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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.

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

RUSHBEARING SATURDAY 20th JULY
2.30pm Procession and Crowning
3.00pm Service in church followed by tea and silver band

CHURCHYARD GRASSCUTTING.
We will be grass cutting in the churchyard on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month (weather permitting). All help will be much appreciated as the tidy village judging is upon us and we hope we can make the churchyard attractive to visitors. If you can help (either grass cutting or tending the flower beds) please come along any time between 6 and 8 pm.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL CRAFT EXHIBITION 7th & 8th September.
If anyone would like to exhibit their craftwork please contact Valerie Widdas, Tel 01282 691850 or email: chriswiddas@gmail.com We also need helpers to steward the exhibition in church. Please contact Valerie if you can help, even for just an hour or so.

**IN PENDLE'S SHADOW
LONG DISTANCE WALK**
Saturday 21st September

CHURCH WARDENS

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next issue by **Friday June 21.**

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Dear Friends



Coming back from Cardiff last week, I caught some of the questioning of the CEO of Google by Margaret Hodge in a parliamentary select committee on the radio. Proved fascinating as the word 'evil' was thrown around, and evil is right up my street. I suppose Google was asking for it as their strapline is 'We do no evil'.

But the argument was not really about evil. It was about doing the right thing. Hodge was arguing Google was immoral because of its aggressive tax avoidance strategies. The CEO was saying they were keeping within the law. Which then raises the question: are keeping within the law and doing the right thing one and the same?

This is the whole jungle of ethics. All of us, I hope, believe in doing good and avoiding evil. We aspire to what is right. But then everything gets lost in the detail. How do we know? A lot of people make their judgments by consequences. If it does good and doesn't harm anyone it is ok. Others look for rules, from a religious tradition or even the law. Some judge from self-interest. And a few maybe think it's ok as long as you don't get caught.

There is an old idea that is currently becoming popular among philosophers. It has the pompous title of virtue ethics. But what it is saying is that instead of asking whether this or that action is right or wrong, we should do everything we can to be people of virtue for whom doing the right thing is as natural as acrobats landing on their feet. It takes practice but the result is people whose lives are upright, whose every action speaks of right judgment rather than self-interest.

This idea is growing on me. It harks back to great philosophers, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle. As a Christian I also see Jesus as a role model for a virtuous life. Let your light so shine before men, he said, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

God bless you

John

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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: June 12 & August 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: June 11 & July 9

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: June 3 & July 1

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

Village Centre Chairman: James Starkie Tel. 699262 james_k.starkie@yahoo.co.uk

Councillors

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Pendle Borough Councillor: James Starkie Tel. 699262 james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk

Planning Applications

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

Goldshaw Booth

The AGM of the Council was held on 14th May and I have to thank my fellow Councillors for once again entrusting me with the Chair. In response I had to say that the strength of the Council does not lie in one pair of hands but in all the Councillors acting together to better the Parish. I think that our efforts during the last year were successful in doing that - one achievement was the opposition to the planning application at Spen Brook mill and its refusal. It is not yet a victory, but a battle won; we have no news of an appeal but you may be assured that we will act in your best interests should that happen and will keep you informed at all times.

Another obvious achievement has been the completion of the Spen Brook garden which has been universally praised. Its creation was directed by Frank Grindrod and he and I are very grateful to those strong men who came out in the rain to shift two tons of stone by hand.

Our new County Councillor, Christian Wakeford, attended our AGM and the PC meeting which followed; we are appreciative of his interest and trust that he will take our concerns back to Preston. We have recently had a report from LCC about the parking problems of Newchurch and the difficulties caused at the junction of Wellhead and Cross Lane. The latter would require some road re-building before it can be solved but Council did agree to the LCC suggestion of imposing a no-parking restriction on the short stretch of Cross Lane above the Jinny Lane junction where there are presently white lines. We now await action by LCC after the obligatory consultation period.

Road repair work is all-but-complete in Newchurch and when the patching is finished, the whole stretch, all the way down to Noggarth at Fence will be 'surface dressed'.

