



Welcome, all round the Green!

Round The Green is a community newsletter produced three or four times a year.

As the lockdown eases we can report that there are signs of things becoming more normal. We have a visit from *The Yorkshire Shepherdess* on Thursday the 8th July. Sadly, all tickets for this have now already been sold. The WI report that they are hoping to have a general meeting on Thursday the 22nd July to welcome everyone back, and any new members or visitors are very welcome to come along and enjoy the evening. And everyone can begin planning their acts for *Hurst Green's Got Talent* on the 27th November. If anyone would like to take part, please contact Barbara on 01254 826350.

* **Community Garden at Bilsberry Cottages.** *

* You may have noticed some digging going on in the Bee and Butterfly garden, *
* or for longer standing residents, the old rose garden. A little over 10 years ago *
* this garden was replanted with insect-attracting plants to make an oasis for *
* pollinators, however it has gradually become over grown and weedy! The *
* Parish Council are trying a new idea to make this garden attractive to both the *
* insect and human population of the village. A team of volunteers are gradually *
* removing weeds and trimming back the rather vigorous species then *
* replanting with herbs. It is hoped that once established, villagers will come *
* and help themselves to whatever they fancy! *

* There are many ways you can help if you wish. Come and do some digging, donate herb *
* plants, lend your green bin to help us remove the compostable waste. Please contact *
* Nancy for more information. (07814 735398 nancy@rivers-mead.co.uk) *

Memorial Hall Update

Are all those trenches part of a re-enactment of the terrible Battle of the Somme? Is it a draconian method to stop the kids playing football on the Bayley Field? Have they found the drain which floods the basement changing rooms?

The answers to the questions are of course: No, No, Yes!

Following on from the February edition of Round the Green, the Memorial Hall Project Team are pleased to report Phase 2 (Hall heating) is nearly complete. The installation of ground source heating in the Memorial Hall was originally scheduled for last year, until the Covid pandemic postponed the project. Our target completion date is the end of this May, and thanks in particular go to John Wilkinson for his expertise and groundwork skills. The Hall will have installed an eco-friendly heating system that generates all year round background heating allowing more use of the Hall in the cooler months of the year. We look forward to welcoming the return of the regular village community groups (W.I., playgroup, youth group, etc.) but also the start of additional activities (keep fit, family celebrations, plays, etc.) that will enjoy the warmer facility of the Hall. We are indebted to the fundraising skills of Margaret Carrington and Barbara Herd, and the work of Des Harwood and Peter Butterfield. There are one or two surprises to come when we re-open but I'll let you see for yourself when you come to our welcoming events. Watch this space!

REMINDER! WI members are reminded that reduced subs of £22.40 are due. Please submit to Barbara Herd or Jean Gentry as soon as possible

Village Parking Survey

Through the pandemic, parking by visitors has become an issue of increasing importance for many villagers. The Parish Council conducted a survey of those who live in the centre of the village and others from the village who felt strongly on this issue. Below is an analysis of the replies.

The Parish Council received 44 replies. It was significant that there was a sizable proportion who felt that we should wait until after lockdown to see how things settle or who did not want any changes. 17 of the 44 replies (39%) preferred to wait or make no change.

Of those who sought parking restrictions, many favoured multiple solutions opting for double yellow, single yellow and pavement signs. 50% of respondents wished for double-yellow lines somewhere in the village and 34% favoured single yellow lines. 35% wanted pavement signs, 6% requested H-bars and 13% residents parking. As above, 39% of respondents favoured no change or a wait and see approach. You will note that this adds up to more than 100% because many residents went with multiple approaches.

Double-yellow- Suggestions included: Warren Fold, especially at its entrance. Avenue Road, especially near the Club, and from the Bayley Arms to Smithy Row. There were also suggestions for Whalley Road from the War Memorial to the new lay-by. Others suggested double yellow lines at all junctions. Contrary to various rumours, there is a Traffic Regulation Order in place for the existing lines, which are enforceable.

Single-yellow- Again these were variable, but the suggested sites covered similar stretches to those for double-yellow, though with more suggestions for these on Whalley Road and Longridge Road, especially on the north-side of Whalley Road from opposite Millie's to opposite Widow Row.

No Parking on the Pavement Signs- A few residents suggested that these should feature on all pavements, otherwise Avenue Road, Warren Fold, Longridge Road and Whalley Road were also suggested sites. These would be permanent rather than the temporary signs that have recently been placed on some pavements by our local police.

H-Bar- Residents who expressed an interest in these have been contacted as this is a process which is initiated by individual households with Lancashire County Council Highways.

Residents Parking- This was an option favoured by a couple of residents of Warren Fold, and some residents of Whalley Road also opted for this.

Leave things as they are- Those who opted for this were either in favour of leaving everything as it is, often citing the local pubs/café as a reason, or wished to wait and see what the situation is after the pandemic, feeling that decisions taken now may not reflect the situation in the "normal" world.

