

PLEASE JOIN US FOR...

HIGHAM VILLAGE HALL REOPENING



Join us to celebrate our newly extended Village Hall.

Opening ceremony at 2pm, followed by afternoon drop in with refreshments throughout the afternoon.

Please RSVP to higham@downatthesocial.co.uk

- Saturday, April 25 2026
- 2pm - 6pm.
- Higham Village Hall



Supported by a grant from FCC Communities Foundation.



Higham Parish Council

would like to invite you to attend the Annual Village Meeting 2026

~ Complimentary cheese & wine ~

Please do come along, there is no pressure to speak or get involved we will just be happy to have you there

The chance to:

- Meet your Parish Councillors
- Receive updates on village matters
- Meet other village representatives
- Raise issues causing you concern
- Comment, ask questions or present ideas

Wednesday 13th May ~ 7.00pm ~ Higham Village Hall

HIGHAM Spout

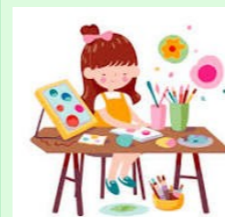
News and views from the village of Higham



THE SPOUT
Supplying untreated spring water to the village of Higham since the 1850's.

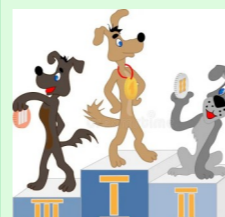


May Fair



The May Fair this year will be held on the weekend of 2nd to 4th May and there should be lots going on!

Every day there will be a **craft marquee** behind the village hall, a small **second hand book sale** in church and **puppet shows** in front of church.



On **Saturday** there will also be a **classic car show** and a **fun dog show**. The classic cars will parade through the village at 3pm.

Sunday will include **birds of prey** and **ferret racing**.

On **Monday** we are delighted to have the Higham schoolchildren **maypole dancing** for us and there will be a **farmers market**. We are currently also arranging musical performances yet to be confirmed.



We are once again asking the schoolchildren to take part in a competition - this year based around the theme of bees. Pictures, models, poems, we look forward to seeing their creations. All the entries will be displayed in church for the duration of the event.

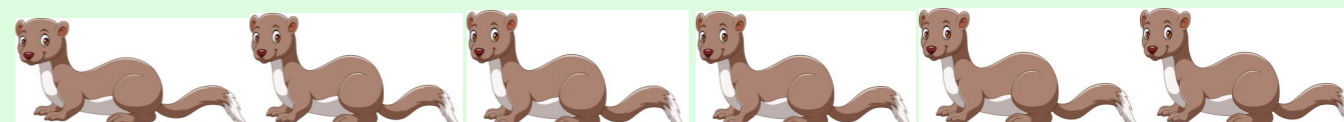
Of course, the event wouldn't be complete without the delicious refreshments provided in the village hall!

Can we ask for your help? If you can spare a couple of hours over the weekend, we need people for the two entry desks selling programs or for the village hall tea room. Could you make a cake or a hot food dish? Please contact Val on 07530345079 or Heather on 07713121275 if you could do any of these.



Also we will be having a daily raffle so, if you could donate a prize these can be left at 20 Acresbrook Road or 77 Higham Hall Road.

We look forward to seeing you over the weekend – and don't forget that, once purchased, the program can be used every day.



In Memoriam

Horace 'Robert' Eminson

On Tuesday 6th January 2026 at his home, Robert, aged 91 years, of Higham. Beloved husband of Jean, a much loved dad, grandad, great grandad and a dear brother and uncle.

A funeral service was held at St Anne's Church, Fence, followed by interment in St John's Churchyard, Higham.



Paul Harry Lambert, aged 78 years passed away on 12th January 2026 in hospital with his wife of 56 years by his side. Paul and Lynne moved to Higham in 1977 and made many friends. He will be dearly missed. Now at peace and forever in our hearts.

Our deepest condolences to their families

Church

I hope you have all had a good Easter, the church had a full programme of services covering the period; from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday to Reflections on Good Friday and finally to Easter Day itself, where we celebrated the Risen Christ.

Looking forward to the coming months our planning application for the extension containing disabled access, toilet facilities, a kitchen and separately heated room have been submitted to the local council and we await their response. It is an exciting time!



Talking of exciting times there are to be TWO weddings in Higham on the 4th and 11th of July, we hope the weather is good for them and that all goes well. Pictures to follow in the next spout.

