

GOOD NEWS for SABDEN

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Thank you all our team of Good News deliverers who make sure this magazine goes to every home in the village each month.

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PAGE ONE PICTURE

This pretty fairy was just one of more than 60 scarecrows dotted around the village for the Scarecrow and Folklore Festival. More pictures inside.

The seasons may turn and change, but the message remains the same

We had a wonderful time at the Churches Together Harvest Festival Songs of Praise held at St Mary's Hall on the 15th of September, ably led by the Sabden Community Choir. Finishing with "What A Wonderful World", it set the scene for the seasons ahead as we leave summer behind.

People around Sabden know the seasons only too well, especially the farmers as the land is often soaked and waterlogged. Yet the seasons continue to turn as do our lives and the world, so we move on. Sometimes our lives become waterlogged with cares and concerns. We don't see the beautiful countryside and the care of people around us.

Being part of the church leadership of Lancashire I see churches continually seeking ways to be of this day and age. To modernise and streamline, like the Methodist Church last month amalgamating four districts into one. Sometimes our lives appear to need this sort of drastic action. I believe the world lays too much stress on change. The one thing which never changes are the stories in the Bible; oh there may be new translations, but the message stays the same.

Our God is the one who never changes, the one who said I will suffer as you so you know I understand. The message of God through His Son tells us that He will walk with us through our waterlogged lives to lift us up and give us the greatest gift of all, Hope.

Though the world and seasons turn, though our lives sometimes become hard, Sabden is a village that believes in itself and its future. I pray for the gift of Hope and a future for all in friendship through the coming months. That will see everyone through the winter to come in the seasons of our lives.

The Rev. Brian Drury, Baptist Ecumenical leader for Lancashire and a Sabden Baptist Church member

Band Concert Sell-Out

A Big Band Concert with the Vernon Gallery Big Band was a sell-out success enjoyed by more than 100 people. Thank you to the organisers, Allison and Nigel Watson, and the band for a wonderful night of rousing music. The event raised over £600 for St Nicholas's Church funds. Plans are being made for a return of the band in the spring.

Police Report : Sabden's Police Community Support Officer Katie Ferguson reports just one incident in the village in August—a drink driver.

BRAS WANTED

Come on ladies, it's time to ditch your bras for a good cause. The Breast Cancer UK charity collects unwanted bras to recycle and raise money, and to help young women in Third World countries where wearing a bra can help prevent them from being assaulted and raped. Bras in not so good condition are recycled — every part of them—right down to the hook and eyes! So if you have any unwanted bras please pass them on. You can leave them with Janet Pickup at 4 Littlemoor Close.



SABDEN CHURCHES

St Nicholas's CE Parish Church, Wesley Street

Sundays: 10am Holy Communion and Sunday School. Family Service first Sunday in the month. Contact: The Rev. J. Carmyllie 01254 823249. Curate Rev Rachel Frost Tel:01254 937585 Email curate@whalleypc.org.uk. Churchwardens Eileen Dyson 01282 771488 and Anita Gould 073781 06584.

St Mary's RC Church, Whalley Road

Sundays: 11am Mass with Canon Paul Brindle and Deacon Damian Buggie. Coffee & biscuits in the hall after most Masses.

Contact: Canon Brindle, 01200 423307. Community Hall bookings: M. Parsons 01282 778652 / 07715 666866.

Sabden Baptist Church, Clitheroe Road

Sunday 10-30am with Communion every 1st Sunday; Guest preacher 2nd Sunday; Scripture service 3rd Sunday.

Tuesday: 10-30am to noon Care & Share with a cuppa and a chat. All welcome.

Wednesday: 7-30—8-30pm Bible Study. All welcome.

Thursdays: 7-9pm Music & Singing Group for all.

Contributions welcome

Good News for Sabden magazine is published by Churches Together in Sabden to bring you news from church and community life.

Contributions are always welcome, so please send your news and pictures to the editor, Margaret Parsons, at margmaryparsons@gmail.com by the 16th of each month, or leave at 1 Pendleside Close.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended the funeral service for the late John Collinge at Burnley Crematorium. Donations received in John's memory for Rosemere Cancer Foundation totalled £431.15p, a fitting tribute to a popular and lifelong villager.

FUNERALS AT ST NICHOLAS'S

It has been a sad time of late with the funerals of two well known and much loved village women—a service and committal in the graveyard for Marion Finnegan; and a service for Maralyn Duff prior to her cremation at Burnley Crematorium. Mourners packed the Church for both services and thoughts are with their families.

