

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

July 2020

Let's do it for Pendle - new measures to reduce spread of coronavirus

A public appeal has been launched today, Friday 17 July, to reduce the spread of coronavirus in Pendle.

The campaign flags up new stricter measures for Pendle people, following an increase to 11.7% in people testing positive for the virus on Thursday 16 July.

Called *Let's do it for Pendle*, local people are being urged to follow new rules put in place by a Pendle Task Force which includes the NHS, Lancashire County Council, Pendle Council and community organisations.

The five point plan for Pendle is:

1. Get tested if you have symptoms or if someone you live with or have been in close contact with recently has tested positive
2. Avoid family and group gatherings indoors and overnight stays
3. Wherever possible, do shopping online, pre-book appointments and make contact-less payments to avoid overcrowding
4. Wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces from now – including shops and supermarkets
5. Shops and businesses must display the maximum number of people allowed inside and stick to that number to maintain social distancing and keep customers and staff safe.

Pendle people can check safety advice on Pendle Council's website

www.pendle.gov.uk/coronavirus

Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate for 7 days from the point their symptoms started. It is very important to stay at home, get yourself tested and follow the advice from the NHS Test and Trace service.

If you live with someone with symptoms, you must self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started, as it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

People can contact NHS 111 on-line for healthcare advice.

Please feel free to pass this magazine on to anyone who may benefit from it.



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Staycation

We are becoming used to the term staycation meaning that instead of going somewhere for a vacation we choose to stay at home. This year many more of us may be doing that due to the pandemic but I wonder if you've ever considered having a pilgrimage at home.

There are many places a Christian may wish to visit such as Jerusalem, Lourdes or Rome. Closer to home we may wish to visit Canterbury or York but we can also take a spiritual journey around our own home.

Sally Welch writes, 'Our God is not only a God of open spaces and long roads but of small places and tiny details.

We need only to be prepared to listen and look, to be mindful of God and what he might say to us.'

She suggests preparing yourself as you would for a full-length pilgrimage. Set aside a specific amount of time when you will not be disturbed and focus on the journey ahead.

A door: you may wish to begin at the front door and say a prayer or lay down a stone symbolising that for this short time you are setting aside the preoccupations of everyday life.

A water tap: thank God for the gift of his creation, which are often overlooked and taken for granted. Reflect on the many uses of water and how essential it is. Consider the elements of your spiritual life which are essential for your spiritual well-being.

A newspaper: pray for the world but also be aware of the influence your lifestyle has on others. Ask God for the grace to keep his ways always in the forefront of your mind.

Steps or stairs: use this space to pray for when you experience difficulties and doubts. Pray for those who suffer and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Table: Pause at a table and lift up all those you love, lifting them up to God and giving them into his care.

Chair: rest and relaxation are an important part of our journey. Remember to take time to enjoy God's creation and to commit yourself to being a good steward of all that we have been given.

Back at the door again: a short journey; a brief time of prayer and meditation. Take your pilgrim's heart back into your daily life, looking out for God's glory in all that surrounds you.

Let us make our way together Lord; wherever you go I must go: and through whatever you pass, there too I will pass.

Teresa of Avila (1515-82)

(Adapted from Quiet Spaces May-August 2013 BRF Sally Welch p 67-69).

Wherever you find yourself this Summer remember these wise words from Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), 'Make two homes for yourself, my daughter. One actual home and another spiritual home, which you carry with you always'.

You might also like to read the following Bible verses about travel, Psalm 23:3-4, Proverbs 16:9, Luke 13:29.

Perhaps you enjoy watching travel shows on television this Summer why not check out some of the many journeys mentioned in the Bible. See if you can find where Abraham went, why Ruth left her home and find out the many places Jesus travelled to.

God Bless

Revd Julie

Goldshaw Booth

The Parish Council is still unable to meet due to the current restrictions but continues to deal with any issues and business that may arise.

