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**DECEMBER 2013**  
**JANUARY 2014**



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## **THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL**

### **Rector**

The Revd Paul Robinson

The Rectory

Church Lane

Lydiate

L31 4HL

**Phone:** 0151 526 0512

**Email:** frpaul.robinson@btinternet.com

**Parish Surgery: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Rector's Secretary to make an appointment. The phone number of the office is 0151 526 2292 and the office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm or you can email at:**

stthomassteph@btinternet.com

**The Sick: This parish is committed to the care of the sick. Names of those in need of this ministry, either at home or in hospital, should be given to Paul. The Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) is reserved in church and can be taken to the housebound or ill. Holy Oil is also kept for the anointing of the sick.**

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## Christmas Services

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME FOR THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>	<b>St Cuthbert's</b>
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Cuthbert's

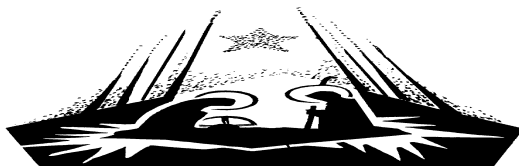
### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion + Carols	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist and Carols	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Eucharist and Carols	St Thomas'

(Children bring a toy to show the Rector)

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am	United Benefice Eucharist and Carols	St Cuthbert's
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**December 2013**

2nd Joyce May Core  
(In Memoriam)

2nd Jennifer Kitching  
(Birthday)

6th James Hilton  
(Wedding Anniversary)

6th Albert Pilkington  
(Birthday)

7th Margaret Stopforth

8th Jane Grimshaw

9th Nellie Sutton (Birthday)

13th Kenneth Alan Bailey

14th William Maxwell Board-  
man

15th Cecil Rhodes

16th Jessie Grimshaw  
(Anniversary)

17th Lily Gaskell

20th Harold Gaskell

25th Harold Dean

25th Joseph Balmer

28th Barbara Brookfield

29th Doreen Porter (Birthday)

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**January 2014**

1st Elizabeth Rhodes

3rd R J Critchley

7th Joan Aindow (Birthday)

7th John Marshall (Birthday)

8th Edward Shacklady

9th Gladys May Core  
(Remembrance)

12th Marjorie Dunbavand ( Birthday)

14th The Mercer Family

15th Jack Huyton (Birthday)

20th Henry Serjeant

25th Tom Dennett (Birthday)

26th Jack Huyton ( Anniversary)

27th Albert Pilkington

27th George Gaskell

27th Rose Mary Bailey

28th John Johnson (Birthday)

29th Richard Bolton  
Ainscough (Anniversary)

# Halsall Environment Group

## JUDGES' REPORT - HALSALL THE LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013

supported by *Lancashire Life, The Villa, Wrea Green,  
Lancashire Association of Local Councils,  
several Lancashire County Councillors*

The majority of private properties in the village were well maintained with well tended gardens. Commercial properties were also in good order.

The Saracen's Head was considered to be one of the best public houses visited by the judges, with well kept grounds & a lovely floral display.

St. Cuthbert's Church was in good condition with a tidy graveyard & neatly mown grass. St. Cuthbert's School was also in good order.

The War Memorial was well cared for & made an attractive focal point in the centre of the village.

Both East Cranton Farm & Manor House Farm were clean & tidy & a credit to their owners. Manor House Farm had a beautifully maintained garden.

The nature reserve (Bishops Walk) was considered to be a great asset to the village, although there was a comment that it was very overgrown but possibly intended to be that way? It was suggested that wild flowers would enhance the area.

The playing fields were litter free & the equipment in good condition.

The judges were impressed with Halsall & congratulate the residents on taking such pride in their village.

**Well done to all our volunteers**

**Please keep up the good work and pick up any litter  
you see when you are out and about**

If you would like to know more about our group please  
contact either Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216

[elliwroe@hotmail.com](mailto:elliwroe@hotmail.com)

or Enid Banks 01704 567654 [enidbanks@aol.com](mailto:enidbanks@aol.com)

# Christingle 2013



**CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4.00pm**

**St Cuthbert's Church**

**YOU are** invited to this fun Service for all the family which supports the work of the Children's Society as it helps vulnerable children.

