

HIGHAM



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 Higham Village, Lancashire

HIGHAM ST JOHN'S EVENTS 2022



MAY FAIR



Dates are **Saturday 30th April, Sunday 1st May and Monday 2nd May** from **11am to 4pm**. Details are not yet fully finalised but attractions will include:

Craft stalls in a marquee behind the village hall, second hand books and Lancashire Family History in church and refreshments in the village hall each day.

Puppet shows and Pendle Community Orchestra on Saturday.

Puppet shows and country dancing on Sunday.

Maypole dancing, birds of prey, ferret racing and a farmer's market on Monday.

If you are able to help in any way over the weekend we would be really grateful. We need stewards to man the entrance booths, and people to help in the village hall with the refreshments. Also very welcome will be donations of cakes and hot food. Please contact **Heather on 773302 or Val on 777995** if you would like to help out.



SCARECROW FESTIVAL

This will be held from **27th to 29th August**.

The theme for this year will be:

"TELEVISION"

So get your thinking caps on and let's make it a great comeback. It will be wonderful to see the village filled once again with lots of wonderful scarecrows!

Terry & Val

LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

A huge thank you to all who supported our Village clean up day on **Saturday 2nd April**. We'll be doing it all again on **Saturday 21st May**. Please do feel free to join us if you can. We'll be meeting outside the **Four Alls Inn at 10am**.

The first round of judging takes place between **1st June and 17th July**. We will be allocated two judges who will each make two visits during this period. We'll be notified if we get through to the next round no later than early **August**.

Judging will focus on the overall appearance of the Village with particular emphasis on **community involvement in tackling weeds, graffiti and litter**.

We have also entered a maximum 10 outstanding features. These are listed below with the results from last year:

- **St John's CE Church**
- **War Memorial (Highly commended)**
- **Higham Village Hall (Runner up)**
- **Four Alls Inn**
- **Higham St John's CE Primary School**
- **Children's play area**
- **Pinfold**
- **Threepenny bit (Highly commended)**
- **Spout**
- **Community noticeboard including interpretation board (Highly commended)**

If you already have plans for **21st May** but would still like to help, please do let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diane



60's 70's EVENING

At the end of February, the residents of Higham and their friends enjoyed a great evening of **60's** and **70's** music provided by the **Four Shades of Grey**. During the interval a raffle was held, pie and peas supper were provided and a barrel of beer was on tap in addition to the drinks brought by the audience. The event organised by John Clegg and a few friends attracted a large gathering and raised over **£300** for both **St John's Church** and the **Village Hall**. **Well done, John**.

Regrettably soon after we learned that one of the members of the band had sadly passed away. Our condolences go to his family and the other members of the band.

HIGHAM 125 CLUB

Congratulations to our lucky winners so far in 2022. You can still join us and have the chance of winning £125. If you would like to do so please contact: **Heather Swindlehurst on 773302** or **Val Butterfield on 777995** for more detail.

WINNERS TO DATE:

January Ticket **No10**
Michael Bann



125
125



February Ticket **No 119**
Audrey Spencer

125

125

March Ticket **No 56**
John Metcalfe



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Good Luck to all our members!

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

7.00PM FRIDAY 20TH MAY

This is an open meeting held each year in the Village Hall for all residents and organisations that put on events throughout the village. If you would like to know more, join in, or if you have ideas for new events you will be more than welcome. The meeting will last about 90 minutes followed by wine, courtesy of the Parish Council.

BENCHES FOR THE VILLAGE

Would anyone be interested in donating a bench as a memorial or otherwise? We have a few places where one has expired or which could do with one - or you might have somewhere in mind. If so, please contact **Robin (07930 558587)** or any other **Parish Councillor**.



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Meetings 3rd Tuesday in the month at 7.00 in the Village Hall

First, I would like to pay tribute to **David Forrest** who has now left the village and therefore stepped down from the Parish Council after many years of great service. His pragmatic approach and technical knowledge will be much missed, along with his practical contributions around the village - such as, in recent years, the layout and construction of the notice-board, the installation of the cast-iron bollards at the Spout and the wooden planters on Higham Hall Road, to name just a few. Thanks, David, we wish you well.

