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What's On!

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
Crown Green Bowling Club All ages	Saracen's Head Halsall Friday 2pm-4pm	Linda Hodge 01695 575875
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St Cuthbert's Church	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292
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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



During the summer I hope you are having a relaxing and refreshing time, I thought it would be good to update you on where we have got to church-wise over these past few months, as lots has been going on.

After Easter we were able to resume our worship services together in-person, and continued our popular zoom services online. In September our normal pattern of services will continue, except that the 4th Sunday of the month will be a 'family' service (ie focusing on children and families), and zoom will continue on the first 3 Sundays at 9.30am with break-out room for children and worship space for people who can't make it to church. If you would like to access the zoom services, please drop a line to Rev Alex and he will see to the rest!

Our lovely and ancient building has continued to creak, but thanks to the 'Friends of St. Cuthbert's' we have been able to repair the leaking side window and a large monument that began to fall off the wall of church! We have also continued to explore 'access for all' and especially how to develop the tricky steps at the entrance gate. Our feasibility group and diocesan architect have recommended a plan that the PCC have adopted, next step is to firm up plans and explore ways of funding the project which is not cheap due to the listed status and demands of the site.

It has been lovely to be able to go into the school throughout this time and I am full of admiration for their sterling work over the last 18 months, in many ways disruption was kept to a minimum and the children continued to thrive. Normally at this time of year we have a date and plans for harvest celebrations but there are a few too many unknowns for our planning just now so please watch this space, we will update you as soon as possible.

Finally, we have taken the next steps in our vacancy and met with the 'powers-that-be' to plan towards the appointment of our new vicar. All things being equal, this should be some time in the next year.

As a local church, we are painfully aware that among these shoots of hope these past months have contained untold sadness and disruption for so many. Please be assured that we continue to cover our community in prayer and blessing every time we meet.

With very best wishes

Ian Hopkins (Interim vicar)

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A message from Peter and Barbara
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We have now retired from the kennels and cattery, and would like to thank the Halsall community, and beyond, for the support and kindness we have received during our 16 years here. We have loved it here and are sad to go, but it's time to make the move. The new owners, Drea and Peter, will take the business forward and we hope you will support them as you did us. Many thanks once again,

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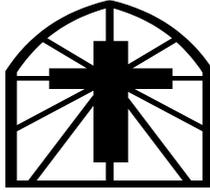
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Sunday 5th September

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9.30am	ZOOM Service (With children's group)
11am	St Thomas'

Sunday 12th September

8.00am	St Thomas'
9.30am	St Cuthbert's
9.30am	ZOOM Service (With children's group)
11am	St Thomas'

Sunday 19th September

8.00am	St Thomas'
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9.30am	ZOOM Service (With children's group)
11am	St Thomas'

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NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

2021/0641/FUL - 30 New Cut Lane - Development including provision of new single & two storey rear extensions with associated internal & external alterations.

2021/0740/FUL - Charles Farm, North Moor Lane - Proposed single storey extension to residential dwelling.

2021/0657/FUL - 3 Willow Brook - Proposed single-storey garage extension to side, single-storey rear extension, porch extension, conversion of existing garage to habitable room.

2021/0713/FUL - 59 Moss Road - Summer house and garden storage shed in rear garden (retrospective)

2021/0791/FUL - 93 New Street - Double storey side extension and single storey rear extension with internal reconfiguration and inclusion of dormers to roof to allow more usable space at first floor level.

2021/0846/FUL - High Trees Barn, Plex Moss Lane - Variation of Condition No 2 of planning permission 2017/1287/FUL (allowed on appeal) - to vary approved plans relating to window positions.

2021/0853/FUL - Primrose Hill Farm, Asmall Lane - Single storey extension to side, and single storey extension on first floor to side. Including internal and external alterations to all elevations.

2021/0854/FUL - Primrose Hill Farm, Asmall Lane - To extend living space into remaining barn area, lining the internal spaces and upgrading windows and doors.

2021/0858/FUL - 14 Elm Park Drive - Proposed part two storey/part single storey rear extension.

2021/0189/OUT - 50 Renacres Lane - Outline - Demolition of former scout hut and erection of two bedroom bungalow and associated external works (with all matters reserved).

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL continued

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 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 8th September 2021 at 7.30 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

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.

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



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www.pray-as-you-go.org – a Jesuit resource of Daily Prayer set to music you can listen to.

