

PARISH NEWS

Your official monthly update from the Pendleside communities of Barley, Newchurch, Roughlee, Sabden Fold & Spenbrook.

Vicar's Letter Remembering the ladies

IN MY CHRISTMAS sermon I mentioned that Christmas 2022 was what is known as a Vicar's Christmas because 25th December fell on a Sunday (in theory less work for the Vicar!). One of the suggestions from the excellent Roots resource that the church uses was to think about how Christmas isn't just for Christmas. Each 25th of the month we are invited to think of an aspect of Christmas that can inspire us to do something for ourselves, the local community or the wider world.

25th March is a special day in the Christian calendar. It goes by the rather fancy title of 'Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary' otherwise known as Lady Day. You will of course have picked up that 25th March is nine months away from Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

March does seem to be the month for remembering ladies.

8th March is International Women's Day.



19th March is Mothering Sunday. During March why not check out the work of the **Mother's Union**



here and abroad and spend some time remembering and praying for all the ladies of the

world. (In case you are wondering International Men's Day is the 19th November).

God Bless

REVD JULIE SMITH - VICAR, ST.

MARY'S NEWCHURCH

Barley Parish Council

Car Park resurfacing updates, Fell Race (4 Mar), Craft Fair (18-19 Mar)...



THIS WEEK WAS the one-year anniversary of Russia invading Ukraine and much to my surprise, Ukraine still

stands. We have all felt the impact of the war in our pockets as commodity prices have increased but the war is robbing the people of stability, safety, friends, family and hopes for the future. A different, but equally sad plight, for many Syrians and Turks following the devastating earthquake back on 6 February, I am sure life is at the very least as bad there as it is in the worst areas of the Ukraine.

Not meaning to sound cynical, but the press would have us be equally worried about a shortage of tomatoes, lettuce and citrus fruits over the coming weeks. The times we live in have not changed that much in terms of the perspective some of our journalists put on matters to grab our attention. I hope I do not have to miss my tomatoes but I would gladly trade it for the stability of life for others in the world.

The parish council have this month been further investing in the car park. We have carried out some minor drainage and surfacing works which should ensure water is quickly drained from the lower car park and a couple of soft areas are now more solid. We have tidied up the upper car park area and extended the size of the parking area. At a time when we are encouraging LCC to introduce more double yellow lines at the edges of the village we are persuading that we are offering matching increased car parking capacity on the car park. There is no update yet on the proposed resident parking scheme since the formal consultation process came to an end. I am hoping that we will know more in March. What I can report is that the double yellow lines we have around the village have progressed from being enforceable through a Temporary Regulation Order (TRO) to a Permanent TRO and so they are here to stay. For information, I can add that thirty three

parking charge enforcement notices have been issued on the Turning Area to date and the vast majority have been paid; others will have heard from the Courts and can expect a visit from a debt collection agency.

In recent years the PC has spent a lot of money resurfacing the car park. The Parish Council did not have sufficient funds to construct a car park that can take the loading of large vehicles, we could only afford a surface for light vehicles. The surfacing is thin and the turning manoeuvres of large vehicles could damage the surface, hence the ban on coaches. However, the PC is being approached by walking clubs etc who want to bring a coach and need to park somewhere. Where we are approached we are advocating the wide space next to the bullion garages if available or by arrangement just inside the car park gate so they do not drive over the macadam.

Please note there will be a Fell Race in Barley on Saturday 4 March centred around the Village Hall – it will be a busy day for traffic and visitors. There is also a Craft Fair in the Chapel on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March and I hope we can all visit and support this fund raising event.

DEREK HEAP, CHAIR

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

#CommunityMatters - Coronation Big Lunch, BKV, Spenbrook Mill...



A RESIDENT RECENTLY commented that we ‘never see anyone in Winter’ and that she was looking forward to the warmer, lighter months and to chatting with people around the

parish again... On this I think we can all agree! We can look forward to spending more time outside and as we start making plans for the parish; the gardens, woodland and park, and the annual Community events, the PC are mindful to provide for the needs of as many people as

possible. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas (either through the **Facebook group**, by chatting or by coming along to a Parish Council meeting) and to meeting up soon.

Of course, this year we are celebrating the King’s Coronation and we are looking at joining **The Coronation Big Lunch** on Sunday May 7th. If you fancy tea, cake, sandwiches and/or a BBQ and ‘Bring Your Own Booze’ on the park let us know! Maybe you’d like to see family games, a bonfire and music? Do you bake a mean Victoria Sponge? Do a fab chilli? Or play an instrument? Whichever way things go I feel sure there will be bunting and balloons a plenty and we’d love to see you all there! It’s **Best Kept Village** competition time! Results show that we are improving year on year but we need YOU! Planting, painting, polishing... whatever your forte all help is welcome.

Security alert! There have been incidents of theft and attempted theft in the Parish in recent weeks. Please pay attention to the security of your outside buildings.

