

WHAT'S ON

Greenhurst Farm, Alum Scar Lane.

Thurs. 2nd June: the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Beacon Lighting Event: 7.00pm. start, with the beacon being lit at 9.45pm.

Samlesbury Parish Church.

Sunday 15th May: Christian Aid Week begins.

Sun. 5th June: A peal will be rung for the Queen's Jubilee.

Sat. 25th June: Garden Party: 12.00 noon - 4.00pm. BBQ food served from 12.00 noon. Rose Queen, stalls, children's sports etc..

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall. Contact: Clare 07739585860.

Sun. 5th June Platinum Jubilee Celebrations from 1.00 pm. – 5.00 pm..

Please see the enclosed leaflet.

Samlesbury Higher Hall. www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

Sun. 15th May: Plant Fair: 11.00 am.-4.00 pm.

19th June: Father's Day: Afternoon Teas: Booking essential.

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 26th May 2022
7.30 pm. in Samlesbury Memorial Hall
Annual Parish Meeting
followed by the Annual General Meeting

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SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

May 2022

Notes from the Chairman

- Following the February open meeting at Church House Farm, regarding the possible planning application of a Story Homes 'garden village' for housing and industry, a referendum was held. Turn-out (in electoral terms), was unprecedented and 98% of the voters opposed the idea.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Action Group (which was formed soon after the February meeting). Banners publicising the vote were produced and leaflets printed and delivered. The dedication and planning of this group (consisting of residents and two representatives of the Parish Council), greatly enhanced the turn-out in the Parish Poll.

Although this does not add political clout, it does prove the depth of determination with which the parish would oppose such a planning application.

- The state of Goosefoot Lane and Roach Road was one of the main talking points as I went around the parish regarding the poll. The problems have been raised both with our local councillors and the Highways Authority and the roads have now been assessed and a scheme of work drawn up for later this year.
- There have been complaints about the need to walk along a (possibly wet) grass verge in order to reach the west bound bus stop at the bottom of Nab's Head Lane and the stop east of Samlesbury Hall. A compromise has been sought and the bus company have been asked to move the stops to an area of pavement.
- On the 2nd of June we are lighting a Beacon at Greenhurst Farm, to celebrate 70 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

The evening will commence at 7.00pm. with food at the farm, followed by a walk up to the Beacon on Hoolster Hill. Trailer rides will be available for those who prefer an easier option. The Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm.

We are looking for people to practice for the choir on the evening, so please contact me for details if you are interested. If anyone would like to join the organising committee, please contact one of the parish councillors.

The evening is free of charge.

Events are happening all over the parish on this long weekend, so please keep a look-out and join the exciting celebrations with us.

- On 3rd March South Ribble Borough Council planning committee unanimously rejected James Hall's planning application regarding the Windmill. We now need to encourage them to utilize the site for affordable housing.
- The Games Evening in aid of Ukraine, which was held on 30th April in the Memorial Hall, raised £1,770.
- **South Ribble: Eastern Area in Bloom**

The Parish Council has once again entered the Competition and would like to encourage everyone to 'do their bit' in enhancing Samlesbury, with a view to improving our placing from three years ago.

Home Library Service. (Lancashire Volunteer Partnership)

This service is available for those who cannot access a library owing to age, disability, infirmity, caring responsibilities, etc. It is a service that can be used long or short term (eg. in winter or when recovering from illness or an operation). Books, CDs and audio books will be delivered free of charge by volunteers if you cannot arrange for someone to collect them for you. For further information please contact Mellor Library, or call 0300 123 6703.

Telephone Audio Books are also available from your local library, which is a fantastic opportunity to down-load and keep up-to-date with the latest releases.

Angela Atkinson (No. PS 2812) is our current local **Police Officer**, 2812@lancashire.police.uk and our local **Police Community Support Officer** is Ben Rowland (collar number 7778), benjamin.rowland2@lancashire.police.uk They can be contacted by e-mail or through Leyland Police Station, Tel. 01772 614444. For Rural Crime dial 101.

Looking Back:

HA'PENNY BRIDGE

(A TOLL BAR ON THE NEW TURNPIKE ROAD BETWEEN PRESTON AND BLACKBURN)

Preston New Road opened in 1826 and formerly had five toll bars: this one at Ha'penny Bridge was a bar where every passenger on foot or otherwise, had to pay a halfpenny before being allowed to cross. There was a double bar at the Five Barred Gate Inn and the next was on the north side of Preston New Road, approximately midway between Higher Barn and the eastern end of Park Lane. The fourth was a side bar at the end of Far Lanes, Mellor, and the last one was at Shackerley, close to the Preston New Road/Yew Tree Drive junction. To avoid paying double dues it was necessary to pass through the bars and return the same day.

A toll at Brockholes was collected as late as the Preston Guild year of 1882, although the other bars had been made free some time before.

About 1830 a farmer from Longton near Preston, regularly carried farm and garden produce to Blackburn, via the new road. He would set off in the early morning, so as to get to Brockholes about 9.00.am.

The toll bridge keeper was very keen and was even known to have sent his dog after men who tried to ford the river and thus save a halfpenny. He would often feel under the tarpaulin sheet covering the load, to make sure that there was no passenger there, trying to avoid the toll fee.

The farmer frequently travelled the road with a light lorry stacked with vegetables and several times had been caught trying to smuggle a penniless tramp across the bridge under the tarpaulin. So he took a very cunning and effective way to teach the toll man a lesson. He had noticed that even if there were no persons secreted, often some part of his load had been pilfered.

One day, the keeper (as usual), took no notice of the driver's statement that there was no-one under the tarpaulin sheet, but went to the rear and thrust his arm well in. It was seized by a very vigorous dog and held there until his master told him to let go. I was told that this farmer suffered no more pilfering at the Ha'penny Bridge!