

Parish News

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St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Curate's Chat

It's impossible to live around here and be indifferent to Pendle. You may simply feel that it dominates the landscape. Or you may be like Robert Neill in his most famous book, "Mist over Pendle", and view it as a brooding and louring presence.

But to me, it's always been a welcoming and comforting sign. Perhaps it's due to the long periods I've spent away from the area during my Army career, but that first sight of Pendle as I drove over the moor from Haslingden always reassured me that I was home at last: all was right with the world.

Each of us probably has a different view about the merits of climbing the hill as well. You may be someone who's up there almost every weekend; it may be a once a year outing for you; or a once-in-a-lifetime thing; or may be even "Nothing in this world would drag me up there"! I'm personally an "at least once a year" man. And no matter what the weather, I always feel better for having made the effort.

What is it about high places that makes them feel so special? George Mallory, when asked why he was fixated with climbing Everest, said:

"Because it's there."

Mallory saw conquering the mountain as a personal challenge that had to be overcome in order to prove himself. He famously died on his third and final attempt trying to do so.

But that isn't how I feel about going up Pendle. I'm not out to prove myself (although admittedly, it does seem to get harder every time). No, for me it's more about resetting my relationship with God and His universe.

Has it ever struck you quite how many important things in the Bible happen on top of mountains? Indeed, mountains are mentioned almost 500 times in the Bible! For example, there's:

- Ararat (where Noah's Ark came to rest),
- Sinai (where Moses received the Ten Commandments),
- Hermon (where Jesus was transfigured) and
- Olivet, otherwise known as the Mount of Olives (where Jesus ascended into heaven after the crucifixion).

On each occasion, the people who go up the mountain are changed by the experience.

As indeed am I each time I venture up Pendle. I look around and see the countryside laid out below me: Blacko, Noyna and Boulsworth. They all seem quite small and insignificant from up there. And if they are small, how much smaller are we humans. From up there, it's difficult not to realise quite how insignificant and transient we are within God's wider universe.

And yet, how often in our modern society do we end up feeling that the universe should revolve around us, rather than the other way around? That everything should centre upon us and our needs, rather than the needs of everyone and everything else?

Looking down from a high place and seeing the world laid out below us is a fantastic way of changing our perspective; of making us realise that we are only a very, very small part of something that is so much greater than ourselves.

And yet, the amazing thing is that, as a Christian, I know that God loves each and every one of us. Just as He loves the universe and the landscape He has created. "And God saw that it was good."

David

Barley

I am writing as Boris is setting out the governments four step plan to ease lockdown which could lead to a return to some form of normality returning by 21 June providing tests related to vaccines, infection rates and new coronavirus variants are met. Schools opening 8th March and outdoor gatherings of two households or gatherings of 6 people or more by 29th March sounds great and will be enough for now.

Described as a cautious approach by Boris, no surprise after previous setbacks, but I am hoping the end, of a sort, is in sight. Bewildered when Boris says he cannot guarantee his irreversible road map is not irreversible, we all know that by now, but I think there is no point remembering the detail when the plan is speculative and the only certainty is things will change.

I know some of you will have been vaccinated and that must come as a relief to you and the rest of us look forward to the same. When we are “jabbed” we can hopefully do our bit for the economy, especially for the local businesses in East Lancs, that desperately need us if they are to continue.

The road lines the PC agreed with the County Council were installed in January. The passing places on Barley Lane are so important as congestion was becoming a regular event threatening the response of emergency services and the yellow parking restrictions at the Village Hall and Whitehough junction will improve road safety by ensuring visibility splays. Not everyone will approve of the road lines and not everybody

will respect them but they are what many residents think is needed.

The improvement works at the Village Hall are continuing and last week the damp proof work was completed to the Barley Green building elevation – replastering on the inside and a silicone coat to the outside wall. Flooring works are planned next and the improvements will be obvious next time we can meet in there.

As I previously reported, the planned car park pay management system, using a vehicle number plate recognition system, is moving forwards and the Council are in the final stages of agreeing a deal with the favoured provider. As I said previously, the Council are well aware of the parking problems in and around the village and the impact the move to compulsory payment changes could have. The Council will therefore be aiming to maintain low car parking charges (compared to similar locations) to attract visitors in to the facility rather than parking on the road network.

