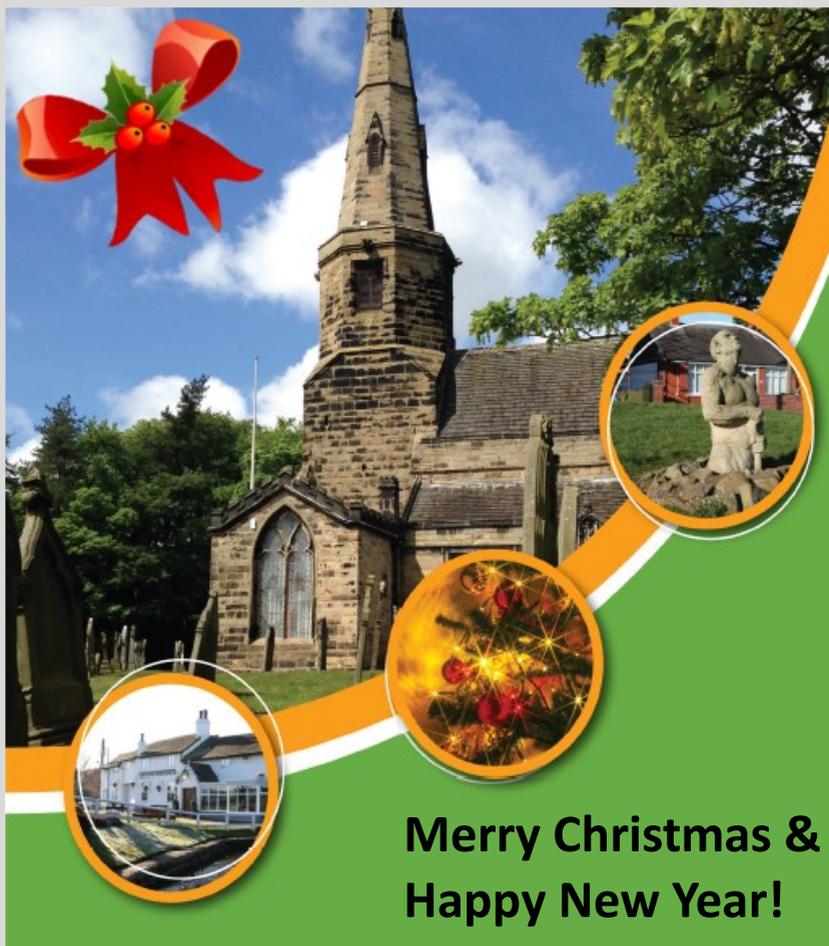


# HALSALL NEWS



December 2018 / January 2019

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

### **Rector**

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The Rectory

Church Lane

Lydiate

L31 4HL

**Phone:** 0151 526 0512

**Parish Mobile:** 07518 926086

Email: paulrobinson407@gmail.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.**

**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)

From the Rector

In the year when we mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War One, I found this and thought it very apt. It is taken from a book called *'We Can Change the World'*. As your build up to Christmas begins please take a moment or two to read and reflect upon this story.



It was December 25, 1914, only 5 months into World War I. German, British, and French soldiers, already sick and tired of the senseless killing, disobeyed their superiors and fraternized with "the enemy" along two-thirds of the Western Front (a crime punishable by death in times of war). German troops held Christmas trees up out of the trenches with signs, "Merry Christmas."

"You no shoot, we no shoot." Thousands of troops streamed across a no-man's land strewn with rotting corpses. They sang Christmas carols, exchanged photographs of loved ones back home, shared rations, played football, even roasted some pigs. **Soldiers embraced men they had been trying to kill a few short hours before. They agreed to warn each other if the top brass forced them to fire their weapons, and to aim high.**

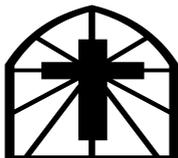
A shudder ran through the high command on either side. Here was disaster in the making: soldiers declaring their brotherhood with each other and refusing to fight. Generals on both sides declared this spontaneous peacemaking to be treasonous and subject to court martial. By March 1915 the fraternization movement had been eradicated and the killing machine put back in full operation. By the time of the armistice in 1918, fifteen million would be slaughtered.

