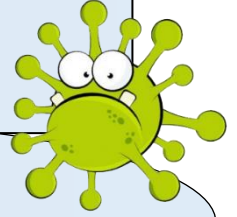


Hello all!

Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter



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We are living in 'strange times', as we know. Coronavirus is affecting everyone, with all of us being encouraged to stay at home as much as possible, and some people advised to stay inside for a prolonged period of time to shield them from possible infection.

These residents in particular, but any one of us in reality, may need some extra support to prevent feelings of isolation and to help with practical issues such as collecting prescriptions, shopping, or addressing problems in the home.

To this end, Sal Riding, from Priest Hutton, is co-ordinating the villages' efforts on behalf of the Borwick and Priest Hutton Emergency Planning Group, and you should have received an email or letter explaining this the week before last. Since then the government has set up the NHS Volunteer Responders scheme, but we don't yet know how this will dovetail with our local efforts.

Sal's role so far has been to compile a list of willing volunteers to 'buddy' with individuals via phone/email, and to link these volunteers with people who have asked for some extra support. It's fairly early days in the 'lockdown' period, and as time goes on people's needs may change, so if you haven't reached out for help already please remember that you can do so at any time.



Here to help!

We're all in this together.

We have also established a Borwick and Priest Hutton-wide **WhatsApp group** to share information, make requests for help and communicate with each other to alleviate loneliness and isolation. Currently there are 46 members, but there is no limit (that I know of!) so there's plenty of room for more people to join!

A lot of the benefit is to do with feeling connected to others, and as you can imagine there is a lot of posting of funny video clips and pictures from the internet, but there have also been other examples of its usefulness. For example, information given about Sunday newspaper deliveries, the mobile fish van, and a Priest Hutton resident was able to share a large rhubarb crop by leaving it on the benches on Priest Hutton and Borwick village greens and let people know via the WhatsApp group that it was there to take.

In a few weeks I will have some surplus 'Gardeners' Delight' tomato plants to share with anyone who wants them, and there may be others of you with similar things to give.

If you need help, or are aware of someone else who does, phone, message or email Sal Riding 07437724330 or sal.riding@icloud.com

If you want to join the WhatsApp group, message or email Hilary Rooney 07960781318 or hjrooney64@gmail.com

You need to have a smartphone and to have downloaded the WhatsApp app first. If you are a family member, friend or carer of someone within our community and would like to be in the group, please let me know.

Hilary Rooney

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.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Towards the end of March, guidance was received from the Church of England that all church buildings should be closed and kept locked. This is to prevent transmission of infection through people touching door handles, light switches, furniture, etc.

Now that all services and activities have been suspended, villagers are invited to come together 'in spirit' by joining in the common prayer of the Church from your own home. There are a number of ways you can do this:

Go to the benefice website at www.ubwby.org, download the **Morning Prayer** sheet and join the Vicar at 9.15am each morning.

There is also a recorded service of **Night Prayer** for you to share in each evening at a time that suits you. You can watch it via this link: <https://youtu.be/2r1vSxfgoZM>.

Download a copy of the Night Prayer service booklet from the link on the benefice website.

Each Sunday there will be a service livestreamed at 10.30am. Please see the website for the link to the most recent service, and how you can link live to subsequent ones. You can also download a service booklet from the link on the website.



St Mary's

See the benefice website or St Mary's page on 'A Church Near You' at

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/, where you can download a copy of the current church magazine and weekly notice sheet.

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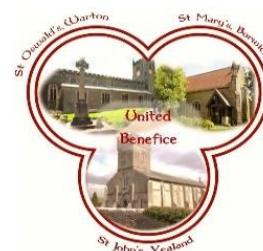


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The Revd Robin Figg 01524 732946 or vicarwby@outlook.com

Please note the Vicar's new email address.



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

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 782111.

WI

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, in the Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm. Visitors always welcome. Contact Hilary 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 quarterly in advance. Contact Doreen Carr on 01524 852485.

Badminton

Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm. A nice, social knockabout in the Memorial Hall! All welcome. Contact Brady on 01524 782111.

Net 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

All activities are currently suspended during this period of social isolation

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

In the light of the current restrictions there will be no Priest Hutton Parish Meeting on 19 May. The next meeting will be on September 15th, all being well.

The **minutes of the January meeting** and the January AGM, and the newspaper reports, are all to be found on the village website (www.priesthutton.co.uk). If anyone not online would like a paper copy, please let me know.

We have received one **Planning Application** for the proposed development of Low Greenlands Holiday Park, Burton Road, Priest Hutton. Details of the application can be seen on the LCC Planning Department website which is very easy to access. Comments should be sent to the Authority by April 7 2020.

The Priest Hutton Flood Action Group has received a draft report from Jacobs' Consultants, Manchester, on flooding in Priest Hutton. It is currently with the Flood Manager and we are awaiting her observations on it.

