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ST. MARY'S CHURCH



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WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Communion from the 1662 Prayer Book, with hymns and sermon.

2nd Sunday: All Age Worship – a service with more modern hymns and sermon for young and not so young.

4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book, with hymns and sermon.

5th Sunday (when applicable): Morning Prayer

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday May 11th at 2.30pm

Thanksgiving for Lambing Service
at Hargreaves' Farm, Barley

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next issue by **Friday May 17.**

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Dear Friends

Stephen Verney, who used to be Bishop of Repton in the Diocese of Southwell, served with Special Forces in Crete during the Second World War. He led a unit of Greek fighters against German occupying forces. On one occasion, one of his men asked for leave to go and kill his cousin. It turned out that the cousin had stolen some of his sheep. It was a point of honour.



We probably don't identify with such a code of honour with regard to sheep but at this time of year, we are aware of the commitment that our farmers put into lambing. Long hours, sometimes sleepless nights, the physical hard work. And at the same time there is a passionate interest in the lambs that are born - not just whether they are fit and healthy, but the quality of the breeding. Those of us who don't farm for a living take pleasure in fields with ewes and lambs giving a sense of vitality and new life after a harsh winter.

I don't know whether it's deliberate but one of the Bible readings commended by the Church of England at this time of year is from John chapter 10, when Jesus talks about his ministry as the Good Shepherd. He contrasts his commitment which involves risking his life for his sheep with hired workers who play safe and run away at the first sign of danger. It is a message that Jesus cares about people more than his own safety, and is prepared to die to save them.

The Bible is full of shepherding images, from God as shepherd, to warnings for religious leaders who behave like greedy shepherds. And so this lambing time resonates with biblical texts. It is more than just an economic harvest, but a reminder of important values in our community life.

We will be holding our annual Thanksgiving for Lambing on May 11th to help us remember the hard work in a major industry in our villages, and the painstakingly caring God that lies behind it all. Do come and be part of it.

God bless you

John

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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 Meetings: May 15 & June 12

Annual Parish Meeting - May 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 & Spennorth

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: May 14 & June 11

Annual Parish Meeting - May 24

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 in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: May 13 & June 3

Annual Parish Meeting - June 5

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

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

Councillors

Lancs. County Councillor: Christian Wakeford Tel. 0777 242 3819 pendlewest@gmail.com

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Planning Applications

Applications are now easier to find on the Council website: www.pendle.gov.uk under 'My Area'

Goldshaw Booth

There is a hint of spring in the air after one of the longest and coldest winters I've seen – and a most miserable one at that, with a depressed economy and the sort of feeling that we had before Margaret Thatcher came on the scene, of a slow national decline into defeat. Where politicians bicker pointlessly and bankers spread leech-like over the economy and a rather poor football team leads the Premier league by an unlikely margin. Lets hope that there is, around the corner, a glorious summer of revival and a new "Maggie" to lead us out of the mire!

Our much-respected County Councillor, Shelagh Derwent, did not seek re-election in May. She has supported and encouraged the Goldshaw Booth Parish Council for many years and we will miss her guidance greatly. I am sure that the PC and all our parishioners wish her well for the future and hope that our new representative Christian Wakeford will follow her excellent example.

We will be applying for capital grants from the PBC Barrowford and Western committee in the near future and would welcome suggestions for projects; we have in mind the possible repair of the Sparable Lane path and of the ginnel between Gorrell and Osborne Terrace, and the rebuilding of the surround of the well on Jinny Lane.

The PC was glad to hear that the roads in Newchurch and Spen Brook will be repaired this summer – thanks to the efforts of Derek Heap; they are certainly in need of it. And the LCC team did great work during the snows in keeping the roads as clear as possible; it's a long time since we had drifts that deep in Pendleside.

I have spent too much time hobbling around Newchurch during the last few weeks and have been astonished by the speed of traffic through the village and the disregard drivers have for the obvious difficulties, particularly on Cross Lane. I hope that residents will continue to park carefully and that through traffic would slow down – and that bus drivers could be a bit more tolerant!

There will be a village gathering on Friday 24th May at 7.30pm in the School, with wine and "nibbles";

I do hope that everyone will come: it's a chance for you to have your say.

The next Parish Council meeting and the Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on 14th May at St Mary's School.

