



HIGHAM



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MAY FAIR 29TH APRIL - 1 ST MAY



We are looking forward to another successful weekend and welcoming lots of visitors. Daily attractions include puppet shows, crafts in the marquee behind the village hall and a second hand book sale in church.

Other attractions include a classic car show outside school and music from Pendle Community Orchestra on Saturday and birds of prey and ferret racing on Sunday. On Monday we are delighted to have maypole dancing performed by Higham schoolchildren plus a farmers market. Lancashire Wildlife Trust will be attending on Sunday and Monday.

There will of course be hot and cold food on sale in the village hall every day.

If you feel you could spare us a couple of hours over the weekend to help out in the village hall or at one of the entrances, or would be able to provide hot food or cakes, please contact

Val on 07530345079 or Heather on
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FORTHCOMING EVENT IN 2023

SCARECROW FESTIVAL 26TH - 28TH AUGUST

Since it is the coronation this year the theme for the scarecrow festival will be

'ALL THINGS ROYAL'
FACT, FABLE OR FICTION



LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Many of you who know me will also know that I have re-joined the Parish Council and am now responsible for our Best Kept Village entry. For the benefit of our new residents Higham has been entering the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition for many years with some success. We became supreme champions in 2019, being the best kept village in all of Lancashire. We are now in the Champions class, which makes for stiff competition. However the competition provides an incentive for us all to keep our properties free from weeds and litter including the pavements and verges.

Our first 'CLEAN UP DAY' will be **Saturday 20th May at 10.00am outside the Four Alls** and we would welcome as many helpers as possible, to keep our fantastic village looking great, not only for the competition but also because it reflects on property prices. If you have any questions please contact me **Mike Tetley on 07958964388**



BIODIVERSITY IN HIGHAM

You will probably notice some changes on the recreation field this year. This is part of a long term project to improve our village's ecosystem.

Having secured a grant to increase biodiversity in Higham, we have decided to plant a wildflower meadow on the top recreation field. It will be an area of approximately 40 X 10m and so should not impinge too much on people's use of that field. The area we are hoping to use is the area below the tarmac play area, as it is in full sun and reasonably well drained.

It will have over 20 species of wild flowers along with spring bulbs and some butterfly attracting shrubs. The first stage is to clear the turf so that the wild flowers do not get swamped by the more vigorous grasses.

Please bear with us while this planting gets established.



60's/70's NIGHT

A good time was had by all in the Village Hall. Entertainment was provided by the ever popular Four Shades of Grey. Many thanks to John Clegg for organising the event which raised £350 including the raffle for the Church Restoration Fund.



CCTV

You may have noticed the installation of CCTV cameras in several positions around the village. The system, which is owned and operated by the Parish Council, is now live. It has been under development for some time in response to local demand. Its purpose is to help safeguard residents and protect public safety. There is evidence that CCTV is a crime deterrent in itself, plus, where crime has been committed, it can assist the Police and other lawfully entitled persons in the detection and prosecution of offenders. The principal aim is to deter and/or identify road traffic offences, anti-social behaviour or driving and other criminal activity.

The position of cameras has been optimised to capture activities on the main village roads. The system will not be used to invade the privacy of any individual residents. It records footage which can be retrieved and made available only through a formal request and for lawful purposes. For example, if your car is stolen or your house broken into, we can provide the Police with footage that might lead to identification and apprehension of the perpetrators; likewise acts of anti-social behaviour, dangerous driving etc.

Full details of the Parish Council CCTV Policy, including forms for access requests to recorded footage, are available on the **Parish Council section of the Higham Village website:**

<https://www.highamparishcouncil.com/higham-with-west-close-booth-parish-council/cctv/>



BURNLEY FILM MAKERS

Fancy making your own movie or appearing in one? One of the oldest amateur film making groups in the UK is based right here in Higham! The Burnley Film Makers group celebrated its 90th Anniversary in 2021, and meets at Higham Village Hall every Wednesday evening between 7.00 –



10.00. The club has a varied weekly programme which includes practical sessions, guest speakers, film premieres and demonstrations on things like film editing and what equipment you need.

BFM have made films of all manner of things, recording events like the Higham Scarecrow Festival, the Best Kept Village competition, to May Day celebrations, carol services and tractor runs.

If you are interested in making a film, say for publicising a local event or a community group activity, why not go along and talk to the club members. Throughout the year, BFM are always on the lookout for good stories and events to film covering what's going on in the community.

This year for example, from Saturday 6th to Monday 8th of May, the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III takes place and members of the group will be out filming street parties and events going on across the Burnley area. Are you having a street party - if so let us know!

All the events filmed during the year go into the club's annual newsreel which is screened to a public audience at Higham village hall in December. The newsreel is then made available online and a copy is stored for posterity with the North West Film Archive.

To contact Burnley Film Makers, the group's website is www.burnleyfilmmakers.org There is a contact page on the site – fill in your details and the club secretary will contact you. There is a Burnley Film Makers YouTube channel featuring all our previously made films and newsreels. You never know – you may feature on one of our films!



**St. John's Church
Higham**

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



Brew and Chat



Pop into the village hall between 10.30am and 11.30am Fridays, and enjoy a brew and cake while having a friendly chat

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Easter Celebrations

It was a busy couple of weeks in the lead up to Easter! Lent study groups met weekly at the Refectory throughout the Lent period.

