

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

Your 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.



Parish NEWS

SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

Churchyard grasscutting. Weather permitting we will be grasscutting and tidying the churchyard gardens on the first and third Thursdays of July and August from 6.30 - 8pm.

ALL HELP WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED - BOTH MOWING AND TIDYING.

Please come along and join in.

RUSHBEARING Newchurch Rushbearing Procession and Service. Saturday August 11th

St. Mary's Church Patronal Festival September 7th-9th

"Art Extravaganza" An exhibition of work by local artists

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Dear Friends

All the excitement of the Jubilee weekend may well have receded into memory, and perhaps our attention is taken up with the summer holidays, and even the Olympic Games. But as an event we should take a lot of heart from the celebrations - from the service of thanksgiving in St Mary's on the Sunday to the pageant on the Monday. The latter was an amazing display of the vitality that exists in our villages and drew in a large number of visitors who must have gone away wondering why towns and larger villages can't manage to do things like this. Our thanks must go to the organising committee for their vision and energy. To cap it off, I went up Pendle Hill for the lighting of the beacon by Pendle and Rossendale Mountain Rescue. I broke a lifetime's practice and took my hip-flask full of whisky to toast HM at the top, and relish the experience of the previous 48 hours.



We hear a lot of bad news about rural life - the increasing fragmentation and isolation as more people use villages as a base for commuting; the difficulties of hill farmers to make a decent living, and pass their farms on to the next generation. Pendleside bucks the trend, but we shouldn't be complacent about it. Things happen in our villages because people actually care about them. You just have to look at the physical environment, with well-tended flower beds, freshly painted signs, neat stone walls. And again how our institutions - churches, schools, village halls - thrive because of the commitment of individuals who serve on committees, councils, governing bodies. There really is a sense of 'better together'. And if you haven't experienced it, why not?

Community spirit is not wishful thinking. It really works. It has an energy which is greater than its parts. When St Paul blesses the Christians in Corinth he cites the 'fellowship of the Holy Spirit'. William Tyndale's sixteenth century translation of the Greek word doesn't do it justice. The root of the word Paul uses is about things that bind us together into one. It's as if in the heart of God there is a drive for community, and this spreads into human communities. When we experience community spirit, it's as if we are plugged into a divine force that holds all things together.

So well done! Let's nurture the community spirit of our villages. God bless you.

John

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Wednesday 4th July. Meet at Downham Village Car park 10.30am for easy walk across fields, then Lunch at Calf's Head, Worston at 12.30pm. Visitors welcome

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Meet Alice Martindale and the



ROUGHLEE DUCK RACE

SATURDAY JULY 14 from 6pm

ROUGHLEE SCHOOLS CENTRE SAT JULY 14 - 6.30pm opposite the School

1st Prize: £75 Cash 2nd Prize: Champagne
3rd Prize: £25 M & S Gift Voucher

Race followed by 'PICNIC on the Lawn'
Bring your own food & drinks

Helps St. Mary's

Star Duck 10.00

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 18th July 2012
7.30pm Barley Village Hall
"Historic Houses in Lancashire"
Photos and talk by Bob Hayhurst

Thank you to all who gave and all who collected during Christian Aid Week. We raised £397.

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 Fund on sending details of their intended course and past academic career to: Mrs D.A. Watkinson, 5 Queensgate, Nelson, BB9 OAT before Sept 1. 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.

NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

Our year 6 children have been very busy this half term. On June 13th they represented the school at The Big Green Safe Challenge 2012. The questions focused on Road Safety and Sustainability - fitting in with our Eco-Schools status. They won a £50 prize for the school!

On June 19th they attended a Spirituality Day at St. Christopher's High School, accompanied by Mrs Buksh. The main aim of the day was to deliver a clear presentation of the Gospel and give pupils a positive experience of secondary school. The children were involved in many activities throughout the day ending in a whole group session and worship. We celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in school with a day where the children dressed as Kings and Queens. Mrs Barnes made a wonderful Jubilee picnic lunch. Later in the afternoon they attended a royal ball where buns and refreshments were sold to raise money for our nominated charities: Alzheimer's and Water Aid.

