

PARISH NEWS

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

Barley Parish Council

Barley Chapel, Planning, Whitehough road, Turning Area

Back in August 2024 an emergency meeting to discuss the future of Barley Chapel was held and over 40 residents attended. The first action is for the Chapel to enrol 13 members so that the Methodist Circuit will keep the chapel open; the chapel now has 17 members. The next task was to raise funds for urgent repairs and about £50k has been raised to date and we are now at the stage that the priority repairs have been completed. The areas with dry rot have been replaced and a new roof installed at the back of the chapel. Volunteers have been involved in installing new cables, plastering, a big clean up and painting. The project has been driven forward by Rob, Lorraine and Angie and I am sure we all appreciate what has been achieved by them and a band of volunteers. My only disappointment is that more volunteers did not come forward when asked through Facebook; so many attended the emergency meeting in 2024 and so many parents have children in the FOG club etc, I thought there might be more.



There is still work to do and there are three priorities; the first priority is to raise money to pay for the next two priorities. The second involves removing a small area of dry rot in the vestry and re-roofing it up to the ridge, and the third is the urgent

replacement of an internal window lintel which is near to collapsing. Donations of money and free labour are required to finish the structure.

Planning Updates – PBC have granted permission for a new roof on the car park Cabin bistro which will match the new roof on the toilet block, and for three new rooflights on the rear roof slope at No.7 Barley Green. The PC objected to a new garage being built at Waterside House, Whitehough because it was too large; the developer subsequently reduced the design size sufficiently to be approved by PBC.

You might recall that a new macadam road surface on the private access road into Whitehough created a slip hazard for horses and subsequently a new high friction thin surface was added in April 2026. Following a safety complaint PBC had concerns about the high friction surface and the bridleway was closed to horses. Following discussions with the supplier, who undertook tests on the surface, the supplier took the position that the surface is performing as it should. The Council then asked residents to report their experiences when using the friction surface. Subsequently PBC have decided not to challenge the supplier's position. They are now following up with the alternative options for improving the surface for bridleway users. We might see test patches in the near future as other solutions are assessed.

Pendle BC's offer of grant funding support to the PC's planned improvement works on the Turning Area, to reduce standing water after rainfall, has been accepted and tender documents have been issued to three contractors with a return date in early September. The

project is expected to take place in the Autumn. Be aware that most of the Turning Area will be closed to traffic for several weeks as works progress.

I found an interesting fact today that is worth sharing. Back in September 1752 Britain lost 11 days in the blink of an eye. The government moved us from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar and the date jumped from 2 to 14 September and many protested they had lost 11 days of their life, and those with birthdays never had one that year. Nothing is recorded in UK history for those days. What would happen today, well those on monthly salary would be delighted.

Finally, the Council welcomes Sam as the new manager of the Pendle Inn. The pub has faced challenges in recent times. Sam knows this but recognises this is an iconic pub with great potential and his philosophy is to look forward. We wish him well.

DEREK HEAP, CHAIR

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Grants, Speeding, Gardening, Football Tournament & BBQ (12 Sept)



In August we were delighted to be awarded a grant of £1,894 by Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee towards our new information boards in each of the three villages, and also to receive a £2,800 legacy grant from Pendle Borough Council, which we would like to use to fund heritage gateway signs at village entry points, as part of new vehicle speed reduction initiatives. Thank you to all residents who completed our speed survey, gathering feedback about concerns and ideas on speeding – a discussion will be held at our next meeting on

Monday 14th September and residents are welcome to come along to contribute.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed the newly replaced litter bin on Spenbrook Road in Newchurch (thanks again to B&W), the concrete spill on the road in Newchurch which was captured on CCTV enabling us to identify and contact the company responsible, and the road surface repairs in Sabden Fold, which despite falling far short of expectations, at least constitute an initial response to resident and Parish Council letters of complaint to LCC.

Plenty of gardening has been underway in August, including the great job Pendle Borough Council did clearing the path from Gorrell Close up to the school. Thanks also to residents who worked to remove the moss from this path which would undoubtedly have turned into a slip hazard when the rain returns this autumn. The nettles causing a problem on footpath 20 by Spenbrook Mill have been removed, and the licences for the two green waste bins belonging to GBPC have been renewed so they will be emptied again (please note these are for Parish Council use only and residents should use their own green waste bins).