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## WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS — DECEMBER 2013 / JANUARY 2014

DATE	WARDEN	SIDEPERSONS	
1st Dec	Malcolm Serjeant	Christine Jones	Paul Goldstraw
10th Dec	Brian Heaton	Bill Banks	John Wroe
15th Dec	Mike Hilton	Bill White	Beryl Sephton
22nd Dec	Lynda Bramwell	Eileen Houlgrave	Anne Critchley
29th Dec	Malcolm Serjeant	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton
5th Jan	Brian Heaton	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
12th Jan	Mike Hilton	Peter Aynsley	Anne Cushion
19th Jan	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks
26th Jan	Malcolm Serjeant	Christine Jones	Paul Goldstraw

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

1st December:	A Critchley K Twist	P Waterworth K Orrit	S Waterworth G Ennis
15th December:	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd
29th December:	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn
12th January	E Banks L Wilkinson C Parry	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse
26th January	A Critchley K Twist	P Waterworth K Orrit	S Waterworth G Ennis
9th February	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd



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# **Halsall School Report December 2013**



## **Christmas Shows**

Our main production this year is Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat.

There'll be performances on \_

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 10-00am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2-00pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 7-00pm All tickets are priced at £3-00

If there is anyone who would like to pop along to the show, please let us know. Members of the community are most welcome to come along to the Tuesday morning performance.

There'll also be a reception Nativity on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9-15am.

Our chosen charity this year is the : Philippines Disaster Relief Fund

## **National Support School**

As a National Support School, we maintain a partnership with several schools within the LEA.

Staff have the opportunities to work with other colleagues and access a wide range of in-service training. This will help them in both in their professional role in school and with any career aspirations.

## **Bonfire Night**

The Bonfire and Fireworks night was another great success as we were blessed by a short spell of dry weather on the day. Thousands of people attended the event and had a wonderful time.

The feedback from people attending the event was very, very positive.

The PTFA raised nearly £6,000 for the school. What a fabulous achievement!

The Learning Tree Nursery and the White Heather Club also raised valuable funds on the night.

If there are any other community groups/charities who would like the opportunity to raise funds by offering a different variety of catering, please let us know.

If anyone was inconvenienced due to irresponsible parking and congestion on the night, please accept our apologies. We tried our best to minimise disruption and clear-up afterwards.

Finally, a BIG, BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in the planning (and there were lots of PTFA meetings) and to the volunteers who helped out with parking, stalls and clearing away. An event such as this demands a tremendous amount of commitment from a great many people so as a school and a community, we should be very humble.

## **Bishop's Walk : Dogs**

Bishop's Walk is a lovely, nature conservation area where people can sit and relax and chat or even have a picnic. It is also often used as a walk-through by people wishing to by-pass the busy main road. Unfortunately, quite a lot of dog mess is being left on and around the paths and this is being brought into school on children's shoes. It is very upsetting for the children and unpleasant for staff and parents cleaning up the carpets, shoes and sometimes children's clothes. If you do walk your dog in this area, please bag any mess and place in the bin. Thank you.

Over recent years both the PCC and the school have invested heavily in the area with new construction of pathways, paved areas, a disabled access walkway, gates and benches etc.

We want to try and keep the area clean and tidy and a place where people feel comfortable in using.

## **Blythswood Christmas Boxes**

This year, we collected about 100 Christmas boxes to be transported to Eastern Europe. They'll certainly help to make a lot of children's Christmas very special indeed.

Many, many thanks to all those people who have been so generous and have donated a box. It's such a lovely thing to do!

### **Bishop of Warrington**

The Bishop of Warrington is due to visit on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a great opportunity for him to meet governors and staff and chat to the children. Hopefully, he'll like what he sees. The little ones will probably bake a few cakes for the occasion.

