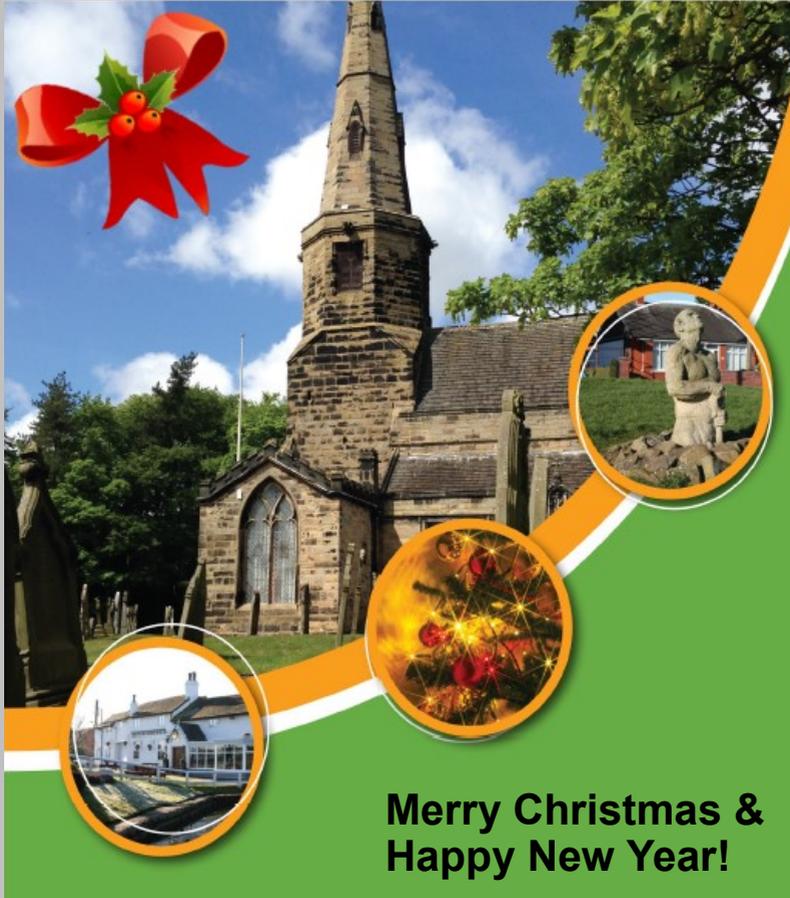


HALSALL NEWS



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!

December 2019 / January 2020

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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

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:

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The Reader Writes...

I love this time of year and the anticipation that starts in December and slowly grows as Christmas and the birth of our Saviour approaches. I love all the hustle and bustle, shopping for presents, making a Christmas cake and like a child I can't wait for the Christmas tree to go up. There is however one bit of Christmas I'm not so keen on, and that's the initial mess. Now I don't know about you but getting the Christmas Tree up in our house entails major furniture removals just to position the tree exactly where it looks best. In fact getting ready for Christmas turns our house upside down! But it's all worth it when it looks just as I want it to.

The build - up to Christmas is a very busy time for most people, but as Christians this is also the time we are asked to prepare our hearts and lives to receive the greatest gift ever given; God's Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. In all the rushing around it's easy to forget to step aside and to spend even a short time with God. So why not write a memo on your shopping list or a reminder on your phone.

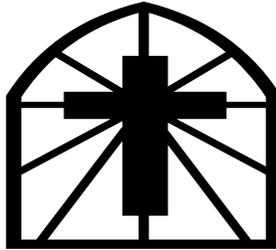
A good suggestion is to read one chapter from Luke's Gospel each day and then spend a few minutes in prayer and reflection. There are 24 chapters in Luke's gospel, so if you start on the 1st December, Advent Sunday, by Christmas Eve you will be ready to welcome the birth of Jesus, whose birth really did turn the world upside down!

Next we will be celebrating a New Year, and more turning of our world upside down as Rev. Paul Robinson leaves to take up his new post at St Anne's in Cork. Let's face it Fr Paul has been fantastic! And we can't begin to thank him enough for all he has done and meant to each one of us, we are rightly sad, but we need to pray for Paul as he answers God's call to Ireland for his future ministry. It's also important to pray for our Benefice as we enter a new phase of our journey with God. Paul will be leaving us a strong church and the ministry team led by Alex (Rev. Dr. Alex Baker) will strive to serve all of you and Paul's vision during the interregnum.