Bill Mayor

St. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ofsted visited our school before the Easter holidays and whilst this is always a very intense time for everyone concerned we are pleased to announce that our school was judged to be 'Outstanding' in all four areas: Achievement of pupils; Quality of teaching; Behaviour and safety of pupils and Leadership and management. I am extremely proud of my staff and children. The full report can be viewed on the Ofsted website.

At the end of last term we had an Easter Bonnet competition, well done to our winners:

R – Alfie Nutter, Yr1 – Isaac Nawab, Yr2 – Charlie Rothwell, Yr3 – Abigayle Harper, Yr4 – William Dakers, Yr5 – Matthew Curry & Yr6 – Peter Davenport. Each received an Easter Egg.

We held our end-of-term Easter Service in St. Mary's Church. We were delighted by a fabulous Easter Story play performed by the children, with songs readings and prayers.

We started the new term with a taster 'Hip Hop' dance session by Sandersons Dance school. Some interesting moves by the children & especially the Teaching Assistants!

Our Infants were treated to a visit to the Burnley Youth Theatre to see 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet'. The show told the story of Biff who is not an ordinary dog. He likes moonlight, music and walking on his tiptoes. Biff thinks he is a ballerina!!

Whilst all feeling elated about our Ofsted Report, we are also filled with sadness. Mr Archer, after over 9 years of tremendously hard work at St. Mary's, has made the difficult decision to take early retirement at the end of the Summer Term. I appreciate that this will affect everyone who has known and worked with him and will leave a big hole in our hearts. The Governors, Staff and I wish him and his family all the very best for his retirement.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

BARLEY

Wednesday 8th May is the Annual Village Parish meeting. It is a chance for us all to get together in the Village Hall and catch up with what has been and what is going on and to celebrate local achievements. The Parish Council will report on progress and consult with you on any current issues in the community such as improvement projects and planning issues etc. Every resident is welcome and the Village Hall Committee, Young Farmers, WI, Church groups and local businesses will be represented. The meeting is scheduled for one hour and is followed by wine & nibbles and the opportunity to chat with neighbours, friends and acquaintances.

We will no doubt reflect on a busy year in the village with Jubilee Celebrations and the Witches Walk – we have some great pictures to share – and the major planning and development issues which have unfolded over the last twelve months. We have some quality wine this year and it will not matter if your glass is half full or half empty as long as it is one or the other.

In the last newsletter I reported that the developer who had purchased the Barley Green Filter Beds site had submitted a revised planning application to only build one dwelling house – the application proved most misleading, the developer still intends to build 3 houses but he wants to significantly increase the size of one property. The PC has objected on the grounds of visual impact on the area and that the new houses should be sub-servant to the splendid gentry houses on Barley Green which have listed building status. Other current planning issues being considered include the reconstruction of Higher Laithe Barn following the devastating fire in 2012 and a single storey extension to No.7 The Bullion.

The PC recently met with "Habitat Management Services" to discuss how we can fight back against the invasive species

of Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed spreading along our river banks. We are considering using their services to assist us but we will again rely on our residents rolling up their sleeves and pulling up the balsam once it starts growing.

Finally I would like to record the Council's gratitude on behalf of our Parish to County Councillor Shelagh Derwent who stood down from LCC this week. Shelagh has been in public service for so many years and she has supported the Parish Council on some key issues in recent years. Best Wishes to you Shelagh.

So come to the Parish meeting in just over a week and support our community groups and even have your say if you want to. I look forward to seeing you.

Derek Heap

Village Hall

20th MODEL EXHIBITION will be held on 4th, 5th & 6th May.

It is a credit to the Organisers Chris & David that this Exhibition is so well supported by the many exhibitors, new ones have been added this year.

Homemade refreshments are on sale during the three days, come and visit and enjoy some time away from home.

Steve & Tony will be there with their Scalextric racing track.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1ST & 2ND JUNE
PENDLE PATCHERS ARE HOLDING
A QUILT SHOW**

when members will be demonstrating their work in progress. Stalls of surplus fabric & related sewing items, quilts & wall hangings. Tea & cake available.

