

## Future Events

A FUND RAISING EVENT  
HIGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 22nd February at 7.30pm

The Return by Popular Demand

"FOREVERLY"

Starring **Terry Webster**

from the **Rocking Berries**

*BYO Food & Drinks*

*Draught Beer available*

Tickets £10.00 from

John Clegg 01282 777175

Lucy Willighan 07753 718351

John Meredith 01282 338262

**ANNE RAWLINSON MEMORIAL  
CONCERT**

At Higham Village Hall

Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm

Featuring Jonathan Young  
of the famous **Bachelors** group  
and local vocalist **Donna Bland**

*BYO Food & Drinks*

*Draught Beer Available*

Tickets £10 from

John Clegg 01282 777175

Chris Rawlinson 07534 712836

John Meredith 01282338262

The May Fair will take place on 3 - 5 May 2025. Scarecrow Festival on 23 - 25 August 2025.

More details to follow.

Sunday 23rd February 1.30 - 3.30  
at Higham Village Hall

**Lancashire Talking**  
Join in the conversation

Launched in 2020, Lancashire Talking is a major Lancashire Police initiative that aims to understand the needs of our local communities.

A key priority of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Lancashire Talking enables you to share any concerns with an Officer / PCSO.

**LAMBING SEASON**

PLEASE WALK YOUR DOG RESPONSIBLY

Keep to footpaths

Keep dogs on leads

Even a friendly dog can cause sheep to panic and run, resulting in the ewe aborting the lamb.

Link to map showing public footpaths

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/public-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way-map/>

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR



The Christmas Fair was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall and church. There were craft stalls, games, raffle and tombola in the village hall. Father Christmas also visited us and children were able to see him in

his grotto in church. We had farmers market stalls in church too this time. We were delighted to have members of the school choir come and sing Christmas songs for us in the village hall. It was a lovely start to the event and was enjoyed by all our visitors. As always in the village hall we had our popular refreshments and we were very grateful to everyone who kindly donated hot food and cakes. Also to those who gave their time to help. In all it was a very successful event with lots of visitors and a lovely atmosphere. We are delighted to have raised £1,000 for church funds.

## SANTA AT THE FOUR ALLS

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December we were delighted to be visited by Father Christmas who came to give out presents from his grotto outside the Four Alls. Happily the weather was reasonably kind, though cold, and Santa was kept very busy by the high number of children who came. Outside there was a brazier to give a bit of warmth and Christmas music played – a big thank you to Matt Harrison.



Inside, the church had organised a choir to sing Christmas songs, getting everyone to join in with a fun rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas. Michael and team provided tasty burgers for sale.

## SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Seniors' Christmas Party was very popular as usual. Many thanks to Lucy and her team for organising the meal, quiz, raffle and James Cockerill for providing the music.



# HIGHAM

with West Close Booth  
PARISH COUNCIL

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

As this is the first newsletter of 2025, the Parish Council would like to wish all residents in Higham a very happy New Year!

As well as looking forward to the opportunities that a new year brings, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the activities that have taken place since our last update.

A variety of festive events took place during November and December which included the Christmas Fair, Santa at the Four Alls Inn and the very popular Senior Citizens Christmas party. A lot of effort goes into organising these events and we'd like to thank all those who were able to contribute to making them a success. We also wish to express our thanks to John Meredith for sponsoring the Village Christmas tree in memory of his late wife, Jackie.

We have previously provided an update on some of the maintenance work we had planned in the latter part of 2024, and we're pleased to report that the majority of this work has now been completed. This included the work to rebuild the wall on Chapel Street and the restoration repairs in the graveyard. The new goalposts have finally been installed and we've been able to plant four new trees (kindly donated by Mel Saunders) to replace those that had to be removed from Higham Recreation Ground due to ash dieback disease. You may also notice the addition of some large stones which we've had to put in place to prevent people from driving on the field. Work on the Public Right of Way project is currently underway and the re-seeding of the biodiversity area is planned for the Spring.

The Parish Council were pleased to be able to support the Village Hall with a donation (£5,980) for the costs involved in repairing the roof and damp issues as well as towards the consultation fees for the planning application for the proposed extension.

Finally, we do still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Council Clerk for further details.

Higham Parish Council

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## Village Hall

We would like to thank the Parish Council who granted the funds to cover the costs of damp proofing, roof repairs and the planning application. Our thanks also to Christine Adams, who donated another dehumidifier, so we now have two running on a regular basis. Hopefully these improvements will provide a better hall environment, particularly during the winter months.

