

PARISH NEWS

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

Barley Parish Council Ogden Reservoirs, Whitehough, Planning, Turning Area...

I trust everyone enjoyed the great weather we had in late June, not quite the heatwave some got but certainly a heatwave in these parts. At the time of writing, we are all watering bedding plants and watching the grass and weeds grow before our eyes. For anyone able to put a little time into maintaining the village, please help us keep on top of the weeds, litter and general tidiness when you can.

Works at Upper Ogden Reservoir are moving along in the good weather and the increase in the height and thickness of the wave wall on top of the dam is shown below, copings will be going on soon on the first section. The contractor is hoping to complete in September then footpaths will re-open again.



I have to say that the works to improve the spillway on Lower Ogden Reservoir are most disappointing in that concrete will cover

all the masonry construction of 1914.

Personally, I think this heritage asset should be maintained but it would seem little can be done unless somebody can advise on a way to stop this vandalism.

Meanwhile, down in Whitehough you might recall that the landowner arranged for a new overlay macadam surface on the access road / bridleway from Barley Road in October'25. The new surface created a slip hazard for horses and so LCC closed the bridleway to equestrians. Pendle BC then arranged for a contractor to cover the new macadam



surface with a non-slip surface. This was done in April'26 but PBC are not satisfied that the new surface on the bridleway

provides a satisfactory high friction surface. The bridleway has again been closed, and a solution is being sought.

Planning matters – a proposed rear extension replacing old outbuildings at Riverwood bungalow, in the centre of the village, will undoubtedly improve this property. It cannot be seen from the highway and the PC have no objections to the application. There are two applications at Waterside House in Whitehough, the first is for a certificate of lawful use for an existing chimney which the PC has no objections. The second is for a detached garage within the garden which the PC has objected to, considering it so large it has a detrimental impact on the conservation area.

The Council are planning improvement works on the Turning Area to reduce standing water after rainfall. It will include drainage works and these are expected to take place in the Autumn.

DEREK HEAP, CHAIR

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Website, Facebook, Info Boards, Tai Chi, Jog in the Park..



Despite June being a month of weather extremes, from washout to heatwave, it has been a productive month for Goldshaw Booth Parish Council. Our main focus has been the

development of a new website which we are pleased to announce is now live! It has been designed to enhance communication and ensure that our online presence is compliant with the latest standards and regulations.

Our website content is now accessible to all members of our community, and our domain name is a .gov.uk address which builds our online credibility and reinforces our dedication to providing official and reliable information to our

residents. To further support our commitment to data protection and privacy, the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair have been assigned dedicated .gov.uk email addresses.

Please visit [our website](#) where you can find essential information about council meetings, local initiatives, and community events. Our goal is to foster a stronger connection with our community through improved access to information and services. We look forward to your feedback and hope you find our new website a valuable resource! As part of this initiative, we have also launched a refreshed Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Facebook page which we'll be keeping updated with information about events, activities and photos – please join us [here](#) or by searching for Goldshaw Booth Parish Council.

Turning to other news, we are continuing work to seek funding and to develop content for new information boards for each of the villages in the Parish, and Brian Pinder is renovating the Parish benches in the church yard.

There has also been plenty of physical activity with the Pendle Pub Walk taking place on Saturday 13th June, fundraising for Pendleside Hospice and our first Tai Chi session with Lighthouse Tai Chi, which was well attended on 28th June with lots of very positive feedback. The next sessions are on 2nd August and 6th September – thank you to Witches Galore for sponsoring this series.

The last Jog In The Park, sponsored by Haffners, takes place on Sunday 5th July – a great opportunity to challenge yourself and walk, jog or run a timed 1-5km distance.

Our next meeting is on Monday 13th July, 7pm, at St Mary's Church in Newchurch – as ever, please come along for a warm welcome, cup of tea and lively discussion.

BECCY MURRELL - CHAIR

Roughlee Parish Council Village Centre ownership, Jim Davies, Dog Fouling, School Tiles...

