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June 2021

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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.

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Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
Crown Green Bowling Club All ages	Saracen's Head Halsall Friday 2pm-4pm	Linda Hodge 01695 575875
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village. Eleanor Wr 01704 8412 Or Enid Bar 01704 5676	
Shirdley Hill Environment Group	Various projects on going around Shirdley Hill.	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
Ormskirk & District Lions Club Charity supporting local causes. Looking for new members.		Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
St Cuthbert's Church	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292

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



<u>Sunday Services in the United Benefice for</u> <u>June 2021</u>

Sunday 5th June

8.00am St Thomas' 9.30am St Cuthbert's

9.30am ZOOM Service (With children's group)

11am St Thomas'

Sunday 12th June

8.00am St Thomas' 9.30am St Cuthbert's

9.30am ZOOM Service (With children's group)

11am St Thomas'

Sunday 19th June

8.00am St Thomas' 9.30am St Cuthbert's

9.30am ZOOM Service (With children's group)

11am St Thomas'

Sunday 26th June

8.00am St Thomas' 9.30am St Cuthbert's

9.30am ZOOM Service (With children's group)

11am St Thomas'

For ZOOM login details please contact Rev Alex or Stephanie in the office.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

NEW CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Raymond Brookfield was elected as Chairman of Halsall Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2021. A vote of thanks was recorded to the outgoing Chairman, Patrick Bell, and the outgoing Vice Chairman, Neil Campbell all the hard work carried out by them over the past few years.

PLANNING

Application Number: 2021/0378/FUL Proposal: Variation of condition no 2 of planning permission 2018/0940/FUL to vary the approved plans. Location: Warehouse To Rear, 94 Summerwood Lane, Halsall, Lancashire, **Application Number: 2021/0474/FUL** Proposal: Removal of Condition No 10 of Planning Permission 2020/0922/FUL to require a lighting scheme to be submitted Location: Holly Farm Office, Plex Lane, Halsall, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 7J

PAVEMENT PARKING

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

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 to police to monitor the situation.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aiden's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, 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 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.

Halsall St Cuthbert's Update: June

Covid 19

We are still following many of the procedures around school to help prevent the spread of Covid 19 and minimise the possibility of having to close bubbles. This we know, would be a huge inconvenience and problem for many of our parents. We are still practising regular hand-washing, having separate playtimes, lunches are being taken in the classrooms, we are insisting on children being dropped-off in the mornings, our parents' meetings are virtual, the regime of disinfecting tables and equipment continues to be very thorough and we try to ensure that any visitors in the playground, always wear a mask. Information from the NHS and the government about COVID rules and good practice is also regularly sent home. This is for the safety of all our parents, their children and families.

Classes in September

Following our recent internal assessments and looking at the number of children in each cohort, we are now devising a new class structure for September 21. These should be communicated to parents nearer the end of the summer term.

After-School Provision

Both the Kidz Club and the Breakfast Club, continue to be very popular with parents. Sessions are often very busy through the week. A big thanks to Mrs Hannah Massam and her staff for managing the Kidz Club so well and to Mrs Lucy Edney and her staff for managing the Breakfast Club so well. The children love coming along.

School Trips

Staff have been busy organising school trips generously funded by the PTFA. The children have missed out on so much over the past year and these are really just a special treat. And they'll also do a little bit of learning as well.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

Children's Work

Children in years 5+6 in Class C have been writing about a passenger's experience on the Titanic. Lots of the work has been so descriptive and has been so lovely to read. See what you think. Below are a couple of examples. Well done to Olivia and Jacob.

Boarding the Titanic:

A recount of James Mellor's memories of the Titanic.

I travelled to Southampton by myself. I have always been an independent person. But, I had a mission. I was to travel on the Great Titanic to New York for my new job and to move in with my girlfriend. I started off by boarding train 101 to get to the dock.

The journey took me 6 hours! Bored out of my misery, I kept reminding myself how determined I was to get to the Titanic on her Maiden Voyage. When I arrived, I nearly jumped out of my skin! I had travelled on a lot of ships before, but never one as amazing and extraordinary as this. Instantly, I smelt cigarette smoke — which got stuck in my nose — and it blocked the aroma of the salty sea air.

