

HALSALL NEWS



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November 2023

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

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 the parish office on 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.



WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS November 2023

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
Nov 5th	Pam Carr	Anne Grimshaw	Angela Webster Pam Carr
Nov 12th	Elaine Ayre	Angela Webster	Sarah Mitchell Jacob Mitchell
Nov 19th	Pam Carr	Colin Throp	Beryl Sephton Len Davidson
Nov 26th	Elain Ayre	John Wroe	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks

The Rector Writes



November is one of those months that stirs strange emotions. The leaves are falling or have fallen. The nights are closing in and the weather is often cold and damp. As Keats would put it is the season of “mists and mellow fruitfulness”. A season where nature takes on a different hue and without the leaves on the trees we can see further.

It is the month in which we remember and give thanks for those have died in conflicts around the world and remember those who continue to be affected by the trauma of war; the bereaved and those left with life changing injuries both physical and emotional. With the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and in Israel it can be hard not to feel overwhelmed with a sense of hopelessness.

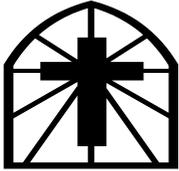
It is important to remember and lament the dreadful cost of war for in doing so we retell their stories as well as ours. We are called to ponder how we have been and continue to be changed by the acts of courage and resilience of so many individuals.

Lee Ann Wormack, an American country music song writer wrote these lyrics:

“I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.....”

I am no dancer as those who watch me stumble down the chancel steps will testify, but I hope we can all join in the dance of faith and enjoy learning together just how much we are loved by God and commit ourselves to be peacemakers where we are, always seeking to build up and encourage rather than criticise and destroy.

Susan



Service in the United Benefice for November 2023

This month we gather to remember those who have fought in all conflicts across the globe and those left behind. We also remember those who have died in years gone by and give thanks for all they have given us. You would be welcome at either church to light a candle before or after a service to remember.

Sunday 5th November Fourth Sunday before advent

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Church without walls)
11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist
4pm St Thomas' Service of Light where we remember those who have died in the parish

Tuesday 7th Nov

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning prayer

Wednesday 8th Nov

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 9th Nov

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Day

8.00am St Thomas' and St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion
10.30am St Cuthbert's Civic Act of Remembrance
10.30am St Thomas' Church Parade and Act of Remembrance.
Refreshments after church

Tuesday 14th Nov

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

Wednesday 15th Nov

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 16th Nov

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 19th November Safeguarding Sunday

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)
11am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Tuesday 21st Nov

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

Wednesday 22nd Nov

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd Nov

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 26th November Christ the King

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist followed with refreshments after the service

11am St Thomas' All Age Eucharist
4pm Confirmation Service with Bishop of Liverpool

Tuesday 28th Nov

9.15am

St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

Wednesday 29th Nov

11am

St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 30th Nov

9.15am

St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm

St Cuthbert's Holy Communion with prayers for healing

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



Services of Light

(to remember those who have died in the last few years)

Sunday 5th November, 4pm at St Thomas'

During these services, we will remember with thankfulness those we love who have died; we will reflect on the love and life that we have shared with them; and we will pray for them as we light candles in their memory.

For many it feels as if there is much unfinished business, much pain and heartache which needs grounding, much grief which needs to be expressed at this time.

If this service would be helpful as you walk the path of grieving, please join us at whichever church and date is convenient.

If you wish to have the name of a loved read out as part of the service, please write their name clearly on the lists which you will find at the back of both churches.

