

Higham
PARISH COUNCIL

Seniors Christmas Party
Tuesday 16th December 2025
Village Hall @ 6.30pm

Dear Residents
If you are a senior aged 65 or over, you are cordially invited to join us at our annual Christmas Party. Held in the Village Hall, you will be greeted with a pre-dinner drink, followed by a 2 course Christmas meal, raffle and live entertainment from 'Donna Bland'

Please note that there will be a donations drinks bar available as it is not a 'bring your own drinks' event

Tickets are now on sale - priced at £10 each
Closing date for tickets is 20th November 2025

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 Sam Hutchinson 07793 954693

Please note: All tickets must be paid for when ordering as we need to confirm numbers in advance for the catering - when booking tickets please advise Sam of any dietary requirements, thank you

**** TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT ****



HIGHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR this year will be held on Sunday 23rd November in the Village Hall. Opening times are 11am to 3pm. There will be craft stalls, tombola and a raffle in the hall. Children from Higham school will sing for us at 11:10am and Father Christmas arrives at 11:30. Children can visit him in his grotto inside church. Hot and cold food, cakes and drinks will be available. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you there.

At Higham Village Hall
Direct from Star Cabaret Tour
the amazing
Andy Eastwood
&
Helen Farrell

Saturday 15th November
7.30pm

BYO wine and snacks
Draught beer available
Tickets £10

from John Clegg(01282)777175
Lucy Willighan 07753 718351
and John Meredith(01282) 338262

A Village Hall Fund Raiser

FESTIVE FLOWERS
by
ALISON EDDY
AT
HIGHAM VILLAGE HALL
DEC 5TH
7PM
£20 PER TICKET:
INC BUBBLES, NIBBLES
AND RAFFLE

PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

Whose BEEN busy




In St John's Churchyard?


 The Higham Covid 19 Facebook page has been renamed Higham Lancs Community Group. Take a look at the page for all things Higham. Villagers are welcome to post on the page.

Anyone for TAI CHI?
Jane Grey would love to hold a Tai Chi class in Higham Village Hall on Friday mornings from 10.30 -11.30 am, if enough people show an interest Everyone welcome. Age and creaking joints no barrier. If you are interested or want more information, contact Lucy Willighan on 07753718351. Hope to see you there.


Higham 125 Club
Congratulations to our most recent lucky winners. You still have the chance to win £125 as we still have availability. If you would like to join the 125 Club please contact Heather Swindlehurst on 07713121275 or Val Butterfield on 07530345079 for more details.



July No 45
Alexandra Hamilton



August No 113
Lucy Willighan



September No 12
Jenny Biscomb

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

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SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND BALL

What a great weekend we had for the Scarecrow Festival this year! The weather was perfect and the scarecrows were brilliant. Once again the villagers had pulled out all the stops to create an amazing display. Judging was done this year by Lesley Johnston – a member of the Burnley Film Makers group who meet in the village hall. After much deliberation her choices were:

1 st prize	Race Across the World	Heather Swindlehurst
2 nd prize	UP	Michael & Marina Bann
3 rd prize	Singing in the Rain	John Meredith & Gill Barrows

The public vote went to Tangled by Michael & Natalie Metcalfe.

Saturday afternoon saw the introduction of our Fun Dog Show on the lawn outside church. It was very well received with lots of entries. Many thanks to the organising team and our judge Rita Chew from Fence. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the event and we look forward to doing it again. On Sunday visitors were entertained by the Royal Preston Morris Dancers outside the Four Alls. Monday was extremely busy and very hot and once again we hosted a very popular farmers' market. The second hand book sale in church ran throughout the event and raised £750 for the church building fund. Thanks to Kath, Doreen and Lynn. The village hall was busy as ever providing hot and cold food and drinks – thank you to everyone who gave time to help out in the kitchen and to those who donated hot food and cakes.

It's always wonderful to see the village full of happy visitors having fun following the scarecrow trail. We are so grateful to all our volunteer helpers – we couldn't hold the event without you. We are very pleased to have been able to give £3,000 each to village hall and church.

The Scarecrow Ball took place on Saturday 27th September. Michael Bann kindly cooked burgers and sausage for those who attended and these were accompanied by salads and puddings which had been generously donated. Entertainer for the evening was Donna Bland who sang for us and provided background music. Terry Butterfield announced the prize winners, including some chosen by the committee. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. Profits from the event amounted to £400 which was split equally between the church and the village hall.




HIGHAM

with West Close Booth
PARISH COUNCIL

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

Christmas Tree Light Switch On

This year we will celebrate the lighting of our village Christmas Tree with carols and complementary mulled wine and mince pies at The Four Alls on Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm. We will also have a surprise guest to switch on the lights. We hope you can come and join us.

Sponsor a Bauble

The Parish Council would like to invite villagers to sponsor a bauble for the village Christmas tree. We are asking for a minimum donation of £25. The donations will go towards the cost of the tree and the baubles (the baubles will be retained to be used again next year). Names of loved ones or families can be written on the baubles. If you would like to sponsor a bauble please contact Sam Hutchinson on 07793954693.

