

BORWICK & PRIEST HUTTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2017 / January 2018



St Mary's Church, Borwick:

St Mary's Church is a "Chapel of Ease" in the Parish of Warton to provide a place of worship in the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton.

On the first Sunday of the Month at 9.30am is a service in contemporary language with hymns and Holy Communion.

Every Tuesday at 8am is a said Eucharist, using the traditional language of the "Book of Common Prayer".



Thursday 14th December Carol Service 6.30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST 9.30am



*** LEVENS CHOIR ***

December 10th at 4:00 pm

Followed by a buffet tea in the Memorial Hall

Tickets: £12 per person from St Mary's Church, or call 01524 732825

Other Services at St Mary's include.....

Bible Study - monthly- contact Noeline Clark (732825)

Inspire - a discussion group meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 11am - contact Joyce Tombs (07768 930070)

House Communion - monthly- contact Sheila Barnes 720067

There is always a welcome for you at your village church & at the other churches in our benefice.

For full details of the times of services see the parish web site at www.wartonstoswald.co.uk

At St Oswald's Church, Warton:

Every Sunday there is a said traditional Eucharist at 8am and a Sung Eucharist at 11am. Usual Weekday services: Monday at 12noon and Thursday at 11am. Annette Mackenzie annettemackenzie1@gmail.com

BORWICK BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange facility in St Mary's Church is open daily 10 – 3pm. Jim Thomas 730480



Update on Ambitious Plans to Revitalise St Mary's Church

St Mary's was built as a "Chapel of Ease" in 1896 to enable villagers from Borwick and Priest Hutton to attend church without having to travel as far as St Oswald's in Warton, which is in fact our Parish Church. However, congregations have diminished over recent years posing a threat to its financial viability and, more importantly, reducing its impact as a hub for the benefit of the local community.

We are very fortunate to have an excellent and well-run village hall which serves our communities well, not least in terms of leisure activities and entertainment. But, if we also want our beautiful church to be here in the heart of our communities, as an asset for future generations, we need to act now.



So, plans are being made to revitalise St Mary's, central to which is the "reordering" of the church building. Reordering means improving the layout and facilities to make the building more accessible and versatile, whilst retaining its architectural significance and atmosphere of peace and spirituality.

The latest proposal is to build a single storey extension to the west end of church which will become the main entrance to church, offering greatly improved access and housing a disabled toilet with baby-changing facilities. A kitchenette similar to that at St John's, Yealand, tastefully concealed in woodwork to match the historic entrance, is proposed for the rear of the church. Combined with the removal of three rows of rear pews this will enable the provision of basic hospitality for fellowship and meetings.

A new heating system is planned which, together with draught-proofing measures to the existing entrance, should help preserve the fabric of the building whilst creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Architect's drawings have been produced and we are about to begin the complex consultation and planning approval phase of this project. There is much to do including obtaining tenders, raising funds, instructing contractors, etc. but the most important thing needed is for the community to come together and support the plans. Under the leadership of our new vicar, Reverend Robin Figg, the church community is redefining its mission which includes reaching out to the local community. We hope that for the wider community there will be belief in the importance of securing the future of an architecturally significant and valued building, providing a space that will bring our villages even closer together.

If you would like to be involved in any way in the plans for redefining the church's mission or to know more about this exciting project, please do not hesitate to call me on 07768 930070.

Joyce Tombs, Treasurer

St. Mary's Church, serving the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton



PRIEST HUTTON PARISH

The next Priest Hutton Parish Meeting will be on **Thursday, January 18th at 8pm** in the Memorial Hall. This meeting will be the **AGM**.

Email: edwinashuttleworth@hotmail.com Telephone: 03330062327
Edwina Shuttleworth (Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish Meeting)

BORWICK PARISH

At Borwick Parish Meeting held on 11 October the meeting began with a talk given by Mr Alex Mollart of **Clear Water Fisheries**. Alex described how he had purchased the land as a bankruptcy and how he intended to run it as an exclusive fishery, and a hobby, at the same time making the effort to protect and encourage wildlife on the site. Around £7k has already been spent on the planting of trees, creation of reed beds and paths around the site including a path around the perimeter which the public can access. There were no plans for caravans but permission for a limited number of log cabins might be applied for in the future. The wind turbine is also off the agenda.