Whatever you do or wherever you spend your Christmas have a Blessed Christmas and a Fantastic New Year.

Love Glen x

PS. For those of you who haven't heard yet, the Bishop has offered me a curacy for 3 years in the United Benefice. I am to be ordained on the 26th June at 10.30am in Liverpool Cathedral. I am delighted to be staying with you and look forward to serving you as a Priest and SSM (Self supporting Minister).



Sunday Services in the United Benefice
December 2019 & January 2020

Sunday 1st 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 8th 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'

Sunday 15th 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'
4.00pm	Carols (with Marshside Brass Band)	St Cuthbert's

Sunday 22nd December – Advent 4

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

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES – PLEASE SEE ADVERT

Sunday 29th December – Christmas 1 (Paul's last Sunday)

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

Sunday 5th 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 12th 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 19th January – Epiphany 2

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

Sunday 26th January – Epiphany 3

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

Mid-Week Communion Services December 2019 & January 2020

Wednesday 4th Dec 10.00am St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 11th Dec	9.00am	St Thomas' School
Wednesday 11th Dec	11.00am	Haskayne School
Thursday 12th Dec	9.15am	St Cuthbert's School

Wednesday 18th Dec 10.00am St Thomas' Church

(Please check the weekly sheets about the mid-week services for January)

Wednesday 1 st Jan	NO SERVICE	
Wednesday 8 th Jan	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 15 th Jan	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 29 th Jan	10.00am	St Thomas' Church

Christmas Services

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

SUNDAY 15th December – Advent 3

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

SUNDAY 22nd December – Advent 4

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

TUESDAY 24th December – Christmas Eve

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

WEDNESDAY 25th 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)



Carols Round the Tree



Sunday 15th 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!

Christingle 2019



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!!!!!!

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME



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
1st - 22nd December.

Thank you for your support



CHALICE ROTA

December 2019 / January 2020



1 st December	Gwyn Williams	Lynda Bramwell
8 th December	Ann Cushion	Ann Throp
15 th December	Diane Comfort	Lynda Bramwell
22 nd December	Beryl Sephton	Lynda Bramwell
29 th December	Ann Throp	Lynda Bramwell
January 2020		
5 th January	Elaine Ayre	Sarah Mitchell
12 th January	Tara Kenyon	Lynda Bramwell
19 th January	Angela Banks	Lynda Bramwell
26 th January	Colin Throp	Lynda Bramwell



CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

This year we would really like to pull out all the stops and make this annual display of Christmas trees one to be remembered.

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

Church will be open Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December 2pm- 4pm for people to visit the event.

The following weekend Sunday 22nd December 2pm – 4pm and the Carol service follows on at 4pm.

The 'trees' will remain in situ until New Year.

Let's see what you come up with this year. We have had 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.

There is so many people who help to keep Halsall such a special place, Thank you every one .

I think you will all agree with me that one person stands out. Brian Lloyd, I see so many times working tirelessly tidying up our beautiful village . He is a truly exemplary, inspirational person . Thank you Brian we are all so grateful to you for doing such a wonderful job.

Angela Marshall

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS



December 2019

1st	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
8th	Lynda Bramwell	Angela Webster	Bill Banks	John Wroe
15th	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	Beryl Sephton	Tara Kenyon
22nd	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Anne Cushion	Rebecca Ridley
29th	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks

January 2020

5th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Eileen Houlgrave	Anne Critchley
12th	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Eleanor Wroe	Enid Banks
19th	Lynda Bramwell	Angela Webster	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
26th	Stephen Henders	Colin Throp	Bill Banks	John Wroe



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

December 2019/



8th Dec	E Banks	N Donaldson S Roberts	M Webster	L Wilkinson
22nd Dec	A Critchley	P Waterworth C Moss	S Waterworth E Robinson	K Twist M Mills
5th Jan	P Carr	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
19th Jan	E Wroe	J Wroe G Williams	B Knowles	A Cushion
2nd Feb	E Banks	N Donaldson S Roberts	M Webster	L Wilkinson

Halsall St Cuthbert's Update: December

Christmas Concerts

This year the children will be performing **The Wizard of Oz**. There'll be shows on :

Tuesday 10th Dec 10-00am
Wednesday 11th Dec 2-00pm
Thursday 12th Dec 7-00pm (Parents Only)
Friday 13th Dec 9-30am is the reception nativity

All the children will be involved in some way and there will be free refreshments at each performance.

