

Burnley Film Makers

The first Burnley Cultural Awards evening took place at Burnley Mechanics on Thursday 5th September and brought together groups from across the area who had been nominated for an award. It was quite a prestigious event with a sit down meal and entertainment provided by a number of local artists including, Burnley Youth Theatre, Burnley Light Opera Society and led by master of ceremonies, John Gilmore from BBC Radio Lancashire. Burnley Film Makers were nominated in the 'Volunteer' category along with the Burnley Civic Trust and the Lancashire Digital Imaging project. Announcing the award for the Volunteer category was the director of Creative Talent Management, Kevin Furber and on opening the envelope he revealed the winners - Burnley Film Makers! Former chairman of BFM, Carl Stredder and communications secretary Mike Smith were awarded with the Cultural Award trophy on stage with John Gilmore and Kevin Furber. It was a really special night and one Carl, Mike and members Carol and David Hines will remember for a long time,



CHRISTMAS FAIR

this year will take place on Sunday 24th November in the village hall starting at 11am. There will be craft stalls, games, raffle and tombola. Father Christmas will be visiting us and children will be able to visit him in his grotto in church. We will also be providing refreshments in the village hall. Donations of food and cakes will be gratefully received as will any offers of help on the day - please contact Heather Swindlehurst on 07713121275 or Val Butterfield on 07530345079 to let us know.



We look forward to seeing you there.

Higham 125 Club

Congratulations to our most recent lucky winners. If you would like the chance to win £125 why not join. We still have availability. If you would like to do so please contact Heather Swindlehurst on 07713121275 or Val Butterfield on 07530345079 for more details.

June No 103

July No 123
Winifred Smith

August No 9
John Clegg



Good luck to all our members!

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Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December 2024
Village Hall @ 6.30pm

Residents who are 65 or over, 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, a hot Christmas meal and dessert followed by live entertainment from 'James Cockerill'

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 2024 as numbers are limited to 54.

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

At Higham Village Hall
Great Evening of Music and Song
Saturday 16th November 7:30 pm



with
Cruise Ship & TV Artist
Andy Eastwood



and
Vocalist Victoria Jones
Tickets only £10 on sale from
the end of October

Look out for Posters
BYO wine and snacks, draught beer
available

A Village Hall Fund Raiser

SANTA AT THE FOUR ALLS

6.00pm Sunday 22nd December

Once again Santa will be arriving at his grotto to see the children of Higham.



£5 per child's ticket

Tickets can be purchased from the bar at The Four Alls

Pendle Forest Sports Club

26 OCT	Halloween Party	20 DEC	Brass Band with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
8 DEC	Christmas Fayre	27 DEC	Skafull Band (ticket only)

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SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND BALL

Once again the weekend was a great success and we had lots of visitors to the village enjoying the wonderful scarecrows dotted around the trail. There were 58 entries this year and we want to thank all our scarecrow builders for putting on such a good show – we couldn't do the event without you. The weather was better than expected, although Sunday was a very wet day, but the crowds still came. Thankfully Monday was a fine day for our farmers market stalls. The daily book sale in church was, as always, very popular and very busy.



The scarecrows were judged this year by professional ghost tour guide Simon Entwistle. In 1st place was 'Wizard of Oz' by the Bellew family, 2nd was Star Wars featuring Obi-Wan Kenobi by the Tomlinsons and 3rd was E.T. by the Wilkinsons. The public vote went to Alan Sharpe's 'Sing 2'.



In all we raised £5,200 which has been split equally between village hall and church.

We were very grateful to receive lots of help over the weekend from villagers. We would like to say a huge thankyou to you all for donating food, bottles and raffle prizes, or for giving us some of your time to help in the village hall, in church or in the gazebo at the bottom of the village. Without this help we wouldn't be able to continue with the festival.



Two weeks later we held the Scarecrow Ball which was again well attended. A great evening was had by all. John Metcalfe and Chris and Rachael Aspden worked hard to provide a wonderful barbecue and entertainment was provided by Louis Devere.



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Meetings 3rd Tuesday in the month at 7.00pm in the Village Hall
(No meeting in December)

Since the last newsletter, the Parish Council has been focused on arranging the completion of various village maintenance activities to ensure that the village continues to look its best as follows:-

- Work is currently being undertaken on the Chapel Street Wall with immediate attention being given to taking down the wall at the cheek position. This section will subsequently be re-built;
- A new grate cover has been fitted in the Chapel grounds;
- A recent tree report identified some trees that need to be removed from the Higham Park. This work will be completed by Northern Forestry within the next few weeks;
- Following the playground inspection report various tasks have been completed to improve the play area including painting of the play equipment;
- New goalposts have been ordered and we expect these to be installed very soon;
- The broken gatepost at Croft Lane has now been restored. Further work is required to ensure that the gate can be closed properly and plans for this are underway;
- The planned graveyard memorial inspection and restoration work will be taking place during November. If you haven't done so already, please do get in touch with the Parish Council Clerk if you have relatives or family links to any of the damaged memorials.

