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

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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.

**The Dying:** Paul can be contacted at any time of the day or night in order to minister to the dying.

### **Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website**

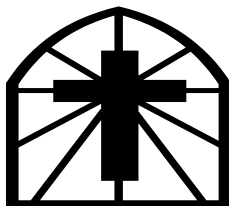
The website for the St Cuthbert Church community can be viewed at  
[www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk](http://www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk)

The website contains information about services and events, archive material including school reports, Halsall Parish Magazines dating from now and back to the 1800's, information and other general news updates.

It also provides a link to *Virginmoneygiving.com* where it is possible to donate to us online. On the spot updates are also available via the Facebook page.

We would love to hear from anyone who may wish to suggest other content that would be relevant and of interest to the community.

General enquiries about the site can be directed by e-mail to:  
[info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk](mailto:info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk)



## **Sunday Services in the United Benefice**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – All Saints/All Souls**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Eucharist & Sending Forth	St Thomas'
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>All Souls Service (UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE)</b>	<b>St Thomas'</b>

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion (with an Act of Remembrance)	St Thomas'
10.30am	Remembrance Service	St Cuthbert's
10.45am	Remembrance Parade	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Eucharist	St Thomas'
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Communion</b>	<b>St Cuthbert's</b>

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Mid-Week Communion Services**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am St Thomas' Church

## The Reader Writes...

The month of November is traditionally given over to remembering the victims of war. The peace treaty that signified the end of the First World War was signed on the eleventh hour of 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1918. Ever since, a two minute silence has been held then and Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday in November each year. Sadly, the “war to end all wars” didn’t achieve that and there have been many international conflicts (including another World War) since.

As a result of this, Remembrance Sunday has continued to be important and meaningful and its purpose has been enlarged to give thanks for those who were (and are) willing to lay down their lives for our freedom and to remember the victims of all military conflicts all over the world since then.

You may know that I volunteer a day a week at the Micah Foodbank in St. Bride’s Church in Liverpool. The United Benefice supported it with Harvest produce again this year. The guests at the foodbank include asylum seekers, predominantly from Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea.

Why those countries? Their citizens suffer from the effects of war or military conflicts; unstable political regimes; gross human rights violations; compulsory conscription (indefinite in the case of Eritrea); persecution, imprisonment, torture or even the death penalty for being gay or for not following the dominant religion (including converting to another).

One of the shocking things I’ve experienced at the Foodbank is the short lag between trouble in some far flung part of the world and beginning to see asylum seekers from that region. I experienced that recently with Venezuela and El Salvador.

War, sadly, is not consigned to the pages of a history book.

There are currently over 40 active military conflicts around the world.

Even once a peace treaty is signed, the after effects are felt for years, or even decades. A price is paid by ALL citizens in terms of poverty, the collapse of law and order, the health service, the disruption or even cessation of school and university education, the of infra-structure like roads, communications. Displacement or forced migration often occurs during and in the aftermath of armed conflict

External displacement is when individuals are forced out of the borders of their country into another as seen with the Syrian Refugees. This has a severe economic impact on a country.

In 2015, the UNHCR estimated that world-wide approximately 65 million people around the world have been forced from their home. Of this number, 21.3 million are refugees, over half of the demographic under the age of 18. In times of violence, people are displaced from their homes and seek places where they are welcome; periodically meeting places they are not welcome.

So, this year on Remembrance Sunday, I will give thanks for the servicemen and women who are prepared to defend our freedom. I will also continue to pray for our politicians and all who work for peace, that they have the wisdom and courage needed to end conflicts. I will also continue to pray for all victims of war, including refugees and asylum seekers as I give thanks for the peace and security that we in the United Kingdom enjoy.