The cost of a suitably sized tree, including putting it up and taking it down, will be several hundred pounds. The tree used to be provided by Pendle Borough Council, but economies mean we have to provide our own.

Higham Parish Council

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

Pilates Tuesday Mornings Tracy Edmondson

Art Classes for Pre School Children

Wednesday mornings Amy Stansfield

Sam's Pop up Café

3rd Tuesday afternoon of month Sam Hutchinson
No Pop up Café in December owing to Seniors' Party

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/>

Village Hall



GREAT NEWS! The committee has been offered a grant of £83,660 from the FCC Communities Foundation towards the proposed extension and upgrade to the village hall.

The FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for the community through the Landfill Communities Fund.

This is a really major achievement and once again we must thank our treasurer Graham Fitton for identifying the opportunity and preparing a very detailed application, but as Graham said when we heard the news "the real work is just beginning".

The proposed plan includes three main areas, additional store in a flat roof extension in the area currently used for bin storage, alteration to the toilet layout to incorporate a disabled toilet and increasing the working area of the kitchen.

First, we must finalise the plan and prepare public tender documents, which should be completed shortly. The tender process and subsequent adjudication, followed by obtaining the approval of the FCC Foundation, will mean that we hope to be able to sign the legal grant agreement by the end of the year. We are not allowed to start work until that agreement is signed.

Therefore, we cannot expect work to commence before sometime in January. We will endeavour, with the co-operation of the chosen contractor to keep the hall open for the regular users and maybe some small parties, but obviously there will be no major events in the period leading up to the May Fair. We will keep both users and local residents regularly informed, as the project proceeds.

Although we have received this grant offer, we still need to raise funds for any additional costs, as well as normal ongoing maintenance. So, we hope you will continue to support our fundraising events. Thanks to all those who have bought tickets for Race Night and you will find an advertisement for the next event in this issue of the Spout. We look forward to seeing you then.

We would like to thank the Events Committee for their recent donation of £200 from the proceeds of the Scarecrow Ball.

John Meredith
Chairman

Sam's Pop up Café

21 October, 18 November. Sam Hutchinson

No Pop up Café in December owing to Seniors' Party.

In Memoriam

Ted Mashiter of Halmote Avenue, was born on Pendle View. He returned to live in Higham with his wife, Jean, about 25 years ago.

Together they spent many happy years caravanning and then travelled extensively in their motor home, which could be spotted outside their home on Halmote Avenue.



Pendle Threads

Pendle Threads is a group of creative stitchers and crafters who meet on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays), in Higham Village Hall.

The group starts at 12.30pm for social sewing / crafts, there is a wealth of knowledge within the group so there is always someone to help if you need advice with a project. Workshops and talks are from 2pm - 4pm.

Workshops and talks cover a range of different textile interests ranging from data embroidery, book making, quilting, felt

fruits and robins, hand stitching / design to millinery, there really is something for everybody. The group also enjoys some Saturday workshops. Last year Rachael Singleton held her 'House on the Hill' workshop on a Saturday (you can see the houses in the picture) and this year (8th November) Sue Bartlett will be holding a book making workshop. If you have an interest in sewing or crafts Pendle Threads is for you.

Everyone receives a warm welcome so come along and meet us. You don't have to commit to joining the group, you can just come for individual sessions and you are welcome to come to the Saturday workshop (all for a small charge). If you would like anymore information please contact Sam Hutchinson (07793954693)

sammantha.hammond@hotmail.co.uk.



SANTA AT THE FOUR ALLS



6.00pm Sunday 21st 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

Church



Welcome to Autumn 'the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' a time in the church calendar which is full of events culminating with our celebrations at Christmas welcoming the birth of Jesus.

This comes after a balmy summer where the church in Higham took part in the Pendle Deanery week of prayer whereby all churches with in the deanery held an event to pray for local and national issues.

We also took part in the Scarecrow Festival event and thank the Events Committee for their generous donation from the proceedings.

We held a Thanksgiving service for the wider village community, for all of their efforts in making the event a success, where half of the collection was given to a local charity.

Looking forward to the coming months we have:

A Pet Service on Sunday 12th October at 2pm. Bring your pets large or small to be blessed.

Saints and Souls services on Sunday 2nd November The morning @ 9.30 celebrates all of the Saints while the 4.00pm we remember the souls of loved ones who have passed away in the parish.

Please let us know if there is anyone you want remembered specifically.

Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November at 10.30 where we invite the whole community to pay respect to those who have lost their life in service to our country.

For more information on the events over the Christmas period do look out for card that we will be sending round to each household. You can stay up to

date by receiving our weekly newsletter by email to Rev Lesley on areadean.pendle@blackburn.anglican.org or by looking at the 'Church near you' website and



Harvest Decorations

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