The build up to the Olympics is now well underway and on Saturday June 23rd the Olympic Torch Relay made its way through Burnley. A local girl Lucy Cowgill, Project Co-ordinator for Pendle Sports Development Team, was selected to carry the torch and will be coming into school, with her torch, to talk to the children about how she was nominated and what the whole experience of the day meant to her.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

BARLEY

I'm sure all those who went to the Jubilee Carnival enjoyed it, it all went well and it was a great get together for all of us. The procession exceeded everyone's expectations and was a credit to all three villages, I was really impressed by the contributions from Barley. The Royal Yacht Britannia by Kate and Alan won the village a honourable third place and when the judges called Charles & Camilla forward to receive their prize I knew then they should have gone to spec savers!

The inter-village tug-of-war proved again to be the big event of the day and was won by Barley who now hold the title until the next Jubilee. The battles were tense and the supporting crowd were vociferous in humid and mossy snarling conditions. Our victorious team included Mike Anchorman Lowcock, the Awesome Edmondson brothers (Nick & Simon), Chris (front man) Robbo, two Farsome Harpers (Ben & Jonathon), Solid Simon Hartley and Desperate Dan Goldsborough – well done boys! Team leader was Super Sue Statham and reserve was Big Barry Sanderson who kept 'em on their toes. One more credit, the Barley keep fit sessions run by John Connor every Monday and Thursday at the Village Hall prepared some of the team, come and join and get yourself in shape for the summer.

Well done also to the "Cabin Crew" who made the best burgers in Whitehough and kept us all going until late in the day. And most seriously, thanks and well done to the organising committee who did a great job making it all happen.

The next big event in the village is the Hospice Walk and Concert on the Green on 18th August and we are discussing arrangements with the organisers, more to follow in August. That said, just as big is the wedding of two Barley girls this summer, Charlotte Hargreaves goes first and marries Andy followed by Laura

Lowcock who marries Kieran. Very best wishes to them. And congratulations to Laura in securing herself and her mount a place in the Horse of the Year show.

The Council is looking for a new Councillor to join us following the resignation of Simon Halliday who has had to stand down due to other commitments. Thanks for your efforts Simon. Please come and talk to a Councillor or me if you are interested and details will be on the noticeboard soon.

And finally, a reminder that judging for the Best Kept Village competition continues – let's all do what we can to keep the village looking at its best!

Derek Heap

Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: 1-3pm. 1st & 3rd
Monday, Tel. 691850

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly
circuit training. John Tel. 611517

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1-5 pm. Audrey 613280

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 11th
at 10am to 12 noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday
10-12 noon. Tracy 690884

LINE DANCING: 7.30pm Thursday
Ruth 867438

PILATES every Thursday 10-11am.
Tracy 07773785904.

BADMINTON: John 611517

WHIST: Last Sunday in the month.
Jean 615089

WHERE ARE ALL THE BABIES?

Pendle Pumpkins will be closing after over
25 years – we don't want this to happen.

Suggestions welcome but
no rude answers please!!



Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

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.barleyvillagehall.org

**Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm
in Barley Village Hall. Next Meeting: August 8**

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 david.weatherill@cibluk.com

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

**Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month
at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: July 10 & August 14**

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369 chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Sheila Grindrod Tel. 693857 sheila.grindrod@btinternet.com

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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

**Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at
8pm (new time) in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: July 2 & August 6**

Parish Council Chairman: Martin Schofield Tel. 691482 roughleechair@btinternet.com

Parish Council Clerk: Carol Donohoe Tel. 07769 857595 caroldonohoe@msn.com

Village Centre Chairman: Michelle Harvey Tel. 619602 m.harvey@cobra-at.com

Councillors

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ROUGHLEE

Another month has passed with lots of village activities, first there was the Jubilee which was a massive success, well done and thanks to all of the organisers. Then there was the village tidy up and Annual Parish Meeting, both of which had very disappointing attendance. Thanks to the few volunteers that did turn out for the tidy up and to those few parishioners that came to the annual meeting. This now does lead me onto a bit of a moan, in that the last two events just mentioned, to me, demonstrate a general apathy in the village to what we are trying to do and achieve, especially when you take into account the zero response we have had to try to recruit a new parish councillor. Do you really care what goes on in our village or are we just wasting our time?