Pupil representatives on the School Council have asked that all proceeds this year be split between CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children) and Zoe's Place. All tickets this year will be £4.

Vacancy for a Cleaner

We are looking for someone to carry out a cleaning duties around the school. This would involve, mopping the classrooms, hoovering carpets, wiping tables and sinks, dusting shelves, emptying waste class bins, polishing woodwork and mirrors etc. Please let us know if you are interested. We need someone for 2 hours per day (10 hours PW) Pay is £9 PH)

Kidz Club : Spring Term

To celebrate 15 years of after-school childcare at Halsall and thank the parents for all their support, the Kidz Club is offering a special discounted rate throughout the spring term 2020.

The cost of childcare will be an incredible £4 irrespective of duration. Children can stay until 4-30pm or stay until 5-30pm and the cost will only be £4. For full-time, this equates to £20 PW about £200 for the term. This represents a potential saving of £200 when compared to typical childcare costs. Places will be limited to 20.

Kidz Club continues to provide a high quality, safe, in-house childcare with a broad range of fun-filled activities such as baking, embroidery, painting, karaoke day, disco day, computer games, modelling, slime-making, TV, the Activity Trail etc.

Bonfire Night

Many apologies to any local residents who may have been inconvenienced during Halsall bonfire night. There was a much greater volume of traffic than expected and despite our roadside marshals and the placing of hundreds of cones, some individuals did park inconsiderately. Congestion was exacerbated by both an accident in Shirdley Hill and a broken down lorry on New Street.

Overall however, the event was a great success, behaviour at the event was excellent and lots of charities and good causes enjoyed a good night of valuable fund-raising.

Following a bonfire review, the PTFA is hoping to secure extra fields for parking next year. Hopefully this will alleviate some of the problems. There has already been a very positive response and an offer of help from local landowners. This is gratefully appreciated. If anyone can help, please let us know.

A big thanks to everyone who came along to school on the night and especially to those who gave up their time to set up the equipment, manage stalls and parking, serve food, etc. There was so much work to do. Also a special mention to the many ex parents and children who helped out. Their support was absolutely vital.

Reading Ambassadors

We now have 8 Reading ambassadors in school. These children from year 6 have been selected to help promote reading throughout the school. They'll be tidying and maintaining the library, choosing books to purchase and reading with young children. They will be holding assemblies and devising competitions to promote reading across the school.

Our ambassadors are : Kai Greenough, Laken Potter, Freya Parry, Mimi Gordon, Darcy Thomas, Georgia Mitchell, Rachel Birks and Gabriel Hilton. Well done to them all.

Christmas Boxes : Blythswood Care

This year we had nearly 50 boxes collected in mid-November and they were due to be shipped to Romania. Many thanks to anyone who donated. The presents will certainly bring a few smiles to a few children's faces on December 25th. What a fabulous gesture.

Cinema Night

Cinema Night was really well attended and the children enjoyed their hot dogs, popcorn, sweets and drinks. It was another lovely occasion and a great opportunity for parents to nip and do a little bit of Christmas shopping.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

The children talked about, wrote about and took part in activities all about bullying and being mean and inconsiderate to others. They discussed what bullying is, about the different types of bullying, what to do if they witness it and how to stop it. To acknowledge the importance of Anti-Bullying Week we asked the children to come to school wearing some odd, brightly coloured socks. The week was a big success and the children produced some lovely work.

We want our children to enjoy coming to school, to be happy and to feel safe.

School Residentials.

In 2020 we have organised 3 residential holidays for the children.

Year 4 will be heading off to Winmarleigh Hall for a weekend of adventurous activities.

Year 5 will be heading off to Winmarleigh Hall for a 2 day midweek break of adventurous activities.

Year 6 will be heading off to Llandudno (Mon-Frid) in June 2020. They'll be staying at a local hotel and we hope to arrange visits to Colwyn Bay Mountain Zoo, a slate mine, Greenwood Forest Park, Beaumaris Pier and Conway Castle. We'll also be walking up the Great Orme, playing on the beach and taking a dip in the local Fun Pool. The children should have a brilliant time.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

2019/0991/FUL - Fine Janes Farm, Moss Road - Demolition of existing structures and erection of residential development comprising 83 units (Use Class C3) and related development including improvement of existing access to the site, internal access roads, amenity open space, landscaping, parking and pumping station

2019/1091/FUL – Memorial Hall Playing Field - Proposal: To replace the existing septic tank with a new sewage treatment plant

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

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.