In addition, two grants have been received towards a Biodiversity project (£300) and for a public right of way maintenance and repairs project (£500). A proposal to either stone the area off Copthurst Ave that gets boggy or for provision of steps to make safe the path off Acresbrook Road has been submitted.

In other news, Richard Gadd has decided to stand down from the Parish Council. The Parish Council would like to extend thanks to Richard for his contribution to the work of the Council over the past few years. If you might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Council Clerk for further details.

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Village Hall

Work on the damp problems continues, with the hall closed for one week, while the specialist contractors take up the floor for further inspection and remedial work. Air vents on the front wall need clearing, further air vents are required in cupboards, and a dehumidifier has to be purchased. A membrane may be needed, between the East wall and the church grounds.

Roof repairs will commence once we have received the final report and quotation from the preferred contractor. Unfortunately, few contractors have been interested in working on a listed building. Higham Parish Council have offered up to £6,000 towards the cost of damp proofing and roof repairs. We have received a grant of £250 from LCC towards the cost of a dehumidifier.

We are very grateful for donations, towards our general maintenance of £650 from John Clegg's "60/70's Evening" and over £2800 from the Higham Events Committee from the "Scarecrow Festival". Thanks to all. We have submitted plans for an extension to the hall to provide a disabled toilet, storage space for tables and chairs off the main hall, reconfigured toilets and increased working space in the kitchen. Once plans are approved, we will have three years to raise the necessary funding. Please help by attending our fundraising events and enjoy yourselves at the same time. Thank you.

John Meredith
Chairman

Village Hall Groups

Table Tennis (Gents)

Monday Evening Nick Saunders

Table Tennis (Ladies)

Monday Afternoon Kath Sutcliffe

Pendle Threads (Embroidery)

1st Monday afternoon of month Kathryn Thompson

Parish Council

3rd Tuesday of month 7.00pm. 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

Tots Group (New) Friday mornings

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.

Birth

Plummer Triplets

Brittany and Matthew are the proud parents of possibly the first set of naturally conceived non-identical triplets born in Higham

Born on the 30th July in birth order we have:

Maisie Grace Plummer
weighing 4lb 6oz.

Luca James Plummer
weighing 4lb 4oz.

Arlo George Plummer
weighing 3lb 4oz.



Congratulations!

In Memoriam

ANNE RAWLINSON aged 78, the much loved wife of Chris, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, who died after a long and courageous battle with cancer.



Anne was one of Higham's stalwarts. Anne and Chris's Post Office, shop and B&B were the centre of village life: the source of news, shopping delivered to older residents, and a cup of tea and a sympathetic ear for customers in need.

Anne could be seen on the cash desk in events at the Village Hall, breakfast club at school, booking clerk for the Village Hall and any committee, which was struggling for a helper. On the day of her funeral, the Church was full to overflowing and a huge crowd gathered in the centre of the village to show the love and respect they felt for Anne.

Chris wishes to thank everyone who donated to Pendleside Hospice in memory of Anne. A total of £1524 was raised.

TONY BROWN of Wesley Place, after a long illness, dearly loved husband of Eileen.

Tony had lived in several houses in Higham for over 40 years. He was a partner in NEL Construction Ltd, and several villagers worked for his company.

BARBARA SAUNDERS of Wilkinson Street, dearly loved wife of Mel, a dear mother of Nick and Louisa, grandmother, mother in law and friend. Barbara moved into Higham as a young bride over 50 years ago and has lived here ever since.

Our deepest condolences to their families

Church



The Church was pleased to host the wedding of Tim and Gemma Mason on 10th August. A great day was had by all despite the changeable weather.

The Church would like to thank the Events Committee for the donation from this year's Scarecrow Festival together with revenue from the Book sale, these donations are used to help meet the day to day running of the church and are much appreciated.

Looking to coming events, there is Harvest Festival and Supper on 6th October, a special year as we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the Church. We also commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the current iteration of the Choir led by Choirmaster Robert Fergusson.

We have regular services of Sung Communion every Sunday at 9.30 am.

Special services between now and the next issue of the Spout are as follows

Sunday 3rd Nov at 4.00pm: All Souls service to commemorate the souls of people recently passed away.

Sunday 10th Nov at 10.30 am: Remembrance service and laying of wreaths.

Sunday 24th Nov at 9.30 am: Toy service where gifts of toys are donated.

Sunday 22nd Dec at 9.30 am: Lessons and Carol service.

Tuesday 24th Dec at 4.00 pm: Christingle service
Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm

Wednesday 25th Dec at 9.30 am: Christmas morning Communion.

Weddings

Congratulations to Andrew Townend and Emily Batley who were married on Saturday 21st September.

The wedding took place at St. Thomas's Church, Barrowford and was followed by a reception to celebrate the occasion at Park Hill Barn, Pendle Heritage Centre.



Wishing them every happiness