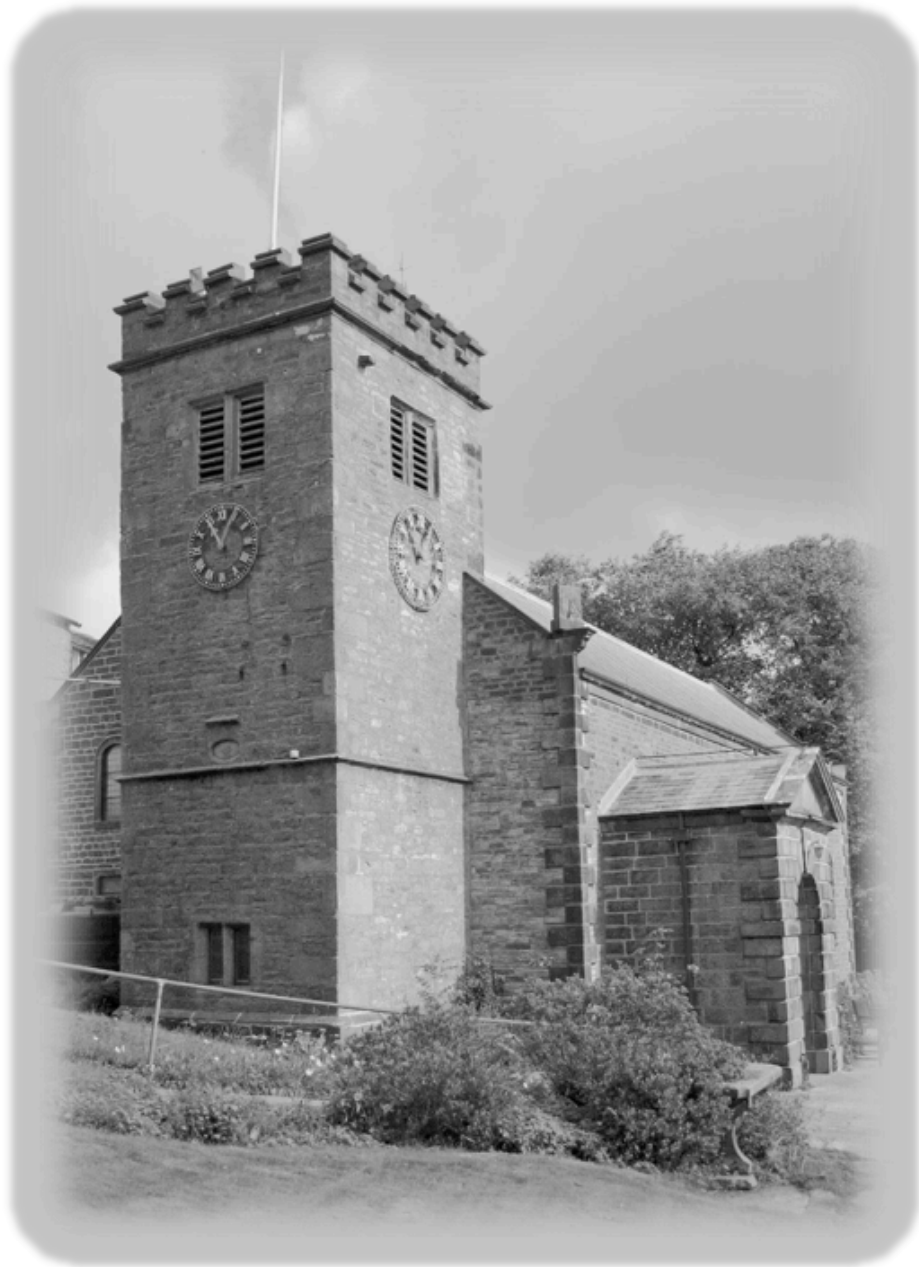


Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

May 2020



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Vicar's Letter

Dance then wherever you may be

Music has been around for centuries. The major events of our lives both as individuals and as part of a wider community are so often accompanied by music. There is a song for every occasion be it a cause for joy or sorrow. Some things seem to go together and where there is music there is often dancing.