Starstruck, I blindly stood there until a muscular man in uniform patted my back to escort me to the gangway. The sound of laughing and crying was ringing in my ears like a church bell. The scent of fish and chips made me feel a bit more comfortable with the surroundings. We were all moved into sections, first class, second class and third class. I was moved into the second -class section and I had to give my dirty ticket to a crew member.

Once I was on the boat, I had butterflies in my stomach. The ship was the grandest most luxurious I had ever seen. I remember me grabbing a bag in case I was sick with eagerness. As I walked in, I heard young ladies whistling at me and gasping as I walked past, so I blushed with embarrassment. I could not believe I was going to start my journey on the magnificent, Queen of The Sea, The Titanic!

written by Olivia Galley

Boarding The Titanic

James Mellor's recount of the Titanic

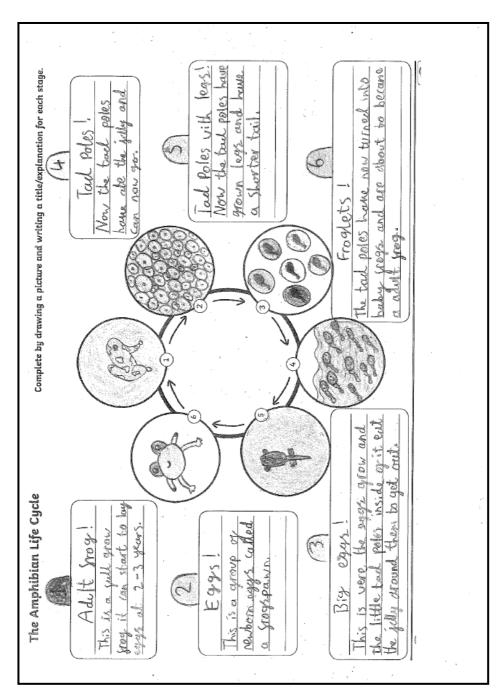
I travelled to Southampton by myself on a train. When I arrived at the dock, I looked at a sea of faces staring at the largest, most exquisite boat I had ever laid my eyes on. Marked the Titanic, the ship, which had four funnels, bellowed her welcoming cry. Salty air filled my lungs I (the most unexcitable person in the world) barely suppressed a yelp of complete and utter excitement!

As soon as I boarded, I was hurried onto a lower deck where I found my room — number 212. When I strolled in, I noted that the top bunk sheets had been crumpled, which meant that someone had already boarded from Cherbourg. That is when she walked and politely said, "Hello" I noticed a slight French accent," I hope you don't mind that I got the top bunk."

"Not at all," I replied. That was the end of our interaction.

Written by Jacob Hilton

Life Cycle of a Frog. By Darcie in class C.





Yoga Classes to support mental health and well being





Our churches have a website, a Facebook page and a Twitter feed. Hopefully they will provide a gateway to those that already exist and an information resource for those wanting more information about our churches. Weekly Newsletters and service times should be uploaded regularly. If you are interested, please sign up to the Facebook group and Twitter feed. You might also like to make suggestions for content on our website and please let me know any errors you spot!



www.tsncs.church



Our new website provides links to the existing websites and the Church or England 'A Church Near You' Websites.







The following websites are also recommended:

<u>www.pray-as-you-qo.orq</u> – a Jesuit resource of Daily Prayer set to music you can listen to.

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer - C of E daily prayer www.churchofengland.org/lent - C of E daily reflections for Lent

Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club

(rear of Saracen's Head, Summerwood Lane, Halsall)

New Members Welcome

We would be delighted to accept both established players and beginners.

Social Bowling sessions every week in our Friday Afternoon Friendlies, 2pm - 4pm, as well as league bowling.

Tuition can be arranged if you are new to bowling

Come along and give bowls a try.