### **Recent Events : There's been :**

- Comic Hero Dress-Up Day (pictures can be found on the school website)
- Spooky Disco oooooo (with disco)
- The infants went to the Southport Theatre to watch "Room on a Broom"
- The juniors went to Southport Theatre to watch "Centrally Heated Knickers"
- David Webb (children's author) gave an inspirational workshop to the school to inspire writing across the age ranges. The children loved it
- The PTFA held a Cinema Night in the school hall (this was a great time for parents to do a bit of twilight Christmas shopping) It's certainly been a busy time in November. And now, there's all the Christmas parties to organise! (Hurrah for the PTFA)

### **School Calendars**

These should be printed soon. They include all the major dates of the school year and all the birthdays of children and staff, at both Halsall St Cuthbert's and The Learning Tree Nursery. If you would like to purchase one, please let us know.

### **Holiday Period**

School closes for Christmas on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. It re-opens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

From all at Halsall St Cuthbert's, have a very joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year 2014. God Bless. D Scholes (Head Teacher)

## **Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School**



The next meeting of the Sunday School will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am to prepare for the Nativity service. This performance will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December during the 9.30am service.

Wishing you all peace and joy at Christmas.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

(Dates for January are the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>.)



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*For more information ring Dave Corfield 840705*

## **Sunday Services in the United Benefice for December/January**

### **Sunday 1st December—Advent 1**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist with Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist with Baptism	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 8th December—Advent 2**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 15th December Advent 3**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist with Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 22nd December Advent 4**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist and Nativity	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Eucharist and Nativity	St Thomas'
4.00pm	Carols around the Tree with Marshside Brass Band	St Cuthbert's
6.00pm	Carol Service	St Thomas'

**For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services please see separate advert**

### **Sunday 29th December—Christmas 1**

10.30am	United Benefice Eucharist with Carols	St Cuthbert's
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### **Sunday 5th January—The Epiphany**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist with Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 12th January—The Baptism of Christ**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'



### **Sunday 19th January—Epiphany 2**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist with Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 26th January—Epiphany 3**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Mid-Week Communion Services for December and January**

Wednesday 4th December—St Cuthbert's Church—10.00am

**Wednesday 11th December—St Thomas' School—9.00am**

**Wednesday 11th December—Haskayne School—1.15pm**

**Thursday 12th December—St Cuthbert's School 9.15am**

Wednesday 18th December—St Cuthbert's Church—10.00am

Wednesday 25th December—SEE CHRISTMAS ADVERT

Wednesday 1st January—NO SERVICE

Wednesday 8th January—St Thomas' Church—10.00am

Wednesday 15th January—St Thomas' Church—10.00am

Wednesday 22nd January—St Thomas' Church—10.00am

Wednesday 29th January—St Thomas' Church—10.00am



If you have been to church recently you will probably have noticed that there are not many young adults in church. Currently under 10% of the people who go to church are between the ages of 16-30 and this is predicted to fall to under 3% by

2040. Red Church is a new initiative to try and connect young adults with church.

Red Church began when a group of Church of England churches from the Ormskirk deanery decided to try and do something about the falling numbers of young adults going to churches in this area. At the beginning of 2013 Ben Dyer was employed by the deanery to create a church that would connect with young adults in a new and different way. Red church is the result and we had our official launch night on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Our aim is to be a welcoming and honest group of people, who try to live life following Jesus and helping each other along the way.

For more information about Red Church or to find out what is going on visit our website [www.redchurch.org.uk](http://www.redchurch.org.uk).

## **The Rector Writes:-**

**Beginnings** can seem insignificant but where they lead can be of enormous importance. So it is with Christmas. It is not that it leads us into the New Year; rather, it seems so unlikely a place to start. If you or I were trying to solve the massive problems that plague the world, we'd want to send in a proven troubleshooter who would "sort people out."