The Christmas Truce story goes against most of what we have been taught about people. It gives us a glimpse of the world as we wish it could be and says, "This really happened once." It reminds us of those thoughts we keep hidden away, out of range of the TV and newspaper stories that tell us how trivial and mean human life is. It is like hearing that our deepest wishes really are true: the world really could be different.

The world really can be different and God sent His Son, His only Son to show us the way. I would encourage you to come to church and hear again the story of the **Birth of Jesus**, and to take some time to reflect upon the meaning of Christmas to you, and what you can do to make your part of the world different and better.

I wish each and everyone of you a very peaceful, happy and joyful Christmas.

Regards Paul



**Sunday Services in the United Benefice for December 2018  
& January 2019**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Advent Sunday**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Christingle	St Thomas'
4.00pm	Christingle	St Thomas'

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Joint Carol Service</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Carols (Brass Band)</b>	<b>St Cuthbert's</b>

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Advent 4**

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

**SEE SEPARATE ADVERT FOR CHRISTMAS  
EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1**

<b>10.30am</b>	<b>United Benefice Eucharist</b>	<b>at St Cuthbert's</b>
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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany**

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

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Christ**

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January – the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**MID-WEEK SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE**

**FOR DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019**

**OUR SCHOOL EUCHARISTS**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	St Thomas' School
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am	Haskayne School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	St Cuthbert's School

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	NO SERVICE	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	St Thomas' Church



**SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS THIS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

This year we are supporting Charities that reach out to help people who are homeless. We are collecting NEW hats, gloves, scarves, socks (especially thermal ones).

A collection box will be at the back of church from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Thank you for your support



# Christmas Services

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PLEASE NOTE THE TIME FOR THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

ON CHRISTMAS EVE

## SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3

4.00pm Carol Service with  
Marshside Brass Band St Cuthbert's

## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Advent 4

8.00am BCP Communion St Thomas'  
9.30am Eucharist and Nativity St Cuthbert's

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

8.00am Morning Prayer St Thomas'  
**4.00pm Christingle Service St Cuthbert's**  
11.30pm Midnight Mass St Cuthbert's

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

8.00am BCP Holy Communion + Carols St Thomas'  
9.30am BCP Holy Communion & Carols St Cuthbert's  
11.00am Eucharist and Carols St Thomas'  
(Children bring a toy to show the Clergy)





# Christmas Tree Festival

**By popular demand, been asked to have the Christmas Tree Festival this year.**

It is not a competition, just for fun. So looking forward to seeing many "Tree exhibits" from you lovely creative people. Amazing what you came up with in 2015 and 2016. Be it quirky or traditional, your choice.

**Church will be open for visitors the weekends 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Would like everything in place by the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> December. (We have from the 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Dec to do this.)**

As previous, display boards will be in place around the church for you to put your tree on. Battery lights please. Fresh or artificial trees you decide. No height restriction. If you aren't familiar what to do, google for inspirational ideas or call me on 07977920956. We will leave everything on display over Christmas and dismantle in the New Year.

**Thanks Enid Banks (enidbanks@aol.com)**

## WELCOME THE MESSIAH

(No thanks I'm too busy)

### **Advent - A time of prayer and reflection**

As we prepare once again to remember the 'Greatest Story' ever told. Let us take some time to reflect on Jesus and just who He is to us.

Each Wednesday in Advent we are encouraging people to pray and worship and reflect upon Jesus.

***All services\* will be held in St Thomas' Church***

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Jesus: The King**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Eucharist – St Thomas' School\*  
11.00am Eucharist – Haskayne School\*  
7.30pm Advent Prayer & Reflection

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Jesus: The Word made flesh**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Eucharist  
7.30pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Jesus: Our Salvation**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Eucharist  
7.30pm Evening Prayer

**'I bring good news of great joy - A Saviour will be born'**

## **Church Electoral Roll**

Every 6 years a new roll must be prepared,  
St Cuthbert's is due before 1st February 2019.