The next time I write an article will be Sunday 21 March - it will be Census day. We will all be completing a survey that happens every 10 years giving the government an important picture of our lives upon which it makes decisions. Your form will be made public in 100 years and I can guarantee some of your ancestors will be looking at this form as they try and piece together their ancestry as I am now, it is fascinating.

Stay safe everyone – be as careful as you can for a while longer. Derek Heap

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Due to the ongoing problem of dog fouling on the children's enclosed play area in the centre of Newchurch, the Parish Council has contacted Pendle Borough Council to seek ways to prevent the nuisance by exercising their power under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and the Public Spaces Protection Order No1 2019, (PSPO). This would mean a total ban on dogs entering the children's play area and in addition, would include a smoking ban in the same area, (this is part of the order and non negotiable).

To allow the Parish Council to proceed, there must be a public notice of its intention and a period of consultation for two weeks beginning 01/03/2021. Members of the public wishing to comment or object with this order may do so by contacting either myself or the Parish Council clerk, Jennifer Sutcliffe. Further information can be viewed on the Parish Council website. The order, if agreed will be enforceable by law in the way of fixed penalties and will be issued by either a Police Constable, a Police Community Support Officer or a person authorised by the Borough Council.

At present this does not include the lower playing field or the wooden adventure park but this will be assessed at a later date.

GBPC has sought clarification from Pendle Borough Council on how the '106 monies' can be released for projects that are being progressed in line with the resident's wishes from previous public consultation. Once this is clarified, I will publish the schemes in more detail.

At present, there is no further official news on the Spenbrook Mill site. It is hoped that works will resume in the near future and the development will be completed as soon as possible.

Pendle Borough Council are currently holding a six week consultation of the Pendle Local Plan Part 2. The Parish Council have contacted Pendle Borough Council

to clarify what housing allocation has been set for Goldshaw Booth. The response we have received indicates there are no proposed sites for further housing allocation within Goldshaw Booth.

Further details and your opportunity to comment can be found at:

www.pendle.gov.uk/siteallocations

Bob Donovan

100 Club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for February. We had all 100 numbers in the draw so there were five prizes, the winners were:

- Susan Lyle with number 42 winning £40
- Moira Mortimer with number 73 winning £25
- Alison Norris with number 44 winning £15
- Julie Smith with number 99 winning £10
- Laura Standring with number 3 winning £10

Thank you to everyone who helps support the school with this. If anyone would like any details please contact me on pialyle@gmail.com or 07872610118.

Thank You
Pia

Barley Chapel

Angie Hargreaves 605090

Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

Roughlee Parish Council

As I write the lockdown continues but important items of business continue to flow and our challenge is to allow for the best way to involve all villagers in the decisions which the Parish Council take on your behalf. There are three key issues this month which could have a major impact on the village and where your interest and involvement would be most welcome.

First, and as mentioned in last month's News, we are progressing the Roughlee Industrial Heritage Project. We now have agreement from the Borough Council for a £2500 Capital Programme allocation and are close to securing a further £1500 from other sources including the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership. This will allow us to commit the first phase of the project at Thorneyholme and may be sufficient for phase two at Dam Head.

The project is being supported by the Pendle Forest History Group who will be giving a presentation to the Parish Council at 6pm on Monday 8th March. The presentation will be via ZOOM which can be accessed on www.roughlee.org.uk/mills and will be followed by a question and answer session. If you are interested please join us at the presentation.

The second important item is to consider the Pendle Local Plan, Part 2. This takes forward the existing Core Strategy which was adopted in December 2015. The Part 2 plan includes specific site allocations and policies for dealing with planning applications for the period up until 2030. It is great importance to the future of our village and the AONB which includes our surrounding countryside. It is intended that the Parish Council will receive a report at our meeting on 8th March and agree our response to the Part 2 plan which is currently out for consultation. The Parish Council will meet following the heritage presentation at 7.15 pm and will be open to the public via the ZOOM link mentioned above. Please join us to discuss this important item.