The planning application 20/0119/PIP to build 4 houses to the rear of Osborne Terrace in Spenbrook was discussed at the virtual meeting of Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee on 10/06/20. I put forward our case for refusal on the grounds agreed at our last Parish Council meeting, mainly, overdevelopment in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The planning was initially refused but referred to the Policy and Resources Committee at PBC to ensure that refusal was clear and legal against policy. I am able to announce that on the 29/06/20 the application was refused by the Committee.

The public toilets in the centre of Newchurch have now been reopened. Extra measures and signage have been put in place to enable social distancing to be achieved. The toilets are being cleaned daily to reduce risk to users. Pendle Borough Council has kindly supplied us with a limited amount of personal protective equipment to help protect us whilst cleaning is taking place. The unisex toilet remains closed. This is to reduce the risk to public from touching door handles.

You will no doubt have noticed that work has restarted on the development at Spenbrook Mill. The work at present appears to be more concentrated and more professional in its approach. Let us hope that this continues and the development is completed as soon as possible.

The Council has negotiated with Pendle Borough Council for the repair and improvement works to Sparable path. The path which runs between St Mary's Church and the playground down to Sparable wood is to be improved by adding steps along its length. The path has proved difficult to negotiate in the recent past due to loose stones and soil. The addition of steps should be a great improvement. The works are due to begin in the near future.

There appears to be a recent increase in dog fouling, especially along the path at Sparable wood and the lower playing field areas. Please could dog owners be responsible for their dog waste and dispose of it correctly in the waste bins provided.

Bob Donovan

St. Mary's Primary Academy

Hello everyone,

What an extraordinary term this has been! For the first time we have worked in bubbles, talked to everybody virtually and still had FUN.

Our google classroom has proved a great success, with children still making progress in their learning. I thank the teaching staff for their dedication and commitment in providing appropriately stimulating activities to be completed in the home environment. St Mary's pupils have been awarded the School Games Virtual Award 2019-2020 and the Virtual Pendle Pedal Award 2020 for their continued contribution to the PE curriculum during lockdown.

We have welcomed the parents and children of our new EYFS cohort via Google Hangouts, this experience was different for all concerned, but we can safely say that everyone is looking forward to welcoming our nine new pupils in September!

From the middle of June we have welcomed back pupils from Years 1, 5 and 6. All easily adapted to our new health and safety routines and have thoroughly enjoyed being back with their friends and learning together as a group of children. As well as learning maths and English the children have enjoyed a range of well-being activities both inside and outside of school. Our Infant bubble in particular, have immersed themselves in Forest School activities led by Miss Stephenson.

The whole school community has remained upbeat and positive and we would just like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Take care,

Mrs P Nightingale.

Roughlee CE School

School has been a hive of excitement and activity as we have enjoyed a wonderful and busy end to what has been a very unusual academic year. A special thank you to our Year 6 children for organising a wide range of fabulous events each day this week, from non-uniform day, sports day, design your own T-shirt day, cake day, cinema & PJ day and a lot more – everyone has thoroughly enjoyed them! The end of term is an exciting time, albeit tainted with a little sadness as our Year 6 children leave us to embark upon the next stage of their educational journey. Staff and Governors would like to offer them our best wishes for their future endeavours and thank them for contributing to the life and success of our school; we are extremely proud of them and I am certain they will continue to go from strength to strength. I hope they feel that they can look forward to the challenges of life to come with confidence, remembering the many things they have learnt with us here at Roughlee. It was clearly evident from their fond memories that they will look back on their time here with happiness.

Despite the huge disruption to our teaching and learning this year, we are very proud to state that 100% of the children leaving Roughlee this year met age related expectations across the curriculum, with 40% exceeding age related expectations. We are also incredibly proud of the fact that on average over 85% of all children throughout school achieved age related expectations, with over 35% exceeding age related expectations. This is an outstanding achievement and indicative of the high standard of teaching and learning provisions we provide here at Roughlee. A huge well done to the children and staff!

