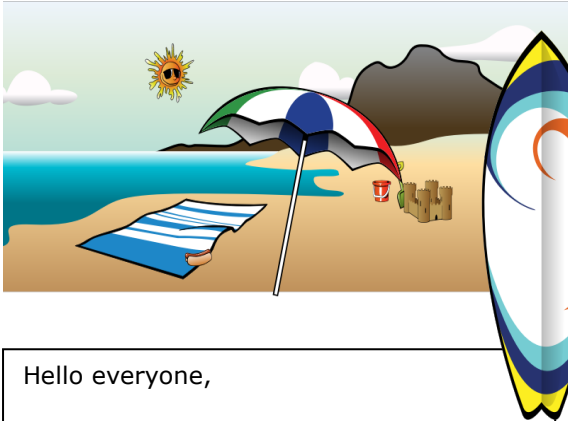


Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter



August/September 2019

Issue no. 254

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the August/September issue, which I hope you enjoy!

It's a shorter newsletter than normal as many of the usual village clubs and activities enjoy a break in August, ready to start up again in September.

Thanks to those people who have contributed a book review for this edition (see page 8) – keep them coming folks, I need lots of variety for the months ahead. Fiction, non-fiction, local interest; all are equally valued! Perhaps the younger villagers might like to write about their favourite book? (Grown-up help allowed!)

The deadline for contributions to the October/November newsletter is midnight on **Thursday 19 September 2019**. Please **note this is earlier than the usual deadline**. Send written articles (in Word) and photos by email to hjrooney64@gmail.com. If you do not have computer access, I will accept handwritten articles; please deliver to Sunnyside, Priest Hutton a few days in advance of the deadline, or call me on 01524 781468. Thank you!

Best wishes, *Hilary Rooney*



Dates for your diary...

August

- 4 (Sun) St Oswald's Patronal Festival Eucharist (10.30am, St Oswald's)
- This replaces the usual monthly service at St Mary's.

September

- 1 (Sun) St Mary's Patronal Eucharist 10.30am
- 3 (Tues) W.I. trip to the Hot Ice Show in Blackpool (p.7)
- 10 (Tues) Faith Matters St Mary's Church 10.45am
- 10 (Tues) W.I. Memorial Hall 7.30pm (p.7)
- 17 (Tues) Priest Hutton Parish Meeting Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 24 (Tues) Gardeners' Club Memorial Hall 7.30pm (p.7)



St Mary's Church



A 'Chapel of Ease' in the Parish of Warton, providing a place of worship for the villagers of Borwick and Priest Hutton.

St Mary's Services & Groups

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

During August and September, there are special benefice services at 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month which take the place of the normal St Mary's services.

Every **Tuesday at 8am** is a said Eucharist using the traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

A **Bible Study group** meets monthly; contact Noeline Clarke (01524 732825) for further information.

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive **Communion at home**, please contact Sheila Barnes (01524 720067) or the Vicar (01524 732946).

St Mary's Harvest Festival Eucharist

Sunday 6 October, 9.30am

Please mark the date of this special service in your diary. More information will be provided nearer the time.

For full details of the times of services see the St Mary's page on 'A Church Near You' at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/, from where you can download a copy of the current church magazine and weekly notice sheet.

Or, for something a little different...

Faith Matters is an informal discussion group which meets at St Mary's on the second Tuesday of the month to explore the relevance of faith to contemporary issues. 11am-12 noon, refreshments from 10.45am.

Exploring **Faith and...**

10 September **Gender:**

What makes us human?

8 October **Divorce & remarriage:**

Is it ok with God?

Please note there is no meeting in August.

Services at St Oswald's, Warton

8am Sundays – said Eucharist using traditional language of the BCP

11am Sundays – sung Eucharist using modern language

12 noon Mondays – said Eucharist

11am Thursdays – said Eucharist followed by Breaking Bread lunch

Forthcoming special services...

St Oswald's Patronal Festival Eucharist

Sunday 4 August, 10.30am

We celebrate the Festival of St Oswald, King and Martyr, with a special service. Please note that this will be the only service in the benefice on this date; there will not be a 9.30am service at St Mary's.

St Mary's Patronal Festival Eucharist

Sunday 1 September, 10.30am

We celebrate the Festival of St Mary, in whose name our local church is dedicated, with a special service. We are delighted that the preacher will be Ruth Hassall, the Director of Discipleship for the Diocese of Blackburn. This will be the only service in the benefice on this date, so we will be joined by friends from across the benefice.