The Chairman reported on the **Emergency Plan** and stated that a plan activation meeting (Exercise Moorgarth) held at Halton had revealed several areas in our plan which needed some refinement but that it had been a useful exercise for all of the community emergency groups involved.

The Treasurer stated that the accounts had been audited with no charge and the conclusion placed on the noticeboards along with the annual report and external auditor's certificate. The balance of the current account stands at £684 as £500 has just been paid to the Memorial Hall for new chairs and there was also £1318 in the Skipton Building Society.



With regard to **planning issues** the Chairman reported that the Council were looking into development at Featherbed Meadow where a large wooden structure, almost double the size of the original had appeared, despite conditions being imposed in 2014. With regard to the Villa Site, planning enforcement notices had eventually been served after the Chairman and Clerk met with the Planning Manager back in May. The Clerk stated that around 33 planning conditions were originally put on the site but by applying for the 'discharging of conditions' many of these restrictions had now been lifted and it was believed that a compromise would be the outcome. It was noted that soil and debris was still being moved from the site without the relevant permission.

County Councillor Philippa Williamson, representing our new county council division of Lancaster Rural North, was introduced to the Meeting. After complaints from the Clerk and Chairman about the new reporting system for highways faults she suggested the best route for reporting potholes, gully issues and flooding problems might be through her and, indeed, she had already reported some issues regarding the road surface which were subsequently patched up. It was agreed the Chairman and Clerk would draw up an extensive list of issues and report to her in due course.

With regard to the **mowing schedule for the village green** the Clerk reported that this had taken place at regular 3-4 week intervals, apart from a gap at the end of August and September, where prolonged rain had caused setbacks but that the last mowing took place on 9 October and that overall the city council had done a good job. The grass has been strimmed between the trees and the drainage is working effectively.

The Clerk reported that the rent for the **Poors Land Charity** has been received, the balance of the account stands at £1927, and that the Chairman needs to be added as a signatory.

The Chairman explained the new proposal to **update the existing website for Priest Hutton and the Memorial Hall** and to add Borwick to the site using links to the Parish Meeting, St Mary's Church etc. This would incur a one off cost of £60 to register the domain name and £16 per annum afterwards and the input of information would be managed by Ken Richardson. All present voted in favour of the proposal.



The next Borwick Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 10th at 7.30pm** at Borwick Hall. **Email: clairehelme2000@yahoo.co.uk** *Claire Helme (Clerk to Borwick Parish Meeting)*

Emergency Plan – LIST

As you will know we received a grant from the Council to develop an emergency plan and upgrade the Village Hall to operate as a refuge for villagers in the event of a local emergency - **for example flooding or loss of power.**

In addition, we submitted a draft plan to the council which sets out how we would activate the use of the hall, communicate with residents and how we would contact them. We said we would use email or personal contact.

Whilst email communication through the newsletter list is possible via Jean, that may not be possible in the event of a power cut and secondly it relies on Jean being available. We recognised that there are issues re data protection around sharing people's personal information and took advice from the council.



As a result we propose to develop a separate list which would be for use in the circumstances outlined above and be available for use by **our primary emergency contacts – Eric Rooney, Keith Brady, Claire Helme and Dave Scott.** Ideally this would include your email address for warnings and your address and phone number should we want to advise you of the situation and support available if the power goes down.

I appreciate this is a potentially sensitive issue, and understand if you don't want to give us all of your information.

If you do agree to us having this information, please email or contact Jean with the details as she has agreed to compile the list. She will need your consent for us to use your email address, and include your postal address and phone number if you are happy for these to be used also.

jeanjohns43@gmail.com / 781887/ Megs Yeat Cottage, Upphall Lane, Priest Hutton

Eric Rooney – Project Co-ordinator

BORWICK & PRIEST HUTTON FIRST RESPONDERS



UPDATE ON CURRENT SITUATION

We are maintaining and checking the 3 defibrillators in the villages, and we are still looking for potential volunteers to train to be First Responders.

