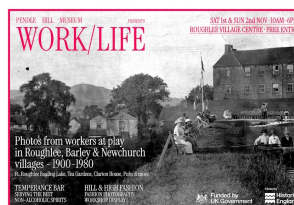


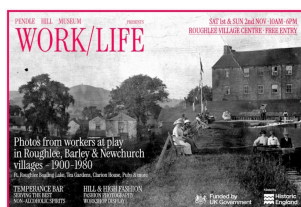
PARISH NEWS

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



WORK/LIFE Exhibition: Photos from Workers at Play

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



Following months of working with villagers to gather photos and memories,

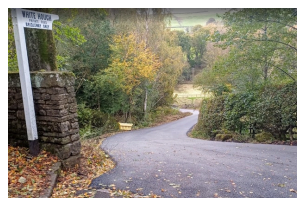
Pendle Hill Museum CIC is proud to present the launch of the WORK/LIFE exhibition. It features photos from workers at play in Roughlee, Newchurch and Barley between 1900 and 1980. Taking place today and tomorrow (Sat 1st and Sun 2nd Nov) – 10am to 6pm at Roughlee Village Centre – featuring:

- 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.

Barley Parish Council

Remembrance, Toilet Block, Whitehough, Planning...



Daylight saving time, or British Summer Time, has ended, the clocks have been moved back one hour, and we are all lamenting that it is used to be

daylight at teatime and now it is not. The practice of changing the clocks started back in 1916 during World War 1 to save energy, Germany first implemented it closely followed by the UK. The practice is now over 100 years old and still prevalent in numerous countries.

The annual Remembrance Service will start at 1050hrs on Sunday 9th November at the Turning Area with a short ceremony and two minutes silence at the Memorial Stone at 1100Hrs. Cllr Connor is again making the arrangements and our local Vicar will be contributing to the service – please come along and wear your poppy in memory of local people and others who gave everything. Tea and coffee are available after the service at the Chapel – all welcome.

The Council received five tenders for the planned improvement works to the toilet block most of which were around the £40k. The contract has now been awarded to CL Danson Ltd who are planning to start in early November. The works will include a new flat roof on the shelter, new cladding, fascia and barge boards plus a new floor in the Gents toilet. Works are at the planning and programming stage, and decisions will need to be made on how we ensure a toilet facility is available during the works. You might have noticed that improvement works have been carried out to the access road to Whitehough. The road was badly pot-holed but a new macadam surface from Barley Road down to the pack horse bridge and about 100m beyond has been laid and it looks good. I understand it was

funded by the owner and some residents. Well done to all.

At the PC we have been responding to two planning applications; the first was a two-storey side extension at Bollards Barn, Whitehough. The Council had no objection in principle but raised objections regarding the size and the use of timber cladding which would be alien to the conservation area; a designated area of special architectural interest characterised by gritstone buildings with stone slate roofs, gritstone boundary walls, and featuring Victorian terraces and cottages etc. The Council felt timber cladding would not preserve the character and appearance of the existing building, the row of houses it forms part of (including the Grade II listed Whittaker's cottage) or the wider hamlet.

The other PA was for a glass conservatory at the rear of Meadow View on Barley Green. The Council raised no objections but commented that a slate roof would be more in keeping when viewed from Cross Lane Bridge.

Following a lengthy period of lobbying of Lancs CC by the PC, we have had more carriageway maintenance works on Barley Lane and the village centre in October. This follows on from works a couple of months previously, but we will continue to encourage more works on Barley Lane.

The external auditor has just approved the 2024-25 Parish Council accounts and information is available on our website for those with an interest.

A thank you to Rod & Sue Statham who have been spreading stone on the access footpath to Pendle opposite the chapel. The PC provided the stone, but they put in the arduous work to spread it, making for a better and mud free surface.

It is with immense sadness that I tell you of the recent passing of Rita Seymour, who lived above Black Moss with her husband John. Rita was a popular, well-known lady and she was a good friend to many in the village. I had the pleasure of her company on many occasions. Rita was a dedicated member of the Parish Council from 2019 for a full term and put a lot of time and effort into the role and she collaborated with me on the village green improvement project. We lost her both suddenly and too early; she is fondly and sorely missed. Our most sincere condolences are with John and the family.

