

May Fair



What a wonderful weekend we had for our May Fair this year! The weather was quite kind to us and everything could go ahead as planned – though the Pendle Community Orchestra did have to perform in church.



Each day the marquee behind the village hall was full of well visited craft stalls and the village hall itself was extremely busy serving hot and cold food and drinks. Also in the village hall we had an area set aside for children to get creative. The daily puppet shows were, as always, very popular with children and adults alike.



All our outdoor events were a success. We had a classic car display at school on Saturday, plus the orchestra in church. On Sunday we had the birds of prey and the ever popular ferret racing. It was lovely to see people sitting in the sunshine and singing along to the ukelele band. Monday was very busy with visitors buying from the farmers' market stalls. One of the highlights of the day was the maypole dancing performed by children from

Higham School. We would like to thank staff and children for putting on a wonderful show. Lots of our visitors returned more than once to see what was happening.

Not only did we make over £5,000 for church funds, but we had several charity stalls attending during the weekend, who were also able to raise money. The second hand book sale in church was also very successful.

We were very grateful to receive help over the weekend from villagers. We would like to say a huge thankyou to you all for donating food and raffle prizes, or for giving us some of your time to help in the village hall, in church or on the entrance gates. Without this help we wouldn't be able to put the events on.



HIGHAM

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Spout



Scarecrow Festival

24th, 25th, 26th August

The theme is 'OUT OF THIS WORLD'



As always the Scarecrow Festival will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend – 24th to 26th August. This year's theme is 'Out of this world' so thinking caps on! There are quite a lot of areas this covers such as outer space, aliens, sci-fi films and TV, superheroes, supernatural beings, myths and legends to name a few. We are not holding a workshop this year but if you need supplies, help or ideas please call Terry on 07837888850.

If anyone living across the bypass or on the outskirts of the village would like to enter a scarecrow you will be very welcome. Health and safety dictates we need to display the entries within the village so we would be happy to position them around the village hall and church. Just let us know on Terry's number and we can sort this out



As in past years we will be having a bottle tombola and second hand book sale. Much nearer the time we will be in touch about doing a bottle, jigsaw and book collection. Also we will be very grateful if people can spare any time to help us in the village hall or can donate cakes or hot food.

HIGHAM VILLAGE HALL

A 60's/70's EVENING

WITH

"FOUR SHADES OF GREY"

7:30 PM SATURDAY 27TH JULY

BYO Drinks, Food, Snacks, Take Away

Tickets £10 Each from

John Clegg 01282 777175

Lucy Willighan 07753718351

John Meredith 01282 338262

PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE HALL

Higham 125 Club

Congratulations to our latest lucky winners so far in 2024. The cost for the year is £60. The easiest payment option is for people to set up a monthly standing order of £5 with their bank - or they can make a payment for the year of £60. If you would like to do so please contact Heather Swindlehurst on 07713121275 or Val Butterfield on 07530345079 for more details.

March No 83 Martin Trigg



April No 37
Angela Hammond



May No 101
Stuart Forshaw

Good luck to all our members!

HIGHAM with West Close Booth PARISH COUNCIL

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Everywhere is looking very lush and green but this means garden bushes and shrubs are encroaching onto paths and public walkways. If your garden greenery is on a pathway, please check your hedges, bushes and trees are neatly trimmed back.

Some villagers have complained garden waste is being thrown onto the playing fields. Please make sure you dispose of your grass cuttings, branches etc. to keep the playing field looking neat and tidy

With hundreds of visitors flocking to Higham for the Scarecrow Festival in August, let's all do our best to ensure the village looks lovely for the event!

A recent inspection of the graveyard memorials has been completed and restoration works need to be carried out on some. Please contact the Parish Council if you have relatives or family links to any damaged memorials.

Calling all Higham tradespeople! To keep the village looking smart and well maintained, the Parish Council would like to use local tradespeople wherever possible. From roofers, plasterers and ground workers to tree surgeons, plumbers and electricians, if you'd like to be added to our contact list please send us your details.

Two new Councillors have joined the Parish Council:-

Alison Pickering was born in Kent and moved north over 20 years ago. She lives in Higham with partner Philip, who is a farmer in the village and she was thrilled to become a Nanna earlier this year. She is Trustee for a Riding for the Disabled charity group and was previously a School Governor in Oldham. Alison enjoys crafting, helping on the farm and supporting community events.



