

HALSALL NEWS

April 2022



HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL WE MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

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Closing date for Articles: Tuesday 19th April 2022

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All details in the magazine are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of going to press.

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Electricity NW 105 or 0800 195 4141

United Utilities (water / flooding) 0345 672 3723 Flooding - Highway 0300 123 6701

Police Contact (non urgent) 101 **OR** 01695 566058

Local Police Officers or PCSO's 01695 566444

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Fire Safety Helpline 0800 169 1125

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, Darren Carr e-mail Darren.Carr@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

or alternatively Paul Austin who is the Community Beat Officer for Halsall at 1081@lancashire.pnn.police.uk (work mobile number 07966580004)

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THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, HALSALL

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Parish Surgery

Phone: 0151 526 2292

Parish Mobile: 07518 926086

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

<u>Parish Surgery</u>: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Parish 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

<u>The Sick</u>: 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 the parish office on 07518 926086 or 0151 526 2292. 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: Alex can be contacted at any time in order to minister to the dying on 07798 702831 or 01695 422306.

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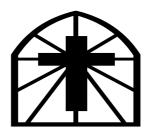
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Club/Group	Meetings Contact	
Scouts/Cubs Groups Boys & Girls age 6 to 14.	Halsall School Monday 6.30pm—8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village. Eleanor W 01704 8412 Or Enid Ba 01704 5676	
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
Ormskirk & District Lions Club		
St Cuthbert's Church	rch Services 9.30am every Parish offi 0151 526 2	
Jigsaw Library	Its free to join and free to borrow. We just ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow and return as many jigsaws as often as you like.	Sue Charnock https:// www.facebook.com/ groups/15262672108670 10

If there are any community groups, social groups, sports groups or well being groups starting up again as lockdown eases just let me know and I can add them on to the 'What's On' section.

Susan 01704 897857 or susanroberts2805@aol.com



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for April 2022

Sunday 3rd April

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's Communion Service

(with hey-o Group)

11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 10th April PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's. Communion Service.

(with messy church for young people)

11.00 am St Thomas

Friday 15th April GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm St Cuthbert's. Hour at the Cross. Service of

Reflection

Sunday 17th April EASTER SUNDAY

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's. Communion Service

11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 24th April

8.00 am St Thomas' 9.30 am St Cuthbert's.

11.00 am St Thomas'. Family Service

HOLY WEEK AT ST CUTHBERT'S AND ST THOMAS'

Tuesday 12 April

7pm. Millennium Centre (opposite St Thomas' Church) Compline and Reflection

Wednesday 13th April

10am St Thomas' Holy Communion

Thursday 14th April - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm St Thomas' Holy Communion with vigil until 10pm.

Friday 15th April - Good Friday

3pm St Cuthbert's Hour at the Cross Service of Reflection

Update from Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary

Admissions

We are hoping to accept 24 children into the reception year this coming September.

Anyone who has applied for their child to attend Halsall St Cuthbert's should receive communication from the LEA in early April.

Parents who aren't initially offered a place at the school, should not worry. Please contact school as soon as possible.

What's Been Going On?

So far this spring term, these special events have been organized:

Archeologist visit to Class G

Book in a Box Competition and parents' viewing

Share the Love Day with hot chocolate and biscuits

Victorian Day for Class K

Continuation of the Forest Schools programme, for the reception children

Commonwealth Baton Exchange with a school formal address in the playground

Jungle Scene on the stage to encourage creative writing

Swimming Gala in Skelmersdale (retained our trophy)

Visit to the Chill Factore for Class C

Tractor visit for Class L

Shrove Tuesday pancake making

Blackpool Indoor Athletics Finals

Toast Week

All these events help to make school more exciting and enjoyable.

Class Structure in September

In September we will have increased to 6 classes.

Class L reception and year 1 Mrs Harrison
Class H year 1 and year 2 Miss Hampson
Class F year 2 and year 3 Mrs Floweth
Class K year 3 and year 4 Mrs Kendall
Class C year 5 Mrs Crane
Class G year 6 Mrs Galley



Staffing

Staffing at the school continues to be very stable.

Mr Graham Preston is our site supervisor and cleaner, is now ably supported by the recently appointed Mrs Lynsey Lyon and Louise Fessey.

Mrs Harrison has now commenced her maternity leave and she is hopeful of returning near to the end of the summer term.

Mrs Sue Wilson will provide teaching cover Mrs Harrison's class during this period of maternity leave.