I'm pleased to share some positive news about the future of our community facilities. Pendle Borough Council has agreed for us to begin the asset transfer process for the Village Centre, garden, and car park. Solicitors have now been appointed, and we are moving through the legal steps required to complete the transfer. We are being encouraged to progress

this as swiftly as possible, so we anticipate the process will be finalised in the near future.

Our thoughts are with Maureen Davies, following the passing of her husband Jim at the end of May. Jim lived in the village his entire life and will be fondly remembered by many of us—especially newcomers—for his unforgettable role as PC Crocket in the village pantomime.

On a less cheerful note, I must again raise the issue of dog fouling along the footpath between Waterfall Cottages and the pub. The amount of dog waste has reached an unacceptable level. Dog owners, please pick up after your pets and use the many bins available throughout the village. It's really not difficult, and it makes a huge difference to everyone who uses the path.

Finally, the replacement tiles for the walled area next to the bus stop opposite the school have now arrived. Work to tidy the garden area will begin shortly, followed by installation of the new tiles. Keep an eye out for the improvements.

Next meetings Monday July 6th and August 3rd, 7pm at Roughlee Village Centre.

MARTIN SCHOFIELD, CHAIR

Roughlee Village Centre Jazz in the Village (9 July)...

Jazz in the Village

"Very cool music played in a magical atmosphere - this will appeal to jazz novices as well as hardcore enthusiasts." *Thames Valley Reporter*

from Scotland

as seen at the fringe

Ian Millar
saxophone

Dominic Spencer
piano

"Beautiful soaring magic! I was blown away by your show, just breathtaking!"

"...expect warm, intelligent, reflective, human music..."

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We have some culture appearing at centre on Thursday 9th July, a great duo will be performing JAZZ. The well known Ian Miller on saxophone and Dominic Spencer on piano are on a UK wide villages tour and we are very lucky to be allowed a slot on a busy schedule of dates.

This event is a bring your own drink and glass – we include a choice of steak Canadian or vegetarian lasagne (must state which option on booking / paying for tickets) for the price of £15. See the posters for details.

Our June beer and Music Festival was busy and popular as usual. I would like to thank all sponsors, volunteers and people that attended to raise funds for Derian House Children's Hospice and the RVC.

The centre will see the start and the revamp of our outside area in July with the raised beds, bug beastie box, bird boxes and feeders to be installed. The Boules court will also be completed at the same time as will the the cutting down and removal of trees with ash dieback disease, that is affecting around 12 trees on our riverside bank. The table tennis nights will be starting in July and times etc will be posted on notice board and website in the next week.

GLEN WATSON - CHAIR, RVC COMMITTEE

Pendleside Repair Café 1st Aug, Roughlee Village Centre



The Pendleside Repair Café has had a whirlwind few months, and it's all thanks to the incredible generosity, energy

and expertise of our community. It's been so busy behind the scenes getting everything launched that we haven't properly thanked everyone who has donated cakes, their time, their knowledge and their guidance. We've needed each and every one of you, and because of you, the Repair Café has already become a real success.

Our June event was buzzing with activity, with plenty of repairs being tackled by our brilliant volunteers. The feedback was heart-warming, with many visitors saying this is exactly what our villages need. That encouragement has given us the confidence to take the next step.

We Need You! Join the Pendleside Repair Café Team

The Pendleside Repair Café is growing — and we're now looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us take the next step. Our community has already shown incredible support, and now we're building a small committee to keep the café running smoothly each month.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved in village life, meeting new people, or helping reduce waste, this could be a perfect fit. We're currently looking for volunteers for the following roles:

Committee Chair — Chairs meetings, sets agendas, guides decisions and provides overall vision. This

role could be shared by two Co-Chairs.

Committee Secretary — Responsible for preparing and distributing agendas, taking minutes at meetings, circulating them to committee members, and maintaining records and files.