We have a spare set of equipment and we just need some volunteers to train to use it, which would increase the amount of time we have local cover.

For further details please ring Eric Rooney on 01524 781 468

VILLAGE HALL FACELIFT



Villagers will have noticed that the hall and car park have been enjoying a bit of a facelift this autumn. Each Wednesday through the autumn a group of us “mature but ambulant” have been mucking in to tackle a longish list of maintenance jobs. Fuelled by regular breaks for tea and cakes, progress has been stately and serene with adequate time set aside for planning, discussion and review.

In addition we have enjoyed numerous exchanges with local consultants who have taken time out from their busy schedules to offer us suggestions and advice along with the very occasional slice of constructive criticism.



So far we have;

- ***repaired the potholes in the car park,***
- ***power washed the veranda roof,***
- ***replaced the guttering on the eastern elevation***
- ***re-varnished the woodwork on the east, south and western elevations.***

We still have to tackle the high altitude varnish on the north face but I fear that may need to wait for more benign weather in the spring. From December we will be focussed on internal jobs with a much greater emphasis on staying warm and dry.

Further volunteers are always welcome - particularly those with baking skills.

Ken Dunn - Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

BORWICK & PRIEST HUTTON GARDENERS' CLUB

TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY 2018 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by a talk by ANDREW CHAPMAN about NEW ZEALAND

Andrew is steeped in horticulture having been an advisor to flower shows at Wisley, Tatton and Harrogate during his time as a senior gardener at Harlow Carr. Many of us who have visited Harlow Carr will have admired his influence in the development of the long borders. This presentation will take us on a journey to New Zealand looking at plants that grow there from mountain tops to the seashore.



Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Diane Sunderland – Chairman

BORWICK & PRIEST HUTTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Christmas Dinner Tuesday 12th December 2017

The W.I. will hold their Christmas Dinner in the Memorial Hall - time 7pm for 7.30pm. After the meal there will be the usual fun quiz set by Tony Johns.

Jacob's Join..... Tuesday 9th January 2018 There will be a discussion relating to the resolutions to be put forward at the W.I. Annual Meeting in Cardiff.



Following the discussion there will be a Jacob's Join supper and time to catch up with everyone.

There will also be a new and nearly new stall in aid of funds. If any members have anything that they think might be suitable for the stall please bring along it on the night. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Visitors are welcome to come along to any of the meetings and new members are always welcome. For further information about the W.I. please contact our new President Dorothy Fell on 01524 720944

Diane Sunderland

WINTER COFFEE MORNINGS – Saturdays - 10am – 11.45am

December 16th *****	January 27th	February 24th	March 31st
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It was decided at the first of the Winter Coffee Mornings held in October that the charity we will support this year is **Pancreatic Cancer Research in memory of Roger Southwart**. Roger initiated these 'get togethers' several years ago and is so sadly missed.

The December Coffee Morning, which will be held on **Saturday, 16th December**, will be a very special one when the children of the village, with Eric's group of musicians, will be performing festive music and carols in an appropriately bedecked hall.

We shall also be holding a **Raffle** at this event to try and swell the funds for this particular charity, so your company (& money) will be very much appreciated on the day. Even if you are unable to attend in person maybe you could buy raffle tickets from Dorothy Fell, 01524 720944 or myself 01524 730480. *Maureen Thomas – Co-ordinator*





BOWLS

Indoor bowling every Thursday 2-4 pm. Come and Join us! You will receive a warm welcome when you join us for an afternoon of social activity, light exercise and laughter. No need to worry about rules or being an expert (none of our members are). The equipment is all provided. Costs £2 (includes a cup of coffee/ tea & a biscuit). If you need a lift or more information ring Martin on 07809455792.

