

PARISH NEWS

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

Barley Parish Council Planning applications, Barley Garage, Parking...

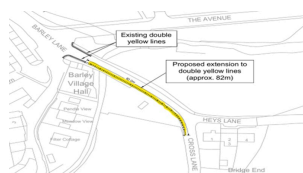
As we march into October we have winter in sight, but not before a glorious Autumn we hope. Bright reds, orange and gold colours will gradually appear on our trees in the coming weeks. The autumn tree display is expected to be even more vibrant this year according to Forestry England. Very warm and sunny weather over the summer means that trees have produced more sugar in their leaves which will transform them into brighter colours. Early displays are likely from mid-September and lasting well into November in some parts of the UK. We have had a decent summer this year but a bit more sun will not go amiss.

At the PC we have been responding to two planning applications; the first was a retrospective PA from the Higher Grange Glamping Site for a site maintenance building. Whilst outside the settlement boundary the building is small, was probably an oversight in the original approved PA and is well screened. The Council raised no objections. More of interest is the Pendle Inn has submitted a PA for the erection of a single storey side extension, removal and replacement of windows and roof to the single storey rear conservatory and the formation of seven ancillary letting bedrooms. The width of the extension on the Burnley side is 4.5m which is relatively small in relation to the existing building; it would therefore not be prominent. The stonework with ashlar window jambs were to match the existing and the provision of better toilets and a disabled access were considered benefits. Similarly, the improvements to the conservatory, on the existing footprint, were considered an improvement to the existing conservatory. The Council raised no objections.

The Council have recently been in discussions with Barley Garage regarding the number of their vehicles parked around the village. The Council offered a significantly discounted rate for parking on the car park but this was turned down; the charges were acceptable, but the garage thought that there

was a higher risk of theft and vandalism to vehicles than on the highway. On behalf of the residents of Barley Green and the Bullion, where there is no resident parking scheme, we have requested the garage does not park vehicles on the roadside of the Bullion so providing parking spaces for residents where the demand is high. Parking outside the car park causes less distress to residents.

On the subject of parking, you might have seen that notices have been erected by the County Council giving formal notice of their proposed Traffic Regulation Order which will restrict parking on Cross Lane; this is the second consultation process. LCC proposes double yellow lines from the village hall up to the bend just above the entrance to Heys Lane on the village hall side. They have chosen this side for safety reasons including the blind bend on the approach into Barley and because there is a footpath on the other side providing a degree of safety for those getting into or out of vehicles. Parking on the village hall side, where there is only a grass verge, is not as safe. This is the wider more formal consultation, involving press notices etc, which I referred to previously. If LCC eventually agree to install road lines, the process will probably take up to four months.



At the time of writing, the Council has just received five tender submissions from contractors to undertake improvement works

to the toilet block. We are now assessing the tender prices submitted and we hope to get works underway by late October.

Members of the Council and of the wider community will have been saddened to hear of the passing of Barry Sudell who recently lived with Ceily at Ing End Farm. For many years a popular member of the local and caving community but he suffered poor health in recent times. Our sincere condolences are extended to Ceily and their family.

DEREK HEAP, CHAIR

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Football Tournament, Maintenance, Bonfire...

Many thanks to everyone who participated in and supported the Goldshaw Booth Parish Football Tournament and BBQ on Saturday 13th September.





It was a fabulous turnout to watch the teams from Spenbrook, Newchurch and Sabden Fold compete under the watchful eyes of volunteers Mark

(referee) and Reece (paramedic). After three close matches, Sabden Fold took the trophy, presented by Anthony Dawson of Anthony Dawson Estate Agents who kindly donated to the event. Spectators also enjoyed a children's football match and a BBQ with Beech's famous burgers. We had lots of lovely feedback about the event and will definitely make it an annual fixture in the calendar! Photos below.



Sabden Fold may have won the football trophy but sadly were not as lucky in the Best Kept Village competition and didn't make it through to the final – better luck next year. Hopefully you will have noticed the redecoration of the toilet block in Newchurch – Brian Pinder has done an excellent job and will be painting the railings in Spenbrook next – thank you Brian! We have taken the decision not to repair the remaining boskin outside the toilet block as it was deemed to be too expensive, given the extent of the perished wood. The map has been re-sited and we are seeking some grant funding to get it updated and replaced next year.

With bonfire night approaching, we would be grateful if you could be mindful about saving wood for burning, but please don't bring any wood to the playing fields until the week of the 27th October. Finally, we've received a report from a local bus company about one of their buses sustaining a broken windscreen when trying to navigate the parked cars and traffic at the top of Newchurch recently – please can parking through the village be as considerate as possible to allow safe passage for public transport, emergency vehicles and tractors.