The burial of ashes of the late Les Simpson was also held in the graveyard.

Sabden Horticultural Society

The committee of Sabden Horticultural Society would like to thank everyone who supported this year's annual show in August and once again made it an extremely successful event.

A particular mention must go to all the local businesses and individuals for their financial and raffle prize donations – their generosity is greatly appreciated and really does help in reducing costs to keep the show on the road.

Of course, there wouldn't be a show at all without the efforts of all those talented people who grew, painted, baked, crafted and then entered the fruits of their labours to be judged and admired. The range of skills is so impressive let's hope that it inspires others, both young and old, to consider entering next year and keep the show going.

The Society welcomes new members - be they non-gardeners, those new to gardening or seasoned gardeners alike. Members might like to serve on the committee which meets 4 or 5 times a year. Fresh ideas and input is always welcome. If interested or want to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Bell (Chairman) on 07967284486 or by email at dandabell@hotmail.com

The Society's AGM is due to take place on **Friday 15th November at 6-30pm** at the Bowling Green Clubhouse. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome.

Roy Aspin

Susan, Matthew, Rebecca and the family of the late Roy Aspin would like to thank everyone for their kindness following his death at the age of 79. They have been overwhelmed by the cards, flowers, prayers, visits and kindness of family, friends and neighbours at this sad time. Special thanks also to those who attended his funeral service and donated £700 in his memory to St Nicholas's Church where Roy, and his late twin brother Ron, were altar boys in their youth. Roy was a well-known local builder.

Sabden soapbox blazes a trail

Sabden was represented yet again at this year's Longridge Soapbox Derby in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. This mean machine was constructed by Bob Wright (pictured) for the North West Air Ambulance team to compete in the annual race. The event was hampered by pouring rain but was great fun and the NWAA team, cheered on by shop manager Jill Wright, did themselves proud.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

The White Hart pub has re-introduced the Wednesday Club which used to be popular with villagers.

On the first Wednesday of each month from 1pm to 4pm there will be a social afternoon with entertainment, bingo and discounted drinks. Singer Paul Aaron will kick off the first session on October 2nd.



Sabden's first summer festival was a fabulous success

Sabden's first Summer Scarecrow and Folklore Festival was blessed with beautiful weather and saw the community come together for an event with a difference.

The scarecrow trail round the village was a real highlight and well done to the winners and all those who decorated their windows and hung out rag bunting to give a real festival look to Sabden. It was great fun to see Shrek popping up in a front garden, along with Rapunzel, Robin Hood, Maid Marian and Friar Tuck, Snow White and her dwarves, Fairy Liquid, a Treacle Boggart, and so many more—even the Vicar of St Nicholas's got a scarecrow makeover! It was all great fun and many many people went on the scarecrow trail, following a map around the village.

A film night and entertainment set the scene on the Friday and a children's Parade to St Mary's proved popular on the Saturday to get the fun underway. There were stalls and free activities, morris dancing, old school sports and games, live music and food vendors selling everything from burgers to black puddings! A community breakfast, guided walk and festival quiz completed the fun on the Sunday.

Well done to the volunteers from Sabden Collective for bringing it all together, and especially Louise Cunningham and Beth Sculpher for coming up with the idea and for all their hard work making it happen. Any profits from the event will go back into providing more events and facilities for the village.

The scarecrow winners were 1, The Fairy Garden on Crowtrees Road, 2, Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs on Stubbins Vale caravan park; 3, The Mad Hatters Tea Party, Whalley Road. Highly commended were the Treacle Eating Boggart on Padiham Road, and Shrek and Mary Poppins, both on Whalley Road. The Best Decorated windows were The Green Man on Whalley Road, the Yellow Submarine on Whalley Road and the Elves and the Shoemaker on Gardeners Row. There were so many wonderful creations—more than 60 scarecrows and numerous decorated windows—it was a pleasure to see, so well done Sabden.





Good weather for apple trees; not so good for us humans!

It may've been a weird weather summer for us humans, but for apple trees it's been a good'un! (It's also been a good summer for brambles, weeds and slugs too but we'll ignore that...)

The warmer months of March and April brought forward the apple picking month. The ones on our little tree aren't big but they make a good apple crumble – along with the blackberries that are everywhere. Brambles just don't know when to stop growing where they shouldn't!

