

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

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SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

**Sunday 7th October 9.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist.
Harvest gifts of fresh or tinned produce will be gratefully received.**

Sunday 4th November 2.30pm

**All Souls Service for remembrance of those who have died.
There is a sheet at the back of church for names to be read out in
the service. Names may also be given to either of the
Churchwardens or to the Vicar.
They may also be emailed to chriswiddas@gmail.com**

Saturday 17th November 11.30am - 1.30pm

St.Mary's Festive Fair. All the usual stalls plus hot lunches.

**At our Patronal Festival Art Exhibition a painting of a penguin went missing.
This picture is of great sentimental value to the family that lent it.
If anyone can recall seeing anything suspicious while they were
at the exhibition please contact either of the wardens.**

CHURCH WARDENS

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next 'News' by **Friday October 19.**

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Dear Friends



Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings...

In Collective worship at St Mary's School recently, we were looking at images of the cosmos, and of amazingly colourful creatures - caterpillars, butterflies, macaws. I'd asked the children to reflect silently on what they saw, and then at the end share any feelings or thoughts they'd had. One boy put his hand up and said that it made him feel incredibly grateful to be part of it all.

Being grateful may not be our immediate response to being alive, but maybe seeing things from a child's perspective where everything is still gift, rather than the result of our striving, would do us a power of good. Because in spite of the effort we put in to getting on as adults, we do depend on receiving so much from others - cooperation, encouragement, affection. And we may just be receiving more than we deserve. From a religious perspective, all life is a gift from a gracious God.

In the collective worship we explored further what might be the implications of being grateful for being part of it all. Generosity, caring for the environment, simple joy were suggestions that came from the children.

I know we've all been moaning about the summer and the amount of rain we've had, but it shouldn't take away our sense that we belong to an amazing project which is the universe. And it shouldn't dampen our gratitude. We need a bit of perspective - can you remember it was so warm and dry in the Spring that ewes were being left out in the fields to lamb? And we need outlets for our grateful response. In October, St Mary's celebrates Harvest. It's an opportunity to celebrate in worship how much we receive and to give in return. This year we are collecting dried and tinned foods, toiletries and baby-care items. These will go to East Lancashire Women's Refuge and Colne Open Door.

Do join us in our worship on October 7th at 9.30am, and bring any gifts you want to pass on in gratitude.

God bless you

John

Rev John Hallows, St Thomas' Vicarage, Wheatley Lane Road,
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Rural Watch / Farm Watch / Neighbourhood Watch

FARMERS and communities in Pendleside are invited to join a new scheme aimed at helping to prevent crime. 'Watch' allows officers to share information with householders, farmers, stable owners and any other countryside properties & businesses.

The scheme alerts suspicious behaviour or recent crimes via either email or text so that they can take the necessary precautions to keep their land and property safe.

Villagers are encouraged to inform police of sightings of suspicious vehicles, concern of stock, poachers or other unusual activity and this information will then be passed on to others involved in the scheme. This makes people more vigilant and protective of their property at key times.

Keith Sandham, Watch Liaison Officer at Burnley Police Station, who is coordinating the scheme, said: 'Watch' will help form closer working links with farmers and communities in rural areas and hopefully improve their confidence and allow us to share far more information in the future."

Anyone who wishes to join the scheme can contact Keith Sandham, c/o Police Station, Parker Lane, Burnley BB11 2BT Tel. 01282 425001
Mobile; 07904 261 769 keith.sandham2@lancashire.pnn.police.uk



Wednesday 3rd October
Hot Supper, followed by AGM
in Barley Village Hall
at 7.30pm
Visitors welcome

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INSPIRING WOMEN

FABRIC SALE

Sunday 7th. October 11am to 4pm in Barley Village Hall. Mostly patchwork fabric from a late member of Pendle Patchers.

mothers union

Tuesday 16 October 7.30pm

Taste of Africa at St Lukes, Brierfield

Tuesday 23 October 7pm

Pendle in Bloom, Michael Osborne
at Barrowford.

LANKY NEET

Friends of St.Mary's present a
Lancashire Night on Saturday 13th
October at Barley Village Hall.
Traditional Lancashire Fare and
Entertainment. Everyone welcome.
For further details & Tickets £16ea.
phone 691850 / 699580

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 17th October

7.30pm Barley Village Hall

Field Walk Discussion

Editorial policy of Parish News. The comments expressed in this Magazine are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the organisations they belong to, or St Mary's Church. The publisher's role is the collating and production. We do get asked from time to time to include more details, like births, marriages & deaths, or other local news stories etc. That information needs to be passed on to any of the village representatives, as listed overleaf.

James Starkie



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 Meetings: October 10 & November 14.

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 & Spennorth

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: October 9 & November 13.

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

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

Church News Co-ordinator: Chris Widdas Tel. 691850 chriswiddas@gmail.com

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: October 1 & November 5.

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

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BARLEY

So, 1612 did appear on our side of Pendle Hill [pictured left] and it formed a stunning backdrop to the gathering of 1300 people, many dressed as witches, who climbed the hill on a charity walk and raised over £30,000 for our local hospice. The "witches" enjoyed the favourable weather, the musical entertainment on the Village Green and the local hospitality with Barley again successfully hosting a major event. Apparently 482 witches in traditional dress (pointy hat, cape & broomstick) attended and it was enough to gain entry into the Guinness Book of Records as the largest ever gathering of witches, a record we could hold for some time providing the Guinness team did not spend the Saturday night in downtown Burnley!