With very best wishes, David Walker

## CHALICE ROTA

**November 2019**



3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sarah Mitchell	Elaine Ayre
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Ann Cushion	Lynda Bramwell
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Tara Kenyon	Angela Banks
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Colin Throp	Lynda Bramwell

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

**November 2019**



3rd Nov	<b>A Critchley</b>	P Waterworth C Moss	S Waterworth E Robinson	K Twist M Mills
17th Nov	<b>P Carr</b>	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
30th Nov	<b>E Wroe</b>	J Wroe G Williams	B Knowles	A Cushion

## **It's official church is good for you!**

I frequently find in my conversations within the parish that my faith is being stimulated, encouraged and challenged. A recent conversation about the value of Christian traditions and the urgent need to proclaim the gospel afresh to this generation got me thinking about some of those traditions. Many of our traditions have value (otherwise they wouldn't have become traditions in the first place) but in many cases, we need to find better ways of demonstrating that value. The challenge of ensuring that the church doesn't seem stuffy old-fashioned and irrelevant is an important one. Our faith is indeed alive, *well*, contemporary and relevant and it's our job to make sure that world around us knows that.

I'm often told that for many people Health is their main, or at least a significant concern. We probably all have some idea of what we're supposed to be doing to live a healthier life... give up smoking, exercise more, eat a healthy diet. But what if I told you there was something the church was already doing for you that might make you live five or ten years longer? That's a far greater health effect than many expensive modern medical interventions.

Perhaps the church is overly concerned about treading on the toes of the medical community or perhaps it's more focussed on the urgent task of saving souls. For whatever reason the church sometimes forgets that it is saving our bodies too! The church is not very good at proclaiming the health benefits of faith! So, here are just a few thoughts to correct that wrong.

Perhaps it might surprise you to know that many of our Christian traditions have well proven health benefits. There is lots of modern scientific evidence suggesting that regular church goers enjoy better health. One often quoted paper by Hummer published in 1990 suggested that the life expectancy of a 20-year-old regular church attendee was 83 but for a non-church goer it was 75. That's a pretty impressive improvement!

One possibility is that faith improves our health indirectly by helping us cope with life's ups and downs better than those who don't have faith therefore reducing the amount of stress we expose ourselves to. Reducing stress might have a further effect on blood pressure and the risk of heart disease and stroke. The lifestyles we adopt as Christians may also have a similar effect. Choosing simplicity over glamour or sufficiency rather than abundant wealth might help us reduce the number of difficulties in life we encounter. The Christian lifestyle might also steer us away from heavy drinking or other forms of excess with their negative health consequences. Not only do church goers tend to exhibit healthier lifestyles, they also have a strong support system that others do not have. Churches are a source of community which brings with it support and strength especially through stressful life events.

Alternatively, some of our traditions might have a direct effect on our health. When I read for example the book of Leviticus teaching the Israelites to soak pots and pans that had had flies or insects on them, and to wash themselves after handling raw meat, I see modern food hygiene practices already in our tradition from several millennia ago preventing the transmission of infectious disease long before 'germs' had been discovered.



Another tradition (unfortunately less practiced today) is the tradition of fasting. I am sure many of you will be will have heard of the work by Dr Michael Mosley in his book and TV series advocating the health benefits of fasting which appears to reduce obesity, type II diabetes and have many other health benefits. Many of our institutions still serve fish on a Friday as traditionally that was a day when Christians (remembering the events of Good Friday) refrained from eating red meat as a 'mini' fast. Fasting on Holy days and the long fasts of lent and Advent form part of our heritage also.

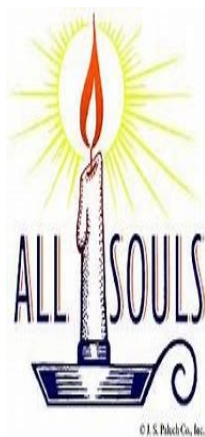
There are many other health benefits that have been studied but these are perhaps the least well known. Okay so I'm biased, but I am convinced that living with faith is a better and indeed healthier way to live. I can make that statement with my medical hat on just as much as I can whilst wearing a collar, so smile relax and come to church on Sunday, the doctor says it's good for you!

Alex.