PILGRIM: A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

Pilgrim is an innovative and inspiring programme for enquirers and already committed Christians. It approaches the great issues of faith through shared reflection and discussion in the company of a small group of fellow travellers.



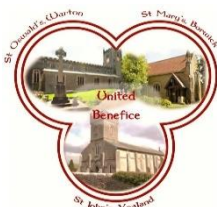
A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

We have now completed three modules of the Pilgrim course and will begin our second year as we look at the fourth module, **The Beatitudes**, during September and October.

We will again have a group meeting on a Wednesday morning (starting 25th September) and a group meeting on a Thursday evening (starting 26th September).

For more details and to register for one of the groups please pick up a leaflet from one of the churches or contact the Vicar.

There is always a warm welcome waiting for you at your village church and other churches in the benefice. For full details of all services see the benefice website at www.wartonstoswald.co.uk



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...and Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/UnitedWBY>

The Revd Robin Figg 01524 732946 or robin.figg62@gmail.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH PROJECT "123"

The District Church Council is delighted to confirm that, after several years of planning and consultation, the aim of creating a church that is "open and accessible to all" is about to come to fruition.

123 years after first coming into use as a place of worship, St Mary's Church is to have a makeover (known as 'reordering') in order to equip the building for the 21st Century. This involves creating a new, fully accessible, main entrance lobby, an accessible toilet with baby-changing facilities, and a concealed kitchenette area, together with removing some pews and installing a brand-new heating system.

Architects' drawings and plans have been approved, grants and donations for over 90% of the finance have been secured, and contractors have been engaged.

Groundworks are set to commence in mid-August, with a view to completing the reordering by this Christmas.

Making the physical improvements is only the first stage of realising the vision to restore St Mary's as a thriving, healthy church which can make a positive and transformational difference to people's lives. Planning for changes in patterns of worship and for community activities is under way and will be developed in parallel with the reordering works.

More detailed information will be available in the **St Mary's 123** newsletter which will be published shortly.

Joyce Tombs

Mini Church at Yealand Village Hall

10.00 – 11.30am

Friday 13 September

This is aimed at families with pre-school age children (including babies and toddlers). The session will include story time, crafts, songs, refreshments.

For more information or to offer to help contact Sally-Ann Rothwell, 01524 734585.



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METHODIST CHURCH

You are very welcome to join us at our regular services on Sundays at 3pm and Wednesdays at 7.30pm

LA6 1JH – KELLET LANE, BY THE
LONGLANDS HOTEL.

For more information tel. 07786264903

Classes, Clubs & Activities



Craft Group

Continues to meet in August and September on the first Wednesday of the month between 2pm and 4pm at 7 Beckside Mews, Borwick. All welcome. Contact Jane Taylor on 01524 730048.

Gardeners' Club

Meets at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Guest speakers from Sept-April, plus summer excursions. Small annual membership fee. New members always welcome. Contact Diane Sunderland on 01524 782111.

Swimming

A swimming session for locals is held at Capernwray Hall pool on Friday evenings, 6pm to 7pm. £3 adult (16+), £2 child (5-15), under 5s free. Most attendees are from our two villages.

Theatre & Concert Club

If anyone would like to become a member or find out more about the club, please contact Olwen Watson on 01524 734624.

WI

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members always welcome. Contact Dorothy Fell on 01524 720944.

Winter Coffee Mornings

Held at the Memorial Hall on the last Saturday of the month, 10am-11.45am, between September and March. A great opportunity for villagers to get together during the colder months. No charge, but a donation for a chosen charity is appreciated.

Plus, the following classes and clubs are held weekly in the Memorial Hall:

Art Class

Every Friday during term time, 10am-12 noon. All welcome, including beginners. £5 per week payable half-termly or termly in advance. Contact Doreen Carman on 01524 852485.

Badminton

Wednesday evenings at 8pm. A nice, social knockabout in the Memorial Hall! All welcome. Contact Keith Brady on 01524 782053.

Bowls

Carpet bowls on Thursdays, 2-4pm. Come along for an afternoon of social activity, light exercise and laughter! All equipment provided. £2 per session including tea/coffee & biscuit. Contact Martin on 07809455792.