Treasurer — Handles the financial aspects of the Repair Café, including banking donations, managing the bank account, and providing simple financial reports to the committee.

Event Coordinator — Oversees the operational side of each event, working closely with the volunteer team leads (Café Team, Repairers Team, Reception & Welcome Team) and the Health & Safety Officer to ensure each Repair Café runs smoothly. This role could also be shared between two people.

Friends of the Earth Liaison — Acts as the main point of contact with Friends of the Earth and ensures that the Repair Café remains compliant with its obligations and requirements.

Publicity Officer — Coordinates social media, press releases, posters, leaflets and other promotional materials. Additional support could be provided for drafting publicity content if required.

Health & Safety Officer — Carries out risk assessments and helps ensure that events operate safely for both volunteers and visitors. This role also ensures that a PAT tester is available whenever electrical repairs are offered.

If you think you might be interested and you'd like to find out more (with no pressure to commit), please get in touch by **emailing** or sending a WhatsApp message to the Pendleside Repair Cafe.

Next Repair Café

Our next Pendleside Repair Café will take place on **1st August at Roughlee Village Hall**, due to Barley Chapel undergoing roofing work over the summer. Thank you again for all your support. We're excited to see the Repair Café grow, develop and continue bringing our community together. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Events in Barley: July 2026 Dates for your diary...

■ **Pendle Forest History Group** – *Wed 15th July, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall* – Business meeting and items of interest. Members £2.00, Visitors £3.00. **Email**

■ **Pendleside Gardeners Club** Started in 2024, we are a small group for gardeners of all abilities from the local villages. All welcome its £5 which includes tea and



biscuits. *July* – No meeting enjoy your garden; *August 18th 7pm at Barrowford Allotments* – Tour and talk on maximising vegetable

production with Jenny Booker; *September 15th 7pm at Barley Village Hall* – Pendle Mushrooms with Adrian Rose; *October 20th 7pm at Barley Village Hall* – An Introduction to using Alpine Plants with local expert from the Alpine Garden Society Cliff Booker

■ **Barley WI** – The Annual Garden Party is becoming a much-loved tradition, and this year it will be on Wednesday 1st July hosted jointly at Ruth's house and St Mary's, Newchurch. We will begin at the earlier time of 7:00pm. There will also be a plant stall, so please remember to bring a little cash. With any luck, the sun will shine, allowing us to enjoy these two beautiful historic settings at their very best. Parking is limited, so please car share where possible. We are also looking for sponsors for The WI Garden Summer display – it costs just £25 and all proceeds going to Pendle Foodbank – if you would like to sponsor please get in touch with WI committee or **email**. Looking ahead, the August meeting is on the 5th which will be an evening with a musical theme – New members welcome – try us for free for three meetings.

■ **Pendle Patchers** – *Tues 14th and 28th July, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall* – The Patchers recently had their annual afternoon tea supplied by the Cabin, which was absolutely delicious and greatly enjoyed by all. It's a lovely occasion when unsurprisingly all the Patchers manage to be present. Anyone is welcome to come along to our group, to have a chat and see what we do, although normally you'll just be offered a brew and a biscuit. For more details, please contact Gil Beeke on 01282 602449.

■ **FOG Club** – *Thurs evenings, 6.30pm-7.45pm at Barley Chapel* – For children aged 6-11 years. Contact Lorraine on 07966261520

■ **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!

Notes from St. Mary's Rushbearing Festival 10-12th July



July marks one of our biggest events at Newchurch St Mary's. Since the early 1950s we have celebrated Rushbearing. It is an ancient festival dating back to the middle ages. Traditionally, the floors of churches and homes were often made from packed earth. Floors

like these would have been cold in winter and not particularly clean. So, rushes were cut and woven into matts for homes and churches. These would have offered some insulation and kept things cleaner, but they needed to be replaced over time. So ahead of the Rushbearing homes and churches were cleaned in preparation for new rushes to be brought in.

