

PARISH NEWS

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



Wishing you a very
Happy New Year!

From the Church Wardens St. Mary's Newchurch

SUDDENLY 2023 IS at an end and even though we know about this, it still takes some of us a bit by surprise having to write 2024. It has been such a year – recovering from the impact of Covid, major international wars, economic problems, weather which has gone from one extreme to another, and many more changes in our lives.

At St. Mary's we now have a church with a toilet, kitchen, and meeting area, and it has made life so much easier. It has given us more opportunities to talk and plan, and share food and ideas. Julie has left us to go back to her home area and we have benefitted from the guiding presence of Fr Paul for a year, indefatigable and enthusiastic and setting us on the path for choosing a new vicar for our Benefice. Suddenly so much is happening around our churches – shared PCC meetings, music, free gifts (Gospel of Mark and coffee stirrers!), church gardening club, flower displays, an Easter sunrise service, a new boiler capable of using bio-oil, upgraded speakers and projector, children from the school planting bulbs and bug houses and lots more. Is there a sense of optimism?

It feels good to be planning for the year ahead, with attention especially on ecological issues, looking after God's world in practical ways we can all try out. Watch out for climate change events, a lambing service, rush-bearing, a rogation walk, the flower fairies and also Ruth White's Churchyard Gardening

Club gradually working its way through our churchyard, (both groups always looking for people to help with the work!), and celebratory musical events- concerts, ceilidhs, musical workshops – as well as our regular Sunday services. 9.30 most Sundays, everyone welcome. Check our Benefice Facebook page for updates.

Onwards and upwards!

The Church Wardens would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you, to everyone who has supported our Church this year.

VIRGINIA CREWE

Barley Parish Council Christmas Fayre & Carols, Thanks, Road Closure...



THE WONDER OF Christmas came to Barley in 2023. On 10th December a lovely traditional Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall kick started an awesome event with carols around the tree, Christmas lights switch on, Barrowford Community Choir and Ava Hunt filling

the air with beautiful singing, a magical sleigh brought Father Christmas with his helpful elf to a spectacularly decorated grotto (a.k.a. the bus shelter!) and lots of delicious Christmassy food and drink. The Christmas lights competition, judged by MP Andrew Stephenson, was won by the Cosway-Kirk family from the Bullion – never has a bin store shone so brightly! The day was rounded off with the true meaning of Christmas brought to life in breath taking scenes throughout the village during Barley to Bethlehem, our annual re-enactment of the Nativity with a real donkey and Christmas carols along the way.



A week later, on 17th December, the community came back together for the very special and moving Carols by Candlelight service

at the Chapel. Congratulations to all the readers who delivered with great aplomb! Thank you to the congregation who sang sublimely accompanied by keyboard and cello. It was also superb to see ages ranging from 18 months to some of the more mature (like fine red wine!) members of our community come together for this service. Speaking of which, if you are over 65 then hopefully you received your gift of chocolates or biscuits with a visit from a Parish Councillor to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who came together to make all of this happen – Events Committee, Parish Council, Chapel, Village Hall Committee, Cabin, Pendle Inn, Barley Mow and residents. There are too many individuals to mention but you know who you are. Special memories were certainly made.

Parish Council news as we move into 2024:

The Council are as disappointed as residents that the County Council has not installed the resident parking road lines on either of the two occasions they said they were coming. We did letter drops to alert residents to the works on LCC's behalf and residents duly cleared the lining areas all to no avail. There will be a LCC road closure on Barley New Road from 10th and 12th January to allow carriageway patching works to progress. The PC are lobbying for necessary drainage maintenance works to be undertaken during the road closure.

The PC has approved a request from the Barley Mow for customers to park on the Turning Area on Xmas day. This is a one-off arrangement as a gesture of goodwill with an expectation that no large vehicles will need the Turning Area on Xmas day but we will see how it goes

We hope you have liked the additional Xmas lighting around the village this year making it much brighter and we were delighted to find the lights that had gone missing from the Village Hall in the chapel!

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year and the same for 2024.

**JANE HARTHAN, PARISH
COUNCILLOR**

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
A Very Happy & Healthy New Year To All!

I TRUST YOU have all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones and friends



as we step into the new year...
What a fabulous year 2023 has been as the Parish welcomed new residents, celebrated the King's

Coronation & summer event, welcomed Radio Lancashire to Newchurch park, and hosted the first annual pumpkin carving competition!

This is all on top of the usual shenanigans of bonfire night, gardening days, Christmas carols, lights switch on and Santa Comes to Newchurch. I'm sure you'll agree the Events Committee have done a fantastic job and have raised even more money for Pendleside Hospice and Open Door (Colne).

The new year is also a time of reflection. In this moment of quiet we remember the residents and friends of the Parish that we have lost, they will always be loved and appreciated, and are sadly missed.