Seventy five years ago on May 8th there was dancing in the streets as explained by English Heritage In towns, cities and villages throughout England, people marked the victory on 8 May 1945 by taking to the streets to celebrate with singing and, of course, dancing. As recalled in Melody Maker's account of the revels: 'From one end of the country to the other, people, relaxing after nearly six years of the most terrible anxieties wanted to dance'. The Lindy Hop was the dance craze of the day. (English Heritage Website).

To mark the anniversary English Heritage was going to send professional dancers to every county to lead the nation in dancing the Lindy Hop. As with so many things those plans have been put on hold and instead of dancing at street parties and other events, we will need to be more inventive under the current restrictions.

We will still be able to dance and sing on VE day by dancing the Lindy Hop and singing We'll Meet Again but it may be in our homes with our immediate family or on our own but there is something wonderfully uplifting about being part of something even if you can't see the other people doing it.

We are not told in the Bible if Jesus ever danced but many of us will be familiar with the hymn Lord of the Dance written by Sydney Carter (1915-2004). Lord of the Dance presents the whole of God's plan of creation and redemption as a dance. It begins 'in the morning when the world was begun' and ends with the cross and resurrection.

During May as we continue to ponder the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus you might like to think about your favourite hymns. When we can gather in church what would you like to sing?

Each year at Easter Classic FM radio produces a list of the top 300 classical songs as voted for by the public. It would be lovely to produce a top twenty of songs/ hymns that sustain us in difficult times and then gather to sing them. Please do let me know your top three by phone, letter or email.

In the meantime remember that we can all continue to make a joyful noise unto the Lord in our homes which can be places of worship (temple) and carry on dancing where ever we may be as if no one is watching whilst safe in the knowledge that God is always with us and doesn't care if we can't sing a note or have two left feet he will guide us through the joys and sorrows of this world and the next.

The Chorister's Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants,

who minister in thy temple.

Grant that what we sing with our lips,

we may believe in our hearts,

and what we believe in our hearts,

we may show forth in our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God Bless

Revd Julie

Barley

I write this article with a view to a historical record of where we are in late April'20 that we might reflect back on in the future

We first heard of Coronavirus in November 2019; it had broken out in China and seemed to be a bad cold that could be serious for some but it was on the other side of the world. Far away in a place called Wuhan which we had never heard of and we did not think it would be an issue for the UK.

By mid-March some were starting to be concerned but the government agreed to the Cheltenham Festival going ahead, but about the same time the football authorities were suspending all games for the foreseeable future.

By 18th March schools were closed followed by pubs and restaurants on 20th March by government decree. Social distancing was part of our vocabulary and the way most of us lived. A kind of lock-down was put in place and life had changed, we all followed the news as they focused on CV19 deaths and the lack of testing and PPE availability. The Pendle Inn, the Barley Mow and then the Cabin closed

Barley PC closed the car park on 21 March and cones and signs were set out in the village to discourage visitors. Many signs started to appear around the area directing none residents to go home and not visit the area – seemingly supporting the government message to stay home, protect the NHS and save lives. Protecting the local residents is an admirable intention but rural communities, like everyone else, are relying on the new “essential workers” who live in Burnley, Colne and Nelson in large numbers and provide us with medical and a host of other necessary services.

Through the lock down in April the weather has been great and it has been so unusual to see the village devoid of visitors, just like the 1960's I am told. At times it all seems a bit eerie and certainly very quiet apart from Thursday evening when we all come out to cheer the NHS – thank you to Lee Hunt who videoed this event last week using a drone and made copies available to us all through Facebook.

DiY is keeping many busy and most gardens have no weeds but we wonder if we will be able to get bedding plants as most non-essential businesses are closed

The Parish Council did not meet in April due to social distancing rules but the Council will hold a virtual meeting using electronic communications if an important matter does arise. Guidance has recently been issued to Councils on how to conduct such meetings and we will probably have to give it a try before the lock down ends. We may use the resident e-mail list, the Residents Facebook page and the notice boards to alert you to any important event.

For now, we hope you can all keep safe and remind anyone that is struggling to get in touch with a Councillor if you are in need of any assistance or support.

Derek Heap

Barley Village Hall

The hall is closed at present due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

BVH Secretary Sue Burnett
07971371602

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

As the Lockdown continues, Goldshaw Booth PC has suspended all meetings until further notice. Any essential issues are being communicated and actioned via emails between Councillors.

The risks are very real and we should all conform to social isolation as requested by the experts.