If you have any urgent issues to resolve with LCC please contact me and I will be happy to help. Also, if anyone would like to report a fault, e.g. a pothole, the number of County Highways is 0300 123 6780.

Stay safe...

Jean Johns

Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish Meeting
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Normally there is lots of news, but, in its absence I have been asked to provide a positive, uplifting article for you to enjoy...

Some weeks ago, many of us watched and enjoyed the film "Mrs Lowry and Son" at our Village Hall. I am a Salford girl, born and bred, and anything "Lowry" interests me greatly.

Stimulated by this film I began to create a piece of Art Work in the style of Lowry (which has rather a lot of Picasso in it!). I am only part way through it, but, whilst doing some research I came across this article (by Shelley Rohde) which I really did find positive and uplifting. What a talented but humble man Lowry was.

'One day Lowry saw a business man lying asleep flat out on a wall. Lowry knew he was a businessman because he had a bowler hat on his stomach, and in those days businessmen often wore bowler hats.

And besides, he had a briefcase beside him on the ground.

'That's me when I retire', said Lowry.

And he painted a man lying flat on a wall, smoking a cigarette, and on the briefcase he wrote his own initials.

In truth, Lowry never did retire. When he was 65 he gave up going into the offices of the Pall Mall Property Company, where he had worked as a rent collector for 42 years.

"I'll not be in tomorrow", he announced casually one day. And he was not.

But that didn't mean that he gave up his real job. He didn't abandon his art. He couldn't. He had started drawing "little ships and things" when he was 6 or 7,

and he stopped on the day he died at the age of 88.

Towards the end of his life, Lowry was offered many honours, all of which he turned down.

"I have been thanked enough," he wrote, refusing a knighthood. "People have bought my pictures".'



Man Lying on a Wall, 1957 -L S Lowry

Jean Johns

CRAFT GROUP

As with everything else, there will be no meetings for the foreseeable future. However, if you have never done any crafting, you have no excuse now with all the free time we are all enjoying. I lay down a challenge to everyone reading this. Many people think of knitting or crocheting or maybe making greetings cards as craft and might think 'Hmmmm, not for me.' But what about constructing something for the garden? Colin-my husband-has just made a potting bench from some old



wood he found in the garage. So now we can pot on the seedlings and plants outside in this glorious weather we are enjoying. Or ever thought of painting stones you happen to come upon in your garden? "Let's Hear It For The NHS" will be on mine.

Before the lockdown, I had just started to knit Fish & Chips jumpers. These are tiny sweaters and beanie hats for new born babies in Africa. Often these babies are wrapped in newspaper when born as the family have nothing else. Hence the name. The sweaters and hats can be knitted from oddments you have left. If you would like the simple pattern, I can email it to you or get one to you somehow.

If you fancy just knitting squares or just one square 6 inch x 6 inch join me in making a blanket to mark this time. I'm hoping it will be a small blanket rather than a large one!

If we all take a photo of what we have done, I think we will be amazed how full the next village newsletter Crafting section will be.

Take care, keep busy and keep in touch.
Jane Taylor, phone 730084.

Jane Taylor

What a fabulous idea of Jane's to take photos of craft projects undertaken during the lockdown... I propose a gallery of pictures in the next newsletter! Send your photos of completed projects to Jane or to me at hjrooney64@gmail.com.

For non-crafters, how about before and after pictures of garages/sheds tidied up, gardens wrestled into shape, or rooms re-decorated or re-styled? Send pictures to the email address above.

Gardeners' Club



In the face of the present crisis and in line with all other groups in the village the Gardeners' Club meetings, including the coach trip to Ashwood Nurseries in July, have been cancelled. We are not at present cancelling the evening garden visit to Gressingham Hall on Wednesday 24 June 2020, but obviously if things remain in lockdown, this event will also be cancelled.

We will keep members informed by either email or by phone as to what is happening. In the meantime make the most of your gardens, they will be immaculate but with no-one to admire them.

Carol and the committee look forward to welcoming you back, hopefully for the September meeting, but until then keep safe.

Carol Tennant
Chairman

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Sadly we could not hold our final Coffee Morning on 28 March, but from our previous sessions we have raised the excellent total of £591.50 for this year's chosen charities. Consequently the sum of £295.75 will be donated to both 'Defying Dementia' and 'Versus Arthritis'. Many thanks to all those who have supported us in any way. All being well, we'll meet again in October.

Maureen Thomas



Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

It will come as no surprise to learn that all WI meetings, including the birthday outing in May, are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Dorothy and the committee wish all members and their families well at this difficult time. BUT, in the words of the wartime song:-

We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some
Coronavirus-free day!!!

Till we meet again, keep in touch by phone. Don't feel alone!

