PARISH NEWS

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

Barley Parish Council

Remembrance Service, Diary Dates, Playground, Turning Area updates...

The annual Remembrance Service at Barley Village turning area will be on Sunday 8th November starting at 10.45am. Everybody is welcome to join the service which is always made especially poignant through the stories of Barley residents who made unimaginable sacrifices during times of conflict. There will be the usual laying of wreaths and flowers, 2 minutes silence, bugle playing of the last post, and refreshments at the Chapel afterwards. In addition to the service, the remembrance flag will be erected on the flag post at the start of November and taken down on the 12th.
Other upcoming dates for your diaries are:

- 21st November – Annual Tour of Pendle race starting from the Village Hall
- 13th December – Barley to Bethlehem
- 20th December – Carols by Candlelight at the Chapel
- 27th February – Curry & Quiz fundraiser for the Village Hall, always a great night.

Thank you to everyone who has helped maintain the playground equipment since it was redesigned and replaced just over 2 years ago. The next project for the playground is to improve the barrier between the equipment area and the river. If any residents can volunteer time and/ or expertise to support with this, please speak to Counsellors Jayne Harthan or Dan Goldsborough

In other news, during October a waste bin was installed in the centre of the village green. This is the fifth time the Parish Council, in collaboration with Pendle Borough Council, has replaced a single sized bin with a new double sized bin. The reason is to reduce overflow and keep our public spaces cleaner.
Also during October, residents will have noticed that work to improve the turning area started. This involved a temporary closure of the area for the duration of the works. The turning area surface is made up of granite setts and over the years they have sunk in some areas causing ponding when it rains. Similarly, a smaller macadam area has deteriorated. The Parish Council, in collaboration with Pendle Borough Council, are jointly funding drainage and macadam surfacing works which will significantly reduce the areas of standing water. This project, due to be completed early in November, will improve access, safety, and the appearance of the turning area.
Rainfall has affected the work. One day it caused flooding of the drain trenches, caused by blocked existing drainage pipe. We were fortunate to be able to get urgent assistance from Lancashire County Council (LCC) to limit disruption and extra costs. LCC, surprisingly, have no records of the drainage in the village. We should be prepared for more extreme weather and knowing where our drains go could be a good start. The Parish Council will be looking further into this.



The new drain will run close to the bridge abutment wall and include two new gullies.
This image shows where the drain excavation has been reinstated with granite setts, a new gully is being installed, and beyond the gully is the line of the drain excavated heading off to the outfall.
During the works the access bridge to Barley Farmhouse and associated properties must be closed. A big thank you to the Lowcock family and others who have been tolerant and supportive.

COUNCILLORS D HEAP AND J HARTHAN

BECCY MURRELL, CHAIR

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Bonfire (5 Nov), SPID, Police meeting, Playground, New Signs...



As the clocks go back and autumn sets in, we look forward to some warming community spirit at the Goldshaw Booth Parish Council bonfire and pie and pea supper on Thursday 5th November and the Christmas Light Extravaganza Switch-on and Santa's Grotto with hot turkey sandwiches on Saturday 5th December. Both events are free for local residents but donations on the night would be most welcome to cover the cost of the food. We would also be very grateful for donations of tombola prizes which can be dropped off at St Mary's Church.

Our ambition to purchase a SPID device by applying for grant funding has so far been unsuccessful, but on a more positive note we are delighted to have been awarded grant funding by the Harold and Alice Bridges Charitable Trust, to cover the cost of purchasing a new picnic bench for outside the toilets in Newchurch and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trust for their generosity.

We would also like to thank Roughlee Parish Council for their hard work and persistence which has resulted in temporary ice signs being permitted on Jinny Lane. Thanks also to local resident Andy Cowell who has agreed to look after the sign and put it up when conditions require.

PCSO Alan Fielding will be attending St Mary's Church on Sunday 17th January 2027 between 2 and 4pm, to meet with the community and discuss your concerns and ideas. Tea and cakes will be served and again, all local residents are welcome to come along.