SWIMMING

There is a public swimming session for locals at Capernwray Hall on Fridays from 6pm – 7pm. The majority of attendees tend to be from Borwick & Priest Hutton. (Rich Lowndes at Capernwray Hall runs the pool).



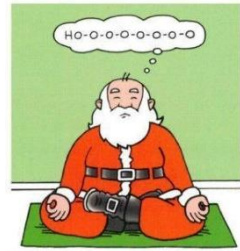
BADMINTON

Badminton takes place on Wednesdays at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. This is not competitive League stuff, more a social knock-a-bout. All welcome.

Keith Brady

PILATES

Both classes have now been reinstated - Monday at 1.30pm and Thursday at 6.45pm. The cost is £7 per session or a 6 week block for £36. To contact Anna ring 07799077581 or email annagearypilates@outlook.com



CRAFT GROUP

First Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm at Jane's 7 Becks Mews, Borwick.
New Year - New Projects.....
Jane Taylor 730084

ART CLASS

The Art Class meets during term time on Fridays, 10-12noon in the Memorial Hall. The new term begins on January 12th. All welcome, including beginners. Contact the Tutor - Doreen Carman - 01524-852485 - for more information.



THEATRE & CONCERT CLUB



As the membership secretary of this club I am happy to give details to anyone who wishes to become a member and/or obtain more information about the club. Please contact me on 01524 734624.

Olwen Watson

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, 17th December 4 – 6pm

In the Memorial Hall

Open to all children of the villages



Each child will receive a present from Father Christmas, entertainment and a party tea.

To assist with catering please let Liz Foulds know if your child wishes to attend - 01524 781422

If your child has a Nerf gun please bring it along as we intend to let the children have a game with them.



Saturday, 3rd February 2018

This will be held in the Village Hall and is strictly an **“entry by ticket only”** event.

We expect this to be a sell-out so please book your tickets, which will include the Ceilidh and food, via Liz Foulds - 01524 781422

Adult ticket - £12.50 / Child ticket - £5.00

Ready Steady Ceilidh!



LIBRARY VAN



December	13 th
January	3 rd & 24 th

The library van will visit at 3 weekly intervals on the **WEDNESDAYS** above.....11 – 11.15am at Borwick Green and on to Priest Hutton Green from 11.20 – 11.40am. Please check with dates posted on the village notice boards



LOTTERY

JUNE	1 ST	£50	56	PAM BEAUMONT	2 ND	£30	38	ANNE- MARIE LE CHEMINANT
JULY	1 ST	£20	39	LESLEY FAIRCLOUGH	2 ND	£10	24	DOROTHY CARTER
AUGUST	1 ST	£20	45	DIANE ADAMS	2 ND	£10	50	DOROTHY RODLEY
SEPTEMBER	1 ST	£20	58	TERRY BARNFIELD	2 ND	£10	3	LESLEY SOUTHWART
OCTOBER	1 ST	£20	86	LOUISE ROBINSON	2 ND	£10	73	KEN DUNN
NOVEMBER	1 ST	£20	12	CLAIRE & JOHN HELME	2 ND	£10	16	MICHELE & STEVE THORNS

LOCAL PRESS

Please send reports of village events/meetings etc. to Claire Helme at clairehelme2000@yahoo.co.uk A rough outline/ bare facts will be sufficient for Claire to edit and send on to the local newspapers



NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please let me have your contributions to the February/March newsletter by **Sunday, January 21st.**

Contact me at jeanjohns43@gmail.com or 01524 781887

Thank you. *Jean Johns*

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!





St Mary's Borwick

Levens
Choir



LEVENS CHOIR

"Nova! Nova!"

A celebration of good news

Conducted by Ian Jones

Accompanied by Phil Burton

Christmas music by:

Thomas Tallis

John Tavener

Morten Lauridsen

Benjamin Britten

Bob Chilcott

John Rutter

Carols from the audience

December 10th at 4:00 pm

Followed by a buffet tea in the Memorial Hall

Tickets: £12 per person from St Mary's Church

Or call 01524 732825