



Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter

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Hello all!

Spring is definitely only just around the corner – the snowdrops are out, there's a promise of daffodils not too far away, and soon the fields around will be filled with gambolling lambs! Hurray!

Hope you enjoy this newsletter – deadline for the next one (April/May) is midnight on Saturday 28 March.

Hilary



February

- 2 (Sun) Monthly Service
St Mary's Church
9.30am
- 11 (Tues) Faith Matters
St Mary's Church
10.45am
- 11 (Tues) WI
Memorial Hall
7.30pm
- 25(Tues) Gardeners' Club
Memorial Hall
7.30pm
- 29 (Sat) Coffee Morning
Memorial Hall
10.00am-11.45am

March

- 1 (Sun) Monthly Service
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- 24 (Tues) Gardeners' Club
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- 27 (Fri) 'The Good Liar'
Movie Night at the Memorial Hall
7.00pm (for 7.30pm start)
- 28 (Sat) Coffee Morning
Memorial Hall
10am-11.45am
- 29 (Sun) Dedication Service of new church
facilities – all welcome
St Mary's Church
6.00pm

Daffodowndilly

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,
She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead."



A.A.Milne

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/, 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

Fridays, 7 February & 13 March

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.

Exploring **Faith and...**

11 February

Assisted suicide:
Does God approve?

10 March

Climate change:
What can we do?

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.



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The Revd Robin Figg 01524 732946 or vicarwby@outlook.com

Please note the Vicar's new email address.

Forthcoming Special Services and Events



Ash Wednesday – 26 February

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 26 February**. This is one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar and everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day. There will be a Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at St John's, Yealand at 9.15am and at St Oswald's, Warton at 7.30pm.



Lent Course – Superstars

We will be using a 5-week course that picks up the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 13 mission and the launch of Jesus Christ Superstar in the West End. The five sessions are titled:

- Session 1.** Who is Jesus?
- Session 2.** Miracles
- Session 3.** The Psalms
- Session 4.** The Church
- Session 5.** Cross Purposes

Three groups are planned to meet each week as follows:

- Church Hall, Warton
Tuesdays 10.30am-12noon from 3 March
- St Mary's, Borwick
Wednesdays 12.00-1.30pm from 4 March
(bring a sandwich, drinks provided)
- 63 Hazelmount Drive, Millhead
Fridays 7.15-8.45pm from 6 March.

Please book a place by contacting the Vicar or sign the list available in each of the churches.

Quiet Day at Hying Monastery

10.00am to 3.30pm, Saturday 7 March

The theme is 'Making space for God in Lent'. The day will include two talks by Sister Michaela, the Eucharist and periods of silence. Please contact the Vicar for more information and details of how to book.



St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting Monday 30 March at 7.00pm

This is an opportunity to review the life of the church during the past year and look ahead at the year to come. We will also elect two Deputy Churchwardens for St Mary's for the next year, who will be ex officio members of the Warton Parochial Church Council (PCC), and two other representatives of St Mary's to serve on the Warton PCC. Everyone who lives in Borwick and Priest Hutton is welcome to attend the meeting, which will take place in the church.

St Mary's 123 Reordering Project

It is with great pleasure that we can report the completion of the works at St Mary's. Appropriately, the first service back in the reordered church building was the Christmas Day Eucharist.



On Sunday 29 March at 6.00pm we are delighted that the Bishop of Blackburn will be coming for a special service during which he will dedicate the new facilities. We look forward to seeing the church full for this special occasion; all are very welcome.

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. [See p.6!](#)

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/

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 parish meeting on 21 January was fairly well attended which was pleasing and the three current officers were re-elected en bloc to serve for one more year.

As a group in January we take a little time out at our AGM to reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. This is a good thing – it focuses the mind and encourages those of us who perform the major roles to evaluate how effective we have been.

Looking back over the past year I note with pride our achievements. You will notice that within each statement there is always a “but” or “apart from”. Sadly, this is the ongoing situation and nothing ever gets totally finished!!! However, we have achieved quite a lot, some of which has been outstanding for years:

The work at **Hutton View** has been completed (apart from a small section outside no 4)

Road signs – most have been supplied and fitted (apart from several still not appeared)

The hedge on Whitebeck Lane belonging to Roger Mason was cut – very badly - to improve vision for drivers and cyclists. We have no way of ensuring that this work is to be done on a regular basis.

Investigation into what is happening at the **barn** on the Burton Road has taken place and the City Council are happy with the result.

The **telephone box** has been made into a “Wet Weather Hub” for school children ie. a place to store umbrellas and hang

wet coats during the day but sadly 2 umbrellas have gone missing from there.

White lines have been refreshed throughout the village but we await road markings outside Gatelands House, opposite the Longlands, where lines are needed to show which vehicle has right of way.

We have had 2 very successful community events – **a litter pick** and a session of **dredging the beck**.

The installation of the **War Memorial** was an extra special event to which we contributed both financially and in several other ways. We saw villagers at the Memorial Hall that Sunday afternoon whom we have never seen here before, and it was a credit to those involved.