As we reflect, we also see what we could do better, how we can join with our family, friends and neighbours to support each other as individuals and as a community. With each community event more and more members of the Community come together to help organise and enjoy the day – thank you all. Do you have an idea that would benefit the Parish? Are you interested in environmental matters, community cohesion, community funding, pooling of resources, car share, community food co-op, community Garden, woodland and wildlife development, neighbour support? Everyone is welcome to bring their ideas, skills and experience forward. Together we aspire to greater things in 2024.

With the development of the St. Mary's Church beautiful meeting space the Parish Council has come back home to the Parish for its monthly meetings. All are welcome to the meetings, the next one being on Thursday 4th January at 7.15pm, and if the above events and ideas inspire you further there are two seats available on the Parish Council. Yes it can be hard work and sometimes frustrating but it is very rewarding and ultimately worth it! If you can't take my word for it take Kathleen's, Kathleen has been a Parish Councillor for almost 55 years – non-stop! Here's to another productive New Year!

■ **Upcoming Parish Council Meeting:**
Thursday 4th January, 7.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Newchurch

■ Copies of Meeting Agendas & Minutes from Previous Meetings (etc.) at
www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

■ Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
[Facebook page](#)

Roughlee Parish Council Seniors' Lunch, Blue Plaques, Planning, Thanks...



I AM GUESSING
that whilst reading
this months edition,
that you will be
either feeling sorry
for yourself due to

over-indulgence in the last few days, glad it's all over or not looking forwards to returning to work in the the near future. Whichever one it is I would like to wish a Happy New Year and all the best for 2024. During December we hosted our annual Seniors' Christmas lunch which I believe from the comments received was a success. My thanks must go out to the extended team who make this event the success that it is. Now for a confession, I was not a trifle fan until I tasted the home made trifle made by "our Margaret", I have been converted and look forwards to the next event when it is on offer.

The more astute of you may have noticed the appearance of yet another 'blue plaque' in the village, I certainly missed it. We now have, one in the Thorneyholme area, the other being in the vicinity of Waterfall cottages. I will leave it to you to see what they say.

The last 12 months on the Parish Council have had their moments, especially when it comes down to planning matters, we as custodians of the village do have difficult decisions to make, which on the whole I believe we get right. Sometimes though, matters end up escalating through the planning and legal systems. When this happens we end up in positions where we cannot make any further comments, observations or suggestions, much to the frustration of the applicants and sometimes ourselves.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their support over the last 9 months, the Village Centre committee for all of the work that they put into the many successful events that have been held this year, the FORA team for making the village look so splendid and finally you (our community) for supporting us.

MARTIN SCHOFIELD, CHAIR

Planning Applications Applications validated in December 2023



For full details, or to comment, please enter the reference number, keyword, postcode or address on the

Pendle Borough Council Planning system

Barley with Wheatley Booth parish

■ **Ref. No: 23/0823/HHO** – Barley Green Cottage Barley Green Barley Lancashire BB12 9JU – Full: Replacement of existing timber door and windows with painted timber and slim double glazing.

■ **Ref. No: 23/0821/LBC** – Barley Green Cottage Barley Green Barley Lancashire BB12 9JU – Listed Building Consent: Insulation of internal walls and second floor bedroom ceilings, reinstatement of internal joinery, replacement of missing rainwater goods, replacement of existing windows and doors, replacement of defective window stonework, external wall cleaning and repointing, alteration of second floor window opening and internal alterations to first floor and second floor.

■ **Ref. No: 23/0814/TWR** – Boothman Park Barley New Road Barley Lancashire BB12 9LF – There is 30 ash trees to dismantle and remove which have ask die back. Replanting of 30 native trees will take place after work is complete. These trees are hanging over private roads and activity areas.

■ **Ref. No: 23/0780/HHO** – Overhouses Lower Barn Barley Lane Barley Lancashire BB9 6LH – Full: Erection of an extension to existing outbuilding.

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■ **Ref. No: 23/0822/VAR** – Spenbrook Mill Spenbrook Road Newchurch In Pendle Lancashire BB12 9JH – Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 to alter Plot 3 to include a rear extension of Planning Permission 13/13/0531P.

Roughlee Booth parish

■ Ref. No: 23/0842/TPO – 2

Thorneyholme Hall Barley New Road
Roughlee Lancashire BB12 9LH – T25
Sycamore – Crown Reduce 50% back to
suitable growing points and T26 Sycamore –
Remove.

■ Ref. No: 23/0819/FUL – Sunnybrae

Noggarth Road Roughlee Lancashire BB12
9PT – Full: Formation of 2 no. car parking
spaces.

St. Mary's CE Primary School

Rotakids, Christingles & Nativity, Elf-ercise...

THANK YOU TO everyone who supported the Christmas shoebox collection for the local womens' refuge, we had 38 shoe boxes donated and a cash donation. We are so very proud of our Rotakids for organising this and thinking of those less fortunate than themselves.

The children had an amazing time making Christingles in school followed by a service in Church with Father Paul. Also thank you to the parents that arranged the Christmas Crafting session in school this was a great success and the children got to take home a variety of homemade Christmas decorations.

Our fabulous infant children thoroughly enjoyed performing in the Wiggly Nativity! Thank you to everyone that came to the performances and for your generous donations, which will go towards next years Nativity.

