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News, views and information about the village

 Higham Village, Lancashire

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LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

GREAT NEWS we are through to the second round
Next judging will be from the **5th August**

HIGHAM MAY FAIR



After two year's absence the May Fair returned this year and was a huge success. As usual the event was a mixture of crafts, this year housed in a new marquee behind the village hall, and outdoor attractions. Over the weekend these included classic cars, music from Pendle Community Orchestra, Morris and Step Dancing from



Malkin Morris Dancers and Roughlee Ruffians, a very successful farmers market and birds of prey. The puppet shows on Saturday and Sunday were a big hit with children and adults alike. Bank Holiday Monday was extremely busy with large crowds enjoying the maypole dancing performed by children from Simonstone Primary School – our thanks to Gill Cockings and the children for making this important part of the event possible. This was followed by a maypole workshop later in the day. The ferret racing once again proved very popular. The village hall was often packed to capacity with large numbers enjoying the hot and cold food on offer.



The St. John's Events committee were thrilled at how well the weekend went after purchase of the new marquee, £4,300 was raised to help preserve the church. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped in any way, either by giving up some of their time or by providing hot food and cakes for the village hall



QUEENS JUBILLE STREET PARTY

We would just like to say a massive thank you to all involved for their efforts in putting together the street parties and taking advantage of our offer of supplying party packs. Parties were held on **Hollinhurst View, Rake Top Ave, Acresbrook Rd, West Close with Leet Rd and Copthurst Ave.**





SCARECROW FESTIVAL



This will be held from **27th to 29th August** and the Higham St. John's Events Committee are hard at work with preparations. The theme for this year is **TELEVISION**. A scarecrow workshop was held in the village hall on 14th July but if you weren't able to attend and would like some help please contact Terry on 07837888850. If you haven't already done so please let us know that you will be entering – either complete the slip attached to the letter you received in July or email :

terry.butterfield@outlook.com

with your name, address and contact details. We're looking forward to seeing all your wonderful creations and welcoming visitors back to the village!

As usual, refreshments will be provided in the village hall and we really need your help. Homemade potato pie, lasagne and cakes are quickly snapped up so if you could provide any of these we would be so grateful. Also we need help either in the kitchen or clearing tables. If you feel you can make a donation or spare us some of your time please contact **Heather on 07713121275** or **Val on 07530345079** to let us know.

On Saturday 3rd September we will once again be holding the scarecrow ball in the village hall. Not all details are finalised but we will let everyone know what's happening nearer the time.

'A Service of Celebration for HM Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee'



In June we were able to welcome villagers, family & friends to a joint service of celebration, to mark the platinum jubilee of our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II & the crowning of our new Rose Queen, Miss Annabella Johnston. Annabella was attended by Miss Alice Ingham & both wore lilac outfits. Their charity work this year will benefit Pendleside Hospice & Myeloma UK.



ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you would like more information on our Primary School, please visit our website and all recent information can be found on:

[www.higham.lancs.sch.uk/parents/recent letters](http://www.higham.lancs.sch.uk/parents/recent%20letters)

QUIZ NIGHT

Do you fancy a free pub quiz night, then why not come and join us at The Four Alls at 8pm every Monday. Teams of up to 6.

HIGHAM

with West Close Booth
PARISH COUNCIL

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

In the last Issue, I said that things were starting to get back to normal - and I'm glad to say that continues to be the case. So, we have been making some progress:

- A face-lift for the Pinfold including bench, planters and, in the centre a lovely Jubilee memorial tree and plaque - particular thanks to John and Jackie Meredith for all their efforts on this;
- New trellis and tidy-up at the Threepenny Bit;
- Full dismantling inspection, overhaul and new parts for the zip-wire, plus new toddler seats for the swings, in the Park;
- Repairs at the Spout;
- Signage for the new Public Space Protection Order
- arrangements agreed with Pendle Council for the Park.
- Four new, larger, litter around the Park; please note that these bins and any other general litter bins, can now be used for both ordinary litter and bagged dog waste, which no longer need to be kept separate.

People may also have noticed that the long-awaited installation of CCTV is at last under way, with the erection by LCC Highways of posts and power boxes on Higham Hall Rd and Sabden Rd; there is still quite a lot to do but it is hoped that the system will be operational within the next couple of months. The objective is, of course, to monitor the two main roads through the village, deter unwanted activities and assist in detection of any perpetrators.

Having missed out during Covid, we were able to get back to holding the usual Annual Parish Meeting in May. Sadly but perhaps partly still due to Covid overhang this was not very well attended - but those who did come enjoyed the wine! Anyone interested can view my Chairman's Annual Report on our website or notice-board.

However, life in the village is clearly thriving. Well done to everyone on their Jubilee street parties and celebrations we had a great demand for bunting! Now at time of writing the Scarecrow Festival and Ball are imminent and thanks go to all who participate or contribute - as well as community spirit and fun, this and the May Festival generate significant and much needed substantial funds for the Church and the Village Hall.

Finally, I draw attention to the fact we have a new Community Police Officer, PC 4123 Lorna Bolton, who has already shown considerable support and involvement in our local parish concerns. She recently held a police surgery at Roughlee, followed up by a circular saying: "Community Help Required ...The main issue was speeding cars through the villages and country lanes. I know it may be difficult to get a registration plate from a speeding vehicle, but if you do manage to get one please forward it to myself along with the date, time and location", she can be contacted via e-mail:

Lorna.bolton@lancashire.police.uk

Best wishes to all, Robin

NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICE 9.30PM EACH WEEK

Having worked hard to keep our church open throughout the pandemic, we are steadily returning to being able to hold our regular annual events.