DEREK HEAP, CHAIR

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

TODAY: Houses of Halloween, Bonfire (8 Nov), Christmas Lights (6 Dec)...

With the nights drawing in, we're looking forward to the traditional events of the season, starting with the Houses of Halloween in Newchurch between 1pm and 6pm today (1st November). Goldshaw Booth bonfire will take place on Saturday 8th November on the upper playing field in Newchurch and volunteers are very welcome to help build it the day before (Friday from 2pm). The fire will be lit at 6pm and some light refreshments will be available. Finally, the Christmas lights switch on and Santa's grotto event will be held on Saturday 6th December, at 6.30pm in Newchurch. We'd like to thank local residents for their support with these events. We were delighted to see our local MP and Mayor attending The Community Wellbeing event on Saturday 11th October. A number of services including the Samaritans, Young Farmers, Christians Against Poverty, Active Pendle and the Women's Institute were on hand to offer support to local residents, and there are plans in place to look at holding similar events in the future.

On Sunday 9th November, the Remembrance Wreath will be laid during the service at St Mary's Church at 9.15am. This year, we are recycling the wreath we bought last year and making a £25 donation to the Royal British Legion.

The annual playground inspection report was received last month and we have taken recommended actions to remove an identified hazard and to re-lay the tiles under the cradle swings. We have been really pleased with the work of the lengthsman and the Pendle Borough Council mowing team this year and the lengthsman will continue to do a few hours a month over the winter, to help keep the gardens tidy.

Please remember, residents are always very welcome to join the Parish Council meetings which take place at 7pm every second Monday of the month at St Mary's Church, Newchurch, with tea, coffee and biscuits served.

BECCY MURRELL - CHAIR

Roughlee Parish Council
School traffic, Planning, Speed Camera, Sink Hole, Seniors' Lunch, Kids' gifts...

During October we held our scheduled term time meeting with headteacher Mr Elliot at Roughlee

School. As usual the subject of parking was discussed at school drop off and pick up times. We all know and recognise that this is a very emotive subject that does cause frustration, for both residents and the school. This is a subject that is taken very seriously and I cannot stress enough the efforts that the school goes to, to try to alleviate these situations. We are also exploring some different options to try to help. Police patrols are also scheduled in the coming weeks to monitor and assist with this. Planning matters associated with the development of the caravan site to the south of the village (on the ridge) have also been dominating our time. Things are moving on in a positive way, but unfortunately for legal reasons I am not yet able to share them with you. This information should be in the public domain during November, so, hopefully, I will be able to let you know more in next month's newsletter.

Our new solar powered SPID is now up and running, and hopefully smiling at you all, as you pass it. It's not yet working as we require, so further tweaks to the software will take place in the coming weeks. In the meantime please keep it smiling with its happy face.

The sink hole on the river bank is unfortunately growing, we had hoped that Lancashire County Council would have completed the required works by now. Rest assured, we are constantly (with the help of Pendle Borough Council) pressing LCC to get this problem resolved.

Invitations to the Seniors' Christmas lunch should be with you in early November, if you haven't received an invitation by the 20th and think that you qualify and are eligible, please let one of the team know so that we can rectify this. Just a reminder the date is Thursday 11th December and we cannot accommodate any walk-ins on the day.

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 forward 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. (I know that these are the same words as last month, but the silence is deafening – please let us know!)

There will be a short Remembrance gathering and silence at Roughlee memorial stone on Tuesday 11th November. Everyone is welcome to attend so do please join us! Please arrive a few minutes early ready for a prompt start at 11am.

Next PC meeting Monday 3rd November, 7pm in the village centre.

MARTIN SCHOFIELD, CHAIR

Roughlee Village Centre

TODAY: Halloween Scarecrows & Festival, Historic Photos (1-2 Nov), Witch Wines (8 Nov)...



Come and see our annual scarecrow displays up today (Sat 1st November) – there's be a £40 Bay Horse voucher prize for best overall display and a £20 voucher for best

scarecrow.

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!

