

## Race Night

Held on June 21, the food and drink went down well, as did a few of the horses! The night was so successful that a repeat performance could be on the cards.

We would like to thank;- all the punters who came along, the race sponsors, horse owners, the eight auction punters who bid for horses on the last race, the Four Alls for donating a 3 course meal for four and Cllr. James Starkie for a bottle of House of Commons whisky. In all, after expenses, we raised around £800, which will boost the pot for the next event. If you have any ideas for future events, or would like to join the team to help on the day you will be most welcome.

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## Congratulations

The wedding of Jamie and Sophie Wignall of Gawthorpe View took place at St. John's. Best wishes to them both.



## Births

In January, Alfie James Reid was born, weighing 10lbs 4ozs, a son for Karina and Matthew Reed, partner and chef at the Four Alls, a brother for Keira.

Linda and Derrick Blezard became proud grandparents when their daughter Jane and husband Phillip presented them with a grandson, Albert Nylund Davies in March.

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## Foursmen at 40



The "Foursmen" have met every month to eat, drink and be merry at their spiritual home the Four Alls pub where the club first began in 1974 and are now celebrating their 40th birthday. They first came into being when a group of businessmen would meet in the pub for a pint after a hard day at work. Membership is by invitation only – but Four Alls landlords are given the honour of being president and the current incumbents are Michael Bann and Matthew Reid. The group's number cannot exceed 25 and the age ranges from around 35 to one member, Jim Fishwick, who is in his 80s. The group still has one original member – Bill Oddie – but others have come and gone down the years as the tradition continued.

## Higham Helping Hands

Are you having difficulty doing jobs around your home? Then get in touch with Higham Helping Hands, members of your local community, helping

you with small jobs around your house and garden. This is a group of recognisable male & female 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 ● Fitting handrails ● Cupboard repairs ● Fuses or lightbulbs replaced ● Furniture moved ● Loose flagstones ● 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. Contact **John Birkett** on 773524. Mobile 07980 743586.

If you are you interested in becoming a Higham Helper please contact us.



## Obituary Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson of Chapel Street, Higham died April 25th aged 81. The dearly loved husband of Sylvia and much loved dad of Philip, Janet, Diane and (Scott) also dear father-in-law, uncle and friend to many. Our sympathies go to his family.

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Summer 2014

## Higham turns yellow!

Higham and the Pendleside villages were a sea of yellow on Saturday June 14 as over 1000 happy fund-raisers took part in the sixth annual



Pendle Pub Walk, all in aid of the Pendleside Hospice. The 14-mile, 13-pub walk is set to break all previous fund-raising efforts. Here is the half way point at the Fours.

## Official Playground Opening and Picnic in the Park, Sunday July 13



Now fully installed are several new pieces of equipment that the Parish Council has designed and co-ordinated. Funded primarily from the proceeds of a planning agreement from the mill developers, the playground has already proved popular with our youngsters (and not so young) - particularly the zip wire! To celebrate the opening, new Councillor Rachel Jefferson is organising a 'Picnic Party in the Park' for all Highamers. She is for looking for more ideas and help so please get in touch with her or any Parish Councillor. Come and enjoy the fun!

● Starts 12pm ● Magician, Clown & Face painting ● Sand pit  
● Roaming Roosters roaming farm ● Slaters ice cream ● Fun & Games and much more ● Bring a picnic and a rug ● Free admission



2014 Theme:  
**CHARACTERS FROM COMICS & CARTOONS**

**Workshop July 20  
in the Village Hall**

The theme this year is 'Characters from comics and cartoons'. There will be a scarecrow workshop on Sunday 20th July from 11am til 1pm. Application forms will be delivered soon. Please make a scarecrow in order to make the event a success.

**Festival takes place on the Bank Holiday weekend Aug. 23-5.**

All monies raised go to the Church & Village Hall. As usual, refreshments will be served in the Village Hall and donations of food will be gratefully received. Also there will be a book sale in Church.

**Scarecrow Ball, August 30**

In the marquee behind the village hall. Entertainment from Gavin Young (Michael Bubl ). There will be a barbecue and bring your own drinks. Final details will be published later.

# Parish Meeting

Various organisations explained their activities and future plans. Mick Tetley gave an excellent and wide ranging speech about the work of the Parish Council, which this year included the playground, mowing grass verges and other public areas, plus the rebuilding of walls and ensuring that damage caused by fallen trees was repaired. He praised the developers for keeping the mill site neat and tidy, and said that they would be leaving soon, with the compound returned to grass. He expressed his thanks for the work done by many villagers in tending flower beds and mowing etc. but would not mention dog fouling, as that falls on deaf ears!

He welcomed newcomers to the village, several of whom were there and who volunteered to help with activities. This was wonderful as new blood, new faces & ideas are something for which all the village organisations desperately need. Graham Fitton gave a report for the Hall Committee and was pleased to reveal the new patio doors courtesy of a grant from Veolia and the plans for a new kitchen in the future. The Hall belongs to the village and is run by volunteers and has a new secretary as Diane Earl is moving. Thank you and good luck to you and Melvin in your new home.