We're gearing up for the Annual Goldshaw Booth Football Tournament and BBQ, kindly sponsored by Anthony Dawson Associates, on Saturday 12th September on the Spenbrook football pitch at 2pm. Please come along to cheer on your village team and enjoy the kid's match and a free BBQ. Other dates for your diaries: the Tai Chi sessions have been well-attended, and the last one is on Sunday 6th September at 11am. The GBPC Bonfire will be held on Thursday 5th November and we hope to provide a hot supper in St Mary's Church this year, and the Christmas Light Extravaganza Switch-on and Santa's Grotto will be on Saturday 5th December – more details to follow.

Finally, it's hard to believe that Councillor Kathleen Wilkinson has been voluntarily maintaining the village toilets single-handedly for over 60-years! What an outstanding contribution to village life, for which we are extremely grateful, thank you Kathleen! Going forward, maintenance of the toilets will be undertaken by Councillors on a rota basis, in conjunction with Adrian and Maureen from Witches Galore.

BECCY MURRELL, CHAIR

Roughlee Parish Council

Benches, Defib training (22 Sept), Planning

It seems everyone has been making the most of the superb August weather, as there's not a great deal to report this month. The benches at the bus stop opposite the pub have been taken away for refurbishing. What looked like a simple job turned out to be quite the workout for the removal team—each bench weighed around 100kg, and the chaps involved were not exactly in their twenties. With luck, by the time you read this, they'll have recovered, hit the gym, and returned the benches to their rightful place. A big thank-you to Peter Sulway for carrying out the refurbishment work.

There will be resuscitation and defibrillator training at 3.30pm on Tuesday 22nd September at Roughlee Village Centre. It's recommended that training is repeated every 2 years – so why not join us to learn or freshen up your lifesaving skills. Please get in touch with Meg Davey to book your place.

On the planning front, things remain relatively quiet while we await decisions on the two outstanding applications and the appeal relating to enforcement at the caravan park. As mentioned last month, we have requested that the application for the field opposite Straitgate Cottages be discussed publicly at a Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee meeting. We don't yet have confirmation of the date, but we expect it to be Wednesday 9 September at Holmefield House, Barrowford. Residents who wish to support or contest the application may speak at the meeting, but they must request permission from PBC at least 24 hours beforehand, and will have a maximum of five minutes to speak. We should have the confirmed date and time around 2 September, so anyone wanting certainty should contact our clerk at roughleeclerk591@gmail.com, or keep an eye on the PBC planning website.

Next meetings: Monday 7th Sept and 5th October, 7pm at RVC

MARTIN SCHOFIELD, CHAIR

Roughlee Village Centre

Donation, Dia de los Muertos (7 Nov), Table Tennis & Pétanque



Graham Hill from Roughlee Village Centre Committee was pleased to be able to go to Derian House Children's Hospice and present them with a cheque for £2000. The much needed funds were raised from profits relating to the Music, Beer and Gin Festival held at the village centre earlier in the year and from the generous donations from a number of individuals who sponsored a barrel.

Thank you from the committee to all those who turned up over the three days, those who donated and to those who gave up their time to make the event a great success.

It's almost that time of year again. This year will be a slight change from the normal November "Witch Wines" event. In its place the Village Centre will be hosting "Dia de los Muertos – The Day of the Dead". Don't panic though a selection of wines will still be flowing. There are limited numbers available for this event so early booking and payment is essential. Feel free to dress appropriately. Please contact either Graham (07808 057373) or Glen (07849 774438) to reserve your place.



You may have seen on Facebook over the past year, our committee member Graham Hill has been raising money for North West Air Ambulance by doing multiple trips to the top of Pendle Hill, His 68th and final ascent will be completed on 12th September to coincide with his 68th birthday. Everyone is invited to join Graham on his final trip which will start at Roughlee Village Centre at 9.30 am on the 12th, Bacon butties and a brew await. If you want to join Graham on this 8 mile round trip please email him on

grahamhill400@hotmail.com

You can help Graham reach his target with a donation [here](#).



Events in Barley: Sept 2026

Dates for your diary...

■ **Pendle Forest History Group** – *Wed 16th Sept, 7.30pm* at Barley Village Hall – Geoff Crambie will be giving a talk for the group titled "A Tribute to Wilfred Spencer Colne Librarian from 1948 to 1959" – his life in pictures and his work to save Colne's historic buildings. Members £2, Visitors £3. Please **email** to book a place

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■ Pendleside Gardeners Club

Tues 15th Sept, 7pm at Barley Village Hall – The Pendle Mushroom Company with Adrian Rose. £5 includes refreshments. All welcome.

■ **Barley WI** – Wed 2nd Sept, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall – We are looking forward to

hearing about the work of the North West Blood Bikes. They are a group of volunteers who respond to calls from the NHS and dispatch motorcycle riders to collect and deliver urgently needed items. Start time is 7.30pm – if it's your first time come a little earlier then we can get you settled in.

