



# Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter

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Hello all!

As you might expect, all things festive dominate this issue, and to add my tuppence-worth to the pot, I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous 2020.

We have a new feature in this issue – see page 10 for our Local Business Spot. Thanks to Gavin Bridle from Borwick for being the first to stick his head above the parapet!

The deadline for contributions to the February/March newsletter is midnight on **Tuesday 28 January 2020**. Send written articles (please use Word) and photos by email to [hjrooney64@gmail.com](mailto:hjrooney64@gmail.com). Thank you! *Hilary*

## Dates for your diary...

### December

- 1 (Sun) Monthly Service  
St Mary's Church (Memorial Hall)  
9.30am
- 6 (Fri) Tewitfield Methodist Church  
Christmas Festival  
Memorial Hall  
7.30pm (doors open 7pm)
- 10 (Tues) Faith Matters  
St John's, Yealand, 10.45am
- 10 (Tues) WI Christmas Dinner  
Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 (Sat) Christmas Coffee Morning  
Memorial Hall, 10am-11.45am
- 15 (Sun) Carol Service  
Memorial Hall, 6pm
- 22 (Sun) Carol Service  
Tewitfield Methodist Church  
3pm
- 22 (Sun) Children's Christmas Party  
Memorial Hall, 5pm
- 25 (Weds) Christmas Day Communion  
St Mary's Church, 9.30am

### January

- 5 (Sun) Monthly Service  
St Mary's Church, 9.30am
- 9 (Thurs) Borwick Parish Meeting (AGM)  
Borwick Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 (Tues) WI Jacob's Join Supper and AGM  
Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 (Fri) Movie Night - 'Mrs Lowry & Son'  
Memorial Hall  
7.30pm (doors open 7pm)
- 21 (Tues) Faith Matters  
St Mary's Church, 10.45am
- 21(Tues) Priest Hutton Parish Meeting  
(AGM)  
Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 25 (Sat) Coffee Morning  
Memorial Hall, 10am-11.45am
- 28 (Tues) Gardeners' Club (inc. AGM)  
Memorial Hall, 7.30pm



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

# 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. 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 benefice website or St Mary's page on 'A Church Near You' at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/), from where you can download a copy of the current church magazine and weekly notice sheet.

### Mini Church at Yealand Village Hall

10.00 – 11.30am

Friday 13 December

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.

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. (10 December meeting to be held at St John's, Yealand)

Exploring **Faith and...**

10 December                      **Poverty:**  
How do we tackle it?

21 January                        **Christmas:**  
What was it all about?

(Please note January date is 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

## 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

There is always a warm welcome waiting for you at your village church and other churches in the benefice.



Make sure you keep up to date with all the latest news, so...



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The Revd Robin Figg 01524 732946 or [robin.figg62@gmail.com](mailto:robin.figg62@gmail.com)

**For details of Christmas Services and Events please see page 3.**

## Advent & Christmas Events

### Advent Carol Service by candlelight

at St Oswald's, Warton  
Sunday 1 December at 6pm 

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### Warton Festival of Christmas Trees



Weds 4 December – Sunday 8 December  
at St Oswald's, Warton  
Open 2pm-4.30pm

Entrance fee £3 (children free)  
Programmes £1

Every year this festival raises much-needed  
funds for charities and local community groups.  
Please go along if you can!

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### *Tewitfield Methodist Church*

invites you to join us for our annual  
**Christmas Festival**

at **Borwick and Priest Hutton Memorial Hall**  
on **Friday 6 December 2019 at 7.30pm**

Led by Peter and Helen Stobart  
Doors open at 7pm

All Welcome!



### Christmas Carol Service

at **Borwick and Priest Hutton  
Memorial Hall**

**Sunday 15 December at 6pm**

A special service of readings and carols, with  
contributions from the St Oswald's Junior Choir. The  
service will be followed by refreshments.

### Christmas Day Communion at St Mary's, Borwick

**Wednesday 25 December at 9.30am**

A 45-minute service with carols and Holy Communion,  
the first service in the newly reordered Church.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



**TEWITFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday 22 December 2019 at 3pm**



*Come and celebrate the birth of Christ!*

### **Crib Service**

at St John's, Yealand

**Tuesday 24 December at 5.30pm**

Join us for this 30-minute service where we create the  
nativity scene in our Christmas crib.