Before rushes were taken to people's homes, they were taken to the church. The rushes would then be blessed and laid on the floor of the church to try and keep church warmer and cleaner while others were taken to people's homes.

Very few places around the country today still celebrate Rushbearing but here in Newchurch we are glad to maintain this tradition. This year we are hoping to have a bit of a revamp while still seeking to maintain the traditions but with some twists. We want the whole community to enjoy this festival and celebrate this ancient tradition. And we felt that it shouldn't just be something that happens on a Saturday afternoon for an hour or so. We think it should be a festival.

I've commented before on how churches used to have a central place in the life of communities, not only for religious services but for celebrations and festivals. In the Middle Ages churches used to literally license parties. So, I hope you don't mind, but at St Mary's Newchurch we thought we would license a party for Rushbearing and invite you to join us. We have lots planned and we are excited to see you.

The posters are out and our Facebook page is carrying details, but for ease here is the programme:

Friday

3:30 – Make your Rushbearing Garlands – essential headwear for the weekend.

Pop-up-Bar open from 3:30pm. Pulled Pork

Sandwiches from 6pm

Saturday

3:30 – Rushbearing Parade – Parading through our village to crown our Rushbearing King and Queen (don't forget your garland)

4:15 – Rushbearing Sing-a-long. Pick your school assembly bangers and sing your heart out. The children from St Mary's School will be challenging you to join in with the bangers of their day and see who sings best!

5:00 – Rushbearing dance-a-long. Rushbearing is incomplete without folk dancing. We will be taught how to bust some folk moves!

6:00 – Bar-b-Que and more dancing (Pop-up-Bar) available from 5pm

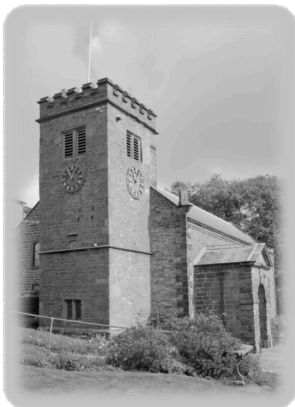
Sunday

10:30 – Rushbearing Service. To remind ourselves of what we have been doing it all for

12pm – 'Bring your own' and share village picnic
Looking forward to seeing you!

**REV'D NICK MURRAY - VICAR, ST
MARY'S NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE**

St. Mary's Church July 2026 Services



St Mary's is a friendly, active church with regular and accessible services. A warm welcome is guaranteed. All our services end with tea, coffee, a biscuit or a piece of cake and a chance to get to know each other better. Our services up to the end of July are for asking the

question 'What did the early Church do for us..?' and our bible readings are from the book of Acts which focuses on the life of the early church. Through this series we hope to find a model of life as a church that we can follow. Do come and join us. Our services are as follows:

■ 5th July 9:30am: Holy Communion – Acts 11:1-8 – 'How does a church deal with difficulty?

■ 10th July 3:30pm: Rushbearing Festival begins (garland making and pop-up-bar in the narthex)

■ 11th July 3:30pm: Rushbearing Festival procession (followed by other events – see posters and social media)

■ 12th July 10:30am: Rushbearing Festival Service (followed by 'bring your own' and share picnic) – Acts 12:1-8 – 'Should church expect miracles?'

■ 19th July 4pm: Family Service – Acts 17:16-34 – 'How does a church speak?'

■ 26th July 9:30am: Holy Communion – Summer worship begins

St Mary's CE Primary School A Wonderful Start to the Final Term!

As we enter the final stretch of the 2026 academic year, our school has been buzzing with energy, learning, and extraordinary achievements. From outdoor adventures to classroom discoveries, our children have truly been living our vision that "ordinary people can choose to be extraordinary." Here is a glimpse into what our young people have been up to this month.

In the Classroom

Key Stage 1: Coding, Kindness, and Sacred Spaces

Our younger students have had a wonderfully imaginative term:

Robots & Coding: Imagination met technology this term! Thanks to a very kind donation from Anthony Dawson, KS1 received brand-new Bee-Bots. The children have absolutely loved practicing their coding skills by giving these little robots precise, step-by-step instructions.