## **UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE IN ST THOMAS'**

### **ALL SOULS SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER AT 6.00PM**



This is our annual Service of Remembrance of our dear departed loved ones. We invite all those who have lost loved ones to come to this special Service of Remembrance, as we remember those whom we love who have departed this life and are now in God's safe-keeping. We thank God for their lives and the memories they have left behind for us; we give thanks for all they meant, and still mean to us today. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those whom we love but see no more.

The families and friends of all those who have lost loved ones during the past year are especially invited to this Service as the names of their loved ones are remembered out loud.

**Members of the congregations at both churches are invited to this special service.**

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING**

2019/0755/FUL - 3 Morris Hey - Balcony to side elevation and new windows

2019/0903/PNP - Land To The Rear Of, Chestnut Close -

### **PAVEMENT PARKING**

Can all residents please ensure when parking on pavements that they leave enough room for wheelchair users to get past.

Also it would be helpful if car owners with drives use them when their car is not in use for any length of time.

**The Council have asked police to monitor the situation.**

### **GRANT MONIES**

The Council is looking for suggestions from residents to help to improve the area / create new facilities.

It should be noted however that suggestions have to meet certain criteria therefore not all suggestions put forward will be adopted.

Please forward any suggestions to **01704 534090**

email [davebondhpc@aol.com](mailto:davebondhpc@aol.com)

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

**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](mailto:davebondhpc@aol.com) in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruption.**

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

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

# **INVITATION**

**Join Halsall Parish Council for  
refreshments after the Remembrance Sunday Service**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
circa 11.30 a.m.**

**at  
The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road.**

**Everyone attending the service is welcome to join us  
afterwards**

**Can all residents please use the Memorial Hall Car Park**

## **TO ALL RESIDENTS OF HALSALL RE FRACKING AT ALT CAR MOSS**

This is to advise you that Halsall Parish Council will be objecting to planning application LCC/2019/0037 (proposed fracking at Altcar Moss Well site, Suttons Lane, Great Altcar, Lancashire.)

We urge all residents to object in their own name to [devcon@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:devcon@lancashire.gov.uk) by 13th November 2019, two weeks before the Devon Committee Meeting on 27th November.

If you choose to submit an objection in your own name, please put **OBJECTION** on it clearly otherwise some people have said that it will only be treated as comments and possibly disregarded.

The Devcon meeting is currently advertised as 27th November 2019 but this can change.

Overleaf please find a summary of the background to possible objections for you to consider should you wish to do so:

# SUMMARY OF OBJECTIONS

## GENERAL OBJECTIONS

### 1. Need for shale gas

Most of the UK's gas comes from offshore, mainly from the North Sea, where new finds are being developed; while onshore fracking will require thousands of well pads and tens of thousands of wells across the countryside.

### 2. Climate Change impact

Shale fracking wells leak methane into the atmosphere, which together with combustion of the gas is as harmful to climate change as coal fired power stations. There is huge potential for far more renewable energy, particularly wave and tidal.

### 3. Harvesting the gas

Due to its geology, harvesting shale gas in the UK is unlikely to be as cheap as the USA and Australia; and it will present far more environmental threats. UK regulatory controls simply aim to minimise the risks and are untested and suspected to prove ineffective.

### 4. Water wastage and contamination

Fracking wells require large quantities of clean water, all of which is wasted. The 40% flowback absorbs toxic chemical elements in the shale and needs specialist treatment before disposal. The 60% remaining underground has the potential to contaminate groundwater which provides nearly a third of UK drinking supplies.

### 5. Public Health

Residents near fracking wells face disruption, damage and potential danger to their property, health, and livelihoods. Health risks include impairment of air quality, sleep disturbance, and mental health issues; and baseline environmental monitoring prior to fracking is essential but likely to be neglected.

### 6. Community compensation

The community compensation arrangements are restricted to residents living closest to well pads and are only payable if fracking takes place. Acceptance of the payments could invalidate any future claim for compensation in the event of damage to property or health.