The fun didn't stop there, over the following week we had a Parental workshop making Christmas cards, a sponsored Elf-ercise in school which was kindly organised by Friends of Newchurch. The children were also very excited to visit King Georges Hall and see the Aladdin Pantomime.

Finally to finish off the Christmas festivities we had a visit from Father Christmas, a lovely Christmas lunch and a Carol Service with mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine!

I think it's safe to say after all those activities the children were ready for their Christmas break!

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, thank you for the continued support.

GABRIELLE HACKING, SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Friends of Newchurch School

100 club draw

The winners of the Friends Of Newchurch 100 Club Draw for December are:

- 1st prize £50 – no. 18, Martin Hermansen
- 2nd prize £25 – no. 35, Joanne Hunt
- 3rd prize £20 – no. 31, Moira Mortimer
- 4th prize £15 – no. 83, Lisa Forrester

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone for taking part!

Have you got a new neighbour?

Please mention Parish News to them!



If you have any neighbours or friends that have just moved to the area, or who might not be aware of this newsletter, please can you mention Parish News to them. We're now on 720 email subscribers across Barley, Newchurch and Roughlee so are definitely reaching

the majority of households, but it's an ongoing job to let people know when there's no longer a physical copy being delivered and not everyone will see the adverts on noticeboards. Thanks for your help!

Print a note to post through their letterbox here
→

They can enter their email address to receive an email on the first of each month online at **www.parishnews.org** – their data is managed/protected by Roughlee Parish Council on behalf of the other parish councils.

Events in Barley: Jan 2024



■ **Pendle Forest History Group** – Wed 17th January, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – A presentation by Brian Jeffery on “The Rubbing Mills of Rossendale”. Members £2.00, Visitors £3.00.

Email →

■ **Barley WI** – 1st Wed of the month, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – December we had a packed meeting full of food & festivities but the highlight was definitely our cheque presentation to Pendle Hospice for £1000. A huge thanks and well done to our members and supporters raising a fantastic amount. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd January when we start 2024 – the Chinese Year of the Dragon with a Tai Chi session which is suitable for all! We meet in Barley Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome, first three meetings are free so you can make sure you like it! The WI isn't just a monthly meeting, we have sub groups which include Walking, Crafting, Dining Club (The Sticky Toffee Pudding Club!) along with two book clubs.

■ **Pendle Patchers** – 9th & 23rd Jan, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall – Reflecting on the past year, the Patchers are evidently a skilled and sociable group. Two newer members have completed their first ever quilts, several group members made pictures and bowls at their first wet felting workshop, we've enjoyed afternoon teas and a pie and peas lunch, and a trip to the Knitting & Stitching show. It has been good to share sewing, quilting and knitting tips, knowledge and ideas. Although we do our crafts at home, the camaraderie and support in the group make our meetings something to look forward to. If anyone wants to pop in on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month from 1pm onwards at Barley Village Hall, we would be pleased to see you. Best wishes to all for 2024. Contact Gil Beeke on 01282 602449 / **Email** →

■ **Barley Chapel table tennis club (adults)** – Tuesdays 7 to 9pm. Just come along

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

Diamonds in the Landscape Exhibition

Forest of Bowland's 60th anniversary



Forest of Bowland National Landscape

ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED IN 1964, the Forest of Bowland celebrates 60 years in 2024 and starts the New Year with a new name –

Forest of Bowland National Landscape. To mark the anniversary of this very special area, Clitheroe Castle Museum will host the launch of a brand-new photography exhibition in February.

Entries for the exhibition have been chosen from images submitted to the National Landscape Partnership's recent Diamonds in the Landscape competition.

From far-reaching moorland vistas and stunning wildlife shots to majestic woodlands and atmospheric pastoral scenes, the talented photographers have perfectly captured the variety and beauty of the Bowland landscape.

The exhibition will run from 9th February until the 28th April, before going on to tour selected venues across Bowland during 2024.

February will also see the return of the annual Bowland Dark Skies Festival from 10th to 17th. Stargazing, photography tips, family crafts – even a dark-skies inspired food tour – are all on the menu this year. And don't worry if you miss the main event: there'll be more opportunities to explore Bowland's starscapes in autumn as part of the wider Festival Bowland 2024 programme.

For more details about the exhibition and Bowland Dark Skies Festival go to

www.forestofbowland.com

St. Mary's Church

January 2024 Services



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 will take place on the following dates:

■ Sunday 7th January – 9.30am – Communion Service Epiphany; 4.00pm – Coffee and Cake and Carols and Kings

■ Sunday 14th January – 9.30am – Holy Communion Baptism of Christ

■ 18th-25th January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

■ Sunday 21st January – 9.30am Morning Prayer Epiphany 3 at St Mary's; 11.00am – Barrowford Churches Together Joint Service for Christian Unity at St. Thomas'

■ Sunday 28th January – 9.30am – Holy Communion, Candlemas

Contact Fr Paul Payton for more details on 07866 696 891 or email frpaulp@yahoo.com.

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