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Its free to join and free to borrow. We just ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow and return as many jigsaws as often as you like. I have done over 60 jigsaws since lockdown began so it has saved many of us a lot of money. I have attached the link below.

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

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

Sue Charnock

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2021



We got through to the second round of judging for our entry in the Large Village Class and by the time you read this we will know if we made it into the final. If so we will have been judged yet again on the last weekend in August. Final results will be announced on 12th October. We will post any further news on the Halsall Community Facebook Page.

The village is looking very smart. As always, Brian has been busy. What a difference his work makes. Thank you Brian. Volunteers have cut hedges and grass, cleared weeds, painted here and there and cleaned signs. Thanks one and all. A special mention this time to Ray Core who painted the corn drill etc on the corner of Gregory Lane. Great job done! Also thanks to the residents of Chestnut Close on Summerwood Lane, assisted by Brian, who have planted shrubs etc in front of the little wall on the roadside. The community spirit is alive and well and it's good to be part of it!

Once again - a request to one and all to please carry on collecting any litter which you see lying about It all helps keeping our lovely village looking it's best!

'STOP PRESS'

We've made it through to the final of the Large Village Class ! Final judgements scheduled for 25th & 26th August. Results to be announced on 12th October.

Thank you to all those who have done their bit to get us this far.

The corn drill on the corner of Gregory Lane.
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September 2021



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19th September	E Banks	M Webster N Harbinson	L Wilkinson M Cheetham	S Roberts
3rd October	M Mills	K Twist R Fishlock	C Moss	N Fish

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

September 2021



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
5th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Beryl Sephton Tara Kenyon
12th	Elaine Ayre	Angela Webster	Christine Jones Rebecca Ridley
19th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
26th	Elaine Ayre	Pam Carr	Eileen Houlgrave Gwen Williams

Church Reading Rota



5th Sep	Stephen Henders
12th Sep	Eleanor Wroe
19th Sep	Beryl Sephton
26th Sep	Gwyn Williams

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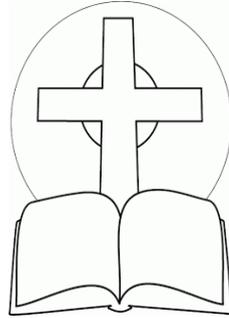
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Dorothy Howel

8th July 2021

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- 3rd Ron Tillett
- 4th Lawrence Baldwin (Birthday)
- 4th Mary Baldwin (Birthday)
- 7th Angela Hilton
- 14th Margery Smith
- 16th Raymond Lewis
- 16th Annie Sutton
- 18th Jennifer Kitching (Anniversary)
- 18th Mary Baldwin (Anniversary)
- 19th Joe Balmer
- 19th Alan Georgeson (Anniversary)
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From the archives...

Weather Reports in Halsall 1300-1500

Halsall church is a Medieval church made of special, light red sandstone, it is thought to have replaced a previous wooden structure sometime between 1290 and 1320. Experts are still unaware from where the sandstone was quarried. It is not the most durable of sandstone and the mouldings and carvings have been weathered over the last 700 years. During that time weather in all its extreme forms has been experienced. Weather records from the 14th century are scant. A lot of reports are general, from Britain or Europe as a whole and most records are for London. We can usually assume that when the Thames froze over and a mini ice age occurred in the south, it was not a great deal different in the north. Reports of crop failures, estate reports, agricultural returns and tree ring analysis have given us some knowledge about the weather of the past. At the beginning of the construction of the present church at Halsall the records indicate that there were severe winters and cool summers in the early 14th century.

It is important to remember that the shore line to the west of Halsall did not have the dune system or sea defences as they are now. The sea invaded the flat land, so marsh and meres (small lakes), punctuated the Moss. The River Alt and its tributaries meandered over the Moss and were not straight, as they are now, so floods were more common place. It is not inconceivable that the sea inundated the land as far as the high ground of Halsall and that when medieval masons dedicated the north west corner of the church to St Nicholas (the patron saint of seafarers) villagers went out to the sea from that point in boats. They chose routes across Halsall Mere, Barton Mere, Gettern Mere, White Otter and Black Otter Meres, all the way to the coast. Sea storms could damage local buildings and boats and cover the fields with salt spray, ruining crops.