We are pleased that in the recent playground inspection report, only minor risks were identified with none requiring immediate attention, although we continue to monitor the wooden stepping posts on the lower playing field, removing rotten ones as necessary. The moss on the Spenbrook to Newchurch footpath is being removed by contractors over the next couple of months, to reduce any slip hazard and limit the further deterioration of the tarmac.

Our new village information boards and gateway welcome signs for the three villages are taking shape – to view the latest designs, please come to our next meeting which is being held at St Mary's Church at 7pm on Monday 9th November.

Roughlee Parish Council

Seniors' Christmas Lunch (10 Dec), Neighbourhood Watch, Resus Training, Ice signs, Legacy Fund, Remembrance...



Menus have been prepared and invitations printed, ready for circulation in early November, inviting all eligible residents in our parish to our annual Seniors' Christmas Lunch, scheduled for Thursday 10th December at the Village Centre.

As usual, the children from Roughlee School will be in attendance to entertain us with both traditional and modern Christmas carols. Please keep an eye out for your invitation. If you have not received one by 28th November and believe you are eligible, please contact either Mary, our Parish Clerk, or myself so that we can rectify the situation.

As always, numbers are limited, and due to the size of our catering facilities we cannot accept walk-ins on the day.

I am often approached about speeding vehicles, irresponsible driving, and nuisance visitors. It is disappointing to note that, since our appeal in the last edition of the Parish News, we have received no response from residents willing to volunteer for Neighbourhood Watch or community speed-watch activities within the parish.

Our PCSO, Alan Fielding, who has been championing this initiative, has also received no responses, despite similar schemes proving successful in neighbouring parishes. He has suggested setting up a Facebook page, as this approach has worked well elsewhere. Once again, if you would like to know more, please get in touch or speak to Alan when you see him out and about.

Through a great deal of hard work, we have secured permission from Lancashire County Council to obtain several "Icy Road" warning signs. These will be erected on three affected roads within the village on a temporary basis during the winter months.

Defibrillator and resuscitation training took place during November and was a tremendous success, with 14 attendees from Roughlee and Newchurch trained in resuscitation, Defibrillator use, and emergency scenarios including choking, heart

attacks and major bleeds. Thanks to David Brown, local Enhanced First Responder for NWAS Northwest Ambulance Service.

We have no further news to report regarding the outstanding planning applications relating to the caravan park appeal and the land opposite Straitgate Cottages.

We have also begun considering ideas for how best to spend our legacy fund. These proposals will hopefully be finalised at this month's meeting.

In last month's edition, we reported on projects that had been completed using funding obtained through the Pride in Place Impact Fund. For clarity, this funding was provided by Pendle Borough Council.

Finally, Remembrance Sunday services will be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 8th November at 9.00 am. We will also be holding a short commemoration service in the village at 11.00 am on the 11th. Everyone is welcome, and please feel free to join us.

Next meetings Monday 2nd November and 7th December at 7pm, RVC

MARTIN SCHOFIELD, CHAIR

Roughlee Village Centre

Día de los Muertos - The Day of the Dead



A wine tasting and tapas night like no other

Roughlee Village Centre, Sat 7th Nov, from 7pm

£25 per person, limited places available

Contact Glen 07849 774438 or Graham 07808 057373

Events in Barley

Dates in Nov for your diary...



■ **Pendle Forest History Group** – *Wed 18th Nov, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall* – Business meeting and items of interest. Members £2, visitors £3. **Email**

■ **Pendleside Gardeners Club** *Tues 17th Nov, 7pm at Roughlee Village Centre* – The topic is Gardening for Wildlife by Lancashire Wildlife Trust. A great chance to learn from the experts that increasing biodiversity is the answer to many of our gardening challenges. All welcome – £5 inc refreshments

■ **Pendleside Repair Cafe** *Sat 7th Nov, 10.30am to 1pm at Barley Chapel* – A busy morning at Barley Chapel! Things have certainly been getting fixed at our monthly get-together! The coffee machine is working again, the table lamp is shining, knives are sharp, garden tools are cutting, jumpers have lost their holes, jewellery has been repaired, radios are making a noise and even the dogs have warmer coats! It's amazing what can be sorted with a bit of skill, patience and a helping hand. We're always happy to also receive old pens for recycling, and there's never any shortage of cake! This month we were particularly pleased to welcome the Pendle Patchers and some other lovely visitors. As always, there is plenty of chat, laughter, cake and a few jobs ticked off the list. We meet on the first Saturday of every month at Barley Chapel. Bring along something that needs fixing, or just come for a cuppa and a catch-up. Everyone is welcome – and new volunteers are always very welcome too!