Mrs Debbie Francis (Lancashire County Catering Service) has now moved to pastures new. We wish her all the best at her new school. Our newly appointed school cook will be Mrs Lynsey Lyon. She is due to start after Easter.

Swimming Success

The school swimming team recently competed at the West Lancashire gala for small schools. There were some brilliant individual performances and the team won the overall Gold Medal. Halsall has now retained the trophy for the 4th consecutive time. Well done to Zack Roach, Finlay Roach, Jemima Hardman, Olivia Totty, Will Rawsthorne, Hugo Rankin, Willow Caton, Ayda Crilly and Eve Crilly. Congratulations.

Indoor Athletics Success

The indoor athletics team won the West Lancashire Primary Schools competition a few months ago. Considering we were competing against schools of all sizes, some with over 400 pupils, this was a significant achievement. The team subsequently competed in the Lancashire Finals in Blackpool in early March. Although Halsall St Cuthbert's didn't manage to come in the top 3 of the 16 Lancashire districts, the children did amazingly well and were a credit to the school. Well done to them for being so determined and competitive.

A big thanks to Mrs Crane, Mrs McElhinney and Mrs Dunne for all their coaching and encouragement and for giving the children this wonderful opportunity.

Hire of School Premises-

At present, we have groups of cubs, beavers, scouts and using the school each week Monday evenings.

Badminton Club are still keeping fit on Thursday evenings.

The Drama Club is using the school on selected weekends.

The caravan clubs are also booked in for various weekends and for the summer holidays.

Residentials

Year 4: Friday to Sunday at Winmarleigh PGL camp

Year 5: Wednesday to Friday at Winmarleigh PGL camp

Year 6: Llandudno Adventure in North Wales

Summer Carnival

Now that government restrictions have eased considerably, we are hopeful that we will be able to hold our summer carnival this year. The date would be <u>Saturday 9th July.</u> We'll be thinking of a theme for the carnival in the next few weeks.

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Derian House

Children from the elected School Council, presenting a cheque to Sarah from Derian House.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA





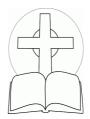
3rd April	P Carr	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
17th April	E Wroe	J Wroe S Roberts	G Williams S Kierans	J Stone
1st May	E Banks	M Webster N Harbinson	L Wilkinson M Cheetham	S Roberts

HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding

14th March 2022

Ron Prescott and Kathryn Burgess



Access to St Cuthbert's Church.

If you require the ramps to be put over the steps in order to gain access to church services or to visit the graveyard, please ring one of the wardens to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Lynda Bramwell 01704 840280 Elaine Ayre 07896 301322

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS April 2022



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
3rd	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Eileen Houlgrave Gwen Williams
10th	Elaine Ayre	Angela Webster	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
17th	Lynda Bramwell	Pam Carr	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
24th	Elaine Ayre	Colin Throp	Beryl Sephton Len Davidson

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

Planning Applications: 2022/0064/FUL - 1 Plex Moss Lane - Single storey rear extension

2022/0142/FUL - 34 Summerwood Lane - Demolition of existing sun lounge and detached garage. Proposed single

storey extension at rear/side and detached outbuilding.

315 Bus Service

The passenger survey on 315 bus route is suspended until COVID restrictions on public transport are relaxed.

PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

Car parking either side of Summerwood Lane at school times and when funerals and weddings are taking place at St Cuthbert's are causing an obstruction and prevent large vehicles, including the emergency services from passing through

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.

PARKING ALONG MOSS ROAD

Cars parking on pavements are causing problems along Moss Road. Can residents please park in their driveways if possible and leave enough room when parking on pavements to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through.

PARKING ALONG SEGARS LANE AND NEW CUT LANE

Cars double parking and parking on pavements are causing problems along Segars Lane and New Cut Lane Can residents please park in their driveways if possible and leave enough room when parking on pavements to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall.

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

The Parish Council Website <u>www.halsallparish.com</u> includes agendas and minutes of meetings

Halsall War Memorial Playing Field and Hall (The War Memorial Trust)

Registered Charity No521111

The Annual Open Trust Meeting is to be held at the Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th April 2022

AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. To receive details of any urgent tenancy matters to be discussed under item 8 and receive declarations of interest.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2022.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.
- 5. User Group Forum including specific discussions about:
 - a Request from Halsall Proud and Tidy for work to be carried out on the Snooker Hut following adverse comments by the LBKV judges
 - b Request from cricketers to have the water in the showers tested for legionnaires disease before they commence using them again
 - c General discussion and reports from User Groups
- 6. Update on the agreed work on the Memorial Hall and playing field.
- 7. Finance:
 - a To approve Schedule of Payments.
 - b To discuss and decide upon any further spending
- 8. To discuss and agree a response to any urgent tenancy matters.
- 9. Date and time of next meeting.