Kindness Potions & Plant Protectors: Enjoying the summer sun, the children have been working hard in the outdoor area. They've been learning how things grow by planting, and even mixed nature with friendship by creating "kindness potions." They also made serious pledges as Planet Protectors—promising to recycle, save energy and water, and protect wild plants.

Exploring our Churches: In History and RE, the children have been learning all about church features. They can now confidently spot and explain

the significance of stained-glass windows, the font, the altar, and the steeple or tower.

Safety First: KS1 has also begun their essential road safety training this month.

Key Stage 2: Forces, Friendship, and Big Achievements

Our junior class have been equally busy focusing on both academic milestones and personal growth:

Science & Sustainability: KS2 marked their first Great Big Green Day by making sustainability promises to the planet. In the lab, they've been investigating the invisible world of magnets and forces.

Water Safety & Wellbeing: Swimming sessions have resumed, with children working toward a water safety qualification. Years 3 and 4 paid close attention during Water Safety Week and also spent time creating "relationship trees," reflecting on what it takes to build healthy, positive friendships.

Extraordinary Adventures & Lifelong Memories Braving Howstean Gorge

Years 5 and 6 embarked on their much-anticipated residential trip to Howstean Gorge. Blessed with glorious weather, the children challenged themselves to the absolute limit with abseiling, gorge walking, caving, and tackling the via ferrata. They showed incredible determination, resilience, and team spirit, making memories that will last a lifetime.

Moving Onwards

As our Year 6 students prepare for their transition to high school, they received an important, informative talk from the Smoke-Free Campaign. They also paused for a special milestone: Memories Made photographers visited to take class photos and a whole-school photo. Keep an eye out for our Year 6s in a special upcoming edition of the Burnley Express!

Celebrating Success

House Point Heroes: The KS2 Hufflepuff team won the house point challenge! They were treated to a fantastic afternoon of treats and play at the village park.

Literary Superstar: A massive congratulations to Chloe Elleray, who won the prestigious Young Writers Competition with her story, The Double! Chosen from over 18,000 entries, the judge praised Chloe's atmospheric, gothic style and her masterful control of suspense. We are incredibly proud of her!

Beyond the Classroom: Clubs & Community

Our extra-curricular schedule has been packed to the brim:

Sports & Play: Cricket, Rounders, Golf, and Darts have been massively popular and full of fun.

PALS & Gardening: Children have been cooking, building with LEGO, and exploring STEM.

Meanwhile, Gardening Club took a closer look at the vital roles bugs play in our ecosystem, made bug posters, and propagated spider plant cuttings.

Faith in Motion: The entire school took part in an expressive dance workshop themed around the story of the Good Samaritan. This wonderful experience was kindly funded by the Friends of Newchurch. A Big Thank You! > Speaking of the Friends of Newchurch, a massive thank you to them for dropping in with ice lollies during the recent warm weather to keep both the children and staff cool!

Looking Forward

As we approach the final weeks of the summer term, we have so much to look forward to:

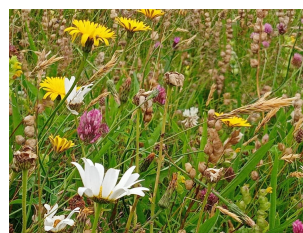
- Welcoming our new starters at our transition meetings and "Stay and Play" sessions.
- Exciting school trips to the Zoo and FUNDALAND.
- The annual Sports Day and another delicious Cake Sale hosted by the Friends of Newchurch.
- Celebrating our local heritage at the traditional Rushbearing Festival.

MISS K FALLON - SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

New Forest of Bowland Community Nature Fund

Plus Bowland Champion Species Party



Nature is in crisis across the UK. The numbers of breeding birds, pollinators, and species in general have fallen rapidly in the last 50 years, and wildlife rich habitats are

getting smaller, more disconnected and constantly under threat from human activity and climate breakdown. Although the Forest of Bowland is a protected landscape biodiversity is in decline here too.

