NEWBURGH NEWS November 2026

Dear Resident,
Your Parish Council NEEDS your help
Over the last year we have lost three Parish Councillors and another member is retiring at Christmas. This leaves us with just four Parish Councillors. We should have eight for a full compliment.

We need three Councillors to be present to hold a Parish Council meeting, so if for any reason two Councillors can't make the monthly meeting we would have to cancel. If you would like to get involved in making Newburgh the best place to live in, PLEASE contact our Parish Clerk, myself, or any Councillor The more Councillors we have means we can spread the workload.

We have had a request from the Church. If you see bollards outside the Church this means there is a funeral/wedding taking place in Church. If the bollards are out please DO NOT PARK there. Recently, someone actually moved the bollards and parked, this meant that the funeral hearse had to double park to use the Church. This is unacceptable.
Please be mindful of this,

I can't believe I'm saying this but it will soon be Christmas, please check the Notice Board, Community Facebook Page, Parish Council Website for events.

Finally, I know it's a bit early but this is our last newsletter of the year. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank You

Mike Roughneen
Chair, Newburgh Parish Council

Newburgh Fair 2027 – Save the Date!
Save the date, Fifty and Fabulous!
The Golden Anniversary of Newburgh Fair will take place on Saturday 19 June 2027. We will be bringing back the Ball after the Fair. Our next fundraising event is Saturday 28 November – Bonkers Bingo £10 per ticket at Newburgh Sports Club. Tickets can be purchased from the Post Office, Wilton House Farm Shop or annemenarry@gmail.com.
Kind Regards
Anne Menarry, Chair of Newburgh Fair Asssociation

Newburgh Guides
We are a small group of girls aged 10 to 14 years old, who enjoy lots of outdoor activities such as camping. games. climbing, paddle boarding and archery, also indoor activities including crafts and games.
We meet every Tuesday evening in term time at Newburgh School from 7.30pm to 9pm.
If you are interested, please contact Jean Holmes, Unit Leader 07745 844562 or by email: jeanphamacist@aol.com.

Parish Council Meeting Dates
25 November 2026
9 December 2026
27 January 2027

Newburgh School

A New School Year!
We were delighted to welcome our children back to school and our new families at the start of September.
So far, we already had a wonderful Welcome Worship in Church led by year 6, a school trip to the library for our new Reception, balance bike sessions, a visit from a hedgehog expert, our Gospel Family morning to help us live out the value of thankfulness and advertised our jobs amongst KS2.
Later in the half term, KS1 will lead on our harvest celebration, we will host our first reading breakfast café, complete KS2 job interviews and appoint our Head Boy and Head Girl, as well as our other councillors.
The opportunities that are provided for our children in Newburgh are varied, rich and engaging and all successfully promote a love of learning across the curriculum.

Newburgh Christ Church
Services all at 1030am unless stated.
Family Service takes place on the third Sunday of every month at Newburgh School. Morning Worship takes place on the first, fourth and fifth Sunday of the month.

Sunday School (or JAM Club!) takes place once a month. If you would like more information please contact Amy Williams.

Details of Christmas services will be displayed in the Church newsletter and on the Church noticeboard.

Village Carols in the Dell 3rd December
Come along to our new Church family friendly event, which is due to start at 6.00pm. The Dell will be lit and there will be a crib/manger as a focal point and a star. Children at Newburgh school are kindly making waterproof stars which will hang on the trees. Finger lights will be provided for children and carol sheets will also be available. Residents are encouraged to bring torches. Refreshments of hot chocolate, gingerbread and mince pies will be served at school.

Dog Fouling in the Village
Firstly, thank you to all the responsible dog owners who clear up after their dogs. However, there has been an increase in dog fouling on pavements and in areas of open ground. Dog fouling is not only unsightly, it is also dangerous to anyone who falls/slips on it. Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog. All waste bins in the village can be used. Anyone caught fouling public places can be fined.

Apple Cast
Why not pop in to see what is happening at Apple Cast over the Autumn and Winter.
Our artisan markets continue to be popular and provide an opportunity to purchase gifts for friends and family for the Festive season.
We look forward to seeing all of our friends and supporters at Apple Cast very soon.

