HALSALL NEWS

November 2022







HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL WE MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

Next meeting 7:30pm 9th Nov. at St Aidan's Hall PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARDS FOR DETAILS

December/January MAGAZINE

Closing date for Articles and Adverts : Tuesday 15th November 2022

Contributions by Email only to Chris Pyne chrisjpyne@gmail.com

All details in the magazine are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of going to press.

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POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, Christopher Hamill e-mail 847@lancashire.police.uk

or alternatively Paul Austin who is the Community Beat Officer for Halsall at 1081@lancashire.police.uk (work mobile number 07966 580004)

Residents should still phone 999 in an emergency and 101 to report a crime and obtain a crime incident number.

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HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

11th September

Correction

Althea Victoria Adamis

25th September

Koby Jax Lussey

Aria Mae Lussey

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Parish Surgery

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 office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm.

<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.

Access to St Cuthbert's Church

If you require the ramps to be put over the steps in order to gain access to church services or to visit the graveyard, please ring to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Elaine Ayre 07896 301322

A huge thank you to everyone

Edward and Pam Carr wish to thank all the congregation from St Cuthbert's church and the village community, for all the cards, texts, phone calls, emails and beautiful flowers we received after Edward's recent heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery.

It was lovely to feel so cared for by so many people.

Most of all we are especially grateful for all your prayers.

With many, many thanks.

Pam and Edward

The Curate Writes — Remembrance Day



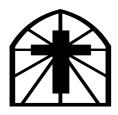
This month we will meet together at St Cuthbert's Church to remember and honour the people who sacrificed their lives to let us live in peace. We will also remember those people that have fought in wars and survived. In Halsall wreathes of poppies are laid by various organisations and communities to honour those who fought for freedom and justice. Ideally this happens on the 11th day, of the 11th month, at 11 o'clock, or the nearest Sunday to that. Wreathes are laid at the monument and we pay our respects with a minute silence.

Here in Halsall we are lucky to live in a safe environment with water, food, phones, a lot of trees and good quality houses to live in. We have hospitals, fire stations and police to keep us safe. All things we take for granted, but during the war children could not go to school because it would have been unsafe; and at night-time everyone would have had to turn all their lights off and close all of the windows and curtains because otherwise enemy bombers might have seen the lights and dropped bombs. It was a time of fear, and we owe so much to all those who went to war and fought so that we might live in freedom. We feel grateful for what they did because today we get to live in a country that knows peace.

For many people Remembrance Day is about remembering great grandfathers and grandfathers who fought in World War 1 and 2. Remembrance Day means we can show our respect to those who fought and died or got seriously injured when they were fighting, to make the world a safer place to live in.

We don't as some think, do this to glorify war in any way, and as a Church community constantly join our prayers with worshipping communities worldwide to pray for peace, for many counties still experience the tragedy of war. Some children were asked If they could say something to one of the soldiers who died in our wars, what would they say? They replied, "thank you very much for saving our country". I think that says it all don't you? Please as a community do join with us at St Cuthbert's Church on the 13th November at 10.30am or St Thomas Church Lydiate at 10.45am to say as those children did, "thank you very much for saving our country".

With every good wish and prayers Glen (Rev. Glen Gardner Curate.)



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for November 2022

Sunday 6th November

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist

9.30 am St Cuthbert's BCP and Church Without Walls

11.00 am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Sunday 13th November — Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist

10:30 am St Cuthbert's Remembrance Day Service

including an act of Remembrance at the Memorial

10:45 am St Thomas' Remembrance Day Family & Parade

Service

Sunday 20th November

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist

9.30 am St Cuthbert's CW and Messy Church

11.00 am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Sunday 27th November

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist 9.30 am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist

11.00 am St Thomas' Family Service for all ages

(Arrive from 10:15 for activities and refreshments followed by short

Communion Service)

Church Without Walls

is a new type of Sunday School for children and families which will be held outside on the 1st Sunday of the month (term time only). Please come suitably dressed for outdoor activities.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to join us at any of our United Benefice Services.

Halsall St Cuthbert's PTFA Bonfire Night and Fireworks Night Saturday 5th November

Lots of stalls

BBQ, HOT POT, CHILLI, CANDIFLOSS, HOT DRINKS, GLOWIES, SWEETS, TOFFEE APPLES, CANS ETC.

Music and DJ on the school field.

Wear boots or wellies if wet.