On the Council, we at last settle back into a more normal routine of meetings, planning applications and the various things which help to keep the parish ticking but do not make particularly exciting reading. This quarter, one of those, on a sadly topical note, has been trying to work out an annual budget forecast for our rates precept - after two static years, we have had to budget for some increase this year to cater, among other things, for maintenance and safety work on the **Children's Play Area, the Park, the Pinfold, the Spout, the "Threepenny Bit" and the Wesleyan Chapel**, all of which are in need of some attention.

We have again entered the **Best Kept Village competition**, still in the **'Champions' Class**, and have also entered as many individual feature categories as possible. Obviously we would like to win (**again!**) but I believe that this is in any event a very worthwhile exercise to help focus attention and maintain the high standards of the village. It has prompted us to develop a rolling Village Maintenance Plan rather than just operating on an ad hoc basis. We had a first "village clean up day" on 2nd April and, as usual, one of the pleasing things was that litter-picking was only a minor task. I would ask everyone to keep doing their bit, not just on that, but any way they can in looking after a village, and wider parish area, of which we have every reason to be proud.

Finally, we do, of course, now have a Councillor vacancy - if you might be interested please contact the Clerk or have an informal word with me or any other Councillor.

Best wishes for a better Summer this year!

Robin



BIRTHS

Marina & Michael

Are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter

Sofia Palazon-Bann

Born on the 18th January weighing 7lbs 8ozs the very proud grandparents are Lola & Vicente who live in Spain and Pat & Kevin who live in Fence.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Jared who is 10 and lives on Higham Hall Road, for his volunteering section, Jared has been picking up litter from around our village and the bypass every week. He has to do this at least 1 hour every week for 3 months. He has already completed nearly 2 months and will be joining us on the 21st May as part of his Bronze Award.

St John's Church

Church services at St John's are as follows:

Sundays at 9.30am Holy Communion.



The last Friday of every month in term time 'Pizza and Praise meet in the Village Hall at 6.30pm—7.30pm.

This a time of worship and varied activities for families with youngsters 5-15yrs. Parents must stay with their youngsters. Pizza and pop etc are enjoyed by all.

Up to date information on all that's happening at St John's is found in our Weekly Newsletter. This is Emailed or posted out each week to over 120 people. If anyone wishes to receive this, they need to email me:

lesleyhinchcliffe@hotmail.com or call me on 01254 396485.

We also have a Facebook, page-search St John's Higham, Burnley to like and follow.



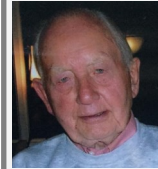
SCHOOL

If you would like more information on [Higham St John's C of E Primary School](http://www.higham.lancs.sch.uk/) please visit our website and recent information can be found on [www.higham.lancs.sch.uk/parents/recent letters](http://www.higham.lancs.sch.uk/parents/recent%20letters)

IN MEMORIAM



Philip Adams of Rake Top Ave, sadly died 10th February. He was the beloved husband to Christine and father to Lee, Mathew and Richard and a loving grandfather. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.



Milton Stott. It is with sadness that we report the death in March of one of our oldest residents, Milton Stott - at the grand age of **102**. A resident on Acres Brook Rd since the 1970s and being a keen gardener he developed his corner plot with immaculate lawns, flowers and shrubs. He was a very enthusiastic cyclist and walker and loved to chat and talk about his wartime exploits. Milton is a much missed friend and neighbour.



Bill Coffey aged 80 sadly passed away after a short illness on the 13th February. A resident of Halmote Ave, Bill was a character, he served as a soldier in his younger days. He spent time in the Four Alls pub meeting up with friends. Also at the Church Hall where he said what a good time he had at the Xmas party with everyone. Bill will be sadly missed by his two sisters and two surviving brothers.

Sheila Threadgold sadly recently passed away. She was a resident in Halmote Ave and also the Warden of the Halmote bungalows for many years. She was also a very keen gardener and ballroom dancer. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.



Val Hartley on March 30th sadly passed away at the age of 94. She was a resident on Copthurst Ave. Mother of Simon and Karen, grandmother of Lauren.



