



# NEWSLETTER

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**December 2023/January 2024**



**Parbold Douglas**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

The new academic year has been full of joy at our happy, inclusive school. As ever, our pupils have made the most of the opportunities on offer and continue to approach all aspects of school life with enthusiasm and energy! It has been particularly exciting to witness the inspiring work of our Young Leaders. These leaders spearhead our Pupil Teams. Each team seeks to enact positive change, within the school community and beyond, as we pursue our Christian vision. They lead campaigns, organise events, and play a significant role in the life of the school. We support our young leaders to flourish in their roles, empowering them to make decisions and providing them with the opportunity to complete the Archbishop of York Youth Trust's Young Leaders Award. We have recently been recognised for this work by being selected once again to represent Blackburn Diocese on the Church of England's National Young Leaders Network during the 2023/24 academic year.

If you are interested in a school place for your child, come and see us any time! Spaces are available in some year groups. It's easy to book a visit via our school website (go to the 'joining our school' page).

Our popular nursery continues to thrive! **Parbold Douglas Nursery** is open all year round (51 weeks) from 7:30am until 6pm and caters for 1 to 4 year olds. Term-time only and shorter day options are available. Earlier this year, our stunning new 1-year-old room has opened! Get in touch via the details below for more information.

Our baby and toddler group (**Noah's Ark**) is as popular as ever. The group meets every Wednesday morning (9:30am until 10:45am) in the school hall and is just £2 per family (including a drink and snack). There is a different theme each week. Come and join us!

Our association, **Friends of Parbold Douglas**, continues to support life across school. Our 'Friends' do all sorts from organising fundraising events, leading after-school clubs, and volunteering their time in school. If you live in Parbold (or locally) and feel that you have something to offer, we would love to hear from you!

For an insight into all aspects of school life, please visit our website, Twitter page or Facebook page! We regularly share photographs and publish a monthly newsletter.

**Web:** [parbold.org](http://parbold.org)    **Twitter:** @ParboldDouglas    **Facebook:** [facebook.com/PDAcademy](https://facebook.com/PDAcademy)

**School office:** 01257 462007 or [admin@pda.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pda.lancs.sch.uk)

**Nursery enquiries:** 01257 462199 or [nursery@pda.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@pda.lancs.sch.uk)

**PARBOLD COFFEE ASSOCIATION** - Come along to our coffee/tea mornings at Parbold Village Hall.

**Next dates 19<sup>th</sup> December & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 & 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Talking Pictures** - Every Wednesday afternoon at 2.00p.m. Film and Conversation.

**PARBOLD'S SUNDAY MARKET, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**, 9am – 2pm, Village Hall, The Green, WN8 7DN. Variety of 30 Stalls, Refreshments Available. Entrance £1. For Stall enquiries contact Roger on [Joeking.roger@gmail.com](mailto:Joeking.roger@gmail.com)

## CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

You are invited to join us for a traditional celebration on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm outside the Village Hall (please dress appropriately and bring a torch). We will be joined by the Red Admiral Band and our local schools. Traditional Christmas refreshments will be available from 6.15pm. For more information contact Joan Sanders on 01257 464431.

**SANTAS SLEIGH** - The P.C.A and H.C.A will be accompanying Santa on his journey around the village on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December starting at Hilldale Village Hall at 5.15pm. He will be visiting most streets in Parbold and making a stop at the village hall. See posters for details.

**On behalf of the PCA we would like to thank our volunteer Distributors and sponsors for your continued support this year.**

**We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



## Parbold Picture House WN8 7DN

Find us at: Parbold Village Hall, The Green, WN8 7DN.  
E: [parboldpicturehouse@gmail.com](mailto:parboldpicturehouse@gmail.com) W: [www.parboldpicturehouse.org](http://www.parboldpicturehouse.org) or  
Telephone: 01257 463878 Follow us on Twitter – [Parboldph](https://twitter.com/Parboldph)

Sunday Screenings 7pm, Ricks Café open for pre-screening rendezvous at 6.30pm  
Sunday Tickets: £6.00. All seats unreserved. No booking necessary.