Councillors have divided into two teams for the Best Kept Village competition - Spen Brook and Newchurch - and will be leading efforts to tidy the villages. This is a really worthwhile exercise with results which will be apparent for months to come. We - with your help - can organise the road work, clean the signs, weed the gardens, but we can't

come into your gardens and yards! Please give a thought to your patch and see if you can tidy, polish and paint it up a bit to give a real sparkle to the villages.

Bill Mayor

St. Mary's Primary School

We have had a busy start to the beginning of a new term in school. Mad Science North West came to school with a taster session of their after school programme. The truly 'Mad Scientist' carried out enthralling experiments with the children with lots of Spin, Pop & Boom !!!!!

Whilst our school was being used as a Polling Station on Thursday 2nd May the whole school were taken on a trip to Manchester, firstly to the Jewish Museum in North Manchester, the site of the oldest synagogue in the city. Here we were greeted by our guide Berlinda who led the morning's activities. We then set off on a short journey to the Imperial War Museum of the North at Salford Quays. We had our lunch on the quayside in bright sunshine. It was like the middle of Summer! We looked at artefacts and displays concerning the two world wars. The children also had the opportunity to try on various helmets from different eras.

As a finale to KS2 children's topic on Tudors Mr Archer & Mrs Whittaker set out on a trip to Turton Tower, set amongst the scenery of the West Pennine Moors, south of Darwen. A fun day was enjoyed as we discovered that Tudor society was divided distinctly into the rich and the poor and their appearance and possessions reflected their general wealth.

KS1 children had a half day visit to Haworth Art Gallery in Accrington, as part of our scheduled visits linked with Creative Art. The activities involved looking at the Tiffany Glass Collection and taking part in related art activities.

We are very pleased to announce that following our SIAMS (RE) Inspection we were once again judged to be 'Outstanding', where "the relationships within the family of the school were found to be excellent and the Fruits of the Spirit are the foundations of all aspects of school life". Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

BARLEY

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 8 May and was a resounding success, attracting the highest number of residents in the event's history!

As well as a report on what the Council has been doing on your behalf over the past year, there were updates from the Village Hall Committee, the WI and the Young Farmers. The Council presented some proposals for projects for the year ahead such as planting a 'growing' Christmas Tree near the War Memorial, upgrading the street lighting in the Village and replacing the clock above the Garage; residents suggested a wildlife warning sign should be erected along Barley New Road following recent collisions with deer, and, the provision of more dog waste bins. If you have views on these proposals, or proposals of your own, please come along to a Council meeting and share them with us.

The evening was rounded off with a wonderfully tasty buffet (prepared by The Cabin, for which many thanks) with wine, giving neighbours a chance to get together. If you missed out on the fun, be sure to put the first Wednesday in May in your diary for next year!

At the end of every municipal year, the Council publishes its annual report detailing the Council's recent activities, financial position and how to contact councillors. A copy has been put up on the Notice Board – please have a look when you're passing. There is also a notice regarding the publication of the Accounts, should you want to view them. Judging for the Best Kept Village starts on June 8. The flower beds in the car park, around the War Memorial and the Playground have been planted and grassy areas mowed and strimmed. We would ask all residents to do their bit to keep the village as tidy and attractive as possible – hopefully we can go one better than last year and regain the title in the Hamlet class. I would also like to record

the Council's thanks to Frank Rigg who has undertaken much of the planting for the Best Kept Village in the past but has sadly had to hand over to others. His efforts have been much appreciated by all of us I'm sure. Frank's wife, Barbara, has been poorly recently and we wish her a speedy recovery. Derek Heap / Vicky Thorp

Village Hall

Our 20th Model Exhibition was as usual a great success; it was good to see some of the exhibitors who supported our first event still displaying their skills, however we had about a third of new exhibitors new to our show. Visitors were attracted from all over the North West.

Bank Holiday Monday was exceptionally busy in Barley the only limit being no available parking space – perhaps we should consider making the car park multi storey!!

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

YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday
07889891622

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm John Tel. 611517

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tues 1- 5

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 12th at 10am

LINE DANCING: 7.30pm Thursday

PILATES every Thursday morning. 10 – 11

BADMINTON: Availability Tel.611517.

