

PARISH NEWS

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

From St Mary's Moving Forward

BY THE TIME you read this we will have travelled the path to Easter, surrounded by the optimism of the Risen Christ and the brightness and colour of increasingly longer, warmer days. I hope you saw the beautiful daffodils in bloom round the churchyard, planted by children from St Mary's Academy?

Preparing for the appointment of the next vicar, the Parochial Parish Council (PCC) is drawing up a snapshot profile of the parish for applicants. It is really encouraging to look at all the work going on and record the achievements, whilst acknowledging there is still much to do.

This year at St. Mary's we are celebrating God's goodness and blessing of the earth highlighted by two events: our free Climate Change Action Day on Saturday 4th May at St Thomas' Church (see below), and a week of activities entitled "Cherish your Churchyard" at St Mary's Church on 10th-16th June. If you have relatives or friends buried in the churchyard at St Mary's, maybe this is the time to come and find the grave and perhaps tidy it in memory of them? You could even adopt a grave to keep tidy?

Did you know that St. Mary's churchyard has its own gardening club? We meet on alternate Thursdays at 4-6pm in the churchyard, restarting after the winter break on Thursday 11th April. New members are always welcome!

This is also the time of year when we hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which a report about what the church has accomplished in 2023 will be presented. The meeting is open to everyone on the church electoral roll and this could be you if you have been baptised and attend the church. It's free! Just fill in the form from church or from Gin Crewe (**email**) and return it to Gin or Joanna, PCC secretaries. You can join the electoral roll at any time.

Whilst on the subject of volunteering, the elections for PCC members and church wardens will be held at the annual meeting on 21st. April. St. Mary's

needs 6 members. There are about 8 evening meetings during the year, and, again, it is free and often fun! Your writer certainly learnt a lot about the running of the church by being a member. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm would be very welcome. If you are on the electoral roll, why not give it a go? Again, application forms are available from the back of the church or **by email**. You need to apply before the meeting on Sunday 21st April. Return completed forms to Gin or Joanna.

GIN CREWE - ST. MARY'S

NEWCHURCH

Barley Parish Council Village Hall improvements, Playground, Pendle Inn...

OVER THE LAST month, visitors to Barley Village Hall will have noticed the new wooden panelling works that have now been completed in the lower main hall. This is part of the Committee's ongoing improvements to the Hall, and the second project to be completed after the new air conditioning that was installed in the two main rooms. The work was completed by Andrew Read Bespoke Joinery Ltd who did a fantastic job from start to finish. We hope you all agree that it looks superb!



The next phases of our improvement plan will include some new flooring in the downstairs corridors and new lighting throughout.

We can't do this work without our dedicated Committee Members. We are only a small committee consisting of 5 members. We all give a few hours a month to help manage and maintain the Hall and we are always looking for new helpers, especially for some of the bigger projects we have planned – if you think you can help out, we meet every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm, at the Hall. The Parish Council held a pre-letting meeting with Kompan Ltd last week to discuss the final details of the design, prices and contract terms and conditions etc. All went well and the Council has now entered in to a formal contract to refurbish the playground and works are expected to start in May. The rebuilding of a masonry wall next to the Cabin was completed in March. The wall was in a poor and dangerous condition in parts but it is now

restored to a stable and attractive boundary wall with new stone copings. Funding was provided jointly by Pendle BC and the Parish Council who managed the project. Some repairs have also been completed to two other short sections of wall that had collapsed on the car park.



It came as a surprise, but Thwaites have now put the Pendle Inn up for sale. They took over the pub in January 2020 just

before Covid started to put the pub trade through a long period of turmoil. However, I for one was optimistic that Thwaites would start to invest in this popular venue and bring it up to the standard of other pubs in its portfolio that are in tourist locations. That is not to be, so we must wait and see who the new owners will be.

Finally, the Council wishes Bernard Kirk a speedy recovery and return home and please be advised that there is a Fell Race in Barley on Saturday 6 April centred around the Village Hall – it will be a busy day for traffic and visitors.