Gates open 6-00pm, Bonfire 7-00pm, Fireworks 7-30pm

Adults £10. Children Free

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sunday 13th November 2022 St Cuthbert's Church service 10.30am



With Act of remembrance at the War Memorial

INVITATION

Join Halsall Parish Council for refreshments after the Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 13th November 2022 circa 11.30 a.m. at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road.

Everyone attending the service is welcome to join us afterwards

Can all residents please use the Memorial Hall Car Park

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

NOVEMBER



2nd Henry Eric Kenyon8th 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

27th Margaret Heaton (Anniversary)



WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

November 2022

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
30th Oct.	Pam Carr	John Wroe	Eileen Houlgrave Gwyn Williams
6th Nov	Elaine Ayre	Colin Thorp	Beryl Sephton Len Davidson
13th Nov	Pam Carr	Angela Webster	Bill Banks John Wroe
20th Nov	Elaine Ayre	Anne Webster	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
27th Nov	Pam Carr	John Wroe	Eileen Houlgrave Gwyn Williams

Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

The website for St Cuthbert's Church can be viewed at

www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

This website contains information about services and events, archive material including historic school records, up to date Parish Magazines as well as those dating back to the 1800's. On the spot updates are also available via the St Cuthbert's Facebook page through which direct messages can also be sent. There are several ways in which you can support the Church:

Parish Giving Scheme

Regular giving can be set up very easily by searching:

www.parishgiving.org.uk

and look up St Cuthbert's Halsall (there is also a link on our website). You can choose how regularly, how much and whether your donation can be gift aided. Your gift will then be passed directly to St Cuthbert's.

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Donations can be made to our "friends" scheme and the form can be downloaded from our website (Friends link on the home page). All funds raised through this scheme are directed specifically towards the repair and maintenance of the Church and grounds. There is a minimum donation of £20 per year but you can choose how much and how regularly you would like to donate.

Ad hoc Donations

These can be made via the collection box in Church or by post.

Volunteer Support

If you have a little time to spare you may like to join our team of volunteers who help to keep the Church and its grounds tidy and clean.

Please message via our Facebook page or e- mail us for further information or general enquiries on info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Thank you!



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

November 2022

13th November	P Carr	J Bond E Carr	A Grimshaw A Webster	J Aynsley
27th November	E Wroe	J Wroe G Williams	J Stone S Richards	S Kierrans

St Cuthbert's Church Christmas Fayre

It is with great regret that due to circumstances beyond our control we will be unable to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year.

It is a critical time in the life of our church as we need to raise funds to keep going.

We will however be having our Grand Christmas Draw as usual.

We will have all the usual prizes £100 gift voucher, a Drinks Hamper,

Meals at various local establishments, bottles of spirits,

chocolates and lots more.

It is hoped that volunteers will come forward to sell tickets in the road where they live.

The draw will take place at 3.30pm in the school hall on Friday 25th November.

Please support your church in these difficult financial times.

Many thanks, St Cuthbert's PCC

If you wish to volunteer to sell tickets please contact Pam Carr 01695 423817 or Elaine Ayre 07896 301322

SHIRDLEY HILL SOCIAL EVENTS in support of St Aidan's Hall

Crafty Café Day - Free Entry

At St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall **26th November from 11am –3pm**

Display and Sales of hand crafted goods at great prices

Lions Bric-a-Brac sale - everything under £2

£10 Prize Children's Christmas Drawing Competition - £1 Entry
Christmas Hamper Raffle £1

Drinks £1, Refreshments from £2

£5 fee to book a table to sell your crafts For further information please contact

Jenny :- Answerphone 01704 840117 Text 07564 27493 Email :- jendavepearce@icloud.com

SHIRDLEY HILL SOCIAL EVENTS in support of St Aidan's Hall

Hot Pot & Apple Pie Supper

At St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall

2nd December from 7pm

With Prize Bingo and Mini Quiz Christmas Hamper Raffle £1 Bring your own glasses and drinks

£6.00 per person which includes food and bingo ticket

For further details please ring Jenny 01704 840117 or email me at jendavepearce@icloud.com

Any profits at above events will go to Ormskirk & District Lions Charity helping local people.

