

What's On

Samlesbury Parish Church

Sun. 19th December: Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies: 6.30.pm.

Christmas Day: Holy Communion: 11.00.am.

Sun. 26th December: Joint Service at Balderstone for the United Benefice: 11.00.am.

Thurs. 17th. Feb: Community Lunch at the Memorial Hall: 12.30.pm.

Contact: Grace Eastham 01772 877076.

Samlesbury R.C. Chapel

Christmas Eve: Christmas Mass: 8.00.pm. To book, ring 01772 877241

Christmas Day: Christmas Mass at **St. Patrick's, Walton-le-Dale** 10.30.am. To book, contact 07800967717

Samlesbury Higher Hall www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

Christmas Menu at the Heritage Café: 12.00.noon – 2.00.pm.

Afternoon Tea: (Please pre-book 24 hrs. in advance):
2.00.pm. – 3.00.pm.

Dec. 14th, 16th, 19th, 23rd: Promenade Theatre: *The Lady in White*:
(Pre-book.)

The Hall will close on 23rd December and re-open on 9th January

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

Contact: Mrs. C. Lewis 01254 814926

8th Jan: Quiz Evening.

22nd Jan: Ceilidh.

12th Feb., 12th Mar., 9th Apr. Quiz Evenings.

Samlesbury & Cuerdale Parish Council

SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

December 2021

Notes from the Chairman

- Updating the Parish Plan has taken some time during the last few months, and a series of meetings to refresh the 2008 Plan have taken place with a view to keeping our parish 'green and pleasant' for generations to come. The final draft is now on the Parish Council website and we would welcome your feedback. Copies can be downloaded.
- The issues of flooding never go far away and the plans for Lower Hall quarry look like they are to be submitted in early 2022. This application is front and centre of our aspirations, as we need the LCC flood prevention scheme to alleviate the risk of flooding in the lower lying areas of the parish. We were pleased to see a number of affected residents at the November meeting, and a meeting with the Environment, South Ribble Borough Council and our MP is currently being arranged. Other grave concerns about the proposal are traffic congestion, air and noise pollution. Together with the local authorities, we will work tirelessly to oppose this application.
- We will also be keeping an eye on the landscaping of recent developments, including the Enterprise Zone.
- The two public houses in the parish are very valued assets and it is with this that an *Asset of the Community Award* was given to the Nab's Head a few years ago. It ran out in November, so a new one has been applied for.
- For a number of years we have expressed concern about the condition of verges and footways, but some are still in a deplorable state. At the September meeting a concerned resident also drew our

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.30 pm
in the Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

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attention to the problem, so we have made a small allowance in the precept to allow us to engage a lengthsmen. We will collaborate with neighbouring Councils to alleviate the problem, as we dip our toe in the water and see what we can do, both now and in future years.

- SRBC is aware of the effects that Covid 19 is having and a booklet will be printed in the New Year to highlight areas of help for people who need a cup of tea, a chat and signposting to services available.
- It just leaves me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
- P.S. If anyone fancies singing Carols and Christmas songs and meeting Father Christmas, please join us at the Nab's Head on 23rd December at 7.30pm. *Graham Young*

Samlesbury C of E Primary School

This academic year has been an especially significant one as we came out of the worst of the pandemic and we could finally reconnect in school. It has been brilliant to see the children mixing and playing together; learning together; worshipping together; eating lunch together and much more. How we have missed just being together! Our Christian value for the first half term was *Hope*, which I think is perfect for this time.

We have had some significant work done on the school building over summer, as part of the government decarbonisation programme. For the first time since I have become head teacher at Samlesbury, school is warm even on the coldest day – it's brilliant! More work has to be done over the coming year to complete the project but by the end, we will be a very eco-friendly school with low energy costs. We have benefitted greatly from the government grants which have paid for it all, and are very grateful to Boris!

In November we had a visit from the Paralympian Stuart Robinson, who was very inspiring. He talked to the children about working through challenges, not giving up and having aims in life. He also led sports challenges for the children to complete. They raised a fantastic amount of money to support our paralympians, of which we are very proud.

This half term is always busy and this year is no exception. The best thing has got to be hearing the children singing carols and our infants preparing for the Nativity production, after not being able to do so last year. We cannot wait to have family and friends with us again at this Christmas season, to celebrate our Nativity performances, school Carol

Service and the Christmas Fayre.

We are looking forward to the New Year and all that it brings. Whatever comes our way in 2022, we know that our faith in Jesus is a firm foundation, and if we walk with Him, we know we are on the right path. As Scripture says,

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.'

(Deuteronomy 31:6.)

Looking Back: Robert Bolton c1796-c1858.

Fose [ie.wise/witty] Robin – was a maternal uncle of William Billington, and gave lots encouragement to him. Robert was born at Samlesbury 'Old' Hall at the time when it was divided into tenements and let out to hand-loomers. Young Robert could turn his hand to anything and got by on part-time jobs – 'weighing weft and doing' in a handloom warehouse, 'hawking tea' and collecting for the 'Preston Burial Society.'

One night Fose Robin was summoned to the Myerscough Smithy (a pub not far from the Hall), because a travelling Scot, having been told of Robert's quick wits, had bet a night's 'fuddle' to all present, that he could puzzle Fose Robin.

Robert was instructed to select three knives out of the landlord's knife-box, so picked two very sharp ones and a third with a wooden handle, or *haft*. He was then told to take them out of doors and stick them into anything he chose, and on his return he would be told what the last knife would be stuck into.

Once in the yard, Robert used the sharpest knife to cut away the wooden haft of the third knife, before putting the blade up the back lining of his coat. The next knife then went in the midden and the last into a haystack – then he presented himself once again in the bar.

'All was silence – all was expectation as the Scot stood up triumphantly and declaimed, "The last knife is stuck in the haft!"'

To the utter confusion of the Scot and the measureless mirth of the rest of the company, Fose Robin doffed his coat and shook the bare blade of the third knife onto the floor!