# Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter



#### October/November 2019

Issue no. 255

#### Hello all!

It's a bumper newsletter edition this time with lots of reports bringing everyone up to date with what's been happening. See page 13 for details of a new feature proposed for future issues...

The deadline for the December/January edition is midnight on Thursday 28 November so make sure you let me know about your festive season activities by then!

Hilary

#### November

3 (Sun) St Mary's monthly service

9.30am

10 (Sun) Act of Remembrance

St Oswald's, Warton

10.55am

Consecration of Borwick & Priest Hutton War Memorial

Memorial Hall car park

2.30pm

12 (Tues) Faith Matters

St Mary's Church

10.45am

12 (Tues) WI

Memorial Hall

7.30pm

15 (Fri) Movie Night – 'The Keeper'

Memorial Hall

7.30pm

26 (Tues) Gardeners' Club

Memorial Hall

7.30pm

30 (Sat) Coffee morning

Memorial Hall

10.00am

#### Dates for your diary...

#### October

6 (Sun) St Mary's Harvest Festival

2.30pm

8 (Tues) Faith Matters

St Mary's Church

10.45am

8 (Tues) WI

Memorial Hall

7.30pm

20 (Sun) Spot On – 'The Busquitos'

Memorial Hall

7.30pm

22(Tues) Gardeners' Club

Memorial Hall

7.30pm

26 (Sat) Coffee morning

Memorial Hall

10.00am









## 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.

## St Mary's Harvest Festival Eucharist

#### Sunday 6 October, 2.30pm

Come and join us as we give thanks for this year's harvest. Please bring some harvest gifts; perishable items will be given to St John's Hospice and non-perishable items will be given to the Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service. The service will be followed by teas in the Memorial Hall.



(This service replaces October's 9.30am 1st Sunday of the month service)

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).

For full details of the times of services see the St Mary's page on 'A Church Near You' at <a href="https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/">www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/</a>, 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...

8 October **Divorce & remarriage**:

Is it ok with God?

12 November Church unity:

Is it an illusion?

#### 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

## Mini Church at Yealand Village Hall

10.00 - 11.30am

#### Friday 11 October & Friday 8 November

This is aimed at families with pre-school age children (including babies and toddlers). The session will include story time, crafts, songs, refreshments. The theme in October will be Noah's Ark.

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

#### Forthcoming special services...

## All Souls Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends

Sunday 3 November, 6.00pm at St Oswald's

This special service is a time to remember those we love but see no longer. There will be opportunity to light a candle to pray for our departed loved ones.

#### Act of Remembrance

Sunday 10 November, 10.55am at St Oswald's

The Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial will be followed by the Parish Eucharist in the church.

#### St Mary's Patronal Festival

#### Sunday 1 September

A very good congregation of over 70 from across the benefice gathered in St Mary's on Sunday  $1^{\rm st}$  September to celebrate the Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We welcomed Ruth Hassall, Diocesan Director of Discipleship, as our guest preacher. The junior choir from St Oswald's came and helped lead our singing and they sang an anthem.





The service was followed by drinks and then a 'bring & share' lunch in the Memorial Hall.

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



#### **TEWITFIELD**



#### 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

#### Marie Gregson

Many of you will already have heard the news that Marie, a long-time resident of Borwick, has passed away. Her family has asked for the following announcement to be published in the newsletter:



"John and Elizabeth are sad to announce the loss of their mother Marie Gregson. The village was an integral part of her life, having lived here for 40 years. The funeral will be held at Beetham Hall Crematorium at 2pm on Friday 4th October."

## Classes, Clubs & Activities











#### **Craft Group**

Meets 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 October 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

The following is a summary of some of the items mentioned and discussed at the Priest Hutton Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th September in the Memorial Hall.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer, Phil Horsfield, gave his usual excellent account of our finances showing that we have a heathy balance of £2,853. It was therefore decided to honour our "I.O.U" to the St Mary's Church Remodelling and Development Fund and donate £500 to this cause. It was also agreed to donate £500 (from the 20/21 budget) towards the costs of the War Memorial in the Memorial Hall grounds.

#### CATS - Report from Kath Moffatt

Both of the feral/semi-feral cats found wandering in the village in June (Henry and Lady Jane) have now, with support from Cats' Protection, been captured, neutered, received veterinary treatment (both were in a distressing physical condition) and been returned to the village. Of their 4 kittens, only 1 has survived, has been neutered and has kindly been rehomed by someone living in the village.

