

## What's On

### Samlesbury Parish Church (Contact Grace 01772

877076). Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas Afternoon Tea:

2.00pm. – 4.30pm Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Luncheon Club:

12.30pm.

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carol Service: 6.30pm:

Mulled wine & mince pies

afterwards in school. Christmas Day: Holy Communion:

11.00am.

### St. Mary and St. John Southworth's Chapel

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Coffee Morning after Mass in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice.

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Coffee Morning, also in aid of the above hospice. Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Eve Mass: 8.00pm.

Samlesbury Higher Hall: 01254 812010;

[www.samlesburyhall.co.uk](http://www.samlesburyhall.co.uk) Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas Fayre:

11.00am. – 4.00pm.

Wed/Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Wreath making: 10.30pm. – 1.00pm.

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup>: *Lot 13* (a ghost story): 1<sup>st</sup> showing 6.00pm.

Last showing 10.00pm.

7<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2024: Advanced notice: *The History of Samlesbury*

*Hall: The Harrison Family.* (An illustrated

talk).

Heritage Café closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall (Contact: Clare 07739585860).

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Artisan Christmas Craft Market: 10.00am. –

3.00pm.

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**November 2023**

### Chairman's Notes

- As each month passes, the number of **undesirable planning applications** brought in front of the Parish Council seems to be gaining momentum; whether it is mineral extraction, or housing and industrial. The momentum has to stop at some point – the levels and ways of applicants to get an angle that they can use to their advantage, seems to have no end. The proposed **cycle path** that runs through Green Belt prime agricultural land is another example of this, and one that we responded to accordingly.
- The **three farms** at the centre of the Cuerdale Garden Village application have, on an average year, **produced enough fresh milk to supply threequarters of South Ribble area's milk demand.** If we are to reach our net zero commitments for South Ribble, Lancashire, or for the Country by 2050, we will need to radically re-think our policies, because this milk would then need to be transported to the area from further a-field, which would add to the carbon footprint of the product.

### Date of the next meeting

Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7:30pm in the War Memorial Hall

- It was fantastic to see the **New Hall Tavern** re-open recently, and we wish them the very best, as we need as many opportunities as possible to meet and communicate with others. The New Hall are holding general knowledge quiz nights on Wednesday evenings (8.30pm.), when a free chip sandwich is served, and all profits go to St. Catherine's Hospice. It would be amazing to see it full, (and test ourselves!)

Opening times are – Monday to Saturday: 12.00. noon to 11.00pm., and Sunday – 12.00 noon to 10.30pm. A selection of food is served between 6.00pm. and 8.00pm. on Thursdays, and 1.00pm. to 8.00pm. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

- **Traffic speeds and safety** are once again becoming a major issue around the parish, with the cross-roads on Cuerdale Lane being a particular problem. There have been a number of accidents in the last two months – seven of them involving the police. The sign on Vicarage Lane that alerts people to the junction, is within the over-grown hedge. Rumble strips have been requested on the approach to the junction. The missing chevrons on the severe bend at Fairview, Roach Bridge, has also been brought to the attention of the authorities.
- Representatives of the Parish Council met with **United Utilities** regarding large wagons parking close to the Cuerdale Lane/Spring Lane junction, as they wait to fill up at the hydrant. Other wagons are also parking on the verge, and between them they inhibit the line of vision for car drivers. It is a cause of great concern to residents. United Utilities own the land so they have every right to use their hydrant, but they are happy to work with the community to try and make things safer.
- **Dog Fouling** A lot of people are complaining about the rise in incidents of dog fouling in the Nab's Head and Branch Road areas. The Parish Council has requested more signs and more frequent visits from the Environmental Health Officer .  
Dog fouling is not only unpleasant, it can also cause medical issues for both man and beast. We would encourage people to

take their bags back home and bin them there, rather than disposing of them around the countryside, or in other peoples' bins .

Anyone caught on camera, or by the Environmental Health Officer will be fined **£80 for a first offence and £400 on the second occasion.**

### **Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2023: Samlesbury**

**Results:**Medium Village Class – Runner-Up;

Public Buildings – Memorial Hall – Joint Winner;

Public Garden Section (Community Garden at the War Memorial Hall) – Runner-

Up;

Community Notice Board at the War Memorial Hall – Highly Commended.

On the back of this we would like to thank the Civic Society and volunteers for their dedication in helping to keep the parish clear of litter – a thankless task. The flowers in the parish also; they not only look fantastic, but encourage pollinators into the area. We appreciate all you do.

In addition, Samlesbury Hall has achieved recognition for the Heritage Café, which has been Highly Commended by the *Lancashire Life* Food and Drink Awards.

**Nab's Head Bonfire** This year the bonfire event attracted approximately 320 people and raised £1,270 - 80p. for the Community Fund. Thank you very much to the Young family, their relatives and helpers, who master-mind this super event.

### **Looking Back: Walmesley family continued:-**

Judge Walmesley's funeral (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1613):- Clothing: 436¼ yards of black mourning cloth were bought for the gentlemen and their attendants, 326¾ yards for the ladies and 189 yards of black 'ffryze' for the gowns of 24 beadsmen. The quantity and quality of the material was graded according to rank and the total cost was £370 3s. 10d. Food for the funeral meal was the next consideration and 'sack, claret, white wine and spices were bought in Manchester and

Preston.' Gifts were sent by other gentry, local people and tenants, eg:-

'The tenants of Paythorne sent five muttuns, Mr. Townley sent a hind and a doe.'

In addition, there were 'two hinds, nine does, 1 wild calf, 15¼ muttuns, 17¾ veals, 10 pigs, 32 partridges, 2 swans, 92 rabbits, 7 hens, 17 capons, 14 turkeys, 3 geese, 2 pullets and wildfowl which included duck, teal and oyster catchers; 42 loaves of bread, 100 eggs, half a stone and three *prints* of butter and a cheese.' Someone must have considered that this was insufficient, because 'more wild fowl and rabbits were bought in Preston and Meols:- neats' tongues, suet, a keg of sturgeon, six more veals and three pigs; pears, oranges, lemons, spices, salad oil and comfits.' Two dozen extra saucers and six dozen spoons were also bought. 'The cooks from Hoghton, Townley, Ashton's and Holt's came to help' and four garnishes, (sets of table pewter were borrowed).

In all, 2,324 people dined.

In addition to Dunkenthalgh, guests were accommodated in 24 other houses, each one hosting approximately 100 guests. (After the Funeral Service had finished, £43 14s. 9d. was given to the poor and £15 13s. 8d. spent on beer for assistants).

The judge's alabaster monument in the old Blackburn Parish Church was copied from the Duchess of Somerset's tomb in Westminster Abbey. It carried an extensive inscription and was described as a 'fare monument.'

Sir Thomas's tomb was smashed by Parliamentary soldiers during one of the Civil Wars (c1644), but part of the Epitaph was recovered and taken to Dunkenthalgh. A new Parish Church, which eventually became the Cathedral, was built in 1826 and the site of the Judge's monument is believed to be marked by the Petre's box tomb in the graveyard.

The public house in Billington is still called *The Judge Walmesley*.