given the evident joy which the event brings to our worthy older residents the modest cost is definitely money well spent. Generous raffle prizes for the event were donated by Carlo's Italian restaurant, Colne, and by the Bay Horse pub, Roughlee, so a very big "thank

you" to them and to the people who gave their time in organising and helping with the event.

December also saw the Christmas Boogie arranged by the Village Centre Committee. We enjoyed a really great meal and live entertainment by Jessica Mary Music. The entertainment was much enhanced by those villagers who helped out with the singing. We have hidden talents lurking in the village! A great night enjoyed by those who attended.

During our January meeting, the Budget for 2020/21 was set. Two new contingency fund categories were agreed: £500 for maintenance of the Village Centre building and car park and £500 for Capital schemes to cover match-funding and any overspend on projects. This allowance could also be used to fund new climate change initiatives that all local councils are being encouraged to implement. £1200 has been included in the Budget for the Luncheon Club but this depends on whether any funding is received and whether the service will continue as it is. A decision on the future of the Luncheon Club will be made in March.

It is estimated that £10,210 will be required to cover PC expenses in 2020/21. It was agreed to set the Precept at 2%. This is below the level of inflation and will reduce the PC funds to carry forward. However it is unlikely that the whole of the contingency provision will be used up and the Councillors wanted to set the Precept as low as possible.

Finally, PC Mark Dibbs has reported a spate of scams where people are approached by scammers claiming to be from HMRC and saying they owe tax and someone will call round to collect it. Please be aware.

Andrew Walker and Mary Reed

Barley Chapel

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

Monday fortnightly Bible Study Sally Wilshaw 617978

Tuesday Table Tennis Jnrs 6.30 pm Snrs 7.30pm
Ian Bennett 543616

Thursday FOG club 6.30 to 7.45pm

Angie Hargreaves 605090

Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

Barley WI

Our two new presidents Maree Showler-Smith and Jayne Shaw welcomed all our members back to the first meeting of 2020.

Our speaker Judith David gave a fascinating slide show on the remote Scottish islands of St Kilda. The members are continuing to collect cleaning products for new home starter packs which will be donated to the Womens Refuge.

Our next meeting is on the 5th February - 'Your Garden All Year Round' A Talk on growing your own vegetables and herbs by Garden Expert Sue Jeffries.

New members are always welcome - If you are interested in joining please get in touch with Jayne 07976 697567 or Maree 07730 677669

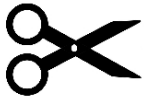
Pendle Forest History Group

Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm
in Barley Village Hall

AGM and Presentations by
Brian & Richard
about recent excavations and
discoveries

Members £2, Visitors £3

joan@spenbrook.co.uk or
wendy.stansfield@live.co.uk



DATES FOR 2020



Sat 8 Feb	Play Your Cards Right & Social
Sat 18 Apr	Race Night
Sun 7 Jun	Victorian Day
Sat 20 Jun	Hospice Pub Walk at RVC
Sat 8 Aug	Duck Race
Sat 12 Sep	Roughlee Ramble Charity Day
Sat 17 Oct	Witch Wines
Sat 31 Oct	Pendle Halloween Festival
Sat 28 Nov	Roughlee Christmas Boogie
Sun 6 Dec	Christmas Fayre

Full details will be advertised at www.roughlee.org.uk

Don't forget! RVC is available to hire for private events at very reasonable prices. See the website for further details or call Gail on 01282 696997.

FREE WIFI THROUGHOUT - THANKS TO WAVE INTERNET

Parish Contacts

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the

Barley with Wheatley Booth www.barleyparish.uk www.barleyvillagehall.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday in the month

Parish Council Chairman	Derek Heap	692264	derekheap1@googlemail.com
Parish Council Clerk	Leona Commons-Wicks		
BVH Chairman	Ian Middleton	541303	iansallyanne@icloud.com

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.

Parish Council Chairman	Bob Donovan	07449399838	bobdon1612@gmail.com
Council Clerk	Jennifer Sutcliffe		clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7pm in Roughlee Village Centre on the 1st Monday of the month.

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roughleeclerk591@gmail.com			

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MP for Pendle

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St. Mary's Church

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

5th Sunday (when applicable) Morning Prayer

World Day of Prayer

Service on Friday 6th March
at
The Inghamite Church
Wheatley Lane

MESSY CHURCH
will be on 24th March at
Barley Village Hall
from 3.30 to 5.
all welcome

February Services

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am Candlemas Communion Service
Sunday 9 th	9.30am Communion Service
Sunday 16 th	9.30am Communion Service
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am All Age Service
Wednesday 26 th	Ash Wednesday service at St Thomas' 10.30am

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