Car Park- The need for more car parking space in the village was raised with the feeling that yellow lines, etc will just move the problem around the village and/or lead to parking in more dangerous places. Various suggestions were made including marking out the Memorial Hall car park more efficiently, extending round the side and back of the hall, moving the play area to extend the car park, using land on the right after Stonyhurst gates as a car park, using land on the left after Stonyhurst gates and just before the Mary statue, or using the St. Joseph's school car park evenings and weekends.

Conclusion- The survey was conducted as a consultation with residents to gather views and ideas. It was not conclusive to favouring one approach, and the Parish Council are very aware of the differing views on what, if anything, can or should be done. The Parish Council hope to be able to hold a public meeting in September, to which representatives from the police, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council Highways, along with Borough and County Councillors will be invited.

With sadness and good wishes we share the news of the departure of curate Rev'd Karen Herschell to pastures new.

To all in Hurst Green, it is with both excitement and sadness that I write and say 'So long...' As many of you will know by now, I shall be moving to pastures new as I take up my new post as Vicar of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury. After spending the last 3 years as Curate of Ribchester, Hurst Green and Mitton, it is now time for me to move on and I am absolutely delighted that I will be remaining in Rural Ministry and will continue to live in the Ribble Valley in Mellor. However, Stuart and I are really sorry to be leaving Hurst Green. We have loved living here; you all made us feel very welcomed and we have very much felt a part of the community. We have made many good friends and have enjoyed all aspects of village life. Sadly, Covid-19 curtailed much of what we could do during the last 12 months or so, but nonetheless, it has been a joy to have been here...the good news is that we won't be too far away!

We wish you all the very best and thank you for helping us make this our home.

My prayers, as ever, go with you. With love and blessings. Rev'd Karen, Stuart, Xander xxx & Callie (woof)

Sadly since our last edition a number of villagers have passed away.

Ann Bamber

Ann Bamber, who died last December, was born in the small village of Dockray near Penrith in October 1939. In the early 1940s, when her father, Jack Martindale, took the job of shepherd at Stonyhurst, the family came to live at Deerhouse, moving to Horrocks Farm, Pinfold a few years later. Ann walked to school each day at St John's and from the age of 11 attended Ribblesdale School in Clitheroe. Ann worked for many years in the Stonyhurst College laundry, making life-long friends with whom she would also enjoy her holidays. In 1959 Ann married John Bamber from Fellside Farm, and they set up home at Stockbridge. Ann and John spent most of their married life at Gordon Cottages on Deerhouse Farm. Here they brought up their 4 children, Keith, Mandy, Sandra and Alan, and they continued to live there until, in recent years, they moved to Great Harwood. Ann is remembered as having a great sense of fun and was never happier than when spending time with the children in her family, becoming a very dear grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 11.

Bill Crotty

Bill Crotty died in February this year aged 94. He was born in County Kilkenny in Ireland, one of a family of 10 children. Due to the lack of work in Ireland at that time, Bill, along with several of his siblings, came over to England to find work. At the age of about 21 he took a job working for Harry and Lucy Wilkinson on Foxfields Farm and lived with them as part of the family. Bill met his wife, Teresa Holden, at a tea dance at the Assembly Rooms in Hurst Green. They were married in 1949 and set up home at Jumbles Farm, where their children Margaret, Patricia, Joseph and John were born. In the early 60s they moved to Sandpit Cottages where Andrew was born, and where Bill lived for many years until ill health necessitated a move to Abbeyfield Care Home in Clitheroe. Apart from a few years at Castle Cement, Bill worked at Foxfields until he retired. Bill and Teresa were founder members of Hurst Green Bowling Club, and spent many happy hours there. Bill also loved fishing and sport, and was a member of Hurst Green cricket team. He was a regular worshipper at St Peter's Church and a member of the Catholic Club. Bill was a quiet but very pleasant and friendly person who was a pleasure to spend time with. As well as 5 children, Bill is missed by a large family of 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Margaret Eccles

Margaret Eccles died in April at the age of 91. She was born in County Carlow in Ireland, one of 12 children. Margaret used to enjoy recounting tales of her childhood, especially how the whole family used to kneel each night to recite the rosary. Margaret came over to England with Josie Holden, late of Shireburn Cottages, to work at Stonyhurst. Whilst there, she met her husband Aloysius, and they married in 1954. They set up home in Bilsberry Cottages, where they brought up their children, twins John and Richard, and Stephen. Margaret was widowed in 1979, but in 1994 married her brother-in-law, Frank. Margaret was a very sociable, lively and outgoing person, with a typically Irish warmth and sense of humour. From Sunday night dominoes in the Club to W.I. or Bowling Club events, she loved being involved in village life, and her sense of fun enlivened many an occasion. Margaret was a regular worshipper at St Peter's Church. She was a keen baker and could always be relied upon to produce cakes for village get-togethers. Following a stroke in 2015, Margaret was cared for in her final years in Alston View Nursing Home, Longridge.