If you wish to remain on St Cuthbert's Electoral Roll you  
must complete a form before  
1st February 2019.

Forms will be available in church, but if you are unable to  
get to church please ring Anne Grimshaw on 01704  
841708 who will supply a form.



Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service

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In

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

At  
6pm

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CHRISTMAS  
INVITATION**  
*Come Just As You Are*



# Christingle

Shining light into darkness

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



**CHILDREN AND ADULTS JOIN IN THE FUN AND COME IN A  
FESTIVE HAT - YOU KNOW YOU WANT TOO!!!!!!**

# ST CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 1st December  
from 2.00pm  
In St Cuthbert's Church Hall

A fun event for all the family.

Grand Draw  
vegetable stall, cake stall, tombola,  
Christmas wreaths and plants, Christmas cards  
and decorations  
refreshments and much more.

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



# Carols Round the Tree



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm

At

St Cuthbert's, Halsall

Come and Sing your favourite Carol  
With Marshside Brass Band



Followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine!



## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CAROL SINGING**



**We require volunteers to join us singing carols at  
Tesco, Southport for 1 hour on  
Thursday 6th December from 4pm onwards.**

**I will place a sign up sheet at the back of the  
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**Any further information please contact Mr E Carr on  
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## **Update from Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary**

### **Bonfire Night : A Big Success**



A big, big thankyou to everyone who supported the PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks Display. It was a lovely, calm night, people turned up in their thousands, there was a brilliant atmosphere and the fireworks were amazing. The PTFA raised a substantial sum which it will re-invest into school, providing such things as free trips, i-Pads, library books, computer software, audio equipment, funding for the Christmas activities etc. This is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all those who helped set up and clear away at the event, to the staff who managed stalls, those on the gate, on the road, on the field car park, those wearing Hi-Viz jackets, those counting money or helping with security and those who provided vehicles and loaned equipment. We could never do this without you.

Apologies to anyone who may have been inconvenienced for a couple of hours on the night, mainly by thoughtless and inconsiderate parking. We did try our best to monitor things but sometimes people behave in such selfish way and this is really difficult to control.

That said, the event was an amazing success and it's thanks to a brilliant team effort from the Halsall Community, that 3,000 people had a wonderful time, it was a very safe firework event, the school's PTFA raised valuable funds, St Cuthbert's Church raised funds and several local charities also raised money for their good causes. They all benefitted from such a massive, bumper crowd on the night.

### **Fabulous Teaching Assistants**

A strength of our provision at Halsall St Cuthbert's is the team of teaching assistants. We have a large, stable, well-qualified and committed team that provides both individual and small group support, to those children who need more help and to those children who need and relish a greater challenge. We have 2 assistants assigned to each class and this makes a big difference to the progress that children can make.

A big thanks to all our teaching assistants for all the fabulous work that they do.

### **Forest Schools**

This year we've been able to invest in our Forest Schools' Programme and Class L have had a wonderful time exploring both the school environment and Bishop's Walk conservation Area and learning all about fire, trees, leaves, insects, nature and animal habits etc. This initiative was funded by the National School Sports Grant through the West Lancashire Schools' Sports Partnership. We hope to extend these opportunities in the years to come.

### **Gate Lock Theft**

The other week the school had its chain and combination padlock stolen from the main entrance gate. We are presently looking through CCTV footage to ascertain who may have removed it. If anyone knows where it might be, please could you contact school on 01704-840253.

### **Book Fair**

We held a Book Fair in mid-November which was very popular with both parents and children. We managed to gain excellent commission and this we used to purchase a wide range of fiction books to supplement the class libraries.

### **Admissions**

If anyone would like a tour of the school, please do not hesitate to ask. Parents with children due to start reception in September 2019, are strongly advised to complete an online application as soon as possible. Depending where you live you would need to apply through Lancashire or Sefton. The deadline for primary applications is mid-January.