Before the school broke up, children from 4 and 5 were welcomed into church to participate in 'Experience Easter'. They visited different stations around the church, to listen to and partake in interactive activities that told the Easter story, from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. It was all rounded off with the understanding of why we give eggs at Easter.

During Holy Week we had a popular interactive Easter Trail around the church grounds for families to enjoy. On Maundy Thursday it was a special service for The Washing of feet, and on Good Friday was the Cross of Christ, a service of readings and music. The choir of St John's at St Anne's were joined by members of the Pendle Deanery choir.

Annual Church Meeting - 7th May

A service of the Word in Thanksgiving will be at 9.30 on Sunday 7th May, when we will give thanks for all the work our church does in the community. The service will incorporate the Annual Meeting, and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions about the church building, the finances and outreach work.

Please come along.

A BIG THANK YOU

We are extremely grateful to Steve Barnes, and his team, for all the hard work they have put in to the repairs to the church. All the plasterwork has now been completed and it will soon be ready for the final paintwork. **It's looking lovely!**



ROSE QUEEN

Our Rose Queen, Annabella says 'thank you' to everyone who filled Smartie tubes and have donated to her charities, Pendleside Hospice and Myeloma UK.

Annabella will be retiring at the end of May and will be succeeded by our new Youth Ambassador, Noah Lowden.

WELL DONE ANNABELLA



Annabella has raised £375.76 with her Smartie Tube idea and has given half to both her charities, Pendleside Hospice and Myeloma UK. She has done this in memory of her beloved grandad Steve Whitehead and had the help of her brother and cousins.

Please could you pass on our huge thank you to the very generous people who helped.

HIGHAM GARDEN CLUB AND PENNINE HERB SOCIETY



Sadly the club held it's last meeting on Tuesday 14th March 2023. Judith Fothergill gave a great demonstration

on making floral arrangements for Easter, and we had lots of cake and chocolates! Huge thanks to Eileen Knight who has been secretary for many years, and valiantly kept the merged societies going when numbers/income dwindled. Eileen organised for us a varied selection of speakers, including evening with the Burnley Film Makers. Eileen was presented with a hamper of her favourite foods by treasurer Margaret Hynes. It was agreed that monies left in the account would be donated to charities, including Air Ambulance and the Hospice.

HIGHAM 125 CLUB

Congratulations to our lucky winners in 2023. 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.

January Ticket No : 120
Andrew Swindlehurst

125

125



February Ticket No: 115

March Ticket No: 55
Lynne Lambert

125



Good luck to all our members!

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

This quarter we have been delighted to see progress and final completion on two important projects for the village:

1) The CCTV system - on which there is separate short article in this issue. I would only like to add that this is the result of a great deal of research and hard work by no less than six Councillors, our Clerk and various others (not least the designer and installer, Chris Tetley) over a period stretching back some 3 years (including Covid delays). Some grant assistance from the Borough Council has helped towards the significant cost. We hope and believe that it will prove worthwhile.

2) Tarmacking of Kiln Hill up to the Village Hall car park which should improve access and use of the car park including, importantly, the disabled access route into the Hall - and hopefully also help a little with alleviation of some parking on Higham Hall Rd.

That last leads me to another mention of the general parking problems in the village. We are well aware of these and continue to do what we can via representations and attention requests both to LCC Highways and our Community Police Officers. Unfortunately, as we are repeatedly told, our problems are only the same as, or less than, other villages everywhere - so don't qualify for any greater priority or special treatment and much has to be down to all individual residents and car-users to observe legal and Highway Code requirements and just be as responsible and considerate for others as they can and should be. Our latest Community Police Officer, with whom I recently had a long session about this, assures me that he is regularly monitoring our village and prepared to take action when he sees obviously bad or anti-social parking. I would draw attention to the posters we have put in the village notice-boards summarising basic rules and principles.

A happy (slightly belated) Easter to all and best wishes.
Robin.

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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.

The village hall committee has been working hard to revitalise the hall for the groups and people that use the space. So far we've replaced the carpets, painted the woodwork, tidied and sorted the kitchen and the cupboards and installed new sheds. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time so far. We hope that you agree that the hall is looking fabulous. We have plans to replace the chairs too soon, if we are successful with a few grant applications that have been recently submitted and even bigger plans for an extension in the future.

We have been so pleased to welcome some fab new groups to the hall too. The East Lancs Ornithology Club, the newly merged Radio Club and the Higham Book Club. The hall has also been hosting Friendship Friday, Pizza and Praise, Winter Choir Practice and Church Services whilst renovations have been ongoing in the church. Plus, there's the ongoing Pilates, Folk Dancing, Pendle Threads (Embroidery) Club, Themes on Thursday, Burnley Film Makers and Table Tennis Club.

The schedule is filling up nicely but if anyone has anything else that they would like to bring to the hall or would like to see us introduce please get in touch. It's going to be a busy summer with many events happening throughout, so get your bookings in now for any private parties or events you hope to host.

Hiring the Village Hall

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

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.

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Friday 19th May 6.30 pm

This is an open meeting in the Village Hall, hosted by the Parish Council, for all residents to hear and talk about activities, issues and events in the Parish. If you would like to know more, join in or have ideas to put forward please come along for 90 minutes or so - and also enjoy a glass of wine with us!