In 1310 a severe winter over Western Europe followed a pattern from 1305. Excessively cold and damp conditions in 1315 contributed to the great famine which killed 10% of the population. The year 1320 was noted for a disastrous harvest while later in the same decade drought persisted in a series of warm, dry summers with the salt water from the Irish Sea penetrating across the moss making the meres and marsh more salty. It was Bowers, a contemporary geographer, who wrote about a "fountain of salt" at Barton.

In 1338 a hard frost for 12 weeks from December made the ploughing of fields in Halsall impossible. In 1362 the notorious St Mary's wind caused damage to the spire of Norwich Cathedral and 90 parishes were lost to the sea in the east. Reports from Scotland and Ireland suggest these storms were widespread across Britain. Our church at that time was probably without a spire. The tower would have still been a landmark and visible out to sea. The summers of the 1370's and 1380's were dry and warm allowing progress to be made on the completion of our parish church. It is thought that the Chancel and its glorious carvings were completed by

1400. This was just in time before 1407 saw one of the worst winters on record in Western Europe with frosts lasting 15 weeks.

On April 9th 1415 a snow storm marked the coronation of Henry V who rode to epic victory at Agincourt in the very, very wet Autumn, on St Crispin's day, October, 25th. The heavy rain, for weeks across Western Europe played a major part in the defeat of the massed French cavalry who were bogged down in the mud.

The 1450's were much drier years and the moss land drained, allowing herdsmen and shepherdesses to drive herds and flocks to chew on wild grasses by the meres. However 1460, was the wettest summer for 100 years and the aspect from Halsall Church was a flooded plane all the way to the sea. The winter of 1464/5 was very cold and very long and food was very scarce and poor. Summers and winters seem to have been unremarkable until the end of the century with some pattern of dry warm summers. Lack of records leaves a question mark here.

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Gardener`s Corner

September at-a-glance

Not so long ago, September was the end of the season – time to put the garden to bed- but not anymore. Mild autumns allow us to continue growing plants that slot into the summer border to give you another month or two of colour & interest. Happy Gardening.

General Tasks

Keep watering, feeding & deadheading – it`s time consuming but it does pay off!

Cut back any perennial stems that have finished flowering –like Iris Sibirica- to tidy garden.

Get the compost going – clearing generates a huge amount of waste.

Repair broken lawn edges, bumps & hollows.

Make new lawns from seed but delay laying turf till October.

Plant or move evergreens so the roots can establish before the first frosts.

Clip hornbeam, beech, Leyland cypress & thuja hedges before the middle of the month.

Cut slow growing yew & box hedges now if you only want to do the job once each year.

Plant spring flowering bulbs.

Replace summer bedding as it comes to an end with plants for winter & spring interest.

Deadhead & protect dahlias- but allow them to blacken with the first frost before lifting.

Collect seed from perennials.

Walk round the garden & move any perennials or shrubs that need a different position.

Watch out for early frosts & move any tender plants under cover.

Plant spring cabbage.

Cut down asparagus foliage once it has turned yellow or buff (it may occur next month)

Pot up herbs such as chives, mint, basil, coriander & parsley.

Continue harvesting blackberries, early apple varieties – pears at the end of the month.

Reduce the watering & feeding of all greenhouse plants.

Continue to feed fish until the weather breaks.

Give a final light thinning-out of oxygenating plants, but only if necessary.

Plants in their Prime

Liriope Muscari. Kniphophias. Solidago. Actaea. Perennial grasses. Aster. Clematis varieties. Physalis. Schizostylis. Cyclamen Hederifolium. Callicara. Zauschneria. Tricytis. Hydrangea. Pervoskia. Cistus. Hebe. Osmanthus. Hypericum. Tamarix. Solanum. Agapanthus. Anemone. Dianthus. Chrysanthemum. Helenium. Monarda. Nepeta. Phlox. Hemerocallis. Penstemon. Rudbeckia. Salvia. Sedum. Cannula. Galatoina. Campanula. Gladiolus. Dahlia.

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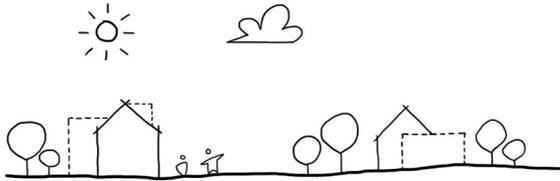
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