

HIGHAM

News, views and information about the village



MAY FAIR



We had a wonderful weekend and welcomed lots of visitors to the village. The weather was mainly kind allowing everyone to enjoy the daily attractions. The puppet shows were a huge success enjoyed by young and old alike and the ferret racing was well supported once again. Crafts in the marquee, the birds of prey and the second hand book sale in church were very popular as was the classic car show outside school. The crowds enjoyed listening to the music from Pendle Community Orchestra. The farmers market, providing a good selection of food, attracted lots of shoppers. As ever the maypole dancing on Monday went down a storm and we would like to thank the Higham schoolchildren who took part and the staff who so kindly gave their time to teach them.

In all we were able to give £5,000 to our church and other charities also benefitted from the event.



SCARECROW FESTIVAL 26TH - 28TH AUGUST



The theme in this coronation year will be 'ALL THINGS ROYAL - FACT, FABLE OR FICTION' and we are looking forward to seeing lots of scarecrows all around the village! If you've never entered before now is the time to give it a try. We held workshops on Sunday 16th July, where Terry was on hand to give tips for making a scarecrow and building materials were available, however if you missed it just give Terry a call on [07837888850](tel:07837888850) - he'll be happy to help.

In order to complete the scarecrow trail map we need to know who is taking part so please either complete the slip at the bottom of the letter we have distributed or email terry.butterfield@outlook.com with your details.

There will be Morris dancing outside the Four Alls on Sunday and a farmers market in the church grounds on Monday. And of course a great second hand book sale in church all three days.

As usual there will be hot and cold food on sale in the village hall every day. We would be very grateful for any donations of hot food (potato pie and lasagne are always popular) and cakes.

If you feel you could spare us a couple of hours over the weekend to help out in the village hall or the gazebo at the bottom of the village, or would be able to provide hot food or cakes, please contact Val on [07530345079](tel:07530345079) or Heather on [07713121275](tel:07713121275). We will be collecting for a bottle tombola - always very popular! - a letter to go out nearer the time with collection details.



Biodiversity Project Update

Work is well under way in preparing the site for Higham's wildflower area on the top playing field. The turf has been cleared ready for the site to lie fallow over the summer. Wildflowers can't compete with grass and other perennials such as buttercup, so these have to be removed before the seed is sown in autumn. Also wildflowers do not like the soil to be too rich, hence, some of the topsoil has been removed, too. This has been retained by the Parish council, should

any future project require it.

At May's village meeting there was a lively discussion about this scheme. We hope that people's questions were answered, and that it was explained how this project will proceed and will benefit nature in The Parish.

Thank you to Steve Barnes who volunteered to clear the turf for us, and also for the understanding of those whose Sunday morning might have been disturbed by the digger. We hope this project will greatly enhance the ecological value of our Village's open spaces.



THEIR LAST DAY AT THIS SCHOOL

The Spout has recently been contacted by John Houghton who provided this picture of the last day of Higham County School before it was closed at Christmas 1966-7. His sister Jennifer, who is married and lives in France is the girl in the front of the picture in a duffle coat.

He also recognises Malcolm Bullock, who lived in Hambleton Terrace and Colin Roberts. He would like to know if there is anyone in the photograph who still lives in the village or if there are any others from that time known to the villagers.

Other interesting information is that John and his family lived in the Police House at the bottom of Higham Hall Road, from 1957 to 1974 where his father was the last resident Higham policeman, pictured by the local newspaper at its closure around 1973. John now lives in Leicestershire and can be contacted by email john.houghton5546@gmail.com. If you recognise anyone can you please email me at jackiemeredith1953@gmail.com



NEW BENCH

You may have noticed a new bench has been placed on Higham Hall Road. This was

kindly donated by Angela Hammond in memory of her late husband John, who was a past Parish Councillor, Foursman and Quiz Master at the Four Alls. Angela also provided the flower pots either side of the bench.

Thank you Angela.

Anyone who may be interested in donating a bench should contact Mike Tetley on 07958964388

KEEP COMPLAINING

Please can we remind everyone to be considerate when parking vehicles. We understand parking can be difficult in Higham but please remember:

DON'T PARK against dropped curbs (carries a penalty notice)

DON'T PARK close to a junction (minimum 10 metres away)

DON'T PARK preventing access to Fire Engines & Ambulances

KEEP REPORTING parking problems to [www.lancashire.gov.uk/report a parking problem](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/report-a-parking-problem)

Our local police officers PC Alan Fielding 07432626272 and Lorna Bolton have indicated that to direct resources in the Higham area they must have reports and evidence.

IF WE DON'T play our part and continue to send in reports

IT WON'T GET ANY BETTER



**St. John's Church
Higham**

CONFIRMATION - Congratulations to all the candidates who were confirmed in April, at the special service held at St Anne's, Fence, with Bishop Jill.

