

HALSALL NEWS



NOVEMBER 2013



Halsall and Scarisbrick Scout Group

Tel 01704 841047

Recycling Day

November 25th 2013

Halsall Scouts are collecting clothes and bric a brac on Sunday Nov 25th between 11am and 4pm.

If you have any items for collection please leave outside your door in a box or bin bag on Sunday Nov 25th.

We are also collecting donations for the Church Christmas Fair, any good as new, bric a brac or raffle prizes.

Any queries ring Sue on the telephone number above

Thank You

DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014 MAGAZINE

Closing date for Articles; Wednesday 20th November

Contributions by Email only to the editor

Chris Birks at

enquiry@4cornersdesign.co.uk

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dianemarsh60@gmail.com

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Rector

The Revd Paul Robinson

The Rectory

Church Lane

Lydiate

L31 4HL

Phone: 0151 526 0512

Email: frpaul.robinson@btinternet.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.

Support Our Soldiers is a charity who send Shoe Boxes to our troops in Afghanistan and raise monies to help injured troops and their families.

Their campaign is an all year round one.

If you would like to know more about this charity they can be contacted by e-mail at

southport@supportoursoldiers.co.uk

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WE MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

AT ST AIDANS & THE MEMORIAL HALLS ALTERNATELY

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Rector	The Rev Paul Robinson	0151 526 0512
Church Wardens	Malcolm Serjeant	01704 841 604
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OTHER USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Gas Emergencies	0800 111 999
Norweb	0800 195 4141
Manweb	0845 272 2424
Police Contact [non urgent]	0845 1253545
Local Police Officers	01695 424000
Police Mobile No	07912 052484
Street Lighting Fault Reporting Line	0845 053 0011
Fire Safety Helpline	0800 169 1125

Sunday Services in The United Benefice for November

Sunday 3rd November - All Saints Sunday

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'
6.00pm	All Souls Service	St Thomas'
	United Benefice Service	

Sunday 10th November -Remembrance Sunday

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

Sunday 17th November -2nd before Advent

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 24th November -Christ the King

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Family Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Midweek Services for November

Wednesday 6h November 10.00am St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 13th November 10.00am St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 20th November 10.00am St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 27th November 10.00am St Thomas' Church



A word or two from your new editor in waiting...

Why take on the role of editor of the Halsall magazine?

It goes without saying that the right answer would be...it will keep the magazine going, as it plays an important role in our community by informing everyone of upcoming events and helps to promote local businesses etc. My simple answer is that I wanted to be selfish. Selfish in that, with having just recently moved my family (wife Claire and daughter Rachel—who has just started at the outstanding Halsall School) and my design for print business, it would give me the opportunity to get to know and work with people in the local community on a personal and professional front and for the first time in my life to give something back.

So far, speaking for myself, we have been made to feel very welcome and like any good thing I would like more of the same. Of course, taking on the role of editor scares the hell out of me, but my experience of being in the design industry for the past 20+ years will hopefully stand me in good stead. I hope, in time, to introduce new ideas and designs to the 'Halsall News'. I recognise that I won't be able to please my community all of the time, but as Susan Jeffers (internationally renowned author) once said...'feel the fear and do it anyway...'

I look forward to the opportunity to meeting you one day... perhaps in our beautiful church, outside the school gates or walking along the canal.

Chris Birks
enquiry@4cornersdesign.co.uk

St Cuthbert's Church

**COME AND JOIN US FOR
OUR SECOND
Family Eucharist Service**

on

Sunday 24th November

at

9.30am for Refreshments

Please bring a mug or cup with you for
refreshments

9.45 Service begins

A Fun Service for ALL the Family



Public appeal to fund the repairs to the Church Spire.

St Cuthberts Church is a Grade 1 listed building dating back to the 14th Century, although records suggest that a church building was probably on this site from the 12th Century onwards. Grade 1 listed buildings are buildings of exceptional interest, sometimes considered to be of international importance and only 2.5% of listed buildings are Grade 1.

This beautiful building at the heart of our village is special. Yes, its listed status reflects its historical and architectural importance but to those of us who live, and have lived, in this village it is much more than that and we have a responsibility to look after it for future generations.

Those who visit the church and churchyard will notice that we have spent time and money over this last few years improving the grounds and keeping the church in good order. This has been achieved through the wonderful efforts of volunteers and restricted donations.