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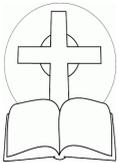
5th November	E Roe	J Wroe G Williams	J Stone	S Richards S Kierans
19th November	E Banks	M Webster L Wilkinson	S Roberts	M Cheetham

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

NOVEMBER



2nd	Henry Eric Kenyon
8th	Jessie Grimshaw (Birthday)
10th	Annie Marshall (Anniversary)
11th	James Balshaw (Birthday)
13th	Joshua Sutton
14th	Roger Comfort (Birthday)
15th	Jack Lea (Remembrance)
19th	John Rimmer
19th	Richard Bolton Ainscough (Birthday)
23rd	Ellen Blundell
27th	Nellie Sutton
27th	Margaret Heaton (Anniversary)



HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Monday 16th October 2023
Gwen (Elsie) Bowman

Weddings

Saturday 26th August
Ben Gothorp & Becky Griffiths

Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

Our website, www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk, 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. The website provides links to the Parish Giving Scheme, the Friends of St Cuthbert's Scheme and how to contact us.

How to Donate

Regular donations and "one off" donations can now both be made via our Parish Giving Scheme. 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. You can scan the following QR code to make a donation or search using the following web address.

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Donations can also be made in Church either on the plate during our services or by using our "Goodbox" electronic payment system which is located close to the entrance (opposite the font).

Or www.parishgiving.org.uk

Friends of St Cuthbert's

If you would like to join our friends scheme there is a link to the forms on our website home page. All funds raised through the 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.

Further information can be obtained by contacting us via our e mail address: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Thank you so much for your support.

Warm Spaces Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th November

11:00am - 1:00pm

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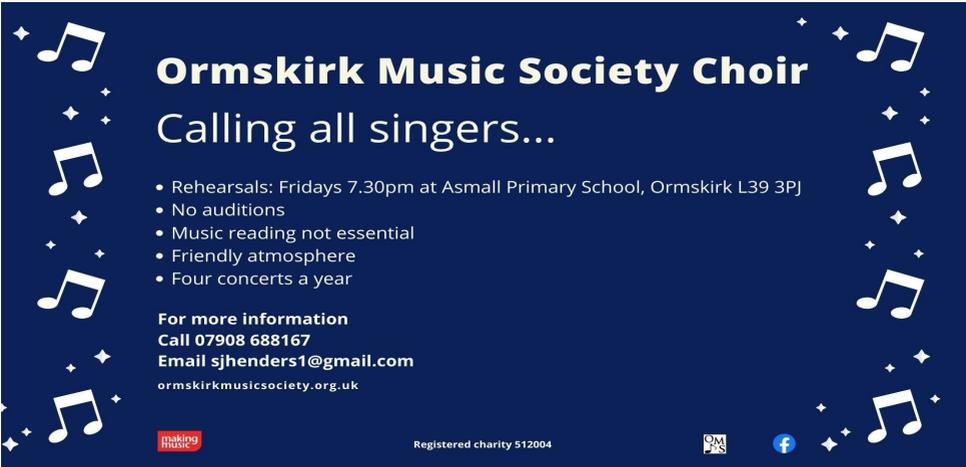
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At the going down of the Sun, We will remember them!



The remains of six men lie at peace in St Cuthbert's churchyard. Four from World War I and two from World War II. The rest are buried close to the battlefields where they fell. The ultimate sacrifice was to lay down your life for your comrades and country, however, a significant sacrifice was also paid by men and women who survived the wars but whose lives were altered as a consequence, either as enlisted soldiers or as loved ones, who remained at home with the worry. Many of these were women who worked the fields and factories at home making their own war effort.

In the 'The Great War' communication with the front line of battle was poor. Some men went through the hell and would not speak of their experience after, others suffered life changing injuries. Not all paid the ultimate price of death and the action of many men and women who served has faded. William Witter, a local man, started work on a transport ship but changed to the infantry and was wounded badly in April 1917. Robert Parkin of Plex Lane was withdrawn to a London hospital after service with the Kings Liverpool Regiment in 1915. Thomas W Jump was captured and kept as a prisoner of war. J G Baxter, the station master was shot in the mouth, the bullet lodged near his spine incapacitating him. Fred Edwards of New Street was reported missing in the Ormskirk Advertiser on the 2nd May 1918. Sapper Gradwell son of a former Churchwarden suffered a shrapnel wound to the jaw 25th October 1917.

