

## What's On

Samlesbury Parish Church (Contact Grace 01772 877076).

Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Community Lunch: 12.00 noon for 12.30pm. in the War Memorial Hall.

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Games Evening with pie & peas supper. War Memorial Hall.

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

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Remembrance Sunday.

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Festive Afternoon Tea: War Memorial Hall. 2.00pm-4.30pm.

### St. Mary's Chapel

Coffee Mornings are held after Mass on the last Sunday of each month, in aid of Derian House.

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug: Fundraising Day for Derian House Childrens' Hospice at 115 Hoghton Lane, Hr. Walton: 10.30am – 3.00pm. Afternoon Tea, raffle, tombola, cake stall etc.

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

14<sup>th</sup> Aug: Pop Up Flower Shop: 11.00am-3.00pm.

11<sup>th</sup> Sept: “ “ “ “ “

25<sup>th</sup> Oct: History Tour: 11.00am

Advanced Notice: Mon/Tues. 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December: *A Christmas Carol*.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall Contact: (Clare 07739585860).

Quiz nights:- Saturdays 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 15<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 22nd September

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# Samlesbury & Cuerdale Parish Council

## SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL August 2022

### Notes from the Chairman

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Parish Council marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Greenhurst Farm, with an evening of celebrations. It was an honour to host the event and celebrate the work and dedication of Her Majesty, with other people up and down the length and breadth of the Country. The evening began with substantial refreshments and games, before a piper led parishioners up to the beacon on Hoolster Hill. It was lit at 9.45pm., and we were able to see other beacons at Mellor, Beacon Fell, Longridge, Leyland and Darwen Tower.

Receiving a letter of thanks and a Certificate of Grateful Recognition of the Event, from Bruno Peek (the Queen's Pageant Master), and signed by the Queen has made it all the more special. The framed certificate will be hung in the War Memorial Hall.

- On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, there was a 'drop-in' celebration with afternoon tea at the War Memorial Hall, which was much enjoyed. During the afternoon a new memorial, made of Corten Steel and bearing the words *Lest We Forget*, was unveiled on the field.

- The *Cuerdale Garden Village* planning application has caused quite a stir: Over 1,000 objections have been lodged to date. It seems to take an age between responses being received and then being up-loaded, but it is the result of an employee at South Ribble having to delete the names and addresses in order to comply with Confidentiality.

It was good to see our MP Nigel Evans at the Parish Council's Open Meeting held at Wilsons' Contractors, Church House Farm, and also Jackie Copley, (who will represent the Parish Council throughout the formal planning process). They are both passionate in defence of the Green Belt.

The audience were particularly moved as they listened to the farmers speaking about the impact these proposed plans were having on their mental health, and also by a member of the 'next generation,' who also expressed her feelings very concisely.

Thank you to all who attended and brought their ideas forward on the evening.

Thank you also to the Action Group for their promotion of the event, and to Tim Waterworth for live-streaming it – enabling a further 75 people to watch the meeting. Some were parishioners, but others now live far away, yet still care about what happens here. Again a massive thank you to the Wilson family for the use of their facilities and for all their support.

- The Parish Council continues to explore all avenues to counter the present threats to our green belt: despite the furore surrounding Story Homes on the Samlesbury/Cuerdale plateau, we are still alert to the threat of Harleyford Agregates at the Lower Hall. From Sunday 31st July *The Real Country File* (YouTube Episode 13 July 31st 2022 Summer Barley Update) features Richard and John Eastham going about their work at Walmsley Fold – two of the unfortunate farmers who will be affected if the planned development goes ahead. There are also two other broadcasting companies who are interested in filming about the plight of British farmers, when their land is downgraded from green belt to brown field, ready for development. The 29<sup>th</sup> July edition of the Farmers Guardian ran two pertinent articles, one giving comprehensive cover of the threat to our local countryside.

- We now have double yellow lines at the end of both Spring Lane and Cuerdale Lane, but wagons are still parking in that area; so let's hope that we can work with the local police and keep the roads safe for people to walk and drive along.

- The Parish Council is again requesting that the Five Barred Gate traffic lights be re-phased.
- Both road markings and signage around the parish have long been a cause for concern, but thankfully Lancashire County Council has now started a project to re-mark the roads and install new signs to try and make our roads and lanes safer.
- The un-safe wall on Spring Lane that we originally believed had a preservation order on it, has not, so we have no choice but to agree with United Utilities that, in the interests of safety, it will be removed. It is planned to replace it with a substantial green steel fence and plant a hawthorn hedge on the road side to help mask the site.
- Light pollution from the brewery has been brought to our attention. The removal of the bunds and tree canopy has inevitably resulted in this extra light disturbance. Hopefully a meeting with the management and a tree planting scheme, will help to alleviate problem.
- Congratulations!  
Having won a Lancashire Tourism Award in 2019, Samlesbury Hall has now been short-listed in two categories for 2022. They are finalists in the *Wedding Venue of the Year* and also the *Cultural Venue of the Year*.

Graham

Young

### **Christian Aid 2022**

Thank you to all who collected for/contributed to, the Christian Aid appeal this year. The final total came to £1,110-51p, of which £398-18p was Gift Aided.

### **Looking Back:**

#### **COTTON RIOTERS AT SAMLESBURY HALL**

After she was widowed, Agnes Stansfeld (née Harrison), came to live with her eldest brother William at Samlesbury Hall, but was on her

own when some of the cotton operative rioters descended on the Hall in 1878. The workers were striking about a 10% decrease in wages. Agnes described the incident in a letter to the editor of the Preston Chronicle, which was published on 18<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

‘Sir, - I see by the newspapers it is known that from thirty-to-forty men and boys came here on Wednesday. When I was told [by the servants] these men were already in the house, I went to them at once and found them greatly excited and clamorous for food. I told them I was perfectly alone, that my brother Mr. W. Harrison, had nothing to do with any trade, and that he was not at home, but that as they were tired and hungry, I could not send them, or anyone, away hungry. Bread, beef and beer were therefore given, and they took all in the most orderly manner. Afterwards they went away perfectly quietly, doing no damage to any thing inside or out. I can not speak too highly of the respect they showed to myself, and they seemed to be most grateful for the kindness shown to them.

*Yours, etc.*

*Agnes Stansfeld,*

*Samlesbury Hall, Near Preston.’*

Agnes is to be congratulated – feeding thirty-to-forty men and boys at the drop of a hat is no mean feat and, as William had already stepped back from the cotton trade, she may well have saved the Old Hall from the arson or vandalism which had been inflicted on the homes of some of the mill owners.