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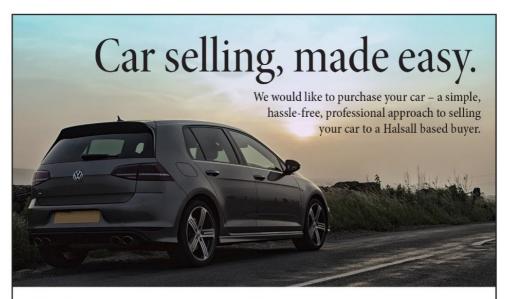
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Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarisbrick Village Hall Monday 6.30-8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
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
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to borrow.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock <u>Facebook Page</u>
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305

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.

Chris Pyne 01704 841467 or chrisjpyne@gmail.com



Update from Halsall School: November 2022

<u>General</u>

St Cuthbert's is being inundated with requests for tours of the school, from parents whose children are due to start reception in September 2023. If anyone would like a tour, please contact the office on 01704-840253.

Harvest Service

The children performed brilliantly at the Harvest Service in early October. It was another fabulous occasion. A big thanks to everyone who came along to support the children and to those who decorated the church so wonderfully.

Harry Potter

On returning from the half-term break, we organized a special Harry Potter week. The children played quidditch, they learned all about owls, watched a display and had the opportunity to stroke an owl. There was a Harry Potter dress-up day when everyone came as their favourite Harry Potter character and a Grand Meal in the hall. It was such great fun and it'll be something the children will remember for a long, long time. They also did lots of fabulous writing, inspired by the stories and costumes.

Christmas Concerts

Once again, we're hoping to raise lots of money for charity.

Mon 5th Dec : Year 1+2 Nativity (9-30am)
Tues 6th Dec : Alice In Wonderland (10-00am)
Wed 7th Dec : Alice In Wonderland (2-00pm)
Thur 8th Dec : Alice In Wonderland (7-30pm)
Frid 9th Dec : Reception Nativity (9-30am)
(*the original plan was for the concert to be Matilda)

Football Champions

Halsall Primary recently competed in the small school's 7-a-side football competition in Burscough. We entered 2 teams and both did incredibly well and the children scored some fabulous goals. The 1st Team won all of its 6 matches and actually won the tournament. The 2nd team also did extremely well winning 3 of its matches. Well done to everyone. A big thanks to Mrs Crane and Mrs Edney for giving children this opportunity, to Mr Greenough (parent) for overseeing the 1st team and to the parents who went along to support. It was much appreciated.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

Advertise in Halsall News Magazine...

Advertising in Halsall News has been same price for 10 years! A price rise is inevitable in 2023 so secure a full year of adverts by booking before Christmas. We would like the equivalent of 4 more half-page adverts so the magazine can go to 40 pages.

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PLANNING

2022/1018/FUL - 15 Elm Park Drive - Conversion of existing garage and utility room into ground floor en-suite bedroom.

2022/1026/FUL - Primrose Hill Farm, Asmall Lane - Single storey extension to side and rear including internal and external alterations to all elevations including enlarged windows to front and change to grey/black frames.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

<u>PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE, CARR MOSS LANE,</u> MOSS ROAD AND ALL OUR NARROW LANES

Car parking either side of Summerwood Lane and Carr Moss Lane at school times and when funerals and weddings are taking place at St Cuthbert's Church are causing an obstruction and prevent large vehicles, including the emergency services from passing through.

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible and more generally park in your driveways if appropriate to enable pushchairs and wheelchairs to get along the pavement safely.

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

As mentioned in last month's edition, there were two road traffic accidents on 4th and 6th Sept in the village. On 17/10/2022, we were informed that there was a fatal accident on North Moor Lane and the Defibrillator at the Memorial Hall was deployed.

Halsall Parish Council is actively addressing concerns about traffic and road safety as a whole and has set up a Traffic and Road Safety Working Group with a brief to address the many problems which exist about speed limits, visibility of signage, clear road marking, car parking and so on.

Any member of the public who feels they can contribute to the Working Group, is invited to contact the Working Group via Cllr Kim Pyne, on 01704 841467.

PUBLIC MEETING - TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

On 7th Nov 2022, the Group has arranged a public meeting for 11am at the Memorial Hall, to address these issues, to which Andy Pratt, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner has kindly agreed to attend. All residents are welcome to attend.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 13[™] November 2022

There will be a Remembrance Day Service at 10.30am at St Cuthbert's Church on 13th November 2022 followed by wreath laying on the Monument and the Memorial Hall gates. We were unable to provide refreshments for the last couple of years, after the service, due to Covid, but are delighted to be able to welcome back everyone marking this important event again, to the Memorial Hall at 11.30 am where our volunteers will be providing teas, coffees, sandwiches, cakes etc.