Most of the men and women who died in both World Wars are on the monument outside the church and on the Kohima gates. Some men with Halsall connections were included on monuments of neighbouring villages. Richard Rimmer a farmworker from Plex Lane, the grandson of Richard and Mary Winstanley of Barton, died on 8th August 1916. He was 21 and was living in Station Road which was then called Barton Lane, with his grandparents when war broke out. William Slater and his brother George died in the same week in November 1916. Their names are on the memorial in Liverpool but are also commemorated on a gravestone near the entrance to Halsall church.

There are discrepancies on the monuments and some men are not listed and this happened more on First World War monuments. The original role of honour of those men killed in action in WWI was made on parchment. It hangs on the wall of the church and only includes 19 names. The stone memorial outside the church has 23 names and in 2010 a further 11 names were included on a separate tablet.

The local church played an important part in honouring the dead. It included on the memorial men and women within the Ecclesiastical parish not just the civil parish. At the outbreak of war in 1914. Haskayne and Downholland had few houses and farms and were in the Ecclesiastical (Church) parish of Halsall. It was only in 2012 that the north part of Haskayne was included in the parish of St Thomas while Barton has always remained in Halsall parish. A blurring of the boundaries occurred and therefore, several soldiers who are included on Lydiate's war memorial were from Halsall parish.

Numerous young men, mainly farmer's sons who had avoided being sent to war because they were deemed vital to agriculture and food production felt compelled to enlist when the war went into a third and fourth year and more soldiers were needed. Conscription was extended in 1915 to include men up to 51 years of age and they joined the fray. The census of 1911 reveals the names of young men and older men who became eligible to fight as the War progressed. Did they go? Maybe they did or maybe some were caught up in the second conflict which began in 1939.

During the Second World War communications were much improved and records were more reliable. The role of honour in the church for the second great conflict contains many more names because it includes civilian casualties and all those who served in the forces, not just the deceased.

Stephen Henders

A Half Marathon for a Local Cause

Hello! My name is Henry, I'm 22 years old from Summerwood Lane. On the 5th November I have set myself the challenge of completing my first half marathon.



I'm eager to raise some money for two causes that sit close to me—the 41st Halsall Scout Group and the Movember Foundation.



First of all, I am eager to raise money for the local Scout Group, the 41st Halsall (based out of Scarisbrick Village Hall).

Having been a member of this group since I was 7, now returning since finishing University as a Leader of the Scout section, I want to give back to the organisation. Half of all donations made will go towards the Scout Group, in particular the construction of a new storage facility.

Secondly, being the month of November, I always like to raise some money for the Movember Foundation. The foundation has a core focus on men's suicide prevention—raising awareness on this issue, alongside prostate and testicular cancer. Therefore, donning a quality moustache, I will be running for this foundation and donating half of the funds raised to the Movember Foundation.



Scanning the QR Code to the left will take you to my Go Fund Me page, where you can learn more about the organisations I am raising money for. You can also donate using this QR code too, every penny counts!