BECCY MURRELL - CHAIR

Roughlee Parish Council Scams, 3G signal, Seniors' Christmas Lunch...

It appears that during September we have had some shady characters in the village knocking on doors and offering their services to do building work, roofing work and cleaning gutters etc and asking for money up front to get materials to complete the work, and then not returning. Please can we all be vigilant and keep an eye on our neighbours so that nobody else gets scammed. It's also equally important that we report these incidents to the Police so that they are aware of these actions. If you see anything please **email our local PCSO Alan** – as he repeatedly tells me, he cannot try to fix problems if he is not aware of them.

Quite a large number of telegraph posts have started to appear throughout the village, which in some respects is both good and bad news. These are to facilitate the upgrade to fibre optic cables from the old copper ones. This will give some of us a much needed boost for broadband and give us digital voice, which unlike the old telephone system requires power to operate. However, the old 3G system will be switched off in this area in the next few months, which could be a concern given the lack of 4G/5G coverage that some of us experience. During a power cut, with no mobile signal, there is no way of contacting emergency services. BT are offering a battery-powered pack upon request which they say will mitigate this, but this situation needs to be monitored.

On a completely different note, please could you put Thursday 11th December in your diaries for our Seniors Christmas Lunch. Once again the cost will be £7.50, payable in advance at the point of booking. Our facilities dictate that we cannot accept walk-ins on the day. Invitations will be sent out to all eligible residents during November. If you don't receive an invitation and think that your eligible please let us know.

We have also, alongside the celebrations of our seniors, decided (as a one off gesture) to recognise the youth in our community (as they are our future) with the gift of a book token. We are having difficulty ascertaining the number of children that we will have in the village, that will be 16 or under, as of the 30th November 2025. We have done our own research, but really would like you to come forwards and confirm this for us. So, please, once again, could I ask for all households that qualify to raise your hands and tell us who you are. We would hate to disappoint anyone.

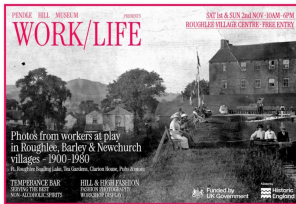
Next PC meeting Monday 6th October at 7pm.

MARTIN SCHOFIELD, CHAIR



WORK/LIFE Exhibition: Photos from Workers at Play

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd Nov, 10am-6pm,
Roughlee Village Centre



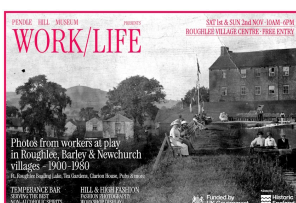
Following months of working with villagers to gather photos and memories, Pendle Hill Museum CIC is proud to present the launch of the WORK/LIFE

exhibition, featuring photos from workers at play in Roughlee, Barley and Barley between 1900 and 1980.

Taking place on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November – 10am to 6pm at Roughlee Village Centre – featuring:

- Historic photos of Pendle Hill leisure, incorporating Roughlee's Boating Lake and Pleasure Grounds, Happy Valley Tea Garden, Clarion House, Noggarth Tea Garden, Thorneyholme Hall and the Bay Horse Inn; Barley's Pendle Inn and Old Post Office Tearoom; and Newchurch's Lamb Inn and Friendly Inn, and many more – 80+ photos on show
- Temperance Bar serving the best non-alcoholic spirits whilst you browse
- Hill & High Fashion photography workshop display showcasing today's postcards of countryside life
- Exploring the changing relationships between work and leisure, town and countryside

This WORK/LIFE project is funded by Historic England's Everyday Heritage programme.



Roughlee Village Centre

Scarecrows, Historic Photos (1st-2nd Nov),
Bay Horse Halloween, Witch Wines (8 Nov)...



Hi everyone it's that time of year again – darker days and autumn fun. Our annual scarecrow displays will be up on Sat 1st November and there will be a £40 Bay

Horse voucher prize for best overall display and a £20 voucher for best scarecrow. Please get your display up and add to the weekend of Halloween fun.

On the subject of displays the village centre is being taken over by Pendle Hill Museum CIC to launch the WORK/LIFE exhibition featuring historic images of Roughlee, Barley and Newchurch since 1900 – including rare photos of the boating lake, Clarion House, tea gardens, Newchurch pubs, and MUCH more. It'll be on show Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November from 10am to 6pm – FREE entry! There will be a Temperance Bar raising funds for future projects (in a nod to Thorneyholme Hall's past as a temperance hotel). Come and try out some of the best non-alcoholic, mood making spirits whilst you explore the exhibits!