### **Christmas Shows**

Last year we raised over £2,200 for The Christmas Foundation. What a brilliant effort. This year we shall be raising money for the NSPCC and a children's cancer charity. (yet to be decided by the school council)

In December, we'll have shows on :

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10-00am	Cinderella
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2-00pm	Cinderella
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7-30pm	Cinderella
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9-30am	Reception Nativity

Members of the local community are very welcome to come along to the Tuesday morning performance. Tickets will be available soon, all priced at £4. Many thanks.

**From the governors, staff and children at Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary School, have a great run-up to Christmas and a happy and healthy new year 2019.**

**Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)**

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



The next meeting of the Sunday school will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> December to prepare for the Family Nativity service, which celebrates the birth of Jesus. This performance will take place on the 23<sup>th</sup> December during the 9.30am service.

It was good to see so many families at the Remembrance Day service. We were all very proud of our children who laid the poppies at the War Memorial. We say a big thank you to Amber and Poppy, Harrison and Isabelle, Grace and Jonah and Imogen.

Wishing you all peace and joy at Christmas.

**Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion**

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING**

2018/1013/FUL - Holly Farm Buildings, Plex Lane - Change of use and partial demolition of rural buildings to form 9 residential units

2018/1043/FUL - 14A New Cut Lane - Variation of Condition No. 2 of planning permission 2016/1173/FUL to vary the approved plans

2018/1078/LDC - The Beeches, 4A Shaws Garth - Certificate of Lawfulness - Conservatory and porch to rear elevation and conservatory to front elevation

2018/0906/FUL - Halsall Hall Farm, Carr Moss Lane - Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2015/0178/FUL to vary the approved plans

### **PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE**

Cars 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 ON NEW STREET NEAR TO THE JUNCTION WITH CARR MOSS LANE**

This is creating a dangerous situation for cars trying to turn out of Carr Moss Lane because their line of sight is obstructed and we would ask that people refrain from parking so close to the junction before a serious accident occurs.

### **PARKING ON CARR MOSS LANE NEAR TO THE JUNCTION WITH LINEKAR DRIVE**

Once again the Parish Council would ask people to use some common sense when parking their cars and not to park so close to the junction as to restrict residents of Linekar Drive from being able to see oncoming cars approaching from both directions when exiting the drive.

### **Dog Fouling**

The Parish Council has been informed of numerous incidents of dog poo not being picked up and disposed of properly. The dog warden has been informed and fines will be handed out to anyone caught not picking dog poo up or failing to dispose of it in the proper receptacle.

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL continued**

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 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.**

### **For information:**

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\*Hail and Ride applies on these and all rural roads.

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## Remembrance Day

On behalf of Halsall Parish Council may I take the opportunity to express appreciation to all those individuals and organisations who contributed to what was a very special occasion, the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1. To list them runs the risk of inadvertent omission but to those present the parts played by each and every organisation was apparent. As always, less obvious is the preparation work done before the event and again at the risk of omission I'm going to mention just a few.

Those who attended may have noticed that despite it being Autumn with its deluge of leaves, the War Memorial, the War Memorial Gates and the pavements in between were remarkably clear of leaves and litter. Whilst the village does have its own micro-climate from time to time, the wind cannot be relied upon and assistance this time and each year comes from elsewhere. Our thanks go to the staff from the Environment Section of West Lancs Borough Council and to Gary Southworth of Halsall Cricket Club who together did an excellent job.

This year a special mention must go to the man who for more years than he cares to remember has draped the Union Jack around the War Memorial and raised another on the flagpole at the War Memorial Gates. On this occasion, due to restricted mobility, Councillor Ray Brookfield quite rightly decided to supervise others in carrying out this duty. Our appreciation goes to Ray for not only his past efforts on Remembrance Sunday but for the invaluable contribution he has made to the work of the Council over many years and long may it continue.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this year's event so successful and so memorable.