Bernard Ingham read the reports for the Herb Society and the Garden Club, both of which are flourishing. Several other groups regularly meet in the village hall.

The Church report was given by Julie Fox. The Church and Sunday School are well attended but the Church needs major repairs which have to be done by recommended tradesmen - all of which costs money. She was grateful for all the assistance & monies from the various activities and organisations. John Hammond, Four Alls Quiz master and himself a relative newcomer to the village, reported on the Events Committee, who run the Santa at the Four Alls, and the Bonfire, which made a £1500 loss this year because of the appalling weather. The Race Night could hopefully produce profits that would fund this year's Bonfire. He asked if volunteers to help village organisations would leave their names, addresses and telephone numbers on the slips of paper provided.

The Scarecrow Festival and Ball; the Exhibition - now in its 43rd year - and the Christmas Fair are all in the capable hands of Val and Terry Butterfield and their team, and help create the wonderful spirit for which Higham is renowned.

Amongst that team is Heather Swindlehurst, who has rekindled the Toddler Group in the Hall every Tuesday morning. Borough Councillor James Starkie, who spent all his early years in Higham and County Councillor Christian Wakeford, who is also a local man, reported on how government cuts were affecting services in Pendle and Lancashire.

There were then questions from the floor and the meeting was brought to a close with food and drinks and a friendly chat with some of the newcomers to the village.

**Next Meetings: July 15, August 19 & September 16 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

The complement of Parish Councillors is now complete again following the retirement of Phyllis Watson who has stood down after many years of service, Thanks Phyllis!!

Replacing her is Robin Willoughby who is known to many.

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Above: Five junior choristers with their awards. Esme Whitehead won Choristers Shield for Attendance. Chloe Aspden - Dark Blue Level Award. Elise Cotzec-Caddis, Paige Thompson & Josh Talmer with White Level Award (probationers). Right (in white): Rose Queen Ellie Punchard with her attendants.



The Procession of Witness was led by the Barnoldswick Brass Band on a bright and sunny eighth of June. It wended its way through the village, making four stops - singing a hymn and saying a prayer, at each stop. Ellie Punchard is our Rose Queen for the coming year, with attendants Grace Cockings and Rachel Thompson. The cushion bearer is Joseph Swindlehurst. Ellie's chosen charity is the Meningitis Research Foundation, so together, they will be raising funds throughout the year. Please support them when you can. Ellie was crowned by retiring Rose Queen Holly Frost. Holly and her attendants Jessica, Charlotte and Oliver have raised a staggering £780 which will be divided between the church, Alzheimer's Association and the British Heart Foundation. We do thank them for this donation, and for carrying out their duties so diligently throughout the year. Tremendous thanks to everyone who helped this event to run so smoothly, it does take a lot of work by a lot of people. Thank you again.



The Spring term got off to a very positive start with the news that OfSTED had chosen to defer our inspection due to our ongoing good performance. This recognises just what a wonderful job everyone involved with the school is doing. We are as busy as ever, with exciting events lined up. Our Year 6s survived their gruelling tests with great camaraderie and positivity and now look forward to sailing, abseiling, gorge walking and more during their residential visit to Patterdale Hall in the Lakes. Coming up shortly, we have trips to Harlow Carr, Whitehough, Chester Zoo and Tesco in Padiham planned. We've also just taken over an allotment, which we intend getting groups of children involved with on a weekly basis. On top of all that, we have an incredible 12 extra-curricular activities taking place each week! It's no wonder the children are tired at the end of the day!



Making a 'scheduled' stop on the football field is this hot air balloon. Fares please!



## Defibrillator progress

The defibrillator is now in place and 40 villagers of all ages turned up at the Four Alls for a training evening led by volunteer Simon Doyle and his team of First Responders. His statement that it would take 2 hours was met with some dismay, but actually it was more like a comedy show with a serious purpose. With a combination of short film clips, talk, questions and answers and a chance to practise, the evening whizzed by. The defibrillator was paid for thanks to donations from Nick Saunders and Dave Hall's charity events, Bernard Ingham's quiz, and generous donations from Collette and Victoria, Cath Thornton and the Stowell family. The electrical work was done free of charge by Chris Richards of Fence, whose parents live in Higham, and Michael Bann's electricity will keep the trickle charge going and a small fund will be kept for replacement pads and servicing.



**If someone is suspected of having a heart attack,**

- 1. Ring 999 or 112 and tell the operator that you need an ambulance and live in Higham and that there is a defibrillator in the village. Ask for the code for the box.**
- 2. Send someone to open the box using the code and return with the defibrillator which tells you exactly what to do. You cannot do any harm to a patient with the defibrillator as it only shocks when it has checked the patient itself.**



## Exhibition

We almost take it for granted, but we shouldn't! The annual Exhibition once again proved popular with hundreds of visitors thronging to the Village. This year the weather was kind which resulted in another £5000+ profit being made. On kitchen duties were Graham & Pam Fitton and proving that the event is popular with young and not quite so, here is Terry's mum, Betty Butterfield with her youngest great grandson Samuel.



No, Chris Rawlinson is not throttling his wife Ann!