In common with other animal welfare charities, Cats' Protection support a humane programme of Trap/Neuter/Return which is in line with the 2006 Animal Welfare Act. Neither they nor any other Animal Welfare Charity I've spoken to have the capacity to "take in" feral cats.

Cats Protection Lancaster and Morecambe have asked me to inform farmers and others who may use unneutered cats to keep down vermin, of their free Trap/Neuter/Return service. This will help keep the numbers of cats down and minimise unnecessary suffering, in line with the law.

Cats' Protection are trying to find an alternative home for Henry and Lady Jane. They need to be kept together on a smallholding or in a working stable or similar. If anyone knows of a suitable place they should contact Cats' Protection on the number 01524 850112



Several people in the village have been so very kind and have helped by feeding, monitoring the

condition of the adult cats and searching for the missing kittens.

## PHFLAG (Priest Hutton Flood Action Group) - Report from Steve Le Cheminant

PHFLAG has continued to make progress (albeit a lot slower than we had originally thought) and the survey that is needed before the council will make a decision on the flooding is now underway.

A site meeting, including a thorough walk around our village with several members of PHFLAG, and Jacobs (the Manchester based company who have been commissioned to complete a computer simulation of how much water produces flooding) was completed in early August.

Jacobs have also been sent copies of all

our photos and videos of the flooding. When we receive the full report it will then be up to the council as to how to fund whatever precautions Jacobs recommend. Villagers will be invited to an open meeting to discuss their findings. Other works that have finally been completed - after literally years of chasing - are the new storm culverts outside the houses on Hutton View at the top of Upp Hall Lane.

#### **TELEPHONE BOX**

2 large, new BMW umbrellas have disappeared from the telephone box. Has anyone borrowed them? If so,



please return them. The children are now back at school and they are needed. Thank you.

#### **ROGER MACE**

Now an Honorary Alderman, Roger would like people to know that he has updated the content of his personal website: <a href="www.maceonline.co.uk">www.maceonline.co.uk</a> and continues to welcome feedback from his many friends and contacts in the Ward.

#### **NATURE RESERVE**

Martin Shuttleworth reported that the three benches sited in the Nature Reserve are being damaged by the sheep grazing in there. Ken Dunn and Tony Johns are going to look for other places in the village for them to be resited and bring ideas back to the January meeting. Martin will move them into his barn, power wash and oil them.

## FIRST RESPONDERS - Report from Anne-Marie Le Cheminant

Anne-Marie reported on the AGM held on 5 August 2019. (Please see page 12 for a full report of the meeting.)

Jean Johns

Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish Meeting

#### **Borwick Parish**

#### Community correspondent



From January 2020 I will be relinquishing my role as community correspondent for the Lancaster Guardian and Westmorland Gazette by which time I will have

completed 10 years reporting on village events.

I have found an able and willing replacement 'scribe' in Hilary Rooney who will pick up the mantle from 1 January and I wish her well in the role which will tie in well with her position as editor of the village newsletter. It has been a pleasure to represent Borwick and Priest Hutton in this role for such a long period and I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions. From January please send all articles to Hilary by email at hjrooney64@gmail.com

#### Clerk to Borwick Parish Meeting



Also from January, due to increased commitments, I will give up my role as Parish Clerk after 5 1/2 years. The position has been varied, interesting

and challenging in equal measure; I have learned so much and will miss it a great deal. Unfortunately, we have so far failed to find a replacement so if anyone is interested in the role please contact me and I will be very happy to discuss it with them. In brief, Borwick Parish Meeting holds 3 meetings a year for which agendas, minutes and newspaper reports are produced; close liaison with both Chair and Treasurer is required; the role involves taking receipt of the council precept; liaison with ward and county councillors; email communication with

planning and highways authorities; management of the council mowing contract; administration of the Borwick Poors Land Charity; daily handling of email correspondence and forwarding to residents as appropriate; managing the contact list of residents and the noticeboards; attending meetings as and when necessary, and various other responsibilities

Claire Helme
Clerk to Borwick Parish Meeting

## 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



#### August winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize (no. 32) Graham & Kate Brady 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (no.21) Ginia Cummins

September winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize (no.61) Sheila Barnes 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (no.65) Vonny Clark



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

#### A message from Hilary...

"Following the recent spate of burglaries in Borwick, everyone is understandably concerned and on their guard. In recent weeks I have been contacted directly by villagers and asked to send out information or warnings, and while I am happy to do this, it would probably be more helpful if people could contact their Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in the first instance, who will then advise me of any action required. It would just help to keep them in the loop and fully aware of everything going on! Thank you!"