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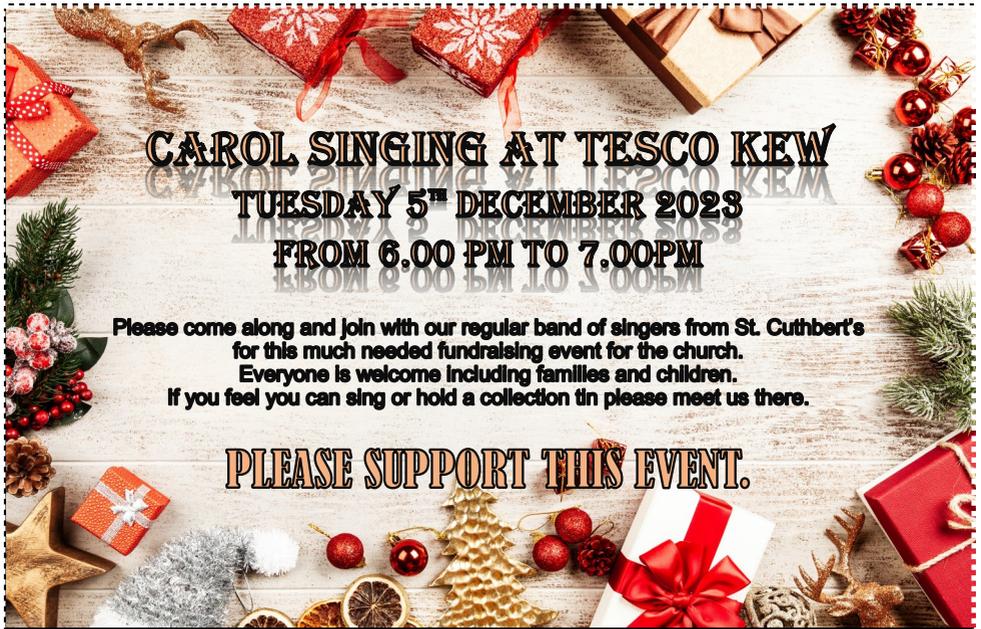
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Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
Ormskirk & District 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 Village Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to bor- row.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Bees & Butterflies Brigade	Strating spring 2024 for new members	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
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 let me know and I can add them to the 'What's On' section.

NEWS FROM HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Applications

2023/0125/TPO 69 Renacres Lane, TPO Crown Reduction
2023/0888/PNP Lower Crantum Farm, Agricultural Storage Building

Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group

Lancashire County Council have clarified that new street lighting on Birkdale Cop will lead to a change to a 30mph zone when the house building work has been completed.

A water leak at the junction of Renacres Lane and New Cut has been repaired. LCC will be asked for a more thorough repair to the road surface rather than just the area around the manhole,

Please park on your drives if have one. If you have to park on the road then consider partially parking on the pavement. **Only if it is wide enough not to obstruct pedestrians/prams and not force them into the road.** Ensure the road is wide enough for agricultural and emergency vehicles to pass.

Most of the lanes in Halsall are narrow. Please take extra care to park considerately for your safety and for safety of other road users.

Parish Council Grants

Halsall has a small grants available to local charities and voluntary organisations that “*bring direct benefit to the area or to some or all of its inhabitants*” (S137 Grant). Applications forms are available from halsallparishclerk@gmail.com. The Council agreed a grant of £500 for Friends of the Village Green at Shirdley Hill and £500 for Halsall Proud & Tidy.

Luncheon Club

St Aidan’s Hall every fortnight on Wednesday 1st , 15th & 29th November from 12pm.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7:30pm Wednesday 8th November at Memorial Hall, Halsall.

Cllr Elizabeth Wright, Chair Halsall Parish Council 07817 056145
Chris Pyne – Halsall Parish Clerk 01704 841467

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND HALL TRUST

Halsall Parish Council is sole Trustee of the Memorial Hall which is a self-funding charity, no 521111 regulated by the Charity Commission.

We hire our facilities to annual users such as the Cricket team, Football teams, the Snooker Club and the Scouts for storage facilities. We hire to various weekly users such as Dog Training and Dance groups, as well as for ad hoc functions like children's parties. We have two new hirers, a children's football matches on a Saturday mornings and a monthly coffee morning, the next one being on 16th November from 11am to 1pm.

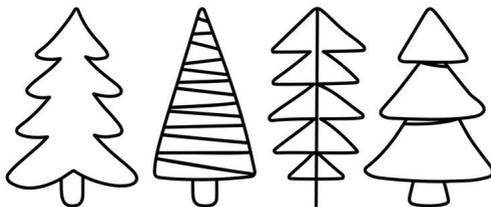
If you are looking for a venue for a social or recreational event then please get in touch. The Hall can seat up to 60 people with Wi-Fi and big screen projector.

There will be a Maker's Craft Fair on Sat 11th Nov and refreshments after Remembrance Sunday event on Sunday 12th Nov.

Everyone is welcome.

Liz Wright Chair

Chris Pyne Trust Secretary



Christmas tree festival back at St Cuthbert's for 2023

Begins Advent Sunday December 3rd.