Which kind of leads to a far more controversial topic of meat and plant-based food. The meat versus veg/vegan debate does baffle me. Red meat is made from a vegetarian diet – yes? Cattle and lambs eat grass or plant-based food (wheat, barley, maize) – yes? (Does the 'plant-based food' description annoy you as much as it does me? Come on, advertising copywriters, think of summat better!).

So I guess how meat ends up in the shops – by killing animals or poultry – must be the prime reason driving the anti-meat sector. These days, too, methane emissions from livestock are part of the climate change picture. Although, nutritionist scientists are working on resolving this by changes to manufactured animal feed. To me, there's room for all good, non-ultra-processed foods in our meal choices.

There shouldn't need to be a double-page spread in a farming magazine displaying how marketing campaigns are championing red meat and dairy. Both have been part of our diet since humans learned to hunt and milk cattle, sheep or goats. I should add that I'm a 'live and let live' kinda person who isn't a red meat fan, who prefers veggie and cheese foods (as well as bacon and chicken), skimmed milk and cream! I can hear The Farmer saying: 'You mean you're a fussy eater'.

Meanwhile, back at the farm...the agricultural show season is finished for 2024. If ever you've been to one, it's always worth having a look at the Young Sheep Handler competition.

It's so sweet, watching youngsters aged from two-years-old up to young teenage walking lambs or sheep around a small area, answering questions from the judge and coping with a big audience.

Book that as a 'must do' into your 2025 diary.



Happy Autumn.

The Farmer's Wife

Songs of Praise was a joyful community event

More than 80 people went along to the village “Songs of Praise” in St Mary’s Hall last month and it proved to be a joyful community event. The rain came down so it was moved inside but it didn’t detract from an hour of lovely singing of favourite hymns and songs, led so joyfully by the Sabden Community Choir, under the direction of Annie Woodward. This was the first such event organized by Churches Together in Sabden, but it was so well received that we hope to make it an annual event.

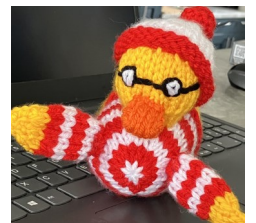
St Mary’s Deacon Damian Buggie made the introductions and thank you’s and there were short readings and poems by Alex Bell, Richard Stancliffe, Brian Drury and Mark Woodward representing churches and community.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of those who brought dozens of items for the local Foodbank, the tables were groaning under the weight, and a home produce stall and donations for tea and cakes afterwards raised £177 for the Foodbank. Thank you all once again for your support.



Family fun with the great Sabden Duck hunt

We are glad so many of you enjoyed the Knit and Natter Group’s “Duck Hunt” around the village in August. Lots of you were out and about spotting coloured knitted ducks planted here, there and everywhere. Some of you spotted Wally the Duck (pictured) who, at the time of going to press, was still in his hangout above the Pendle Witch pub sign on Whalley Road. Thank you all the knitters who made the cheerful characters and special thanks to Liz Holden who knitted Wally and also devised the duck-themed quiz. Quiz sheets were left in the shops and the winning entry pulled out of the hat was by Harriet Collinge, although no-one managed to count the correct number of ducks—74 in total!! Congratulations Harriet! The ladies were supporting Sabden Football Club’s annual Duck Race on the August Bank Holiday weekend when hundreds of plastic ducks raced down Sabden Brook.





What is Sabden Collective?

Sabden Collective, founded by Beth Sculpher, Louise Cunningham and joined by a passionate committee, was born following the 2020 Covid lockdown. In a time when community felt disconnected and hesitant to re-engage with their neighbours, our mission was to bring back a sense of unity and belonging in the village through inclusive, free events that welcomed everyone.

Our journey began with a fantastic opportunity to host a weekend of celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. In June 2022, our community came together and organised a full array of activities including an afternoon tea, street parade, music, dance, sports day, street parties, treasure hunt, and much more. It was a massive success for Sabden, drawing



attention from local media and, most importantly, bringing the village together in a way we hadn't seen for a long time. Since then we have continued to host events with the help and support of the community and businesses. Some highlights include the first Christmas Markets, Raise the Roof, and the most recent Sabden Summer Folklore Festival (see pictures).

