

Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter

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Hello all,

It hardly seems possible that two months have passed since I was putting together the last newsletter. I expect most of you, like me, have just had your heads down getting through what now seems like an interminable lockdown. It was certainly much easier to be locked down last spring when the sun was out, the sky was blue, and the garden was beckoning! Many people in our villages have been enjoying a weekly ray of light in the Thursday lunchtime meals which have been provided by The Longlands between 11 February and 25 March. The profits from the modest £4 donation per meal are going to support the Morecambe Bay Foodbank. See Ken's report.

Contributions for the June/July newsletter should be sent to me by **midnight on Friday 28 May**. Please send email copy, photos etc to hjrooney64@gmail.com.

Hilary Rooney



Village Meals

Sadly the Village Meals scheme organised by the Longlands came to an end on the 25th March. It has been providing a weekly treat for many villagers and a bit of respite from the lockdown gloom.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers and our loyal customers who made this such a success.

In the first week of the scheme 58 meals were delivered across the Yealands, Borwick and Priest Hutton and by the final week that number had grown to an extraordinary 92 meals.

As you may know, we agreed that the profits from the scheme should be donated to the Morecambe Bay Foodbank and there was an initial fundraising target of £1000. I am delighted to report that due to everyone's support a cheque will be winging its way to the Foodbank for £1300+.

Big thanks all round!

Ken Dunn

(Thanks also to Ken for organising everyone!
- Ed)

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.

Services and church opening during the Covid-19 restrictions

During the next steps of the roadmap out of lockdown the pattern of services in our benefice is as follows:

Sunday 9.30am online. A livestream Eucharist broadcast from either St Mary's, Borwick or St John's, Yealand; this service can be viewed on our benefice [YouTube channel](#).

Sunday 11.00am at St Oswald's, Warton. A public Eucharist with a maximum of 50 people able to attend the service; appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

Wednesday 9.30am at St John's, Yealand. A public Eucharist with a maximum of 30 people able to attend the service; appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

Thursday 11.00am at St Mary's, Borwick. A public Eucharist with a maximum of 24 people able to attend the service; appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

Our church buildings are open for individual prayer as follows:
St Oswald's: Sundays 8.30am-10.30am; Wednesdays 10.00am-4.00pm.
St Mary's: Sundays 12noon-4.00pm.
St John's: Sunday 1.30pm-4.00pm; Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10.00am-4.00pm.

Any changes to the above will be publicised on our benefice website at www.ubwby.org and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UnitedWBY/ and the St Mary's page on 'A Church Near You' at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/.

You can download a copy of the current church magazine and weekly notice sheet from any of our online platforms.

Special services for Holy Week and Easter



Sunday 28 March (Palm Sunday)

9.30am Livestream Eucharist, to include the blessings of palms and the reading of the Passion Gospel on our [YouTube channel](#)



11.00am Public Eucharist at St Oswald's, to include the blessing of palms and reading of the Passion Gospel.

Wednesday 31 March

9.30am Public Eucharist at St John's, Yealand

Thursday 1 April (Maundy Thursday)

11.00am Public Eucharist at St Mary's, Borwick

7.30pm Livestream Eucharist of the Last Supper on our [YouTube channel](#)



Friday 2 April (Good Friday)

- 2.00pm Public Liturgy of the Cross at St Oswald's, Warton
6.30pm Livestream Liturgy of the Cross on our [YouTube channel](#)

Saturday 3 April (Easter Eve)

- 8.30pm Livestream Easter Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Eucharist on our [YouTube channel](#)

Sunday 4 April (Easter Day)

- 9.30am Livestream Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows on our [YouTube channel](#)
11.00am Public Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton, to include Renewal of Baptismal Vows



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CRAFT GROUP

Nearly there, well hopefully!!! It's been a long time since we've been able to get together for a cuppa and chat. Yes the Craft Group is all about crafting and sharing ideas, but I think most of us would say that crafting has gone on at home and has kept our fingers nimble and our minds on an even keel through lockdown. But not being able to be see each other over this past year has been hard for everyone. I'm thinking and hoping, that by time the next newsletter goes out, we might just have got together for that cuppa, all be it in the garden. Fingers crossed!



Happy Easter Greetings to all!

Jane Taylor



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

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Memorial Hall News



As things stand we will be able to re-open the hall, for limited bookings, from 17 May and then for all bookings from 21 June. These dates are conditional upon the Government's four lockdown easing conditions being met.

