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Curate's Thoughts

Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany.

Yes, I know what you're thinking – the Curate wrote this thinking the newsletter would go out in January and not realising that the next issue wouldn't be distributed until the beginning of February!

But, honestly, that's not the case. I make a point of saying "Happy New Year" the first time I meet someone in a calendar year; I think my record was saying it in mid-November!

And as for "Happy Epiphany", well, as far as the Church of England is concerned, we're still in the season of Epiphany until the beginning of February. Whilst the shops may have put away their Christmas decorations over a month ago, our churches still have their crib scenes very much in view, albeit with the shepherds having departed back to the hills to look after their sheep, and the wise men having replaced them.

If you look in a dictionary, "epiphany" means a sudden and striking realisation, such as when someone makes an unexpected scientific breakthrough. When Archimedes ran through the streets shouting "Eureka" after coming up with the

principle that bears his name, that was a moment of epiphany. And the Church uses the word in exactly the same sense – it's all about the manifestation of Christ in human form in the world and to the world, the world being represented by those famous wise men.

And note, I say "wise men", not "kings". Because there's nothing in the Bible about them being kings – the word used to describe them is "magi", which is the root of our modern word "magician". Nor, despite countless images and carols, is there any mention of there being three of them, of them being called Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior, nor of them coming from as far afield as Africa and China. No, all we know is that these wise men brought three gifts with them – gold for a king, frankincense for a god, and myrrh for a mortal man bound to die – and that they came from somewhere east of modern day Israel.

That said, their story does tell us about kings – two of them in fact: King Herod and King Jesus. And there couldn't be a greater contrast than between them. By the standards of the day, Herod was actually quite a reasonable king (he probably deserved the title he was given of "Herod the Great") but he was grasping, self-centred, insecure and lashed out at anything he saw as a threat. By contrast, King Jesus threatened no one, but brought a vision of a world ruled by faith, hope and love.

Two kings – two centres of power – two lifestyles. That's the choice that's lurking behind almost every decision we have to make. It's good that we think about this choice early in the New Year, when goodness knows what 2022 will have in store for us – as individuals and as a community.

King Herod or King Jesus? I know which one I choose.

God bless.

David

St Mary's Church Quiz

Our Quiz angel has been busy and our 2022 Quiz sheet will be out by February 1st.

If anyone can help with the selling of the quiz sheets please contact Chris as below.

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All help will be much appreciated, even if selling just a few sheets!

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Welcome to a New Year, new beginnings and new ventures with Goldshaw Booth Parish (and our neighbours)....

Perhaps having walked the new pathway, some of you will now know that the Sparable Lane renovation is complete! The original plans were drawn up in September 2020, which seems an age ago and was before many of us even joined the PC! The greatest challenge of the last few months was confirming the remainder of the funding for the project - which we were in very real danger of losing.

Pendle Borough Council gave tremendous support to the project both financially and by way of advice and it was with the help of their Countryside Access Officer that the project was finally pulled together. Goldshaw Booth Parish Council have considered the completion of the works and at the last meeting voted to write a letter of thanks to PBC for their help and to pass on our thanks to the construction company for their timely and professional completion of the project.

We look forward now, in the knowledge that those who can enjoy some of our local walks will do so in improved safety. Well done All for your contributions!

Access-for-all is an issue that the PC has become increasingly aware of in the past 6 months. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world but we must acknowledge that there may be more we can do to help the whole Community enjoy it. Recently the PC held a series of discussions with planners, the Community and the Church to see if we can help improve access facilities to the Newchurch play area/park and, at the January PC meeting, the vote was taken to undertake a formal feasibility report to explore the same. If it is possible this project may lead to opportunities for communal garden areas, a 'gathering' area, a renovated BBQ area and perhaps more. Please feel free to contact us to learn more and to help where you can.

Part of the Newchurch play area/park project is the improvement of the play equipment. The PC has agreed to fund some new play equipment (and to renovate the remainder) with part of the Section 106 funds (from the Spenbrook Mill project). We expect this to be underway and hopefully completed in the Spring - ready for Easter?



Following on from the success of the bonfire and Santa events, plans are now being discussed for a visit from the Easter bunny :) . Please keep an eye out for more details of chocolate fun!



The eagle-eyed among us will have perhaps already noticed that the CCTV project is finally coming together and should be operational soon. Currently there is a camera post in the garden outside the public toilets at Newchurch and at the corner of Well Head Rd.