Unfortunately over this last year we discovered a significant problem with the church spire and due to the dangers that this presented the Parochial Church Council (PCC) organised temporary repairs. We now need to put in place the long term solution which requires bringing part of the spire down to enable the installation of a new tie rod and re-building at a cost that is likely to be in excess of £15,000.

The Church's annual running costs are in excess of £50,000 and the income that comes from the local community underpins those costs. We could not remain open without this support. Over the last three years we have had to use dwindling reserves to prop up these running costs and know that we are likely to have to continue to do so. It is for this reason that the PCC have agreed to launch an appeal to raise the funds needed to carry out the repairs.

The PCC has already begun some fundraising events for next year and all ideas or contributions for creative ways of raising some funds will be welcomed!

We hope to install an appeal thermometer in the churchyard so that we can all see how the appeal is progressing.

Please also watch this space for news and please do consider what you may be able to give, whether it is time or money, to support the appeal.

Paul
The Rector

Colin
The Treasurer.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

NOVEMBER 2013

2nd	Henry Eric Kenyon
8th	Jessie Grimshaw (Birthday)
10th	Annie Marshall (Anniversary)
11th	James Balshaw (Birthday)
13th	Joshua Sutton
15th	Jack Lea (Remembrance)
19th	John Rimmer
19th	Richard Bolton Ainscough (Birthday)
23rd	Ellen Blundell
27th	Nellie Sutton

HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

September/October 2013

BAPTISMS

15th September 2013

Olivia Rose Galley

WEDDINGS

20th September 2013

Ian James Billing & Caroline Ball

21st September 2013

Derek Neil Watson & Christine Margaret Johnson

FUNERALS

19th September 2013—George Stanley ‘Stan’ Townsend

26th September 2013—Mary Elizabeth Baldwin

CHURCH ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2013

WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS

DATE	WARDEN	SIDEPERSONS
3rd Nov	Malcolm Serjeant	Eleanor Wroe & Stephanie Hilton
10th Nov	Brian Heaton	Jim Critchley & Len Davidson
17th Nov	Mike Hilton	Peter Aynsley & Anne Cushion
24th Nov	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre & Philip Banks

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

3rd November	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn
17th November	E Banks L Wilkinson E Parry	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse
1st December:	A Critchley K Twist	P Waterworth K Orrit	S Waterworth G Ennis
15th December:	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd

What's Going On at Halsall St Cuthbert's?

General

- We have 153 pupils on-roll at present and all of the classes are full. The children are now settled back into the routine and looking forward to all the wonderful and exciting events that we have planned for them.

Our new Teaching Assistant staff, Mrs Green and Mrs Wilson in Class M and Mrs McElhinney in Class C are relishing their new challenges. I'm sure that they'll become great assets to the school in the years to come.

Admissions September 2014

Parents/carers will soon be completing forms to apply for a place for their child starting in September 2014. Again, demand for places is likely to be very strong.

The school adheres to strict Admissions Criteria when ranking applications. The importance of a faith reference cannot be underestimated. For further clarification, please refer to the school's Admissions Criteria. (LEA booklet, LEA online or on the school website or information board)

Buildings and Grounds

- We're soon to have all the playground floodlights installed and some new shed storage for both the PTFA and the Kidz Club.
- The school hall is soon to undergo refurbishment through re-decoration of the walls, new curtains etc. It should look fabulous.
- New flooring for classrooms.

Sports Opportunities

As always, we try to offer a broad range of extra-curricular and sporting activities throughout the week. This autumn term, we have a Netball Club, Multi-Sports Club, Swimming, Tag Rugby, Football Club, Hockey, Dance/ Drama, Cross Country etc. This should tire them all out and keep them all fit!

Heartbeat of the Community

The school, parish centre and church are certainly at the heartbeat of the local community.

The school premises and centre continue to play host to a wide range of activities such as the Learning Tree Nursery, a Kidz Club, a badminton club, the scouts, the beavers group, an archery club, the Sunshine Club, various church related events and fairs, weddings, caravan rallies, a football club, charity music rehearsals and PTFA functions.

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Next year, we already have 3 caravan rallies booked, a wedding and special Ladies' and Gent's nights. It keeps us very busy!

If there is a group that would like to use the school premises, please contact us as soon as possible.