I have also heard from a number of sources within the village that we should / could be using the Village Centre to more effect. Well I say to you, stand up and be counted, pass your plans and ideas onto us or the Village Centre team so that we can try to put them into action, or better still “help” us to put them into action.

We are always looking for new “blood” and ideas.

Enough of me, Sunday gone was the Village Fayre and the rain gods looked down on us sympathetically on what turned

out to be a surprisingly pleasant afternoon given the rainfall of the previous days. We were suitably entertained by a brass band, magicians, face painters, children’s races, homemade cakes and the catering of our hard working ladies. Well done to the village centre team for organising such a splendid day.

Two more events take place this month and both feature an Alice! The first is at our Duck Race on Saturday July 14 from around 6pm. We will be delighted to welcome Alice Martindale, a 17-year old from Nelson who will open the proceedings with her Olympic Torch. You will be able to see it close to hand and have pictures taken of it. Duck tickets are still available from committee members. After the Race we will proceed to the Centre where you can bring your own picnic & drinks. This is an ideal opportunity for newcomers to come along, perhaps with friends, and enjoy the village life that many of the recent article writers in this magazine have been urging.

Two weeks later, on Saturday July 28 at 11am, we invite you to the unveiling the Alice statue at the ‘official’ opening.

By now the best kept village judges should have visited us, let’s keep our fingers crossed, whatever their decision is, I think that the village looks well and is a credit to those that quietly in the background put the work in.

Remember your Parish NEEDS YOU.

Finally we welcome the new lady in charge at Noggarth Top Shop, Marian Stackhouse, and are pleased to pass on that she is open from 10 to 5 every day except Wednesday, serving Slater’s Ice Cream, bacon rolls, soup, sweets, hot and cold drinks and a daily special. Martin Schofield

Saturday July 28

**Crowtrees
Roughlee
at 11am**

**alice
revealed**



The QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012



We stood in a tent in a wet field watching the rain fall; a torrent of water poured through a hole in the canvas gutter and formed a small stream before sinking sadly into the soaking grass. Our hearts and our spirits were as damp as the landscape as we contemplated the prospect of the loss of 18 months planning. But, you carry on, don't you? Put the tables up, place the chairs, argue about where the power comes in, where the water pipes should run, where the exhibits should be placed, hang damp bunting around the walls and inside the tents. Will anyone come? Will the long search for ideas and funds be worthwhile or will we be treated to a repeat of the rain-sodden Golden jubilee? We all went home and sought the weather forecast.

At 9 on Monday morning the sun shone from a blue sky, a heron took off from the river and flapped away over to the relative peace of Black Moss, a soft mist rose from the enveloping woods and the high ridge of Pendle stood clear and bright. Cars arrived; trucks arrived; people arrived carrying food and drink and black bags; a raven came over to look, gave a harsh comment of approval; walkers on the riverside stopped to watch the activity, the industry. What had yesterday seemed such a sad prospect turned into bright sunlit possibility, the bustle and excitement was infectious and spread through workers and spectators alike. By noon the soggy field had been transformed into a small town with towering white tents and cheerful red white and blue bunting and flags and streamers, reflecting the strengthening sun. A few small clouds came and hovered but were soon dispatched by the enthusiasm below; in that beautiful setting between wild woods, where the river slides

gently past, the excitement grew. We heard reports of floats being built in the villages, crowds gathering on the procession route.

