

Borwick & Priest Hutton Village Newsletter



There's definitely a nip in the air now that autumn's on the way, and John Keats' 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' is just around the corner. It hardly seems possible that it was way back in March that we were asked to 'Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives'. Since then we've had to adjust to a 'new normal' and the adjusting goes on with some new restrictions on our activities imposed in Lancashire just recently. It's not all bad though – gardens have never had so much attention, garages and spare rooms have never been tidier, and many of those craft projects lying forgotten in the back of a cupboard have been resurrected and completed. There's always a 'glass half full' way of looking at things if you choose to do so. So keep your collective chins up, everyone, and we'll come out the other side raring to get back to normal life!

Morecambe Bay Foodbank

Collections are still taking place every Wednesday from the boxes near Borwick and Priest Hutton village greens. This virus is hitting the economy hard, and more people are finding themselves out of work and struggling financially. Please continue to help if you can – the generous people in our villages have so far contributed over 2 kg of contributions per person in Priest Hutton, and between 1 and 2 kg per person in Borwick (by approx. parish populations). Well done everyone!

Hilary Rooney

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Autumn Fires

In the other gardens
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Robert Louis Stevenson

Contributions for the December/January newsletter should be sent to hjrooney64@gmail.com by midnight on Saturday 28 November 2020

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:

9.30am 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](#).

11.00am Sunday 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.

9.30am Wednesday 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.

Our church buildings are open for individual prayer as follows:

St Oswald's: Sundays 8.30am-10.30am; Weds & Thurs 10.00am-4.00pm.

St Mary's: Sundays 12noon-4.00pm.

St John's: Sunday 12noon-4.00pm; Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10.00am-4.00pm.

The above details are correct as at 27 September. Any changes will be publicised on our benefice website at www.ubwby.org, our 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.

Forthcoming services & events

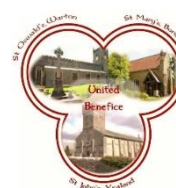
St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting 7.00pm, Monday 12 October

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. It will take place in the church, observing the social distancing measures that are in force at the time.

The Benefice and Social Media

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News from the villages

Memorial Hall News



I seem to be spending a lot of time these days reading guidelines from local and national government on safe operation of our hall and which activities and events can be held there.

The most recent guidelines were issued on the 24th September in an effort to clarify the announcements around "the rule of six".

Since we have put in place all of the recommended measures; hand sanitiser, cleaning stations etc, the Memorial Hall qualifies as a 'Covid-19 secure environment' and as such this means that we can exceed groups of six so long as social distancing is observed and face coverings are worn.

However, our maximum occupancy limit has now been reduced from a maximum of 30 people to 15 people. In addition, we are not allowed to let the hall for events where social distancing measures are likely to be breached. 'Knees ups' involving alcohol are thus definitely out of the question for the moment, but I hope that those few groups which have made a restart can continue to enjoy the amenity.

Obviously, if anything changes, for or against us, then we will react immediately.

Ken Dunn



Wash hands often/use hand sanitiser



Wear a face covering (unless you are exempt)



Keep 2 metres apart if possible

Coffee Mornings

As the Memorial Hall is a designated Covid-19 secure environment, I'm pleased to tell you that we are resuming our coffee mornings starting on **Saturday 31 October at 10.15 am.**



We will, however, need to adhere to the hall committee's protocol which is as follows:

- *Face coverings to be worn when entering and leaving the hall
- *Everyone needs to be seated. Chairs will be placed at tables observing a 'safe social distance'
- *Your name and contact details will be taken
- *All service will be 'café-style' ie tea/coffee served at your table

We appreciate it's not an ideal solution but it is a start in getting people back together with a view to some sort of normality.

Maureen Thomas

CRAFT GROUP

Sadly we are still unable to get together but that doesn't mean we have been slacking! We have finished four blankets which will go to Hartland House in Milnthorpe when it is safe, where Marie, one of our lovely crafters, was resident for a while.

As we go into autumn my thoughts turn to the poppies we made for Remembrance Day last November to decorate St Mary's Church porch. Not only did it stop and remind us of those who gave so much but it also brought brightness to a dark area.



Maybe you might like to knit or crochet poppies to put around your front door, or should we get enough we could do both village greens, who knows. The pattern is easy and keeps the fingers nimble.

Stay in touch, keep safe and keep crafting or painting to help you through.

Best wishes to all

Jane Taylor

Borwick & Priest Hutton WI

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

As you will no doubt be aware stricter restrictions have come into play since the last newsletter. We are forever hopeful, fingers crossed, that by January next year things may have eased enough to enable us to hold a meeting at the start of what will be our 100th Anniversary year. The committee have planned a wonderful series of events to celebrate this momentous occasion so there will be plenty to look forward to should things get back to some form of normality.

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

Diane Sunderland

Gardeners' Club



The Chairman and committee hope members of the Gardeners' Club are still keeping safe and well following the tightening of the restrictions in our area.

We are still hoping to hold the AGM in January but it will obviously depend on how things progress. We will keep members in touch by email or by telephone of any decisions made by the committee. 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

Poppies

EASY RIBBED KNIT PATTERN

This pattern gives a full ribbed knitted poppy and is an easy pattern for beginners. The ply of your yarn does not matter providing you adjust your needle size to suit. Use a smaller needle size than you may otherwise use. For instance if you are using 8 ply yarn and usually knit with 4mm needles, try a 3.75. The size of the poppy will change depending on your yarn and needles.

Col A 1 ball red yarn (one ball will make a number of poppies)
Col B Small amount of green for centre of poppy or a button.
Col C Scrap of black yarn.

Body of Poppy

Using Col A Cast on 60 st
Row 1 - 10 : K2 P2 (for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).

Row 11 : K tog across the row.

Row 12 : S1 1 K2 tog pssso ... repeat across the row.

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch

Centre of Poppy

Using Col B Cast on 8 stitches and knit a square (approx 8-10 rows) of stocking stitch. Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread through live stitches. **The purl side is the right side.** Run a line of running stitch around the outside of the knitted square and ease enough to pull the edges of the square into a round and tuck under.

Finishing

Stitch the centre tucked side down to body of poppy and overstretch with black yarn, or alternatively use a black or green button as the centre of your poppy.

Start again



The Sunflower Challenge



After a decent growing season, the measuring was conducted in mid-August, and the winners of the competition were **The Hamer family of Priest Hutton**, with a sunflower measuring a very creditable 9 ft 6" (114" or 2.9 metres). Seen here with their prize of a sunflower cushion and a bag of goodies.



Honourable mentions also go to Shirley Newman, Sue Mellor and Jemma Fletcher, who all grew sunflowers over 9 ft tall. Thanks to everyone who joined in with a bit of nonsense to while away a bit of time during lockdown! Who knows, maybe we can make it an annual event.

Hilary Rooney

Sakura Project



I have been in touch with the organisers to check on their progress during these difficult days. Happily there are no issues with the growers in Japan and the first batches of trees are being delivered this autumn.

Our trees are growing and we are scheduled for our delivery of saplings in autumn of next year. However, as you might imagine, many of the groups which originally committed to planting are now struggling with restrictions on movement, manpower and so on. The Japan society asked if a group should drop out would we be able to react at short notice. I think we should be able to manage with the offers of support I have received therefore I agreed that we can go on the 2020 reserve list.

This year's saplings will be delivered during October/November so we should soon discover whether we will be a late call up for 2020 or that we stay with the original plan for 2021.

Ken Dunn



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

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