

as a Presbyterian meeting place under an Act of Parliament dated 15th March 1671-2 (Chas.II), but by the middle of the 19th century the tenant was Robert Whittle. As its name implies, Hole Bottoms lies in a deep valley on the banks of the Hole Brook and the house had a small cupboard built into the wall dated about 1650.

What's On

Samlesbury Parish Church.

On-line Bible Study: Alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.00.pm. For details please ring 01254 814041 or 01772 877017.

Bell ringing practice in the tower each Wednesday: 7.00.pm-8.00.pm.

Samlesbury Higher Hall.

Thurs. 3rd Mar: *History of Samlesbury Hall*: Illustrated talk: 7.30.pm. in the Stanley Jeeves Room. Tea/coffee/biscuits 7.00.pm.-7.30.pm. in the coffee lounge. Tickets available on-line www.samlesburyhall.co.uk or from the Wafflery.

Sun. 10th Apr. Pop-up Flower Shop.

Mon. 2nd May: Bank Holiday Dog Show.

Sun. 15th May: Plant Fair.

Sun: 12th June: Pop-up Flower Shop.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall. Contact: Mrs. C. Lewis 01254 814926. *Quiz Evenings* on Saturdays. 12th March & 9th April at 7.30.pm.

Sunday 5th June: *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations*: Afternoon Teas will be served from 1.00.pm.-5.00.pm., together with bar, entertainment and live music. There will also be children's games if weather permits. No tickets will be sold, but donations will be welcomed.

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 24th March 2022
7.30.pm. in Samlesbury Memorial Hall

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SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

February 2022

Notes from the Chairman

Happy New Year and welcome 2022. Let's hope that we get more to celebrate this year than the previous two! But challenges lie ahead:-

- The prospect of **green belt violation** has been brought before us in the form of Story Homes' 'proposed' planning application for Cuerdale Garden Village.

This is a blatant refusal to observe all the objectives of keeping land for the feeding of the nation.

As well as ruining an area of green belt the proposal will also see farming family/families who have farmed the land and employed countless people from in and around the area, redundant. They will be evicted from their tenanted farms and the outstanding land taken out of production for ever.

The Parish Council is holding an open meeting on Friday 18th February 2022, at Church House Farm, Potters Lane, Samlesbury, PR5 OUE at 6.30.pm. We would urge everyone to attend and openly discuss this application.

- Following consultations *The Windmill* is submitting another amended application. I urge you to send your objections regarding Application number 07/2020/00768/FUL by 17th February.
- The formulation of the **Parish Plan** recognises the need for a close working relationship with Lancashire County Council and South Ribble Borough Council. Constant dialogue with their councillors and planners is going to be a *must* in years to come. Fortunately we have two engaged councillors in Councillors Yates and Molyneux respectively.

I would like to thank the members of the public who have taken time to read the **Parish Plan** and give us their feedback. As you all realise, it has been difficult to research all the requirements when hampered by Covid restrictions. Comments will now be discussed and amendments made as the Council deems appropriate.

- Parish Councillors are now in possession of **‘Winter Essential Packs,’** including leaflets and contact details for any of the senior members of our community who want one. Please contact any member of the Council.
- The meeting that I tried to organise with the Environment Agency wasn't possible, but with restrictions now being lifted, I will keep trying. If necessary I will go through LCC.
- The Planning Application for a quarry at Lower Hall Farm is expected early this year. The application raises more questions than answers, and I am not sure how much time LCC will be prepared to spend on it.
- Thwaites have taken the decision to sell the *Nab's Head Hotel*. I am sure that residents in and around the area will agree that this is an 'Asset of the Community,' and we must work with them to try and keep this a venue for good food, as well as a meeting place which helps to build the community.
A concerned resident contacted the Council regarding the availability of defibrillators in the parish. A list is available on the parish notice boards and I would urge everyone to familiarise themselves where they are situated.
- Please be vigilant as thieves have been operating in the Nab's Head area and cars have been broken into.

Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:- Greenhurst Farm, Alum Scar Lane.

On Thurs. **2nd June 2022** the Parish Council are holding a *Beacon Lighting Evening* for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event will start at 7.00.pm. with food and we will then sing songs written specifically for the occasion, before proceeding up to the beacon. The beacons are being lit throughout the length and breadth of the country at 9.45.pm. The event

is being organised jointly with Preston Lady Farmers, but if anyone would like to join the organising committee, please contact one of the parish councillors.

There will also be celebrations at the Memorial Hall on **Sun. 5th June** (see below) and a peel will be rung at the Parish Church beginning at 2.30.pm. on the same day.

Thank you to all who donated to the **2021 Poppy Appeal** in Samlesbury. The over-all total was £1,506 63p.

Looking Back:

A number of stories about Samlesbury have accumulated over the years and the following one was told by Robert Eaton:-

HOW THE GOOSEBERRIES WERE SAVED

Mr. Whittle of *Hole Bottom* had a large number of fruit bushes and trees, but especially gooseberry bushes, a fruit which blooms very early; but owing to the position of the garden near the stream, they were especially liable to be blighted by frost. One April the gooseberry bushes were in full bloom and promising a bumper harvest, but a sharp tack in the air late one afternoon caused our farmer to be troubled about the condition of his bushes, as he felt sure that frost was imminent.

He was, however, a man of resource – he stripped the bed of its coverlet and sheets, covered the bushes and tucked them up nicely. Neither Robert nor his wife went to bed that night, but the fruit was saved. The gooseberries suffered no harm, so what did one night's inconvenience matter?

What a sight though, for cronies coming from the *Five Barred Gate* about 10.00.pm., when a slight breeze gave a perceptible movement to the white-garmented bushes!

N.B. Whittle left *Hole Bottoms* c1852 and moved to the recently built *Copster Farm* on Far Lanes.

Joseph Harrison (the current lord of the Higher Hall manor), bought the present *Uplands Farm* in Spring Lane c1866 and built a new farmhouse bearing his coat-of-arms next to the old (now restored) cruck barn, which appears to date from the early 17th century. The original house on the opposite side of the road was re-named *Hole Bottom Cottage*.

When Thomas Anderton was the tenant c1672, the cottage was licensed