Although we are confident that all children will be able to return full-time in September, we are still waiting on guidance from both the Government and Local Authority. Once we receive this guidance we will publish our guidance and risk assessment (clearly explaining all the necessary protective measures we will be implementing in order to keep our school community safe) on the COVID-19 section of our school website – please regularly check this. We are intending on organising a ‘Meet the Teacher Evening’ towards the end of September, which will be held at Roughlee Village Centre, to discuss how the children have settled into school.

Please note children will be returning to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a magnificent holiday full of love and happiness – you deserve it!

Mr Elliott
Headteacher

Barley Village Hall

Unfortunately the Village Hall cannot open at present as we are unable to comply with the Covid 19 regulations necessary to ensure the safety of visitors and volunteers.

The main immediate problems preventing reopening are based on issues such as cleaning requirements, lack of people able to undertake the cleaning and other tasks.

The Village Hall committee urgently requires more volunteers with the time to assist if the Hall is to reopen, or even continue.

We recognise that many people in these unusual times have commitments which limit involvement. However, for the Hall to survive we need new members to enable us to plan, operate and maintain the Hall.

Without more members who are able to actively ensure the functioning of the Hall, it will not reopen. It would also mean the loss of one of the few village facilities that villagers benefit from rather than the tourists. It would mean the loss of an essential venue for meetings, functions, exhibitions, and all other local activities which up until now have been regular events in village life.

At present the Village Hall Committee is still in need of a Chairman. In addition we would particularly welcome anyone who has experience of grant applications, planning and fundraising to enable the Village Hall to be funded for the present and the future. The Village Hall Committee needs a Business Plan for at least the next 10 years.

We also need someone keen on managing the maintenance as we have two extremely urgent projects which are now facing the Hall. The downstairs floor needs renewing. The wall on the staircase requires weatherproofing inside and out.

Finally we must give our grateful thanks to Margaret and Frank Wilkinson and Mary Hargreaves for their recent redecorating in the Terrace Room and for the Wilkinsons continuing invaluable work for the Village Hall without whom so much would be left undone.

The next Village Hall Committee meeting will be on 11th August 2020 at 19.00 hours in the Village Hall. We would welcome interest from anyone who wishes to become involved.

Roughlee Parish Council

At last there are signs that things are beginning to return to more like normal times. It seems a bit like the return of Spring after a long hard winter. Perhaps the most obvious and welcomed sign is the reopening of the Bay Horse where many villagers have been enjoying a drink and a meal. Unfortunately due to the unforeseen circumstances the pub has had to close short term.

Extensive redecoration is also very pleasing. Early indications are that business is good but this is no time for complacency. Whilst the pub staff are going to great pains to comply with government guidelines the threat of further lockdown remains very real and all customers need to play their part by sticking to the rules. Let us all do our best to keep the Bay Horse open.

Another pleasing sign is the number of children back at the school. Whilst perhaps not fully back to normal things are looking good. Discussions have been held to offer the school use of the Village Centre for meetings and other school related activities and this has been well received. The Centre has been cleaned and offers plenty of space to respect social distancing. One interview meeting has been held and two other events are planned.

This use by the school is bringing life back into the Village Centre and the Parish Council are now looking at returning our monthly meetings to the Centre. Our next meeting is on 3rd August and my personal hope is that we can be back in the Centre. Details will be given when the agenda is published.

Many people have noticed the shocking state of both Pasture Lane and Ridge Lane. The road surfaces were torn up by convoys of heavy agricultural vehicles transporting hay during the very hot weather in May and June. Something similar happened a few years ago and required substantial work. We have alerted the Highway Authority but quick action is unlikely!

You may have noticed that Whitehough Camp School is now being offered as a more general holiday site albeit on a limited basis. We have been discussing this with Barley Parish Council and neither Parish has been consulted. It is likely that this extension of the use requires planning permission which should allow for some control to be exercised but any significant increase in traffic on the access road would not be good.

The Parish Council have recently been consulted on a planning application to convert a barn on Blacko Bar Road to a house. The barn is on the left beyond North Farm towards the Blacko boundary. The reference number is 20/0398/ FUL and can be viewed on the Pendle Council website. The Parish

Council will consider the application at the 3rd August meeting. If you have comments please contact Mary Reed.

Himalayan balsam is back with us although last year clearance efforts seem to have reduced the number of plants this year. In limited numbers the plants are attractive and of value to pollinators but we need to keep up our efforts of control to prevent indigenous plants being overwhelmed.

In spite of the restrictions which have limited organised efforts many local people have been collecting litter and attending to planting throughout the village. As a result Roughlee is looking good! Let's keep it that way and hope that things continue to improve.

Andrew Walker

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 on sending details of their intended course and post academic career to :

Mrs M Kobak,
145 Gisburn Road, Barrowford,
Nelson BB9 6HQ
MKobak81@hotmail.com
before 1 September 2020.

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.

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

Barley

In the last newsletter I reported on the CV19 relaxations and how I hoped we were on our way back to some normality. Whilst we need to keep things in perspective, the increase in the number of people testing positive for CV19 in the Pendle area is a concern. A public appeal was launched on 17 July encouraging people in Pendle to follow new measures to limit the spread of CV19 and avoid a local lockdown. The measures include testing where thought necessary and the common sense issues of social distancing, avoid indoor gatherings, wear a facemask in enclosed public places and do not crowd in shops. Let us hope people take this seriously and a local lock down is avoided.

Lee Hunt has been co-opted on to the Parish Council. Lee lives in the Upper Ogden area and he will bring us some IT and project management skills as well as an obvious interest in local matters. His contact detail will be on the web site soon.

The planned improvements to Heys Lane by the PHLP have caused some consternation and many residents have signed a petition seeking to stop the works going ahead. The works have been suspended following representations from the PC and the submission of the petition arranged by Cheryl Davies. A way to progress consultation, given the local CV19 issues, is being considered. The main case against the improvement is that it will attract more visitors to Barley since the improvements and the route will

be promoted and that is what we all want to avoid.

Conversely, the route is in a poor condition and the removal of deep mud from surfaces and repairs to drains is the kind of maintenance required to stop further deterioration beyond a point of viable future repair of this ancient highway.

Visitor numbers are remaining high on sunny days since the lock down. This is being reported at many countryside tourist locations across the country and it is probably in part due to limited overseas travel, other attractions not being available or considered safe (shopping, football etc.) and a reported increase in people walking to get fit post lock-down. Whether this continues we will see, but the economic impact of CV19 might be that more people will have more time and less resource and will use their local countryside for recreation.

Other news in brief, the barriers erected on Ogden and Black Moss access roads by UU to discourage unauthorised visitors have generally been well received, the Sculpture Trail could re-open later this month and it has been good to catch up with old friends and staffs in the Pendle Inn – I am hoping it can stay open!

Finally, our car park thief is back in operation so I would ask you keep your eyes out for us when in the vicinity. Stay Safe everyone.

Derek Heap

The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for July. Winners were:-

- Joanne Hunt with number 23, winning £25
- Steph Grundy with number 10, winning £20
- Julie Jones with number 85, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. If you would like to know more about this fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on 07790 167590, or e-mail her at rosie.hudson08@hotmail.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 beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

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

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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.

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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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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 Newchurch in Pendle August 2020

2nd August- Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

9th August- Common Worship Holy Communion

16th August- Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

23rd August- All Age Holy Communion Service

30th August- Said Morning Prayer

All services are at 9.30am.

*Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in
place.*

Everyone welcome but please email the Vicar if you are going to attend a service and be advised that we will need to record your name and a contact telephone number.

For more details see our
Facebook page:

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

or contact the Vicar.

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