**But Christmas isn't like that because God isn't like that.** He specialises in the unexpected. He uses the fragile and the vulnerable. And so God takes a tiny baby of uncertain parentage in an obscure part of the Roman Empire and through this child offers us all new hope and a new beginning.

**It's always been easy not to notice Him.** How large loom all the practical preparations for Christmas. It becomes a children's festival, a family time. And the One who began it all gets left unnoticed or regarded as something left over from the past. And so society's problems and even those of our own hearts and lives remain.

**But the possibility of new beginnings remains.** It's just that we need to be quiet, to stoop down low enough and look hard enough to notice God's surprise – and pay attention to Him. Give yourselves space and silence in prayer to seek Him.

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given.**

Silence is the gateway to our souls. And our souls are the gateway to God.

With Every Blessing for this Christmas Season

Paul

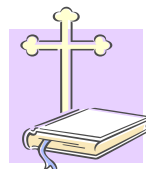
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**October 2013**

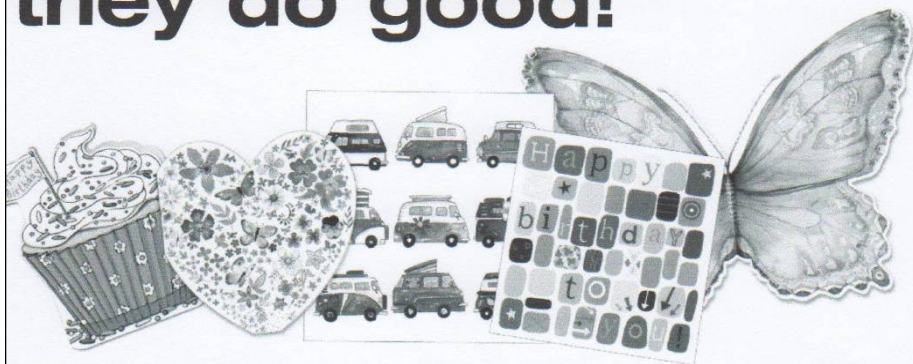
### **FUNERALS**

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

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## A Community Cafe/Shop for Halsall – Survey

For most villages a shop is a vital lifeline and for some people, especially those without transport, it is an important connection with the world beyond their front door. It is a meeting place, communication centre and an important lynchpin of village life. Much of the appeal of our village rests on its sense of community. It is the reason many people have moved here and remain here. A community shop is owned by the local community and run by local community volunteers and puts its profits back into the shop/cafe and the local community. The aim of our shop/cafe will be to support local producers, farmers and other business.

This kind of venture has been successfully achieved in other villages. There are currently over 300 community owned shops/cafe in England, Scotland and Wales and most of these have been set up with the support of the charity Plunkett Foundation ([www.plunkett.co.uk](http://www.plunkett.co.uk)). Will our village be the next one?

We need to know your views on what might be provided and what would receive your support. This survey is being delivered to every house within the Halsall Parish. Please be as honest and realistic as possible in your answers. Your response will be treated in confidence. It is entirely anonymous, unless you wish to add your name at the end.

The questionnaire will be collected – Thursday 12th Dec during the day, please leave somewhere it can be collected easily (e.g with a neighbour if you think you will be busy).

The results of this survey will be published and presented to a public meeting when the proposal can be discussed further. We will notify you of a meeting via the Parish magazine and the notice board sited at the Halsall Memorial playing fields as well as St Aiden's Hall.

We would also like to hear from you if you feel you could help in any way with the running of the shop. There will be a wide range of tasks to be done from the initial setting up of the project to managing the enterprise and being involved in the day to day practical operation.