■ **Pendle Patchers** – Tues 8th and 22nd Sept, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall – Our picture this month is of Audrey Weatherill, on the left, displaying one of her recently completed quilts. Audrey founded the Pendle Patchers group almost 18 years ago and she will be celebrating her 90th birthday at the beginning of September. We wish Audrey all the very best and thank her for her enthusiasm and tenacity in starting our group, along with all her other contributions to the life of Barley Village Hall. You can contact Gil Beeke for any more information 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!

This year's lecture will be delivered by Susan Harrison, Curator of Collections with English Heritage. Susan's talk will spotlight Sawley Abbey, a Cistercian Abbey founded in 1146, including its history and archaeological finds. Once again, the lecture will take place in the lovely surroundings of the Tithe Barn at Browsholme Hall and all proceeds will go to support local charities, **Slaidburn Archive** and **Champion Bowland**.

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk £5 admission. **Booking essential.** Please book via this link **LCC Events** or see the listings at www.forestofbowland.com/festival-bowland

■ BOWLAND CHAMPION SPECIES: WAXCAP WATCH TRAINING

Thursday 22nd October, 10am till 3pm

Wycoller Country Park

The UK is globally important for waxcap fungi, and the beautiful, pink ballerina waxcap is a particularly striking example!

Waxcaps and other grassland fungi can help to indicate the presence of ancient meadows and species-rich grasslands, providing the opportunity for these rare habitats to be protected into the future.

Join us at Wycoller Country Park near Colne to learn about the importance of grassland fungi, site management and identification features.

During the day, we'll focus on how to use Plantlife's Waxcap Watch App to survey and record Bowland's waxcaps – no existing fungi ID skills needed!

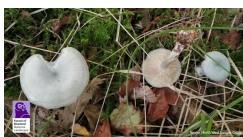
*Ballerina waxcaps are one of the 14 **Champion Species** at the heart of the Forest of Bowland National Landscape's Nature Recovery Plan. Join us to find out more about these fascinating fungi and the chance to take home a special Champion Species goodie bag.*

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Festival Bowland 2026

Fungi Foray (16 Sept), Bowland Lecture (6 Oct), Waxcap

Watch Training (22 Oct)



■ FUNGI FORAY

Wednesday 16th September, 1pm till 3.30pm

Browsholme, Cow Ark, nr Clitheroe

Join members of the North West Fungus Group for this early autumn foray in the grounds of

Browsholme Hall.

Suitable for anyone with an interest in natural history – no previous knowledge of the fungal kingdom needed. *Please note that we will not be collecting fungi during this event.*

Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.

Approximately 1.5 miles. Walking will be on a mix of surfaced tracks, woodland paths and grass. Paths may be uneven and muddy in places.

For further information, please

email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

£5 admission. **Booking needed. Please book via this link**

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■ BOWLAND LECTURE

Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm till 9pm (Pay bar from 7pm)

Tithe Barn, Browsholme Hall, Cow Ark, nr Clitheroe

Join us for this popular, annual lecture, highlighting Bowland's fascinating heritage.

Notes from St Mary's Great Is Thy Faithfulness

My name is Heesoo Warner, and I am the new curate who joined St Mary's and St Thomas' in July. Before training for ministry, I worked in education, and I have always enjoyed languages and the way words help us understand the world around us.

One hymn that has stayed with me over the years is Great Is Thy Faithfulness. It is a popular song, and it expresses something at the very heart of the Christian faith: God is faithful, even when we are not. The title contains a word we do not use very often today. Thy is an old-fashioned way of saying your. We hear it in traditional hymns such as "thy faithfulness", "thy mercy" and "thy love". We also hear a similar word, thine, in the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer: "For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory".

While these words may sound old-fashioned, they remind us that Christians throughout the centuries have prayed, sung and trusted in the same God. Of course, God understands modern English just as well as old English! What matters is not the style of language we use, but the God to whom we pray.

The phrase "Great is thy faithfulness" echoes the words of the prophet Jeremiah:

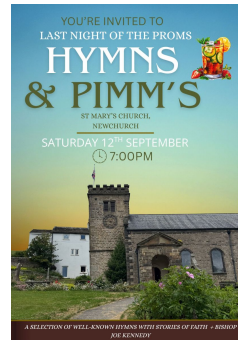
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

These are remarkable words because they were written during a difficult and painful time. Yet Jeremiah still found hope in God's

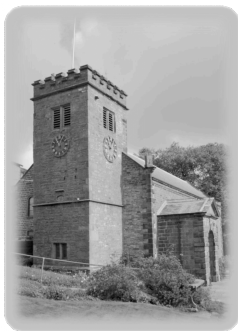
faithfulness. The same truth appears throughout the Bible. One of my favourite examples is the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. Faced with a huge crowd and very little food, the disciples saw only a problem. Five loaves and two fish were clearly not enough. Yet Jesus took what they had, gave thanks to God, and fed everyone. The disciples focused on what was lacking. Jesus focused on what God could do.