Pilates

Monday afternoon 1-2pm, or Thursday evening 6.45-7.45pm. £7 per session or £36 for a six-week block. Contact the tutor, Anna Geary, on 07799077581 or annagearypilates@outlook.com

Please let me know of any new clubs or activities, or any corrections required to the information on this page. Thank you!

Hilary

Reports from the villages

Priest Hutton Parish



At the last Parish Meeting, held on 28 May, everyone was pleased to welcome our newly elected

member of Lancaster City Council, Councillor Michael Mumford. Michael quickly settled into the meeting and chatted informally with villagers.

Villagers learned that, from October 1st 2019, the **Carnforth Household Waste Recycling Centre** is scheduled to operate from 9 -5pm for 5 days per week. It will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday weekly, plus Bank Holidays. The 2 days it will close will be decided following the results of a survey to ascertain when it is *least* used.

Electric Vehicles are being widely encouraged. There are 7 Charging Points in Carnforth & more in Booth's Car Park.



The telephone box has been equipped with 4 large umbrellas for children to use to keep themselves dry whilst waiting for the school bus. Feedback from a

parent was very positive!

Some white lines in the village have been refreshed, although more have yet to be done.

The hedge along the top end of Whitebeck Lane and the A6070 Burton Road has been cut – albeit badly. This was done by a Highways contractor following complaints by us that the farmer responsible for cutting these hedges has not done so for many years. The farmer will be billed for this work.

Road signs have now been installed although there are more to come and one to be re-sited.



The Treasurer, Phil Horsfield, presented a very comprehensive report on our finances. The closing balance at 31.03.2019 was £2747.76. The Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 was completed, approved and signed by the officers of the Parish Meeting.

Five **Planning Applications** have been received

1. Mr T Askew at Keer Side, Keer Holme Lane, Starricks - to convert a barn into a 3 bedroomed house.
2. Mr & Mrs E Hodgson at Townhouse – to build a single storey extension.
3. Mrs S Riding at Gibson House – modification of plans.
4. Mr & Mrs A Stoyles at Beckside – removal of 2 trees.
5. Mr S Jackson at West View – construction of a garage.

The Priest Hutton Flood Action Group have been busy and, joined by 12 villagers, spent a morning clearing some of the beck of overhanging branches and debris. Coffee and biscuits were provided by Kath Moffatt. We are now awaiting dates for a survey to begin and this will be done by the Manchester firm, Jacobs. We are expecting a "walking survey" of the area to take place in August. Excellent news is that work on improving the drainage at Hutton View, Upp Hall Lane has begun and is near completion!

Eric Rooney explained that the **First Responders** is a Charity that operates only with trained volunteers. Currently Eric is the only trained volunteer in Borwick & Priest Hutton. There were 146 call outs in 2018 in Burton, Holme, Borwick & Priest Hutton. Eric was called out 15 times. This year he has been out 8 times so far.

Eric spoke about the nature of the work, which is dealing with life threatening matters and many issues concerning older people. We have defibrillators in both villages and these are regularly serviced and checked by Steve Le Cheminant and Dave Scott.

The **Emergency Response Plan**, which has been put together by Eric Rooney, Keith Brady, Claire Helme and Dave Scott is now complete and has been signed off by Mark Bartlett (Civil Contingencies Officer, Lancaster CC).

Mark attended a short meeting on Saturday 1st June with the CEPG & Priest Hutton FLAG members to mark the handover. He also presented the group with a Kiddie Care Pack to be kept at the Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall, which is fully equipped as a Community Emergency Centre.

The Memorial Hall Committee have proposed that a **War Memorial** should be erected in the car park at the end nearest to St Mary's Church. Harry Clarke has sourced a limestone gatepost and Natasha Robson has taken responsibility for the Memorial Plaque which will be fixed to the stone. Diane Sunderland appealed for help in designing a suitable small garden around the stone. It is expected that the project will be completed by November 11 2019 when the stone will be blessed by the Rev Robin Figg.



The date of the next Parish Meeting will be September 17, 7.30pm at Borwick & Priest Hutton Memorial Hall.

All welcome!!

The draft minutes of this meeting are on the Priest Hutton Website.

Jean Johns

Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish

Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Lottery

Thank you to all village lottery players; proceeds from the lottery not given out in prizes go towards supporting the upkeep of the Memorial Hall. Players pay £12 per year (Jan-Dec) for a chance at a prize each month.