With the Village Centre occupied that weekend, the landlords at the Bay Horse will be hosting the usual event plus extras. On Friday night there will be a fancy dress party with great prizes, free nibbles, dancing and music till late. On Saturday from 12pm the main restaurant will have scary films on the big screen, face painter, a refreshment area, the fancy dress will have 4 classes for all ages and genders to be judged between 2-3pm. The ever popular dance group 'Stone The Crows' will perform between 1.15-3.30pm with audience participation encouraged. As an added extra the Newman Rockets are performing at 7pm – the guitarist is sensational and is not to be missed. Scarecrow exhibits will be around for Sunday to peruse as well as the photography at the Village Centre.

Have a great time and enjoy, join us all!

Next month on November 8th we hold the popular Witch Wines event. It's that time of year again, Witch Wines wine tasting coming to the Village Centre on 8th November. Always a great night with



a chance to wine
(sorry win) an odd
bottle or three. Book
early has there is
already limited
numbers available –
50% sold as I write.

fresher feeling to the room. Following this we will
look to replace the curtains and flooring. Stay tuned
for more updates.

TOM COSWAY & THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

GLEN WATSON - CHAIR, RVC COMMITTEE

Barley Village Hall

 **Curry Night (Sat 22 Nov), Terrace Room
re-decoration...**


Saturday, 22nd November 2025, From 7:30pm,
Barley Village Hall

Get ready for a sizzling evening of flavour, fun, and
fundraising at this year's Curry Night in Barley
Village Hall! We're turning up the heat with a Sri
Lankan-themed three-course meal that promises to
tantalise your taste buds and transport you to the
tropics.


What's on the menu?

- A delicious three-course Sri Lankan
curry meal
- A lively quiz to test your knowledge
- A raffle with exciting prizes up for grabs

Please bring your own drinks – we'll provide the
spice, you bring the refreshment!

 Tickets are £25 each

All proceeds go directly back into improving and
maintaining Barley Village Hall – so your night out
helps keep our community thriving.

 To book your tickets, contact:

Philip Hartley

Tom Cosway

Spaces are limited and this event is always a sell-
out, so don't wait too long to secure your spot!

Let's make it a night to remember – great food, great
company, and a great cause. See you there!

Our Terrace Room will be out of action the first
couple of weeks whilst we redecorate and bring a

Events in Barley: Oct 2025

Dates for your diary...



■ **Pendle
Forest History
Group – Wed
15th Oct, 7.30pm
at Barley Village
Hall – A talk by
Lavinia Todd
titled “Sex and
Scandal in the
Victorian Era”.**

The story of Edith Nesbit, author of *The
Railway Children*, whose life was stranger
than fiction – Members £2.00, Visitors
£3.00. Please **email** to book a place.

■ **Pendle Patchers – Tues 14th and 28th
Oct, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall –**
Pendle Patchers were one of the exhibitors
at the recent Rural Crafts show at St. Mary's
Church, a day of revealing what a variety of
talents there are in the area. We hoped that
by showing some of the different things
members of our group make, in addition to
patchwork, we might attract some new
people to the group. Anyone is welcome to
drop in and see us, you can bring something
to do or just come for a chat and a brew.
Please contact Gil Beeke if you'd like more
information – 01282 602449 / **Email** →

■ **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.

■ **Pendleside Gardeners Club –** No
meetings over the summer break, next
meeting date 16th September

■ **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

■ **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!

Friends of Newchurch School Annual Fashion Show (17 Oct, Barley Village Hall)



Friends of Newchurch School are holding their annual fashion show to raise funds for St Mary's CE Primary Academy. To be held on Friday, 17th October 2025 at Barley Village Hall. Tickets are £20 and include a drink on arrival, supper, catwalk showcasing clothes by Wardrobe

by Simone, music and a raffle. We will also have a bar and pop-up shops from Wardrobe by Simone of Whalley, Tropic, HotWax and Vynl Vibes.

Tickets are available from Hailey Hermansen or **emailing**.

Please come along and support our lovely school.

St Mary's Church Community Wellbeing Event (11 Oct, 10am-1pm)

There will be a Community Event on the 11th of October 2025 at St Mary's Church Newchurch in Pendle. The event starts at 10am and will finish at 1pm. This is a free event, and everyone is welcome. The Mayor will be opening the event.

Our MP Jonathan Hinder will be in attendance from 12:15, and Brian Newman, Borough Councillor, will

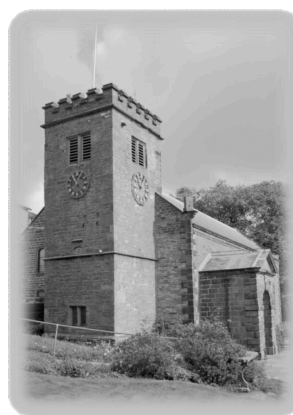
also be in attendance to answer any of your questions.

