



Halsall News

July & August 2015



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Our last meeting before summer will be on the 12th July at 9.30am.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Rector

The Revd Paul Robinson

The Rectory

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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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WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

JULY / AUGUST 2015



DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	
July			
5th	Lynda Bramwell	Beryl Sephton	Bill White
12th	Malcolm Serjeant	Eileen Houlgrave	Ann Critchley
19th	Lynda Bramwell	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton
26th	Malcolm Serjeant	Tina Roberts	David Jessop
August			
2nd	Lynda Bramwell	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
9th	Malcolm Serjeant	Sarah Jessop	Anne Cushion
16th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks
23rd	Malcolm Serjeant	Christine Jones	Rebecca Trecarich
30th	Lynda Bramwell	Bill Banks	John Wroe



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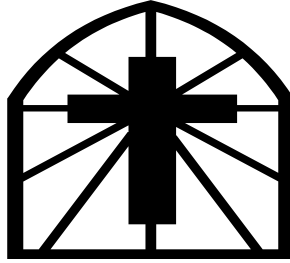


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SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE – JULY AND AUGUST 2015

Sunday 5th July – Trinity 5

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

Sunday 12th July – Trinity 6

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Eucharist & Baptism	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Parade Service	Parish Hall Field

Sunday 19th July – Trinity 7

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Eucharist & Confirmation Enrolment	St Thomas'

Sunday 26th July – Trinity 8

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

Sunday 2nd August – Trinity 9

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

Sunday 9th August – Trinity 10

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

Sunday 16th August – Trinity 11 & BVM

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

Sunday 23rd August – Trinity 12

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

Sunday 30th August

10.30am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'
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MID-WEEK SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE – JULY AND AUGUST

Wednesday 1 st July	10.00am	St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 8 th July	9.00am	St Thomas' School
Wednesday 8 th July	11.00am	Haskayne School
Thursday 9 th July	9.15am	St Cuthbert's School
Wednesday 15 th July	10.00am	St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 22 nd & 29 th July	NO SERVICES	

THERE ARE NO MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES IN AUGUST

Chalice Rota July & August



July

5 th July	Elaine Ayre	Lynda Bramwell
12 th July	Ann Cushion	Lynda Bramwell
19 th July	Tara Kenyon	Lynda Bramwell
26 th July	Stephanie Hilton	Lynda Bramwell

August

2 nd August	Ann Throp	Lynda Bramwell
9 th August	Gwyn Williams	Lynda Bramwell
16 th August	Lisa Sinclair	Lynda Bramwell
23 rd August	Mike Hilton	Lynda Bramwell
30 th August	Diane Comfort	Lynda Bramwell

The Reader Writes...

I am writing this on a sunny day in June! Yes sunny, not yet warm but showing promise of things to come. I hope that as you read this summer has truly arrived and that we are all enjoying the glories of a beautiful English summer; well I can hope! Of course English summers like holidays are unpredictable. I seem to remember my school holidays as being filled with long endlessly sunny days and no rain or clouds, of course they couldn't have really been constantly like that but memory often plays tricks, painting memories with a rosy hue.

More recent holiday memories tell a truer tale but are no less precious or enjoyable. It's good to have a change or a rest or just to have a little more time to spend with those we love. Church attendances are often down during the summer holidays, understandably so; but although we may be busy enjoying our summer activities it's really important that in our business we don't forget our God. All that we have, are and experience is a gift from God and in order to start a new season, refreshed in body, mind and spirit we need to keep touching base with our Heavenly Father; including thanking him for time well spent and for the wonders of his world.

Not all holidays are relaxing or stress free and contact with God can sooth our minds as much as the sun can sooth our bodies. I found the following on the Internet, which I thought very apt it's called, take time.

Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God

Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent. Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

I have also found a couple of short prayers from various sources suitable for holiday prayer that I hope you find useful.

Lord God,

We put ourselves into your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate; not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.