There is also a Big Day Out in Blackpool to look forward to as the Diocese of Blackburn is celebrating its centenary. This is on the 16th May, more details can be found in the Church Newsletter over the coming weeks and is free to receive. If you would like to have it sent to you then please contact myself the Churchwarden at S.gilbertjoinery@gmail.com.

We continue to look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday, in case people were not aware the service is on Sundays at 9.30 and is a Sung Communion service, all are welcome!

Village Hall

We are pleased to report good progress on the Village Hall extension and enhancement is progressing well, despite some difficult weather conditions at times.

Since the work started at the beginning of January it has progressed with speed. First, as some of you will have seen, the extension was built on the area previously occupied by the bins. The team then moved inside to complete the extension, rearrange and modernise the toilets and extend the kitchen. All the basic plumbing and electric wiring has been fitted, walls plastered and three new cupboards constructed in the rear hall.

It now remains for all the fittings and fixtures to be installed together with the floor covering and the two more cupboards in the rear hall.

We should now meet our original target for completion for the May Fair, in good time. In fact, we now plan to celebrate the **OFFICIAL OPENING** on **SATURDAY 25TH APRIL**.

Please see our advertisement for further details. You are welcome to join us during that day to have a look around.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank both the contractors and our regular users for their cooperation, in keeping the hall in use during the works.

The Village Hall Management Committee

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

East Lancs Radio Club

Thursday Evenings Neil Mooney

U3A Country Dancing

1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons Eric Bushby

Book Club

Last Tuesday evening of month Gil Gilbert

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/>

JOIN OUR HIGHAM 125 CLUB AND HAVE THE CHANCE OF WINNING £125!

If you're interested in becoming a member please contact Heather Swindlehurst on 07713121275 or Val Butterfield on 07530345079 for more details.

Latest winners :

January No 44
Diane Duxbury



February No 46
Marilyn Hamilton



March No 107
Lynn Whalley

Good luck to all our members!

All Fours Charity Dog Walks



What could be better than a bracing country walk on a Sunday morning rounded off with a bacon butty and a brew, and at the same time raising money for good causes.

The first walk in February to help beauty therapist Claire Nutter fund treatment for a brain tumour, drew 50

walkers and their dogs and raised £600.

The second walk for the RSPCA East Lancs Animal Shelter that was threatened with closure raised £353.

On April 5th the funds raised will go towards a prostate cancer testing day at Belvedere and Calder Vale Sports Club on Saturday May 30th hosted by the Barry Kilby Prostate Cancer Appeal Charity.



Setting off at 9.30am for an hour or so and ending up back at the Four Alls Inn. The group asks for a minimum donation of £5 per walker, which includes a brew and bacon butty served by landlord Michael Bann.

Everyone is welcome and you do not need a dog!

Higham Scarecrow Festival 2026

29th, 30th, 31st August

This year, Higham Scarecrow Festival is celebrating all of us here in the village.

We'd love to see your scarecrows demonstrating your job, your hobby or something you do in our village that helps make it the wonderful place it is.



HIGHAM

with West Close Booth
PARISH COUNCIL

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

Spring is officially here, bringing lighter, brighter days. No doubt a welcome lift for us all!

The Parish Council is delighted to have supported the Village Hall's much needed extension, and we're looking forward to celebrating its opening later this month. We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a wonderful community event.

Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend the Annual Village Meeting, taking place at 7pm on Wednesday 13 May, to hear more about the work the Parish Council has been carrying out over the past year.

Latest ongoing maintenance work across the parish includes:

- Bench treatment.
- Continued repairs to the spout, drains and shed.
- Overgrowth clearance at the Chapel Grounds.
- Assessment of drainage and pathway options at Copthurst.

Playground safety improvements, including a replacement zipline seat and six new log steps.

The outcome of a match funded bid from the Pride in Place Impact Fund, which would support further playground renovation in Higham is still awaited.

The Parish Council is also exploring the feasibility of sourcing a red telephone box to create a community library. An idea we hope will add a charming and useful feature to the village.

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you're interested in getting involved or would like to learn more, please contact the Parish Council Clerk or come and speak to one of us at the Annual Village Meeting in May.

Diane Perrin

A POSSIBLE OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

There has been a suggestion of having an Open Gardens weekend on June 27th and 28th if enough people are interested in opening their gardens.

Proceeds would be shared between the Village Hall Fund and the Church.

If you are interested and willing to take part, please contact Heather Swindlehurst 07713121275.

Further details, if enough people are interested, at a later date.

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