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 bryananddorothy@gmail.com

### Memorial Hall News



There is lots of Memorial Hall news to report in this edition, so here goes...

#### **Coffee Mornings**

Yes, it's that time of year when the Memorial Hall Coffee Mornings start again, on the 26th October to be exact, then the last Saturday of each month through to March. The only exception is December's date which will be on the 14th due to a previous hall booking and the proximity to Christmas. Coffee is served from 10.00am until about 11.45am. No charge is made but we do ask for a donation for charity. In the past two years alone over £2,000 was raised for our chosen charities. At the first session it will be decided which will be our charity of choice for this year. We have a rota of willing volunteers in place, ready to serve you, so, if you are able, please do come along and support this village initiative!

Maureen Thomas

#### Remembrance Sunday



10 November 2019



The Consecration of the new War Memorial and a Service of Remembrance will be held from 2.30pm on Remembrance Sunday.

Coffee/tea afterwards in the Memorial Hall.

#### **Movie Nights**



Following the success of our first movie in the spring, we have organised two movie nights for the autumn/winter season. Tickets on the door, price to be announced:

#### Friday 15 November, 7.30pm start

#### The Keeper (2018)

A biopic about one of the most extraordinary sporting lives, that of Bert Trautmann, PoW and Manchester City goalkeeper. Bert became an English footballing hero in spite of the fact that he was one of the most high profile German former PoWs in post-WWII Britain. This Anglo-German period drama details how Trautmann overcame prejudice and personal tragedy to become a sporting icon and the stuff of FA Cup legend.

As some of you may know Bert has a very strong local connection. He was imprisoned for a time at the Bela River PoW camp, and whilst there played his football for Burton Thistle.

#### Saturday 17 January, 7.30pm start

#### Mrs Lowry & Son (2019)

The film tells the story of one of the 20th century's great artists, Lancashire-born L.S. Lowry, whose difficult relationship with his domineering mother Elizabeth, comes to define his early life and work. Timothy Spall and Vanessa Redgrave give exceptional performances, in a film that despite its subject matter manages to find the humour in adversity.

Two truly fantastic British actors taking on one of the great artistic relationships of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### War Memorial Project Update

We have had a busy summer with this project but we have made good progress and I have a long list of volunteers to thank.

First up thanks to James Fletcher and to Harry Clarke for donating the stones for the memorial itself



and to Harry and Brian Fell for their help in clearing the site and positioning them. It is not an easy task to mount a 5 tonne gatepost straight and steady but at least two of the team knew what they were doing.

Next we replaced the old wooden boards with concrete edging and then we levelled the site with 2 tonnes of topsoil



seeded with grass, ready for the memorial garden. As you can see I was helped here by Dave Scott on skills, Keith Brady on helpful suggestions, the shy one at the back Martin Badley and the non-photogenic Phil Horsfield who declined to appear at all.

The garden team, led by Diane Sunderland have developed a lovely planting plan and you will see them busy at the site during the coming weeks. For the plague itself I have to thank Kate Brady for inspiring the "mots justes" and to Natasha Robson for her help with sourcing a manufacturer. Our original plan, for a cast bronze plaque, hit a snag when I received the quotation from the supplier – I think it might have been cheaper to get it in gold- but we have managed to find a more reasonable source locally, in Stavely. The firm, Coopers Engraving, are a preferred supplier to the MoD and are commissioned by them for official commemorative plagues in Normandy and elsewhere, so I think we are in safe hands.

For funding, I have so far secured an LCC grant of £450 (thanks to a tip-off from Jean Johns) and I am hopeful that the two Parish councils will give us their support. So all looks well for us to meet our target date of 10<sup>th</sup> November when, as you will have seen, Rev Robin Figg will be consecrating our memorial and leading us in a Service of Remembrance, starting at 2.30pm.

I hope as many of you as possible can find time to come along and once again thank you to everyone for their great support.