Raymond Brookfield Chairman

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Lancashire

https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lancs has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lancashire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk john@walkinginengland.co.uk



S.H.R.E.W.

Shirdley Hill Roadside Environment Workers

SHREW has retired. 2003 to 2022. Having raised the money to change a flooded field into a Village Green with garden/play area/ wildlife area and a suitable safe inclusive track away from the road. This had to be done by SHREW a newly formed group as Residents Associations could not obtain grants for this kind of work as they were considered political organisations.

We started by getting a grant from Lancashire County Council in 2003 for a Garden and an Agricultural Architect who designed the drainage scheme, wildlife area, picnic area. Football / Playing Field /Pond and Dipping platform and a Sensory Garden.

SHREW would like to thank all those who worked and supported SHREW in the past, by helping with all the projects from carrying out work such as litter picking, daffodil planting along the roadside, preparing the Village for the annual Best Kept Village Competition, carrying out work on the Green over the last 20 years.

We must thank FROG (Friends of the Green) who have taken on the maintenance of the Green, and we hope the Best Kept Village Competition Judges will recognise the hard work that has been done by FROG.

Well done and good luck to members of FROG.

Dave Corfield

Halsall Proud & Tidy Group



Thank you to all those volunteers who turned out to help with our annual Great British Litter Pick. We collected 40 bags full over the two days including 75 glass wine battles collected in just one lane. WOW!

Hopefully, now that the bulk has been collected, we can all help by picking up any new litter whilst out and about. Every little helps!

Our entry form for this years Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition has been submitted. Judging begins on 1st June and we are hoping we can maintain the very high standard we earned last year when we won the medium- sized village category in the whole County!

We are arranging the restoration of a few of the benches around the village and in the Churchyard which need a little TLC and we have requested replacement litter and dog poo bins for those which have become rusty. You may have noticed two of them replaced by nice shiny new ones already. Thank you WLBC for your co-operation.

One of the bigger jobs for this year is erecting new picket fencing in Bishops Walk to replace the rotten sections. The original fences were put up over 10 years ago so they have lasted quite well. Our thanks go to the school PTFA who have made a generous donation towards the purchase of the wood and to our volunteers who are helping make the fence panels, install them and paint them.

There are also some smaller jobs which need doing before judging begins in June, so we will be having a couple of evening get-togethers to get them done.

You are welcome to come and support us and join our small band of volunteers whose help is invaluable.

Details of these events will be posted on the Halsall Village Forum page on Facebook. If you prefer to be told about them by email or phone call then please get in touch.

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Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

The website for St Cuthbert's Church can be viewed at

www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

This website contains information about services and events, archive material including historic school records, up to date Parish Magazines as well as those dating back to the 1800's. On the spot updates are also available via the St Cuthbert's Facebook page through which direct messages can also be sent. There are several ways in which you can support the Church:

Parish Giving Scheme

Regular giving can be set up very easily by searching: www.parishaivina.ora.uk

and look up St Cuthbert's Halsall (there is also a link on our website). You can choose how regularly, how much and whether your donation can be gift aided. Your gift will then be passed directly to St Cuthbert's.

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Donations can be made to our "friends" scheme and the form can be downloaded from our website (Friends link on the home page). All funds raised through this scheme are directed specifically towards the repair and maintenance of the Church and grounds. There is a minimum donation of £20 per year but you can choose how much and how regularly you would like to donate.

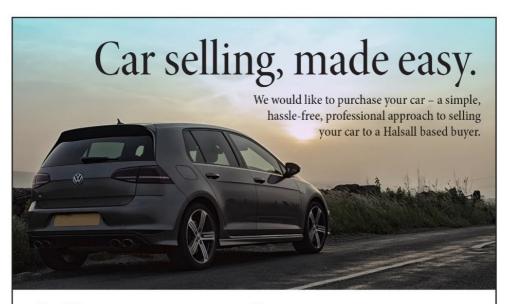
Ad hoc Donations

These can be made via the collection box in Church or by post.