It's not too late to join - please contact the lottery co-ordinator, Natasha Robson, on

natashashuttleworth@hotmail.co.uk



July winners

1st prize (£20, no.63) Emma Stevenson

2nd prize (£10, no.31) Karen Baldham



Do you like to read? Don't forget the **Book Exchange** in St Mary's Church. Open every day 10am-3pm.

Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

There is no meeting in August.

Tuesday 3 September 2019

The WI are organising a trip to the spectacular Hot Ice Show at the Pleasure Beach in Blackpool.



The cost is £40 to include travel by coach, a two-course meal at the White Tower restaurant on site, and the show. The homeward journey will take us through Blackpool Illuminations. All are welcome to join us on what will be a fun evening. Anyone wishing to come along should contact Diane Sunderland, tel. 01524 782111.

Tuesday 10 September 2019

Local Murders – Steve Hind



Local man Steve Hind will regale us with the stories behind some murders that took place in and around the Lancaster area including the case of the Handless Corpse. He will also give us an insight into the changes of policing both locally and nationwide.



Diane Sunderland



If anyone has any information or concerns, please contact your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:

Tony Johns (Priest Hutton)

01524 781887/07876504763 or
ajtjohns@gmail.com

Dorothy Fell (Borwick)

01524 720944 or
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Gardeners' Club



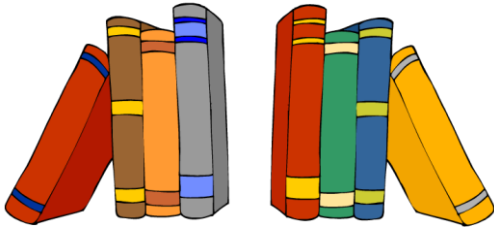
No meeting in August.

Tuesday 24 September 2019
'From a Tiny Acorn' – Maurice Steele

Veteran self-taught photographer and accomplished speaker Maurice Steele from West Cumbria is coming south in September. His multi-media presentation about the formation and work of the National Trust, 'From a Tiny Acorn', covers 15 of the most interesting sites.

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.

Book Reviews



The Summer House Party

by Caro Fraser

I recently enjoyed this book and would heartily recommend it to readers who like family sagas.

It spans the period 1936 to 1945, and begins in the gloriously hot summer of 1936 when a group of people meet at a country house party. There is Dan Ranscombe, clever and good-looking, but who resents the wealth and easy savoir faire of fellow guest, Paul Latimer. We meet Meg Slater, an old flame of Dan's, Diana, Paul's beautiful sister, Charles Asher, the Jewish outsider, Madeleine, restless and dissatisfied with her role as children's nanny and their host, artist Henry Haddon. None of these guests has any inkling that the choices they make will have fateful consequences, lasting through the war and beyond, or that the first unforeseen event will be a shocking death. As the story progresses, we become more and more involved with the different characters through love and lusty affairs, marriage, separation, heartbreak, intrigue and war. If you like a fairly long (500 pages) meaty book, one that offers a well-written story that keeps you interested, but certainly not a difficult read, this may well be a good choice for you.

Anne-Marie Le Cheminant

An Evil Cradling

by Brian Keenan

Brian tells the story of how he was taken hostage in Beirut in 1986, where he was working as a University lecturer, and incarcerated in jail for four-and-a-half years. His captors were fundamentalist Shi'ite Militia men. As you would expect he was treated very cruelly, kept in darkness in a filthy cell, blindfolded and given monotonous, inedible food.

One very moving passage for me was where Brian tells how, one day, out of the blue and after years of darkness and dirt, he was presented with a small, brown, button bowl of fruit containing apricots, small oranges, nuts, cherries and a banana. He was mesmerised by the colour, the shape and the smell of these fruits especially the orange and he cannot eat any of it. This gets him into trouble with the guard who is unable



understand why Brian prefers to admire the fruit and its beauty, rather like we would a picture on our wall or some pottery. It reminds me how often we take for granted all the simple things in life,

Another aspect of this book that I really enjoyed was the strong friendship that developed between Brian and John McCarthy, two very different personalities. They shared a cell together for some of the time. Brian, with temper easily roused, got through the day challenging the guards, thus making life more difficult for himself. John was quiet and thoughtful and kept his counsel. He had an easier time, but together they kept each other sane.

I read this book many years ago but feel as close to it as if I had read it recently. It is so well written and is now recognised as a non-fiction classic.

Jean Johns