From 17 May we can restart exercise classes and indoor sports. Unfortunately, the 'rule of 6' will apply to indoor gatherings so we will be constrained so far as any social events are concerned. However, all being well, we will be able to dispense with all restrictions from 21 June.

Lancaster City Council have booked the hall as our local Polling station for the local elections on Thursday 6 May, so we will be open on that day only.

Gardeners' Club



Hopefully over the next weeks and months things may slowly get back to some form of normality. With this in view we are hoping to restart the indoor meetings of the Gardeners' Club in September.

The speaker on September 28 2021 is Becky Hindley with a presentation entitled "Picking Posies".

In the meantime Carol and the committee wish all members a happy gardening summer and for you all to enjoy the fruits of your labour.

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

Carol Tennant
Chairman

Lottery News

Many thanks to all of you who decided to play this year. Owing to Covid restrictions we were not able to get out and collect subs by cash and cheque so everyone has paid by direct bank transfers and standing orders.

As you can imagine the number of players is well down on previous years so we have been forced to reduce the prize money slightly. For this year we will have a single monthly prize of £20 but then two prizes in December, a first prize of £50 and a second prize of £20.



Winners so far in 2021 are:-

January- Karen Baldam

February- Andrew and Liz Foulds

March- Phil and Fiona Horsfield

Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

Unfortunately it is still impossible to say when our meetings can recommence but as soon as a decision is made Maureen will let you know via email or by phone. In the meantime Dorothy and the committee wish all the members a happy Easter and hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

The WI 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

Sakura Project



Our flowering cherry trees arrived a little early. They had originally been promised for November but I got an urgent message from the organisers to say that so many groups had dropped out because of Covid that they were well ahead of their schedule and had a nursery full of saplings. "If you can plant them, we will send you trees".

I checked with our team and by a very lucky break all of them had open slots in their social calendars, so on we went to plant 25 of them on the Priest Hutton parish lands. Actually, there are 22 of them planted on the former village midden and 3 "living spares" sitting on the opposite side of Whitebeck Lane in the small seating area. We may need to infill with one of these should any of the main stand fail to thrive.

The saplings we received were grown in Japan and delivered as two year old bare rooted plants. They are a mixture of three varieties:

Beni-yutaka: This will produce semi-double flowers in deep pink and fiery red leaves in the autumn



Yedoensis: Sometimes called the Tokyo cherry, this will produce white flowers with a blush of pink.



Tai-haku: This one is a true white, and the variety has an interesting history.

Having become extinct in Japan, a healthy specimen was found by chance in a garden in Sussex. The plant had been sent to England from Japan to a Mrs. Freeman in about 1900. However, the tree in her garden was near death in 1923 when Collingwood Ingram, an authority on Japanese flowering cherries, noticed the large size and beauty of its few flowers. He collected a few twigs of bud wood from which thousands of trees have since been propagated, re-introduced to Japan and subsequently distributed world-wide. When Ingram reintroduced it to Japan in 1932 it was named 'Tai-haku' ("Great White") by Prince Taka Tsukasa of the imperial court.



The advice for the best and most long-lived display was to plant them in rows 7m apart with a random mix of the varieties.

Although there is a tiny amount of blossom on them now, I am told that they should provide a small display in about four years from now and that they will reach their full height in around ten years.

The volunteers hard at work.





The Sakura project itself was launched in the joint communique issued by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the then British Prime Minister Theresa May when the two met in Japan in autumn 2017. Because cherry blossom (sakura) is an international symbol of Japan, over six thousand cherry trees will be planted throughout the UK starting in 2021 and into 2022. Our site is not yet on the official site map but once there we will find ourselves in regal company since the chosen sites include four Royal Parks: Regents Park, Richmond Park, Greenwich Park and Bushy Park.



Ken Dunn



All Our Yesterdays

Thanks to Lesley Fairclough for sending me copies of these old pictures of Priest Hutton. It got me thinking... I wonder how many of you have old photographs of either of our villages you would be willing to share? I'm sure current residents would be fascinated to see how things have evolved over the years. Please send me either a scanned copy attached to an email, or let me have the original and I will scan it and return it to you. Happy photo hunting!

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Looking up Whitebeck Lane towards Back Lane from Barn Cottage.

The year anyone?



Same view, but a little closer to where the road bends and Whitebeck Lane becomes Borwick Lane. 'Holme Garth' on the right.

Priest Hutton green, showing 'The Green' before the extension to the right of the door, and before the post box or phone box arrived. Year unknown, but the card cost 1½ d (old pence)! The ladies are wearing long skirts and the men waistcoats and flat caps – any guesses?

