

Fri. 27th “ Wedding Open Day: 8.00.am.- 5.00.pm
 Sat. 25th Apr: *Boy George and 80s Night*: Fund Raising event at Lostock Hall in aid of Samlesbury Hall: 7.00.pm. (Contact 07974 644546).
 Fri. 8th May: *The Intruders*: An immersive adventure game: 7.00.-10.30.pm.
 Wed. 13th “ *Secret Samlesbury*: Tour and a chance to look at old documents etc: 7.30 - 8.30.pm.
 15th & 16th May: Audience with Henry VIII: Theatrical performance: 7.00 - 9.30.pm.

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall Contact: Clare 07739 585860.

Sat. 7th Mar: Quiz: Hot pot supper, BYO drinks: (book with Clare)
 Sat 28th “ : Emma Bridgewater B & B Sale in aid of *boot out breast cancer*: 10.30 - 1.30.pm.
 Sat. 25th Apr: Charity Coffee Morning: In aid of *Breast Cancer Now* and *Guide Dogs*. 10.30am -1.30pm
 Sat. 16th May: Hardy Plant Society Plant Sale: From 11.00.pm.

The Nab's Head

Fri. 20th Feb: Live Music by Shannon Bond: from 8.00pm.
 Fri. 27th “ Communita Coffee & Craft: 10.00am -12 noon.
 15th Mar: Mothering Sunday: Special Menu:
 Booking preferred but not essential.
 Fri. 27th Mar: Communita Coffee & Craft: 10.00am -12.00noon.
 Sat. 28th “ Music Night with DJ Steve.
 3rd Apr: Good Friday Walk: Meet at Nab's Head at 10.30am.
 5th “ Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle: Approx. 12.30pm.
 Fri. 17th Apr: Communita Coffee & Craft: 10.00am -12.00noon.
 Fri. 29th May:
 As above.

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 26th March 2026 at 7.30pm
 in the War Memorial Hall.

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SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

February 2026

Notes from the Chairman:

Happy New Year to you all, and let's hope that 2026 is a good one for everyone in the parish.

- Disturbances however, are with us once again, as United Utilities replace three stretches of worn-out mains during the coming months. These are on Preston New Road, Nab's Head Lane and Spring Lane.
- Sewage Works: United Utilities' Phase 2:
 Two events have been held at the Nab's Head Hotel to keep people informed, with more due to be held as both sets of work progress. I would like to thank them for the open dialogue.
 The second phase of the work at the dirty water treatment plant is now underway, and there will be upheaval for people local to the site.
 The filter beds have been redundant for about five years, and they are to be replaced with later and more modern technology.
 In the New Year the main demolition of the redundant filter beds began, and is expected to take six months. All the filter bed materials can be re-cycled and used for ground work, so there are no extra vehicle movements.
- The South Ribble Borough planning meeting saw the passing of planning permission for Prospect Homes' housing application on Branch Road. We now look to make connection and work with them during the building process.
- The Central Lancashire Local Plan Review meetings have been held during the last few weeks, the last element being *Highways* on 3rd February. The inspectors then have a month to report back and hopefully they will allow the plan to be adopted as currently presented. Full outcomes will follow.
- A new application was passed for a McDonald's fast food take-away and restaurant alongside the A59 at the Tickled Trout Hotel. We will have to work closely with both them and South Ribble Borough Council to ensure that no more litter is dropped along the roads and lanes.
- **And the King came to Samlesbury**
 Two members of the Parish Council had the privilege of meeting His Royal Highness

King Charles III, during his visit to Lancashire.

It was an honour to welcome him to the area and he took time to shake hands and speak with everyone. Our concerns of course regarded the issues pertaining to a rural parish, eg. the environment and trying to keep the parish green. There was also the opportunity to mention problems caused by wear and tear on a seven hundred year old building, and as he said to the volunteers, "It's always the roof!"