DEREK HEAP, CHAIR

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Here Comes the Sun!

JOIN US TO plant the Parish gardens! We have donations of elderberry, gooseberry and raspberry bushes as well as funds for the Gateway to Spenbrook garden and for trees in Sparable wood. Fresh air and exercise followed by brews, butties and buns – what's not to like? Look out for dates on the FB page.

The Best Kept Village Competition is here again. Last year Sabden Fold was noted as a runner-up. This year, with our new garden team and increased community effort, the Parish might be in with a shot?!

■ Events

Plans are building across the UK to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings (June 6th, 2024) with beacons to be lit across the UK. Not to be confused with Beacons Not Bystanders which is a climate change awareness event, (May 4, 2024) starting at 10am, at St Thomas' Church, Barrowford. These and other

events, including the Summer Social!, will be discussed at the next PC meeting (Thursday 4th April).

■ Police Presence

The PC welcomed PC Fielding to the March meeting who informed of an anti-social behaviour order being given out for horses being ridden down a footpath at Gorrell Close. An email was sent out to appropriate organisations dealing with horses to ask them to not use such footpaths. Who knew? Remember, if you've got hooves be careful where you put them!

Following up on complaints of speeding in the area PC Fielding has completed speed-gun training, and he would now be conducting random speed checks in the area. To help tackle this and other issues building work has begun on the new Pendle Police Station (Carr Road, Nelson), which is due to be operational within two years.

■ PC News

We welcome Neil to the team as PC Clerk. Neil is a resident of the Parish and is eager to help our little part of the world. Please **email Neil** with your thoughts and any concerns and we will endeavour to help you all. Remember, all are welcome at the PC meetings and we'd love to see you there...

■ Upcoming Parish Council Meetings:

Thurs 4th April & Thurs 2nd May, 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](#)

AINSLEY MACADAM, CHAIR

Roughlee Parish Council

Spring Clean, Litter Pick, New Railings, Flower Tubs...

IN THE LAST two issues of this publication I have commented on the improving Spring weather, this I obviously got wrong so I apologise and as a consequence have resigned from the Roughlee Weather Forecasting Bureau.

Planning applications seem to have turned into buses, in that we have had none for several months



and then three turn up all at once, details listed below. All of these are being given the due consideration that they require. Work has already ready started to make the village look great again, flower beds are being tidied and one of our community

litter picks took place on the 23rd run by our fantastic FORA team.

We now have a couple of ideas for grant applications but would always welcome more. One of the ideas that we are exploring is to try to start to replace the railings and concrete posts opposite Waterfall Cottages with a stone wall whilst keeping some of the existing rails for the planters. This I know will be costly and might even be beyond us financially or might have to be done in stages. So watch this space. One of last year's projects was the flower tubs located at Happy Valley which are starting to look splendid.

Wising you all a Happy Easter.

Next meeting Monday 8th April at 7pm

MARTIN SCHOFIELD, CHAIR

Planning Applications

Applications validated in March 2024



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

- *No applications received*

Goldshaw Booth parish

- **Ref. No: 24/0194/HHO** – Meadow Top Barn Well Head Road Newchurch In Pendle Lancashire BB12 9LP – Full: Erection of a part single storey and part two storey side extension.

Roughlee Booth parish

- **Ref. No: 24/0184/HHO** – Lower Croft House Farm Jinny Lane Roughlee Lancashire BB12 9LL – Full: Erection of first floor extension and re-build stone porch.
- **Ref. No: 24/0165/HHO** – 8 Crowtrees Grove Roughlee Lancashire BB9 6NE – Full: Erection of dormers to North & South elevations.
- **Ref. No: 24/0153/HHO** – Pendle Lodge Pasture Lane Roughlee Lancashire BB9 6NR – Full: Replacement of a small outbuilding and decked area with composite decking and surrounding balustrade, Indian stone paving over patio area and replacement of 2 no. adjoined garden outbuildings with a single free-standing garden pod.