Your Parish Council wishes to thank the Church and the volunteers who put in their time to organise everything needed to mark this event. Please use the Memorial Hall Car Park.

FRIENDS OF VILLAGE GREEN AT SHIRDLEY HILL (FROGS)

Halsall Parish Council has agreed to fund the purchase of a shed for this voluntary group who maintain the Village Green.

LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESULTS 2022

We can't thank all our Halsall volunteer groups enough for the hard work and dedication they put in all year round, for creating and maintaining such a beautiful environment for all of us who are fortunate enough to share in it. (See Halsall Proud & Tidy later) The Parish Council will continue to support these groups.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th Nov 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane, Halsall.. A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

Halsallparish.org.uk includes agendas and minutes of meetings.

Liz Wright Chair 07817 056145 Dave Bond Parish Clerk 01704 534090

Regular Events at Memorial Hall & Playing Fields

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	Event	Contact
Mon	19.00 20.00	Belly Dancing Class	Lynn Campbell 07764 635550
Tues	19:30 21:00	Halsall Family History	Chris Pyne 01704 841467
Wed	13.45 14.45	Dog Training	No vacancies
Wed	18.00 19.00	Puppy/Beginner Dog Training Advanced Dog Training	Andrea Little 07854 592371
Thur	13.30 14.30	SweatyMama Pre/Post Natal Mother & Child Exercise	Lucy Jewell 07708 917934
Thur	19.15 21.15	Maghull Dog Training Society	Ken Wyatt 0151 287 5600
Sun	11.00	Halsall F.C.	Paul Williams 07810 448136
Sun	14.00	Southport W.F.C.	Noel Warham 07939 726286

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL & PLAYING FIELDS TRUST

The Trust is an independent self-funding charity and Halsall Parish Council is the sole Trustee.

On Sundays, Halsall FC play at 11:00 and Southport WFC play at 14:00, so for home matches the car park will be very busy. Please do not obstruct Cross Lane residents' access to the lane.

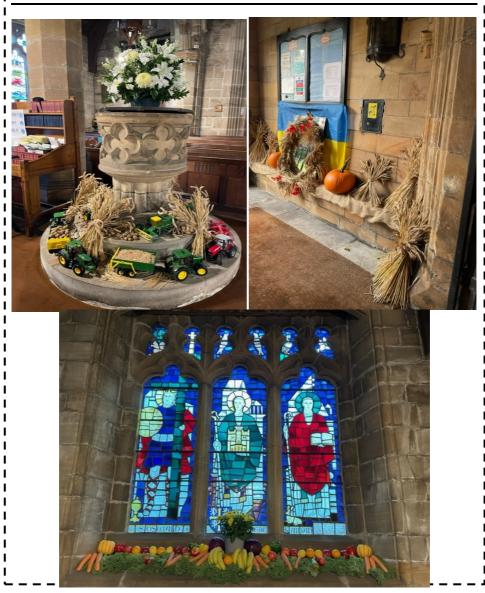
The weekly list of events, including any additional events, is published on the noticeboard every Monday morning.

The Trust wishes to thank Dean Tiplady for the generous donation of time and materials to resurface an area of the car park and thank Halsall Parish Council for obtaining a grant to purchase a projector.

Chris Pyne Secretary 01704 841467 Liz Wright Chair 07817 056145

HARVEST FESTIVAL — THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the wonderful people who decorated our beautiful church for Harvest Festival and also to those who helped to pack up all the harvest gifts in the church and load up the vehicles with gifts for the food bank in Ormskirk and for Micah at the cathedral in Liverpool. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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09:27 (Hospital)	09:33	09:43	09:49	10:08
11:45 (Lord St)	12:03	12:13	12:19	12:38
13:45 (Lord St)	14:03	14:13	14:19	14:38
16:30 (Lord St)	16:48	16:58	17:04	17:23
Ormskirk	Haskayne	Halsall	Shirdley Hill	Southport
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The service includes:-

- removal of dead flowers and plants, etc and replacing with fresh cut seasonal flowers
- cleaning of the memorial and vase pots
- trimming and edging grass and pruning shrubs where necessary
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Halsall Proud and Tidy Group

On 17th October Lancashire BKV awards presentation took place at Eaves Hall, Clitheroe. Mr Guy Topping of Barton Grange was the guest final's judge, in his speech he made comments of the fact that less work is being carried out by councils, meaning more civic pride is needed in our communities. Also, with new developments appearing in our villages we should endeavour to welcome and involve our new neighbours to create that community feeling.