Sam Hutchinson moved to Higham last year with her husband Ian and joined the Parish Council in May. Sam previously worked as a primary school teacher in Burnley, where along with her class she helped to fund raise for Pendle Hospice. Since moving to the village Sam and her husband have enjoyed all aspects of village life, and she has helped out with baking for the various different events in the village. Sam enjoys travelling, walking gardening and crafting. She has met like minded people at the Pendle Treads group who meet in Higham on the first Monday of the month in the village hall.



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Annual Village Meeting



The Village meeting was well attended and it was good to see some new faces. Various organisations who use the Village Hall, brought us up to date with their year. These included Ian Whittle from the Village Hall Committee,

who told us of the progress and problems of the Village Hall.

Terry Butterfield explained that this year's theme of the Scarecrow competition was 'Out of this World', he hoped that this year would see a record turnout of scarecrows.



Our Borough Councillor, Brian Newman, was present to explain his year in Pendle.

After the meeting closed everyone enjoyed refreshments and catching up with old and new friends.

Village Hall Groups

Table Tennis (Gents)

Monday Evening Nick Saunders

Table Tennis (Ladies)

Monday Afternoon Cath Sutcliffe

Pendle Threads (Embroidery)

1st Monday afternoon of month Kathryn Thompson

Parish Council

3rd Tuesday of month 7.30pm. Patricia Rosthorn

Burnley Film Makers

Wednesday Evenings Mike Breeze

Themes on Thursday

2nd Thursday afternoon of month Heather Swindlehurst

East Lancs Ornithology Club

1st Tuesday of month David Chew

Meditation

Wednesday afternoons Mandy Ellerton

Pilates

Tuesday Mornings Tracy Edmondson

East Lancs Radio Club

Thursday Evening Neil Mooney

U3A Country Dancing

1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons Eric Bushby

Book Club

Last Tuesday evening of month Diane Perrin

Pizza & Praise

Last Tuesday of month Andrea Johnston

For full contact details (phone numbers and websites) see the Calendar of Events webpage on Higham Village website' <https://www.highamparishcouncil.com/events2/month/>

Please note:- some events do not run the whole year, e.g. Ladies' Table Tennis and Burnley Film Makers.

Village Hall



Our AGM took place on 11th June and the existing committee was re-elected.

The financial management of the Village Hall is a tricky balance between rising operating costs and keeping rental charges at a level which enables us to attract our users.

Last year we developed a business plan, based on covering our day to day running costs with the income from lettings, but that maintenance costs and special expenditure were supported by fundraising, grants and donations.

I am glad to say that this plan has worked, thanks to significant donations from the Scarecrow Festival, the Alice Bridges Charity, the regular donation from the Parish Council, donations from other events arranged by members of the community and our own fundraising events. In addition our treasurer obtained a grant from the National Lottery, which paid for the new chairs.

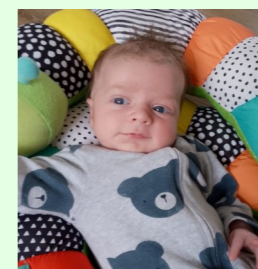
2024 is going to be an even more challenging year financially. We face two potentially major expenditures, to keep the hall in a good condition, which have been highlighted by recent weather conditions. The roof needs major repairs and we have to tackle the damp problem which earlier in the year caused the floor to buckle.

I am sure that most of the community agree that the Village Hall is a major asset for the village. You can help by attending the various fundraising events, including the Theme Evening in July, Scarecrow Festival in August, Race Night in October and Entertainment in November. Look out for the details. I look forward to seeing you there.

John Meredith
Chairman

Birth

Alison and Philip of Northwood Farm are delighted to announce the safe arrival of grandson Jude.



Congratulations

Church



As part of the celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the Church building, a special service was held at Evensong on Trinity Sunday 26th May to rededicate the church bell. The bell was cast by John Warner and Son of London in 1874. It weighs one and a half hundredweights, and has a diameter of 19" at the mouth. The old fixtures and fittings were completely worn out after 150 years of use. All have been renewed and the bell installed back in the tower.

The contractor was Lancashire Clock Makers with Joinery work undertaken by Churchwarden Simon Gilbert.

The project has been made possible by a generous donation from Kath and Brian Sutcliffe in memory of their parents, Peter and Marian Sutcliffe.



80th D Day Commemoration

In Memoriam

Terry Robbins passed away on the 9th April. He was 86, beloved husband of Michelle and much loved Dad to Terry and Claire. He was a very keen sportsman, especially golf, and was proud to be Captain of his Golf Club in 1996. He was the Export Director at Coloroll, Nelson and relocated from London to the North of England in 1979. He and his family lived on Acres Brook Road for 43 years. He will be greatly missed.



Our deepest condolences to his family