Patrick Bell, Chair of Halsall Parish Council

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

December 2018/January 2019



9th Dec	<b>P Carr</b>	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
23rd Dec	<b>E Wroe</b>	J Wroe J Rawsthorne	K Mudd B Knowles	S Jessop
6th Jan	<b>E Banks</b>	N Donaldson S Roberts	M Webster	L Wilkinson
20th Jan	<b>A Critchley</b>	P Waterworth C Moss	S Waterworth E Robinson	K Twist M Mills

**REMINDER**  
**FROM YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:**

**WEST LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**  
**2012-2050**  
**PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY!**

The Borough Council are consulting on the "Preferred Options" for the new Local Plan up to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The documents are available online, in libraries and at the Council Offices. The link to the documents from the previous stages and the Consultation can be viewed online here:

<https://westlancs.gov.uk/lpr>

The Government now requires local Planning Authorities to conduct a review every 5 years to ensure that it is up to date. It is VERY important that Halsall residents get involved in this consultation. Please don't miss this opportunity to take part and express your views.

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### **General garden tasks**

Continue winter digging if soil is workable.

Plan & begin any landscaping jobs.

Clear away any debris to prevent harbouring slugs & snails.

Rake up the last of the leaves.

Send off for seed catalogues to browse through on darker rainy days.

Carry out lawn repairs if weather conditions allow.

Move or plant deciduous trees or shrubs if the soil is workable.

Prune ornamental vines.

Cut shoots for indoor decorations.

Organise your Christmas tree.

Sow seeds of hardy plants.

Plant seasonal outdoor tubs & hanging baskets for Christmas.

Plant fruit trees & bushes.

Continue to check stored fruit.

Tidy plants in the greenhouse & continue to water sparingly.

Check any bulbs in store.

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Make provisions to prevent pond from freezing over.

Clear up the shed, clean tools, wash pots & trays – spring will be here before you know!

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## Halsall Village Proud and Tidy Group

A big thank you to the great band of volunteers who helped start painting the canal bridge railings in Summerwood Lane. Eleven members of the Cricket Club came to help along with Conor Edwards, Andy Bushell and Grant Ainsworth from the Saracens Head. Well done everyone! Hopefully the work can be completed in the not too distant future.

### Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2018

The competition has been running for 50 years now and the organisers have produced a leaflet to explain a bit more about the competition. The aim of the competition is to encourage community effort and involvement to improve local surroundings. There are about 70 villages which take part. The villages are judged twice by two sets of judges and those with the highest marks are judged again by the Committee Members to decide overall winners in each category. Halsall is in the large village category. The judges are looking for -

- absence of weeds and litter
- well cared for private properties including grounds, hedges and out-buildings
- tidiness of community buildings and their surroundings eg. village halls & war memorials
- cleanliness of bus shelters and telephone boxes
- well maintained playing fields and children's play areas
- condition of business premises including window displays and signs
- maintenance of places of worship and their grounds

Your Halsall Proud & Tidy group have been working hard to achieve a high standard of all of the above points but, sorry to report, we didn't get an award winning place this year! Overall the village came 6th in the large village section. Not even the Saracens or the school got a mention in the first 8 places in their category. The standard must be getting higher year on year.

To help us understand the results, we have sent for the judges reports which praise our good points, and highlight some areas for improvement. It makes interesting reading to see what strangers coming into our village notice and like. The two different sets of judges reported things very differently.

### Report from 1st Pair of judges who visited twice

Halsall is a linear village which straddles the A5174. It has a good appearance overall with an absence of weeds, litter & graffiti. There were a few attractive hanging baskets on lamp posts in Summerwood Lane. Most houses were maintained to a reasonable standard.

The bus stop in the centre was clean and had a clear timetable, but the litter bin needed emptying.