With the Village Centre occupied, the landlords at the Bay Horse are hosting the usual event plus extras. Today (1st Nov) 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!

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.

GLEN WATSON - CHAIR, RVC

COMMITTEE




Barley Village Hall Terrace Room, Curry Night (Sat 22 Nov)...



We have recently had our Terrace room redecorated here at the Hall, and we must say it looks fab! Thank you to Wilson & Bradley


decorators in Fence for a super job! I'm sure you'll agree it gives a fresher look to the room. We're not finished here though as up next will be new carpets and window dressings! After that there will be a few additions to be added, so watch this space!


Tickets are still available for the Sri Lankan Curry and Quiz night at the Hall on Saturday 22nd November too!

 **The Feast – Courtesy of The Curry Pincher**
We're thrilled to welcome The Curry Pincher, who will be serving up a mouthwatering Sri Lankan curry platter that promises to delight every palate. Here's what's on the menu:

- Stuffed Roti – Spiced potato, leek, and carrot parcels served with tamarind ketchup and a refreshing carrot sambol salad
Fragrant Basmati Rice
- Chicken Red Curry – Rich, aromatic, and full of depth
- Potato Curry – Comforting and warmly spiced
- Dal – A warming coconut lentil dish
- Seeni Sambol – Sweet onion relish with a kick

■ Hand-cooked Papadum – Crispy and perfect for scooping up all the goodness

 **Gluten-Free Option Available:** Pre-order the Ala Bola – potato and cashew nut balls – for a delicious alternative.

 **Feeling brave?** Add Luna Miris, a fiery onion and chilli accompaniment, if you dare!

To round off the meal, Barley Village Hall will be serving ice cream for dessert – a cool finish to a spicy evening.

 **The Quiz**

After dinner, test your knowledge in our Quiz Night!

Gather your team, bring your thinking caps, and prepare for a mix of fun and challenging questions.

Whether you're a trivia buff or just in it for the laughs, it's a great way to spend the evening.

Tickets available still from Tom Cosway and Phil Hartley! £25 per person, 19:30 start time, bring your own drinks!

TOM COSWAY & THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mobile Library Services Dec 2025 to May 2026 dates

The Lancashire (Brierfield) Mobile Library Service covers the communities of Barley, Roughlee, Newchurch and Spenbrook.

Between December 2025 and May 2026, there's no visit in December or February, but the mobile library will visit on Monday 19 January, Monday 2 March, Monday 23 March, Monday 13 April and due to bank holidays, *Tuesday* 12 May.

On these dates Kevin, the mobile librarian/driver, will endeavour to meet the following timetable:

1. Old Hall, Roughlee: 10:35 – 11:00
2. Thorneyholme, Roughlee: 11:10 – 11:25
3. Village Hall, Barley: 11:30 – 12:00
4. Gorrell Close, Spenbrook: 12:20 – 12:35

Books may be borrowed, returned and renewed at any Lancashire Library. To renew items by phone call 0300 123 6703.

Contact Kevin via text or voice on 07774 335889 or **email him.**

■ **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!

Events in Barley: Nov 2025

Dates for your diary...



■ **Pendle Forest History Group** – Wed 19th Nov, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – “A teacher should stay at the school each dinner hour, to prevent it being demolished.” A talk by the author Vera Brearey, looking back at the

history of schools in Thornton in Craven and Elslack from the mid 19th century to the Second World War – Members £2.00, Visitors £3.00. Please **email** to book a place.

■ **Barley WI** – 1st Wed of the month, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – November meeting is a crafty social. Bring a Ruler, pencil and scissors. Also we are collecting tombola prizes to support the Barley Chapel Roof Fund Event so please bring them along too! New members are always welcome to come and give us a go – its free for three sessions – and you get delicious cake as well as meeting new friends.

■ **Pendle Patchers** – Tues 11th and 25th Nov, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall – Our picture this month is of a simple but effective baby quilt which shows what can be done without too much difficulty, so if you're a bit tentative about patchwork, come along to our group and you needn't feel too overawed! Anyone is welcome to pop in, no booking required, but if you want any more information, contact Gil Beeke – 01282 602449 / **Email** →

■ **Pendleside Gardeners Club** – Nothing planned at the moment.