Teresa Nutter

Teresa Nutter died in March at the age of 94. She was born at Hayhurst Farm in Dutton, and attended St Joseph's School, which involved a long walk across the fields. When she was 7 years old she moved, with her parents and older sister, Agnes, to Timothy Farm in Hurst Green. Teresa was a timid child who did not enjoy school. When she left she went to work for Molly Bailey at New Lodge, the Stonyhurst guest house. At the age of 23 Teresa married Frank Nutter of Manor Farm, and it was here that they brought up their 4 children, John, Agnes, Fran and Charlie. Teresa had a great capacity for and love of hard work, and always said that work was her hobby! She worked full-time with Frank on the farm, bottling milk and delivering it each morning and working long days in the meadows when hay was largely made by hand. Teresa was a keen baker and enjoyed sewing and knitting when time allowed. In 1984 Teresa and Frank moved to the cottage on 'Widow Row' where she lived for the rest of her life. She continued to help on the farm and to produce an endless supply of cakes for haytime and sheep-clipping days. Teresa, who was widowed in 1999, loved to be outside, and in her later years liked nothing more than to be out in the farm pick-up or cattle wagon. She was a person of great faith and determination, was kind and thoughtful, and had a wonderful sense of humour. Teresa was above all a family person, taking great pride and interest in all her family, which came to include her 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

News from St. Joseph's

With signs of spring popping up everywhere, what better time for St Joseph's pupils to become 'fundraising legends', whilst enjoying a family walk and donating £1430 to CAFOD 'Walk for Water'. We received an award for being in the top 10 fundraisers! One of our intrepid pupils decided to walk to a nearby farm and collect water from the stream in milk containers to gain first-hand experience of what it is like for people to walk miles in search of water.

Here at St Joseph's we also understand the importance of the needs of people who live a little closer to home! It is vital we look after everyone in our community at these uncertain times, therefore instead of the pupils receiving an Easter egg this year our children made Easter baskets filled with a small Easter egg and a homemade card to bring a little joy to many residents of Hurst Green.

To end our Spring term we took part in many poignant events during Holy Week. The Stations of the Cross were created by our talented children from the youngest to the oldest and displayed around the cemetery on Good Friday. Many parishioners have commented on how lovely this was and suggestions have been made to create parts of the sacred mysteries of the Rosary throughout the month of May ... watch this space!

As the Spring term comes to a close we have so much to be proud of. Our children have proved they can learn anywhere, the teachers have discovered computing skills they never thought they had and parents have juggled more balls than they thought possible! We continue to help keep our community safe and even though bubbles have been created and popped, the care for others and the ability to work as part of a team has kept us all going. As we enter our Summer term, we have many events planned – bikability, opening our new playing field, and raising awareness of global warming with the help of our Ignite team. We will bid farewell to our Year 6 leavers who will move onto pastures new and to their wonderful teacher, Mr Crabtree who will start his path to retirement.

Laura Orr (Headteacher)

Bowling Club – New Friends

Hasn't it been great to get out once again, to see old friends and with the influx of new members here at the bowling club, have the chance to make new friendships. The last year has shown us all the value of our friends, and just how important they are to our well-being. There's no doubt that making new friends becomes more difficult the older we get but the formula is not really a secret, it's as simple as going out and meeting people. The bowling green will, as the summer progresses, become a social hub within the village, and I strongly encourage anyone who is not a member to join. Just give me a call on 07500888626 or email me - pgarstang@hotmail.com - a warm welcome awaits. Paul Garstang, Bowling Club Secretary

News from St. Peters- Fr Tim writes:

The St Joseph's and St Peter's Catholic communities are emerging stronger than ever from the pandemic. Mass only takes place in St Peter's at the moment, at 5.30pm on a Saturday and 9.30am on a Sunday. Numbers have been slowly increasing. It is a great joy to see the face of parishioners emerging from church after returning from a period of self isolation. Some parishioners are joining the 11am College Mass, which is being live streamed during term time.

After 17th May, I will be allowed once more to visit our housebound in their home. It has been a long time since some of them have received the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion. Also, I'm glad to hear that funerals from mid-May can now have more than 30 mourners. Our Covid limit is 130.

After 21st June we can resume Masses in St Joseph's. I have 19 weddings booked for the remainder of the year and a good number of baptisms that have been on hold. Later in the year, some parishioners want to hold memorial services for their loved ones who have passed away. First Communion classes are about to restart, and in September there will be a class for those who wish to join the Catholic Faith. We will also be able to have meetings face to face, which will be a great blessing. Zoom has been useful, but it will be nice to meet personally again.

It has been an ordeal, but one that we have all weathered well. I hope we emerge strengthened in the faith that has sustained us through these dark days.

**Party? Wedding? Meeting? Workshop? Fund-raising Event? Regular Group? Social? Do?
Why not book the Memorial Hall? Contact Kath Molyneux on 826898**

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