For further information, please contact

Lynda Hodge on 07435 971762

Or See our new Facebook page Saracen's Head Bowling Club

On June 1st or thereabouts
It's time to put your scarecrow out
For one whole month they'll make a splash
For passers-by to smile and laugh
Everyday helpers is the theme
From nurses to bakers to the bin men team
Fat or thin, big or small
Whatever you make we'll love them all

Hope you will you join in the fun and help us raise funds by making a scarecrow this year Please display your scarecrow outside your home at the beginning of June

Fathers Day Weekend

Sat 19th & Sun 20th June Walk our Scarecrow Trail around the centre of the village and join in the fun Let your children vote for their favourite scarecrow and spot the owls hidden amongst them. The winning scarecrow will have a sash and crown to wear - no expense spared!!

If you're not on the trail route and you want to be included in our competition you are invited to bring your scarecrow along to "lend" us just for that weekend. There will be someone on hand to help you put it up. If you can't transport it yourself then we can arrange for it to be collected and returned after the trail weekend. If you want your scarecrow to stay put, then it can be represented in the competition by a photograph which will be taken by our resident cameraman Norman and printed out for our little visitors to see. More details to follow on the Halsall Community FB page

Funds raised will go to our Halsall Proud & Tidy Group to help keep our village as beautiful as ever for us all to enjoy and to enter into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

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Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2021



The entry form has been sent in and we expect judges to visit us <u>four</u> times between 1st June and 21st July. Please do your bit by checking that the front of your property, including the roadside, is in good order.

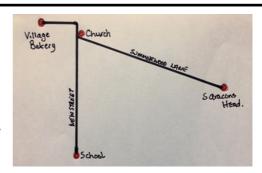
Thank you!

A special request to one and all to please collect any litter which you see lying about. Some of our volunteers do litter picks in certain areas and a big thank you to them, and if everyone else could make a special effort over the summer to keep our village litter free it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

We won special awards for the school and Saracens Head last time and Halsall Village was placed second in the large village class. Fingers crossed that we go one better this year and win the title!



A reminder of the route for the scarecrow trail.



Sat 19th & Sun 20th June

A change from the previously published details



Family Service

Sunday 30th May 2021

9.30am St Cuthbert's 11.00am at St Thomas'

There will be no Zoom service on this day.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

JUNE

1st	James Edward Cheetham (Anniversary)
2nd	Dorothy Cheetham (Birthday)
3rd	Cissie Balshaw (Birthday)
3rd	Ann Huyton (Birthday)
6th	Elizabeth J Ball
9th	Michael James Yule (Anniversary)

12th Norman Rhodes 13th Margaret Dutton 16th Margaret Balshaw 25th Mary Kenyon

John Banks (Anniversary) 25th

27th John Stopforth

27th George Balshaw (Birthday) Ken Mawdsley (Birthday) 28th 29th John Prescott (Anniversary) 30th Peter Bradshaw (Birthday)





CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

June 2021



13th June	M Mills	K Twist R Fishlock	C Moss	N Fish
27th June	P Carr	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw

Church Reading Rota



6th June	Stephen Henders
13th June	Eleanor Wroe
20th June	Beryl Sephton
27th June	Gwyn Williams

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS



June 2021

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
6th	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	Beryl Sephton Tara Kenyon
13th	Lynda Bramwell	Pam Carr	Rebecca Ridley Christine Jones
20th	Elaine Ayre	Colin Throp	Eileen Houlgrave Gwen Williams
27th	Lynda Bramwell	Angela Webster	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks

'The Halsall Boatmen'



Bridge 24 at Halsall

Growing up in the village of Halsall I never gave a thought for the complex history of the area. I spent many a happy hour walking along the canal with my grandparents and their dog. A beautiful walk through the West Lancashire countryside with views for miles across the fields and beyond.

It is only in recent times with a new interest in my family and their history that I have discovered the significance of the village of Halsall in Britain's industrial heritage.

Much has been written about the boatmen of Burscough, in fact Tony Robinson spoke with a group of these men in Channel 4's 'Walking Through History' programme. Perhaps less well known is that there was a thriving community of boat families who lived and worked on the canal in Halsall, Downholland and Lydiate.



Indeed the Lancashire side of the Leeds Liverpool Canal was begun in Halsall. The first sod of the canal was cut at Halsall Hill in 1770, no mean feat without today's technology and hardware. The main line of the canal was finally completed in 1861 linking the cities of Liverpool and Leeds with many other towns and villages in between.