■ **Barley WI** – *Wed 4th Nov, 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall* – What a fantastic year for our WI. Our AGM was wonderful – celebrating what makes our club so special – our fabulous members and dedicated committee! And what a lot we have to celebrate… Our membership has grown to 66! We've celebrated birthdays from 21 to 90! We have had 11 meetings plus an opportunity to meet up nearly every week! And an AMAZING £5,500 has been donated to local charities! New members are welcome to come and join us – November 4th is the Barley WI Craft Night, the writers favourite meeting of the year – where we sit around large tables – chat, cake and learn a new skill. The first three meetings at Barley WI are free so you can try us out first to make sure you like it.

■ **Pendle Patchers –** *Tues 10th and 24th Nov, from 1pm at Barley Village Hall* – As you can see from our picture, patchwork doesn't have to be made from material. One of our group recently completed knitting her 6th blanket this year! Some members of the Patchers group will be at the Repair Cafe in Barley on Saturday 7th November so please pop in if you want some ideas about what you can do with your scraps of wool or pieces of material. As usual, our group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the village hall, so you are welcome to visit us there if you are unable to get to the Repair Cafe. For more information, contact Gil Beeke 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!

Barley Chapel

Car Boot, Children's Party (13 Dec), Dates for your Diary...

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Car Boot Sale on 17th October. We are delighted to announce that £640 was raised, which included a very generous donation of £200. We are extremely grateful to everyone who donated, had a stall, came along to browse and buy, or helped in any way to make the event such a success.

All funds raised will go towards the second phase of the essential building work required at the chapel. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and will help us to preserve and maintain our chapel for the future.

Our next Car Boot Sale will be held on Saturday 21st November. Stalls are free of charge, and we still have a couple of spaces available. If you would like to book a stall, please contact Angie **07967 121031**. We look forward to welcoming you!

Barley Children's Christmas Party

The Barley Children's Christmas Party will take place on **Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm**. The party is open to children aged up to 11 years who live in Barley, as well as grandchildren of Barley villagers.

If you would like your child to attend, please contact Lorraine on **07966 261520**.

Dates for Your Diary

■ **Sunday 8th November** – Remembrance Sunday Service at 11am

■ **Saturday 21st November** – Car Boot Sale 11am – 3pm

■ **Sunday 6th December** – Sunday Service at 11am

■ **Sunday 13th December** – Children's Christmas Party at 2.30pm

■ **Sunday 13th December** – Barley to Bethlehem at 5pm

■ **Sunday 20th December** – Carols by Candlelight at 6pm

Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity and continued support of Barley Chapel. We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events.

Notes from St Mary's

Remembering & Safeguarding Sunday

Remembering

As someone who grew up in South Korea, I have often noticed how distinctive November is in Britain. In South Korea, there is no All Souls' Day, Guy Fawkes Day, or Remembrance Sunday. South Koreans certainly remember the dead and honour those who have sacrificed for the nation, but these reminders are spread throughout the year. In Britain, however, November seems to gather these acts of remembrance together. We remember loved ones on All Souls' Day, a national deliverance on Guy Fawkes Day, and the fallen on Remembrance Sunday. It is a month that invites us to pause and remember.

I was initially surprised by Guy Fawkes Night. South Korea has fireworks festivals, but they focus mainly on celebration and spectacle. Bonfire Night, by contrast, is an act of remembrance. The failure of the Gunpowder Plot and the preservation of King James I were seen as causes for national thanksgiving. In January 1606, Parliament even required an annual church service of thanksgiving. The nation was called to remember not a tragedy, but a deliverance.