PARKING ALONG SEGARS LANE

Cars double parking and parking on pavements are causing problems along Segars 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.

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.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7.30pm Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Billy Mathews has indicated that he will be attending the December meeting to address any policing, speeding, parking or other concerns we may have and this will be covered during the public forum so that you can raise any specific issues not covered by the council.

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.

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.

Merry Christmas



Remembrance Sunday

Few of us welcome imposed change, even fewer when such change involves long-standing traditions. In this case the break with tradition was caused by the police in many forces across the country declining to supervise traffic management on Remembrance Sunday. The understandable rationale related to the reduced resources available after the serious cutbacks many forces have suffered in recent years.

The notice given to Halsall Parish Council of this change was less than adequate. However, keen to avoid the radical steps taken in some rural communities of severely curtailing or even cancelling altogether parades and ceremonies, the position was examined. In doing so, Councillors were aware that stopping traffic even on Remembrance Sunday can and does cause problems. Even the police come in for verbal abuse and it must be remembered we live in an age when sadly road rage is not uncommon. The approach adopted was two fold. Firstly to assess alternative means of traffic management and, secondly, to reduce to a minimum the time traffic was at an enforced standstill.

Given the circumstances the decision was taken to employ a traffic management company and to have the Roll of Honour, the Last Post, the two minute silence and the Reveille incorporated into the Church Service. This was to be followed by a simple wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial and at the Memorial Gates both to be preceded by a short prayer.

For those of you who turned up expecting the traditional ceremony at the War Memorial, please accept our apologies. The Parish Council will review the arrangements for next year well ahead of the event and with a view to restoring the traditional format.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Revd. Dr Alex Baker for officiating and to say how good it was to see so many of you at the buffet lunch afterwards.

Patrick Bell, Chairman Halsall Parish Council.



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Bar open daily, 11.30am - Late!



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Halsall Best Kept Village 2019

As reported last month we were pleased to be awarded 2nd place in the Large Village class of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

Report from 1st set of Judges

Name of Village Halsall

Date of Visit 1 Wednesday 26th June

Date of Visit 2 Sunday 14th July

Overall Impressions:

The general tidiness with no graffiti, litter and weeds was excellent and a sense of pride was evident. Scarecrow Dollies were scattered around the village and it looked as if a big effort had been made. It was good to see the Flower tubs on lampposts on Summerwood Road and the Bishop's Walk Wildlife area was a pleasant place with adequate picnic tables and benches.

Outstanding Features:

These were all excellent.

- St. Cuthbert's church grounds were well maintained with lovely flower borders. There was information by the gate which was well maintained.
- St. Cuthbert's School was tidy clean and well maintained. Flower Tubs, clear sign and Times Table on the wall all added to it appeal. There was a Model Robot attached to the railings.
- Saracens Head Pub was in a lovely setting by the Canal, well-kept flower tubs, baskets and Scarecrow dolls adorn the grounds. Attention to detail was evident. There was no litter and the car park was well maintained.
- Village Bakery was in a lovely setting next to the Cricket Ground with tables and chairs outside overlooking the grounds. It was neat and tidy, no litter or graffiti with lovely Memorial Gates in memory to the men of the village from the 2nd World War. The children's play area was well maintained it looked safe and appealing with no litter, graffiti and weed free.

Areas for improvement:

Very few areas for concern but there were hedgerows overgrown along the main road and a bus stop opposite New St. Motor was obscured by the bushes. It was difficult to walk on the pavements that side of the road where hedges were overgrown.

Bishop's Walk – there was a broken rail and upright on the steps going up to the school. The wood had rotted and needed to be replaced.

Report from the 2nd set of Judges

Halsall

Overall Impression

Lovely village on both sides of the busy A5147. Houses and gardens were mostly well presented with neat front gardens. Hedges were tidy and paths free of weeds. There was no litter or graffiti to be seen anywhere.

Outstanding Features

We were extremely impressed by the Saracens Head public house. Set on the canal the building itself was well kept and the garden and car park alongside the canal were excellent-the hanging baskets were beautiful.