There has been talk of a facility at Spenbrook Mill which could potentially link with one at Sabden Fold but this is yet to be confirmed. Although considered contentious by some, this item featured top of the 'wish-list' completed by residents in Sep/Oct 2019.

It is hoped the cameras will act as a deterrent but, if an incident does occur, access to images can be made via the PC CCTV Monitoring Officer Frank Shiers (Cllr.).

Congratulations are in order for the new Chair of the Jubilee Committee, Ruth White.

News of the event can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/866141237381629> and we look forward to what promises to be a day to remember!

And, last but not least, a big welcome to the new Parish Magazine Editor - Lee Hunt.

Thank you, Lee, for taking the baton on this one and for carrying it forward!

Next Parish Council Meeting
(please check social distancing/ requirements nearer the time):

Tuesday 8th February 2022, 7pm, Barley Village Hall

Copies of Meeting Agendas & Minutes from Previous Meetings (etc.):

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Photo Thanks

A quick note to thank Lee Mansfield on allowing us to use his images in the Magazine. You can see the original images on his gallery at

www.leemansfield.co.uk



Planning Applications:

late November – December

(not previously featured in the Parish Magazine due to there being no January edition)

APPLICATION: 21/0929/HHO
(Consultation Deadline 22nd Dec. 2021).

PROPOSAL: Demolition of conservatory, erection of extension, erection of flue and rendering of property.

LOCATION: 7 Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook

APPLICATION: 21/0847/LBC
(Consultation Deadline 23rd Dec. 2021).

PROPOSAL: Replacement of two windows (listed building) LOCATION: The Old Parsonage, Newchurch.

APPLICATION: 21/0952/HHO
(Consultation Deadline 28th Dec. 2021).

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing barn, erection of a detached garage with games room above.

LOCATION: Bull Hole Farm Well Head Road Newchurch.

January (no planning applications at the time of writing)

A link for further details of any planning applications can be found here:

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk



The 3 villages of Barley, Newchurch-in-Pendle and Roughlee are once again working together to put on a spectacular event to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign.

Preparations are well underway thanks to a hardworking and dedicated committee made up of representatives from each village.

There will be a variety of stalls, family friendly activities and entertainment, live music, good food and much more!

In the coming months, we will be asking for support from the local communities. We want everyone to be part of this amazing occasion.

To keep up to date with all the latest news regarding the event, please search for the group 'Pendleside Platinum Jubilee' on Facebook.

If you are a local producer or own a business and would be interested in having a stall or sponsoring the event, please contact me on :

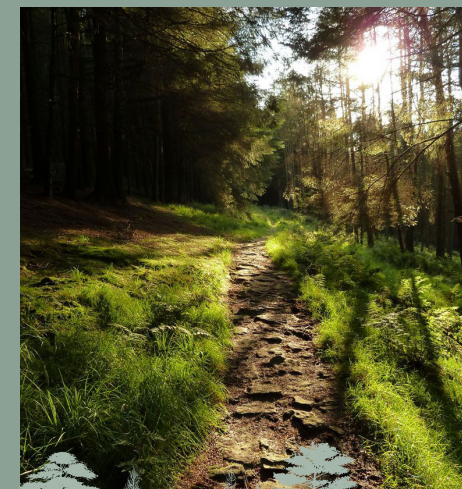
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Pendle Forest History Group

Annual General Meeting

16th February 2022

Email: pendleforesthstory@gmail.com



Roughlee Parish Council

Our community was greatly saddened by the sudden passing of Paul Dainty shortly before Christmas. Paul, a surveyor, had planned to retire this year and was a keen rugby fan. He leaves behind his wife Jacqui and three daughters. Always cheerful, Paul was present at all the village social events and will be missed by the many friends he made in the village.

The Precept was determined at our January meeting. It was decided to apply for the same amount as last year. This will in effect mean a small rise in the Council Tax as there are fewer villagers this year to share the cost. Last year keeping it the same resulted in a reduction.

The proposed new development of 257 houses at the Barrowford end of Pasture Lane has been met with much objection amongst locals. The Parish Council has sent a letter to the Planning Department objecting most strongly to the proposal.



