

Samlesbury Higher Hall: 01254 812010: See website for details:

www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

25th Aug: Spanish Evening: Garden Room: Authentic music & food:
6.30pm.

Thurs. 5th Sept: Autumn Wedding Open Evening.

13th Sept: Great Victorian Ghost Hunt: 8.00pm.

7th Oct: Bluebird K7: 10.00am-12.00 noon.

31st Oct. (6.00pm): 1st Nov: (8.30pm) Weds. 20th Nov: (8.30pm.)

Torch Light Tour: (Includes staircases.)

30th Nov., 1st Dec., Christmas Fayre: 11.00am.- 4.30pm.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall (Contact: Clare 07739585860).

Sat. 7th Sept: Quiz Night: 7.30pm: BYO Drinks & Nibbles.

Sat. 14th “: Charity Coffee Morning: 10.00.am-1.30.pm: in aid of
CRY (Cardiac Arrest in the Young); NW Air Ambulance; Prostate
Cancer UK.

Sat. 5th Oct: Quiz Night (as above).

Sat. 12th “ Samlesbury All Stars Variety Show: A night of Music &
Comedy: 7.00pm.

Sat. 9th Nov: Quiz Night (as above).

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm In the War Memorial Hall

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SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

August 2024

Notes from the Chairman

Following the results of the snap election on 4th July and the change to the political bias, I would like to personally thank our former MP Nigel Evans, for all the help and guidance he has given the members of the Council, myself, and the wider area.

Our new MP Maya Ellis has been a Parish Councillor in Ribchester, so hopefully will be aware of rural issues. We are looking forward to meeting her at the earliest opportunity, and hopefully build up another good relationship.

- When driving along the A59 it is re-assuring to realise that the important carriageways are being prioritised for re-surfacing. Up to press the re-marking of the motorway roundabout has also been completed. A lot of the side roads are also in need of attention, but working with Cllr. Yates, we hope we can continue with this roll-out.
- The spoil on the former sand and gravel extraction site alongside the motorway is causing concern, due to its height on the flood plain. It needs to be monitored and addressed before it causes flooding elsewhere to become an issue.
- The cutting back of hedges and over-grown verges is an on-going issue, but if you continue reporting them on the *lovecleanstreets* App, it will hopefully keep our footways and beautiful area safe to enjoy.
- A possible footway between the golf centre bus stop and *Sir Frederick Page Way* is also something that needs addressing.
- A number of the Road Speed Action Group attended the July meeting, to update the Council on the progress of their work alongside Cllr. Yates. They have been trying to reduce the speed along the lanes to 30mph.

To achieve a this limit, a series of conditions need to be met: traffic surveys for speed and volume, mitigating actions taken to reduce speed, etc.

The Parish Council agreed that if all data was shared with them, we would work alongside them to help with the reductions. If we could not meet all criteria, the National Highways' advice would be to reduce the speed to 40mph. Cllr. Yates has agreed to share the data, so we look forward to positive meetings with a view to keeping people safe.

- We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped to make the Beacon Lighting event commemorating the *D-Day Landings*, such a poignant occasion.

The Parish Church Bellingrings joined church towers all over the country to *Ring For Peace* at 6.30pm., and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Nab's Head for the food. The wartime music accompaniment (in the pub, on the bus and at the beacon), was also much appreciated. Above all we thank Charles Hadcock, Deputy Chief Lieutenant of Lancashire, who spoke of the war and his family's connection to the defence of our country.

Our beacon (lit by Charles at 9.15pm.), together with neighbouring ones, could be clearly seen, and not even the heavy shower dampened our spirits. £241-36p was raised for the British Legion, and the memorable evening culminated with the National Anthem. Photos can be viewed on the Parish Council website. (samlesburyandcuerdaleparishcouncil).

Christian Aid

Thank you to all who collected for/contributed to, the Christian Aid appeal this year. The final total came to £1,028-89p, of which £364-16p was Gift Aided.

Lower Hall – the Walmesleys of Dunkenhalth and Samlesbury continued: Richard, the eldest surviving son of the third Sir Thomas Walmesley Kt. and Juliana Molyneux, was only six years old when his father died, so he was made a Ward of Court. His grandfather and Richard Byron however, jointly bought the wardship for £1,800 – to be paid over five years. At Juliana's request in 1641, the second Thomas became his sole guardian, but he died when Richard was twelve (1642), so Juliana headed the family and estates until Richard came of age.

As the time of the Civil Wars approached, Juliana took young Richard to Cowthorpe, one of their Yorkshire estates. It was a wise move, because Parliamentary troops invaded Dunkenhalth, stole goods from the house and made full use of the premises.

When he was ready for higher education, Juliana sent Richard abroad with licenses for three years study and travel on the Continent. He was therefore out of reach when he came of age, and the Lancashire Committee found themselves negotiating with Juliana.

Two-thirds of their lands could be sequestrated if Richard refused to take the *Oath of Abjuration*, so in 1650 it was arranged for Juliana and two other attorneys to lease his estates to others. Richard's existing estates therefore, were effectively in trust and in the meantime Juliana was buying up land in Yorkshire, hoping that it could be passed on to him in the future.

The democratic methods used by the Commissioners assisted Juliana's delaying tactics – appeals and petitions had to be held in Lancashire and then reported to London, where decisions were taken and then directed back to Lancashire. Long-distance correspondence to the Continent also gave her extra time.

Although the family were Roman Catholic, in time Richard lived in London and sometimes attended the Parish Church at Holburn.

When he married Mary Fromond, the alliance was reported to be one which crowned all previous marriages – Mary not only brought large additions to the Walmesley estates, she also had connections with many prominent families, including the Norfolks and Howards.

With Richard and Mary the Walmesley estate reached its zenith. They led a full social life, worked hard and played hard; Richard took his responsibilities seriously – enjoyed music and read widely. (To be contd.)

War Memorial Hall Update

Our thanks go to the Memorial Hall Committee who have recently refurbished both the kitchen and sprung dance floor in the main hall, and also provided new chairs.

Nab's Head

Please help to support the *Nab's Head*. Hot food is now being served on:-

Wed. 12.00 noon – 2.30pm., and 5.00pm – 6.00pm., (Quiz at 7.30pm.)

Thurs to Sat. 12.00 noon – 2.30pm and 5.00pm – 8.30pm.

Sun. 12.00 noon – 7.30pm.

The New Hall Tavern

If anyone is interested in a change of career, the opportunity has arisen to run this recently renovated pub. Please QR code on the banner at the front of the pub.

What's On

Samlesbury Parish Church (Contact Grace 01772 877076).

Fri. 20th Sept; Talk in church by historian Dr. Alan Crosby:

One of Lancashire's most precious buildings – Samlesbury Hall and its owners: 1250-1950.

Cheese & Wine: 7.00pm.

Sun. 6th Oct; Morning Service incorporating Preston Lady Farmers: 11.00am.

Light lunch afterwards.

Fri. 11th Oct; Lunch Club: War Memorial Hall: 12.30pm.

Sun. 13th Oct: Harvest Festival: 11.00am.

Sat. 23rd Nov; Afternoon Tea: War Memorial Hall:

Fri. 6th Dec. Lunch Club: War Memorial Hall: 12.30pm.

St. Mary's Chapel

Sun. 25th Aug: }

“ 29th Sept. } Coffee Morning after Mass, (approx. 10.00am).

“ 27th Oct. } In aid of St. Catherine's Hospice & Derian House.