MAY FAIR - A HUGE thank you to Higham Events Committee for organising another amazing May Fair over the first May Bank Holiday weekend. It's wonderful to see the church, the school and the local community come together at events like this. The school children put on a lovely show of Maypole dancing, and made some spectacular crowns that were on display in church. Rose Queen, Bella, ended her year by judging the crowns and choosing a winner from each year group. We are extremely grateful to receive the sum of £5000 from the Fair, towards the upkeep of our church.



WALKING DAY - PENTECOST - Due to red tape around road closures, we were unable to take part in our usual Walk of Witness procession this year, however with the help of Balderstone Band we had a lovely service on the lawn in front of church. Retiring Rose Queen **Annabella** handed over the

reins to **Noah Lowden** as he was installed as our new May King.
Congratulations to **Annabella** for raising almost £2000 for her charities, and best wishes to **Noah** for his year in office. He will be fundraising for Save the Children, having been moved by the plight of children, particularly in Ukraine.

Welcome back **HEATHER AND ROBERT!** - We are delighted to welcome Heather and Robert back into church after their long recuperations following their accidents. We've been very lucky to have Simon and Gil Gilbert leading the choir during Robert's absence, and we're very grateful for their talents and commitment.
Congratulations to **Simon Gilbert** for completing a mammoth cycle ride from Kent to Higham, in aid of Alzheimer's

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.

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April Ticket No: 11
Phil & Louise Bucker



May Ticket No: 53
Jackie Meredith

June Ticket No 102

Good luck to all our members!

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BIRTHS



Val & Terry Butterfield are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter Elizabeth Ann who was born on 26th March 2023 to Jenny and Jay Zollars in Stevensville, Maryland, USA a Sister for Aurelia and James.

BURNLEY FILM MAKERS.

Member of the Film and Video Institute.

Another successful season has come to an end. Highlight of the year was the Exhibition staged at Burnley Library to celebrate 90 years of film making in the town. Mike Smith's brilliant display was supported by most of the members of the club on the day and we welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Burnley and many visitors at the Library to see the displays and demonstrations. The exhibition then spent several months at Towneley Hall.

The 2023 Annual Newsreel's premiere took place in December since when our members have been out and about filming more events including the Soapbox Rally in Colne recently. Examples of the Burnley Newsreels may be found on the club's website together with some members' films.

Suspended during the pandemic, we have now been able to restart our community film shows including some for the residents of Pendleside Hospice.

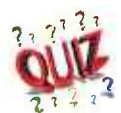
We welcome anyone interested in making films to visit Higham Village Hall on Wednesday evenings between 7.30 and 10.00 starting in September. Following the arrival of some new members we shall be spending several evenings concentrating on the foundations of good film making including camera work, sound recording and an introduction to editing. Our 2023-4 programme will also include visits from eminent film makers and the usual competitions, both competitive and non-competitive. We shall also be spending time on filming with a mobile phone since so many people now have them and they have such excellent facilities. With the demise of Pendle Movie Makers and also the Ribble Valley club, we are the only amateur film making society in a large area.

Mike Breeze
Secretary, Burnley Film Makers



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



HIGHAM

with West Close Booth

PARISH COUNCIL

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Hi all. You may have noticed that I have returned to the Parish Council as chairman for the third time, I cannot keep away!

I would like to thank Robin for keeping my seat warm for the past two years and the tremendous amount of work he has done, especially on some very difficult planning matters and keeping the Parish Council working together. He is now taking a well earned rest from Parish Council. All the very best and a big thank you to Robin.

I would like to welcome back Diane Perrin as Vice Chairman, Diane will be an asset to the village.

The latest on the Roaming Roosters planning application is that at the meeting on the 5th July at Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee I am pleased to say that the 2nd planning application was also rejected, so it is possible this proposed development will not proceed. The proposed developers still have their first application under appeal so please try not to think it's all over, the applicant will probably keep trying.

The Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May was well attended, including Brian Newman the Pendle Mayor and our Borough Councillor, also Howard Hartley our Conservative Councillor on Lancashire County Council. I hope most of our residents received some answers to the many questions.

Just a couple of weeks ago we received some unexpected good news the Lancashire Police Commissioner awarded Higham £6,000 towards our CCTV System. This money comes out of the funds seized from criminals and distributed to projects to help stopping crimes. Small villages very rarely benefit and this was very much appreciated.

Thanks to all the helpers, the best kept village clean up day was quiet well attended and looked a lot better. Judging should be well under way BUT the weeds are thriving! As our usual contractor is no longer available and any spraying has to be done by a licensed contractor, I have only just been able to get it done, so I hope they will disappear soon

Enough of me waffling on. Hope you all have a great summer and thank you.

Kind regards.

Mike Tetley (Chairman)

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.

We still have plans to replace the chairs 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 pleased to welcome the new regular booking of the Play Group & Dance.

Plus there are the ongoing East Lancs Ornithology Club, Higham Book Club, East Lancashire Amature Radio Club, Pilates, Folk Dancing, Pendle Table Tennis Clubs.

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. Many events are happening throughout the summer, 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

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