By far our greatest achievement continues to be the work of the **PRIEST HUTTON FLOOD ACTION GROUP**. In this we have invested time, effort and money and I look forward to be able to report great results in the near future.

Our **County Officer C.C. Phillippa Williamson** continues to fight our corner at County and local level and in this respect we are very fortunate.

We look forward to new things for the year 2020/21:

1. **Cherry Trees Project** – Ken Dunn is in the process of arranging for us to receive somewhere in the region of thirty cherry trees from the Japanese Government as part of a goodwill gesture between the two countries. It is planned to plant these on the large Nature Reserve. (See page 9.)



2. The **3 benches** currently sited in the Nature Reserves will be removed, restored and re-sited around the village.
3. The **phone box** will need painting.

Thank you to everyone in Priest Hutton for all your support and efforts. Special thanks go to Martin Shuttleworth, our chairman and to Phil Horsfield, our treasurer, for his flawless account keeping. The Parish Meeting can only exist with the support of you, our members - and simply by coming to our meetings and being part of the debate is what makes this group a success.

Jean Johns

Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish Meeting
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CRAFT GROUP

With Easter in mind it's time to knit Easter chicks to cover Cadbury Creme Eggs for Francis House Children's Hospice!



Last year they raised over £74,400. If anyone would like a copy of the simple pattern, just phone or come along.

First Wednesday of the month, 2-4pm at Jane's, 7 Becksides Mews, Borwick.
Phone 730084 for more information.

Jane Taylor

Borwick Parish

I have recently taken over the role of Clerk from Claire Helme, and I am currently in the process of assembling a list of contact information for Borwick villagers.



A good proportion of residents have been in touch to give permission for their email address to be used for Borwick parish business, but there are still lots of gaps.

Hilary Rooney recently sent out a request to Borwick people on my behalf, using her newsletter mailing list. We initially thought that she would be able to pass on her list of Borwick residents' emails to me once people had the opportunity to opt out if they did not want to be included. Since then we have learned that to properly comply with GDPR (information privacy) regulations, an individual must **positively give permission** for their details to be used. She is therefore unable to pass any person's information direct to me without their specific permission.

If you live in Borwick parish, wish to be kept up to date with parish business and have not yet contacted me, please email me at borwickpm@gmail.com. Even when permission has been given, you can ask me (or any future Clerk) to remove your details from the parish mailing list at any time.

Thank you!

Dave Scott

Clerk to Borwick Parish Meeting

Gardeners' Club

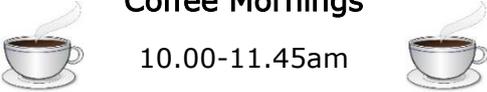


Tuesday 25 February at 7.30pm

February sees a welcome return by modern plant hunter **Alan Oatway**. This time he will entertain inform and educate us with stories and slides of his travels in pursuit of "Floral Highlights of SW China".

Tuesday 24 March at 7.30pm

Peter Foley, formerly of Holden Clough Nurseries near Bolton-by-Bowland, will inspire us with his knowledge of plants, from alpines and herbaceous perennials, to shrubs, heathers, conifers and climbers suitable for planting in smaller gardens (as well as in larger gardens of course!). His talk will be illustrated with live plants.



Coffee Mornings
10.00-11.45am

on the last Saturday of the month at the Memorial Hall

Saturday 29 February

Saturday 28 March
(the last one of the current winter season)

Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

Tuesday 11 February at 7.30pm

'The Work of St John's Hospice'

Christine Heginbotham



Priest Hutton resident Christine Heginbotham is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St John's Hospice in Lancaster.

Following her retirement from Higher Education in 2011 she has worked in acute hospitals and in the community in variety of roles. She became a volunteer at the hospice in the year she retired and subsequently became the board's Chairman. The hospice was opened in 1986 and has cared for the community including North Lancashire, South Lakes and part of North Yorkshire every minute of every day since.

Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm

'Days For Girls' - Sheila Patterson



Days for Girls was set up in 2008 when founder and CEO Celeste Mergens visited an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya where she began to wonder what girls were doing with

regard to feminine hygiene.

After looking into this she realised there was nothing in place for them and as a result a system was organised where kits were put together for this purpose. During this presentation members will find out a lot more about the scheme which today has reached more than one million women and girls in 125 countries.

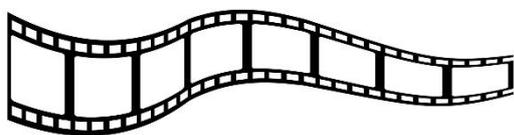
The W.I meets on the second Tuesday of the month (except August). For further information please contact the President - Dorothy Fell - tel no. 01524 720067.

Diane Sunderland

Memorial Hall News



Movie Nights at the Memorial Hall



"Mrs Lowry & Son"

I must admit that after screening this for the Lunesdale Arts Society in the afternoon I was a little nervous about whether or not our evening audience would enjoy the film. If it was a play then it would be described as a "single-setting/two-hander". Almost all of the film is set in the bedroom of the artist's mother and the two central characters are pretty well on screen throughout.