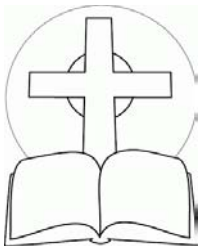
Prayer for the summer break

Lord, what about you and me? I don't want to forget you just because I'm away from my normal routine. Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me that my relationship with you should never take a break.

Wherever you go or whatever you do, either holidaying at home or venturing further afield I do wish you a very happy, safe and refreshing summer.

Best wishes Glen.

HALSALL FROM
THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

10th May 2015

Nicola Tracey Adkins
Daisy Florence Walsh
Pixie Walsh

24th May 2015

Henry William Halsall

WEDDINGS

22nd May 2015

John Leslie Robinson & Sharon Morse

30th May 2015

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SANCTUARY LIGHTS

JULY

1st	Norman Rhodes (Birthday)
3rd	Vivian Osmond Weights (Birthday)
3rd	Catherine Bullough
3rd	James Edward Cheetham (Birthday)
5th	Walter Herbert Bullough
6th	Nancy Ainscough (Anniversary)
6th	John Prescott (Birthday)
7th	Annie Marshall (Birthday)
7th	John Huyton
12th	Jane Walsh (Birthday)
12th	Clarice Hall
14th	Michael James Yule (Birthday)
16th	David John Cruikshank
18th	Mary Serjeant (Birthday)
18th	George Henry Porter
19th	Jack Williams
19th	Sarah Ann Heaton (Birthday)
25th	Mrs E Tesseyman

AUGUST

4th	John Rees Howel
9th	Margaret Haldane (Birthday)
11th	John Harold Grimshaw (Birthday)
18th	Edith Elizabeth Welch (Birthday)
18th	Ernest Serjeant
21st	Gladys Mary Morris (Birthday)
22nd	Sarah Critchley
25th	James Balshaw
25th	Dennis Knowles
26th	James Hilton (Birthday)
27th	Ernest Serjeant (Birthday)
29th	Roberts James Critchley (Birthday)



Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

A new website for Halsall's St Cuthbert Church community has been launched and can be viewed at: <http://www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk>

The aim of the site is to:

- Raise funds for the repair of St Cuthbert's Church spire – through volunteering and fundraising events
- Showcase archive church documents, school reports and the Halsall Parish Magazine/ Halsall News which date back to 1800s and up to the present day
 - Church service times and other news

For more information please contact Colin Throp01704 841281 on or email:info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

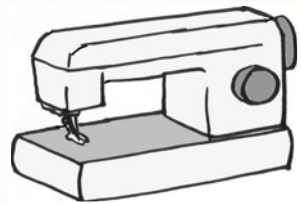
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Confirmation 2015

Confirmation will take place in the Benefice on Advent Sunday – November 29th – with Bishop Cyril Ashton.

ADULTS: Any adult who would like to be Confirmed this year then please contact Stephanie in the Parish Office 0151 526 2292 (Mon – Wed 9am – 1pm). If you would like to know more about what it means to be Confirmed then please have a word with Paul.

CHILDREN: Any child who will be in Y5 from September is entitled to be Confirmed. If your child goes to one of our Church Schools – Haskayne, St Cuthbert's or St Thomas' – letters will be going home through the school. If your child does not go to one of the Church Schools then please contact Stephanie (details above) and she will email a letter out to you, which you will need to complete and return to her by the 6th July.

An important date for ALL children wishing to be Confirmed is:

**THE CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT SERVICE on
SUNDAY 19TH JULY at 11.15AM in
ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

For more information please see the Rector.



Warrington Archdeaconry

Family Fun Day

"The Challenge of Change"

October 31st 2015

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

at Liverpool Cathedral

The Family Fun Day is for parishioners to

1. Celebrate the life of the Archdeaconry – family fun and fellowship.
2. Commit ourselves to the challenges and changes that lay ahead.
3. Worship together with an Archdeaconry Eucharist with Bishop Richard as our preacher
4. Say farewell to Archdeacon Peter and Pat as Peter retires as Archdeacon.