HEARSTART and Defibrillator Training

We now have a defibrillator located on the school wall facing the main road. The school recently organised some HEARTSTART training sessions, which included defibrillator use. These were normally 2 ½ hours sessions and were open to all members of the school community. They were very well attended.

PTFA - Halsall Bonfire and Firework Night

As usual, the PTFA Bonfire Night is timetabled for the 5th November. (Tuesday)

It should be a great event and hopefully, many of our local community groups will have the opportunity to raise much-needed funds.

If the church or any local groups would like to raise funds on the night, please contact school and let us know. There may be some catering opportunities.

Also and very importantly, if there is anyone that can help with the parking and allow the PTFA the use of a nearby field or a car park for a few hours, please let us know. It would be gratefully appreciated. Parking is always a concern and we are trying to minimise congestion on that night, as much as possible.

Harvest Service

The Harvest Service was another lovely event in the church calendar and the children once again, were a credit to the school and their parents. As always, the church looked fabulous and so a big thank you is richly deserved, for all the people who donated flowers/fruit etc and helped to arrange it so beautifully.

Other Events

Harvest Service Sunday 13th October 9-30am

Spooky Disco Friday 18th October 6-8 (present school children only)

Parent Consultations Tuesday 22nd October

Theatre Trip (juniors) Wednesday 23rd October "Room on a Broom"

Break Up for half-term holidays Friday 25th October 3-30pm

Caravan Rally (weekend) Friday 25th - Sunday 27th October

Theatre Trip (infants) Thursday 21st November "Centrally Heated Knuckles"

Cinema Night Friday 29th November 6-00pm - 8-00pm

Church Fair Saturday 30th November

Bishop's Visit Wednesday 4th December

School Concerts Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th
December

Christmas Party Tuesday 17th December

Break Up for Christmas Holidays Thursday 19th December 2-00pm

INSET Day Friday 20th December

D Scholes (Head Teacher)

Halsall has been presented with their awards in the 2013 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

The Bamber Trophy was awarded for winning the Best Kept Village in the medium sized village category along with a plaque and certificate to commemorate the win.

The Benson Trophy and a certificate were awarded to the Saracens Head as the winners of the Best Kept Pub in Lancashire

Brian & Celia Webster of Manor House Farm receive a certificate as runners up in the Best Farm Category.

Thanks to everybody in the village whose efforts have made such a big difference to our surroundings and congratulations to all the winners.



ORMSKIRK & MAGHULL LIONS CLUB

We are an organization that helps those in need in the community. We invite other HALSALL residents to contact either DAVID or DEREK (numbers below) with a view to become part of the organisation of which we are proud. We meet at Hurlston Hall once a month where you would be given a warm welcome and talk to you about the LIONS.

Joining new organisations may seem intimidating but we've been around for 36 years & perhaps apart from increasing our numbers you can let us know what you feel we can do to help individuals, schools or local groups within the HALSALL area.

ONE phone call is all it takes:

DAVID CORFIELD 01704 840705

DEREK MURPHY 01704 840712 or (07763933756)



SHIRDLEY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

SHIRDLEY HILL VILLAGE GREEN

Christmas Lights Switch On 8th December 2013

4.30pm to 5.30pm

Sherry & mince pies

The weeks leading up to the switch on there will be the usual raffle to raise funds to maintain the lights and equipment.

The winners will be drawn at the switch on.

HALLS FOR HIRE

One offs or Regular basis

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Tel; 01704 534090

MEMORIAL HALL

The newly refurbished hall is now available for bookings

Something to Celebrate?

Why not book the Memorial Hall

New decor; Kitchen and toilet facilities

Including provision for wheelchair access

Only £10 per hour

To book please contact Dave Bond,

Trust Secretary on 01704 534090

HALSALL ST CUTHBERT'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Tuesday Evenings from 6pm or Saturday all Day

Contact Mr Scholes at School

HALSALL PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is available for private lettings

Please contact Mrs Sue Goldstraw

For details of charges and availability

Tel; 01704 841047

HALSALL BADMINTON CLUB

WELCOMES NEW PLAYERS (OVER16 'S)

Beginners, improvers, experienced or returners to the game.

Come and play for pleasure and exercise, racquets available.

(not in league)

THE CLUB PLAYS EVERY THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

In St Cuthbert 's School Hall. Halsall

For Details Contact

Margaret 01704 840305 Or Jim 01704 840908

Or, just come and join us on Thursday evenings

Very low fees (refreshments provided)

Season starts September 2013

A HUGE THANK YOU

to everyone involved in decorating the church for Harvest Festival & making our magnificent church look absolutely beautiful for our wonderful services of praise and thanksgiving.