The Village Hall AGM will be on Thursday 6th June at 7.00pm, the public are welcome to attend, comments and suggestions regarding the future of the Hall are welcome.

We will be working to "spruce up" the outside of the Hall & the surrounding area for the Best Kept Village competition.

Congratulations to Pendle Young Farmers on their very successful exhibits in the Young Farmers Show held at Gisburn Auction Market in May, they had many individual awards & were third overall.

Bookings still being taken for

Houghton Weavers on Friday 6th

September – only 16 tickets left.

£15pp includes supper. Audrey Weatherill

ROUGHLEE

Please support your Village by attending the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday June 4 at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

Thanks to those who turned up to the Tidy Day. The weather wasn't the best but some important work was done and we are grateful to those who did, (and to the many that do it all-year round, quietly in the background.) This of course marks the beginning of Roughlee's entry in to Best Kept Village competition which I hope we will aspire to winning again.

The scheduled road closure of the bridge near the school is now confirmed for up to six weeks at the end of July, this year. The first design proposals featured a motorway style barrier rather than our beloved white railings! Borough Councillor James Starkie has had some lively debates with LCC, as has Christian Wakeford, about that and the designs have now been changed! Martin Schofield

Three recent events at the Village Centre proved to be popular. The Irish Night, the Race Night and the Coffee Morning /Plant Sale, contributing over £1250 to the coffers.

Works are almost complete with the re-rendering on the lake side elevation of the building. It was greatly disappointing that the company who did the work originally, walked away from the problem which was such a basic fault of plaster not having been keyed-in to the blockwork. Village builder, André Smale's re-did the work and we're sure it will last for many years. The funding came from a grant from Pendle BC. Also due to be done is the bus shelter outside the pub.

At the Village Centre AGM last month James Starkie was elected as Chairman and several 'new' faces put their names forward for positions on the Committee - Judith Skellorn, Mike Burrige & Glen Watson

amongst them. Gail Carson, Gillian Dawson, Michelle Harvey, Pam Hartley, Ian Mortimer, Janet Starkie and Ann McGeorge make up the rest of the group and we also had one or two who will throw their hand in in the near future. It's a good team that has a mixture of age (!) experience and new ideas and we hope to develop these in the months to come.

One worrying aspect reported from the Treasurer, Janet Starkie, was that costs for running the building in 2012 were over £4000 - and that takes a lot of finding.

The biggest sadness for many of us is the low percentage of villagers who actually support our events. Please be forthcoming in telling us why.

Michelle Harvey was given warm praise for her work over the last four years.

What we need now is a couple of 'handypeople' who we can call on to fix an odd pipe, do a bit of electrical etc. eg. a tradesmen that can be called on to do the little jobs. Volunteers please!!

Our biggest event of the year is upon us and a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to make the event a successful day out. There are lots of new ideas this year too! See the ad opposite for more details of;-

SunDayFunDay on June 23.

It will be opened by The Worship the Mayor of Pendle, Cllr. Smith Benson at 1pm. Please support it.

Finally, two families with Roughlee links are having wedding receptions at the Centre on successive weekends of June 1 & 8; it shouldn't affect anyone but please, bear with us; we do have to take lucrative bookings like this when they come up.

James Starkie

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 19th June 7.30pm

Barley Village Hall

Planning and study night

Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm

"Work of Mercy Ships"
with Dr John Rhodes

Visitors welcome
Barley Village Hall

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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

BRING YOUR OLD CLOTHES & RAGS TO BARLEY
VILLAGE HALL AND PUT THEM IN THE
CONTAINER. ALL MONIES TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Exercise for the Over 50s Every Tuesday 2 - 3:30pm 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.

- Games for children
- Inflatable jousting
- Animals ● Music
- Crafts ● Stalls
- Plants ● Cakes
- Refreshments ● Bar
- Books ● and more

ROUGHLEE
Fun Day
Sun
June 23
● Opens at 1pm

Plus **NEW** Novelty Dog Show **NEW**

Punch & Judy **NEW** Games

Hog Roast **NEW** Real Ales

Town Crier **NEW** Static displays



"Will be worth a look -
a right good do!"