At 2 o'clock the band arrived, brass bright in the sun; they shuffled into position, played a tentative note or two; we ferried them up to await the procession, people lined the roadside. Back down in the valley, the last preparations were finished, the exhibits straightened, the cakes displayed, the beer pumps tested. The sounds of the band came down through the trees; where was the Mayor? Where was the Town Crier? We held the procession back for as long as we dared and then gave the go ahead to Michelle who, like a latter day Horatio, had been holding them at the bridge. Tales of the length of the procession filtered through, stories of the variety and of the ingenuity which Pendlesiders had shown in their construction of floats. At last they came through the gate with the Band playing a strident march. Cheers greeted the arrival of the Queen and her Consort in a splendid boat; glamorous Witches on Trial were threatened by a formidable Britannia. Children excitedly and precariously perched on trailers represented witches, courtiers. An ancient tractor rode a flat-backed truck, ploughing a straight furrow.

The band led the cavalcade around the field, 28 floats circled the podium, the Mayor and Councillors conferred and awarded prizes, Molly presented flowers, the microphone batteries failed and were hastily replaced to allow the speeches to drone on. The Town Crier read the Proclamation to the Queen and Geraldine led the band and the crowd in a rousing rendition of the National Anthem. The beer tent was, surprisingly, popular; the cakes made by the WI looked and tasted

gorgeous; Paula and her team from the Cabin sold burgers under a cloud of savoury smoke. Chaps did impossible things on bikes; the Army carefully watched the climbers on their wall, and Brian's sheep bore very amateur handling stoically. Crowds swirled and then parted for the tug-of-war trials; the eight men per rope rule was forgotten as girls and small boys and even one or two grandparents lent a hand. Slabs of tinnies were handed out as prizes and the whole crowd accepted them enthusiastically.

As evening fell, music filled the valley and beer filled the spectators, some families drifted away to be replaced by newcomers, dressed for the disco and desperate for more beer. Fresh supplies were brought in and soon disappeared. People who had not met others for ages renewed old acquaintance and much salacious gossip was exchanged and many doubtful tales told. The midges descended in lively hordes and feasted on flushed faces until driven off by a cool wind from the woods; the noise and laughter grew and the music followed a solid beat.

As night drew in the beacon on Pendle blazed its message to Blacko Tower and Blackshaw Head, to Rimington and to distant Ingleborough.

A soft mist rose from the river, a few owls hooted from the wood and darkness fell on the valley; revellers kept a tired bar staff busy, the DJ set feet flying on the dance floor until the dancers, exhausted but happy, made their way home. Several people appeared not to have a sense of direction or balance, one was seen to lie in the road summoning a distant taxi, but we think that they all, eventually, made it.

Those who came made it a day to remember in Pendleside. Those who didn't missed a truly rural celebration of which we can be proud. To all who helped, in one way or another: the Hartley family, our committee, the float makers, the exhibitors, our sponsors, the musicians and those who bought so much beer - well done - and thanks.

Bill Mayor

Goldshaw Booth

There was a good attendance at the Parish Party on the 25th May when we all enjoyed the finger buffet prepared by Debbie Mousley; she, and her helpers Francesca and Devon, deserve our thanks for setting such a splendid spread: they cannot be blamed for us having to send out for extra supplies of wine. Our guests came from all sections of the community but our suggestion box remained empty – does this indicate a contented, or an indifferent, parish? Are we doing the right things? We have just made our annual bid for capital support from Pendle BC and have decided to go for one main project this year – the creation of a wild flower garden at the northern side of the entrance to Spen Brook Road from Gorrell Close. The PC hopes that this will improve a presently overgrown area. Elsewhere in the parish there will be planters with flowers and we hope that villagers will look after these when they are installed. It would be interesting to know how each of us saw the parish; do we want it to be a prim Cotswold- type countryside or – and this is my personal view – clean and tidy, but natural to its situation 1000 ft up in the Pennines? Judging for the BKV village competition is now underway; please do all you can to keep the villages tidy and clean; why not adopt your own stretch of Spen Brook or Newchurch for your own special attention?

The Diamond Jubilee celebration is commented on above; it really was a splendid day, blessed by the weather and attended by over 1000. Goldshaw's floats were brilliant and we are grateful to all the parish for its involvement and contribution.

Bill Mayor