Roughlee Village Centre

FORA Beetle Drive (27 April); Music, Beer & Gin Festival (7-9 June), Photo Competition...



SPRING HAS SPRUNG and Friends of Roughlee Appearance (FORA) will be hosting a fun Beetle Drive on Saturday 27th April from 7.30pm at Roughlee Village Centre. Tickets are £10pp and available from Chris & Steve Worrell at 1 Old Hall Close or on 07924 947003

(closing date Wed 24th April). The event is BYO drinks and glasses but the ticket price does include a delicious pie and pea supper. Definitely not one to be missed!

7-9th June sees the return of the Music, Beer & Gin festival. With delicious food, hand pulled beer,



artisan gins and live music. Make sure you pop the date in your diary.

■ **Photo Competition**

Each year the Committee runs a photo competition involving fantastic shots of our local area. In March we held the “Photograph

of the Year 2023” presentation evening at the Bay Horse Inn where each of the 2023 winners were presented with copies of their winning monthly entries and the winner of the “Photo of the Year” prize received a £50 voucher for the Bay Horse. Richard Knightley was the winner with his photo of a magnificent winter sunset over the mill pond in Roughlee.



If you want to have a go and join the competition for 2024 simply join the Facebook

group [by clicking here](#), please read the Terms and Conditions.

bookings, maintenance and general up keep of the Hall. For those who have never used the Hall before, we have held many events here over the years including weddings, parties, christenings, events, races, meetings and a whole host of other activities. The Hall is used on a weekly basis by lots of different people. The Hall is in good condition, but needs modernising. We have plans in place to redecorate, update the floorings, lightings, kitchen and toilets, but we need some help and support. If you’ve a ‘can do’ attitude, and can work with a team then please reach out to me, Tom, **by email**. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month (at the Hall) for a couple of hours to help plan our projects. We’re also looking for someone to help with our socials and updating our website too, so if that’s your area of expertise then please let us know. We really want to keep the Hall open for use for the residents of Barley and the surrounding areas. There are a lot more families in the village now, and we want you all to enjoy the hall, for now and the future. Feel free to come along and join the meeting – we’re a good bunch! Thank you.

TOM COSWAY & THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barley Village Hall Volunteers Needed!

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL Committee would like to thank John Connor for his many years of service. After 20 years John has decided to step down from the Committee, over the years John has been instrumental in helping complete various projects and helping putting on events. He was always on hand to nip down to help out whenever a problem arose. You’ll be truly missed by the Committee – thank you!

With this in mind, we have some vacancies for some new members to join the Committee. I understand time is valuable these days, especially for those with young families, but we do need a few more volunteers to help keep and maintain the Hall open for business.

Today the Committee consists of 5 members: Jeanette, Sarah, Lynne, Sue, and myself, Tom. We each give up a few hours a month to help with the

Community Climate Change Action Day Sat 4th May, St Thomas’ Church



WOW, THANK YOU for all the support with the crowdfunding for this event. Along with support from Lancashire County Council we managed to reach our target of £1500, enabling the event to be delivered free of charge. This event is aimed at everyone with an interest in

climate change, from those who want to find out how to reduce their carbon footprint at home, to those with an appetite to explore innovative ideas around community energy and transport, recycling and plastic free initiatives.

The event will be hosted by St Thomas' Church in Barrowford and will be opened by keynote speaker, Rick Battarbee, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Change at University College London.

We have been delighted by the response from the groups coming to share their expertise and knowledge about climate change, such as Whalley Community Hydro, Gazegill Organics, Readstone Environmental Group, Forest of Bowland National Landscape Partnership, Ribble Rivers Trust, East Lancashire Beekeepers Association and Trawden Community shop.

There will also be some fabulous children's activities, including an eco-treasure hunt, building a recycled 'junk' art installation, bike riding and fruit smoothie making.

A Question Time panel will take place at 4.30pm, so that local residents can put their questions about climate change to experts and elected representatives, including Andrew Stephenson MP. If you've a climate question you'd like to ask, this is your chance!