#### **Our Missing Heroes**

Special thanks to Brenda Brockbank (Arnside Historical Society) and Dave Roberts (the Albion Arnside) for their help and advice with this.

You will remember from Dave Roberts' original article "For King and Country" that two casualties from WW1 whose families resided in Borwick at the time of their death were curiously missing from the original roll of honour currently housed in the Memorial Hall. These were private soldier 27807 Alfred Edward Gunn and private 16338 Sydney Warwick. This was particularly odd since Sydney's brother Harry is remembered on our roll.

With some guidance from Brenda and a bit more digging by Dave and myself I think we have found the probable cause.

Sydney's father was a gardener by trade and was employed at Capernwray Hall at the time of Sydney's death. At that time the hall lodges fell within the boundary of Borwick and therefore he would have qualified to be noted on our roll as with his brother Harry. However, the father had moved around various country estates in the area and Sydney had spent his adolescent years at Cantsfield, Tunstall. Sydney was therefore regarded as a Westmorland lad and had joined the Borders regiment. He is, in fact, commemorated on the roll of honour which rests in St Mary's church in Kirkby Lonsdale.

Similarly, Alfred Gunn's father was an itinerant farmer who had moved extensively throughout the area. Alfred was born in Forton and then later moved to Tatham Fells before fetching up in Priest Hutton. Happily he is remembered on the roll of honour for Tatham Fells and Botton, and he is commemorated on the memorial at Lowgill.



Ken Dunn
Chair, Memorial Hall Committee

## The Busquitos

A Spot On event

Sunday 20th October

7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

"Wicky Wacky Woo" - The Busquitos

A fun Dutch quartet performing jazz
originals



The Busquitos play a very catchy mix of brilliantly played music, sung with an impressive Louis Armstrong-like hoarse voice and dazzling, funny entertainment that will put a smile on everyone's face!

The band play a large variety of music that goes back as far as the 'roaring twenties', right up to, well, yesterday. Hot Club, Jazz, Pop, Rock & Roll, Classical, you'll hear it all! Songs by Disney, Django Reinhart, the Mills Brothers, Sonny Rollins, Irving Berlin to name but a few. With saxophone, violin, guitar and bass, this swinging quartet are full of fun and energy.

Suitable for ages 8+ <a href="https://www.busquitos.com">www.busquitos.com</a>

Cabaret seating - bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Tickets: Adult £10 Child £6 Family £24

Phone Keith: 01524 782053

email: keithbrady2510@gmail.com

Book online at <u>www.spotonlancashire.co.uk</u> (booking fee applies)

## Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

#### Tuesday 8 October 2019

## Michael Tyrell – The Daily Adventures of a Rat Catcher



Local man Michael Tyrell is the Pest Control
Officer for Lancaster
City Council. During his working day he is called into various establishments to deal

with all types of pests and vermin. Though not a subject most of us would want to think about, I am sure we will have our eyes and minds opened during this presentation.

#### Tuesday 12 November 2019

This meeting will take the form of our Annual General Meeting, followed by a hot supper.

Diane Sunderland







Please send reports of village events and meetings to Claire Helme at <a href="mailto:clairehelme2000@yahoo.co.uk">clairehelme2000@yahoo.co.uk</a>.
A rough outline/bare facts will be sufficient for Claire to edit and send on to the local newspapers.

Hilary will be taking over this role from January 1st, but in the meantime reports should still be sent to Claire.

## Gardeners' Club



#### Tuesday 22 October 2019

#### Plant Hunters of a Bygone Age Brian Gomm

The breadth of plants available to gardeners today owes much to plant hunters of a bygone age. Brian Gomm will explain the role of Reginald Farrer amongst others in introducing new plants to Britain and particularly around his home in Clapham.

#### Tuesday 26 November 2019

#### Lowther Castle Gardens Janet Niepokojczycka



Lowther Castle gardens have recently been the subject of a project to recapture and restore the 17<sup>th</sup>-century layout together with layers of later design. Local historian and supporter of Dales ponies, Janet Niepokojczycka, will share with us some of the history and the more recent work of the Lowther Trust in producing a stunning visitor attraction.

As there is no meeting in December, this meeting traditionally features wine and mince pies.



Trustees: Peter Bowker, Dorothy Fell, Anne-Marie le Cheminant (Secretary), Eric Rooney (Chairman), Dave Scott, Joyce Tombs (Treasurer).

