

## Births



Evan Philip David Butler, [above] a Son for proud parents Catherine Booker and Jonathan Butler, living in Kendal. Even prouder grandparents!! Philip and Louise Booker. Catherine attended Higham School, St Christopher's CE Accrington, Nelson and Colne College and now works as a press photographer for the Westmorland Gazette in Kendal.

Matthew Harrison and Rebecca of Clover Croft welcomed a son, Samuel Brian, a brother for Sophie.

Andrea and Ashley Johnston had a son, Ayrton Stephen, a brother for Annabella, and a grandson for delighted grandparents Steve and Pam Whitehead.

## Birthday

It was a big birthday for Heather Swindlehurst on the 16 March - plus it was just 30 years since Harry and Heather came to the village. We joined them for a very enjoyable breakfast after the service, plus bucks fizz and birthday cake. Donations were given to the Tower and Choir Funds. Heather (and Harry of course) have put a tremendous amount of energy and time into supporting the church - and other events in the village - we wish them many more happy years!

## Obituary Robert Clifford Marginson

Clifford aged 73 died peacefully with his wife Betty and children Diane and Philip by his side. He grew up on the family farm at Bashall Eaves and was head boy at Riversmead school. In 1979 he moved here to Northwood Farm where he farmed until his retirement when his son Philip took over. He then moved back to Clitheroe. People who knew Clifford will remember him as one of life's great characters with a wicked sense of humour. His Funeral took place at a packed St. Helen's church in Waddington and was followed by the moving accompaniment of a lone bagpiper, as Scotland was his passion.



Steve & Lucy Willighan [above] of Leet Road became grandparents for the first time when their son Liam and Sarah had a son, Archie James, weighing 7lbs 14 ozs, on Sat. 8th March is *the fortieth* great-grandchild for Edith Bowden [below] who lives on Halmote Avenue. Liam and Sarah live in Laneshaw Bridge.



## Higham Helping Hands

Having difficulty doing jobs around your home? Then get in touch with Higham Helping Hands, members of your local community, helping you short term with small jobs around your house and garden.

This is a group of recognisable Higham residents with a range of skills willing to help with those little things you are having difficulty doing for yourself for example: Grass cutting ~ Loose flagstones ~ Repairing fences ~ Cupboards repairing ~ Fuses or Lightbulbs replaced ~ Furniture moved ~ Fitting handrails ~ Repairing broken fences ~~~~~ and much more.

We are volunteers who would require no payment for these small services, except for the cost of any materials used. Maybe you are thinking of a larger project in which case we could recommend a trustworthy tradesman and be there for you to ensure value for money. Names and contact numbers for HIGHAM HELPING HANDS will follow shortly via mailshot, so keep the numbers safe in case you need them.

Many thanks, John Birkett.



Jessica Palmer's birth was reported in 'Births' in the last edition but we had no photograph then, and here she is! Jessica is the daughter of Richard and Claire Palmer and grand-daughter of Barbara and Robin Palmer and Christopher and Carol Crowther.



Raising a glass at the Seniors Christmas party [above] are Milton Stott with Ron and Doreen Bowler. Serving his Mum, Sarah's, delicious sausages is James Forrest [right]



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## Winter Olympic Themed Action at School

The drama and excitement of the Winter Olympics stretched as far as the (wet) hills of Higham recently, as our children undertook a range of activities surrounding this major sporting event. Many of the children learned dances to the tune of 'Ski Sunday' which culminated in a wonderful performance to parents just before the half term break.



The infants also created their own team T-shirts to wear...sadly we were too late to have them considered for Team GB's official sportswear! The highlight however was when the entire school closed for the day and transferred to the slopes of the Chill Factor in Manchester. Every child had the opportunity to take part in the Luge, Tubing, and Sledging, followed



by a skiing lesson, learning for themselves some of the Olympic sports that they had been watching on TV just days previously. It was a joy to see all of our children growing in confidence and in many cases, conquering their fears. The only negative was that we had to turn down the request of one of our infants who asked if we could go every week! *[continues inside]*

## HIGHAM ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION EASTER WEEKEND

OPEN GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL TO EASTER MONDAY 21ST APRIL

12 NOON TO 5:30PM DAILY. ENTRANCE FEE : £2 FOR ADULTS AND FREE FOR CHILDREN

WORKING CRAFTS AND REFRESHMENTS EACH DAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

WE WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ANY HELP EITHER WITH STEWARDING OR IN THE TEA ROOM.

ALSO DONATIONS OF HOME MADE CAKES GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

## Parish Council

We came through winter quite well, thankfully missing any flooding. One or two trees took a bashing, particularly a very large one in the chapel yard which has caused us all some problems, but all in all, not too bad. The Seniors' Christmas Party was a huge success again. My thanks to all our helpers.

The new playground should be completed by the middle of April and we are looking forward to that. When completed we are planning to have an official opening (dates to be agreed later).

The mill site developers are making good progress with healthy sales and they hope to be completed before the summer. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new residents to Higham and hope they have a long and happy time with us.

We recently welcomed Rachael Jefferson of Barkerfield Close as a new Parish Councillor and Robin Willoughby of Acresbrook will join us next month.

