



# HIGHAM Spout

News and Views from the Village of Higham

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## Keep fit

Some of the ladies who attend the Keep Fit class on Thursday evenings, term time, 7.30 - 9pm. Everyone of all abilities is welcome to come and join us. Phone Diane Sumpton on 777773 for more information, or just come along.

## People

● A BIG thank you goes out to Bernard Ingham who has just stood down from Higham Parish Council after 9 years service. During his time as a Parish Councillor he has been Chairman, web site designer & updater, accountant, letter writer and the voice of experience! He has only missed one or two meetings in all that time and, with his fellow councillors, has witnessed many changes in the village; from the new development at Clover Croft, clean up days, Best Kept Village Competition to the refurbishment of the children's playground. His involvement in village affairs began when he and the then Post Master Chris Rawlinson held a village meeting to discuss the derelict Mill site. The meeting was to be held in the Village Hall but so many people turned up, it was moved into the church. After that it seemed a natural progression to get involved in village affairs, and he did so diligently. ● 'BUFF' butcher and bistro manager ditched traditional uniforms for something a little more revealing, all in the aid of Comic Relief. 'Do something funny for money' was this year's campaign slogan, so while butchers Roaming Roosters serve food by day, by night they'll be rustling up and serving anything you like, wearing little more than aprons! Customers at the Barrowford Road, Higham shop were given the chance to bid for farm shop manager George Cropper

and bistro manager Patrick Macadam, for one night only. George said, "When we were asked to give up a night for Comic Relief, we thought 'why not?' £50 was offered by Joycelyn Neve of the Barley Mow and the lads worked a shift for the night and raised £50 more with a bucket collection.



## Births

● Lewis and Barbara Lincoln of Laneside Avenue welcomed the arrival of a new grandchild - a son for their daughter Stephanie and Michael Cameron. Named Lewis John (after his grandad), he weighed in at 7lbs10 ozs at Preston Royal Infirmary. Lewis said it was lovely to have another 'man' in the family as his son Christian has three girls! ● A most adored second grandchild for Philip and Louise Booker, Amelie was born on 27th April weighing 9lbs13oz daughter to Catherine and Jon and brother to Evan. Catherine [top] attended Higham School and St. Christopher's and now lives in Kendal ● Sarah and Jordan Harrison of Hambleton Terrace are the proud parents of a boy, Jacob Eric, who was born on 16th April, weighing 7lbs8ozs, a grandson for Diane and Mark Harrison of Moore Drive.

## First Responding

Andrew Holden of Wilkinson Street [above, left] leant out his services as a Community First Responder to our sister villages when he attended the launch of three new Defibrillators. He is seen here at the Bay Horse, Roughlee with Borough Councillor James Starkie who had coordinated the appeal for funds and Andrew Stephenson MP who is also a CFR. Andrew tells us that the Ambulance Service is always on the lookout for more volunteers - please email James Starkie.

## Congratulations!

● to the Four alls for being nominated as 'Pub of the Week' by the Lancashire Telegraph's real ale expert. ● Simon and Gill Gilbert [below] celebrated their tenth Wedding Anniversary in March. At a special service the choir, friends and family witnessed the reaffirmation of their marriage vows. Daughter Francesca played the introduction to 'Breath on me breath of God' on the flute and long-time friend Lizzie Connor gave a solo on the cornet.



● Condolences to Mary Hartnell and family on the passing of her husband Ray, within a short time of her 80th birthday.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Over 35 Villagers attended and made it its usual sociable evening. Chairman Michael Tetley gave a review of the work of the Parish Council amid much laughter and repartee. He spoke of the cuts to the funding from Pendle and the need to increase the precept. The playground is well used and popular. Money had had to be spent on removing trees in the graveyard, blown down by the wind and using the lengthsman's time to repair walls damaged by them. He hoped the people in the village would tidy and weed the areas around their homes so we could succeed in the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

Heather Swindlehurst spoke of the growing number of children of all ages who attend the Toddler Group. Two years ago it reopened with six and now there are over 20, plus their carers and some volunteers who just come to help out.

Julie Fox explained the dire financial position of the Church and thanked all the people who had donated so generously to improve it. £25,000 was urgently needed and she showed a graph showing the funds raised up to press, and a reminder of how far the fund raisers have to go.

Terry Butterfield announced that this year's Scarecrow theme is 'Travel and Holidays' and how it is a wonderful way to raise money for the Village Hall and the Church. He was hoping even more people than the 70 of last year would join in and make a scarecrow. The atmosphere in the village over the August Bank Holiday weekend is wonderful, with families following the trail and choosing their favourite scarecrow. Please do your best to make one and / or cakes or food for our famous tearoom.