After weeks of pursuing the developers of Spenbrook Mill, **Spenbrook Road** has undergone some temporary repairs. The road is safer for the time being but, as with all issues please do let us know if action is required. This coming May will see **council elections**, including parish councils. There are 7 seats on Goldshaw Booth Parish Council. If you feel inspired to contribute to your Community please do feel free to pop along to the next Parish Council meeting (see below) to learn more about what we do and how this whole thing works!

- **Upcoming Parish Council Meetings:** Thursday 2nd March 2023 & Thursday 6th April – 7.15pm, Barley Village Hall
- Copies of Meeting Agendas & Minutes from Previous Meetings (etc.) at www.goldshawbooth.org.uk
- Goldshaw Booth Parish Council **Facebook page**

Planning applications

- **APPLICATION: 23/0089/TCA – 11 Osborne Terrace, Newchurch-in-Pendle** – Pruning of all trees to front of the property to reduce the risk of further wind damage. Removal of 3 trees. Felling of 1 tree to rear of property due to increasing lean towards the house. ↑

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

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

AINSLEY MACADAM, CHAIR

Roughlee Parish Council

Police Q&A (6 Mar), elections, planning appeals, Parish Gathering...



FIRST, TO LET you know that our next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 6th March at 7pm in the Village Centre. We are expecting that the meeting will be attended by our local police officers who will be able to answer questions and deal

with your local concerns. So if you have things you wish to discuss with the police please attend at 7pm.

Also on matters affecting the Parish Council, you may be aware that local Council elections will be held on 4th May 2023. These elections are for Pendle Borough Council and for Parish Councils including Roughlee. At the moment Roughlee has 7 Parish Councillors but from the 4th May this will be increased to 9 members. This increase is to facilitate a wider diversification and to open up membership to new faces.

The Parish Council are therefore seeking expressions of interest from residents of Roughlee Parish who are interested in serving on the Council. The positions are on a voluntary, unpaid basis but if you are interested in getting involved in local matters and looking after our village please consider putting your name forward. Elections for the Parish Council will only be held if the number of candidates exceeds the 9 members. If you are interested please keep an eye out for the formal notifications or **contact our Clerk**, Mary Reed, to discuss further details.

Moving into Spring the FORA group are planning a programme of improvements and

planting. These works include the planting of the Queen's Canopy, part of a national programme of tree planting to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. The village trees will be planted adjacent to the river near to the stepping stones footpath crossing. Other works of improvement include upgrading the verge in front of the bus shelter at Happy Valley. The verge suffers from damage by heavy vehicles turning at these cross roads. We have recently received funding from the Borough Council to put sets into the verge which will hopefully restrict the damage and greatly improve the appearance of the verge. As you may recall the Parish Council have submitted objections to planning applications at Whitehough (for 5 houses) and at Dam Head (for 2 houses). Both applications were refused by the Borough Council but in both cases the applications have been appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. If the appeals are accepted by the Inspectorate we will have the opportunity to comment on the Grounds of Appeal. Finally a date for your diary. Every year we hold the Annual Parish Meeting which we call the Parish Gathering. This meeting is a legal requirement so that villagers can hold the Parish Council to account. Over the past few years we have tried to introduce a programme of presentations and items of interest followed by networking over a glass of wine. This year's Gathering has been arranged for Monday 22nd May and we look forward to seeing you there.

ANDREW WALKER, CHAIR

Roughlee Village Centre

Lots going on at Roughlee Village Centre as usual, some highlights below:

March 4 – Panto Launch breakfast meeting, come along to the RVC at 10am on 4th March for a brew and a breakfast buttie and find out more about our very own panto and how you can get involved!

March 4 – RVC is delighted to be hosting another Race Night. 8 races, tote betting, pie and pea supper, music 'til late, bring your own drinks. Tickets at the bargain price of £10, order by 1 March from Glen on 07849 774438. You don't want to miss out, so get your tickets soon.



Save the date
Saturday 6th
May: Roughlee Village Centre is hosting our very own Coronation Party. We're keeping the details top secret for now as we don't want to spoil the surprise but please hold the date in your diaries for one heck of a party!

Save the date –
Roughlee Beer & Gin Festival, 2-4 June 2023 – 3

days of hand-

pulled beer, craft gins, live music and hot food with iconic beers – award winners of the last 20 years. Open 2pm-11pm, £3 entry / CAMRA members and children free.



Each weekend we will also be selling Takeaway Afternoon Teas for £7.50 (adult) / £5 (child) – please give Angie a call to order on 07967 121031.

Friends of Newchurch School 100 club draw

The Friends of Newchurch School 100 Club draw took place for February, the winners are:

- 1st prize of £25 – number 84, Douglas Bull
- 2nd prize of £20 – number 83, Lisa Forrester
- 3rd prize of £15 – number 45, Claire Nutter

Thank you to all who take part in the monthly draw, it is very much appreciated.