### **Midnight Eucharist**

at St Oswald's, Warton

**Tuesday 24 December at 11.30pm**

# Classes, Clubs & Activities



## Craft Group

Will meet on 4 December and 8 January (the first Wednesday of the month) between 2pm and 4pm at 7 Becksides 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

The Friday evening swimming session at Capernwray Hall pool has now been discontinued. For information about their open sessions, please go to [capernwray.org/sport/swimming-pool/](http://capernwray.org/sport/swimming-pool/)

## 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](mailto: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



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A new home in Priest Hutton has been found for our two nomad, black cats – Lady Jane and Henry. Their new owners have built them a self-contained two bedroomed apartment, complete with lounge area and a cat flap! They made it from a large dog kennel and it even has a camera inside so that they can check that the cats are in/out/OK/not OK. So glad that this looks like a happy ending to the cat saga (catalogue) and that thanks to such kind people our cats can have a settled, safe life together.

By the way, the new owners have renamed the cats Betty and Bertie!



Betty and Bertie

### CARNFORTH RECYCLING CENTRE

...is now open from 9am – 5pm all year round  
on

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
& Monday

Closed Tuesday & Wednesday

### Roger Mace

Shortly after our last meeting we were saddened to learn about the death of Roger Mace who, for many years, was our City Councillor. A card was sent to Joyce Mace, Roger's wife, expressing our condolences, and many villagers attended the funeral to pay their respects.



Priest Hutton was proud to lay a poppy wreath at the new War Memorial Stone on Remembrance Sunday. Well done to all the many people involved in its creation, too numerous to mention.

Over the past two years there has been a great deal of progress in the village. My very first aim after becoming Parish Clerk was to get all the **potholes** filled in and now I find myself back to the beginning and looking at potholes again!! "What goes round, comes round" is the saying, so it's back to campaigning!

If you see a pothole, or part of the road needing resurfacing, please report it. Type 'Report it LCC' into a computer search engine, click on 'Report a pothole', then follow the on screen directions. The more reports the council gets, the nearer to the top of the list we become.



Our next Parish Meeting, which is the AGM, will be on Tuesday 21 January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Jean Johns

Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish Meeting  
01524 781887/07796 445415  
jeanjohns43@gmail.com



## Borwick Parish

The next Borwick Parish Meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 9 January at 7.30pm in Borwick Hall.

*Claire Helme*

Clerk to Borwick Parish Meeting

## Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

Tuesday 10 December 2019

### WI CHRISTMAS DINNER



Tonight members, husbands and guests will gather to get the festive season off to a good start by attending the Christmas Dinner. The meal will be followed by entertainment provided by Rachel Mercer.

Tuesday 14 January 2020

### JACOB'S JOIN SUPPER

The first meeting of the year is always a time when members come together after Christmas to have a chat and catch up with all the news. As usual there will be a Jacob's Join Supper.



The WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month (except August). New members always welcome. For further information please contact the President – Dorothy Fell - Tel no. 01524 720944

*Diane Sunderland*

## Gardeners' Club



### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

At the November meeting, the Chairman, Mrs Carol Tenant, welcomed the founder Chairman Mr Peter Sharp, founder Vice Chairman Mrs Jean Gudgeon and founder Programme Secretary Mrs Sally Sharp to the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

From its inception in November 1989 meetings have taken place during the autumn and winter months in the Memorial Hall and organised visits have been arranged to a couple of gardens in the summer. Although there have been many changes over the years in both committee members and members of the Club, it has continued to thrive. We have been fortunate to have had many wonderful presentations over the years on all aspects of gardening, gardens and plants, all of which have enhanced our knowledge.

To celebrate our milestone guests and members heard a very good talk on the restoration of the garden at Lowther Castle which was followed by a delicious Jacob's Join supper. A toast was made to the Club and its future by Mr Peter Sharp during the evening.

*Diane Sunderland*

### Next meeting:

**Tuesday 28 January**

**Speaker: Tom Attwood of Halecat Nursery**

Tom takes inspiration for his designs from nature in the immediate vicinity of his work. Roadside verges provide a ready supply of research material conditioned by local soils and climate. He will join us in January to explain how. This meeting will also encompass the club AGM.