■ **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

Rainbow fungi help to pinpoint Bowland's ancient grasslands

Volunteers Required!



A new project in the Forest of Bowland National Landscape will see volunteers learning how to identify colourful waxcap fungi and the rare grassland habitats where they are found. Waxcaps are an indicator of ancient, un-improved grassland and

knowing where these and other grassland fungi are thriving, helps to pinpoint where these grasslands remain, so that they can be protected for the future. These ancient grasslands are the last remnants of unspoilt habitats and home to rare plant and invertebrate species, as well as rare fungi. Because so many species-rich meadows and pastures have been lost over the years, it's now vital that remaining sites are located and recorded, enabling their continued appropriate management.

Hay Time Project Officer, Carol Edmondson, is organising the project and explained, “Waxcaps are amazing. They come in all sorts of shapes and colours, from the beautifully frilly ballerina waxcap, to the intriguingly named parrot waxcap. Along with other grassland fungi species like corals, pinkgills and earthtongues, they are a really good indicator of scarce, ancient grassland habitats.

“Working with Lancashire County Council's Biological Heritage Sites team and Aberystwyth University, one of our aims is to provide a toolkit for farmers and landowners; raising awareness and helping them to continue sympathetic management of this important habitat.”

The project is looking for volunteers to survey potential sites and collect soil samples this autumn for eDNA analysis. Training will be given and no previous experience is needed, but volunteers with fungi identification skills are also welcome to get involved.

Anyone wishing to find out more, or take part in the training, can email Carol on carol.edmondson@lancashire.gov.uk

Roughlee CE Primary School

What a busy start to the school year!

We started this year by tidying our school garden with the staff, parents and children. We would like to invite the local residents to help us to tend to our garden, as it is quite a task. The school garden is always accessible so if anybody has any spare time, we would greatly appreciate any help and we will even provide refreshments!

On 23rd September, we held a really successful School Improvement Meeting. During this meeting, staff, parents and governors gathered to discuss the school's many achievements and we conferred about how we can make our school even better. Roughlee really is one big family so we value everybody's input.

This half-term, we announced who our Rotakids representatives from Year 5/6 are going to be for this year. We also had a visit from Padiham Rotary who gave all our children their Rotakids badge. Padiham Rotary talked to Year 5/6 about an appeal they were doing for coats, sweatshirts and other winter items. The children were so moved by this that they decided they needed to help the cause.

On World Mental Health Day, our Wellbeing Warriors organised a day of activities for the whole school. The children had great fun exploring a wide range of strategies to promote positive mental health and wellbeing; from 5 ways to wellbeing, cosmic yoga, mindfulness activities and meditation. They also had a special visit from Lian and Kira, who work for Future Directions Social Care and University of Manchester. They explored with the children how their brain actually works and the importance of taking care of it. Our children's mental health is of the upmost priority at Roughlee and we look forward to our Wellbeing Warriors organising future events.

We've ended this half-term with Pet Week! During this week, the children learnt about a wide range of pets and animals, and the fact that God has entrusted us to be good stewards of his world and look after them. We had fun, interactive workshops from The Guide Dogs and they even brought 2 lovely guide dogs in to visit us. We also had very exciting visits from some of our children's pets from home, one child even brought a pony to show us!

We are currently working with our parents and PCSO Fielding to ensure that everybody in school is

parking and driving safely around the village. PCSO Fielding will be making regular visits to school to check that parents are not parked inappropriately and that children are wearing seatbelts and travelling in car seats.

We have lots of exciting upcoming events in the Autumn Term 2 which I'm sure will keep us very busy! Please note that our Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 12th December 2025 from 2.15pm and you are all welcome to attend.

If you have a child/ren starting Primary School in Reception 2026, we are happy to show parents/carers around. Please contact Mr Elliott on 01282 613613 or **email** to make a booking.

Applications for Reception 2026 must be submitted by 15th January 2026.

HAYLEY LORD, SCHOOL BURSAR

New school year

St Marys were very excited to welcome five new Reception pupils in September, they have settled in wonderfully and seem to be really enjoying school life.

