

# Samlesbury & Cuerdale Parish Council

## SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER November 2016

### Chairman's Notes

- Following on from the meeting of the Parish Council in July, I contacted the Crime Commissioners and the Police, regarding an average speed camera on the length of Preston New Road which is not monitored.

Initially I was told that average speed cameras are not used on 'A' roads, then, after creating a dossier of occasions where this has happened, I was told that one could be used. I have to build up an evidence-based argument for its introduction, so I contacted our local PC Jo Calderbank, (who has been marvellous), to find out if there was any chance that we could use the camera purchased by the Parish Council for this purpose.

PC Calderbank informed me that there was a '*Community Roadwatch Scheme*.' I mentioned it to a few groups and now have a list of willing volunteers and hope to move it forward soon.

- The Parish Council is also aware of the '*accident-waiting-to-happen*' at the junction of the A677 and new spine road. The road policing team are monitoring it and will report back to the Parish Council. It has also been reported to LCC Highways and action will be taken to remedy it. They will also consider the position of the west-bound bus stop as a matter of urgency.

- The Enforcement of issues within our parish has now become a major issue and neither the Clerk nor individual Councillors have had success in getting the necessary action from SRBC. Consequently, I have contacted one of the MPs to see what can be done to sort out the bottleneck of problems.

- The new goalposts on Nab Lane playing fields are being well used and plans for the new play area have now been drawn up, ready to take to the Parish Council. There will also be a play gym for the adults.

- Following a meeting with the Brewery manager, working plans have been submitted to the SRBC planning meeting, but it is worrying that the County Council do not deem Cuerdale Lane to be a cause of concern regarding either speed or safety.

- Concerns have also been raised regarding the exiting of traffic from Park Lane, once Branch Road becomes restricted to vehicles of less than 7.5 tonnes and all traffic has to use the spine road. Following our liaison meeting at BAE., LCC Highways Department have agreed to consider whether any 'easing' could take place.

- Two of the roads on the Enterprise Zone have now been named, albeit without discussion with the Parish Council. As the roads are within the curtilage of the Parish, it is felt that the road names should reflect the area, as opposed to being motivated by the aircraft industry. If anyone has any names that would grace the area, please feel free to e-mail me on the Parish Council website.

- Plans for the Windmill site have been withdrawn. A victory for common sense. The Parish Council will welcome any suggestions for the possible use of the site on their website: [www.samlesbury.org.uk](http://www.samlesbury.org.uk)

### **Remembrance Day: (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November)**

There will be wreath-laying ceremonies at the Cuerdale Cross, (10.30.am.) and the War Memorial Hall, (10.45.), followed by light refreshments.

The bonfire at Nabs Head on 29<sup>th</sup> October was again a great success and raised over £1,500 for equipment on the playing field.

The competition results were as follows:

*Adult Fancy Dress:* Carole Jacobe

*Junior* “ “ Hugo Strand

*Adult Pumpkin Carving:* Patrice Howard

*Junior* “ “ Rupert Crane

Thank you to all who made the evening a great success.

**Free allotment space** is available in the Samlesbury Hall Heritage Centre. The raised beds must be kept well-tended and tidy. Any spare produce to be donated to the Hall's kitchen. Please contact the Director on 01254 812010 if you are interested.

### **Samlesbury School**

Samlesbury Church of England Primary will be celebrating their 180<sup>th</sup> year by holding a Community Lunch in school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 12.00 noon. There will be an opportunity to view photographs of the school, past children and local village information.

Tickets for the soup and sandwich lunch cost £3. Tickets are available from the school office. Telephone: 01772 877200

## **Best Kept Village Competition Report for Nab's Head**

Overall tidiness of the village, (i.e. litter, weeds etc.):

*Generally of a good standard.*

Private and Commercial Properties:

*Well maintained with tidy gardens.*

Bus shelters, litter bins, floral displays:

*Triangle of grass near the pub was pleasingly planted.*

Pubs, Cafes etc.:

*Well presented with an attractive beer garden full of flowers.*

Outstanding features:

*The village green was an asset, with neat flower beds.*

Other comments, including areas for improvement:

*Hedges and gardens generally maintained.*

## **By the light of the Moon?**

It would appear that, before the advent of road lights, a number of rural councils held their winter meetings at the time of the full moon, to make coming and going in the dark easier. Does anyone know if this was applicable in any of our local Parish Councils?

## **What's On**

### ***Samplesbury Parish Church***

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Service: 11.00.am.

Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> " Christmas Afternoon Tea in the War Memorial Hall: 2.30.pm. – 5.00 pm.

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service, followed by mince pies & mulled wine. 6.30.pm.

Christmas Eve: 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Communion: 11.30.pm

***St. Mary & St. John Southworth*** [www.ourladyandstpatrick](http://www.ourladyandstpatrick)

There will be a big Service on 20<sup>th</sup> November to mark the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the Closing of the Holy Door.

The Christmastide Services at St. Mary & St. John Southworth are expected to be:  
24<sup>th</sup> December, Vigil Mass: 8.00.pm.  
*Christmas Day: Mass: 9.15.am.*

### ***Samlesbury Old Hall***

Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.-21<sup>st</sup> Dec. (excepting Saturdays and some Fridays ): Christmas lunches and winter waffles.

4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Santa Claus: 11.00 am -12.00 noon; 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm  
£7.00 including gift: Booking advised

11<sup>th</sup> December; Music and Readings for Christmas: 2.15 pm

Christmas Day Lunches: Book for 12.00 noon, 1.00 pm or 2.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> January: Wedding Open Evening: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term Fun with Betsy Bumble Bee

14<sup>th</sup> February: Valentine dinners: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

### ***Samlesbury War Memorial hall***

Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> November: Wreath Laying Ceremony: 10.45 am

Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> “ Parish Council Meeting: 7.20 pm

Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> “ Sequence Dance: 7.30 pm

Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> “ Christmas Tea: 2.30 - 5.00 pm

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Quiz, (Hotpot Supper, BYO drinks)

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> January: Quiz. “ “ “ “

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> “ Burns Night: Ceilidh with Union Street Band.

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### **Date of the Next Meeting**

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30.pm.  
in the War Memorial Hall.