2022 Lancashire Best Kept Village — Halsall Results

8th in Champion village class out of 14 entries.

Equal 9th in schools out of 24 entries.

6th cricket ground out of 7 entries.

Bishop's Walk highly commended in equal 3rd place out of 11 entries.

Judges Report 2022 for Halsall

The overall impression of Halsall was of a well maintained village, largely free of litter or graffiti, with a main road running through making it rather dislocated. There is a good range of housing from traditional cottages, farmhouses to modern properties. Residents keep their properties in good order and gardens and frontages are kept tidy in the main.

St Cuthbert's primary school is a bright, tidy, safe and secure site with attractive signage and a colourful display of flowers. There were some weeds above one of the entrances.

The Saracens Head has a picturesque setting on the canal side with plentiful outside seating and children's play area. There were cigarette butts around the area. The floral displays were past their best on the first visit, new baskets added on our next visit but still dying plants in planters. Nearby is a fabulous sculpture of The Navvy, but it was missing its information plaque.

The Marshmallow Kids Salon and Spa has a delightful entrance on the car park but the facade onto the road requires repainting.

The Farm equipment item is interesting and beautifully maintained with colourful floral displays.

Halsall Cricket Club has a very pleasant setting alongside the village hall, play areas and café. The grounds are well tended with seating and picnic tables for spectators.

The memorial hall interior looks well maintained but their notice board, despite being informative and up to date, is in poor condition. The exterior of the building needs some attention: windows need cleaning and doors repainting. The café/bakery in the grounds is delightful with fabulous colourful floral displays and a lovely interior. One play area, next to the café, was safe and secure with a good range of equipment. The other play area nearer the road is rather tired and mossy.

The Bishops' Walk Nature area adjacent to the school is a green oasis alongside the main road with good pathways and interesting mini beast hives. It perhaps needs more management of nettles etc. but the small wildflower meadow at the frontage is splendid. There's an interesting water feature near the road junction.

The central area of the village around the war memorial had lovely flower tubs and baskets. The lytch gate at the church is a splendid structure and the planting along the church pathways was wonderful. The bus stop shelter is also an impressive structure but it needed ivy and cobwebs to be removed and brushed out.

The two commercial premises, Richard Bamber and the garage both need some TLC.

We were very impressed by the Scarecrow trail on our first visit which highlighted the community involvement in Halsall village. The map was easy to follow and indicated location of most features.

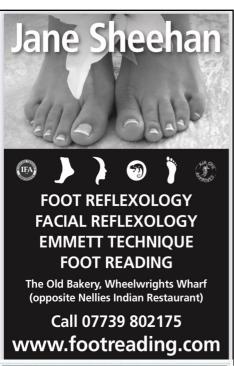
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November at-a-glance

Once the autumn leaves have fallen, evergreen shrubs really come into their own. They give the garden year-round backbone and some are very striking, in shades of gold, reds, bronze or blues, as well as plain green or various variegated patterns, late berries, craggy tree trunks and coloured stems of trees and shrubs – who said winter was dull. Happy gardening.

General garden tasks

Carry out winter digging of forking over.

Check over the garden for anything that's likely to be at risk from frost

Continue cutting the grass if conditions allow, but raise the blades,.

Collect up dead leaves from the lawn & make leaf mould & potting compost Lay turf if you didn't last month

Plant & move bare-root trees & shrubs

Stake well any newly planted trees

Sow seeds of hardy shrubs & trees

Plant tulips this month

Dig up dahlia tubers once the plants start to die off after the first frosts

Protect container plants from the cold, wet & windy weather

Continue harvesting leeks & Brussels sprouts.

Plant fruit trees

Ventilate the greenhouse on warm days but reduce watering

Check stored fruit & vegetables

Grow windowsill & salad herbs

Do your autumn pond clear-out if you didn't get round to it last month Clean pool filters & check cables for pumps & lights

Watch out for

Snails in crevices around the garden

Mice in sheds & greenhouses especially where there is stored fruit

Pigeons pinching your winter greens

Squirrels digging up your bulbs

Windy weather disturbing tree stakes chaffing the bark.

Get ahead

Think about any garden designing & alterations you'd like to do over the winter months

Give the lawn mower a maintenance check now or over the winter

Start winter pruning

Mulch fruit trees

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