As part of its action to support nature, designed as part of the new Forest of Bowland management plan, the Forest of Bowland is launching a new Community Nature Fund. You can find out more details and how to apply [online here](#).

This fund will offer grants to local community groups who have plans to save and restore nature in

the Forest of Bowland National Landscape area, and also those who want to provide opportunities for people to engage with and connect with nature in Bowland.

The National Landscape team for Bowland have been inspired to open this fund by people in the area who are already taking action for nature, like the Waddington Swift group and Community Pollinator Patches. They are also looking to fund projects such as Connecting People and Nature the health and wellbeing work of Burnley Football in the Community, Access the Dales and many others on the fringes of the National Landscape who organise activity for people who get so much out of nature-based day trips to Bowland.

Chris Smith from Waddington told us: "I set up the Bowland Swift Group in response to concerns over the declining number of these iconic birds.

Following a kick off meeting in Grindleton there has been great support from the local community. We have been supported and advised by Sarah at Forest of Bowland and also the fantastically enthusiastic Louise from Bolton and Bury Swift Group.

We now have a small team building our own boxes and assembling the boxes kindly donated by Forest of Bowland. Our installation team has installed over 40 swift boxes on homes in Sawley, Grindleton and West Bradford. Most of the boxes have been installed with callers that play the sound of swift calls. Swift callers have been shown to significantly increase the probability of swifts finding the boxes. We are also planning to start monitoring existing swift number and nest locations. Hopefully we can then see increases in the future.

We are the only swift group in the Forest of Bowland and going forwards we would like support other communities to maintain and hopefully increase swift numbers across the region."

Similarly, Community Pollinator Patches is a vibrant group of volunteers who, led by inspirational local resident Erica Sarney, plant native wildflowers and grasses on a landscape scale for wildlife. They have 're-wilded' roadside verges and village open spaces in the lower Lune valley for several years, and in 2021 embarked on an ambitious project to improve Hermitage Field at the Crook o' Lune in Caton. Starting off with an area of rank grassland the site has been tended by volunteers growing wildflowers from seed and adding plug plants of many varieties until, as the photos show, it has become a community meadow full of colour and wildlife! With great support from the Public Realm team at Lancaster City Council and the Bowland Haytime project they have transformed this and many other sites for the benefit of nature and people.

Forest of Bowland Partnership Manager, Tony Lund said "We are very excited about this new fund and the opportunities it offers to supporting nature and communities in the Forest of Bowland. We hope to see many more fabulous ideas for projects come

about as a result of this funding. The team are looking forward to seeing applications come in during July and are happy to offer advice and support if required: please get in touch with us!" Further details, including how to apply, are available [online here](#) or by emailing

cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk or daniel.holden@lancashire.gov.uk.

Bowland Champion Species Party

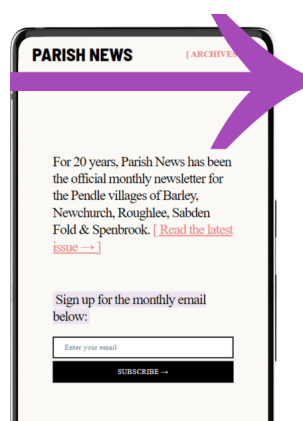
Enjoy wild moves, mystical music and magical masks at Bowland's family-friendly Champion Species party in Gisburn Forest on Friday 7th August. Sessions at 1pm and 2.30pm.

There are 14 Champion Species at the heart of the Forest of Bowland National Landscape's Nature Recovery Plan. Join us to discover more about these fascinating birds, plants, insects, fish, mammals and fungi – plus the chance to take home a special Champion Species goodie bag.

Free but booking is essential. Please see the event listings at [Festival Bowland Events](#) or book via this link: [LCC Events](#)

For further information, please email hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk

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