

## Tory Club rock

FOLLOWING the success of folk nights at Barrowford Conservative Club, a series of monthly rock nights will be launched on Sunday.

Barrowford band To Oblivion will provide the music for the first event, which starts at 8.30 p.m.

The rock nights will continue on a monthly basis, and admission is free.

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## Passion

THE three churches of Barrowford met for a Passion Week service on the Stations of the Cross at St Peter and Paul's Church. Father Ian Hulse led the service, with the aid of the

young people that practising golf, playing hazardous games and exercising dogs on the recreation ground are all banned.

The parish council April newsletter requests: "Dog owners are particularly asked to keep their pets away from the recreation ground and the children's

enjoyed a sude snow with the theme "Lord of every lovely thing."

Fellowship secretary, Mrs Dorothy Slight presented the slides which showed God's creations from the natural world.

Mrs Doris Singleton presided and Mrs Linda North played the organ.

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# A £50,000 refurbishment scheme at Whitehough

A MAJOR £50,000 refurbishment scheme for Whitehough Outdoor Recreation Centre has been approved by Lancashire County Council.

The work may well have been due in the normal course of events — but the way the Government is dragging education and other local authority departments into the brave new world of competition

could well have pushed things ahead a bit.

No-one wants to turn the centre, still thought of by many people as the Camp School, into a holiday camp. But, as previously noted in this column, new Government financial rules mean that leaving it as an empty but potentially cash generating resource for part of the year just cannot be afforded.

If it can make money, it must — or the council taxpayers will have to meet bigger bills for it!

And so the centre, together with other similar ones around the county, is being marketed as a possible venue for conferences, outdoor group holidays, and the like.

The dormitories and showers, whilst adequate enough for school parties, are not at the moment modern or smart enough to be attractive as part of a holiday, and this is where the money is being spent. The upgrading will make them suitable for adults as well as for children.

"Such an improvement is very

good news for the centre and a big encouragement to the staff," says County Coun. Shelagh Derwent — who, whilst in favour of making the best use of public resources, feels that some caution is justified.

It is not yet clear when the work will be done, but it is unlikely to be in time for this summer's season. Tenders will have to be obtained, and in the present building trade conditions, the county will certainly be prepared to spend time obtaining a keen price.

## House plan

FOR its size, the hamlet of Whitehough has attracted far more than its fair share of council spotlighting since the water company property sell off triggered lots of development.

Members of the Pendle Council Plans Subcommittee again have a Whitehough item at their meeting on Monday, when they will be recommended to pass Mr Ken Slater's application to change the siting of a proposed detached house.

This is to leave a bit more room near the four terraced homes now being finished.

Officials say that, as it is in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty, the house should be built in coursed, natural local stone, which has also to be used for "sills, jambs, kneelers, mullions, quoins, lintels and any other architectural features."

## Well done!

● ALL credit to those who showed the strength of their faith by climbing Pendle in very poor weather on Good Friday for an open air service led by the Rev. Mike Rattenbury.

There was an encouraging attendance at the matching service in Barley Methodist Chapel.

## Probus

MEMBERS of the new Pendleside Probus Club are to meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m., venue being the Pendle Forest Sports Club.

Speakers secretary Mr Rog Ryder is busy lining up a programme of speakers, and there will certainly be some likely candidates from among the two dozen or so members.

The next meeting is on May 5th.

## Car park

DESPITE efforts to get them up by Coun. Mrs Shelagh Derwent at last week's council meeting,



members of Pendle's administration have still not sorted out the paperwork for Barley Parish Council to take over the village car park.

The financial attractions of the idea were manifest at the weekend, when the space was jammed tight. Good Friday, though, was the quietest for years, with all but the hardest walkers put off by the weather.

It is hoped that the legal details will be sorted out before long.

▲ HAPPY DAYS: Flashback to a few years ago and an open day at Whitehough, and its training and instruction facilities normally only available to school parties... soon they could be open to other organised groups.

## Local crime

BARELY a week goes by without some serious theft or burglary incident in Pendleside — over Friday-Saturday someone forced their way into a house near the Bay Horse at Fence.

All the rooms were searched and the intruders even forced their way into the garage and drove off in a beige Sierra car inside, taking with them compact disc and record players, various cassettes, and a computer.

The total value was given as £1,700, though the car has since been recovered. Police are investigating.

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