

What's On

Samlesbury Parish Church (Contact Grace 01772 877076).

7th April: Good Friday: Meditation at the Cross: 11.00.am.

9th April: Easter Day Holy Communion 11.00.pm.

Fri. 14th April: Luncheon Club: 12.30.pm.

Sat. 17th June: Garden Party at the School: 12.00.noon: BBQ, Stalls, etc.

Fri. 23rd June: Luncheon Club 12.30.pm..

St. Mary's Chapel;

7th April: Good Friday: Stations of the Cross: 12.00.noon.

9th “ Easter Sunday Mass: 9.15.am.

30th “ Coffee Morning after Mass.

Samlesbury Higher Hall: 01254 812010;

www.samlesburyhall.co.uk 1st May: Dog Show: Entries accepted from 11.00.am: 1st Class at 12.00.Noon.

Thurs. 22nd June: Wedding Open Evening: 5.00.pm.-7.00.pm.

Sat. 8th July: Midsummer Wellness Day, (Yoga Retreat): 10.00.am.-5.30.pm.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall (Contact: Clare 01254 814926).

Sat. 15th April: Quiz: 7.30.pm.

Sat 8th July: 100th Anniversary: 2.00.pm.-7.00.pm: Free Entry:
Exhibits, stalls, refreshments, games, bar

Date of the next meeting
Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Parish Council
Thursday 23rd May 2023 at 7:30pm

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SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL
April 2023

Notes from the Chairman

- With the local elections due on the 4th May 2023, I would like to thank the present Council members for all their hard work during the past term of office. It has not always been an easy ride, but as a strong, resolute Council, I feel we have done as well as we possibly could. So “thank you.”
- During the last five years we have welcomed four new councillors, who have each brought a new skill set with them. Our previous clerk, Mr. Paul Mulrooney, who did an outstanding job, and was an avid fighter and ally to the parish, stood down, leaving a rather large void to fill. Rachel Greenwood served as our temporary clerk until we found a permanent replacement in Mrs. Aimee Barton, who has made the position her own.
- We understand that if the Dog Warden has to pick up a troublesome dog in South Ribble, there is now a fine of £145. Dogs must be on a lead on field footpaths.
- The Story Homes’ application for the ***Cuerdale Garden Village*** was a bolt out of the blue, galvanising the community to resolutely object to the proposed destruction of our Green Belt. The referendum was testament to this – 98% of those who voted objected to the development. Three public meetings were held with Jackie Copley (CPRE) who is representing the Council at each inquiry into these sensitive planning applications. There was an attendance of over two hundred people at each meeting, showing solidarity. The ***Logik*** application is another example of

a company trying to piggy-back on Story Homes' plans to ignore Green Belt status and destroy it. Now another company, **Protium**, a green hydro energy supplier, is planning to provide the brewery with sustainable energy – no doubt an admirable process – but at the cost of a further three acres of green belt disappearing under concrete. Vicky Paley came to do a presentation at the Parish Council meeting, prior to their consultation at Brockholes, (which was held at short notice). We are also concerned that initial plans visualise access from Vicarage Lane. Contrary to our previous newsletter, we now believe that the sand and gravel surveys are still on-going at Samlesbury Lower Hall.

The Council remains resolute in objecting to all these applications.

- This 'May' newsletter has been sent out early in order to publicise the **Coronation Celebrations**: (6th-8th May inc.)
- The three-day weekend will focus on the **Ceremonial on Day 1** (Coronation), **Celebration** on Day 2 (Concert at Windsor, street parties etc.), & **Community** on Day 3 (the big help-out – volunteering with a community project).

Regarding Day 2: There will be a **Walk & BBQ** at Greenhurst Farm by courtesy of Janet and Graham Young: The evening will start at 6.00pm. If you are hoping to attend, please will you register your intention to Aimee on 07545260119, or at sandcparishclerk@outlook.com Thank you.

Regarding Day 3: On 8th May Samlesbury Parish Council hopes that **volunteers** will help us to begin the restoration of the Japanese Garden. It is owned by the Samlesbury Hall Trust, and can be used by parishioners. It would be lovely if we can have it looking good for the Hall's 700th anniversary in 2025.

We would like volunteers to meet on the car park at the Hall at 10.00am. Refreshments will be provided by the Hall at 12.00noon, and the working day will finish between 3.00. & 4.00pm..

If you are willing to help, please contact Aimee on 07545260119, or sandcparishclerk@outlook.com, (and also mention if you have any special dietary requirements), because we need to know how many to cater for. If you can bring your own garden implements eg. a good yard brush, shovel, spade etc., it will be much appreciated.

- **South Ribble in Bloom 2023: (Judging in September: Event for entrants in October.)**
- We have been invited to enter the above competition again this year, and there are seven categories:-
- *Domestic Front Garden, *Single Domestic Container/Basket, *Best Business Premises, *Best Church/Place of Worship, *Schools Challenge on the theme of the 'King's Coronation,' *Best Community Area/Space, *Young Bloomer age 16 or under. (See enclosed leaflet.)

Entry forms available at southribble.gov.uk/inbloom, or SRBC Civic Centre, West Paddock. **Entries** to be submitted between 1st May & 31st August. All entries to be in by 5.00pm. on 31st August. **Photos** to be sent with the entry form (a maximum 4 pictures allowed)

Further information at www.facebook.com/southribbleinbloom

Thank you to all who supported the Charity Coffee Morning on 25th March, when over £4,000 was raised for EDS UK, PAPYRUS, and Epilepsy Action.

Looking Back: Samlesbury Lower Hall

Sir Thomas Judge Walmesley (1537–1612), was brought up at Showley Hall, Clayton-le-Dale, the eldest of ten children.

He developed a brilliant and lucrative career in Law, became a man of national repute and used his growing wealth to establish a large estate. Thomas bought Dunkenhalgh in 1571, acquired Rishton in 1587, and purchased Elizabeth de Samlesbury's moiety of Samlesbury c1607 for £2,280. In total he spent £32,334 13s. 4d. on land and property in east Lancashire and Yorkshire (much of which had been sequestered because the original owners were recusants). He married Anne Shuttleworth of Hacking and in 1579

Queen Elizabeth granted him a licence to keep a Catholic Priest at Dunkenhalgh.

Thomas conformed to the Established Church, but it is known that he was sympathetic towards Roman Catholics and that his father had been a recusant. (In addition, from 1614 his widow Anne, was paying recusancy fines of £7 10s.0d. for which there are receipts in the Recusancy Rolls).

Over the years, Judge Walmesley was a Sergeant at Law, MP for Clitheroe, a County Member of Parliament for Lancashire, a Justice of the Common Pleas, a Governor of Blackburn Grammar School for 45 years, and an assistant to the House of Lords in Committee for certain Bills. He was also on the Ecclesiastical Commission for Chester, a Freeman of Southampton, assisted the Peers at the arraignment and trial of Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex, (1601), and was knighted by James I in 1603.

A spin-off from meeting (or staying), with many of the old aristocratic families when he was travelling the circuits, were two good marriage alliances for his son, another Thomas.

Judge Walmesley died at Dunkenhalgh in November 1612, (soon after the trials of the Samlesbury 'witches'). He lay 'in state' for several weeks, whilst the roof and windows of the Walmesley's Rishton Chapel in Blackburn Parish Church were repaired and other arrangements were made for an elaborate funeral on 2nd February 1613. *(To be continued).*