**Sunday 10th December, 7.00 p.m. Die Hard Cert 18 132 min**

**Mr Willis. It's definitely a Christmas movie - 100% - and it's one you can watch it over and over again** Mark Kermode Dir: John McTiernan Starring: Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia, Alexander Godunov *Not since 1988 have you had the chance to watch one of the most influential and popular action movies of all time on the big screen, no adverts, no cuts - the real deal!* **A New York cop comes to Los Angeles to see his family and guess what.....?**

**Sunday 7th January, 7.00 p.m. Corsage Cert 15 114 min**

\*\*\*\* Times, Guardian, Observer. Telegraph. Winner Best - Film London Film Festival 2023

**A masterful and melancholy meditation on loneliness. 'A fest for the eye and mind' Film Enquiry. \*\*\*\* "Vicky Krieps mesmerizes as a rebellious, 19th century royal" Guardian.** Dir: Marie Kreutzer Starring: Vicky Krieps A year in the life of Empress Elisabeth of Austria on Christmas Eve, 1877 and her 40th birthday and she is faced with staying young.

**No Pain. No Reign**

**Sunday 21st January, 7.00 p.m. The Old Oak Cert 15 114 min**

Dir: Ken Loach Written by Paul Laverty. Starring: Dave Turner, Ebla Mari, Claire Rogerson

\*\*\*\* **"Film-making driven by anger, empathy and unquenched idealism" Guardian**

**"A film as fired up and human as any you'll see this year" Time Out. "Vital and moving social parable" Deadline.**

The landlord of the last pub in a Durham village and a Syrian immigrant woman join forces to make a future for the people.  
**"It's not where you're from. It's what you bring."**

## Parbold Parish Council Notes

Contact by e-mail: [parboldpc.clerk@yahoo.com](mailto:parboldpc.clerk@yahoo.com)

Councillors met with representatives from United Utilities recently as part of a regular meeting schedule, to monitor activity within the Hoscar site and to discuss future management of the issues that affect Parbold residents. Instances of odours drifting across to the village has decreased since the tanks have been cleaned and covered with lids, with only 1 complaint being received by UU over the summer. The issue of flooding was raised and further discussion with the Environment Agency is required to look at long term plans for flood prevention.

Parbold Parish Council are pleased to provide the Christmas Tree for the village this year, which will be placed outside the W.I. building as usual at the beginning of December.

At this time of year roadside gullies can become full of falling leaves and this can lead to blocked drains and flooding. Please can care be taken when sweeping drives clear of leaves that they don't end up in the gullies but rather be collected up instead.

### PARBOLD WI

The December meeting of the Parbold WI will take place at the hall on **Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 6.30pm**. Please note the different time. The meeting will take the form of our annual Christmas party, which is for members only. The first meeting of the New Year will take place on **Tuesday 2 January 2024 at 7.30pm**. This will be a Games Evening. Visitors and prospective new members are welcome. If you wish to book the hall, it is available for weekly sessions for classes or for private parties: it is increasingly popular for birthday parties and other events. Please contact Sylvia at [sylvia.jwright@btinternet.com](mailto:sylvia.jwright@btinternet.com) or ring the PWI booking line on **07984 274802**.

**Christmas Bingo** - Two fun **Christmas Bingo** sessions will be held on **Saturday 2 December 2023**: the family session at **2.00pm** and the evening session (BYOB) at **7.00pm**. Please note that there will be no children at the evening session. Admission tickets are available from the DIY shop: Adults £1.00; Children £0.50. Bingo cards: £5.00. Children's bingo cards: £1.00. Refreshments available. Fantastic prizes!

**Advance Notice: Parbold WI Pantomime** - The Parbold WI will be presenting the pantomime **"Beauty and the Beast"** by Tom Whalley in the New Year. Performances will be nightly from **Tuesday 30 January to Saturday 3 February 2024 at 7.30pm**, as well as a **matinée performance** on the afternoon of **Saturday 3 February 2024 at 1.30pm**. Tickets will be available from the DIY shop from **Monday 4 December 2023**, at the price of £8.00 for adults and £6.00 for children.

Persian Afghan & Oriental Rug Sale – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December, Parbold Village Hall - Up to 65% off Massive Selection.



## PARBOLD DOUGLAS MUSIC

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Prince Bishops Brass Ensemble**

### Festive Melodies in Brass

The ensemble was formed by a group of five friends who met whilst playing across the North of England. During the countless bars rest they encountered while playing for others, they decided to get together as a brass quintet giving them each far more opportunities for the big tunes, experience and enjoyment to all of their performances. Their return Christmas evening in Parbold will feature traditional festive melodies arranged for brass, certain to bring a joyful mood to everyone.