# Memorial Hall News



## Remembrance Sunday

I do not think we could have wished for a better day on which to consecrate our War Memorial and to fulfil our Act of Remembrance. A calm autumn day with blue skies and bright sunshine provided the perfect backdrop to a memorable community event.

The Reverend Robin Figg, Vicar of St Oswald's, led the Service of Remembrance, first in the Hall, and then at the Memorial itself where wreaths of poppies were laid by the Clerks of our two parishes and by myself on behalf of the Memorial Hall.

Our bugler, cadet instructor Joe Ashton from the Royal Marines in Preston, played the Last Post as a prelude to the two minutes silence. Many villagers remarked to me afterwards how poignant they found those moments of true quiet when the only noise we heard was the rustle of dry leaves slowly falling on a gentle breeze. I think it allowed all of our thoughts to dwell on those lost and on those we have ourselves lost.

I need to say a big and heartfelt thank you to the many villagers who have helped with the War Memorial in your many and varied ways; whether building it, funding it, designing it, creating memorial gardens, baking cakes for the event itself etc. It is a very long list. You each know who you are, and you are all very much appreciated. Thank you.

*Ken Dunn*

Chair  
Borwick & Priest Hutton War Memorial Hall



## COFFEE MORNINGS

A huge thank you to all those who supported our first Coffee Morning in October, an event which was well attended.

The consensus was that this year we should support not one, but two charities, one of which is 'Defying Dementia'. This is a local charity based at Lancaster University, which is researching the possible causes of dementia and is also in the process of developing and trialling a drug which might possibly halt/slow down the progression of the disease. The other very worthwhile charity is 'Versus Arthritis', the results of a merger in 2018 between 'Arthritis Research UK' and 'Arthritis Care'. Their aim is to try and prevent the devastating impact that arthritis has on people's lives by offering not only help and support to those directly affected with the condition but also to the carers of those suffering from arthritis.

Both of these charities are being supported in memory of two local residents, Tony Sunderland and Jeff Gudgeon, who sadly passed away earlier this year. Further information for each charity is available from the relevant websites.

Our Coffee Mornings are usually held on the last Saturday of the month but in December it will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> due to a prior booking of the hall. As it's close to Christmas, we will be having some festive music and carol singing, plus a Christmas Raffle and the auctioning of a luxury Christmas Hamper, kindly donated by Dorothy Fell. We intend to sell raffle tickets before the event so if you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, buy a raffle ticket or leave a bid, please contact either Dorothy Fell, on 01524 720944, or myself on 01524 730480 or [mct484@icloud.com](mailto:mct484@icloud.com)

*Maureen Thomas*

### Coffee Mornings

10.00-11.45am on the last Saturday of the month, except December, when there is a special Christmas-themed event.

 Saturday 14 December 

Saturday 25 January

## Borwick & Priest Hutton

### Village Lottery

Many thanks to all villagers who have supported us during 2019 by contributing to the Lottery. The draws for November and December will be made at the Christmas coffee morning at the Memorial Hall on 14 December.

As it's getting towards the end of the year, I'd just like to remind you that your 2020 annual subscription of £12 is due on 1 January.

We very much welcome contributions via bank standing order, but for those who prefer to pay by cheque please make these out to "Borwick & Priest Hutton Lottery Fund" and send them to Natasha Robson at 1 Greenbank Cottages, Borwick LA6 1JT. If you would like someone to collect your contribution, or if you are not a member and would like to join the Lottery, please call 07851 519200.

*Natasha Robson*

## Movie Nights at the Memorial Hall



Our second movie night once again proved popular with an almost full house enjoying Marcus Rosenmueller's "The Keeper".

Billed as a biopic about Bert Trautmann, the former POW who became a folk hero in the Manchester City goal, the film had something of everything; humour, romance and an edge of social realism as it dealt with understandable reactions to the Iron Cross-holding Trautmann by Manchester's Jewish community. As the film moved forward into the 1950s Bert had his own tragedy to bear when he lost his son in a road accident. If that sounds too serious, it really was not so gloomy. It is a very upbeat movie with an optimistic message and something for everyone.