The statue commemorating the workers who built the canal. Situated near the Saracen's Head, Summerwood Lane.

There are boat families in Halsall, Downholland and Lydiate on the 1841 census living and working on the canal. The boats were not the type we are familiar with that sail up and down now but large 'flats' that were double the width of the boats of today. In local records the men are often referred to as flatman, waterman, labourer or boatman.

Whole families often lived on the boat with husband, wife and several children all sleeping within the confines of the boat. The children often not attending school but instead working alongside their parents from an early age.

When you see the sleepy canal meandering through the countryside it is hard to imagine how busy and bustling the canal once was. The boats carried coal from the coalfields of Wigan to Liverpool for use in the factories. Many goods were carried to Liverpool for exportation via the docks. Whilst wool and sugar were transported in the other direction to the towns and cities of Lancashire and beyond. Along with another commodity carried by canal boat from the city of Liverpool, human waste, carried to Burscough for use by the local farmers of West Lancashire on their fields.

In the early part of the 19th century two sets of my 4 times great grand parents were living and working on the canal between Halsall and Liverpool with their young families. A tradition which continued for another 3 generations when my great grandfather James Cheetham was born at Downholland and lived aboard 'The Princess Royal' with his parents and brother. Life was often hard

on the boats and James' mother died at the age of 29 when he was only 4 years old. By the age of 14 he was working the boats along-side his grandparents

James' story echoes that of many of the boat families when during the early part of the 20th century many families settled in cottages along the canal as their trade was taken over by the faster moving railways and roads. Many of them worked the land instead. With lots of their descendants still living on the plains of West Lancashire.

Former boatman James Cheetham pictured in the garden of his home in Station Road, Barton. Circa 1937



Finding out about my 'Boating' ancestors has certainly been a voyage of discovery.

If anyone else would like to know more about their local roots I found the extensive and free to access records of Lancashire Parish Clerks Online very useful. It includes records of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials for the whole of Lancashire including Liverpool & Manchester.

www.lan-opc.org.uk

If you have boatmen links to your family the Ormskirk & District Family History Society have a website which is also free to access which has a lot of useful information about the boatmen of West Lancashire and their families

www.boatfamilies.website

Census records can also be very useful, with lots of information easily viewed on line but you often have to pay to fully access them.

Like me, you may be surprised what you find out.

Susan Roberts



View of the canal looking towards Halsall Hill.

Gardener's Corner

June at-a-glance

June is the month when the weather improves in leaps and bounds and so does the garden. Summer flowers make their first appearance; roses are in full bloom and powerful with scent. There's still lots to keep on top of in June – but don't forget to leave time to sit and enjoy the view.

Happy gardening.

General Garden Tasks

Water & deadhead plats regularly.

Remove perennial weeds.

Propagate roses & shrubs by taking softwood cuttings

Keep on top off training climbing & rambling roses & tie in clematis.

Layer clematis.

Prune Clematis Montana if necessary.

Continue to clip privet & other fast growing hedges.

Dig up tulip & hyacinth bulbs when foliage dies off & store dry bulbs in a cool dry, dark dry place ready to replant in autumn.

Plant out summer bedding plants.

Sow winter & early spring plants in trays under glass.

Water & feed containers & hanging baskets regularly.

Continue planting green-house grown frost-tender vegetables outside.

Transplant leek & brassica seedlings.

Keep all fruit trees well watered in dry weather.

Thin heavy crops of plums, apples, & pears.

Prune fan-trained apple or pear trees if necessary.

Harvest rhubarb & strawberries.

Continue to pot up rooted cuttings.

Take cuttings from fuchsias & pelargoniums.

Continue pollinating melons & remove male flowers from cucumbers.

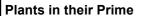
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Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

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.

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



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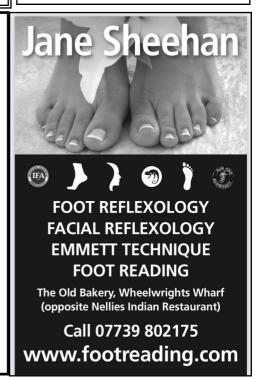
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