Appleton Fields
Appleton Fields has hit its funding target of £1500 that will be used for the annual running costs of maintaining the meadow and wood for the benefit of all. The Association says a huge thank you to all those who have made such generous donations to this fund.
We hope you will enjoy the Chair Chris Hayes's annual report that accompanies this Newsletter.

Peter Lathom Charity
The Peter Lathom charity originated in the early 18th century and to this day the trustees endeavour to identify and provide assistance within the terms of the scheme by applying the Charity's income in relieving persons resident in their respective districts who are in need, hardship or distress. Yearly distributions also include benefits to schools and individual pupils meeting the eligibility of the scheme.

Several organisations and individuals in Newburgh have already benefited from the scheme. If you think you meet any of the criteria and would like to apply for a grant please contact your Trustee Phil Atty, in confidence, by email: atty.pj@gmail.com

Red Lion Events
Wednesdays
Poker night from 8pm.
Thursdays
Lunch Club first Thursday of the month from 12pm-2pm.
Quiz night from 8.30pm.
Sundays
Poker night from 5pm.

Inconsiderate Parking
While we understand that there is sometimes a shortage of parking spaces, inconsiderate parking endangers the life of residents by forcing people onto the road. Please consider others and leave adequate space on pavements for pedestrians with prams or buggies, as well as mobility aids such as walkers and scooters.

The Parish Council will be liaising with local Police and Lancashire County Council regarding enforcement measures if this issue continues to be a problem. Areas of the village which have been affected include Back Lane, where parking outside the Church (despite cones being put out) resulted in a funeral hearse being unable to park outside. Other areas impacted also include Cobbs Brow Lane.

Newburgh Post Office and Coffee Shop
Our elves have been working hard behind the scenes to get everything ready for the festive season! You'll start to see our Christmas stock making an appearance, just in time for our Christmas Evenings kicking off on Friday 6 November. It's the perfect opportunity for all our lovely customers to get a head start on their Christmas shopping! Booking is essential but if you haven't booked yet there's space still available on the 20th & 27th but are booking up fast!

Newburgh Women's Institute

Newburgh WI meets 7:30 every third Monday of the month in Newburgh School hall. All are welcome. It's a very good way of getting to know your neighbours and making new friends, or indeed meeting old friends again. If visiting, you pay £2 on entry, reducing to £1 if you become a member.

Future meetings are:
16th Nov - 'Women Artists the World Forgot'
21st Dec –'Christmas Party', with entertainment and a hot buffet.
Afterwards, there is always time to chat with a cup of tea or coffee and some homemade cake!

In addition, we also have a Book Club, Craft Club and 'Knit and Natter', all of which meet in the Red Lion. Our lunch club visits local cafes and restaurants, and there are visits to theatres and other venues. We recently raised over £500 at our Macmillan Coffee Morning and a group of us are going to Shakespeare North in Prescott, to see 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'.

If you have any questions please contact Ruth Kewley,
email: janettekewley@gmail.com
or 07415 494 507.

Parbold Picture House at Parbold Village Hall
For further details on listings please contact 01257 463878.
Admission on the door
Doors open 6:30 for refreshments, screenings start at 7pm.
22 Nov: Secret Agent (15)
29 Nov: National Theatre Live:
Golden Boy (15)
6 Dec: Opera Australia Verdi's La Traviata

Douglas Music Parbold
14 Nov: Noriko Ogawa, piano
5 Dec: Connaught Brass
16 Jan: Victoria String Quintet
13 Feb: Paul Lews, piano
Concerts start 7:45pm at Parbold
Village Hall. Call 01257 498452
Box Office:
www.parbolddouglasmusic.org

Room At the Top
Room at the Top Folk Club meets every Monday at the Red Lion apart from Bank Holidays. The entrance fee is £1 and we start at 8-15pm. All acoustic music is welcome - traditional folk songs and tunes to self-written songs and pop songs - music hall to modern day! All are welcome. Contact Mark and Maggi on 01257 464215.

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