Besides the Trustees, members of staff and volunteers, His Majesty also met some local business leaders, eg. E.H. Booth & Co. Supermarkets, BAE Systems, Roach Bridge Tissues and Thwaites' Brewery (plus their horse drawn dray); local charities like the Street Pastors who work in Preston and St. Catherine's Hospice, and also representatives of Samlesbury's own local organisations. As the Reception drew to a close, the King unveiled a plaque to commemorate his visit, and this will be displayed on the outside of the Hall.

Looking Back: Mrs. Edith McCrudden shared her memories c1970:

"My younger days were spent at *Ashton Fold Cottage* in Nab Lane. This was an old thatched cottage belonging to *Samlesbury Old Hall*. (At this period the Hall was in Chancery.)

I remember the thatched roof on the cottage catching fire, and having to be replaced with flags. The Old Hall was owned last by a Captain Johnstone, but he never actually lived there. He married near the beginning of the First World War, but was killed when he rejoined his regiment. I saw him visit our cottage and he said the property came with the Hall and he would visit us often, but alas he never did.

My mother's parents lived at *The Hermitage*, situated near Huntley Woods off Preston New Road, and the brook runs right round the house.

I remember when I was six years old, a huge young stallion jumped a hedge and chased me up Nab Lane towards Nab's Head: I was saved by two Irish haymakers who came to my rescue.

I went to St. Mary's School in Nab Lane. It was mixed Catholics and Protestants together because it was the only school for miles. No such thing as school buses in those days!

When I was eight and my brother was nine, we had to walk to Preston for the shopping and then walk it back again, but sometimes the farmers would give us a lift in the milk floats.

There is a lane called *The Arm* that leads off Nab Lane. When I was a young girl a man was driving his horse and cart along this lane, when a snake crawled out and crossed the lane. He killed the snake, but the surprising thing was that the horse didn't shy at it. Mr. Hubberstey at *Sorbrose House* kept two peacocks and when one died he gave me the tail and I took it down to the *Halfway House* and sold each feather for 1d. to the people on the wagonettes who stopped there.

There was an old house off Spring Lane called Roe Butt. An old lady we called 'old Martha' lived alone there. I remember just one room in this cottage and her bed was

along one side of it. The floor was made of clay, a tree grew up through the roof and the fire was on a circular stone hearth. People always believed her to be very poor, but when she died a bag of gold sovereigns was found hanging round her neck. These were left to the church." [St. Mary's RC Chapel.]

What's On

St. Leonard-the-Less Parish Church

15th Mar: Mothering Sunday: Family Service 11.00am.

3rd Apr: Good Friday: United Benefice Services at Balderstone:

Reflective Service 11.00am:

Last Hour at the Cross 2.00pm..

5th " Easter Day: Holy Communion: 11.00.am. At St Leonard the Less

Fri. 10th Apr: Luncheon Club: The War Memorial Hall: 12.30pm.

St. Mary and St. John Southworth's Chapel

3rd Apr: Good Fri: Stations of the Cross.

5th " Easter Day: Easter Mass: 9.15.am.

Samlesbury Young Farmers. Contact James Neary, 07949 772466.

Mon. 16th Feb: Tour of 'For Farmers' feed mill at Walton Summit.

Mon. 23rd " Talk by Isobel Deacon

28th Mar: 90th Anniversary Ball.

Other March meetings to be arranged

Samlesbury Higher Hall: 01254 812010: See website for details:

www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

15th-20th Feb: Half Term activities

17th- 20th " Toast & Glow: 4.30 - 7.00pm.

Wed. 25th Feb: Torchlight Tours: (Please note that there are stairs) 8.30.pm.

Fri. 27th " Book Launch of 'Lancashire' - Exploring the county that made the modern world: 6.30 - 8.00pm.

Thurs. 5th Mar: Illustrated talk by Glen Clayton:
Saint John Southworth - His Life and Times.

Please book through the website above.

Wed. 11th Mar: Torchlight Tours: As above.

15th " Mothering Sunday: Afternoon Tea in a Historic House. Please book.
Lunches in the Garden Room. Please book.