**Onshore fracking will require thousands of well pads and tens of thousands of wells across the countryside**

**The main access route to the well pad will be along the Formby by pass**





## SITE OBJECTIONS

### 7. Site development

The proposed well pad at Great Altcar may initially house only 2 wells but may be doubled in size in due course, and it has the potential to reach under half the properties in Formby. Aurora's licence obligations and plans are likely to lead to further well pads right across the Moss.

### 8. Local geology

The potential pathways and conduits for fugitive emissions of gas and fluids are the numerous fault lines under the site, the nearby disused oil boreholes, and the inevitable corrosion of the steel well shafts and their concrete casing over time.

### 9. Ecology

The well pad is located within a number of protection and conservation areas, and houses nesting sites for threatened native birds. It is also on the flight path for over wintering geese and swans, which forage on the surrounding farm lands.

### 10. Traffic

The main access route to the well pad will be along the Formby by pass, turning onto the B5195 which runs between a busy supermarket and an extensive retail park and a narrow bridge over the River Alt. The heavy vehicles serving the fracking site may contain toxic loads, and back up and congest a main route to Ormskirk Hospital and the Children's A&E Department for the area.

### 11. Lack of emergency plans

Local councils and emergency services have not yet developed plans to deal with the risks posed by fracking well operation at Great Altcar and are ill equipped to do so. The threats include the potential contamination of air by gas discharge and possible explosion, necessitating public evacuation.

### 12. Hydrogeology

Nearly half of Aurora's PEDL 164 licence area is covered by groundwater protection orders, as the water provides domestic supplies and irrigation of farmland. The orders require monitoring of both groundwater levels and quality, yet the nearest boreholes are about 5km away from the proposed well pad at Great Altcar.

### 13. Flood defence

The area surrounding the proposed well pad is potentially at risk from flooding from rivers or the sea, and is reliant on field drains, flood gates and dredging. Funding cuts in local flood defence are a source of concern, and overflowing could flood the well pad and potentially spread toxic chemicals.

### 14. Landscape and visual impact

The isolated village of Great Altcar is a designated Conservation Area, and development rights are restricted. Night time working on the well pad with associated noise, vibration and lighting is alien to the local landscape.

### 15. Local economy

Any extra jobs created by fracking are likely to prove temporary or menial and need to be set against possible job losses in local agriculture, service industries and tourism. Local agricultural produce may prove difficult to sell if it is thought to be contaminated by fracking activity.

### 16. Aurora's viability

Aurora's substantial operating losses to date have largely been covered by tax haven funding. There is little evidence that the company has the viability to conclude its licence conditions or compensate residents in the event of damage to the local environment.

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# **The Houghton Players perform**

## **‘The Gondoliers’**

**St. Cuthbert’s Church, Halsall**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm**

Southport’s **Hoghton Players Gilbert and Sullivan Society** are busy rehearsing for their 2019 Autumn Concerts, “The Gondoliers”, one of Gilbert and Sullivan’s sunniest and best-loved operas. It is a story of intrigue, love and comical twists and turns, set in Venice and on an exotic isle, and featuring some of Sullivan’s most beautiful and joyous music.

The Houghtons recently won a “Best Gilbert and Sullivan Production, 2018” NODA award for their semi-staged production of “The Pirates of Penzance”. In addition, the Society’s concerts have been nominated in NODA’s “Best Concert or Revue” category the past three years running. Their most recent venture, “The Seven Ages of Gilbert and Sullivan”, was staged to great acclaim in several local venues last month.

The “Gondoliers” will be performed in the same format as their award-winning “Pirates”: musically complete, semi-staged, in costume, with a mixture of narrations and dialogue.