[www.parbolddouglasmusic.org](http://www.parbolddouglasmusic.org)

01257 498452

[tickets@parbolddouglasmusic.org](mailto:tickets@parbolddouglasmusic.org)

**PARBOLD AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS** - All walks meet at Parbold shops at 9.00a.m. Next walks: **Dec. 3rd and Jan. 7th 2024**. Next meeting: to be notified. Next walks details are published on [www.parboldonline.info](http://www.parboldonline.info). See 'Walks' page and 'Events' calendar. For more information contact Jimmy Kelly on 01257 463057

### PARBOLD, NEWBURGH & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

**13 Dec.** Christmas Meeting – Slide Shows & Quiz

**17 Jan. 24.** Talk on the plant Zantedeschia

Parbold WI Hall at 8pm. For further information call John on 01257 462514 or David on 01704 821984.

E: [david\\_pennington\\_rufford@hotmail.com](mailto:david_pennington_rufford@hotmail.com)

**PARBOLD & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB** - We don't hold any meetings in December or January. We reopen on **14th February 2024**. If you'd like to know more just call Eileen 01704 893124.

**Red Lion Railway Circle** next meeting: **9th Jan 2024** at 7:30pm, Red Lion, Newburgh. Contact: John Sloane 01257 462641 North West Branch Locomotive Club of GB

### Best Kept Village in Lancashire Competition - The R.C. Church of our Lady and All Saints, Parbold

The Parish is delighted that our Church and Grounds has won the top award in the Class for Places of Worship and Grounds. Congratulations to all the volunteers who take care of this beautiful place.

### Our Lady & All Saints Church Advent and Christmas Services

<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	1600 Advent Carol Service
<b>Monday 18 December</b>	1830 Confessions followed by 1900 Holy Mass
<b>Tuesday 19 December</b>	1830 Rosary and Confessions followed by 1900 Holy Mass
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	1030 Holy Mass 2200 Carols and Readings followed by 2230 Christmas Mass in the Night
<b>Monday 25 December</b>	1030 Day Mass of Christmas
<b>Tuesday 26 December</b>	1900 Feast of St Stephen

**St Michaels Church Higher Lane, Dalton** have a new Facebook its 'Dalton St Michael All Angels church news' please join this account only- we post all events and our Christmas services will go on it too- plus you can contact us about anything. Christmas Fayre Nov 25th 11-2pm. Skem Prize Band and Occasional singers concerts in December. Dont miss it. Merry Christmas.

At **Christ Church Parbold**, there's a variety for everyone across the weeks and here's a selection of what is coming up in **December & January:-**

**Sunday 3rd December – Joint Church/PDA Advocacy Service 1030am.**

**Sunday 17th December – 'Carols by Candlelight' Service at 630pm.** A traditional service featuring 9 lessons and Carols.

**Sunday 24th December – Family Friendly Christingle Service at 6pm.** Led by our young people as we celebrate 'Jesus - Light of the World'

**Monday 25th December – Christmas Day at 1030am – Family service with Holy Communion.**

**On Sundays 8am & 1030am services in Church and Wednesday's 1030am Holy Communion at Parbold WI (except 27th December)**

**Sunday 21st January Muddy Church at 930am.** An hour of fun and craft activities at the Hut where we learn more about God outdoors. Our theme this month is 'Jesus, the Light of the World'

**Sunday's 10th December, 14th & 28th January: Little Fish** - under 4's provisions during our Church service at 1030am and Junior Church for 4-13's at the Hut.

**Sunday's 10th December, 7th & 21st January at 7pm it's Soul Action Cafe** our youth group at the Hut for 12s upwards.

**No need to book for any of these services, just come along + there's twice weekly 'Faith Moments' via our Website** <https://www.christchurchparbold.co.uk/> and Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/parboldchristchurch/>

Please Contact Geoff for more info: [christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com)

**Youth Club at Parbold Evangelical Church** runs alternate Fridays from 7:30 - 9, available to Y6 upwards, cost £1.50. For more information, contact Dave Taylor on 07786 401 121

## **PARBOLD, NEWBURUGH & DISTRICT U3A**

**Tues 12th Dec:** Christmas Lunch at Holland Hall, Upholland

**Tues 9th Jan:** Kevin Griffin; "Frank Foley" - the story of a British spy in Berlin who saved 10,000 Jews

**Tues 23rd Jan:** Terry Brookes; "Reminiscing on a Life in Crime" - life as a criminal solicitor and solicitor advocate

Our bi-monthly meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Hut-on-the-Hill, Parbold. The entrance fee for Horizons is £3.00. For more information, contact Peter Bennett on 07396 381892

## **ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT NATIONAL TRUST SUPPORTER GROUP**

**Tuesday 12th December** 'The Dawn of Motoring - 1890 to 1900' - Tom Preston

NOTE: This talk will follow the AGM which starts at 2.30pm

**Tuesday 9th January** 'Gallant Gentlemen' - Roger Mitchell

All talks take place at the Toby Carvery, Ormskirk at 2.30pm with a nominal charge of £2 for non-members.

