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HIGHAM



LEST WE FORGET



Christmas Fair



Christmas Fair this year will be held on Sunday 19th November between 11am and 3pm in the village hall and church. Entry is free. In the village hall will be a variety of stalls, tombola and raffle plus sandwiches, lunches, cakes and drinks. Father Christmas will be visiting us and meeting children in his grotto in church. We look forward to seeing you then.

As always we will be grateful for any help in the village hall. And if you can donate cakes, hot food such as potato pie - bottles for our tombola or a raffle prize these will be most welcome.



Please contact us to let us know and to arrange collection if necessary. Items can be left at **77 Higham Hall Road** or **20 Acresbrook Road**. You can contact **Heather** on **07713121275** or **Val** on **07530345079**.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL 26 TH – 28 TH AUGUST

As we hoped, this year's Scarecrow Festival was once again an outstanding success! The villagers really pulled out all the stops for our 'Royal' theme and we had some wonderful scarecrows scattered all around the village. Over the holiday weekend we had lots of visitors to the village – infact Monday saw it packed full. The tearooms have never been busier! The event was judged by Brian Newman, current Mayor of Pendle, who certainly enjoyed his day with us. His chosen winners were :

- Number 19 – The Court Jesters
- Number 54 – The Royle Family
- Number 49 – Prince (Purple Rain)

The public vote went to number 42 – King Kong.

Despite the poor weather on Sunday, the Morris Dancers put on a great display outside the Four Alls. Monday's farmers market was extremely busy with many stalls selling out of goods. It is always lovely to see so many people – adults and children alike – having lots of fun following the scarecrow trail.

The scarecrow ball held on 9th September was a well-attended evening. The barbecue was excellent and the music, provided by James Cockerill, had people up and dancing. A great finale to a successful event. And Terry was able to hand out the prizes including Committee choices.

In all, with the funds raised during the festival, at the ball and by the sale of second hand books we are delighted to have been able to give over £3,000 each to the Village Hall and the Church.

Terry and the Village Events Committee would like to say a big thank you to all our scarecrow builders, all our volunteer helpers in the village hall, in the gazebo at the bottom of the village and to all those who donated hot food and cakes – we can never get enough of these! Also a big thank you and well done to all those who organised and gave their time to the book sale in church.





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Seniors Christmas Party

Tuesday 12th December 2023
Village Hall @ 6.30pm

Dear Residents
If you are a senior of 65 or over, you are cordially invited to the annual Christmas Party held in the village hall, Where you will be greeted with a pre-dinner glass of Red or White Wine. This will be followed by a hot Christmas meal and dessert followed by live entertainment from 'James Cockerall'

There will be a drinks bar available as this is Not a "bring your own drinks" event.

Tickets are on sale now, priced at £10 each. Closing date for tickets will be 22nd November 2023 as numbers are limited to 60.



This has proven to be a very popular evening enjoyed by many, so please do not delay as we are strictly limited to numbers and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To order tickets please contact: Cllr Lucy Willighan on 07753718351

Please note: All tickets must be paid for when ordering as we need to confirm numbers in advance for the catering.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

Biodiversity Project Update


Higham's biodiversity project moves along with the first stage of planting complete. This consists of shrubs to attract insects and birds, along with bulbs to provide for insects in spring. The wild flower seeds will be sown in early spring. Thanks to Steve and Tony for their help.

THEY ARE DOING IT AGAIN!




Hughie Higginson and Freddie Xavi are aiming to raise another £300,000 for the Royal Manchester Children's hospital to overhaul a rooftop outdoor play area for young patients. Hughie continues to have treatment there. The friends have already raised £300,000 which has been used for slushies to sooth mouth ulcers etc on the oncology ward, music therapy and a refurbishment of the TeenZone. They have a Pride of Britain Award and a British Citizen Youth Award for their efforts. This time they intend to run 1 KM round each Premier League and English Football League club.

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRA-



When Chris Rawlinson reached his 80th Birthday he had a wonderful party in the Four Alls for his family and friends. However being the thoughtful person he is he also used it to raise **£370** for **Pendle Hospice**.

The picture of him and Anne will remind many people of the time when he was the friendly village Post Master.



WELL DONE



Madeleine Gadd graduated with a first class honours degree in Biomedical Science from the University of Birmingham. During this course she studied some 'hard core' anatomy and is now hopefully well on the way to graduating in a couple of years time with her medical degree.

GAMES ON THURSDAY



Fourth Thursday in the month won't be the same, if you decide to bring a game to **Higham Village Hall** at half past one, play your game and have some fun. It's good for the brain, causes no pain, with fun and friendship all to gain.

Rummikub, a board game, cards or chess, or whichever game you like the best.

If doing a jigsaw is more your style, then why not come and give it a trial?

For just £2.50 and refreshments on the day, all profits made go to Dementia U.K.

1st Meeting was on Thursday 26th October
2nd Meeting Thursday 23rd November
Starting at 1.30pm

For any enquiries or to book a table, please ring **Heather on 07713121275**

or
email h.swindlehurst@googlemail.com

BURNLEY FILM MAKERS.

Member of the Film and Video Institute.

Burnley Film Festival 2024 at Higham Village Hall

A very special event will take place at the village hall on Saturday the 18th of May 2024 when Burnley Film Makers will host their 45th Annual Film Festival.