The day will include activities such as a climbing wall, caving, Brass Band, birds of prey, crafts, Farmer's Market and much, much more with opportunities for all of us to look at, and share, what has changed in our parishes, our churches, our schools, our families and our faith since WACATTACK 2009 as well committing ourselves to those challenges and changes that lay ahead.

Parishes and schools will have a range of opportunities to get involved in activities and show what you are doing locally. So you can

- Bring a banner
- Bring a display, article or 5 minute video showing how you are responding to the challenge of change
- Enter our great "selfie" competition - me and my church
- Enter the bowling competition

So we can plan these great events - please complete our form to let us know what you will do.

The day will be great day for the Archdeaconry of Warrington to gather together as an Archdeaconry, for the last time in its present form, both to enjoy the very real building that is our magnificent Cathedral as well as enjoying a time to get to know each other better!

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Britain Memorial flight @ 2:35pm.**

Gleanings from the parish news 1975-1985

In September 1975 the parish newsletter was relaunched in a different format. Previously it was available to buy and contained a portion of the Church Times; now it was free and included parish council news. It was delivered to every home in the ecclesiastical parish of Halsall and that included the northern edge of Haskayne. In the summer, a flower and crafts fair at the church had attracted 10,000 visitors and in 1977 the parish prepared for a special year. There was the silver jubilee of Elizabeth II, the Rose Queen and the flower festival. It was decided that the Queen's Silver anniversary should primarily be a celebration for the children of the parish and this became the task of the newly appointed head teacher Doug Bonner, who had taken over in September 1976 to prepare the children for the event.

First of all there was the matter of making right the church roof. The roof above the chancel had been disfigured by damage, caused during theft of lead in February 1976. It had become increasingly difficult to have the roof insured because of repeated thefts. Canon Bullough was an effective fund raiser and parishioners responded to his appeals. The Rector also voiced fears that the Parish would in future have to merge. He would voice similar concerns later in the year over the demise of the Kings James bible and the prayer book. The Rose Queen day took place on the 6th July followed by the Queen Elizabeth's silver anniversary and after this The Halsall Festival on 17th July 1977 included, a concert by the Chester Singers, a parish cricket match and a miss Halsall competition. The festival service in the morning was addressed by the bishop of Liverpool. A week of activities included a fashion show and a children's pet competition. It was a busy and interesting time for the people of Halsall but in the same month the east window of the church was broken in several places and the water tap in the graveyard was vandalised. Funds were raised and the windows were shielded with reinforced glass of the type used on Concorde the supersonic aircraft. Further problems came with Dutch Elm disease and 20 Elms in the churchyard were infected and later felled. The church still continued to be unlocked during the day but threat of increasing thefts was beginning to make the PCC review security.

Despite this Halsall's year turned shining again when, in October The Best Kept Village award was won by Halsall. Not only did Halsall win but they took the prestigious first place in the champions class which was the highest merit. Again events went topsy turvy when tragedy struck the village. Late in October Kathy Moores the young bride of David Moores died in a freak car accident on the moss. She was buried under the blossom tree in the churchyard only 26 years old.

The next year 1978 started with an appeal from Edward Carr the Choirmaster for choristers and this was successful with new members in all sections of the choir. Jack Huyton took on the responsibility of Churchwarden from Bob Heaton and Christine Rigby was crowned Rose Queen. In 1979 Harry Sergeant after several years faithful service stood down from churchwarden and John Grimshaw was appointed. The Rose queen that year was Sally Critchley. Olga Baxter retired from the position of Deputy Head at the school after many years sterling service. Farming was in the news when William Stopforth was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to agriculture. In November Ormskirk Music society gave a concert at the church and plans were made to stage a medieval weekend in the coming year with the re-enactment of a battle from the civil war by the sealed Knot heritage company.