Since returning to school in September the children have been very busy, Memories Made photography visited us to take some lovely class photos and over the last couple of weeks our children have been working very hard on raising sponsor money for Great Athlete. The children participated in a sponsored circuit event with the athlete Anthony Cotterill, I am so proud to say the children managed to raise £771.70, this will be used to support Great Athlete and to purchase sports equipment for school. 6 Year 4 children represented our school family brilliantly at the Cidari Earth Conference at Blackburn Cathedral. They participated in activities addressing environmental challenges like plastic pollution, war and conflict and global warming. Reverend Nick also joined for a closing worship and told everyone a story about the wonders of Jesus. Finally a big thank you to Friends of Newchurch for organising their wonderful annual Fashion Show, this is always an extremely popular event and so far they have raised over £1400!

GABRIELLE HACKING, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Friends of Newchurch School 100 club draw

The Friends of Newchurch School 100 Club draw has taken place for October. The winners are:

- 1st Prize £25 – No. 18, Martin Hermansen
- 2nd Prize £20 – No. 16, Ruth Nutter
- 3rd Prize £15 – No. 79, Laura Lane

Thank you to everyone who takes part.

Safeguarding Sunday at St Mary's 16th November - Caring for one another and creating a safer church

Each year, churches across the country take part in Safeguarding Sunday, a special day that reminds us of something simple but deeply important — that everyone who walks through our church door should feel safe, valued, and cared for.

Here at St Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle, we'll be marking the day by taking time to reflect on what it means to be a church family that truly looks after one another. Safeguarding isn't just a set of rules; it's part of our calling to love and protect each other as God calls us to do.

Recognising the past, learning for the future

We know that, sadly, the Church of England — like many institutions — hasn't always got safeguarding right. There have been times when people have been hurt or let down, and we hold that truth with deep sorrow. At St Mary's, we want to be honest about that and to keep learning from the past so that we can build a safer, kinder church for the future. We are committed to creating an environment where everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, feels seen, heard, and safe.

Our commitment at St Mary's

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Kelly Snowden, works closely with Rev'd Nick Murray and the Parochial Church Council to make sure that our safeguarding practice is strong, transparent and caring. This includes making sure that those who work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults are properly trained and supported.

If you ever have a concern or simply want to know more about safeguarding at St Mary's, please do speak to Kelly, or visit the Church of England's [safeguarding pages](#).

Why it matters

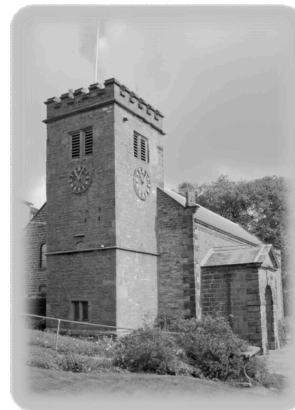
At its heart, safeguarding is about living out the love of Christ. It's about noticing when someone might need help, listening well, and creating a space where people can trust that they'll be cared for.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14), reminding us that everyone matters in God's eyes — especially those who are vulnerable.

Together, we're learning, growing, and doing our best to make St Mary's a church where everyone can find safety, belonging, and love.

Our Sunday services are at 9:30am, usually last about 50 minutes and we enjoy tea / coffee and biscuits and a natter after the service. Why not give us a try, we're a friendly bunch 😊

St. Mary's Church Nov 2025 Services



As we settle into Autumn and the nights draw in, 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 2nd November, 11am – Communion at St Thomas' Church – 'We believe...' series, part 6.
- Sunday 2nd November, 4.00pm – All Souls Service – A service of reflection and remembrance for those we have loved and miss at St Mary's (no 9:30am service at St Mary's)
- Sunday 9th November, 9:15am – Remembrance Service
- Sunday 16th November, 9:30am – Safeguarding Sunday

■ Sunday 23rd November, 9:30am – Christ the King service

■ Sunday 30th November, 4:00pm – Advent Sunday candlelit benefice service at St Mary's (no 9:30am service at St Mary's)

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](#).

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reaching the majority of households, but it's an ongoing job to let people know when there's no

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