This year our harvest gifts were distributed to the most senior citizens in our parish and the sick as well as the food bank in Ormskirk.

We could not have distributed the gifts without the help of a determined team of enthusiastic volunteers.

God Bless you all.



St Cuthberts, Halsall

Traditional Christmas Fair

Saturday December 7th

Halsall School Hall, 2pm-4pm

Come and See Santa

**Grand Raffle, Veg, Cakes, Christmas Wreaths, Gifts
& Novelties, Fun & Games**

Start your Christmas Celebrations with us

Halsall Sunshine Committee



The 2013 AGM will be held on

Tuesday 7th November

at The Parish Centre Halsall School at 7.00pm

If you would like to find out more about what we do

Then please come along and join in.

Everybody Welcome

***SUPERFAST BROADBAND FOR HALSALL
URGENT***

***Please have all petitions to
31, Renacres Lane by 6th November***

Please support our campaign to have Superfast Broadband installed in Halsall as soon as possible

Can you help by collecting the finished petitions from your neighbours? The more petitions we have the louder the shout. Separate petitions have a better impact than one petition signed by many but we must not double on addresses as it will discredit the campaign

If you can't drop it off at 31 Renacres Lane. Please put it in the box for the replies at Gregory Lane Garage

Ring Dave Corfield Halsall Parish Councillor 01704 840705

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The Petition to BT

HIGHSPEED BROADBAND FOR HALSALL

Please improve the communications in this isolated rural community the Parish of Halsall by bringing forward fibre optic to the Parish

Number of household members -----

1st line of address -----

Postcode -----



SHIRDLEY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

DEFIBRILLATOR

We have 42+ Residents in Shirdley Hill trained in the use of the Defibrillator thanks to Cheryl Picstock from North West Ambulance Service who gave a very interesting training session at St Aidan Hall. The installation work should be completed and the unit commissioned on the Shirdley Hill site by the time this magazine has been delivered.

It has been a great fundraising effort with donations from Residents, Parish Council and Residents Association.

For more information ring Dave Corfield 840705

DEFIBRILLATOR REMINDER

D- Check for **danger**/ risks-protect yourself.

R- Check **response**- shake and shout at the casualty looking for signs of consciousness

S- **Shout** for help and call 999 explaining your location and what's happened

A- Open the airway by tipping the head back to remove tongue from **airway**

B- Check **breathing** by looking for regular chest rise and fall, feeling for breath and hearing for abnormal noisy breathing. For 10 secs.

If breathing place in recovery position

If not breathing/ not breathing normally:

C- Start chest **compressions** to a rate of staying alive/ 100 compression a min and pumping hard and fast on the centre of the chest over the sternum/ breast bone. Keep elbows unbent and arms straight kneeling closely to the casualty.

D- Get access to **defibrillator** by dialling 999 and giving the call taker your location and explaining the casualty condition.

NWAS

Halsall Community Shop/Hub

For most villages a shop is a vital lifeline and for some people, especially those without transport, it is an important connection with the world beyond their front door. It is a meeting place, communication centre and an important lynchpin of village life. Much of the appeal of our village rests on its sense of community. It is the reason many people have moved here and remain here. A community shop puts all its profits back into the shop and the local community. The aim of our shop will be to support local producers, farmers and other businesses .

Do you feel the presence of a shop would enhance our community spirit ?

A questionnaire is the first step. We need to know your views on what might be provided and what would receive your support. Over the following week we intend to deliver a survey to every house within the Halsall Parish. Please be as honest and realistic as possible in your answers. Your response will be treated in confidence. It is entirely anonymous, unless you wish to add your name at the end.

This kind of venture has been successfully achieved in other villages. There are currently over 300 community owned shops in England, Scotland and Wales and most of these have been set up with the support of the charity Plunkett Foundation

Will our village be the next one?

Please visit www.plunkett.co.uk for more info about Community Shops

Christmas Bingo

Friday 15th November 2013

St Cuthberts School Halsall

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start

Bumper Prize Draw & Refreshments

Everybody Welcome

For more information please contact

Fran Robinson 01704 841187

Or

Betty Knowles 01704 840611

HALSALL BONFIRE PARTY

Tuesday 5th November

Gates open 6pm

Fireworks 7.30pm

BBQ - GLOWIES - DJ COLIN

ADULTS : £5

CHILDREN/STUDENTS £1



FREE PARKING

NO SPARKLERS PLEASE!