This year no Christmas decorations will be provided by Pendle Council (no money) which means that the Parish Council will have to provide them. If anyone can help with this, please get in touch. Regards Mike

**Next Meetings: April 15, May 20 (AGM) & June 17 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Annual Parish Meeting May 16**

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## School *[continued from the front cover]*

The exciting trips didn't end there however. All of the juniors travelled over to Leeds to the Thackray Medical Museum, where they experienced what it would be like to live and work in a Victorian Workhouse. They also saw a mock up of a typical street of the 1800s, complete with the rather putrid smells. The highlight for the children who love a little gore was to learn about the role of the surgeon and how things have very much changed for the better through improved hygiene, anaesthetic and medical practises.

As the weather warms, we are looking forward to a skipping coach, a visiting artist and the Science Roadshow paying a visit to School. Exciting times!



# Easter Church Services

In Western Christianity, Easter is preceded by Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days. The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday. The last three days before Easter are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It is a Christian festival and holiday, Easter Sunday being the third day after His crucifixion at Calvary, as described in the New Testament.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at our special services;-

## Holy Week Services

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday April 14-16. 7pm at St. John's, Higham.

Each night there will be of short service of Communion with music & meditation.

Maundy Thursday April 17. 7pm at St. Anne's, Fence.

This service will include the Washing of the Feet, the Stripping of the Altar and vigil.

Good Friday April 18.

**9.15am** A short service of Communion at St. Anne's, Fence.

**10.15am** A joint service with Methodists & Inghamites at Fence Cenotaph.

**12.30-1.30pm** Music & meditation at St. John's, Higham.

**2-3pm** A service for the Last Hour at St. Anne's, Fence.

Holy Saturday April 19.

**8pm** This service includes the opportunity to renew our Baptismal vows, to celebrate the resurrection of Christ the Light of the World, and the first Eucharist of Easter. At St. Anne's, Fence.

Easter Day April 20.

**9.30am** St. John's, Higham. **11am** at St. Anne's, Fence.

## Defibrillator progress

Thanks to Nick Saunders, the defibrillator has now arrived. Michael Bann obtained permission to site it on the side wall of the Four Alls and Listed Building Consent was applied for by Bernard Ingham and granted. The total cost is over £1600 and fund raising is gathering pace. Collette Thomas-Balmbra donated £51 of the proceeds of a sponsored walk in which she and some friends took part, and Bernard Ingham's Dog Quiz raised £200. Nick Saunders, Dave Hall and friends have donated £850 and have plans to raise funds from their usual events and there are hopes to have a tea-tea party and beauty demonstration one afternoon to swell the coffers. It is planned to hold a First Aid demonstration with the defibrillator in the Village Hall, in the near future, for anyone interested in acquiring the confidence to use it, though the defibrillator is programmed for anyone to operate it without training. Any contributions from other village organisations will be gratefully received by Ann Stevenson or Margaret Ingham.

## Pendleside Mothers Union

has been formed to serve the churches in the Deanery. In fact, 2 groups have been formed. One group meets once a month in St. Anne's hall, Fence 2pm. The other, perhaps more convenient for working mums, is on a Friday evening once every 3 months.

## Village Hall grant

A project to install patio doors can go ahead thanks to a funding boost from The Veolia Environmental Trust who awarded the hall's management committee a grant of £5,400 towards the work.

Treasurer Graham Fitton, says, "This grant is great news. It means we can now push the project forward."

## St. Johns Baby & Toddler Group

This increasingly popular and friendly group meets each Tuesday during term time, 10 - 12 noon in the Village hall. All welcome - parents, grandparents, aunties, carers (bring a little one though!) Once a month Rev'd Jane pops in to read us story. Contact: Heather Swindlehurst 773302

**Regular events** See noticeboards for details.

**HIRE Bookings** Phone Anne 773920 or Eileen 773258

**Quiz Night** Mondays at the Four Alls, 8pm start.

## Mobile Library

Four Alls car park: 10.15 - 10.45am. Alternate Fridays.

## Mothering Sunday March 30th

There will be neither the 8.30am BCP Communion or Family Service, but there will be the usual 9.30am Sunday service.

## DIARY DATES

Events Committee Race Night Saturday June 21. Tel: Matt 07803 143576

Scarecrow Festival August 23-5 Theme: Comics & Cartoons



## Classic bus brought back to life

Some people like to repair clocks, others motor bikes or even vintage cars but Pendle Hall resident Mark Hanson has spent the last three years restoring a classic double decker bus! It's a 1950 Leyland PD2/1, ACW 645, ex Burnley, Colne and Nelson Joint Transport Committee original fleet number 63.

This was a real labour of love. Mark spotted the bus on eBay and rescued it from a yard in Devon, after finding out his dad, David, met his mum on the buses when she was the conductor and he was the driver, working for 45 years for BCN. His mother passed her driving test in that very bus when she was 6 months pregnant with Mark.



Mark drove the bus back from Devon to Higham and has nearly finished restoring it to its former glory, using custom made fixtures and fittings, a whole new bodywork frame around the cab as well as a new floor, new panelling and window frames. The inside has been rebuilt too and has been fitted with newly upholstered seats.

The bus was one of 12 special Leyland buses intended for South Africa in 1947 but kept in England because of the bus shortages after WWII. BCN ran it from 1950 until it was taken out of service in 1979. The historic vehicle probably did over two million miles and runs like a dream and was "bomb proof": an example of great British engineering.

When it's finished, hopefully Mark will show it off at our village events?