Canon Bullough started the new decade by quoting the prayer of St Francis of Assisi paraphrasing Margaret Thatcher who had been elected prime minister 6 months earlier. Later he would denounce the demise of religion in schools and falling standards by quoting Pink Floyd's 'Brick in the wall' as an example of subversive attitudes. The early 1980's were punctuated by a series of thefts and vandalism from the church roof. In May 1982 the North side of the chancel was stripped of lead. In July 1980 Rose queen was Sally Hirst. Christine Webster was followed by Diane Webster as Rose queen in 1981/2 respectively.

In 1983 the store sheds were burgled and the lawn mower was stolen. August 1983 saw restoration work on the reredos, the Halsall/Stanley tomb the George III coat of arms and the ancient text under the clerestory window. The candlesticks given by Hilda Lethbridge were also refurbished.

In September 1984 the rector wrote "The coal strike and the dock strike are destroying so many hopes for the future" In November 1984 Canon Bullough celebrated 25 years as Rector of Halsall and in his speech he warned of a 'Mrs Beeton compendium of liturgical anarchy' facing the church with various alternative orders of service. The PCC had stuck firmly to the traditional prayer book service and this had been firmly endorsed in 1980 when the PCC decided that the ASB alternative Service Book would not be introduced.

The Halsall WI played host to Dr Bird in November 1984 who regaled the women with tales of Halsall. He claimed that workmen working on one of the pillars in the 1920's had discovered treasure, 'a shower of gold coins' which were sold at Christies Auction House in London. No record of this 'find' is documented!

In May 1985 The Bishop Charles Claxton formerly Rector of Halsall revisited the church for Rogation Sunday. He visited local farms on the Rogation list. It was as a dedication to him that refurbishment of the reredos had been commissioned earlier.

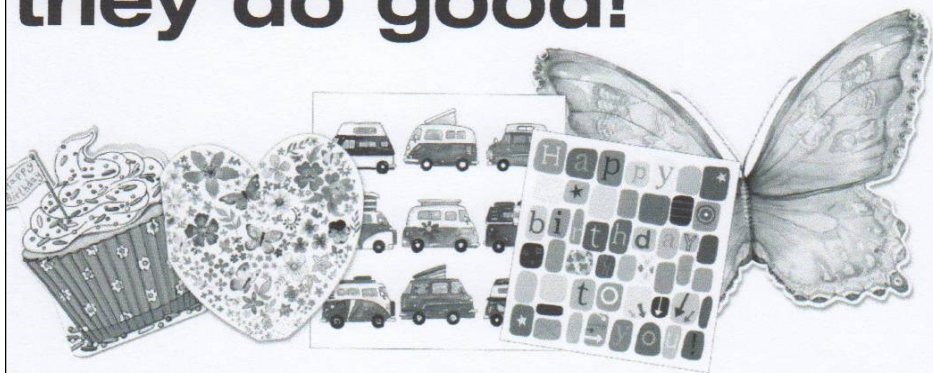
Stephen Henders

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JULY /AUGUST 2015

5th July	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn
19th July	E Banks L Wilkinson E Parry	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse
2nd August	A Critchley S Waterworth	P Waterworth K Orritt	K Twist
16th August	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd
30th August	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn



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Halsall Environment Group

The judging of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition is well under way and will continue until August. Judging takes place in secret, so we have no idea when the judges will be here. They visit us at least 4 times and look all around the village, and take into account private properties and gardens, as well as business premises and communal areas.

The Best Kept Village competition started in 1958 and the aim was to promote a better environment for everyone throughout Lancashire. The intention of the competition is to encourage community effort and involvement in keeping Lancashire villages and their facilities tidy and well maintained.

In the early years only a handful of villages entered the competition but entries have now increased to around 100 - from tiny hamlets to large villages up to a population of 8500.

Today, there is a growing interest in improving our environment and fostering respect for our neighbours and neighbourhood and we are pleased to be a part of that movement. We can certainly see a difference from 8 years ago when we decided to set up the Halsall Environment group which is run by volunteers from around the village.