CONFIRMATION

The first of these was in April when we saw five of our young people, Annabella Johnston, Holly Gregory, Molly Herbert, Oliver Greenwood, Georgia Brown & one adult, Amanda Higgins confirmed into the Christian faith in our church, followed by refreshments.



WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

In May a small group travelled to the village of Walsingham in Norfolk for a short stay, to take time away from the bustle of daily life. This was a time for fellowship & the opportunity to recharge our 'faith batteries'. Whilst there we were able to visit Cromer, Norwich Cathedral & the beautiful church in the grounds of the Queen's estate at Sandringham.



'PIZZA & PRAISE'

This is new group which has been running for just over 6 months & is a contemporary form of interactive, family worship. Each session covers a different theme, such as 'Belonging', 'Love', 'Our Families', 'Our Homes', 'Thankfulness', lasts for 1hr & combines worship & crafts, followed by pizza & pop! Children & parents/carers are able to choose from four different activity zones & have the space to interact ask/answer questions about the theme. We meet on the last **Friday of each month in the village hall 6.30pm until 7.30pm.** All families welcome!



ESSENCE

Essence is a group for ladies which gives them a safe space to chat about current topics how these relate to faith in our lives today. We meet on the first **Wednesday of each month 7.30pm until 9pm** at Revd. Lesley's office, 5, Pendle Lane, Fence, always with a lovely welcome cuppa & biscuits. You do not need to come to church to be able to join this group. Give it a go, we'd love to see you!



SATURDAY GROUP

A group which meets on an adhoc to carry out small/medium tasks to keep the churchyard tidy. Anyone can join, men or women. A time of fellowship, followed by brew & biscuits/cake.

STUDY COURSES

Open to everyone, these are informal 5/6 week courses run by Revd. Lesley, where people can meet for Fellowship explore their faith together in a safe space for discussion. Each session is 'stand alone' so you can join with one or all. They run on a **Wednesday morning at her office 5, Pendle Lane, Fence, 10am until 11.30am.** The last session of the **Summer Course will be Wednesday 27th July.**



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

All the up to date details of our activities & services can be found in our weekly newsletter which can be emailed to you or a hard copy posted. If you would like to receive it, please contact: eileencoulton@sky.com with your email address or postal address. Or check our facebook page.

Reverend Lesley Hinchcliffe

Vicar: St Anne's, Fence-In-Pendle and St John's, Higham
Area Dean of Pendle
01254 396485



Bob and Sue Burns of Firtrees Grove are delighted to announce the marriage of their son **Duncan** to **Sophie Haslett**. The wedding took place at Church of St Andrew, Chedworth.

CONGRATULATIONS

We send our congratulations to **Juliet Seasman & Thomas Anderson**, who married in our Church on May 31st. We wish them a long and happy Marriage!



IN MEMORIAM



Stephen Whitehead sadly passed away on the 29th May. He was a much loved husband, dad, grandad & friend. A member of the church choir, Stephen had lived in Higham for over 26 years. The fact that so many people attended his funeral was testament to his popularity. £950 was raised for Pendleside Hospice from collection at his funeral. The family would like to thank Rev Lesley for a lovely service and Banny for the Wake. This photo makes us laugh as its taken outside his favourite place.



Phyllis Foy sadly passed away on 25th May 2022. Phyllis lived and worked in Higham for many years. Mum to Paula and momma to Brook, Paige and Skye. Reunited with her late husband Geoff.



Peter Roberts sadly passed away on the 10th June. He was the loving husband of Val and father of Andrew, Emma and Max. He was a teacher at many local schools in Pendle and Blackburn. He had many hobbies including amateur acting He played football, rugby and cricket and was a member of Nelson Arion Choir.



Phyllis Watson, sadly passed away on the 8th June. So much younger in spirit and attitude towards life and personal relationships than her real age would suggest. Known by Fizz to her immediate family, she supported all 6 members equally and with intuition, integrity, respect and love. A master of finance, she kept the Higham Parish Council accounts with meticulous attention to detail for many years. We've lost our Matriarch, the core of our family, but we will continue the traditions taught by such a strong lady.

Our deepest condolences to their families

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The village hall committee remain positive with regular groups back and also some new groups having formed.

Watch out in the coming weeks for some advertised events taking place in the hall. These include:

A Gin Tasting Evening
A Posh Dinner
A Carboot/Table Top Sale
A Family Take Away Night

The hall committee are also delighted to be supporting the Scarecrow Festival kitchen and we also look forward to seeing everyone's scarecrow entries around the village.

The hall improvements are still on going with external work to the rear roof boarding to begin shortly, along with a few further internal jobs to keep the hall bright and inviting to all our users

As ever the committee would like to thank the parish council and village for the continued support.

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.

May Ticket No 118
Stacey Thurston



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June Ticket No 38
Alison Eddy

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Good luck to all our members!

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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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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 11.00-12.00pm

Tracy Edmondson: 07773 785904

Garden Club & Herb Society:

2nd Tuesday 7.30pm Eileen Knight 01282 773258

Dancing U3 Age:

1st Thursday in every month 14.00-15.00pm

3rd Thurs in every month 14.00-15.00 pm

Eric Bushby: 01282 429269

Themes on Thursday:

2nd Thurs 1.30-3.00pm £3.00 including light refreshment Heather: 01282 773302

Pendle Embroiderers:

1st Mon 12.00-2.00pm

Kath Thompson: 01253 882121

Kids Yoga

Saturdays 10.00am Meliha Basic: 07563 061995

Parish Council

3rd Tuesday 7.00pm Patricia Rosthorn 07931687175

Village Hall Committee

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