The stream had overgrown banks but was clear flowing.  
St. Cuthbert's Church had a thought-provoking changeable sign and a lovely clock tower. Replacement stone walls had been very carefully matched, but the protective windows were dirty and seats in the Churchyard need painting. Its school was very impressive with beautiful flowers and an excellent playground with a good variety of equipment and the mosaic school sign was a lovely feature. The only downside was the weeds on the roof.

The war memorial was well maintained with attractive floral tubs.  
The wildlife park had some picnic tables which needed treatment, but had attractive fencing round them.

The village hall was a modern building, but doors and windows needed cleaning. The car park was weed free but lacked markings.

The children's play area had a good range of equipment on a safe fenced surface, but there were some weeds appearing between the blocks. There was other equipment which was not fenced.

The Post Office was well maintained and the commercial buildings in the middle were very attractive.

The Saracens Head was excellent in almost all aspects and was located in a perfect setting.

### **Report from 2nd Pair of judges who visited twice**

The village covers a wide area but there was little litter or graffiti. Part of the village is monitored by CCTV and this deters vandalism and unsociable behaviour.

The village takes pride in maintaining the buildings and gardens.

The outstanding features include the Bishops Walk Nature Area which is a very pleasant area to walk away from the main road. The scarecrow competition involving all the village including the school was pleasing to see.

One of the older buildings in the village had been converted into business premises and retained its architectural aspects. The Saracens Head was in a lovely area of the canal and the beer garden was being well used on our 1st visit but not on our 2nd visit due to inclement weather.

It was a shame the local businesses and the Church did not enter the a competition for Certificate of Merit as they are an asset to the village.

The reports help to give us a focus for our efforts next year. So, onward and upwards, there's still plenty to do. Many thanks to all those who have helped over the past year and any more help that can be offered would be very welcome. Your village needs you!

For further information, or views on any of the above please post on our Facebook site (Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group), or contact Eleanor Wroe ([elliwroe@hotmail.com](mailto:elliwroe@hotmail.com) or 01704 841216) or Enid Banks ([enidbanks@aol.com](mailto:enidbanks@aol.com) or 01704 567654)

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**December 2018**

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9th	Lynda Bramwell		Bill Banks	John Wroe
16th	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Beryl Sephton	Rebecca Ridley
23rd	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Anne Cushion	Tara Kenyon
30th	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks

**January 2019**

6th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Eileen Houlgrave	Anne Critchley
13th	Stephen Henders		Eleanor Wroe	Enid Banks
20th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
27th	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Bill Banks	John Wroe

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**December 2018 / January 2019**



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23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Ann Throp	Lynda Bramwell
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Elaine Ayre	Sarah Mitchell
January 2019		
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Tara Kenyon	Lynda Bramwell
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Angela Banks	Lynda Bramwell
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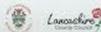
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- 6th Albert Pilkington (Birthday)
- 7th Margaret Stopforth
- 8th Jane Grimshaw
- 9th Nellie Sutton (Birthday)
- 13th Kenneth Alan Bailey
- 14th William Maxwell Boardman
- 15th Cecil Rhodes
- 16th Jessie Grimshaw (Anniversary)
- 17th Lily Gaskell
- 20th Harold Gaskell
- 25th Harold Dean
- 25th Joseph Balmer
- 28th Barbara Brookfield
- 29th Doreen Porter (Birthday)
- 31st James William Bailey (Birthday)

### JANUARY

- 1st Elizabeth Rhodes
- 3rd R J Critchley
- 7th Joan Aindow (Birthday)
- 7th John Marshall (Birthday)
- 8th Edward Shacklady
- 9th Gladys May Core  
(Remembrance)
- 11th Margaret Haldane (Anniversary)
- 12th Marjorie Dunbavand (Birthday)
- 14th The Mercer Family
- 15th Jack Huyton (Birthday)
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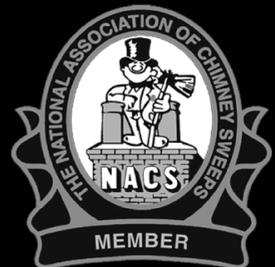
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