We were also very impressed with the school and school grounds including the fencing and noticeboards. The playground, benches and play equipment were well above average and the building itself was in excellent condition.

We had a lovely walk around the village and noticed the Bishop's Walk wildlife and nature area-perhaps this could be included next year in the outstanding features.

Areas of Improvement

In the playing field carpark appropriate signage could be added to direct visitors to the Village Bakery as it was not obvious where it was.

Improvements could be made to the corrugated building in the carpark and what we assume is the cricket scores hut on the field as they detract from the nice area.

Map

The map was clear and we found everything easily apart from the bakery where we saw signs on the entrance from the road but had to ask exactly where it was.

There is plenty to be proud of in our lovely village and our Proud and Tidy group will take on board the judges comments and look forward to entering the competition again next year.



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THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2019

FROM 4.00PM TO 5.00PM

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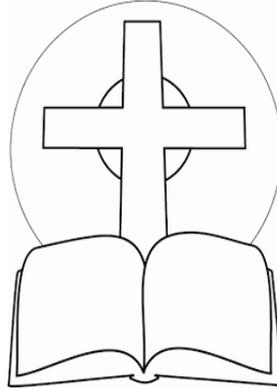
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Zachary Stephen Shalliker

13th October 2019

Harrison Joseph Gardner

Blake John Gardner



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6th	James Hilton (Wedding Anniversary)
6th	Albert Pilkington (Birthday)
7th	Margaret Stopforth
8th	Jane Grimshaw
9th	Nellie Sutton (Birthday)
13th	Kenneth Alan Bailey
14th	William Maxwell 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)
20th	Henry Serjeant
25th	Tom Dennett (Birthday)
26th	Jack Huyton (Anniversary)
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The garden is magical in winter. The colour palette is limited, but the strong shapes & skeletal framework provide its own kind of beauty & don't forget the garden can be a great source of home-grown material for a natural feel to Christmas decorations in & outside the home. Happy Christmas & Happy Gardening.

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.

Check tubs planted with bulbs for mice disturbance.

Make provisions to prevent pond from freezing over.

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

Watch out for

Chilled pot plants – pot plants that have been standing in the open outside shops may have come straight from a warm & sheltered greenhouse.

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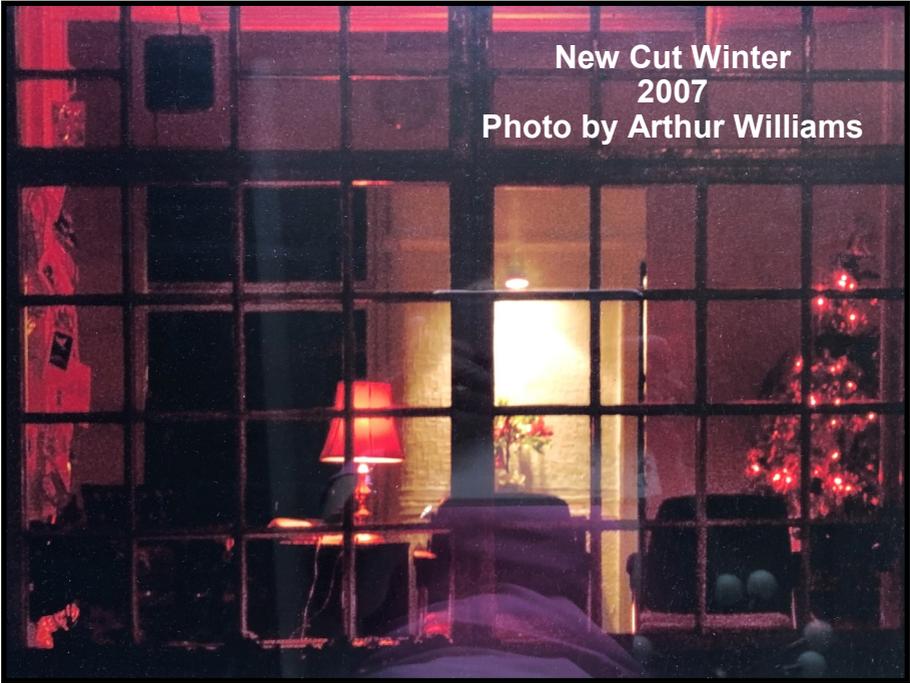
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My work has been rewarding and I would like all the girls that have worked with me to know how much I appreciate them.

Thank you all.

Joyce Rigby