If you wish to speak directly to someone about this project please contact one of the following:

**Sarah or Stan Park 01704 841148**



## About our Village Shop/Cafe

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*Please tick or circle appropriate answers, thank you.*

**If a new village shop/cafe was opened in Halsall would you or any member of your household use it?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**How often do you think you would use the shop/cafe?**

Daily / 2-3 times a week / weekly / fortnightly / occasionally / not at all

**What products would you be most likely to buy?**

locally grown fresh fruit & vegetables • locally made ready meals  
frozen foods • locally produced meat and dairy  
greeting cards/wrapping • bakery items • pet food  
sweets/ice cream • household goods • newspapers/magazines  
locally produced beers • stationery • packed groceries e.g tins, packets  
craft items • seasonal gifts • flowers • cleaning materials  
coal/logs • toiletries • freshly made sandwiches  
organic/fair trade products • deli products  
special diet foods e.g gluten free foods

**What services would you be most likely to use?**

Cafe

Bicycle hire/repair

Advertisement board

Amazon pick up lockers

Tickets for local events

Shoe repairs

Internet access

DVD rental

Dry cleaning

Tea room/coffee shop

Photo copying

Book exchange

E-top ups for mobile phones

Postal services deliveries

Pick up point for veg box schemes

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**Are there any other products or services not listed above which you would like to see on offer?**

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**At what time of day would you be most likely to use the shop/cafe?**

Before 8am  
2pm - 6pm

8am - 12 noon  
after 6pm

12 noon - 2pm  
after 7pm

**How far do you currently travel to do your:**

a) Main weekly shop? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Convenience/top up shopping? \_\_\_\_\_

**On the scale of 1-5 below please show how important you think it is to have a village shop/cafe in Halsall?**

NOT IMPORTANT <<< 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 >>> VERY IMPORTANT

**Please state how many in each age range are in your household:**

0 - 16    17 - 25    26 - 45    46 - 65    over 65

**Would you or anyone in your household be interested in helping Halsall community shop/hub project in any way? Would you consider any of the following:**

- Join the steering group
- Help with fund raising
- Provide professional advice/services e.g book keeping, managerial skills, baking, web design
- Be involved in running the shop/volunteering
- Making a donation
- Buying a share/s
- Making a loan

**If you have answered yes to any of the above questions or you would like us to contact you then please can you give us your name, address and/or phone number.**

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**Personal details (optional)**

Do you live:            full time            part time            occasionally  
within the Halsall Parish?

**How many cars are there in your household?**

0      1      2      3      3+

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## Gardener's Corner Returns for the New Year



### January at-a-glance

Whether it snows or not, the stars of the January landscape are tree trunks, coloured stems and twiggy shapes. There is always something to do in the garden in January. So, wrap up warm and happy winter gardening!

### General Garden Tasks.

Carry out repair jobs

Treat and repaint fences, sheds and garden furniture

Clan, oil and sharpen the metal blades of garden tools

Maintain mowers and other machinery

Deal with slippery paths.

Reorganize your storage space – make room for tools and gardening gear.

Sort out the Christmas tree!

Clear up around the garden

Prepare new beds and borders if weather and conditions allow

Brush any snow of the greenhouse roof

Prune Wisteria

Order seeds

Protect plants and containers from frost

Deadhead pansies

Prune standard apple and pear trees

Protect fruit cages from snowfall

Harvest stored fruit and vegetables from the shed

Protect pond from icing over

Make a new water feature

### Get ahead

Chit first early seed potatoes for forcing under glass for the very earliest new baby spuds.

Wash pots and seed trays .

### Plants in their Prime

Trees - Prunus `Autumnalis`

Shrubs - Chimonanthus. Lonicera. Viburnum

Evergreens - Daphne. Mahonia. Rhododendron `Christmas Cheer`.

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Climbers - Clematis `Freckles`.

Perennials - Helleborus niger.

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Tina



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### **FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Please save the following dates for the forthcoming exciting social events in 2014 in the Marquee Interior of Halsall School Hall.