We would ask you all to make a special effort to keep all areas in our village looking tidy, litter free and attractive. If each one of us does a little bit, however small, it would make a big difference.

If you can offer any help such as watering the planters and baskets, or looking after a particular area over the summer, then please let us know.

We are pleased that people have commented to us that they notice how attractive and tidy the village is when they drive through so please keep up the good work of litter picking etc!!!

Please contact either Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 elliwroe@hotmail.com or Enid Banks 01704 567654 enidbanks@aol.com if you would like to know more.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2015/0408/FUL - Andersons Farm, Philip Drive - Erection of two buildings for use for agricultural storage and agricultural workshop purposes and as a single car domestic garage (retrospective).

2015/0481/LDC - Malt Kiln Barn, Halsall Road - Certificate of Lawfulness - Use of land, building and conservatory ancillary to the residential occupation of Malt Kiln Barn, Halsall Road, Halsall

2015/0544/FUL – 17 New Cut Lane – Two storey extension to rear.

For further information visit <http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning.aspx>

P.A.C.T. (Police And Communities Together) Meetings

Meetings are held in Haskayne Village Hall 109 School Lane with public participation.

For information and the latest news visit:

<http://www.lancashire.police.uk/neighbourhood/halsall>

PARKING

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements or park in bus lay-bys. 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 Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidans, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill.

Please note: If you wish to make audio or video recording, or take photographs of the meeting please phone Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email davebondhpc@aol.com in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruption.

Contact Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email 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.halsallparish.com includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

ALT-CROSSENS CATCHMENT – NOTICE OF MEETING

The Environment Agency will shortly be serving notice on five satellite pumping stations marking the beginning of a two year period before closure. The stations involved include Rufford, Clay Brow, Boundary Brook, Kew and Banks Marsh.

The Agency is holding a series of engagement events for those directly affected. The first meeting is aimed at farmers and landowners and will be held on:

***date:* Thursday 2nd July, 2015**

***time:* 7.00 p.m.**

***venue:* NFU Offices,
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What's Happening at Halsall?

Admissions

We have 22 children starting in the reception class in September 2015. Miss Clare Leggett, our Early Years specialist, is looking forward to welcoming the children. I'm sure they'll have a great start to their school life. There are so many exciting things planned for them.

Staffing

Mr Jim is still unwell but he is making slow and steady progress. Please spare a prayer for him when you can.

Mrs Georgina Green, our early years teaching assistant, is now a very proud mum. She gave birth to little Bethany Grace in late May. We wish her well and look forward to her return in the autumn following her maternity leave.

Residential Holidays

Both PGL residential trips to the Winmarleigh Hall Centre near Garstang, were very successful. Children had a fabulous time and the staff worked tirelessly to provide the best possible care and support. Some of the children really pushed themselves and were incredibly brave as they faced their fears at height, in water and in the dark, etc. Well done to all the year 4 and year 5 children that attended and thanks to the staff for taking them.

The Year 6 residential holiday to Aberystwyth was also a big hit with the children. We were very pleased with the accommodation, the planned, activities and especially with the behaviour of the party. The children really were a credit to the school. As always, many passers-by commented on their wonderful manners (and on their red hats too!)



Buildings and Premises

1. The staffroom has been completed and it now provides a wonderful base for staff.
2. We have secured LEA funding (LCVAP) to use in addition to the school's DFC allocation, to enable us to renovate the school playground. This will involve an overhaul of the drains, tarmac resurfacing and re-lining with new and exciting markings.

3. Using the Sports Partnership funds, we hope to renovate the Activity Trail and create a facility which is safer, cleaner and can be used all year round. We plan to construct a new fence, establish an edging board around the area and cover the ground with either rubber or wood chippings. It should look fabulous.

We hope to complete both projects by late September, with most of the excavation work being carried out during the summer holidays.

Strawberry Teas Afternoon

The children entertained parents and friends recently at the Strawberry Teas Afternoon. There was some real talent on-show in the dancing and on both the piano and on the violin.