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Our next movie, "Mrs Lowry & Son", will be shown on Friday 17 January; doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. This movie puts us on familiar ground in Salford and Ancoats, Manchester. Vanessa Redgrave gives a shrewd and amusingly bleak performance here as Elizabeth Lowry, the cantankerous and bedridden mother of the artist LS Lowry played by Timothy Spall, with stellar performances by both. I am told that the film is very much like a close-up theatrical performance and it should be very well suited to our venue.

(Please note that in the last newsletter we said that the film was being shown on Saturday 17 January. This should, of course, have read **Friday** 17 January.)

*Ken Dunn*

Chair, Memorial Hall Committee



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

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**Dorothy Fell (Borwick)**

01524 720944 or  
[bryananddorothy@gmail.com](mailto:bryananddorothy@gmail.com)



## Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 22 December

at the Memorial Hall from 5pm

Ho!

Ho!

Ho!



Games, food and a gift for each child  
Cheese and wine for the adults

If you have not already done so, please let Liz Foulds know in advance the names and ages of any children attending. Call or text her on 07792 689185.



From January, please send reports of village events and meetings to Hilary Rooney at [hjrooney64@gmail.com](mailto:hjrooney64@gmail.com).

A rough outline/bare facts will be sufficient information, and must be received by the end of Monday (Lancaster Guardian) or the end of Wednesday (Westmorland Gazette) to meet the deadlines for publication in the following week's papers.

## Book Review

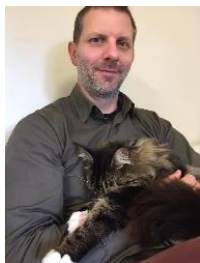


If anyone would like to submit a book review for the February/March issue, please send to Hilary by the next deadline which is Tuesday 28 January.

## Local Business Spot

### Gavin Bridle Lifestyle Services

Owner: Gavin Bridle



I live with my son and our Maine Coon cat in Borwick. We moved here in April 2014 and we really like the village and the people we've got to know here.

#### What made you start your business?

In June of 2019, after working for many years as a volunteer for Yealand Primary School and Age UK, I realised that there were a lot of people in the community that needed help with many areas of normal home life. I'd raised a family, run a home, and had a fitness business in the past, so I decided to encompass all of my skills, knowledge and expertise to offer a number of different services to people who might need them in their own home.

#### Tell us a bit about what you do.

I offer a range of services for people of all ages- young couples busy with work or family commitments, retired people, people wanting to improve their fitness, and everyone in between! Normally my clients are within a 15-mile radius of Carnforth, but I can be a bit flexible.

I'm DBS checked and fully insured.

My website gives full details of all my services and prices, but in brief the kinds of things I can help with include:

**\*Gardening**, including grass cutting, strimming, pruning, raking and light chainsaw work

**\*Decluttering**. Whether you have a garage full of junk, a wardrobe full of rarely worn clothes or a loft jammed with 'stuff', I can help you sort it out, dispose of or donate (or even sell for you!) unwanted items, and tidy up afterwards

**\*IT support**, and setting up electrical devices like TVs and smart phones

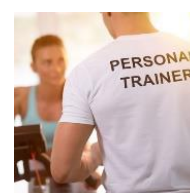
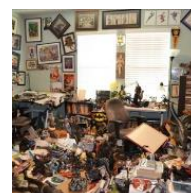
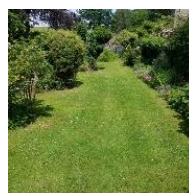
**\*Personal training**. If you want to improve your fitness, I can help!

**\*Befriending** – a bit of company, a walk, a chat, perhaps even a game of chess or Scrabble

**\*Doing the weekly shop**, either online or a trip to the supermarket

**\*Cat sitting**. If you want to avoid putting your pet into a cattery when you go away, I will look in on them morning and evening, make sure they have food and water, and provide a little company for them

**\*Car valeting**, for when you want your vehicle to look its best



#### How can people get in touch with you?

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And for further information check out my website at:

[www.gavinbridlelifestyleservices.co.uk](http://www.gavinbridlelifestyleservices.co.uk)

I am happy to speak to people or receive their texts or emails at any time. My services are available 9am-9pm, Monday to Sunday, subject to my commitments as a dad (and cat owner!).

Thanks to Gavin for kicking off the 'Local Business Spot' in this issue. If anyone else would like to tell us about their business in future issues, please contact me!

*Hilary*