**Tickets £7 (including refreshments) available from Pam Carr on 01695 423817 or by e mail: [Postmaster@acdfpamerc.plus.com](mailto:Postmaster@acdfpamerc.plus.com)**

Or by ringing

**Ray Dutton (Hoghton Players box office) on 01704 578232**



# ST CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



Friday 29th November  
3.30pm-7pm  
In St Cuthbert's School Hall

**\* Admission Free \***

**A fun event for all the family with games  
for the children.**

**Meet Father Christmas**

**Grand Draw**

**Enjoy Our Refreshments**

**With More Stalls This Year!!!**



**This event is to raise much  
needed funds for the  
maintenance of the church.**



## War in Church and out.



While the rise of Fascism was alarming the western powers in Europe in the mid 1930's. Halsall church was already fighting its own war against a virulent enemy which promised to bring the whole building into collapse. In 1935 much of the discussion in Parochial Church Council meetings was about changing the poor electric lighting, from a dynamo to a more efficient system. The problems with the boilers were of course a perennial item on the agenda. On the social side, Whist drives were very popular. The Rector at this time was the Reverend Edward Mather.

It was reported on the 11th May that "Some small grubs had been found at the Chancel end of the church. The diocesan surveyor Mr Dodd was consulted and sent the grubs to London, where the report returned that they were death watch beetle of the worst type" They were found in the old oak of the choir stalls and 3 seats had been taken out of the Chancel and burnt. Mr Dodd, the church architect, said he would inspect the roof during the next week with another surveyor.

At the next PCC meeting when Lady Lethbridge was in attendance, Mr Dodd suggested fumigating the church with cyanide gas. There was a lot of concern as to possible damage this gas might do and not least the danger to life. Mr Dodd could not cite an example of the gas being used in any church in Britain but thought it had been used in a church in Sweden. At the next meeting in July it was suggested that a Southport firm, who were agents for a Cuprinol spray be contacted. Lady Lethbridge meanwhile had contacted a Mr Caroe who was one of the leading architects in the country. He stated that cyanide gas was useless in these circumstances. Mr Caroe did, however, suggest a Death Watch Beetle solution to be sprayed which had been used in Canterbury and Peterborough Cathedrals. The beetle had been found only in the Chancel and Mr Gradwell a local tradesman would carry out the work which would require scaffolding to be erected as high as the roof and to stay up for the duration of the treatment which on estimate was a year.

A year later after two sprayings the wardens reported that 14 beetles were found, only 6 of which were alive and 10 grubs, another spraying was called for. The next month 36 grubs were found. In May 1937 a further spraying was recommended though the danger was thought to have passed. In August 1938 Lady Lethbridge insisted on another spraying. It was in November 1939, two months after the outbreak of World War II that another 8 grubs were found and the scaffolding was left up to be reviewed in the autumn of 1940.

A meeting in May came after a further inspection by Mr Dodd. Rev Mather announced a satisfactory report had been signed by Mr Dodd. It was also agreed that Gradwell the builders board up the more important stained glass windows in case of air raid. In July the PCC had considered the matter of camouflaging the church against bombing but the matter was left on the table. In October it was decided to take down the temporary timber roof after a further inspection revealed no more beetles. Early church services, including those on Christmas morning were suspended because of blackout restrictions forbidding use of lights even candles!



The minutes of the Parochial Church Council, during this crucial time in the nation's history, make little reference to the war. Some collections were made for the Red Cross aid to Russia and the Earl Haig fund for wounded servicemen. There was also an item about an increase in insurance for war damage. In October 1942 the meeting offered the Rector Rev Mather condolences on the death of his son Alfred Leigh Mather, Lieutenant in the Cheshire regiment who was killed in action at El Alemain but little detail is given in the minutes.

In 1947 the scaffolding finally came down, so indeed did the blackout material on the windows, which to quote the Churchwarden, had been very handy in keeping out the draught. The death watch beetle had been defeated and in the interim so had Hitler and Nazism. The Second World War may have passed Halsall Church by with relatively little fuss but the graveyard holds testament to Thomas C Blundell and Ernest Sharrock who were killed in action and whose remains lie with their families in Halsall graveyard.

Stephen Henders

## WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

November 2019



3rd	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	Ann Cushion	Rebecca Ridley
10th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks
17th	Stephen Henders	Colin Throp	Eileen Houlgrave	Ann Critchley
24th	Lynda Bramwell	Angela Webster	Eleanor Wroe	Enid banks

## Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School



The next meeting of the Sunday school will be on the 10th November, Remembrance Sunday, at the later time of 10.30am.