Bookings still being taken for **Houghton Weavers** on Friday 6th September. Halls tour of UK – 80 tickets on sale soon. £15pp includes supper. Audrey Weatherill

ROUGHLEE

Good news. We have it on good authority that the Bay Horse has been sold to the team behind the pub at Kelbrook. Craven Heifer landlord Peter Waters said: "We have always considered Roughlee a lovely village, so the Bay Horse is the perfect choice for a destination food outlet."

"It will need a complete refurb, but we intend to reopen later in the year. We will build on the gastro pub formula that has made the Craven Heifer such a success." The Bay Horse closed its doors over two years ago after a series of tenants struggled to make a living. When Scottish and Newcastle finally put it up for sale last month, it was feared that the building could be turned into housing. Some villagers were so concerned about losing their pub, two weeks ago they launched a campaign to list it as an Asset of Community Value, which could have delayed any sale to a developer. Happily, that won't now be required.

One of our very "green fingered" residents has been toying with the idea of opening up his garden under the National Gardens Scheme. It has been suggested that this could be done best as part of a village group open day. So, if anyone out there would like to participate with a view to getting this off the ground in 2014, please make yourselves known and we can arrange to get all interested parties together this summer. This leads nicely onto the reminder that we are having a spruce the village up morning on Saturday the **18th of May at 10am** (meet at the Village Centre). So if you can spare just 1 to 2 hours it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Denis Todd for refurbishing Barley's old noticeboard and to Bruce Hartley for helping him erect it at the village centre.

Martin Schofield

Along with the other parishes, I am sure the whole of Roughlee will send their best wishes to Shelagh Derwent after her retirement as our County Councillor. She has been a marvellous ambassador for our area and whilst she isn't stepping out of the public view, her County Council duties have now passed to Roughlee resident, Christian Wakeford and we of course wish him well.

We are also sad to note the retirement of several of our Village Centre members too. Brian & Joyce O'Sullivan have been mainstays of that committee for over 20 years and they have been tireless workers throughout. Stepping down after ten years is Sandra Nelson and Michelle Harvey has just completed her four year term as Chairman. We should pay tribute to all who have served in order to keep the Centre going. Other villages would give "their right arms" for such a facility as ours, and whilst there is still a hard core of villagers running the operation, a few more would be very welcome.

What is needed is new blood!

One of the joys of living in a village is to 'muck in' - so please think seriously as to what you could to help - it *is* enjoyable taking part you know!

The AGM of this committee will take place on Tuesday May 7 at 7.30pm when the new committee will be elected. Please come along if you interested, even if you could only contribute an hour a month!

One who has stepped up to the brink is Glen Watson, 'Big Glen' to many, who has agreed to organise many aspects of our annual fair - this year to be called the

SunDayFunDay on June 23.

More details next month.

James Starkie

BRING YOUR OLD CLOTHES & RAGS TO BARLEY VILLAGE HALL AND PUT THEM IN THE RECYCLING BIN. ALL MONIES RAISED GO TO THE VILLAGE HALL. CONTACT ROD STATHAM. TEL. 606770



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An envelope should be within this month's magazine.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 15th May 7.30pm

Barley Village Hall

"History of Rolls Royce"

by David Weatherill

mothers union

Tuesday May 14. 7.30pm.

Deanery Festival in ST LUKES.

Tuesday May 28. 7.30pm.

at Newchurch with Mrs Pam Nolan
Every stitch tells a story.

Exercise for the Over 50s Every Tuesday 1 - 2:30pm Roughlee Village Centre

Come and join us for a little exercise, a lot of chat and laughs, a nice cup of tea.

Everyone welcome.

The only qualification is to be over 50.

MESSY CHURCH

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

Takes place on the third Tuesday of EVERY month at 3.30pm

FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

We ask parents to contribute to the cost of the activities and meal that we have at each session. **MESSY CHURCH** is organised by Mandy Culshaw who can be contacted by email on: a.culshaw635@btinternet.com



Roughlee Race Night

Big screen Racing with the odd flutter!

Sat. May 11 ~ 7.30pm

Tickets £10 includes Pie & Peas Supper,
from Pam 614755

**ROUGHLEE
VILLAGE
CENTRE**

Bring your own drinks

Election Result
May 2, 2013
Pendle West

Lancashire

County
Council



Christian Wakeford Conservative **2013**
(Two thousand & thirteen votes - Elected)

Brian Newman Liberal Democrat **810**

Mark Porter Labour **1394**