

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

November 2021



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

Curate's Chat

Have you ever heard of "Spargel"?

No, I thought not. But if, like me, you have ever lived in Germany or Switzerland, the answer would probably be a resounding "yes". For those two countries go wild – once a year - for spargel. It's also known as "German White Asparagus", but don't be fooled – it bears little resemblance to our green equivalent. It's carefully graded and sold by length and thickness, from shoots the size of your little finger to ones broader than your big toe. Each spargel recipe, you see, demands a particular thickness of crop or it would be ruined.

As soon as the harvest begins, special vans appear in lay-bys selling nothing but spargel; empty shops in town centres open up, again selling only the one crop. Many restaurants throw out their normal menus and devote themselves solely to spargel dishes; and any that don't go as far as that can be sure to offer spargel delights on the specials board: anyone for spargel soup, followed by spargel pizza and rounded off with a savoury of curried spargel on toast?

And then, as quickly as it began, it's over. Once the crop is all in, the vans disappear, the shops close and the restaurants return to more mundane fare. No more spargel for a full ten or eleven months. But, my, spargel season is good while it lasts!

I simply cannot think of a British equivalent nowadays. Even the dish which used to be synonymous with Wimbledon – strawberries and cream – has lost much of its specialness when you can buy strawberries on Christmas Day, or indeed on any of the other 364 days of the year.

In our country, we seem to have lost our connection with the seasons and hence with the harvest. Apart from odd church service, how many people actually realise that there even is a harvest and that certain crops come in and out of season over the course of 12 months? We have grown to expect every variety of fruit and vegetable to be available on the supermarket shelves all year round, no matter whether it has to be grown in specially environmentally controlled hot houses or it has to be flown halfway round the world. Just as long as we can have *exactly* what we want exactly when we want it, we seem to be oblivious to the cost!

Because, of course, there is a cost. Trying to live as though the seasons don't exist is demonstrably bad for our planet – just think of all the energy that's been wasted and greenhouse gases created to satisfy our whim. But I'd argue that it's also bad for us ourselves. We are no longer living in sympathy with the world God created; we're no longer experiencing the rhythm of life that God intended for us. In the Book of Genesis, God appoints us humans to be His stewards, looking after and caring for the planet. But we've broken the linkage – we seem to think we can do better on our own – that science will always find a way out of every hole we create for ourselves.

But that way disaster awaits. Scientists tell us that the world is now teetering on a knife-edge and unless we take drastic action immediately, there may be no way back. That's why the COP26 conference is so important and why we need to pray that our leaders have the wisdom and the courage to take bold decisions now.

And it's not just our leaders – we can all play our part in much simpler and more practical ways. Why not start by eating mainly local produce? By going back to living and eating with the rhythm of the seasons? Who knows? We may even discover that strawberries taste so much sweeter if they are only available for a month or so each summer – just like the spargel.

God bless. David

Barley

Barley is the winner of the Lancashire Best Kept Village (Hamlet Class) for 2021 pipping our neighbours in Roughlee and Wiswell who have been the recent winners. The village has looked clean, tidy and mainly well tended all summer and this was clearly appreciated by the judges and I am glad that the efforts of many villagers have been recognised. The summer has been decent so we have hosted over 50,000 visitors and still kept our highways and byways pretty much trash free, that is only achieved by us all doing our bit!

The competition is designed to encourage community effort and involvement in keeping villages and their facilities tidy and well maintained and I believe the competition does provide a focus but in the end we all benefit from looking after our own patch.

On behalf of the Parish Council who entered the village into the competition I would like to thank the villagers and businesses who contributed in some way and on a personal note to thank John Connor who was the lead Councillor on this project and Frank Grindrod, our gardener and Phil Hardman, our lengthsman, who kept on top of their jobs. And well done to the Pendle Inn who entered the public houses competition and were Highly Commended and our thanks again to them for supporting the village by painting the playground swings and benches.

I would like to introduce Tim Cartmell, who lives on Narrowgates, and Nigel Dewhurst who lives in the centre of the village, as our new co-opted Councillors. The Council are delighted we eventually got two volunteers well known to many in the village and with previous experience of being involved with the Village Hall and the Council. They replace Richard Fowler and Sheena Umpleby who have now left the Council and on behalf of the village a big thank you to them for their service.

A couple of updates, the Council has repaired the torn matting on the playground and Pendle BC continue progressing a village green drainage design and whilst undertaking trial excavations they discovered a brick manhole already existed on the green although they also found drains were blocked. The arrangements with Park with Ease to formalise parking restrictions on the turning area are now back on track; I understand a company has been using the area this week to valet vehicles which again shows the level of disrespect some have for the village center-piece.

With Coronavirus cases on the rise again, 50,000 new cases today, there is cause for concern being expressed by health professionals. I have just returned from Spain where it was evident that the Spanish are maintaining high levels of CV19 preventative measures such as social distancing and using face coverings etc compared to the UK. Let's hope it is not necessary to bring back some restrictions this winter. Be careful out there, it has not gone away.

Derek Heap

Pendle Forest History Group

is back meeting at Barley Village Hall

20th October - Business Meeting

17th November - Brian Jeffrey "Cathedral in the Forest". The story of St. Mary's Church

15th December - Christmas Social and Items of Interest

19th January - Harold Hoggarth "The English Civil War in Lancashire"

16th February - Annual General Meeting

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Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

“...I know of no reason, Why the Gunpowder treason, Should ever be forgot!”

A big thank you to Anthony for re-kindling the Newchurch bonfire! The Captain's cohort (thank you Jay, Martin, Andy and Lee - and of course Chloe for the excellent Facebook posters) make ready to build with offerings of pallets from Ben and mystery deliveries of wood from various bonfire sprites. Good job ALL. The Parish Council was happy to agree to Anthony's request for permission to organise the bonfire and looks forward to seeing you there!

Also, a big thank you to Hailey for spotting the fallen bough of a tree in the playing field and, in answer to your question - yes, I do think the fairies made it out first! It was sad to have to fell the tree but it was rotten, and, after Carl felled the rest of it (thank you) it has contributed to the bonfire - so some comfort there.....

To the kind person who has donated a replacement tree, yes, you've guessed it - thank you! It is a native Hornbeam tree. I looked it up - in Celtic lore the tree symbolises 'strength in adversity'. It is known as the 'iron tree' and as the strongest native wood it was used to build ships of the English navy. I think you'll agree it is a tree most apt for recent times and, one hopes, for journeying forward to better times as a Community. All we need to do is decide where to plant it?

In preparation for the bonfire the PC has asked for volunteers to re-site two of the fruit saplings - thank you Rosie, Laura, Frank and Ruth - we might get rained on this weekend but it'll be worth it, and.... this may well be the start of a community garden? Watch this space! (and Facebook - if you can).

The new Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Facebook page has been very well received and is proving successful in bringing the PC and the Community closer together. Community issues are being reported (and acted upon), ideas are sprouting and, for those who can't attend PC meetings, communication is more open. Thank you to all who are using the page and please feel free to invite

your Goldshaw Booth neighbours to join the group.

Speaking of which.... Welcome to the newest residents of Newchurch - Dave and family. Hello! We look forward to meeting you all in person soon!

Since last month we have had three residents show interest in joining the Parish Council. We put a call out for help and you responded - thank you. You'll remember we were looking for people to work as part of the team in establishing a strong Community foundation and progressing Community projects. We look forward to being able to welcome our new member(s) in due course and to being able to introduce you all at future meetings and Community events.

Thank you ALL for your continued support of the Community!

Kind regards,

Ainsley Macadam

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

Tuesday 9th November, 7pm, Barley Village Hall

News, Events and Copies of Minutes from Previous Meetings (etc.):

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

New Planning Applications (at the time of writing):

21/0828/VAR | Full: Major: Variation of Condition: Vary Conditions 2 (Plans) and 16 (Landscaping) of Planning Permission 13/13/0531P. | Spenbrook Mill Spenbrook Road Newchurch In Pendle Lancashire BB12 9JH

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

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Roughlee Parish Council

For the second month in a row I begin this Parish News on a very sad note which is to report the loss of Brian O'Sullivan who together with his wife Joyce has been a stalwart of the village for many decades. Brian and Joyce have lived in the village for 54 years from the year they were married. A quiet but immensely popular man Brian served on the Parish Council for ten years and on the Village Centre Committee for a further ten years. Our greatest sympathies go to Joyce, the family and to their many friends.

Brian's funeral has been arranged for 1st November and as a consequence the next Parish Council meeting which had been arranged for that date has been postponed for one week until 8th November.

On a happier note the Parish Gathering on 27th September saw a good turnout of villagers who enjoyed a number of interesting presentations including one by the Bythell family who are all talented hockey players and helped to explain the intricacies of what, to many of us, is perhaps a minority sport. Thanks are due to all those who took part in the presentations. The wine reception at the end of the Gathering was also very well received!

Progress has been made on two projects for which we have Capital Programme support from the Borough Council. The new CCTV cameras have now been installed at the Happy Valley crossroads. These will give much improved surveillance of vehicle number plates after dark which should help to reduce the incidence of fly-tipping and other crimes. Also the artwork for the Industrial Heritage plaques is progressing and these should be in place before the end of the year.