Single membership £10pa Family £15pa. For more information contact Fiona Duggan on 01695 570537/07710 543412 or visit <https://odantm.wordpress.com/>

## **Douglas Valley Creative Stitchers**

Mini Workshops 2.00pm for 2.15pm start until 4.00pm. Parbold Village Hall

**9th December 2023-** Christmas Do (12.00 to 4.00pm) Fun, Jacobs Join etc

**13th January 2024-** Zoom talk 'For the Love of Stitch' with Anne Brooke

Visitors always welcome. For more info contact: Sue Chisnall-Sumner 01772 461714 Email: [suechisnall@btinternet.com](mailto:suechisnall@btinternet.com)

**ARTISAN MARKETS – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** - AppleCast EcoCentre, Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh, Lancashire, WN8 7SF.

Entry is £3.00 per car which includes one free hot drink. For further information please email [mary@applecast.co.uk](mailto:mary@applecast.co.uk)

T: 01257 463012

## **PARBOLD LIBRARY – SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Adults**

**Book and a Brew** - 10:30am to 11:30 am Wednesday 6/12/23

Share your love of reading in a relaxed space with a cuppa and a mince pie. This month we will be asking about your favourite Christmas read.

Christmas Coffee Morning- 10:30am to 11:30am Wednesday 20/12/23

Join us for mince pies and some festive cheer.

### **Children**

**Christmas Lego Club** - 10:30am to 11:30am Saturday 2/12/23

Get creative by trying one of our Lego Christmas Challenges. Suitable for ages 5-12.

**Festive Baby Bounce & Rhyme** - 9:30am to 10:30am Friday 1/12/23, 8/12/23 & 15/12/23

Join us to sing Christmas songs and rhymes. Suitable for babies up to 18 months, but older pre-school siblings welcome.

**Christmas Library Club** - 3:30pm to 4:15pm Friday 1/12/23 & 15/12/23

Come along to listen to Christmas stories and join in our activities including a quiz. Suitable for ages 5-8.

**Children's Christmas Party** - 10:30am to 11:30am Saturday 16/12/23

Join us for a Christmas story, festive songs and craft activities. Suitable for ages 4-8. Booking required.

**January Events** - All our regular and special events will be listed on the Lancashire Libraries website -

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries> in the Events section - What's On.

**Friends of Parbold Library** are hosting the following event at Parbold library:-

**Dec 7th 2.00p.m.** Mervyn Saunders – "Gosh, is Auntie really over 100!" The evolution of the BBC and its ups & downs - all contained in a pot-pourri of hopefully interesting facts that perhaps you didn't know before - including how, when due to outside influences, Auntie at last realised that she had to alter her ways! Free event and light refreshments. Contact one of the Library staff to book a place on 0300 123 6703 and for more information.

**Parbold Pink Panthers** - Friendly inclusive running club for women of all ages and fitness levels. Local club runs twice a week. For further details contact Jane Warner [jane.warner29@gmail.com](mailto:jane.warner29@gmail.com)

## **Give the gift of time this Christmas.**

Have you an hour or two spare every week? Would you like to give back to your local community?

Offer companionship and make a positive impact on vulnerable people's lives, help run activities at a Disability Day Centre or assist at a local library. Lancashire Volunteer Partnership is looking for volunteers for a variety of roles in your area. You can see all these roles on the LVP website: [lancsvp.org.uk](http://lancsvp.org.uk) or alternatively you can ring Dave Warren, the volunteer officer for West Lancashire, on 07958156850 or our central helpline, on 01772 531076.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOODBANK THIS CHRISTMAS. REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL - Donations can be left Wednesdays 1-4pm Thursdays 9-12. 3-8pm

Please send information for the February 2024 Issue by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to: Sue Halton, 15 Beech Ave, Parbold, Nr Wigan, WN8 7NS Tel: 463703 e-mail: [suehalton10@gmail.com](mailto:suehalton10@gmail.com)