The W.I meets on the second Tuesday of the month (except August).
For further information please contact the President, Dorothy Fell, tel. 01524 720067.

Diane Sunderland



Even in these strange times, life goes on and the natural world is continuing to celebrate the arrival of spring!

Memorial Hall News



Sadly, we have been forced to close the Memorial Hall for the time being. We will review the situation, in accordance with the Government guidelines, at the beginning of July.

Our first casualty was the Movies Day scheduled for the 27th March. The Lunesdale Arts Society had booked a showing of **Judy** in the afternoon and we were due to screen **The Good Liar** in the evening. Having seen **Judy** some months ago, I found the film very predictable and over long. It is possibly unfair to draw comparisons with **La Vie en Rose**, which won a cartload of awards, but whereas Marion Cotillard's Edith Piaf is truly tragic, Natalie Portman's Judy Garland is really just a bit sad.

The Good Liar on the other hand is an excellent movie which, I understand, will be coming to Netflix soon. If you get a chance, try to see it. The sting is very much in the tail with a plot twist which is very unexpected. I will not give away any more but the film really shows the strength of British cinema with an excellent script handled masterfully by Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen.

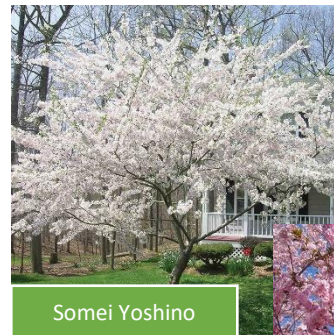
We also thought it prudent to **cancel the Village Fete** which had been scheduled for mid-August since none of the clubs and societies are meeting for the foreseeable future.

However, we will eventually get to the other side of this and there seems to be a wave of support for a **Villages Big Bash** come the autumn, when we can roll

together all the events that we have missed into something epic. I have no firm idea as to what that might be yet, but I do recall that when we combine large quantities of food and music with moderate amounts of alcohol we generally seem to have a fine time!

The Sakura Cherry Tree Project

Following the unanimous support at the Priest Hutton Parish Meeting, I prepared a draft planting plan and sent our application to the Sakura organisers. This plan incorporates the existing native species on the site and requires us to plant 26 cherry trees to complete the stand. I am happy to report that the organisers accepted our application and, all being well, our trees should arrive with us late in the autumn. I have left the choice on mix of trees, from the three available varieties (see below), up to the Japanese partner organisation. They will prepare a final suggested planting plan.



Ken Dunn

Chair, Memorial Hall committee

Priest Hutton Neighbourhood Watch Report

Phillippa Williamson, our County Councillor, has informed us that the local police are prioritising thefts from rural properties on the A6 corridor. Criminals are looking for cash, jewellery and keys to high performance cars which are used to get away from the scene. In Over Kellett, the keys to a BMW2 and an Aston Martin were stolen, and in Carnforth a BMW M3 was stolen.

Some good news: six members of an organised crime group from the North East have been sentenced to a total of 29 years for thefts from properties in north Lancashire and south Cumbria. Another group from Warrington are currently on remand for numerous thefts of vehicles and burglaries in Silverdale and Morecambe.

Finally, the police have asked the public to be aware of the theft of catalytic converters from cars. Honda vehicles are being particularly targeted.

Tony Johns

Priest Hutton Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator



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 Monday for that week's Lancaster Guardian and the following week's Westmorland Gazette (though will sometimes sneak into that week's!)



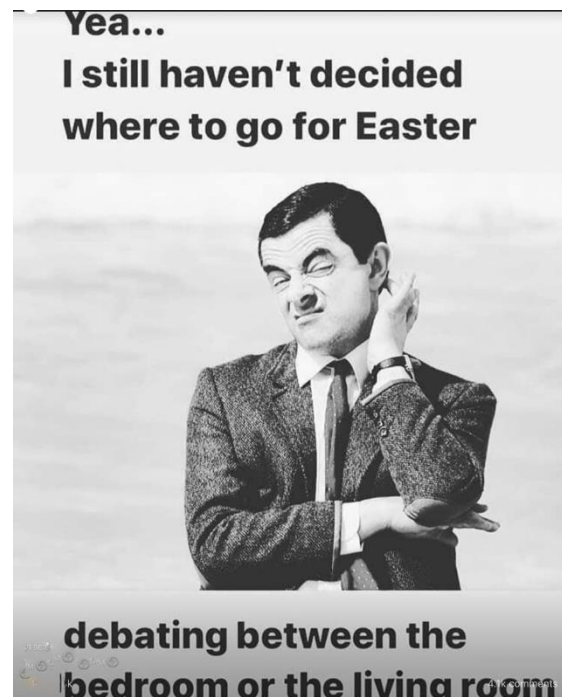
If anyone has any information or concerns, please contact your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator:

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Sorry folks, couldn't resist!