

NEWBURGH NEWS September 2018

Dear Residents

First, may I record the Council's sadness at the death of Rebecca Richardson in July. Rebecca served the Council for 20 years including periods as Chair and Vice Chair, making a lasting contribution to the quality of village life. She will be sorely missed.

The Council has pursued a number of priorities on behalf of residents since our last Newsletter:

Following the meeting in March on the state of our roads Lancashire County Council has provided a timetable for repairs. Work has been done to improve Cobbs Brow Lane and more is to be done on Back Lane as well as the major repair to the A5209 which is programmed for November. We continue to seek precise dates and will keep residents informed.

We have conducted a housing survey to help the Parish Council respond to any proposals in the revised Local Plan due to be published by West Lancashire Borough Council in the autumn. We thank residents for the excellent response to the survey, the results of which will be summarized after the holidays and will then feed in to the consultation process expected in October.

We have decided that the village is in need of a thorough clean-up. Street furniture, signage, seats, bins and other objects have become dirty and detract from the overall appearance of the village. We are working out how to do this with a combination of action by Councillors, volunteers and paid help. If you would like to volunteer please contact a Parish Councillor.

We continue to monitor the village footpaths and are currently dealing with summer overgrowth on the walk to Parbold.

The Council is delighted that the lease for the children's play area in Back Lane has been extended for a further ten years through a renewal agreement between the Newburgh Church and the Council. We look forward to village children continuing to enjoy the facility.

We should like to welcome the Rev Jane Morgan MBE to the village as the new Interim Priest-in-Charge and look forward to working with her.

We also welcome Mike Roughneen as a new Parish Councillor. Mike brings long experience of the village, management in industry, and a range of practical skills.

Chris Moore

Chairman

Parish Council Meeting Dates

26 September 2018

24 October 2018

28 November 2018

Crane Educational Foundation

This is a small, local charity, arising originally from the Will of Thomas Crane, the founder in 1714 of Newburgh School. As well as supporting the school, trustees are able to consider applications, from groups or individuals, for grants to assist with educational activities, broadly defined, for children and young people. Further information is available from the Clerk to the Trust, Tony Richardson, 01257 463942, tony.richardson50@btinternet.com

Douglas Valley Lions Club has raised £20,000 for a wheel chair for Newburgh resident Val Thompson who broke her back in an accident at home. This wheelchair allows her to stand upright and move about the house and has changed her lifestyle completely. The facility has many medical and mental benefits and was recommended by Val's medical team. The Lions hope to start another major fundraising project soon for the St Vincent's School for the Visually Impaired which is based in Liverpool.

Diary Date: The Douglas Valley Lions bonfire and fireworks will be on Saturday 3 November with the fire lit at 6.30pm with fireworks starting at 7pm.

Applecast Progress

As part of the development at Applecast the second respite lodge is now under construction and we hope to be welcoming users from October. The cycling track is now complete and once the rest of the development is finished we are sure it will prove to be a lovely way to tour the site. Part of our plan is to give some of our users with additional needs their own quieter area so a second indoor angling centre has been delivered and is waiting to be erected. The café and plant centre at Apple Cast (open Mon- Sat 10am - 3pm) continue to thrive and we would like to thank all our visitors from Newburgh for their continued support. Please call in and have a look around at our progress.

Post Office

Work is finally under way at the Post Office starting with the demolition of the garage to make way for an extension to the accommodation. It is anticipated that the work will take approximately 12-16 weeks culminating in alterations to the Post Office, shop and café. We are currently working on plans for the new improved design and layout with the re-opening likely to be in January 2019.

Thank you once again to all our customers and neighbours for bearing with us while we endeavour to restore our beautiful Post Office to its former glory and provide a facility that the village can be proud of.

Newburgh School

As I ring the bell on 3rd September it will be in the knowledge that this is my last year at Newburgh School and that I will be sharing the headship with Mrs Fowler, a learning curve for us both, but is that not what school is all about, LEARNING? Not just about academia but about life and the challenges it throws at us and how we deal with them.

We are admitting 17 children into reception and for the first time will be using our two new outside classrooms. This in itself will present, I am sure, many hiccoughs along the way with new things to be learned but I know we will weather them as Newburgh has for over three hundred years.

It is an exciting time with the formation of our new Early Years Foundation area and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Crane Trust for helping us to set this area up.

It has been a mixed summer, saying goodbye to a much loved friend of Newburgh Village and School, Rebecca Richardson who will be sadly missed by all for all of her contributions. Also welcoming our new vicar, Jane Morgan, who has her own challenges to face whilst bringing the parishes together. As I write this, summer is not yet over, so who knows what is still to come but let us all pray for a good year ahead.

God Bless
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Christ Church Newburgh

I was licensed on 23rd July as Interim Priest-in-Charge to Newburgh and Westhead, to serve for two years, part time, three and a half days a week. The remit of the role is to enable both churches and communities to look to their future by reflecting on their identity, their pre-existing mission, the opportunities of today and their vision for the future.

I am here to serve you in the priestly role, a role I very much feel called to and working with you to determine your vision for the future. If we all play our part, we will develop our communities where everyone gets the chance to flourish and grow.

Prior to ordination I was Head of Midwifery at Edge Hill University and was a midwife for over 30 years so it was somewhat of a shock to be called away from midwifery to ministry, but I love it. Since 2001 I have been involved with an international link in Shyira, Rwanda and I'm a trustee of our charity, the Shyira Trust, which seeks to relieve poverty

through education in Kivu Diocese. I received an MBE in 2013 for service to midwifery in the UK and in Rwanda, although I always said that I hadn't done it, it was God working through me!

I look forward to serving you and journeying alongside you.

May God bless you
Jane

Reverend Jane Morgan MBE

Parbold, Newburgh & District Garden Society

12th Sep: Brian Ashworth 'The Plight of the Bumble Bee'

17th Oct: Margaret Robinson 'Vegetables for Taste and Flavour'

14th Nov: John Bell 'Wild Flowers in Lancashire'

Meetings are in Parbold W.I. Hall at 8pm. For information contact John 462514 or David 01704 821984

Newburgh Women's Institute

You are welcome to join this friendly group who enjoy talks, events and outings

17th Sep: Neil Farnworth: "CAST in Newburgh"

15th Oct: AGM and speaker

19th Nov: John Stirling 'Toy town to Buckingham Palace'

Meetings are held in Newburgh School at 7:30pm.

For information phone Patsy Hey on 01257 463171

Douglas Music Parbold

22nd Sep: Aquarelle Guitar Quartet plays Rossini, Ramirez and Carlos Riviera

20th Oct: Anna Tsybuleva, piano, plays Chopin and Tchaikovsky

10th Nov: Frederica Colli, piano, Scarlatti Mozart, Brahms and Bach

17th Nov: Neil Brand, piano, presents

Buster Keaton

Concerts start at 7:45pm at Parbold

Village Hall. Call 01257 498452

Box Office:

www.parbolddouglasmusic.org

email: tickets@parbolddouglasmusic.org

Parbold Picture House at Parbold Village Hall

2nd Sep: The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society, cert 12A

16th Sep: The Shape of Water, cert 15

30th Sep: A Fantastic Woman, cert 15

14th Oct: Phantom Thread, cert 15

Admission on the door £4 per ticket

Doors open 6:30 for refreshments, screenings start at 7pm

Front Row – live transmissions start 7pm, tickets £12.50 National Theatre NT Live

6th Sep: Julie

27th Sep: King Lear

6th Dec: Antony and Cleopatra

11th Dec: A Christmas Carol

Contact 01257 464533 for more information

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