The event was all about commemorating the trial of local people for witchcraft 400 years ago at Lancaster Assizes on 18-19 August 1612 and their subsequent hangings on 20th August. The 1612 numerals attracted wide attention to this anniversary and were covered by the news media and social websites, pictures were beamed around the world on e-mail and Facebook and I was amused by the pictures and commentary on the popular "Claretsmad" website as fans around the world looked on and shared stories. After all the fuss everybody I met applauded the image and the local artist, Phillippe Handford, who used fabric to set out the numbers which were of the 1612 period font copied from local graveyards.

Moving on to more good news, we have a new Parish Councillor. I am very pleased to welcome and announce that Sue Statham has been co-opted and I am looking forward to the energy and vigour she puts in to the village being harnessed by the Council.

United Utilities has submitted an appeal to HM Inspectorate against the decision of Pendle BC to reject the planning application to build three dwelling houses on the old

filter beds site next to the Village Hall. The PC has submitted our objections to the inspectorate and we are hoping Pendle BC has forwarded the 28 objections to the original planning made by residents of the village.

Many of you have probably seen the mobile eatery that has recently be stationed at the entrance to Boothman Wood. Surprisingly the PC was not made aware of this development and we are not sure what arrangements and considerations are needed before you can set up and start selling food to the public on the highway – I am sure Pendle BC will be looking into this and we will await a response to our query. We have erected a new noticeboard by the Bullion and for those that use it you will find it much easier to get your pins in to it.

Finally, thanks to Margaret, Chris, Sue, Caroline, Ian and Sally-Anne who removed hundreds of Himalayan Balsam around the car park and river bank trying to stop the spreading of this pervasive plant up towards our reservoirs.

Derek Heap

We were rather optimistic regarding completion of the work on the Village Hall and there were some delays as our contractors had to finish some work on a school before the start of a new term. However we are looking towards an early completion now, depending on suitable weather to complete final painting of new window frames & doors. Despite the delays our contractors have done an excellent job but it will be nice to see the Hall without any "work in progress" which has continued from the start of the flood refurbishment in February. We are seeing an increase in bookings and our promotion of the Hall will now begin locally and to the wider public throughout the area. Plans for all our usual events are already under-way for 2013 – WATCH THIS SPACE.

Audrey Weatherill

Goldshaw Booth

There hasn't been much "mellow fruitfulness" about the autumn so far, more of the "winter storms begin", and the swallows have gone back to an ex-pat life in Tenerife. They probably do this to avoid UK taxes, in common with so many of our fellow citizens who come to the UK for all the good things - like summer - and then beggar off back to the sunshine. What a splendid idea, although we can't grumble, having spent the last three weeks enjoying the National Parks of the USA.

So it's back to the Parish. We don't have a "Casual Vacancy" at the moment but anticipate a great increase in attention to our activities when the book comes out. Our problems are the usual simple things, like parking in Newchurch, and the total inability of Spen Brook to agree to the creation of a flower bed on Spen Brook Road which we have a grant to do but no consensus on what to do with it.

There are a few planning applications in at the moment which will be challenges to those who have to decide on them: the erection of an unnecessarily large agricultural store and the conversion of a derelict barn to further agricultural use. Obviously farming is flourishing if these two expensive projects can be undertaken but this may not be the whole story. Wait and see.

And the other application is also contentious: the development of Spen Brook mill and the application for some 30 houses and commercial use in the converted mill which will be heard at Barrowford and Western, probably in November. This ranks as a "major development" which is prohibited under the rules of the AONB but could be permitted under "exceptional circumstances" as the only brown-field site in Bowland. The PC has made its initial submission to Planning Officers, following the public meeting on 28th August, and Councillors have had further discussions to try to balance the agreed need for tidying the site with the fear of a development which overwhelms the hamlet. We intend to keep parishioners informed on this difficult matter and hope that a good representation from the area will take the opportunity to speak at the November meeting. As in all these subjects, the difficulty is in isolating financial and infrastructural matters from the planning considerations on which the decision will be made.

We have received notification of the imposition of a part-time 20mph limit on Spen Brook road; personally I would like to see it extended right through the villages - and adhered to. We have too many speeders!

ROUGHLEE

Another quiet month in the village, with nothing much to report, but with local planning applications starting to dominate our agenda. By now you should have read that we did not win any awards in the BKV competition, but that we did still come a creditable 5th in our category, so well done and thanks to all who make and keep our village tidy.

Music festivals have been and gone, having brought the rain gods with them (and left them), and apart from some minor noise nuisance appear to have passed without incident. With regards to planning applications that affect our village, for those of you that are interested they can be viewed on our website - www.roughlee.org.uk

On a more mundane note we appear to have several instances of Ragwort growing in the village in gardens, public area and the pub car park, please can I ask that if you have some of this growing in your garden you do your best to remove it.

Guidance can be found on <http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb11050-ragwort-dispose-110315.pdf>

Martin Schofield

Tai Chi

Weekly on Tuesdays

1pm - 2:30pm

Roughlee Village Centre

Fee £4 per session

ROUGHLEE BALL

Saturday November 24

£40 per ticket from

Pam on 614755

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We welcomed our new children: Florence, Braden, Molly, Ruby, Alfie, Rose, Ruby, Jack and their parents. It was lovely to see all the children back at school, resplendent in their school uniform with freshly cut hair and shining shoes!

We said goodbye to our Year 6 children at the end of last term: Danielle, Albert, Naomi and Zoe who will now have started at their new High Schools. We wish them Good Luck and the very best for the future.

The children enjoyed a wide range of enrichment activities last year and we are hoping to continue with these. If anyone has a particular skill they would like to share with the children please let us know.

The timetable for the admission to Lancashire Primary schools 2013/14 has begun. Where possible the booklets will be given to those parents who have shown an interest in their child attending St. Mary's School. The booklets will be available from the School Office after the October half term holiday.

On-line applications are open from September 2012. The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2013.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg