

Borwick & Priest Hutton

Village Newsletter



Hello all,

Welcome to this late summer edition of the newsletter. It's small but perfectly formed as we patiently tiptoe, step by step, back to some resemblance of normal life.

Contributions for the October/November newsletter (brrrr!) should be sent to me by midnight on **Monday 28 September**.

Hilary Rooney

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The Sunflower Challenge measuring day is approaching – see page 6!



You will no doubt be aware that during the lockdown period our villages, along with many others in the local area, have been donating food and household supplies to support Morecambe Bay Foodbank's work with families in need. Literally tonnes of items have been generously donated, and the need goes on as more people will inevitably lose their jobs and fall on hard times in the coming months.



Currently, the items being particularly requested by the Foodbank are:

Fruit juice, long-life milk, sugar, instant mash potato, sponge puddings, wrapped biscuits, coffee, pasta sauce, soap and shower gel, loo roll, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine hygiene items, and baby milk.

You can check the local requirements at any time by going to the Foodbank website: www.morecambebayfoodbank.org.uk, or go there directly by clicking on [this link](#). Please continue to donate if you can; you don't have to buy expensive brands, own brand products are fine.

Collection boxes are located at the end of Claire Helme's driveway in Borwick, and Sal Riding's driveway in Priest Hutton. Both boxes are visible from the respective village greens.

I didn't know much about the scope of the Foodbank's work, so did a little research and found a report with some interesting facts about their work in 2019...

Vouchers to exchange for food parcels are distributed by referral agents. In 2019, 75% of vouchers were passed on by Citizens Advice Bureau staff in Morecambe and Lancaster

8,152 emergency 3-day food parcels were given out, with 3,357 of these going to help children

In normal times, people can receive parcels up to 3 times in any given crisis period (usually 6 months) so as not to encourage dependence

60 tonnes of goods were donated by the general public, with a further 24 tonnes of fresh food donated by commercial partners

80 volunteers gave a total of 20,800 volunteer hours – this would cost at least £170,000 in wages alone!



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 present phase of COVID-19 restrictions the pattern of services in our benefice is as follows:

11.00am Saturday at St Oswald's, Warton

A public Eucharist with a maximum of 45 people able to attend the service; appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

10.30am Sunday 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](#).

Our church buildings are open for individual prayer as follows:

St Oswald's - Saturdays 9.00am-11.00am
Tuesdays 1.00pm-4.00pm

St Mary's Sundays 12noon-4.00pm

The above details will be correct until Friday 11 September.

We are exploring how to offer both a public Eucharist and a livestream Eucharist on Sundays, and hope to do this from Sunday 13 September. Details will be publicised on our benefice website, the Facebook page and on the St Mary's page on 'A Church Near You' at

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11651/.

St Mary's Patronal Festival Eucharist – 11.00am Saturday 5 Sept & 10.30am Sunday 6 September

We celebrate the Festival of St Mary, in whose name our local church is dedicated, at both the public Eucharist and online livestream Eucharist.

St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting 7.00pm, Monday 12 October

In the Church of England annual meetings usually take place in April. This year the COVID-19 pandemic meant the meetings could not take place as planned, so have been postponed until October.

The Annual District Church Meeting for St Mary's 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 take part in the meeting. We hope it will take place in the church, observing the social distancing measures that are in force at the time.

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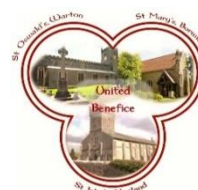


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Archbishop Hutton Charity

Warton Almshouses: subsidised housing for people in need of support

Hundreds of years ago, a Charity was set up by Archbishop Hutton, who came from the Ancient Parish of Warton. The Charity provides subsidised housing for those in need of support and who at the time of applying, live in the parishes of **Warton, Borwick, Priest Hutton, Yealand Conyers, Yealand Redmayne or Silverdale**. At present, there are two vacancies. The properties are available, at significantly lower cost than would be usual, for applicants who can demonstrate a need for such support.

The Alms houses are a pair of semi-detached bungalows, each with a double bedroom and a box room (which could be used as a single bedroom), together with living room, kitchen, bathroom and outdoor area. Viewing can be arranged prior to making an application.

Application forms, and some further details (including costs), are available from the Secretary of Trustees (address below) and must be returned to the Secretary by 4.00pm on 28th August. Applications will be considered by the Trustees and short-listed applicants will be called for interview towards the end of September.

Mr Jim Bennetts

(Secretary of Trustees, Archbishop Hutton Charity), Thornycroft, 35 Stankelt Road, Silverdale, Carnforth, LA5 0TF



News from the villages

Memorial Hall News



I am very pleased to report that we will re-open the Hall from Tuesday 1 September. The guidelines from Public Health England and Lancaster City Council are now clear, and over the next few weeks volunteers will make the necessary changes to the hall so that we are compliant with the protocols.

I know that some of our regular hires already plan to restart in September. For those who are still considering their restart we have produced a brief guideline to safe use of the hall and the changes which we have made. You can request a copy from Tony Johns, our Booking Secretary.

For those of you still undecided please give us a couple of weeks to finish off our actions and then arrange a visit to the hall. Hopefully, you can satisfy yourselves that the hall is a Covid-safe environment for your activity.

There may just be time to get some events organised before the weather turns!

Ken Dunn

Chair

Priest Hutton Parish

I am pleased to say that there will be a Priest Hutton Parish meeting on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Please let me have any items for the Agenda by Monday 31 August.

I will send out the Minutes of the last meeting of January 21st and the Agenda for our meeting on the 15th September, at the beginning of September.

The usual Covid-19 precautions will be observed. Please bring a mask to wear.

Chairs will be arranged to observe social distancing. Further details at the meeting.



Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all then.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Jean Johns

Clerk to Priest Hutton Parish Meeting

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CRAFT GROUP

Well here we are again, I can't believe we have been doing our crafting in isolation for so many months. The lockdown blankets are nearly finished. It has turned out that we have three smaller ones which will be lap blankets, rather than one enormous one. These will go to Hartland House Care Home in Milnthorpe when it is safe to deliver them. Marie, who was one of our very special crafters, spent some time there with their amazing, loving staff.

Hopefully we can get together some time soon, fingers crossed. I still can't understand why footballers can hug each other after matches, go home to their families who are not in lockdown, while the rest of us have to abide by totally different rules! 'Til then, keep safe and keep crafting for your own sanity as I will too. Keep enjoying the beautiful area that we are so lucky to live in.

Jane Taylor



ART GROUP

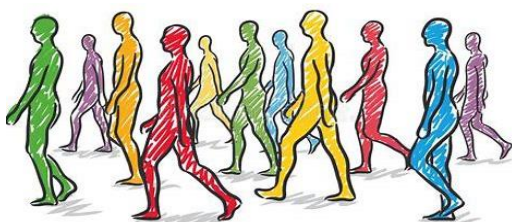
The Art Group will recommence on Fridays, 10am-12 noon, from 11 September, and run during term time.

The cost will remain the same, at £5 per session, payable termly or half-termly in advance.

Covid-19 precautions will be observed. Please bring a mask to wear. EVERYONE WELCOME!

More details from the tutor, Doreen Carman

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Birthday Good Wishes

A Borwick resident recently celebrated a venerable birthday and would like to say:

"Thank you so much to the residents of Borwick for your kind thoughts and flowers on my 102nd birthday.

Alice Prentice"



Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

Dorothy & the committee hope all the WI members are still keeping safe and well during this difficult time.

The Memorial Hall Committee members are holding a meeting in August to review the situation, and once the decision is made the Secretary will contact all members to let them know if the WI meetings are able to take place again.

Many factors have to be taken into consideration, not least whether the booked speakers are still prepared to attend the meetings. We will keep all members informed as to what decisions are made and we really do hope it won't be too long before we can get back to some sort of normality.

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

Gardeners' Club



The Chairman and committee hope members of the Gardeners' Club are keeping safe and well. Gardens have probably had more attention this year than most years and hopefully have given a lot of pleasure during this prolonged lockdown.

Once we have more information about the opening of the Memorial Hall, and whether the booked speakers are still willing to attend, the committee will then decide whether to restart our meetings. The Secretary will email members to let them know as soon as possible. We all hope it won't be too long before we meet again.

Meeting are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome

Carol Tennant
Chairman



The Sunflower Challenge



Sunflowers are such optimistic flowers, redolent of sunshine and long summer days. So around the beginning of lockdown, when optimism was in short supply and the thought of weeks of self-isolation stretching ahead was a bit daunting, the die was cast - who could grow the tallest sunflower? No ifs, no buts, no excuses - plenty of time to sow, grow, nurture and fettle while spending so much more time at home.

Now, the fruits of those labours are growing rapidly day by day, and the final measuring swiftly approaches – on **Saturday 15 August** take a tape measure to your tallest sunflower, measure from soil/compost level (no digging down into the soil!) to tip, and let me know the measurement (inches or centimetres) on that day by email, text or phone (07960 781318). I will then arrange to come and verify the tallest one. The tallest sunflower wins a prize; exactly what will depend on the age of the winner!

Hilary Rooney

Priest Hutton Neighbourhood Watch Report

Lancashire Police recently took part in #KnowExactlyWhere week with emergency services, local authorities and organisations around the UK to raise awareness about the free [what3words](#) app - and how it can be used to save precious time, resources and lives in an emergency.

[what3words](#) is a location app which has divided the world into a grid of 3m x 3m squares. It has given each square a unique combination of three words - a [what3words](#) address. "tortoises.swarm.announce", for example, took rescue workers to a precise location on Ben Nevis where in February 2020 a group of hikers were in trouble. The app is free to download for both iOS and Android and works entirely offline - making it ideal for use in areas of the UK with an unreliable data connection. [what3words](#) can also be used via the online map at [what3words.com](#). The technology is available in over 40 languages and can be used anywhere in the world.

Tony Johns - Priest Hutton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Recent burglary in Priest Hutton

Some of you may not be aware that there was a recent home burglary in Priest Hutton when the residents were away on holiday. The burglar(s) got into the property by removing the bottom panel of a door, and small items like gold jewellery and cash were stolen. Another similar crime occurred recently in Over Kellett when the owners were away; the thieves got in the same way, with similar types of things taken.

The police think the person/people who did this had been watching people's movements and was aware when the house was empty. If you are going to be leaving your home unoccupied you might want to think about some simple crime prevention measures. We tend to perceive our villages through rose-tinted spectacles as we are lucky to live in a low-crime area. The following preventive advice is taken from Lancashire Constabulary's website:

*Close and lock your doors and windows when you go out, even if you are just in the garden.

*Hide all keys out of sight and away from the letterbox.

*Fit an intruder alarm in a visible place and test it frequently.

*Install security lights.

*Leave a radio or light on a timer.

*Draw the curtains when you go out at night to make your property look occupied.

*Remember to cancel deliveries before you go on holiday.

*Keep an eye on your neighbour's property and encourage them to do the same for you.

*Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.

*Mark your property with your postcode and house number and register your property for free, online, with [Immobillise](#).

*Store any high value items (e.g. jewellery, passports) in a secure place or safe.



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

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