I think many of us can relate to that. We worry that we do not have enough time, enough strength, enough confidence or enough money. Life often feels uncertain, and we cannot always see what lies ahead. Yet the Christian faith does not rest on our ability to cope with everything ourselves. It rests on the faithfulness of God. That is why this hymn means so much to me. When I sing Great Is Thy Faithfulness, I am declaring a living truth. God is faithful. His mercies are new every morning. His love does not fail. And that is good news for all of us, whatever challenges, joys or questions we may be carrying today.

HEESOO WARNER - CURATE, ST MARY'S NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE



St Mary's Church Services Sept 2026 Services



Over the next few weeks life at St Mary's Church becomes a bit busier after what we hoped was a lovely summer for you all. We have some great events coming up which we hope will be enjoyable for the whole community.

To celebrate the closing days of summer we have a **Heritage Day** on Saturday 12th telling the story of our church with Geoff Forsett. In the evening we will be having a **Last Night of the Proms** concert with Bishop Joe Kennedy joining us. On Sunday 13th we will have a

Celebration Service to give thanks for the life of our church and our community followed by a Jacob's Join lunch. Whether you regularly visit our church and services or only visit from time to time, we do hope you will join us for this weekend of events.

We start a series in our main services following the biblical story of the Exodus. As Christopher Nolan's 'Odessey' continues in cinemas this biblical story of an epic journey with all its difficulties provides us with a narrative in which we can identify with many thousands of years later and offers hope and purpose for our lives.

Lastly on the 20th of September at 6pm a traditional service of **Sung Evensong**. It's a beautiful service for quiet reflection.

Details are as follows:

6th September 9:30am Morning Worship

12th September 11am-4pm Heritage Day

An opportunity to explore the history of our church from foundation to our time and its place in our community.

7pm Last Night of the Proms (Pimm's with Hymns)

A mixture of our favorite hymns and stories about why we love them alongside the usual jingoism and an opportunity to hear our organ with all the stops taken out. All served with Pimm's (other drinks available) and snacks

13th September 10:30am St Mary's Church Celebration Service (Communion)

20th September 6pm Evensong with the Deanery Choir – with refreshments after the service. This is an opportunity to experience a service that is mainly found in cathedrals.

27th September 9:30am Communion Service – Great is thy faithfulness

Pendleside Repair Café Returns! 5 Sept, 10.30am-1pm at Barley Chapel

There is plenty to look forward to this September as the Pendleside Repair Café returns to the recently renovated Barley Chapel Hall on Saturday 5th September, from 10.30am to 1pm.

The Repair Café has been going from strength to strength, with an amazing 40 repairs completed over the last two months. Every repair means something gets a new lease of life rather than ending up in the bin helping to save money, reduce waste and keep useful items in use.

We were also delighted to welcome the Mayor of Pendle to the Repair Café in August. It was wonderful to have the Mayor visit, meet our volunteers, see our repairers in action and find out more about the difference the Repair Café is making in our local community.



As always, visitors can expect a warm and friendly welcome from our fantastic team of volunteer repairers and refreshments team. This month, our skilled repairers will be on hand to help with:

- **Woodwork repairs** – chairs, frames and small furniture.
- **Textile mending** – clothing repairs and a helping hand with those favourite garments.
- **Electrical & IT troubleshooting** – small appliances, gadgets and technology.
- **Toy repairs** – giving children's much-loved favourites a new lease of life.
- **Garden tool sharpening** – including shears and secateurs.

Whether you have something that needs fixing or you simply want to come along and see what we are all about, everyone is very welcome.

And this month there is another good reason to visit. Come and have a look around the newly renovated chapel hall, meet the volunteers and enjoy a good old-fashioned brew and a piece of homemade cake while you have a chat.

The Repair Café is about much more than fixing things. It is about bringing people together, sharing skills, learning from one another and making a difference in our local community. The success of the last two months shows just what can be achieved when people give their time and skills to help others.

Can you spare a little time?

Before the Repair Café, we are also giving the chapel a good clean on **1st September**. If you have a spare hour or two and would like to lend a hand, your help would be very much appreciated.