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Halsall St Cuthbert's November Report

Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night at the end of September was blessed with some calm and dry weather. It was extremely busy and the children had a fabulous time playing with their friends on the school playground and field. We hope that everyone enjoyed the free burgers and sausages. Many thanks to all those who came along and made it such a lovely occasion. A special thanks to the school staff and Mr Gerald Neale, who worked tirelessly cooking and serving the food. It was much appreciated.

Planetarium

The children had an amazing time recently when the school played host to a massive inflatable Planetarium. Walking into the Planetarium to observe the wonders of the universe, is something that they'll remember for a long, long time. They all learned so much about SPACE and they asked so many brilliant questions. They found it so interesting and many were inspired to learn more. Thanks to the PTFA for funding this wonderful opportunity for the children and to Mrs Galley for organizing the event.

Christmas Shows 2023

Once again this year, we will have 2 nativities. There will be both a reception nativity and a Key Stage 1 nativity. The children in years 3,4,5 and 6 will be starring in our special school concert SHREK. Auditions have been completed and rehearsals should start soon after half-term. The School Council is presently considering which charities to support this year. Last year, we raised over £3,000 for the NSPCC and Ukraine Relief. What a fabulous achievement.

Spooky Disco.

The children had a ball at the Spooky Disco in mid-October. They came dressed in so many weird and wonderful, spooky and scary outfits. Photos of the event should be available on the school website soon. www.halsall.lancs.sch.uk Many thanks to all the volunteers who came along to help out and the staff who gave up their Friday night to supervise the children. What a great night again.

Harvest Service

Halsall's staff, children and parents joined Rev Susan for the Harvest Service in early October. The church was so packed to the rafters, it was standing room only for many. The harvest displays around the church looked amazing. Everyone was so kind bringing their harvest gifts to church. All the wonderful donations were distributed to **the needy**, through local food banks and MICAH. I'm sure that they were really appreciated.

Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display

Saturday 4th November. Gate opens at 6-00pm. Fireworks at 7-30pm.

Adults £10 Children (under 16) Free

Let's hope for a lovely, calm and dry night so that the community can raise lots of money for "good causes".

Admissions September 2024

The closing date for Primary School Admissions is early January 2024. If there is anyone who is interested in sending their child to Halsall St Cuthbert's and would like a tour of the school, please do not hesitate to contact us. (01704-840253) The Admissions number for reception intake is 25.

Anti-Bullying Week (WC 13TH November)

The children will be learning all about bullying and all the different types of bullying. They'll learn about how bullying can make someone feel and what to do if they witness such unkind behaviour. They'll do role-play in class and they'll be playing lots of games and completing activities to highlight how important the week is.

We all want to learn, play and work in a kind, caring, bully-free environment.

School Premises

Halsall St Cuthbert's continues to be regularly used by a wide range of community/church groups. There is the Learning Tree Nursery, Halsall PCC, the West Lancs Performing Arts School, the Badminton Club, a Saturday morning Scooting Club, a Fencing Club and various Caravan Clubs throughout the year.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

St Cuthbert's Christmas Raffle

During November you may have a visitor from church knocking on your door to sell Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Draw.

We greatly appreciate the support you have given in previous years and hope you will buy tickets again to help us keep St Cuthbert's church operating. As you know it, costs nearly £200 per week to run the church and the Christmas Raffle provides us with essential funds.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Further reflections on Reverend Canon W H Bullough
Rector of St Cuthbert's Church 1959 -1991

Some people still living in Halsall, can remember starting school shortly before Canon Bullough arrived to take up his post as Rector. In the 1950s, children stayed at the village school until they were fourteen years of age but during the 1960s that changed and pupils aged eleven started to go to secondary school in Ormskirk. Canon Bullough was frequently in school, leading collective worship and teaching religious education. His passion for education was reflected in the fact that he was on the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Education for many years. He was a firm believer that church and school should be closely connected and frequently involved large numbers of children in lavish productions in church. Several people, who went on to have public speaking roles in their working lives, have Canon Bullough to thank as he would never accept anything less than loud, clear confident speaking, which he made certain of by standing under the bell tower to make sure everyone in the rear pews could hear!