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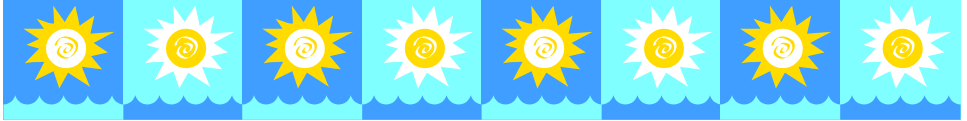
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Our list of events for 2014 are as follows:

January	10th	New Year Domino Party & Supper
February	7th	Dominoes
March	7th	Bingo
April	4th	Dominoes
May	4th	Bingo
June	24th	Summer Trip
July	11th	Dominoes
July	26th	Strawberry Tea
September	5th	Bingo
October	3rd	Dominoes
November	14th	Christmas Bingo

## **New Year Domino Party & Supper**

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## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### PROJECTS

**CCTV** is currently being installed at St Aiden's Hall and The Memorial Hall and it is hoped that it will be operational by the end of November. Thanks to West Lancashire Borough Council for jointly funding the project which will hopefully help to prevent vandalism and burglary.

### Defibrillator soon to be installed at the Memorial Hall

The Parish Council wishes to thank Sue Murrin – Bailey and North West Ambulance Service for making this possible.

### PLANNING

#### **Planning Applications:**

2013/0927/FUL – 4 Morris Lane - Retention of hard standing between stables, ménage and dwelling.

2013/0964/FUL – 74 Summerwood Lane – Detached dwelling.

2013/0994/FUL - Land Rear Of 114 Summerwood Lane - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 14 semi-detached dwellings. New vehicular/pedestrian access road and provision of car parking.

2013/1007/COU - Former Coach House, Old Halsall Arms, 2 Summerwood Lane - Change of use from offices to hair and beauty salon.

2013/0956/FUL – Cherrington, Small Lane South - Pitched roof to replace flat roof to two existing front dormers.

2013/1024/FUL – Park View Cottage, North Moor Lane - Part two storey/part single storey rear extension

**Decisions:** 2013/0776/FUL - Rspca Animal Shelter, New Cut Lane - Variation of condition no. 3 imposed on planning permission 2012/0688/FUL to allow the change from brick and block construction with concrete tiled roof to steel frame with insulated cladding – Permission granted.

2013/0843/FUL – Summer Cottage. 1b Summerwood Lane – Retention of single storey side extension – Permission granted.

2013/0927/FUL – 4 Morris Lane - Retention of hard standing between stables, ménage and dwelling – Permission granted.

<http://www.westlancsdc.gov.uk/planning.aspx>

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL Continued**

### **REPORT ATTEMPTED CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES**

The police have asked the Council to remind residents to report attempted crimes, even if this results in no loss to anyone.

If you observe anyone acting suspiciously (including possible bogus callers) or if you are uncertain as to whether you should be reporting something dial 101 to let them know so that the police can take preventative action if necessary.

### **PARKING**

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements. Pedestrians with prams and wheelchair users need to be able to use the pavement and you should allow enough room when parking to enable them to do so.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30 pm at St Aiden's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill.

**Please note that no audio, video recording or photographs of the meeting are allowed without the express approval of the Council.**

Contact Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email [davebondhpc@aol.com](mailto:davebondhpc@aol.com) in advance of the meeting to seek permission.

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

**The Parish Council Website** [www.halsallparishcouncil.com](http://www.halsallparishcouncil.com) includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

**A response to the inaccurate reporting of what took place at the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and the unauthorised photographing which took place follows.**

PTO

Halsall Parish Council wishes to clarify what took place at the meeting held on 13th November 2013 and what its policy is with regard to reporting and photographing of meetings as follows:

The Parish Councillors did not back a vote asking that Cllr. Doreen Stephenson should resign her Parish and Borough Councillor seats. The Chairman responded to that request from a member of the public stating that it was up to Cllr. Stephenson to decide whether to resign or not but did agree that the request be recorded in the minutes.

It should be noted that Roger Blaxhall who reported on this was not present when the request was made and the response from the Parish Council given.

Mr Blaxhall joined the meeting following that item and when a member of the public was speaking on an entirely different matter and proceeded to walk through the area where members of the public are sat to where the Councillors are seated and started take photographs. The Chairman asked him to stop and he refused and after repeated requests to stop he was asked to leave or the police would be called to eject him from the meeting.