Maldwyn "Mal" Eddy passed away in hospital on 31st March aged 75. He will be sadly missed by his wife Alison, sons Royston, Martyn and Daniel and his grandchildren. Mal was a successful businessman manufacturing furniture in a local factory, providing employment for local residents in the area. He was a long standing member of the Foursman and chairman in 2014. He will be missed by his fellow members and the many customers of the Four Alls who knew him.



Howard Jones sadly died on April 4th aged 64, he was the Local Window Cleaner. Beloved husband of Jackie and father to Daniel, Ashley and Gavin, loving grandfather to Courtney, Chloe, Ebony, Leyton, Harley, Dayton & Beaux. Sadly missed by all his family, neighbours & friends.

Our deepest condolences to their families.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Village Hall Committee gratefully received a kind donation from **JOHN CLEGG**. John, supported by a team of villagers, held a fund-raising evening in the Village Hall, raising £326 for the Church and another £326 for the Village Hall. We'd like to thank **JOHN** for this much needed contribution to ongoing improvement and maintenance work in the hall.

We've recently made a number of improvements to the hall, including: Painting and decoration, new carpeted area, new window blinds, improved lighting, new exterior lighting at the front and new sheds.

John's contribution will go towards any further improvement plans, making The Village Hall a more usable and secure facility for the village. In a future Spout we'll provide an update on further improvement work planned in the hall.

We rely on grants and users of the hall to fund these improvements, so having a hall that attracts more group activities, functions and events is essential to its success. As COVID restrictions have lifted we have seen a resurgence of regular user groups including: Pilates, Table Tennis, Herb and Garden Club, Burnley Film Makers, Folk Dancing Pendle Threads, plus some newer ones including: Themes on Thursday, Pizza and Praise, and the East Lancs Ornithology Club. And, of course, we're looking forward to seeing you all at the Fayres and Scarecrow events-details and dates will be published by the organisers.

VACANCY: The Village Hall Committee is looking for a Secretary to attend monthly meetings, take notes, produce and distribute the minutes on the standard template. If you are interested, please contact: **Ian** at **whittlei@hotmail.com** or call **07770605578**.



Will be on the **Higham Village Hall Car Park** from **12.20-1.30pm Every Tuesday**. To pre-order please call **Oliver on: 07882013365** or add us on Facebook **Chris Neve Fresh Fish** and use Facebook messenger.

Higham Spout

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Any stories, snippets, photos and events that are of interest to the village will be gratefully received.

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Village Hall



The Village Hall belongs to the village, is none-profit making and relies on finance from events and clubs who hire the hall.

Hire Charges:

Non commercial events including parties.

Daytime (ending before 6pm) up to 4 hours duration £40
Daytime (ending before 6pm) up to 8 hours duration £60
Sunday to Thursday evening inclusive (6pm to 12am) £40
Friday evening (6pm to 12am) £50
Saturday evening (6pm to 12am) £60

Residents, village organisations and regular user groups £7.50 per hour, others: £10 per hour.

Commercial Events:

Letting charges for Commercial Events as deemed by the Village Hall Committee, for example events of high levels of anticipated footfall and extensive use of catering facilities are by prior agreement of the committee.

For more details and bookings please contact :

Ian Whittle: 07770605578

Clubs, Societies & Committees:

Burnley Film Makers :

Wednesday 7.30pm Keith Widdup: 01282 693722

Pilates:

Tuesday 11.00-12.00

Tracy Edmondson: 07773 785904

Garden Club & Herb Society:

2nd Tuesday 7.30 Eileen Knight 01282 773258

Dancing U3 Age:

1st Thursday in every month 14.00-15.00

3rd Thurs in every month 14.00-15.00

Eric Bushby: 01282 429269

Themes on Thursday:

2nd Thurs 1.30-3.00 £3.00 including light refreshment

Heather: 01282 773302

Pendle Embroiderers:

1st Mon 12.00-2.00

Kath Thompson: 01253 882121

Kids Yoga

Saturdays 10.00am Meliha Basic: 07563 061995

Parish Council

3rd Tuesday 7.00pm Patricia Rosthorn 07931687175

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