Collaborative efforts with village groups including the Parish Council, Holme Committee, Horticultural Society, sports clubs and pubs, Knit and Natter, One Voice Drama group, churches, businesses (with special thanks to ICS Live and Sarah Wright Kitchens) have meant that we can put on fantastic events for everyone. Sabden Collective is a community organisation - built by Sabden, for Sabden. Every penny raised from events goes back into making future gatherings even bigger and better. We are always on the lookout for volunteers, new ideas, and more people to get involved. We're proud to host at least one major event each year, but with more volunteers we could do so much more...so, whether you're a butcher, a baker, or a candlestick maker, there's a place for you in Sabden Collective!



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Off the field the village cricket team has a thriving social and charitable scene.

A fabulous golf day was held at Whalley Golf Club in aid of the charity so close to our hearts, Milly's Smiles, and the day raised a fantastic £2825.

(Some of those who took part are pictured here)



On the field Sabden finished 7th in a season interrupted by poor weather and even the end of season game at Bolton-By-Bowland was washed out.

Bowling season comes to a close

Sabden Bowling Club's End of Season celebration is on October 11th at Whalley Golf Club. It's for members, friends and club supporters and there is entertainment from popular singer Fran Wilson. Contact any club member or Maggie on 07989 401595 if you'd like to go. Tickets are £16, including a pre-ordered meal.

There may be other clubhouse-based 'nights out' over the winter – we'll let you know when! The bowling season itself is coming to a close now after a busy time not just for matches and competitions but also for supporting social 'dos' with the village. The most recent one being the Sabden Folklore and Scarecrow Festival. The club joined in with its own scarecrow of "Goldilocks and the 3 Bowls" (pictured) just near the side entrance and welcomed all those who took part in the Saturday parade which started at the green.

What a great weekend that was. The community breakfast at the clubhouse proved a hit, as was the free guided walk that followed with club member Mark Gray. All breakfast profits were donated to Sabden Collective, the community group that organised the weekend. The Collective is run by village volunteers. Any funds raised from events go back into the village. It's a win-win.



Book the Sabden Tramper and its wheels can be your legs

If you know anyone who's struggling with walking but who loves being outdoors, do tell them about the Sabden Tramper. It ticks all the boxes – its wheels can be their legs, and its route shows off the fabulous Sabden Valley countryside. The Tramper continues in all weathers, but isn't suitable for children and the 'driver' must be accompanied by an adult. It's ideal for a family get-together where generations can set off walking alongside the tramper driver. Booking the tramper for yourself or someone else can be via the Forest of Bowland website, by emailing sabdentramper@gmail.com or phoning 07989 401595.



AUTUMN DIARY DATES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5th: 11am St Nicholas's Church Jumble Sale in the hall.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11th: Sabden Bowling Club Social & Presentation Night, Whalley Golf Club.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2nd : 6-30pm Village Bonfire & Fireworks Display on the Lower Holme.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15th: 6-30pm Horticultural Society AGM, Bowling Green Clubhouse.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23rd: 11am to 3pm Knit & Natter Christmas Fair, St Mary's Hall.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29th: Christmas Cheese & Wine Evening at the Bowling Club.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30th: St Nicholas's Church Christmas Fair.

WEEKLY VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS: **10-15am to 12-15pm:** Knit, Stitch & Natter, St Mary's Hall. £1.

6-15pm: Fitball for ladies and girls, St Nicholas's Hall.

7-30pm: Badminton for over 16s, St Nicholas's Hall.

TUESDAYS: **10-30 to 11-30am:** Let's Live Life: Exercise for over 50s, St Mary's Hall. £3.50.

6 to 7pm: Sabden Community Choir, St Mary's Hall, £4 a session. All welcome.

6 to 7-30pm: Sabden Brownies, St Nicholas's Hall, Call Sue on 079041 88647 for details.

7-15 to 9-15pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesday: Scrabble, St Mary's Hall, £1 with tea & biscuits & three games of Scrabble.

WEDNESDAYS: **9 to 11am:** Baby and Toddler Group, St Mary's Hall. (Term time)

10 to 11am: Tai Chi, St Nicholas's Hall. Call Bill for details on 07720 375820.

5-30—6-30pm: Rainbows, St Nicholas's Hall. Call Sue on 079041 88647.

5—7pm: One Voice drama & musical theatre group "Comets" 5 to 6pm & "Senior Stars", 6-10 to 7-10, St Mary's Hall. Details from Annie on 07710 248458.