Friday 15th October saw significant congestion in the village at school pick-up time. As a result there was a grid-lock from Crowtrees Grove to Happy Valley. Whilst this particular problem was not entirely due to the school traffic it serves to illustrate a growing problem due to the number of children who are brought to the school by car or larger vehicles. The Parish Council are keen to see the school continue as a thriving institution and a vital part of the village. We have offered support to

the Head Teacher to explore solutions to the traffic difficulties.

October 17th was the last day of the Bay Horse tenancy for the Swarbrick family. Given all that they have had to cope with due to the covid 19 restrictions the pub has continued to provide a relaxing and enjoyable refuge. I would like to record my personal thanks and those of the many other people who have enjoyed their hospitality over the past few years. Particular thanks go to the friendly and helpful staff most of whom are moving on to pastures new.

At the time of writing it has just been announced that a new tenant has been appointed and has been named as Adam Marshall, the current operator of the Cross Gaits. No firm opening date has been announced but things are looking promising and we hope that the pub will be open before the end of October. The darker nights only go to emphasise how important this haven is to the life of the village.

Meanwhile the Village Centre continues to deliver a programme of events. Look out the Witch Wines evening and the Halloween celebrations on the 29th October, including the scarecrow competition. For further details see the village web site and notice boards.

Andrew Walker



At long last members are enjoying getting together at the monthly meetings in the beautifully refurbished Barley Village Hall. Over the duration of the Covid -19 lockdowns members have continued to do monthly activities by Zoom and where permitted outdoor walks and meets.

October was our AGM with a couple of committee members retiring; our thanks go to long serving secretary Janet who has kept us in order for many years and Maree who retired as Joint President.

A gift was presented to Audrey who is moving away to pastures new. She will be sadly missed - serving the WI both locally and at County level.

A moments silence was held for past member Norma who sadly passed away. Norma was one of Barley WI's longest serving members – an inspirational 50 years.

We also celebrated our fundraising activities; The Pendle Way Walk for Breast Cancer Care raising over £4200, Pendle Pub Walk Pop Up stall over £500 and the Barley Boots for Rossendale Mountain Rescue over £300 . Our thanks go to all the members, individuals and businesses who have made this possible. The Book Club has continued through lock down and the Walking Group has fortnightly walks around the borough.

Looking forward, our next meeting is a Gin Talk & Tasting event on the 3rd November at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome to join our group. Just come along - we have ages from 30s to 80s so please don't feel you are to old or to young! It is free for the first three meetings while you try us out and decide whether WI is for you.

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

Monday 1 -3 pm CRAFT GROUP: 1st & 3rd Monday check with Valarie for classes Tel. 691850

6-7pm PILATES Cathrine tel 07853176011

Tuesday 1-5pm

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday. Call in and see us, we welcome any fabric crafts Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & CHAT Wednesday 10- 12noon : 9th November.(2nd Wednesday monthly). The Coffee & Chat group was started about 2007 during the time that the WI Walking Group was very active, they decided they would like to meet socially one morning a month so the Coffee & Chat was started. At this time the Group came under the Village Hall so it was covered by the Hall Insurance. The group is only small now and the members enjoy meeting new people especially when living on their own, all are welcome. It is a chance to see the newly decorated downstairs hall.

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Editing the Parish Magazine

I would like to thank everyone for their help, support and guidance during the time that I have edited the Parish Magazine. John Parsons

The December & January 2022 joint edition will be the last magazine I will edit.

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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.

For information about services at St. Mary's please follow this link:

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

The services for November are-

7th November Holy Communion in Traditional Form (BCP)

14th November Act of Remembrance outside church

followed by Holy Communion

21st November Holy Communion in Traditional Form (BCP)

28th All Age Worship of the Word

A talent competition!

Do you remember the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25, v14-30 and Luke 19, v 11-27)? Well, now is your chance to try it out yourself.

St. Mary's will lend you £10 for 4 months, until Candlemas, Wed 2nd February 2022, for you to invest and try to increase it. Of course, you could just bury it and then dig it up when it has to be returned...but where is the fun in that?

How can you use that money to make a profit for St Mary's? Perhaps you could bake biscuits, make candles, soap, or Christmas cards, run coffee mornings, go carol singing, give a talk on specialist topics, sell plants you have grown, a delivery service, make crib sets, ...your imagination is the only limit.

Interested? Claim your £10 investment on 3rd October at or after the morning service for the Celebration of Harvest.

Please return your original talent plus any profits to Peter Crewe, Treasurer, on or before 2nd February 2022

[St. Mary's Facebook Page](#)

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