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CHRISTMAS FAIR



Held on Sunday 20th November, the Christmas Fair was very successful and well attended. There were some lovely craft stalls in the village hall selling various items including Christmas decorations, books, cards, Fair Trade goods, and preserves, plus tombolas and games. Father Christmas joined us for the afternoon and handed out presents to the children from his grotto in church. The kitchen was busy as visitors enjoyed hot and cold lunches, cakes and drinks. The Higham Village Events Committee were delighted to have raised **£840 for Church funds**.

All in all a very enjoyable day.



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SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



Happy New Year to all – and let's hope that it proves a little more normal than last year!

I must start by reporting that, regrettably, Diane Perrin has had to resign from the Council due to employment and family pressures. In her nearly three years as a Councillor, and Vice-Chair, she has become really involved and contributed a great deal, particularly as our lead on the Best Kept Village Competition and as our representative and active member on the Village Hall Committee. Her input and participation will be greatly missed. Thank you, Diane. The resultant temporary vacancy (pending Council elections in May) has been filled by the Third Coming (after two previous retirements!) of our former Councillor and Chairman, Mick Tetley, whose experience and local knowledge is ever useful - welcome once again Mick!

Our main event this quarter was the Seniors' Christmas Party, which was as enjoyable as always - with music from Four Shades of Grey, an excellent meal from The Cabin caterers, and an extensive set of raffle prizes headed up by a large hamper from the Events Committee - all in the setting of our refurbished Village Hall, beautifully decorated for Christmas. Thank you particularly to Cllrs. Lucy Willighan and Jackie Meredith for organising it all (and, of course, to our bar-staff perennials, Terry and Patricia). We appreciate that, due to a booking clash, it took place earlier than usual this year and we aim to return it to a somewhat later date next year if we can. Nevertheless, we had nearly 60 people in attendance - including our Borough and County Councillors, Brian Newman and Howard Hartley, who were very welcome (and who, incidentally, are regular attenders at our Parish Council meetings).

Last but not least, many of you will have seen the new bench seat, strategically placed on the uphill section of Higham Hall Rd, which has kindly been donated by Angela Hammond in memory of her husband (and our late and much-missed Councillor) John Hammond. Many thanks, Angela. If anyone else would like to donate a bench there are several places where one would be welcome (eg. in particular, at the top of Back Lane/ Sabden Rd where the present form is well past its last legs!) and, as with Angela's, we can if necessary provide lengthsman assistance to install it nicely.

Very best wishes for 2023, Robin





St. John's Church Higham

'Friendship Friday' at St John's, Higham, in the Village Hall



As winter continues & the weather remains seasonal don't stay home, don't be alone, don't be cold.....



come to a warm and friendly place on Fridays,
10.30am – 1.30pm.

Enjoy a FREE hot lunch of soup, roll and cake plus hot drink
Everyone Welcome!

Pizza & Praise



We joined together with the 'Friday, Faith & Fun' group at Fence for a Christmas party in December. Everyone enjoyed an evening of worship, games & fun, followed by a selection of tasty foods.



Although Santa was very busy, he still managed to find time to leave some extra presents for everyone to take home!

Pizza & Praise, a contemporary family time of fellowship, story, worship and food, resumes on January 28th 6.30pm – 7.30pm & then the last Friday of every following month.



Church Christingle Service

This was a lovely service on Christmas Eve, enjoyed by adults & children alike. It was lovely to see some new faces joining us for this special service which sees Christingle Oranges distributed to everyone.

The Christingle Orange symbolises the world, with the red tape around it to remind us of the blood Christ shed for us. The four sticks each symbolise the four seasons of the year with the sweets & raisins on each to symbolise the fruits of the Earth.



Lastly the candle reminds us of the light of Christ.

On leaving church each child was given a knitted angel to hang on their Christmas Tree.



