

Samlesbury & Cuerdale Parish Council

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Chairman's Notes

- The new Parish Council Website is now up and running.

Address: www.samlesbury.org.uk

Thanks to our clerk and Mr. Jonathan Greenwood, who is also responsible for neighbouring parishes.

- A meeting has been held with BAe Systems, when a number of issues were discussed, including the safety of local residents.

- The Five-a-Side football posts have now been replaced on Nab's Head Lane playing field and we now intend to set up a meeting and plan an outstanding facility for Samlesbury and Cuerdale. Thank you to all who have helped to clear the site.

- Thank you also to all who have helped to improve the 'triangle' and vicinity, whether by donating the bedding plants or by putting them in situ. (We love the quirky silage wrappings, which are there to support the *'Wellchild Charity,'* of which Prince Harry is patron).

- An amenity society has been proposed, with a view to organizing suggested improvements to the visuals of the parish and litter picking. We are, of course, very aware that we already have caring individuals who do a sterling job on the litter front, (including one young resident on Green Lane) and sincerely thank them all.

- The proposed plans, (Ref. 07/2016/0552/FUL), for the Windmill site are causing concern to us all. Proposals are for a twenty-four-hour filling station and late-opening convenience food store with car parking. Entry would be from Preston New Road and egress onto Branch Road. The pub itself would be demolished.

Congratulations are extended to Parish Councillor Peter Mullineaux, on his appointment as Leader of South Ribble Borough Council. (At present he is Deputy Leader of the Council) and he is expected to take up office on a date to be confirmed.

St. Mary & St. John Southworth's R.C. Church

There have been three pilgrimages to the church this summer. Two were large ones attended by approximately 150 people and these included an encouraging number of young people.

We are hoping to collect an archive of old photographs of St. Mary & St. John Southworth's and also St. Patrick's churches and their locality. The project will be directed by Dave Gorman, an amateur local historian from Brownedge Parish. If you possess any old photographs and are willing to contribute to this venture, could you please leave them at one of the churches, (labelled with your name and contact details and directed to Dave). They will then be scanned into the parish computer and returned to you. Thank you.

Christian Aid

"Thank you" to all who contributed to the total of £1,102 62p. with an extra "thank you" to the collectors! (£497.09p of the total was gift aided).

The new spine road/A677 junction was opened for construction traffic on 1st August, which should slow the traffic down considerably, but concerns have already been expressed about the positioning of the west-bound bus stop.

Samlesbury Memorial Hall

Samlesbury Memorial Hall is a War Memorial. The land was gifted to the Parish of Samlesbury following The Great War, for recreation, education and leisure. If it ceased to be used for that purpose, it would revert to the donor.

There is a bronze plaque inside the Committee Rooms recording those from Samlesbury area who fell in both Wars. There is also a brass plaque in St.

Leonard-the-Less Church Parish Church, and a wooden plaque in St. Mary & St. John Southworth's Church.

All have names on, some correspond, but there are anomalies. Further, there are two Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorials in St. Leonard-the-Less Churchyard, but the names of these two soldiers are not on any other War Memorial in the Parish. It was therefore decided to try to find out who these men were, where they lived, what jobs they had, who their families were, when and where they enlisted and served; then when and where they died and were commemorated.

There are now 16 individual boards to these men, which are on permanent display in the Committee Rooms, but there are six more to complete. We have some information but need to know more. These are for **Private Benjamin Bell, Thomas Brown, Private John Coar, Private William Shillitoe, Lance Cpl. George Walmsley and Lieutenant Reginald Johnstone.**

This has been a two-year Heritage Lottery Funded project and volunteers have found the names of 124 Samlesbury men who went to war from 1914 onwards. Twenty-two died directly due to the War.

In time it is planned to publish the findings, (there is more known than what can be shown on the boards), in booklet form, as well as on the website: www.samlesburymemorialhall.co.uk

If you would like to see the boards, have any information, or are interested in the work, please contact Teresa Taylor on 01772 877248 or any committee member.



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Congratulations also to Alison Gerrard, who organised an amazing charity event on 8th July. Alison drew the parish together in the Memorial Hall and gathered talent from around the area, including the BAe Choir. The evening raised over £3,100 for cancer research.

All Aboard the Mayflower

Close to the animal area, nestled in their woods, is Samlesbury Hall's brilliant new playground. You can climb in through the windows of the miniature Hall replica, then proceed along the rope bridge to the Mayflower ship. There is also a charming wooden trail with bridges, swings and lots of fun obstacles for the whole family to enjoy – a challenge for adults as well as children!

Don't forget there are free guided tours every Sunday with either Simon Entwistle, Henry VIII or our resident witch.

Looking for somewhere to stay? The new shepherds' huts hamlet is glamping at its very best. Enjoy comfort under the stars in the grounds of the Hall.

Wedding plans? The next open evening is on 21st September at 6.00.p.m., when the Hall will be dressed ready for a wedding and you can sample delicious canapés and fizz.

What's On

St. Leonard's-the-Less

Sun. 24th July –The church will be open on Sunday afternoons between 2:00.p.m. and 3:30.p.m. until Sun. 4th Sept:

It will also be open in Heritage week on Sat. 10th Sept. 11.00am. - 4.00.p.m., when light Refreshments will be available.

Sunday Services as usual at 11.00.am..

Sun. 2nd Oct. Harvest Festival

Sat. 26th Nov. Christmas Tea, 2.30.p.m – 5.00.p.m.

Samlesbury Old Hall

24th - 27th Oct. Hallowe'en activities.

31st Oct. Witchy Walkthrough: see website: www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 22nd September 2016.