Terry then changed hats and reported on the Village Hall. He was fulsome in his praise for the tireless work of Eileen Knight to improve the building with new heating, renovated toilets, a new kitchen, new curtains, patio doors and new chairs. After nine years she is stepping down as Chairman of the Village Hall committee, so the village is looking for a willing volunteer to step into her shoes. Sadly Ann Stevenson has had to resign as booking secretary because of family illness. She too has been a great asset to the committee and will be sadly missed. Luckily Anne Rawlinson has offered to be booking secretary, so if you want to book the Village Hall for an event, Anne is the person to contact on 770729. The Village Hall is well used by various groups and for children's parties etc.

John Metcalfe spoke on behalf of the Events' Committee and listed the events they had arranged;- a Race Night, Valentine's Day Ball and Santa at the Four Alls. They were hoping to buy an inflatable Santa's Grotto to replace the wooden one, which has done sterling service over the years. There will not be a Bonfire and fireworks this year as the cost of fireworks and insurance means the event makes a loss. The committee works hard and would love some new members.

Rachel Jefferson's daughter Chloe suggested that it might be an idea to have children's activities outside the school at the Exhibition to encourage more families and children, and Heather spoke of the possibility of an Easter theme on the Sunday with an Easter bonnet competition and an Easter egg hunt. Michael Tetley drew the meeting to a close and invited everyone to have some refreshments and a mingle. Many thanks to the Council and Angela for hosting the event.



## Parish Council Clerk

The ideal candidate will be highly motivated and have good organisational skills. The person will need to be computer literate and have a good knowledge of keeping accounts. Duties include publishing meeting agendas, producing minutes, liaising with outside bodies, actioning the Council's decisions and managing the finances of the Council. Hours are approximately 16 hours per month including one evening monthly meeting. The successful candidate will be required to work from home. Remuneration is negotiable according to ability and relevant experience. Applicants should send CV and covering letter to Cllr. M. Tetley, 1 Hambleton Terrace, Higham, Burnley BB12 9BN e-mail: chairman@highamparishcouncil.com

## also, One Parish Councillor

Telephone the Chairman on 773450

 **Clean up and Slow Down**   
The two requests that people tell us about the most

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## Parish Council Meetings: July 21, August 18 & September 15 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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## St. John's Church

**CHOIR** It is now just over twenty years since the choir, in its present form, was re-established: remarkably, some of the adult members from those early days of the mid (nineteen)-nineties are still with us, and their loyalty and commitment is treasured, welcomed and admired.

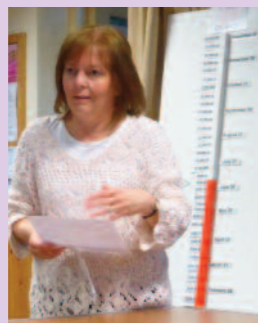


During a Family Service in April, junior chorister Kayleigh Moham [left] was awarded her surplice, and a certificate on her completion of the White Level of the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life training scheme.

**FUNDING** Our church is under a huge financial strain at the moment as costly building work is required to fix the roof.

We are in debt to the parish and struggling to cover everyday running costs through the Sunday collection plate alone. We are very lucky that dedicated people in the village organise and support the annual Exhibition and the Scarecrow Festival, which contribute greatly towards the coffers - unfortunately though not enough to keep us running! We really need everyone's support to enable us to keep our church, built in 1874, funded entirely by local people. This lovely building is the heart of our village and I think many people -whether they use it or not - would be very sad to see it go.

Around £15,000 is still needed to pay for roof works and The Fundraising Committee is asking for one-off donations of £25 for 'a roof tile' or £250 to become a patron.



If you are interested in making a donation these can be posted to The Verger, 77 Higham Hall Road, Higham, cheques made payable to 'St Johns Church Higham', or bank transfer to 20-15-70 90697818 Barclays Bank. If you are a tax payer this can be gift aided and we will need your name and address to re-claim this. Julie Fox is seen above with the income chart.

We are also looking for some generous people to help with everyday running costs and Parish share (currently £3,000 per month) if you are able to help by making a regular contribution please contact us for a standing order form or pick one up from the back of church - £3 to £10 per month from lots of people would make all the difference!

Our recent door drop asking for help managed to raise £97 per month extra, thank you to all those people who took the time to arrange this. One person even donated the price of a pint per week!!