Our session on the 24th November starts at 9.30am, when we begin to work on the roles for our Nativity service.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion



## BONFIRE NIGHT NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

As usual St. Cuthbert's are organising a stall at the event selling hotpot, jacket potatoes, soup etc. Help making hotpot and also helping out on the stall on bonfire night would really be appreciated please.

All proceeds go to the friends of St Cuthbert's,  
(meaning monies raised go directly for upkeep of the church grounds and fabric of the church)

Thank you.

Contact Enid on 07977920956 or email [enidbanks@aol.com](mailto:enidbanks@aol.com)



## CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH FROM SATURDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

This year we would really like to pull out all the stops and make this annual display of Christmas trees one to be remembered, especially since our well-loved vicar Paul is leaving us to go and work in the city of Cork, Ireland in the New Year.

We would like all 'trees' in position for Friday evening the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Let's see what you come up with this year. We have has some amazing creations large and small over the years and we really appreciate everyone for joining in to make this such a popular event.

As usual no specific title, your choice, thinking caps on, google for ideas. More info in December newsletter and on Facebook

Contact Enid Banks for any more details on

[enidbanks@aol.com](mailto:enidbanks@aol.com) or 07977920956

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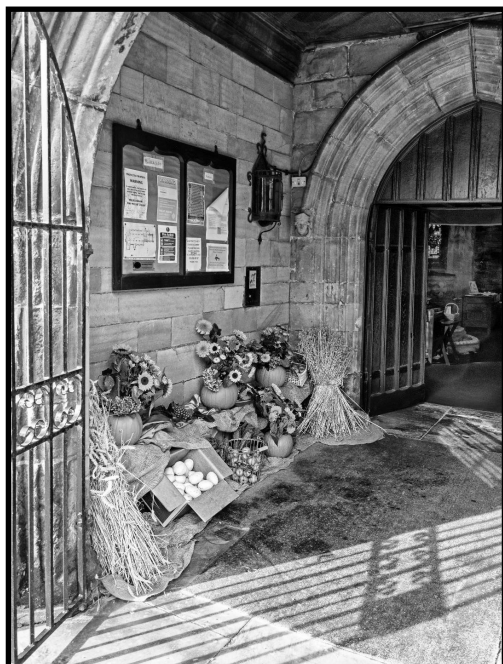


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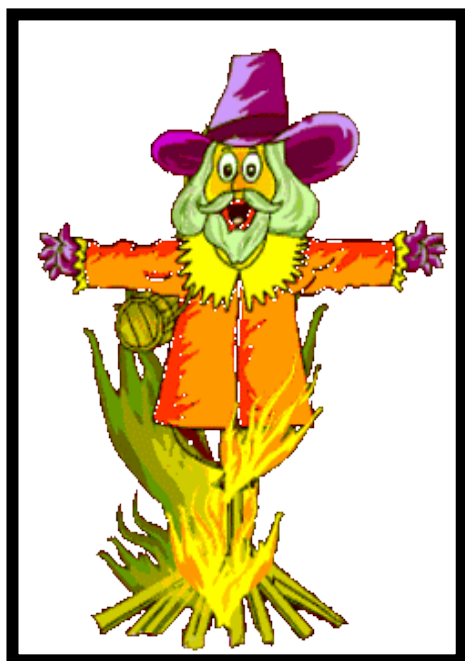
## Bonfire Night

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# **Halsall School Update : November**

## **New Ofsted Inspection Framework**

Ofsted now has a new framework for the inspection of schools. Inspection from September 2019 is now more focussed on the breadth and quality of the school curriculum and safeguarding rather than data and the achievement of pupils.

We are confident that our comparative data is very strong but that we are also confident that we have a varied and exciting curriculum which is broad and balanced. This is complimented by a comprehensive programme of creative opportunities and experiences, in which children can learn, thrive and grow in confidence.