Barley Chapel Craft Fairs



This year Barley Chapel will be holding a number of Craft Fairs over the next few months. The funds raised are for the running of the Chapel so please support us. The dates are:

- Sat 18th &

Sun 19th March

- Sat 17th & Sun 18th June
- Sat 19th & Sun 20th August
- Sat 21st Oct & Sun 22nd Oct

Variety of craft stalls including home made jam and cake stall, Tombola. These weekends allow us to meet together as a community and catch up which is really important for our village.

72 Seasons

1 - 5 March: Plants Show Their First Buds



Plants Show Their First Buds

As the warming sun begins to caress the Earth, the cold colours of winter begin to be replaced by the natural colours of Spring. Many plants begin to bud, turning the Earth green. We can't resist touching them, from sticky to soft, this is a season to caress!

Werner's nomenclature of colour is a book, first published in 1814, which Charles Darwin used to describe the colours of the natural world in his observations. You can have a go yourself as the book is **available online**. Why not have a look at Werner's Greens for this and compare them to your surroundings.

How do you feel about the descriptions and titles of the colours? Do you agree, or do you have your own ideas?

72 Seasons is a creative project, which can encourage a deeper connection to nature and improve wellbeing at the same time. In addition to the seasons profiled each month in Parish News, you can find out more about the project in detail at www.72seasons.co.uk, or follow along on social media and explore the rest of the 72 Seasons: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).



Congratulations to Karen Riley who won our first £20 Bay Horse Voucher for the month of January, correctly identifying Four Lane ends at

Annel Cross Moor.

Thanks to all for your entries in helping to support British Heart Foundation.

Why not have a go in our March

Competition? This can be found on the following Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pendlephotohunt>

Roughlee CE Primary School

Easter Fair - Thurs 30 Mar, 1.30-3.30pm



Roughlee CE Primary School Easter Fair will take place on Thursday 30th March 2023 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The children will be busy making items that will be on sale alongside a variety of stalls being run by school. The fair will be an

invaluable source of fundraising for school and will help us to buy resources for the children and take them on fantastic free school trips. You are all welcome to attend.

Events in Barley: March 2023



■ **Pendle Forest History Group** – Wed 15th Mar, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – A talk by Geoff Crambie, “Colne’s

Incredible, 14 Freeman” – Members £2.00, Visitors £3.00. [Email](#) →

■ **Pendle Patchers** – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall – The Pendle Patchers group enjoyed a wet felting workshop this month when 9 of the members made bowls. Who knew that a pile of wet wool could become a bowl that didn't collapse in a soggy heap? It was a most enjoyable afternoon and a new experience for all who took part and entertainment for those who looked on while doing their sewing. Our group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, from 1.00pm in Barley Village Hall, we'd be pleased to see anyone who wants to join us or just drop in to see what we do. Contact Gil Beeke on 01282 602449 / [Email](#) →

■ **Barley WI** – 1st Wed of the month, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – a great age span from 20 somethings to 80 somethings so ladies please come along and spend an evening with us and try before you buy

■ **Card making class** – 1st and 3rd Mon of each month, 1-3pm at Barley Village Hall –

The Great Pendle Witch Country Photo Hunt

for details contact Valerie on 01282 691850

■ **Coffee and Chat** – 2nd Wed of each month, 10am-12pm at Barley Village Hall – All welcome, not just the old folk – £2 gets coffee (or tea) and cake!

■ **FOG Club** – Thurs evenings, 6.30pm-7.45pm at Barley Chapel – Call Angela Hargreaves on 07967 121031 for more information

Calling all farmers!

Introducing the new Bowland Farmer Group

A new Bowland Farmer Group has been developed by the Forest of Bowland AONB and is now open for farmers to sign up. It aims to act as a contact group for Farmers within the Forest of Bowland AONB during the agricultural transition to offer support and connectivity, and to promote new friendships and contacts across the area. The group will run ‘on-farm’ events with key speakers attending, send quarterly e-newsletters, and regular email updates with potential funding opportunities, local training events and information on relevant farming news. There is no charge for becoming a member, and you can sign up by **emailing** or **visiting the website**.

Pendlefolk archives



Don't forget to check out the **Pendlefolk** interview archives,

now hosted by Parish News. Featuring 12 interviews from around Pendle Hill, from **mavericks** to **volunteer rangers**, **Malkin Tower** to the **Old Parsonage**, **reservoirs** and **summit stones** to **sculpture trails**... and more! View the full **Pendlefolk archive here** →

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.

Services in March 2023

- Sunday 5th Mar, 9.30am – 2nd Sunday of Lent BCP Holy Communion
- Sunday 12th Mar, 9.30am – 3rd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion
- Sunday 19th Mar, 9.30am – Mothering Sunday BCP Holy Communion
- Sunday 26th Mar, 9.30am – 5th Sunday of Lent A Service of the Word

Contact Revd. Julie Smith for more details on 01282 613206 or **by email** →

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