**ORDINATION** Our warm wishes and prayers are with Alex Frost, and his family, as he prepares for his Ordination in July.



Thanks to the hard work of the Committee, the Arts and Crafts Exhibition opened as usual for the Easter weekend. Despite the glorious weather, (not good for this event) a steady stream of visitors came to sample the delights of the tearoom, view the exhibits and admire the working crafts and other stalls. According to Terry Butterfield, Chairman of the Committee, approx

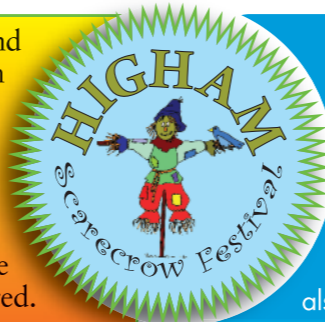


£5000 was the final amount made. It was particularly pleasing to see new faces acting as stewards alongside the faithful few. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the exhibition a success and raise much needed funds for the Church.

## Easter Exhibition



The theme for the scarecrows this year is 'Travel and Holidays'. We will be holding a workshop again to give some ideas on how to construct a Scarecrow. This will be held in the Village Hall on **Sunday July 26** between 1pm and 3pm. Straw will be readily available at the rear of the hall for you to use and other construction materials such as wire and wooden frames will be available which can be purchased if required.



*Thank you!*

for re-electing me to serve you for 4 more years, in the recent Pendle Borough Council election.  
**Conservative 885 Labour 260**  
**Turnout 81.67% Majority 77.29%**  
-Highest turnout in Pendle in a dual contested seat  
(I understand that Boris - our future Prime Minister? - also used the picture in his election campaign!)

Cllr. James Starkie

The Friends of Higham School are holding a raffle. Tickets can be obtained from the school office. Excellent prizes; A £20 Roaming Roosters Voucher 2x Adult Weekend Tickets (Children are free) to the Gold Cup at Oulton Park, Historic Motor Racing. August 29th, 30th & 31st (Kindly donated by Ballpark Engineering Ltd)

**AVIVA** **TOUR OF BRITAIN** **The Tour of Britain Cycle Race is coming to Higham!**

Pendle Borough Council is jointly hosting the Stage Two leg Clitheroe-Colne on Monday September 7. It does two loops of the area and re-enters Pendle on the by-pass below Higham and then goes down to Brierfield before ending in Colne town centre. There won't be any road closures and it's an 'inset day' at school. The approximate time will be after lunch; full details and the actual route will be finalised in the next few weeks.



A village clean-up day was held on Saturday 16th May supported by all Parish Councillors but no other residents. However, a range of jobs were completed including cleaning the spout, telephone box and street signs, repainting bus shelters, clearing the chapel yard, litter picking etc. Work is continuing with weed spraying. Another clean-up day may need to be arranged and advertised, but hopefully everyone will make sure their area is clean and tidy for the judges of the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition, who come round unannounced in June and July.



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**HIGHAM HOEDOWN**  
**VILLAGE HALL & MARQUEE**  
**SATURDAY**  
7.30pm  
**18TH JULY**

**TICKETS £15.00** **SELF SERVE CASK BEER**  
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PCSO Di Bioletti was the guest speaker at our Spring meeting. She informed the group that the number of horse related road traffic accidents and near misses reported to the police is on the increase. Last November two riders were injured, one seriously, one horse died and another was injured in a road traffic collision in the Ribbles Valley. A keen horsewoman herself, PCSO Bioletti was familiar with the dangers encountered by riders when out on the roads. To raise public awareness she had organised a ride on Sunday 26 April from the livery yard where she stables her mount, Basil. Two Mounted Police Officers and their trusty steeds, Freckleton and Elswick, came along and escorted a group of riders on a circular ride involving narrow country lanes and a busier road. Part of the route took them past the Safe Lanes traffic mirror at Black Hill cross roads and on towards Higham, passing a set of Safe Lanes signs giving advance warning to motorists that they may meet vulnerable road users. Whilst waiting for the riders to arrive by the Safe Lanes signs, where Sheila was going to take some photos, she talked to, and gave out leaflets, to walkers, cyclists and people in the car park at Black Hill. Photographs and video clips of the ride were shown at the meeting. PCSO Bioletti talked about riders and motorists all having the right to be on the road and each having responsibility to consider the needs of each other, which is exactly what the Safe Lanes group promotes. She was thanked for giving her talk and told that the Safe Lanes In Pendleside group welcomed and fully supported the initiative. For more details on Safe Lanes please speak to Sheila Clegg on 695795.