Worship For All Ages

This year we launch our new monthly service welcoming all ages, on the fourth Sunday of every month, starting



on....**Sunday January 22nd at 9.30 am.** Come & join us for a less formal Holy Communion – suitable for regular churchgoers and those exploring faith and the Christian church.



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.uparents/recent letter

SANTA AT THE FOURS



Once again the events committee invited Santa to take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit the children at the Four Alls. They all left with a lovely gift given to them by his elves.



THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE



The Village Christmas Tree for 2022 was kindly donated by Les Townsend of Rake Top Ave. If you have a similar large tree you can donate for Christmas 2023 or you or your business would like to sponsor the purchase of a tree please contact Jackie on 07767341497. A plaque will be placed on the tree to acknowledge the donation.

HIGHAM 125 CLUB

Congratulations to our lucky winners in 2022. We still have availability so 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.



October Ticket No : 76
Robin Palmer 125

November Ticket No: 48



December Ticket No: 110
Ann Weekes 125

125

125

Good luck to all our members!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY FAIR
Saturday 29th April — 1st May



SCARECROW FESTIVAL
Saturday 26TH — 28TH August



IN MEMORIAM



Our family is saddened to announce that Brian Smith passed away on 24th November. As many of you know, he had been suffering from cancer for some time.

Brian lived most of his life in the village on Garden Street as a child and spending the last 44 years on West Close Avenue.

Our deepest condolences to his family



Will be on the **Higham Village Hall Car Park** from **12.20-1.30pm** **Every Tuesday.**

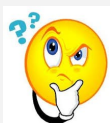
To pre-order please call **Oliver** on: **07882013365** or add us on Facebook **Chris Neve Fresh Fish** and use Facebook messenger.



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.



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Village Hall

The Village Hall is an amenity for village and other agreed users. It's not operated for profit and relies on grants and, importantly, money raised from bookings and events held in the hall. We have a Village Hall Committee, comprised of local residents, which is responsible for the maintenance upkeep, improvement and operation of the hall (see website below).

Hiring the Village Hall

The hall is available to anyone to hire for anything from clubs, societies, parties, birthdays, weddings, commercial events etc.

Also this year we have put on a few of our own events - both to showcase the hall and its facilities and to raise money for the hall upkeep and development.

We had a sell out dinner with TV chef Andrew Nutter, a gin tasting with the brilliant Batch Gin from Burnley and a table top sale. There will be more events in 2023 and we would love to hear from you if you have suggestions or requests - just email daisy@downatthesocial.co.uk or call 07803 185136.

If you want to make a booking visit the "Hire our Hall" page of the Village Hall section of the Higham Parish Council website:

<https://www.highamparishcouncil.com/village-hall-3/hire-2/> There you will find:

- Hiring rates (we've simplified these to make it easier to cost your event)
- The calendar of currently planned events to help you find an available time for your event, or even find a club or society to join in with
- The contact details of the current event organisers should you want to attend any of these are listed below.

Booking for your own event is easy, using the simple booking form on the website.

If you aren't able to access the website, please contact Ian Whittle (Mon-Fri, 09:00 – 17:00) on **07770 605578**, or email whittlei@hotmail.com

Clubs, Societies and Committees:

Herb and Garden: 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm

Eileen Knight 01282 773258

Themes on Thursday: 2nd Thurs 1.30 -3.00pm

£3.00 Including light refreshment.

Heather Swindlehurst 01282 773302

Film-makers: Wednesday 7.30pm

Mike Breeze 07776 157910

Embroidery: 1st Monday 12 - 2.00pm

Kath Thompson 01253 882121

Pilates: Tues 11.00am - 12.00pm

Tracey Edmundson 07773 785904

East Lancashire Ornithologists: 1st Tues 7.30pm

David Chew 01282 695649

Pizza & Praise: last Friday 6.30 –7.30pm

Andrea Johnson 07817 634289

Parish Council: 3rd Tuesday 7.00pm

Patricia Rosthorn 07931 687175

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