After some debate due to the uncertainty around Covid, the decision was made to go ahead with the Seniors' Christmas Lunch, but without the usual entertainment by the school children which was considered too risky. There were a few cancellations but 26 villagers enjoyed a delicious meal in a happy atmosphere. A few people who were isolating were provided with takeaways. Thanks go to Meg and Michael Davey and their small team who organised the catering and a very successful event.

Wishing all our villagers a Happy New Year



New Look!

Just a quick note from me, Lee, about the new format of the Parish Magazine.

I hope you like the new look!

A bit about me :

My family and I (Joanne my wife, James aged 12 and Ava aged 10) moved to the small hamlet of Under Pendle in Barley just over 3 years ago.

We were immediately welcomed by the community and we felt like we "belonged" to the area from the very start. Both James & Ava attended the marvellous St Marys in Newchurch Primary School and since moving in, we have always wanted to give something back and be part of the "fabric" of the community.



As a result I'm now a Parish Councillor for Barley and a Governor at St Marys Primary School.

My wife Joanne is vice-chair of the FONS (Friends of Newchurch) group and is an active committee member in the up-coming Pendleside Jubilee celebrations to celebrate 70 years of the Queens rule in June this year.

With my background in computers and working with documents on a weekly basis it only felt right that I threw my hat into the ring to take on the editing of the Magazine to keep it going.

A personal thanks to John Parsons for the editing the Magazine up to now - hopefully I can fill his shoes and his sterling work over the years looking after the magazine.

I'd really like to add some new content to the magazine, so if you have any suggestions or would like to contribute yourself, please don't hesitate to email me on lee@underpendle.com

Barley Parish Council

It is not too late to wish all our parishioners a healthy and prosperous year in 2022. A hundred years ago the “roaring ‘20’s was getting going but history has not repeated itself yet. This time last year Xmas had been pretty much cancelled and we were in lockdown, but we were getting optimistic about vaccinations changing things. One year on and Covid is very much still with us, but the vaccinations many have had has allowed a degree of normality to return and things are getting better from a social, economic and travel perspective and so maybe there is still plenty of time for the decade to roar.

Planning

In relation to planning matters, the Council has objected to the application to build 257No dwelling houses on Pasture Lane, Barrowford. Whilst not directly on our patch, we considered it would affect Barley residents in terms of more congestion on lower Pasture Lane and the junction with the A682, would have a detrimental impact on the environment and open countryside and would put a further strain on local services including schools and medical facilities.

Other Matters

Our other concern has been the earthworks activities at Boothman Wood and you will clearly be able to see from Barley Road that the embankment has been raised by over 2m in recent months which we think is without planning permission. You can also see an open drainage system has been damaged

and there are other drainage problems on this site. On 10th January the main pond, which collects water from the hillside, nearly flooded over due to drains being blocked by tipping activity and but for some last-minute action by the land-owner we could have seen major flooding and landslip blocking the road.



I am pleased to report that the Parish Council application for a grant from the Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF), to improve the drainage on the village green, has been approved.

This means we can now progress a drainage design and procure a contractor in the summer to deliver the works which will be a long-term solution to the drainage problems and so enable us to improve the grassland and footpaths later. Whilst the LEF and the PC will put money in to the project, the Village Hall Committee have also offered to contribute to the scheme and without their third-party contribution the grant would not have been awarded so they are a key stakeholder in this village project.

The Council has also been in contact with the PHLP regarding some improvement works to Heys Lane before their four-year project ends later in 2022.

We are not talking about improvement to make it accessible to “trampers” or promoting the route as an attraction, but the basic maintenance the County Council needs to undertake, including drainage, walling and surface patch repairs, to prevent this ancient highway further deteriorating beyond the point of economic repair.



Barley Village Hall

Gil Beeke has taken over the Patchwork Group that Audrey Weatherill used to run in Barley Village Hall. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, which in February will be 8th and 22nd, from 1.00pm onwards. They’re aiming to broaden the group from just patchworkers to anyone who wants to come along with any sewing or knitting craft they want to bring, to have brews, biscuits and a chat. On 22nd Feb we hope to be having a crochet workshop, for beginners and improvers.

Contact Gil Beeke, tel. **01282 602449**
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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.

Services at St. Mary's in February

Sunday 6th Feb	9.30am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 13th Feb	9.30am	Common Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 20th Feb	9.30am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 27th Feb	9.30am	All Age Worship

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