Report from the 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM held on 5 August 2019 in the Memorial Hall.

The Chairman, Eric Rooney, presented his report on the activities of the group which operates under the auspices of the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS). Currently Eric is our only Community First Responder (CFR) with a further individual pursuing an interest in training as a CFR.

Our Borwick and Priest Hutton team is supported by and works in conjunction with the Burton, Holme and Yealand teams. Regular meetings are held of the four teams for training, and in addition Eric has attended team leader forums to meet with representatives of NWAS. Update training nights for CFRs take place bi-monthly throughout the year and topics covered have included:

- Introducing the new callout communication system
- Revision of all the conditions treated by First Responders
- Introduction of new equipment, blood pressure monitoring and temperature assessment with a particular focus on Sepsis

The overall number of callouts for the combined area in 2018 was similar to 2017 at 146, although calls for the Borwick and Priest Hutton area show an increase on the previous year at 46 calls which accounted for approximately a third of total calls across the four local teams. Some of these calls were to the actual villages, however the majority related to the holiday parks and static caravan/lodge sites on our periphery. The most common calls are related to breathing problems, chest pain, and to elderly people with existing conditions

being supported at home by visits from district nurses.

In addition, volunteers maintain the 3 Public Access Defibrillators located at the village hall, at Priest Hutton village green and at Borwick Hall to ensure they are always ready for use should they be needed. During the year some of the defibrillator pads were routinely replaced and this was the only expenditure incurred. The accounts for BPHCFR show that adequate funds are in hand for the foreseeable future and these were approved at the meeting.

In recent years members of the CFR teams have presented "HeartStart" courses at the village hall to provide information, advice and training on handling emergencies, and in particular on CPR and the use of defibrillators.

At the AGM it was suggested that a future HeartStart course could be offered to representatives from the various bodies who utilise the village hall. Anne Marie Le Cheminant volunteered to contact various groups to ascertain the level of interest in developing this idea. Meanwhile please do not hesitate to contact her if your group or association would be interested in being represented.

All current trustees and officers were reappointed at the meeting and tributes were paid to Jim Thomas, one of the founding trustees who sadly passed away in 2018. Jim was always supportive, bringing ideas for fundraising and helping us to establish the AEDs in the community.

Anyone interested in becoming a Community First Responder or in joining the board of Trustees would be very welcome. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Eric (01524 781468) to find out more.

#### Book Review



### I Thought I Knew You By Penny Hancock

One person's opinion of a book can be very subjective, so apologies if it's not to your taste but I've recently read a book that I found to be a real 'page turner'. Once started I couldn't put it down – 'just one more chapter' was my mantra – and there I was still reading it at 3.00 in the morning.

Many of us, particularly women, have a 'best friend' in whom we feel we can share absolutely everything. We share confidences, share thoughts and feelings, we can tell them anything and everything and regardless of what we may say or do we just know that through thick or thin they will always be there, supporting us whatever. But what if something happens that shatters your world, the repercussions of which will test the strength of the friendship to its limit? What if you have to make a choice between family and friend?

I Thought I Knew You is both thought provoking and compelling. Jules and Holly are two such friends having met at university. Confident in their unshakeable belief that nothing could ever come between them or jeopardise their relationship; they know each other so well, warts and all, sharing confidences, experiences, heartaches etc, even becoming Godmother (or 'Odd' mother as they call it) to each other's child.

I don't want to give too much of the plot or storyline away. Suffice to say, in reality, just how strong is the thread that binds their friendship when seriously tested? What will the consequences be and how far will their loyalty to each other be tested, when Jules' daughter Saffie accuses Holly's son Saul of committing the worst of crimes?

Read & enjoy!

Maureen Thomas

#### Possible new feature...

Someone contacted me recently to ask if they could advertise their business in the newsletter. We have traditionally not carried advertisements, and I don't propose to start doing so. It did, however, set me thinking about people running businesses from home that we are not necessarily aware of. So... if you are a resident of Borwick or Priest Hutton who runs a business from home and would like to let your fellow villagers know about your services or products please contact me and I will let you know my ideas about an 'interview-style' feature for the newsletter. This could be a regular thing or possibly a one-off splash, depending on the response.

Hílary

#### Next newsletter:

The deadline for contributions to the December/January newsletter is midnight on Thursday 28 November 2019. Send written articles (please use 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! Hilary