So, whether you are a skilled fixer, someone who enjoys helping behind the scenes, or simply fancy a cuppa and a slice of cake, come along and be part of Pendleside Repair Café!

We look forward to welcoming you!

LORRAINE GOLDSBROUGH

Barley Methodist Chapel

A Massive Thank You!

What a difference a community can make when everyone pulls together!

We are absolutely delighted to share the news that Barley Chapel Hall is now completed and we could not be more thrilled with the result.

What has been achieved is a wonderful reminder of the strength, kindness and community spirit we have here in Barley. The Chapel Hall has been given a new lease of life, ready to welcome people for services, community activities, events, the Repair Café and so much more.

None of this would have been possible without the fantastic help, generosity and support of our local community, local businesses and Lancashire Environmental Fund. The Chapel membership would like to say a heartfelt MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time, skills, materials, donations, energy and enthusiasm to help bring the hall to where it is today.

A very special thank you goes to:

- Nigel Dewhurst – for the amazing work he has done with the lighting and electrical work.
- Luke Standring – for sharing his excellent joinery skills.
- John Connor – for his fantastic plastering skills.
- Brian Pinder – for all his help with the decorating.
- Scott Allen – for doing the chapel garden.
- Robert Stephens – for all the hours he spent organising trades and on doing the work that was needed to get the hall finished.
- And a huge thank you to Lee and James Hunt, Roger and Jamie Lowcock, Rod & Sue Statham, Derek and Caroline Heap, Siobhan Bentley, Bev Hartley, Rosemary Connor, Rebecca Barlow, Frank Wilkinson, Bob Hargreaves and Dan Goldsbrough for all the time, hard work and practical help they have given.
- We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Dewhurst Decorating Supplies for their generous donation of paint, which has helped give the hall its fresh new look.
- A special thank you also goes to Scanrho Aviation for their generous donation of the hall lights, helping to brighten and transform the newly renovated space.

Whether it was a big job, a small job, painting, building, fixing, cleaning, moving things around, supplying materials or simply being there when an extra pair of hands was needed, every contribution has made a difference.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped. The finished hall isn't just a renovated building it is a reflection of what can happen when a community comes together with a shared purpose. We truly couldn't have done it without you. Thank you! We can't wait to see the hall buzzing with activity!

Important Dates for Your Diary

Return of the Pendleside Repair Café

Saturday 5th September | 10.30am–1pm

The hugely popular Repair Café returns to Barley Chapel Hall, continuing to bring together practical skills, community spirit and a shared commitment to reducing waste.

With 40 repairs already completed over the last two months, the Repair Café is proving to be a fantastic addition to our community. Come along with something that needs repairing, or simply pop in for a chat, a look around the newly completed hall, a cuppa and a piece of homemade cake!

Monthly Sunday Service

Sunday 6th September

Our September service will be led by our new Minister for Barley, Rev Stephen Donnison.

Please come along, give Stephen a warm Barley welcome and, most importantly, show him just how much having our Chapel here in Barley means to us all.

It will also be a wonderful opportunity to see the work that has been carried out in the Chapel Hall and celebrate what has been achieved together.

FOG Club Returns

Thursday 10th September | 6.30pm

We are delighted to welcome back FOG Club to the Chapel Hall!

After all the hard work that has gone into completing the hall, it will be fantastic to see it filled with the energy and enthusiasm of the FOG Club once again. Lorraine will be in touch with existing members before FOG club recommences.

If you would like any further information, please contact Lorraine on 07966 261520.

Indoor Car Boot

Saturday 17th October 10.30am – 3pm

We are very excited to announce a new venture for Barley Chapel – an Indoor Car Boot!

We are hoping this will become a regular monthly event, bringing people together for a morning of browsing, bargains, chatting and community spirit.

We are also delighted that the Mayor of Pendle will be joining us for this first event.

If you would like to book a table which for this first event will be free but a donation will always be welcome or you would like any further information, please contact Angie on 07967 121031.

Come and Be Part of It!

The Chapel has always been about people – faith, friendship, community and a place where everyone can feel welcome.

The completion of the hall marks an exciting new chapter for Barley Methodist Chapel, and we are looking forward to filling it with laughter, conversation, activity, friendship and fellowship.

Thank you, Barley, and thank you to everyone who has supported us. This hall belongs to the community, and we can't wait to see it being enjoyed by everyone.

LORRAINE GOLDSBROUGH

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

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 is no longer a physical copy being delivered and not everyone will see the adverts on noticeboards. Thanks for your help!

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