It is odd to think how quickly our freedom was rescinded when the virus arrived. It is of course for the best that we remain isolated for all but essential needs. Please spare a thought for anyone who may need help in our community.

I had hoped to be talking about village activities such as preparations for the Best Kept Village competition etc but sadly that is not the case.

The new Parish website is now up and running and can be found at:

<http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk/>

There is plenty of information and photos to occupy your time. Any news will be communicated here also.

I would like to wish everyone well and hope you all stay safe at this time.

Bob Donovan

The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for April.

Winners were:-

- Samantha Hooper with number 36, winning £25
- Michael Eardley with number 89, winning £20
- Joanne Hunt with number 35, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are now 9 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.

Pendle Forest History Group

Meetings have been cancelled for the present but as the BBC used to say "Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible."

joan@spenbrook.co.uk or

wendy.stansfield@live.co.uk

Roughlee Parish Council

This News is being written shortly after a further three week lock-down has been announced which means we will continue to be restricted until at least the end of the first week in May. What happens beyond this is still highly uncertain but I am sure that we are all longing for something like a return to normality.

In the first few weeks of the restrictions it is pleasing to note that people in the village have been following Government guidelines and our countryside is very quiet. The unauthorised blocking of some local footpaths appears to have been resolved and local people are able to take much needed exercise. It is impossible not to sympathise with people who live in towns and cities and do not have ready access to beautiful countryside.

Not surprisingly there is very little formal business to report from the Parish Council. We are aware that many local people are helping neighbours with shopping and other tasks as indicated in the signs outside of the pub and on the village notice board. Thanks to Clair Milligan and Adrienne Swarbrick for these. The village website is a source of information for those who need help. Not everyone has access to the internet and we will continue to look out for any villagers who do not have access but who may need help. The Parish Council is always available to help and our Clerk, Mary Reed, can be contacted on 01282 611126.

As well as supporting the stay-at-home instructions the village has entered with enthusiasm into the Thursday evening clap-in in support of the NHS and other key workers. We can make their lives easier and safer if we continue to follow guidelines. The enthusiasm is further demonstrated drums by the drums, bells and whistles which have made an appearance.

Ian Mortimer has been busy nurturing plants for several weeks and our new village

greenhouse is proving to be a useful asset. However, there can be no Roughlee Plant Sale this year so Ian will provide plants with all proceeds going to the Pendleside Hospice. A Just Giving page will be set up and orders can be placed using the order form on the Roughlee website to avoid cash transactions. There will be individual plants and some boxed selections. Plants can be delivered or collected from various distribution points around the village and Simon Cronshaw will arrange payment and give further details on the Facebook page. However, Ian is short of cardboard boxes and compost so any donations, even part bags, would be most helpful.

Finally, it is intended that a virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held shortly to deal with any formal items of business. Details to be announced but if you have any issues you want to raise please inform Mary. It follows that the scheduled meeting in the Village Centre on 4th May will not take place.

Andrew Walker

Roughlee Village Centre

The centre is closed at present due
to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

contact Gail Carson on
01282 696997 or by email:
robertalexandercarson@gmail.com

Barley Chapel

Can you help
by donating items for the food bank?

Items for the food bank can be left in the front porch
of Barley Chapel.

The door is open.

Any non perishable food items and toiletries would be
welcome.

Angie Hargreaves 605090
Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

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 Secretary	Sue Burnett		07971371602

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.

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 close by law at the moment so:

Keeping in contact via the internet or mobile phone.

The following websites will be updated regularly with information and advice:

barleyparish.uk

goldshawbooth.org.uk

roughlee.org.uk

www.stmarysnewchurchinpendle.org.uk

for the most up to date information regarding church please go to:

www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Church-Newchurch-in-Pendle-111894550353183

(or open Facebook and search for Newchurch St. Mary)

If you have a good idea that you are using to help people then please email spenrail@gmail.com with your idea and I will arrange for it to be uploaded on whichever website would be best.

Keeping in contact by phone

If you need help, support or you are lonely then please choose one of the people on the contact page of any of the websites and give them a ring.

You never know they may need someone to talk to as well!

Keeping in contact by email

Prayer requests to: john@spenbrook.co.uk

I have most of our emails but if I don't have yours and you want to be included in any messages please email me at: john@spenbrook.co.uk

John Parsons 01282 699580

WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK

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