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Sundays 8th, 15th, 22nd Dec: Victorian Father Christmas: 11.00am–4.00pm.

Fri. 13th Dec: 1940s Jazz Dinner: 6.00pm.

Sun. 15th – Fri. 20th Dec: *Forever House* – a Christmas ghost story:

5 performances per evening: 6.00pm.

Wednesdays 8th & 29th Jan. 19th Feb. & 19th Mar. 2025:

Torchlight Tours: 8.30pm., (involves stairs).

Fri. 17th Jan: Great Victorian Ghost Hunt: 8.00pm–1.00am.

Sat. 1st Mar: an evening with Mr. M.R. James: Ghost stories and 2 course dinner: 7.00pm.

Please note: All the above need to be booked in advance.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall (Contact: Clare 07739585860).

Sat. 11th Jan. 2025: Quiz: 7.30pm. BYO Drinks & nibbles.

Sat. 25th Jan: Burns Night: Scottish supper & live Ceilidh band.

Fri. 7th Feb: Lunch Club: 12.30pm.

Sat. 8th Feb. Quiz: Details as above.

Mon. 10th Feb: **Local Plan Drop-in Session:** 4.00-7.00pm:

hosted by South Ribble Borough Council.

Sat. 8th Mar. Quiz: Details as above.

Nab's Head

Mon. 23rd Dec: Family Annual Christmas sing-along with Father Christmas:

6.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 7.30pm In the War Memorial Hall

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SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

December 2024

Notes from the Chairman

As winter draws in and nights become longer, it is a good time to reflect on the good and bad of 2024:-

- The climate change debate being discussed at COP 29 – that we are becoming warmer and dryer – seems to have missed the good people of Samlesbury. Our bad weather took its toll on the road surfaces around the parish, but I am glad to report that a big scheme of work on road surfacing has been undertaken, and both the area around Nab's Head and the motorway junction are now more pleasant to drive on.
Let's hope we can improve all the roads in the parish, eg. excessive speed and accidents on Roach Road have concerned the Council for some time – but I am pleased to report that after extensive dialogue with Cllr. Yates, we are now going to have a new series of road signs to alert drivers of the danger. Let's hope that this is enough to slow drivers down.
On a more serious note, one of the reasons we struggled was the lack of accidents being reported to the police. Could I urge everyone if you have an incident, to report it and ensure we have a log number.
The number of vehicles turning the wrong way and travelling the wrong way down the A59 towards the motorway, has also been a concern. Again, we will endeavour to have new signage fitted and try to make it safe.
- The **Local Plan** for South Ribble is still in the preparation stage and a **Consultation Event** has been planned for Monday **10th February** 2025 from 4.00pm until 7.00pm at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall. I would urge as many as possible to attend and help formulate the plan. We can represent and respond on your behalf, but it will have a lot more gravitas if as many individual views as possible are submitted.
- The Enterprise Zone plans are now out for further consultation, with more high end engineering firms wanting to become part of the development.

Again, the road situation may become an issue as it enters its later stages but, all we can comment on is the design and street scene, the planting of trees and vegetation to screen it a little and help it from being too intrusive.

- The company hoping to develop the land off Branch Road, has reached out to the Parish Council to see if we would be interested in working alongside them in the early planning stages. This would hopefully give us an opportunity to have a say in a few of the much-needed amenities in this area.
- Although there are already 10 bus stops between the last of the 'long' bungalows and the old Halfway House/Mezzo's, we have had a verbal assurance that buses will stop anywhere along Preston New Road if anyone puts their hand out.
- At present, Lancashire County Council are reinstating the footway between Samlesbury Hall and Sir Frederick Page Way as far as the bus stop.
- We are encouraged to inform Lancashire Police of any incidents of speeding in and around Nabs Head Lane/Further Lane by ringing 101
- Once again a very well attended Coffee Morning was held on the 14th September at Samlesbury Memorial Hall. A massive *thank you* for all the hard work of the team behind it. A spectacular £4,861 – 30p was raised and donated to North West Air Ambulance, Cardiac Risk in the Young, and Prostate Cancer UK. A donation was also made to the Memorial Hall for the use of this fantastic venue.
These events would not be such an amazing success without yourselves, so the Coffee Morning Team would like to thank everyone who attended and donated, for their generosity.
- That just leaves me with a *thank you* to yourselves and the Parish Council for all your help and support throughout 2024, and let us hope that 2025 is a good year.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year,

Graham Young.

St. Mary & St. John Southworth's RC Chapel

At present Services are being held in the adjacent church hall at 9.15am, pending remedial work that is planned to start in the New Year.

Looking Back: The Lower Hall moiety of the manor *contd:*

The Walmesley family of Dunkenhalgh and Samlesbury *contd:*

Cromwell died in 1658, and his son inherited an administration foundering on religious discord and insolvency. The *Council of Officers* demanded the dissolution of Parliament, the abolition of the Protectorate, and in 1660 the Monarchy was restored under Charles II. Richard Walmesley finally returned to Dunkenhalgh in 1661.

Household accounts between 1658 and 1662 reveal that Richard kept his musical instruments in good order, bought 150 books covering mathematics, science, natural history, various Christian denominations, politics, current affairs, geography, philosophy, East India trade, history and poetry. He also purchased maps, globes, scientific equipment for experiments, and paid 6d. to the bailiff of the Wapentake for his lands called *Seed House*, Samlesbury.

The Royal Society came into being in 1660 and during the reigns of the Stuarts (1603-1714), English life changed from an almost-feudal society to a modern commercial one – with great advances made in science, agriculture, communications, navigation, building etc..

Richard's right to his estates (which had been in Trust), was confirmed in 1663 and he then invested in more land. This outcome contrasts sharply with that of Samlesbury's other principal family, the Southworths. Thanks mainly to his mother Juliana, the Walmesley's inheritance emerged from the civil upheavals significantly enlarged, whilst the Southworth's fortunes spiralled ever downwards and they eventually lost everything.

What's On

St. Leonard-the-Less Parish Church

Sun. 22nd Dec: Carol Service - Everyone welcome
6.30pm, followed by refreshments.

Christmas Day: 11.00am: Family Communion

St. Mary's Chapel

Sun. 22nd Dec: Coffee Morning & Raffle after Mass.

Tues. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve: Mass at 8.00pm.