Finally please be aware that elections are currently scheduled for early May this year although due to coronavirus restrictions details

have yet to be finalised. Primarily these are to elect County Councillors and Borough Councillors but may include elections to the Parish Council if there are more than seven candidates. At the moment the seven serving Parish Councillors have indicated their willingness to stand again but if any villager wishes to put themselves forward an election can be held. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Parish Council is invited to contact our Clerk, Mary Reed, who will be happy to give further details.

We hope that by the 8th March we may be clearer on the easing of the current lockdown but, in any event, I hope that many of you will join us on ZOOM for the business mentioned above.

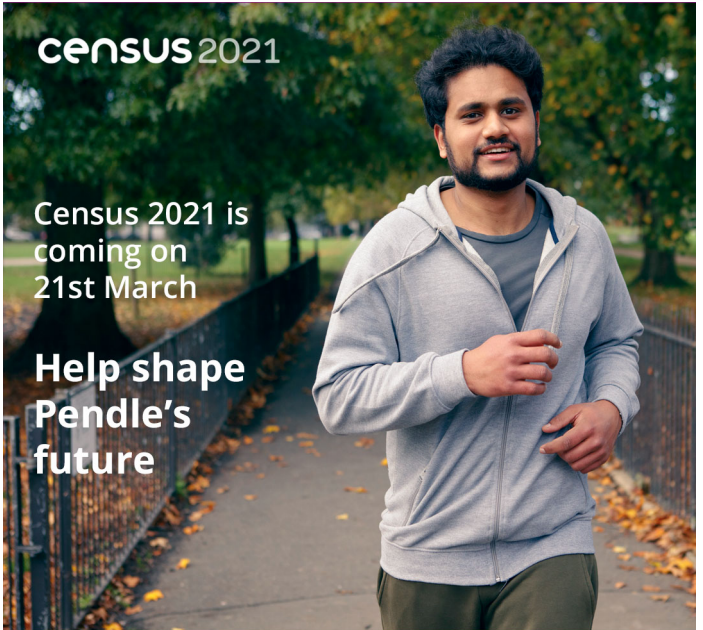
Andrew Walker

Pendle Forest History Group

Please see this month's Roughlee Newsletter for details of the Zoom meeting on 8th March

www.roughlee.org.uk/mills

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



census 2021

Census 2021 is coming on 21st March

Help shape Pendle's future

Making it count for Pendle!

A huge Thank You

to everyone who has helped with this.

Your efforts and kind contributions means that 2 schools have been supported and 6 laptops are available to support children, so they can learn at home.

Laptops for schools

You may have seen on the news that many children do not have access to a laptop to help them learn from home.

If you have a laptop which you could donate please get in touch with me and I will arrange for it to go to a local school so that a child can learn from home.

Please ring John on 01282 699580 or email: john@spenbrook.co.uk

Friends of St. Mary's

Following the relaunch of the "Friends of St Mary's Church" a Facebook page is now up and running. You can find it by searching Facebook or using the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-St-Marys-Church-Newchurch-in-Pendle-103354884984464>

Friends will:

- Receive invitations to join annual events
- Receive regular communications giving details of services and events
- Be part of the Christian Fellowship of St. Mary's
- Help maintain the fabric of the building by their contributions.

Please feel free to visit the page, add comments, pictures, advice and share it far and wide to anyone, in any country, who might like to support our lovely, tiny, traditional church in any way.

A calendar for 2021 (Well, we have to hope!) is now available and will be on the page.

Parish Contacts

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

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	C Heap		clerk@barleyparish.uk

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

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

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

Parish Council Chairman	Andrew Walker	07808 003035	ajwplanning@hotmail.com
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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.

Church is closed at the moment but we are still worshipping.

Please look at our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Church-Newchurch-in-Pendle-111894550353183/>

for details of online services that you can join.

our social events are also continuing
(but in a very different way)

This month we are holding our

Annual Quiz

thanks to Valerie Widdas who creating it.

You should have had a copy of the quiz and details of how to enter with this magazine,
but just in case you did not and would like to take part please email:

john@spenbrook.co.uk

or ring

01282 699580

and I will make sure you get a copy.

You are welcome to distribute the quiz to anyone you think may like to do it.

Entries must be in by 5th March and the draw will be made on 6th March

St. Mary's Facebook Page

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