

I am an old man now, still living at Maudsley Fold and lippening soon a summons to join Father and Mother, but never a day passes that I fail to try the soft earth in the garden to the full length of my stick, or use it to tap the floor and walls where the money may yet be found.

What's On

Samlesbury Parish Church (Contact Grace 01772 877076).

Fri. 17th Feb: Luncheon Club at the War Memorial Hall: 12.30.pm.

Fri. 7th April: Good Friday Service:

11.00.am. Sun. 9th April Easter Day:

11.00.am.

St. Mary's Chapel

Mass each Sunday:

9.15.am.

Sun. 26th Feb: Monthly Coffee Morning approx. 10.00.am

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Samlesbury Higher Hall: 01254 812010; www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

Thurs. 2nd March: Illustrated talk about the 'Famous Witches of Samlesbury' 7.30.pm: *Please book.*

Thurs. 16th March: Wedding Open Evening: 5.00.pm-7.00.pm.

Sun. 19th March Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea: 12.00.noon-4.00.pm.
Booking essential.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall (Contact: Clare 07739585860).

Sat. 11th March: Quiz Night: 7.30pm.

Sat. 25th March: Charity Coffee Morning. 10:00am - 1:30pm
Tombola & Raffle donations gratefully received. Please contact Imogen, 07773 442763. Sat. 15th April: Quiz Night: 7.30pm.

Advanced Notice

Saturday 8th July: Centenary Celebrations for War Memorial Hall.

Date of Next Meeting

**Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 7:30pm
in the War Memorial Hall**

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Notes from the Chairman

- Planning permission for a filling station and convenience store on the former Windmill site was rejected for a third time on 13th December at South Ribble Council Offices. Let us hope that this is the final attempt. We now need to keep pressure on South Ribble to get the site safe and tidy. Hopefully James Hall will re-consider the 'nineteen affordable homes' option, that has been previously discussed.

- Shortly after this good news, we heard about the *Central Lancashire Core Plan*, which included the Cuerdale Garden Village, and the LOGIK proposals within it. As there was such a small window of time within the consultation period, we decided to incorporate an Open Meeting into our Parish Council meeting on 26th January. This was held at the Five Barred Gate Samlesbury Hotel, and we requested a presentation from Jackie Copley, Chief Planning Officer for CPRE. She helped to get us better informed about Lancashire County Council's two Drop-in Events held on 1st February by at the Canberra Club.

Responses to the consultation by **24th February** can be in writing, or e-mailed to CentralLancashireplan@chorley.gov.uk A direct link to the online survey is available through

<https://centrallocalplan.citizenspace.com/planning/part-one-preferred-optionsconsultation>

When logging on to the consultation link, you will be faced with over 50 questions; there is no requirement to answer all, just the ones which you feel are relevant. We feel that the following pertain to Samlesury the most:-
10 Do you agree with the proposed Policy Direction 3? (Green Belt).

21 Do you agree that a new settlement proposal could form part of the spatial approach beyond the planned period? (Cuerdale Garden Village: No planning on Green Belt).

22 What alternative development options could be considered beyond the planned period?

23 Will the Cuerdale Garden Village proposal provide a suitable approach to accommodating growth beyond 2038?

52. Any other comments?

If you prefer to write, the address is **Part One Preferred Options Consultation, Central Lancashire Local Plan Team, Civic Offices, Union Street Chorley, PR7 1AL.**

- The surveys for the quarry at Lower Hall Farm have now lapsed. Lancashire County Council gave *Harleyford Aggregates* until the end of October 2022 to submit a full application, but they have missed the deadline. Hopefully this will be the end of the application.

- The saga of the dangerous red brick wall surrounding United Utilities' dirty water treatment plant is still on-going, but it will be replaced by a fence and a hawthorn hedge.

- A new tenant has been found for the Nab's Head and the pub should be reopening in the not too distant future.

Sheep Worrying

Will everyone please keep their dogs under control, ie. do not let them run loose in a field. In recent weeks there have been nine sheep worried in the parish, several of which were in lamb. Lambing time is stressful enough, without finding dead animals in the field.

The Coronation.

We are hoping to put on a *Volunteers' Day* to mark the King's Coronation in May, and help create an area that people can enjoy. If anyone has any ideas for an area that we can tidy up, mend or enhance, please get in touch with a member of the Parish Council.

Looking Back. A TALE OF THE SECOND CIVIL WAR IN 1648

This was probably written to explain a partly burnt leather bag full of old coins, which was found on a ledge inside the chimney in AD.1900, when Mr. Thomas Miller-Crook was having renovations carried out at Maudsley Fold, Roach Road. It is told by Thurston Maudsley:-

Sir Marmaduke Langdale and his English Royalists had just opened the road into England for the Duke of Hamilton and his Scots army, by taking Carlisle and

Berwick for the King. They were now travelling down to Lancashire via Settle and Gisburn, to rendezvous with the Scots at Preston.

On hearing this, Cromwell (who was in Yorkshire), hurried his model army westwards via Gisburn and Stonyhurst, knowing that he would have to fight the combined forces of English and Scots Royalists and win decisively. Unfortunately for King Charles, Cromwell came up with the English at Ribbleson Moor, before the Scots arrived. If only the Scots had arrived earlier, I'm sure General Cromwell could have been defeated well and good.

This happened in August 1648, when I was a youth of eighteen. Father had rheumatics bad through being out in all sorts of weather, so I was kept at home to work the farm.

We had been anxious for our cattle and goods, as we heard of ruthless plundering all the way from Carlisle to Preston, so we drove our beasts down a dingle in the wood, where no-one was likely to find them and fenced them in with whin bushes. Mother afterwards told me that Dad had also put all his money in a

bag and hidden it, but she didn't know whether in house or field.

Poor Dad, he couldn't keep away from Preston, though Mother begged him much and more to stay at home. In a mizzle, just as he turned down the lane a single pynot [magpie] flew across his path and Mother knew then that something terrible would come to him. I

tried to comfort her with the assurance that Father, being crippled and unable to fight, would come to no harm, but he never came back. The next morning I wended my way to Ribbleton Moor and met some Samlesbury men who were there before me, and had found Dad lying stark dead in a ditch, shot in the head.

Mr. Anderton helped us – he arranged for the body to be washed, laid on a board and decently covered. Then Hugh Walshman carried it over the Ribble in his boat to the church where Father was laid to rest.

Mother was never the same afterwards, and I can still remember her moaning as she heard the news:

“Oh Thruston what mun I do ! Whatever mun I do! Whatever mun we do? !!”

The money couldn't be found either; and we welly clammed that winter as the rent was to pay, and Father's debts had to be met. The garden was delved, every inch of it two spade graft deep. We searched each field for signs of newly cut sods, but all without success. In the house and buildings we tapped the walls, emptied the chaff beds, went to the bottom of the meal ark, searched every nook and loft, but found nothing.