## **Harvest Service**

The children treated us to a wonderful Harvest Service in early October. The church was packed to the rafters and it was lovely to see the children with their big smiles, speaking, singing and dancing with such joy and confidence. A big thanks to the staff who attended and also to the many parents, family and friends who came along to support the children. Special mention to all those who donated goods to distribute to the poor and disadvantaged, and to the many people who helped decorate the church so beautifully. It must have taken ages but it was well worth it. Thanks again.

## **Admissions 2020**

If anyone is interested in sending their child to Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary and would welcome a tour of the school in action, please let us know. (01704-840253)

## **PTFA Bonfire Night**

Many apologies in advance, if anyone is inconvenienced for a few hours on November 5<sup>th</sup> when the PTFA organises its community Bonfire Night and Firework Display. We will endeavour to keep any disruption to a minimum.

It is worth acknowledging though, that many local community groups and charities do have the opportunity to raise much needed funds for their coffers. In recent years, the Learning Tree Nursery, Halsall scouts and cubs, St Cuthbert's Church, PAS, Ormskirk Clocktower Rotary, Alley Cats and Kittens, the White Heather and Halsall School have all benefitted from the event. The money that they raise enables them to continue all their fabulous work in helping people in need and providing opportunities.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to the many people put an enormous amount of effort and time into organising the bonfire event. It's always a great hit with both the local and wider community and we pray for a lovely calm and dry evening.

Thanks for your patience once again.

### **Christmas Concerts 2019**

This year our Christmas Concerts will be 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

Friday (Nativity) 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 9-30am

If anyone in the community would like to pop along to watch the Tuesday performance, please let us know. Tickets are £4. All proceeds this year will be donated to a charity nominated by the school council. (this has yet to be decided)

### **Staff Changes**

Mrs Lucy Edney has now been appointed as a part-time teaching assistant at the school. She'll be working with the upper juniors.

Mrs Sheila Benbow has now left the Kidz Club staff and we wish her all the very best in her new, full-time employment outside school. I am pleased to say that Mrs Georgina Green will be taking over her responsibilities at the Kidz Club.

### **The Hub Childcare**

There seems to be a little misconception about the relationship between The Hub childcare facility (based at the Memorial Hall) and Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary School. Some of Halsall's parents and some people in the community, think that The Hub in some way, is linked to the school and is endorsed by the school. This is not so.

The Hub was set up independently of the school to provide an alternative childcare facility for parents who actually needed extended childcare from 7-30am in the morning and until 6-00pm in the evening. It now seems to be in competition with the school's provision and this was not expected.

Kidz Club continues to be a well-established, Ofsted-registered (graded "Good"), safe, secure and reliable, on-site provision with highly qualified staff.

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### General garden tasks

Carry out winter digging or forking over.  
Check over the garden for anything that's likely to be at risk from frost  
Continue cutting the grass if conditions allow, but raise the blades,.  
Collect up dead leaves from the lawn & make leafmould & potting compost  
Lay turf if you didn't last month  
Plant & move bare-root trees & shrubs  
Stake well any newly planted trees  
Sow seeds of hardy shrubs & trees  
Plant tulips this month  
Dig up dahlia tubers once the plants start to die off after the first frosts  
Protect container plants from the cold, wet & windy weather  
Continue harvesting leeks & Brussels sprouts.  
Plant fruit trees  
Ventilate the greenhouse on warm days but reduce watering  
Check stored fruit & vegetables  
Grow windowsill & salad herbs  
Do your autumn pond clear-out if you didn't get round to it last month  
Clean pool filters & check cables for pumps & lights



### Watch out for

Snails in crevices around the garden  
Mice in sheds & greenhouses especially where there is stored fruit  
Pigeons pinching your winter greens  
Squirrels digging up your bulbs  
Windy weather disturbing tree stakes chaffing the bark.

### Get ahead

Think about any garden designing & alterations you'd like to do over the winter months  
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