We have also received planning approval for the proposed extension, subject to detailed building consent. The process will now continue by us obtaining provisional estimates of building costs, potential grants and further consultations to complete the feasibility assessment.

Our Race Night made £956 on the evening including the donations of some tote winnings. Thanks to all our helpers and Burnley Film Makers for their technical support and to all those who attended for their generosity. A donation of £302 was received from John Clegg after his November fundraising event. Thank you again John.

The raffle at the Annual Christmas Party was organised in aid of the village hall and raised £210, thanks to Lucy Willighan's efforts and all those who donated prizes. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from the community. If you would like to contribute, why not come to one of our fundraising events, the next is on Saturday 22nd February.

The Village Hall Committee Wishes You All a Happy 2025

## Village Hall Groups

### Table Tennis (Ladies)

Monday Afternoon (starting spring) Cath Sutcliffe

### Pendle Threads (Embroidery)

1st Monday afternoon of month Kathryn Thompson

### 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

Friday mornings 10.45 am.

### Pilates

Tuesday Mornings Tracy Edmondson

### Art Classes for Pre School Children

Wednesday mornings Amy Stansfield

### Sam's Pop up Cafe

3rd Tuesday afternoon of month Samantha Hammond

### East Lancs Radio Club

Thursday Evenings Neil Mooney

### U3A Country Dancing

1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons Eric Bushby

### Book Club

Last Tuesday evening of month Diane Perrin

### Pizza & Praise

Last Friday evening of month Andrea Johnstone

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.

## Higham 125 Club

Congratulations to our most recent lucky winners. Why not start 2025 by giving yourself the chance to win £125? 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.

Latest winners:-



September No. 112  
Steve Wignall



October No. 30  
Louise Douglas



November No. 79  
Patricia Rosthorn

December No. 109  
Anne Marie Smith

Good luck to all our members for 2025!

## Sam's Pop Up Café

Sammantha came up with the idea of a pop up cafe in the Village Hall, where people could meet up, have a chat and make new friends or find old ones, and keep warm.



She provides delicious cakes and it is free, (though donations are gratefully received). It runs from 1.00pm - 3pm on the following 3rd Tuesdays of the month:- 21 Jan, 18 Feb, 18 March, 15 April.

## Church

Happy New Year from all at St John's church. We have been busy at church and welcomed so many new faces, old and new, over the Christmas season. We meet every Sunday at 9.30am and we offer a warm welcome to all.

Particular services of interest are:

- Ash Wednesday 5th March at 6pm
- Mothering Sunday 30th March at 9.30am
- Palm Sunday 13th April at 9.30am
- Maundy Thursday 17th April at 6pm
- Easter Day Sunday 20th April at 9.30am

Please note we have a new website, that is updated weekly. Please search [St John the Evangelist - A Church Near You](http://St John the Evangelist - A Church Near You)

We enjoy time with our school children, with various classes coming into church for 'Play and Praise' and 'Explorer' sessions where Bible stories are told, crafts made, followed by a short act of worship. Reverend Lesley is assisted by Gil Gilbert at these sessions. We are hoping and praying to begin a 'Choir Church' within the school. Full details about this are found in our weekly newsletter and on our website.

## In Memoriam

**Simon Ashworth (65)**, sadly passed away on Monday, 9th December, following a very short illness. Simon was very much loved by his partner Carole and his sons Robert and Daniel, of whom he was immensely proud. Simon lived in Higham for almost 30 years and took an active part in all aspects of village life and was always available to offer a helping hand for whatever was needed, with his usual big grin and loud "Hello" that he frequently greeted people with. The fantastic attendance at Simon's funeral was testament to his popularity in the community. £1,450 was raised from Simon's 'Just Giving' page, along with a full bucket of donations that were collected on the day, with all proceeds going to Pendleside Hospice. The family would like to thank everyone for the support shown and also to extend a huge thanks to 'Banny' for arranging the hospitality at 'The Fours' following the service.



Our deepest condolences to his family

## Tots Play

A group of babies joined Rachel at Higham Village Hall for a host of activities helping with their natural development. The group is run by *Tots Play Ribble Valley* and is a good way for mums and babies to make friends, have fun and share experiences. They meet every Friday at 10.45 am. <https://www.totsplay.co.uk/ribblevalley>