Volunteer Support

If you have a little time to spare you may like to join our team of volunteers who help to keep the Church and its grounds tidy and clean. Please message via our Facebook page or e- mail us for further information on: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Thank you!



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Starting Date 1st June

June is scarecrow month once again and this year is a special Platinum Jubilee year to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign.

Our theme for this year is "A Right Royal Scarecrow Ramble" and -you've guessed it - we are hoping for lots of scarecrows with a royal theme.

Kings, Queens (past & present) princes, princesses (real and fantasy - think Disney and children's books and rhymes) the crown jewels, the pop group Queen or anything at all "royal" related. How about a royal flush? Let your creative ideas loose and let's have another great display of stylish, quirky, funny characters to make people smile.

If you prefer to do something different, then please go ahead. All Scarecrows will be very welcome whatever their theme.



We ask that your scarecrow goes on display by 1st Junes so it will be display over the Bank Holiday Weekend and for the whole month.

On Fathers Day weekend - 18th & 19th June - we will be holding our fundraising Scarecrow Trail around the centre of the village with lots of activities for children to do. It was a great success last year and raised much needed funds for our Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more or can offer any help Thank you

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SANCTUARY LIGHT



APRIL

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1st	Nellie Balshaw Edwards
3rd	Keith Styling (Birthday)
3rd	Margaret Heaton (Birthday)
5th	Les Marshall (Birthday)
7th	Roger Baldwin (Birthday)
8th	Nellie Edwards (Birthday)
10th	Vera Styling (Birthday)
11th	John Banks (Birthday)
12th	Thomas Balshaw
13th	Joan Halsall
13th	Maureen Ainscough
14th	Jack Williams (Birthday)
17th	Angela Pilkington
17th	Brenda Helen Rhodes
17th	Edward Sumner
19th	Florrie Pilling (Anniversary)
21st	Catherine Bullough
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Its free to join and free to borrow. We just ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow and return as many jigsaws as often as you like. I have done over 60 jigsaws since lockdown began so it has saved many of us a lot of money. I have attached the link below.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1526267210867010

If anyone has any jigsaws they could donate, I will happily collect. Thank you.

Sue Charnock

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HALSALL ST CUTHBERT'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

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Contact Mr Scholes at School

HALSALL PARISH CENTRE

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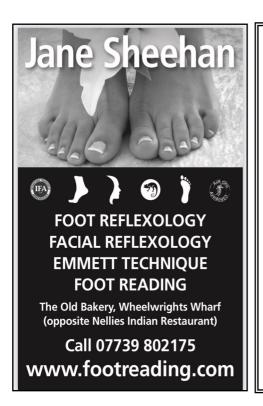


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April at-a-glance

April is the month when the blossom is out in force with everything from flowering cherries to garden fruit trees all making a beautiful show. Mild April weather can make you think summer is here but sharp frosts can still catch you out. Be careful not to plant out tender plants yet unless you can cover with fleece. Enjoy mild sunny days – spring is just around the corner. Happy Gardening.

General Garden Tasks

Spring clean borders, keep on top off weeding & hoeing.

Feed roses, borders, hedges, trees & shrubs with a general-purpose fertiliser.

Treat moss & weeds & re-seed bare patches.

Plant or move evergreen shrubs.

Feed acid loving plants.

Prune winter jasmine and hydrangea; tie in shoots of rambling roses & clematis. Wait for six weeks (if you can) after flowers of spring bulbs are over before cutting foliage down.

Towards the end of the month, plant dormant dahlia tubers outside.

Plant new alpines & top up scree beds or troughs with gravel.

Continue to sow hardy annuals outside.

Pot up cuttings of tender perennials taken last year.

Tidy up hedges & clip if necessary.

Plant first early, second early & maincrop potatoes.

Plant asparagus crowns & clobe artichokes.

Harvest the first overwintered spring onions.

Sow hardy herbs (parsley, chervil, coriander, fennel, dill & marjoram.

Plant strawberries.

Plant & tie-in a new grapevine.

Prune stone fruit trees if necessary.

Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days but close it early to retain the heat at night.

Top-dress & take cuttings from big old plants.

Spring clean the pond.

Divide overgrown plants & put in new water plants.

Towards the end of the month start feeding your fish.

Watch out for

Slugs & snails on newly emerged perennials & vegetable seedlings.

Plants in their Prime

Flowering cherries. Prunus. Crab apples. Magnolia. Spiraea. Ribes. Doronicum. Pulmonaria.

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