The event will provide support in tackling issues such as the cost of living crisis, local crime, social isolation, diet and exercise.

The needs of rural communities are often overlooked by local authorities and third sector organisations. Our Community Wellbeing Day aims to be a hub and a gathering to bring together key services, councillors, our MP and local police to listen to the concerns and the opportunities there are in our area. Come along to talk and engage and find fresh ideas for meeting the challenges we face. There will be tea and cakes.

For more information, please contact our Vicar Nick Murray on 01282613206 or 07551936436, or **email** Alternatively, you can contact our Church Warden, Doug Bull on 07907 458894 or **email**

St. Mary's Church Oct 2025 Services



Autumn has now arrived and we look forward to welcoming you to our services. Our church is relaxed and friendly. We always end our service with coffee and cake. We also have activity bags for children and a space for them to play.

Hope you can join

us soon.

■ Sunday 5th October 9:30am – 'We believe...' series, part 2. With Holy Communion.

■ Saturday 11th October 10am-1pm – Community Wellbeing event.

■ Sunday 12th October 9:30am – 'We believe...' series, part 3. With Holy Communion.

■ Sunday 19th October 9:30am – 'We believe...' series, part 4. With Holy Communion.

■ Sunday 26th October, 9:30am – 'We believe...' series, part 5. With Holy



Communion.

– What is ‘We believe...’?

‘We believe...’ is a 6-part series that explores the Nicaean Creed and the key teachings of the church. This year marks 1700 years since the council of Nicea gave us the Nicene Creed. This creed has faithfully given us the core of what it is to be a Christian. Throughout October we will explore in our services this foundational teaching and how it continues to frame what we believe as Christians today.

Accompanying our exploration of the creed during Sunday services, there is also an 8-week course called ‘Christianity Explored’ starting on 1st October at St Thomas’, 7:30-9pm. All welcome. Pudding and drinks available from 7pm.

– What’s happening at the Community Wellbeing event?

This new event will focus on supporting the spiritual, mental, and physical health of our community – encouraging discussion, access to practical support and opportunities to connect with others.

Supporting partners joining us on the day will include Up and Active, Christians against Poverty, Jonathan Hinder MP, Young Farmers, and local community police representation.

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Landmark Trees mark special anniversary for the Forest of Bowland

60th Anniversary planting

Five new “Landmark Trees” have been planted to celebrate the diamond anniversary of the Forest of Bowland National Landscape, thanks to the help of local parish councils.

The Forest of Bowland National Landscape (formerly Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) celebrated its 60th anniversary last year. Known for



its heather covered moorlands, wooded cloughs and distinctive stone villages, Bowland received its official status in 1964 and is recognised as being amongst the finest

landscapes in the country.

Although the “forest” in the name refers to ancient hunting areas, rather than a large expanse of woodland, trees are a key component in Bowland’s landscape and play a crucial role in the area’s sense of place.

Following an invitation from the Forest of Bowland National Landscape Partnership in autumn last year, five parish councils received funding to plant a Landmark Tree during the winter planting season and have recently begun to receive their commemorative tree plaques.

Sandra Silk, Project Officer with the Forest of Bowland National Landscape Partnership said, “Individual veteran trees can often be a focal point within communities, marking the passage of time and holding memories for generations of local residents and visitor alike. We hope these newly planted trees will play a similar role, establishing themselves as “Landmark Trees” in the decades ahead.”

Sandra continued, “Landmark Trees can be found in many settings, from hedgerows to village greens. As they are lost through old age, disease and damaging storms we’re in danger of losing that history too, so we’re inviting people to nominate prominent Bowland trees which they feel may benefit from having a successor planted nearby.”

Bowland with Leagram, Higham with West Close, Old Laund Booth, Roughlee Booth and Thornley with Wheatly Parish Councils took part in the Diamond Landmark Tree scheme and all have planted trees in areas which either have public access, or which are visible from a public right of way. Species include rowan, crab apple and oak. Anyone interested in nominating a potential Bowland Landmark Tree is invited to contact Sandra Silk on 07973 923142 or by [email](#).

All-Terrain Wheelchair Taster Day

Saturday 11th October: 9.30am, 11.30am or 1.30pm, Sabden

A fantastic chance to try out an all-terrain wheelchair on this autumn guided walk above the



village of Sabden.

All-terrain wheelchairs are specially designed electric buggies, which can be used on country tracks, uneven ground, mud and grass. They can help people who have difficulty walking, or who may be less mobile, to experience the countryside and to accompany friends and family in the great outdoors. Walkers also welcome!

(There is a minimum age for use of the ATWs and any under 18s on the walk must be accompanied by an adult.)

£5 per person. Booking needed. Please see full details and booking link here: [LCC Events](#)

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