SATS

We await the return of the year 6 SATS in early July. Hopefully the children will have done really well and achieved their potential.

Standards in the Early Years, in year 1 Phonics, in Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2, remain well above the National Average.

Trips Out

In recent months, staff have organised a wide range of school outing for the children. There have been trips to :

PGL Camps, Aberystwyth, Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral, Rock and River, The Catalyst Museum, Leyland Recycling Centre, Lancaster University, Ormskirk Music Show, Chill Factor, Liverpool World Museum, Leeds and Liverpool Canal, chicken farm etc. What fabulous opportunities our children have, to experience the wider world!

Almost all of these trips have been fully funded by the PTFA. This obviously saves parents having to pay, what can be quite a lot of money and it really is a wonderful gesture. Thanks to the PTFA.

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Badminton Club Over 16's	Thursday 7.30pm St Cuthbert's School	
Bootcamp	Monday 6.30-7.15 Wednesday 6.30-7.15 Halsall Memorial Hall	Rachel Pimblett 07875 483733
Halsall Community Group	Various	Louise 07734452323 Facebook. The Official Halsall Village Community
Halsall West End Cricket Club Junior Coaching Boys and Girls Year 3 to Year 6	Sundays in February & March 4pm and 5pm St Bede's High School Ormskirk	John Kershaw (Junior Players Coordinator) 07718433492
Crown Green Bowling Club	Saracen's Head Halsall	Carole Toal 01695 577920 Charles Nason 01695 574073
Halsall Environment Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Shirdley Hill Roadside Environment Workers SHREW	Various See page 34	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
Halsall Football Club	Memorial Playing Field Halsall	Paul Williams

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
Karate 7 years and over	Monday 6pm-8pm St Aiden's Hall Shirdley Hill	Graham Parsons 0151 531 7598
Luncheon Club	St Aiden's Hall Shirdley Hill	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
Meditation Monthly Meetings	Sunday St Aiden's Shirdley Hill	Jenny Pearce 01704 840117
Pilates	Monday 7.30-8.30pm Halsall Memorial Hall	Rachel Pimblett 07875 483733
Shirdley Hill Residents Association	Various See Halsall News	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
	Scouting	
Beavers	Tuesday 6.30-7,30pm St Cuthbert's School	Barbara Threlfall 07817 382221
Cub Scouts	Monday 6-7.30pm St Cuthbert's School	Tracy Berkley 07531 603290
Scouts	Monday 7-8,30pm St Cuthbert's School	Jane Coventry 07887 685219
Snooker Club	Halsall Memorial Hall Playing Field	Gerald Neale 01704 841275 Or Jason Neale 07968228173
Sunshine Club Over 60's	Various See Halsall News for Details. Page 34	Eleanor Wroe 01704841216 Betty Knowles 01704840611

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General Garden Tasks

Water & feed plants frequently, particularly those in containers.

Deadhead annuals, roses & other flowering plants.

Cut back perennials after flowering – some will have a second flush of flowers.

Mow lawns, but don`t water or feed.

Feed camellias & rhododendrons & water well.

Trim pyracantha.

When the flowers are over, clip dwarf hedges of lavender, rosemary & santolina.

Clip beech & hornbeam late this month or early next month.

Cut & dry everlasting flowers.

Plant autumn flowering bulbs.

Divide bearded irises.

`Stop` outdoor tomatoes.

Cut & dry or freeze herbs.

Take cuttings from herbs.

Prune gooseberries, redcurrant & blackcurrant bushes & summer fruiting raspberry canes.

Ventilate the greenhouse & damp down regularly in hot weather.

Take softwood cuttings of pelargoniums, fuchsias, & other frost-tender plants to overwinter.

Plant specially prepared bulbs, such as hyacinths, for forcing which will flower in time for Christmas.

Harvest greenhouse tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers & melons.

Clear out decomposing water lily leaves from the pond.

Thin out other leaves if the plants are covering the pond.

Top-up water levels if necessary.

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