Then comes Remembrance Sunday. We pause to honour those who sacrificed their lives in war. We remember courage, service, and the cost of peace. The familiar words, "We will remember them," declare that gratitude should never be forgotten.
Yet all these acts of remembrance ultimately point us to a greater King and a greater sacrifice.
King James was saved from death. Jesus Christ, the King of kings, willingly walked towards it. He was not rescued from the cross. He chose the cross. He came into our world voluntarily and gave His life voluntarily.
We often say that Christ died for the world, and that is gloriously true. But sometimes "the world" can feel distant and impersonal. The wonder of the gospel is that Christ did not merely die for humanity in general. He died for me, and He died for you too.
So, this November, as we remember the departed, remember deliverance, and remember the fallen, let us also remember Jesus Christ. He is the King of the world, yet He is also the King of *my* life. And because He gave Himself for me, my remembrance becomes more than looking back. It becomes an act of faith, gratitude, and devotion to the One who remembers us always.

REV'D HEESOO WARNER – CURATE, ST. MARY'S NEWCHURCH

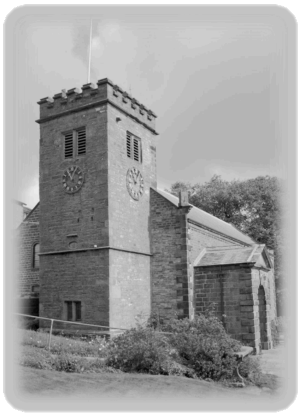
Safeguarding Sunday

On Sunday 15 November, churches across the country will be marking Safeguarding Sunday. At St Mary's Newchurch, we will be taking the opportunity to think about what safeguarding means, why it matters, and how we can continue to make our church a safe and welcoming place for everyone.
But safeguarding isn't just something that concerns people who attend church. It is about all of us.
The theme for this year's Safeguarding Sunday is "Love Protects". It is a simple phrase, but one that says something important. If we care about one another, we want people to be safe, listened to and treated with dignity and respect. That includes children, young people, older people and adults who may be vulnerable for any number of reasons.
Safeguarding is an important part of the life of every church and community. It means having appropriate procedures in place, ensuring that people are properly supported and trained, and making sure that concerns can be raised and taken seriously.
As Parish Safeguarding Officer, my role is to help with this work. But safeguarding isn't just the responsibility of one person. It belongs to all of us.
Love protects
Safeguarding is ultimately about how we treat one another. 1 Corinthians 13 says of love: "It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."
Love notices.
Love listens.
Love takes concerns seriously.
Love respects boundaries.
And love doesn't look the other way when something doesn't feel right.
At St Mary's, we strive to be a church that is safe, welcoming and caring for everyone. We would love you to come and join us at our Sunday service, which begins at 9.30am. We finish with a brew and a biscuit, and everyone is welcome.

KELLY SNOWDEN – PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

St Mary's Church Services

Nov 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.
Through November the theme of many of our services is one of remembrance. In this season at the end of the Church's year, we remember the lives of those who have died in faith and pray for their families. We remember those who gave their lives in war for our freedom and in the weeks running up to Advent we remember that as Christians we worship Jesus Christ who is a live and reigns with God the Father and sends the Holy Spirit to enable the Church for its mission to the bring good news to a hurting world. We hope you will join us during this season. Our Services are as follows but please note the times of the services:
1st November 4:30pm All Souls Service
A service for All Saints Day where we remember the lives of those we love and miss and at this time see

no more. We hope this is a beautiful service to support all who mourn.

8th November 9:15am Rememberance Sunday Service

Our service of remembrance with Holy Communion.

15th November 9:30am 2nd before Advent (Safeguarding Sunday)

A Service reflecting on Jesus promise to return.

22nd November 9:30am Christ the King

A Service of Holy Communion marking the end of the Church's year reflecting on Christ's Authority and majesty.

29th November 4pm Advent Service

A traditional service beginning in candlelight marking the beginning of Advent.

For more details contact Rev'd Nick Murray:
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