The event returns to the film clubs calendar after a five year absence through Covid-19.

Entrants will submit their films in advance of the festival which are shown to the judges and film screenings will take place during the event. After the afternoon tea / buffet, the judges feedback and awards will be presented to the winners.

The last face to face festival took place in March 2019 at Burnley Youth Theatre and in March 2020 the festival was all organised but had to be pulled due to Covid. It was later delivered online using Zoom and YouTube, but feedback from delegates was clear, they wanted a return to a face to face festival when it was possible. We hope the 2024 Burnley Film Festival will be a great success!



Mike Smith

Communications Secretary
Burnley Film Makers

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.

125 125 June Ticket No 102

125 125 July Ticket No 47
Christine Dennett

125 125 August Ticket No 1
John Birkett

125 125 September Ticket No 78
Julie Rigg

125 125 **Good luck to all our members!**



St. John's Church Higham

St John's school leavers service



On 19th July, the church hosted this years Year 6 Leavers' service for the children moving on to high school. Parents were also welcomed to the special service.



Each child received a Bible and a personal blessing from Revd. Lesley. After the blessing the children processed down the aisle and made a cross with pebbles that they had painted with their names.

Wedding - Congratulations to newlyweds Chloe and George Dewhurst, who married at St John's on 12th August. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Christening - we were delighted to welcome the family and friends of Eldon McKavett-Coztec to church for Eldon's baptism in September.

Scarecrow Festival - Thank you to Terry and Val and the Events Committee, and everyone who helped in any way to make the festival a success. The church benefits greatly from these village events, and we are extremely grateful. Huge thanks also to Kath Sutcliffe and her team who ran the book sale in church, raising over £600 for the church building fund.



Pizza and Praise - the group joined with Fence in July and enjoyed an end of term summer celebration. The next gathering will be on October

20th with a visit from a guide dog. All school age children are welcome - please bring an adult or carer with you.

Essence group - Ladies, come along and enjoy friendship, fellowship and stimulating conversation. The group meets on the first Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm at the Refectory at Fence.

Wednesday morning prayer - every Wednesday morning at 8am in church. Come and join us for half an hour and start the day in a different way.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November - join us for this special service, starting at 10.30am in church and moving outside to the Cenotaph at 11am. Refreshments after the service.

NEW BENCH

People may have noticed that earlier this year the nearly-defunct bench at the top of Back Lane disappeared for a time - but then re-appeared in a much-renovated and secure state, now capable of use once again to provide a welcome sit-down after the climb! We would like to express our thanks to Stuart Forshaw for doing that, entirely of his own accord and unheralded.

If anyone is interested in donating a bench please contact Mike Tetley on 07958964388.

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Hi Just a short note this time as I don't want you to get board of me, and there's not a lot new going on at the moment. However there is one point which the Parish Council is concerned about that is the amount of recycling and rubbish bins left out all the time. Every year each household receives a leaflet from Pendle Council giving the day of collection. Bins or boxes must not be left out after collection day, keep them within your property at all times other than on collection day.

Just be warned that any one who leaves them out are at risk of receiving a fixed penalty notice carrying a fine of £60.

That's all for now keep safe and look forward to Christmas.

Kind regards.
Mike Tetley (Chairman)

IN MEMORIAM



James Starkie who sadly died on the 7th September. He was brought up and worked hard for Higham and the Pendle villages as a councillor, before becoming Mayor of Pendle. He had his Mayoral Church service and procession in Higham.

He was a champion of his community as former Mayor of Pendle, Parish and Village Centre chairman and 12 years as Borough Councillor for the villages of Roughlee, Barley Newchurch and Higham. As Mayor he raised money for local charities and when he retired he saw a need for all children to be able to swim, so he undertook a sponsored swim to raise money for free crash courses for those children who had missed out on lessons.

James was always very proud to represent the area and offer support to parishioners wherever he could. He raised much funding to support many improvement projects such as the white railings, walling, several garden areas, bus stop, direction signs, village centre porch and of course Alice.

James Starkie initiated the Spout and used his graphic design talents to set it out.

Our deepest condolences to his family

Village Hall

Financially the Village Hall is dependent on fundraising, donations and grants, in addition to the hire charges received from both regular and occasional users.

Therefore we would like to thank the organisers of the **Scarecrow Weekend** who have kindly donated over **£3,000** to our funds. Such a successful event requires much hard work.

We hope that our fundraising **Race Night** will also be financially successful. Tickets were completely sold out by mid-October. Thank you to all who have supported the event.

There will be a further fundraising event on 11th November which has also sold out.

At the hall we have recently fitted new gutters and soffits, now have to replace some double glazing units and are seeking grants for new chairs.

Finally we have now fitted Wifi in the hall thanks to the support of the Radio Club. Details of use will be included in the shortly to be introduced **"User Guide"** for the hall.

John Meredith, Chairman

Hiring the Village Hall

The hall is available to anyone to hire for clubs, societies, parties, birthdays, weddings, or even commercial events .

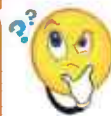
If you want to make a booking visit the "Hire our Hall" page of the Village Hall section of the Higham Parish Council website:

www.highamparishcouncil.com/ There you will find:

- Hiring rates
- 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.

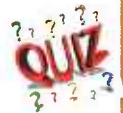
Booking for your own event is easy, using the simple booking form on the website.

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



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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