The day will round off with a free pie and pea supper and ceilidh, so remember to bring your dancing shoes! To book your free ticket, [click here](#).

RUTH WHITE & BECCY MURRELL



Friends of Newchurch School 100 club draw



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

- 1st prize number 54 Valerie Roberts
- 2nd prize number 6 Frankie Lawson
- 3rd prize number 36 Sam

Hooper

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

- **Boat Race – Friday 19th April, 3.45pm** at Barley picnic site – The Friends of Newchurch School are holding a boat race to help raise funds for St Mary's CE Primary Academy. All boat entries are £1 and are available from Hailey Hermansen & Laura Standring. Cash prizes for the winners, kindly donated by Anthony Dawson Real Estate.

From the archives

Volunteers Needed - Keeping East Lancashire in the Picture

'KEEPING EAST LANCASHIRE in the Picture' is a new two-year Lancashire Archives and Local History project that will make the wonderful collections of historic photographs in East Lancashire Libraries more accessible. We need volunteers to digitise old photographs so that people can enjoy them online, and at exhibitions and events. We also need help researching the images. Could you help identify people, places, and events? For more information [email us](#) or call 01772 533819.

▼ *"The boating Lake was originally the lodge for Judson's Mill on the left. In the early twentieth century the lake and pleasure gardens were a popular day out for the workers in nearby towns. The mill was demolished in 1961 and the lodge has recently been a trout fishery."*

ENE20150819004- Roughlee boating lake – Stanley Bracewell Collection (n.d.)

Barley Chapel 2024 Dates for Your Diary...

Barley Chapel has a service on the first Sunday of the month at it would be lovely to see you at one or

all of the services. Pets welcome.

- 5th May – Minister Tony Graff
- 2nd June – Family craft service
- 15th June – Outdoor service on picnic area at 2pm followed by Dads V Lads football and unveiling of the Commemorative plaque for King Charles Coronation
- 13th/14th July – Craft fair 12-4.30pm – If you would like a stall please contact Lorraine (07966 261520), takeaway afternoon teas (£7.50 adult £4 child) Please call Angie (07967 121031) or Lorraine (07966 261520) to order.
- 7th September – Barley Fete
- 15th December – Barleys Christmas Celebration Day including Barley to Bethlehem
- 22nd December – Carols by Candlelight

The Chapel is also available to hire with reduced rates for villagers – contact Angie (07967 121031).

ANGELA HARGREAVES

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 800+ email subscribers across Barley, Goldshaw Booth 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
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They can enter their email address to receive an email on the first of each month online at www.pariahnews.org – their data is managed/protected by Roughlee Parish Council on behalf of the other parish councils.

Events in Barley: April 2024

- **Table Tennis Club** – every Wed (from 3rd April), 7-9pm at Barley Chapel – all welcome
- **Pendle Forest History Group** – Wed 17th April, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – Business Meeting with items of interest. Members £2.00, Visitors £3.00. **Email** →
- **Pendle Patchers** – Tues 9th & 23rd April, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall – Pendle Patchers had a very successful Jacob's Join lunch recently, it was good to see some members of the group who had been unable to attend for a while but managed to pop in to see everyone. For our meetings we will be concentrating on our sewing and knitting without the distraction of food, although we will manage a brew and biscuits. If anyone would like to come and join us or see what we're doing, you are very welcome to call in any time during the afternoon, or contact Gil on 01282 602449 / **Email** →
- **FOG Club** – Thurs evenings, 6.30pm-7.45pm at Barley Chapel – For children aged 6-11 years. Contact Angie on 07967 121031 or just come along
- **Barley WI** – 1st Wed of the month, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – 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.
- **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!

■ Sunday 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter
– including Annual Meeting

■ Sunday 28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter
– Morning Prayer

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

St. Mary's Church

April 2024 Services



Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. There are activity bags for children. All services are Holy Communion at 9.30am unless indicated otherwise:

■ Sunday 7th
April – 2nd
Sunday of Easter

■ Sunday 14th

April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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