Halsall Parish Council wish to state that it fully supports the actions of the Chairman on the night.

Standing Order 71 adopted by the Council reads as follows:

The Clerk shall afford to the press reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of any proceedings at which they are entitled to be present.

**There shall be no audio or video recording or photographs of the meeting without the express approval of the Council.**

The Chairman was acting correctly when he asked that no photographs be taken as no prior approval had been sought or given.

The Council are more than willing to accommodate the press at its meetings. All the Council asks is that common courtesy is shown and that it is asked in advance if they wish to take photographs so that this can be arranged in a structured manner to avoid disrupting the meeting.

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### JUDGES' REPORT - SHIRDLEY HILL

Shirdley Hill is a well cared for village, with the residents obviously taking great pride in their properties & gardens. The village was litter free everywhere.

The village green, including the wildlife path & pond, is an asset to the village & a very pleasant area to visit.

The small plaque & railway banking have been lovingly maintained & the judges appreciated that such an item had been preserved.

The village hall & the Girl Guide activity centre were both in good order.

Massam's Supplies, a new business, was in excellent order, a welcome addition to the village.

Although the sensory garden could be a great asset to the village, it was lost in weeds & thorns when the judges visited & they felt that it would require a lot of work to bring it back to its original standard.

### SHREW's Comments

Lower House Farm We would like to thank Roy and Joan Webster for their hard work making the farm look great with hanging baskets and tidy Farm Yard.

Thanks to those who helped keep the Village litter free and tidy the only thing that really let us down was the Sensory Garden it was full of weeds and we didn't have the time or manpower to maintain the 3 beds.

We hope in the early part of next year to get a team together to sort out the beds and would appreciate volunteers to come forward now with their names so we know who we can call on early spring.

I would also like to thank Steve Massam for donating this year's 23ft tree we will still be holding our Christmas raffle for the lights, fencing etc.

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While these windows decorated in stain glass let light in, they also had the reverse effect, in the dark part of the year and particularly at Christmas enabling the light from within the church to pierce the darkness of a wintery eve.

Presently our church is floodlit and has all manner of electric light inside from spotlights to neon and Led lighting. However one need only go back to the 1950's, when street lighting was new to Halsall and primitive by today's standards, to imagine the darkness surrounding our beautiful church. Yet our church had stood for 600 years before electricity or gas lighting. Then it would have been lit by candles and perhaps at Christmas, by fiery torches. The church with its warm glow and colour would have stood out like a blazing lantern against skies filled with stars crisp and clean on a frosty night unpolluted with artificial light. Consider how the village would have worked together to make this special place even more special at Christmas. Today we have a few volunteers who take pride in sweeping and polishing to maintain the church's comfortable and clean standard. Others devote time to decorate, prepare flowers, Christmas trees and ensure music, light, warmth and a smell of fresh polish. Last Christmas the annual carol event in the churchyard was followed by a candlelight gathering in the Nave. This was the first time for many years that the Nave had been lit by burning flame and was the brainwave of Dave Sephton the churchwarden.

In medieval times preparing the church for Christmastide would have involved the entire village. The floor would have been relaid with fresh straw, beeswax would have replaced the smelly tallow of candles. Holly from the churchyard was used to decorate the walls and torches of pitch and oil hung from iron brackets. Church ales were brewed beforehand. In all a very jolly celebration was inclusive of the whole village, to celebrate the birth of a unique baby in Palestine many years ago. And when those medieval worshippers left for home on that sacred night, they would have met total darkness outside. If they were lucky the moon might light their way. Otherwise after a few moments of adjusting retinas to the dark, the marvellous and miraculous sight of thousands of stars and nebulae would only confirm in their eyes and hearts, the wonder and glory of God's creation and power.

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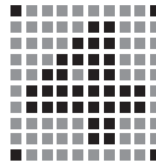
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