Our Reader Mr David Walker Writes:

National Memorial Arboretum - The past is the key to the future

The National Memorial Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance. It is situated in Staffordshire and opened its doors to the public in May 2001. It is a spiritually uplifting place which honours the fallen and recognises both their service and sacrifice.

Sited in the heart of the Nation, with 50,000 maturing trees and over 200 memorials, it is a beautiful and lasting tribute to those who serve their country or who have died in conflict.

The Arboretum was developed on land reclaimed after quarrying and stands close to the new national forest. This reclamation and new life constitutes a remarkably symbolic foundation for a place where remembrance and new understandings complement one another. The memorial Shot at Dawn, located so it is the first place to be touched by the dawn light, commemorates 300 soldiers shot for desertion or cowardice. Many were under the legal age for serving and others were sick with shell shock. In 2006 a mass pardon of those executed in this way was given, and the memorial embodies the regrets of a nation while celebrating the development of new understanding.

In the chapel is a wood carving of children gathered around a storyteller, just like the children in the bible who gathered around Jesus. Various adults listen in. On the front, are engraved the words, 'The past is the key to the future.'

At this time of year when we remember those who died in conflict let us thank God for their courage and sacrifice and commit ourselves to working towards justice and peace for all.



(Continued)

Lest We Forget.

Let me finish with a prayer in which I invite you all to share :

As one family, we reflect on the horrors of the past that continue to haunt humanity and darken our world.

Where pain still overwhelms, bring healing.

Where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort.

Where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation.

Where communities are still victimised, bring justice.

Where children are still brutalised, bring compassion.

Where lives are still crushed, bring hope.

Where evil is perpetrated, bring repentance.

Where war still devastates, bring peace.

But most of all,

wherever a single voice cries out in the darkness,

bring us to one another ,

in the name of the love you bear in your heart for all people,

all nations and all creation.

Amen.

With love in Christ our Lord and source of true peace

Halsall Sunshine Committee

Golden Oldies Christmas Party

At Briars Hall Lathom

Lunch with Entertainment Music and Bingo

Tuesday 2nd December 2013

12noon to 4pm

Residents of Halsall Over 60 can attend free of charge

Please make your own way there if at all possible

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841216 or Betty Knowles 01704 840611

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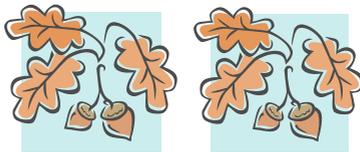
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Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School



Our second 'Family Service' will take place at 9.30am on the 24th with the theme of 'remembering' and 'memories'. Members of the congregation are asked to bring a picture of a family event in order to share memories. We remind all to bring mugs for adults and cups for your children in order to reduce disposable plastics.

It is hoped everyone will enjoy the relaxed atmosphere during these services.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

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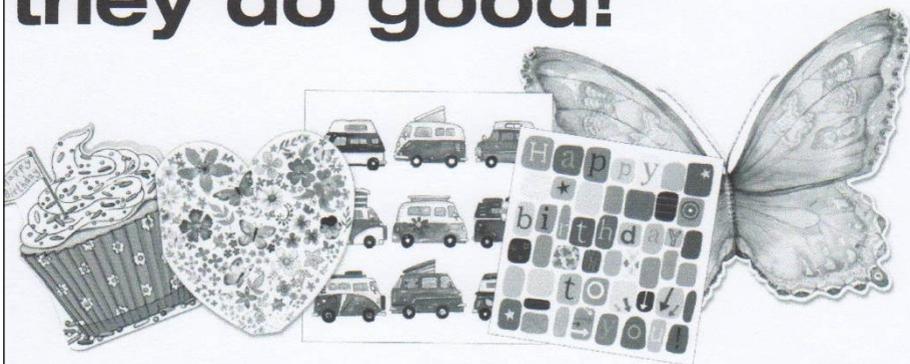
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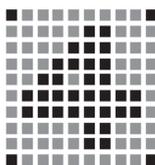
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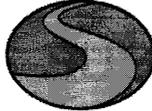
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