

Samlesbury Higher Hall: 01254 812010 (Cont'd)

6th Mar: 'Seven Hundred Years of History:' Illustrated talk: 7.00pm.

19th Mar: Torchlight Tours: Details as above.

30th Mar: Mothering Sunday: Lunch in Garden Room: Please Book.

Afternoon Tea in Gt. Hall & Parlour: Please Book.

20th Apr: Easter Sunday: Fun Day: 10.00am - 4.00pm.

15th May: Lunchtime Lecture: 'Journey from Blackburn to Preston in 1830'

Steven Brindle: 1.30pm.

16th May An audience with Henry VIII: 'Divorced, beheaded, died:' 7.00pm.

17th May (As above.)

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall (Contact: Clare 07739 585860)

8th March: Quiz: BYD & snacks. Hotpot available if desired: 7.30pm.

Please book.

Thurs. 1st May: Local Elections.

Sat. 10th May: *Emma Bridgewater Lancashire*: B & B sale: 10.00am-1.00pm.

Nab's Head

Sun. 30th March: Mothering Sunday Lunch: from 12.00 noon. Please book.

18th April: Good Friday Walk: Meet at 10.30am.

20th April: Easter Egg Hunt: 12.30pm.

21st Feb: 21st March: 25th April: 23rd May: 20th June:

Community Coffee and Craft: (with homemade cake).

Bring something you have made: (handiwork) 10.00am – 12.00

Please ring 01254 497576

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the War Memorial Hall

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SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

February-March 2025

Notes from the Chairman

Happy New year to everyone. I hope that you have had lots of time to enjoy your families, and recharge your batteries ready for 2025.

• Strategic Plan document for Central Lancashire until 2041

The Consultation round of meetings for the Central Lancashire Plan is now up and running, following the joint Council meeting on 29th January, where the plan was formally approved. The meetings will run from Monday 24th February to Monday 14th April, but those which are likeliest to appeal to the Samlesbury and Cuerdale residents are:-

St. Aiden's Church Hall at Bamber Bridge on **Tuesday 25th March** from 4.00pm. to 7.00pm.

The Cross Room at **Leyland Civic Centre**, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH: **Monday 17th March**, 4.00pm. to 7.00pm.

If these are not convenient, please go on-line to the Central Lancashire website for further available dates and meetings.

Questions re. the above can be sent to

centrallancashireplan@chorley.gov.uk or can be telephoned to 01772 625388, or 01772 625589

Responses can be sent in on-line, or posted to:-

Regulation 19 Consultation, Central Lancashire Local Plan Team, Preston City Council, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, PR1 2RL.

This is the Strategic Plan document for Central Lancashire until 2041, so **please get involved.**

- The traffic lights at the Samlesbury end of the link road (Sir Frederick Page Way), are causing problems and constantly failing. This has been brought to the attention of Lancashire County Council on numerous occasions. It seems to be an on-going concern and once again LCC are looking into it.
- The flooding outside the new Brewery entrance is a growing concern. This matter has also been raised and forwarded to LCC. There is a plan of work to clear all the roadside gullies during this year, with a commitment to keeping them clear in the future.

- A new road-marking and traffic management scheme is being rolled out around our lanes, to try and advise drivers of the speed that they are travelling at. A speed indicator device (SPiD) camera was discussed during the last Parish Council meeting, and it was voted and agreed that we hire one to monitor drivers' speeds, with a view to purchasing one in the future. We will keep you informed as and when we start receiving results.
- Road lights around the parish have also been reported to LCC and will hopefully soon be lighting our way again.
- The master plan for LCC Highways was once again called for at the Parish Council meeting. This would help us with our actions regarding planning matters.
- Recent accidents on the M6/M61 have proved that when one of those motorways are closed, the increased volume of traffic in the parish makes it impossible to get around – particularly along narrow roads like Quaker Brook Lane, which becomes totally gridlocked.
- There will be special celebrations for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Friday 6th June.
- During 2025 Samlesbury Higher Hall will be celebrating its seven hundredth year. Please see the 'What's On' for details of some of their events during the Spring.

Looking Back: The Lower Hall moiety of the manor (Cont'd):

As was customary, younger brothers were settled in a property for life, so in time **Lower Hall** became home to **Richard Walmesley's**

brother **William** (1632-1712). He was the 2nd son of Sir Thomas, and until she died in 1668, their mother Juliana appears to have lived with William. In 1666 William paid tax on ten hearths and one stove at Lower Hall, and held a manor court there in 1678 (the year that the Southworths relinquished the Higher Hall). After being widowed twice, William married Dorothy Dandy, but died childless in 1712. He was buried at Blackburn.

Bartholomew (c1663-1700) inherited the estate in 1680 at fourteen years of age. He was elected a governor of Blackburn Grammar School in 1683, but was also a supporter of the Roman Catholic James II. James was overthrown in 1689 so, after placing the estate finances in the hands of his brother-in-law William Dicconson, Bartholomew followed James into exile in France. He stayed for nearly five years, before returning to Dunkenhalgh

and marrying Dorothy Smith. Bartholomew was one of eight gentlemen arrested on a charge of high treason for conspiring to restore King James to the throne by armed force, but was acquitted. The acquitted gentlemen then accused the three principle Crown witnesses of perjury and won their case at Lancaster Assizes, but evidence later came to light which indicated that William Dicconson (who had lived at Dunkenhalgh for the duration), had been heavily involved. Andrew Dandy, (a relative of William's wife Dorothy Dandy), was on the Bench and later his signature appears in the Petre's papers, so although he was on the opposite side, Andrew perhaps influenced the outcome of the case.

What's On

St. Leonard-the-Less Parish Church

Fri. 4th April: Luncheon Club in the Memorial Hall: 12.30pm.

Provisional arrangements:

Maundy Thursday Service at Mellor

Good Friday Service at Balderstone

20th April: Easter Sunday at Samlesbury: Holy Communion: 11.00am.

Fri. 6th June: Luncheon Club in the Memorial Hall: 12.30pm.

St. Mary and St. John Southworth's Chapel

23rd March: Coffee Morning after Mass.

(Provisional arrangements)

Stations of the Cross Good Friday

Easter Day Mass: 9.15am.

Year of Jubilee 2025

Salford Diocese has nominated Browndedge as one of 6 places of pilgrimage, and will be welcoming visitors throughout the year.

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See website for details: www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

14th Feb: Valentine's 3 course dinner:

Garden Room: Sitings 6.30 - 8.00pm: Please book.

19th Feb: Torchlight Tours: (involves stairs): 8.30pm.

1st Mar: Evening with Mr. M.R. James: Dinner: Theatre experience: 7.00pm.