However, I should not have worried as most enjoyed the film immensely. The dialogue was subtle and the performances of Timothy Spall and Vanessa Redgrave never less than first class. Whether the substance of the story is true or not we, of course, will never know since they were the only two in the room. But I think that the power of subtle manipulation exercised by Mrs Lowry upon her son will be very familiar to many of us especially those who have enjoyed or indeed still enjoy elderly parents.

Next up we will see what Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen can offer as they star

in "The Good Liar", which we will screen on Friday 27 March. The film is described as somewhere between a romance and a thriller with a real sting in its tail. Sounds like one not to miss.



Ken Dunn

Chair, Memorial Hall Committee

Village Lottery - a message from Natasha

Thank you for being a member of the Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Lottery. Your support is greatly appreciated. As you know, half the money collected goes towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall and half goes out in monthly prizes throughout the year.

Subs for the year 2020 are now due and are £12 for the year. Either a cheque (payable to 'Borwick & Priest Hutton Lottery Club') or cash is fine or, if you prefer to complete an Annual Standing Order form for £12 to be transferred from your account each January, please let me know and I will deliver or email one across.

Please drop your subs off at my house - 1 Greenbank Cottages, Borwick, LA6 1JT - or, if you would like me to collect them, please give me a ring or email.

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Recent Lottery Winners



October

1st prize (£20, no.10) Sarah Osmond
2nd prize (£10, no.12) Claire & John Helme

November

1st prize (£20, no.64) Les Doughty
2nd prize (£10, no.81) Sal & Simon Smith

December

1st prize (£60, no.70) Malcom Houghton
2nd prize (£30, no.37) John & Wendy Winder

Sakura Cherry Tree Project

The Sakura Cherry tree project is an initiative of the Japan-British Society whereby, as a gesture of friendship between the two countries, Japanese business will donate over 1000 trees to selected sites across the UK over the course of 2020 and 2021. You may already have seen announcements in the national press concerning those stands which have so far been established in our Royal Parks.



I am delighted to announce that the Parish Meeting of Priest Hutton gave its unanimous approval to our application to participate in the scheme at their meeting on the 21st January and that we have been granted provisional approval from the project managers, to establish a stand of trees on our Parish lands adjacent to Whitebeck Lane.

We will prepare a survey and planting plan for the site in the coming weeks and await delivery of our trees over winter 2020/2021. The saplings, stakes and fertilizer will be provided by the Sakura team. We will need to take care of the planting and their maintenance until they are established. It will be a long term project, of course, but I hope we can enjoy the springtime blossom in a few years from now.

Simon Smith has set up a page in the Community section of the website where you will find updates on our progress and I will add a piece to the Newsletter from time to time.

Ken Dunn



Please send reports of village events and meetings for publication in local newspapers to Hilary Rooney at hjrooney64@gmail.com.

A rough outline/bare facts will be sufficient information, and must be received by Hilary by the end of Wednesday for the following week's Lancaster Guardian and Westmorland Gazette.

It's always good for people to see that our villages have lots going on!



If anyone has any information or concerns, please contact your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator:

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Dorothy Fell (Borwick)

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Priest Hutton Neighbourhood Watch Report

There have been two incidents reported in Priest Hutton; the theft of a tractor and items stolen from storage units by the canal near Lock House. The stolen tractor was found in the Bolton-Le-Sands area and has been recovered. The Police have made two arrests and there is a third suspect being sought. All three suspects are from the Bolton area and have been staying in Morecambe and targeting rural farms and villages.

There have been recent thefts locally of farm machinery, vehicles and plant, particularly quad bikes. In addition, two Land Rovers were taken from farms in Silverdale and Capernwray, which were recovered following a pursuit by Officers. Some of the vehicles were stolen with keys and during the day. Police also believe the individuals involved in these thefts were responsible for stealing a motorbike which was recovered in Warton. There have also

been reports of deer poaching with dogs in the Silverdale and Arnside areas.

The lessons we should all learn from these incidents are to take care, be observant and secure our property and possessions.

Tony Johns

Priest Hutton Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator (with acknowledgement to C.C.Phillippa Williamson)



Book Review

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

Lisa See (2005)

This novel is set in nineteenth-century China and tells Lily's (the narrator) story from birth, through childhood, marriage, and into old age. It's a fascinating glimpse into the lives and plight of women living at that time in a culture so entirely different from our own. Some of it is hard to comprehend, most notably the custom of footbinding, but also the friendships brokered between women in order to fulfil a need for intimacy not met by their husbands. In many ways, though their voice was not permitted to be heard out loud, the women of China at that time practiced Girl Power well before the phrase was ever coined!

I'd heartily recommend this novel – there are not many that stay with me in quite the way this one has! Since reading Snow Flower, I have read other novels by the same author which I have enjoyed equally; always about Chinese culture but set in different historical time periods.

Hilary Rooney