

Round One of South Ribble in Bloom 2023 has been concluded, with Nab's Head being selected for Round Two. The final Round will be judged in September:

Thank you to members of the parish council who have cleaned and re-painted our historic marker stones this year.

Also, thank you to all who collected/donated to Christian Aid. The total this year was £1104 - 33p of which £530 - 38p. was gift aided.

## What's On

Samlesbury Parish Church (Contact Grace 01772 877076)

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival: 11.00am

25<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas Afternoon Tea: 2.00pm –

4.00pm St. Mary and St. John Southworth's Chapel

Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> August: Coffee Morning immediately after 9.15am Mass: in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice.

Samlesbury Higher Hall: 01254 812010 [www.samlesburyhall.co.uk](http://www.samlesburyhall.co.uk)

7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Wedding Open Evening: 5.30pm start.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Wedding Fair: 11.00am – 4.00pm

26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Christmas Fayre: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Advanced notice: 'Lot 13,' a new ghost story: 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall (Contact: Clare 07739585860).

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. Hundredth Anniversary: 2.00pm –

7.00pm Free entry Refreshments available,

Demonstrations, Live Music etc. Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: Quiz

Night: 7.30pm BYO drinks & snacks Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct:

Quiz Night: Arrangements as above.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Games Night for Charity: (organised by R. Gerrard),

7.30pm – 10.30pm

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Quiz Night: Arrangements as above.

**Date of the next meeting**

**Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7:30pm in  
the War Memorial Hall**

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**SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL  
August 2023**

## Chairman's Notes

- At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Graham Young was re-elected Chairman, with Glen Clayton re-elected as Vice Chairman.
- At the Parish Council AGM, Graham was re-elected Chairman and Stephen Fawcett became Vice-Chairman.
- We would also like to thank Councillor Allison Gerrard who has been a valuable asset to the Council. She chose to step down, and we are sorry to lose her. In her place we welcome Mr. Ian Seed.
- Congratulations to Jasmine Gleave and Peter Molyneux for their election and re-election respectively, to South Ribble Borough Council. Peter is now Deputy Mayor of SRBC, therefore is Mayor-Elect for 2024/5.
- Coronation, Celebration and Community.  
The day after the Coronation of Charles III, the work of the Parish Council took a different turn, as we welcomed over two hundred people to a barbeque at the Nab's Head Hotel to celebrate the event. I would like to thank everyone involved in making it a memorable event.

- The following day was the Community Volunteer Day – the Big Help-out, when a group of volunteers met at Samlesbury Hall to make a start on the restoration of the Japanese Stroll Garden opposite Samlesbury Hall. The litter was picked up and a start was made on clearing the paths and re-planting the boundary hedge.
- We will meet again on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The plan is to work in two shifts, and people can either do one, or both. We will meet on the golf centre car park at 10.00am., and 1.00pm. If you are volunteering for both, please bring a packed lunch, and we will break about 12.30pm..
- The Nab's Head Hotel. It was sad to hear that Shaun and Vonnie chose to step back from the Nab's Head after only two months. Again Nab's Head faced the prospect of a closed public house in the centre of the village. STEP FORWARD Linzi and Dale, who are due to re-open on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.
- Planning Matters. The prospect of a new application for the extraction of sand and gravel at Lower Hall Farm has raised its ugly head again – their conclusion of an archæological survey has led us to believe that another application to decimate our green belt will be forthcoming.
- A reply has been sent to Lancashire County Council that covers all biological, archæological and physical aspects for LCC to consider. Surely there is too much against it to be approved.
- Planning applications for Cuerdale Garden Village and Logik are expected later this year and the Proteum Hydro Green Energy application is imminent.  
(One link on South Ribble's website suggests that over 700 objections to Cuerdale Garden Village have been received.)
- Your Parish Council is still working behind the scenes and will keep you fully updated as an application becomes live.
- The Windmill Hotel saga is still on-going, but now that EE Garages have purchased the Windmill Service Station, we hope it will be the end of applications for another fuel station.
- I would like to thank Mr. Masters for all the hard work that he has done to serve our community, and also to all the people who

worked tirelessly to stop the development of another petrol station. We wish the staff and family all the best for the future.

- I have had an assurance from United Utilities that they will make sure that the roadsides on Nab's Head Lane and Spring Lane will be restored to their previous condition, and that the damage caused by large tankers bringing waste in from Fleetwood is rectified. The wall on Spring Lane will also be made safe.
- Superfast broadband. Openreach has contacted us about rolling out superfast broadband in the parish, following the government's pledge to bring all rural areas onto the network. Some of our properties will be eligible for a free government broadband voucher and if we all pledge our vouchers to Openreach, they will be able to build a full fibre network to benefit us all. Full fibre will bring lightning-fast speeds up to 1Gbps, with unparalleled reliability to minimise any faults. To see if you are eligible to pledge your support, please go to <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity> or call Paul Harland 07720067345. Openreach is only responsible for building the network – you will still have the choice of a broadband provider.
- The Labour Administration of South Ribble has decided to re-organize the Eastern Hub, which consisted of Samlesbury and Higher Walton. It has now been augmented by Walton-le-Dale and Bamber Bridge.
- There have been a number of concerns raised about people in dark clothes taking their dogs for a walk on the wrong side of the road, in the dark. Please will you walk on the correct side of the road, (ie. facing the on-coming traffic), and wear high viz clothing. Thank you.
- It was with great sadness that, whilst I was writing my notes I was informed of the death of Judge Slinger on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. He has always been of great help to the Parish Council, as well as a respected friend of so many people in our community. Councillors old and new would contact Edward for help and guidance. He was always happy to help with everything. Judge Slinger was a long-standing governor of our Church School and has made so many connections and friends that he will be sadly

missed. I would like to pass on our condolences to Mrs. Slinger and all their family.           Graham Young.

**Samlesbury School.** At the beginning of June Years 3/4 had a three-day residential visit to Hothersall Lodge, where they enjoyed the zip wire, canoeing, gorge walking, archery, orienteering etc., gaining additional confidence, new skills and memories. Meanwhile the Infant children visited the Wild Boar Park on the only wet day in several weeks! There they learnt about the various animals, how they are looked after, and the environment they live in.

The school has recently adopted Derian House as their new charity, which supports the needs of local children and families, whilst the Pupils' Council has led the sponsorship of a child through *Compassion* – a Christian Charity. Their vision is to free children from poverty in the name of Jesus, one child at a time.

When magistrates visited the school, Years 5 and 6 learnt about the justice system, and how the court operates. It was followed by a mock trial, which they found to be great fun, but also provoked some into thinking about law as a possible career. The defence barrister was so good the 'criminal' wasn't convicted even though they were very obviously guilty as charged!

We have also had Forest School, an intra-school football tournament, sports day, several fund-raising events for charities, a visit to London by Years 5 and 6, and the end of term Leavers' Service.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a school place for a child, please contact the school office to arrange a visit – every day is open day at Samlesbury.

(Tel. 01772 877200)     Louise Quayle and Lucy Sutton, Co-Headteachers.