Sarah remembers the fund raising events on the rectory lawns which included a variety of stalls and games including a bowling competition. She also recalls Canon Bullough heaping praise upon her during Church Parade when he presented her with the Baden Powell Trefoil Award, as she was the first guide in Halsall to receive the award. During confirmation classes, the children received reminder postcards and Sarah remembers the handwritten message on hers, asking her to carry up the oblations with her Mum and her sister.

Canon Bullough served the parish and parishioners of St Cuthbert's for the largest part of his priesthood. He was a dedicated man who thought being a parish priest was a more important mission than seeking advancement in his career. He was a man of high standards who gave inspirational and thought provoking sermons. Often these would seek to show how relevant the teachings of the Bible are to modern life. Along with his wife Joan, he started many fund raising events including Mothering Sunday coffee mornings, rectory open days and church tours to name but a few. Those who have been in the parish for a while will probably remember " buy a brick for two and six "to fund the building of the new school hall. On his retirement his legacy was a thriving parish, and a well maintained church with a large congregation. He was sorely missed by many.

Anne Grimshaw, Sarah Mitchell, Elaine Ayre

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Halsall Proud & Tidy Group

Sue Beacon of Rainbag Cottage in Carr Moss Lane opened her beautiful wildlife friendly garden once again to visitors in September and we provided tea coffee and homemade cakes for sale. Many thanks to those who helped in any way and a BIG thanks to Sue for giving us the opportunity to raise funds for our group.

Brian has been watering the planters around the village throughout the summer. They are still looking good at the time of writing and should remain so until the first frosts. Our thanks go to Brian for his endless help with not just this but all the other work he continues to do willingly and has done over many many years. A thank you also to Norman Rigby who has tended to the planters we have on the lampposts around the village, and a thank you to those residents of Halsall who quietly do their bit helping keep the place in order. You know who you are and your input is much appreciated.

We await the Lancs Best Kept Village award ceremony at the beginning of October when we will find out if any of our entries in the Outstanding Features class have been rewarded eg school, pub, bakehouse, cricket grounds etc. Watch out for the results in the December newsletter.

Fingers crossed!

Halsall Bees & Butterfly Brigade

A great start was made recently to begin to make Halsall a more attractive place for bees, butterflies and other wildlife. A fantastic response from an appeal for help saw 20+ volunteers turn up to hear what ideas are being planned. Clare Edwards, a Halsall resident and retired professional garden designer with a passion for , making spaces



more wildlife friendly has volunteered her time to lead the project with work starting in the Churchyard. Lots of work has already been done by volunteers to clear overhanging branches etc to open up the whole area to make it more scenic, let the light in and prepare for some planting. The timber from this has been through a chipper and the resulting mulch is being used on the pathways. Recycling at its best!

A donation from Halsall Proud & Tidy Group meant that the first batch of planting could begin in the HAAA (dry ditch) between the

two bridges and with Clare' guidance and our army of volunteers the job was completed in a couple of hours. The next part of the plan is to create woodland-style habitat for mini beasts and hedgehogs, including a fern stumpery and log piles.

Clare is very keen to pass on her knowledge to others so that our own gardens can be part of the project too. So, take a walk around the Church grounds, see what has been achieved in such a short space of time and if you would like to learn more, become involved or just kept up to date with what is happening or even learn how to make your own garden more wildlife friendly then please email Clare at cedwards1144@gmail.com She'll be delighted to hear from you!



Meet Thomas and Cuthbert church bears

Meet two new members of our church family. Thomas bear and Cuthbert bear are looking after each church as well as helping with school assemblies at St Cuthbert's, St Thomas' and Haskayne Downholland schools on occasions. Do come and say hello to them. They will be hiding somewhere in church.

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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 or 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

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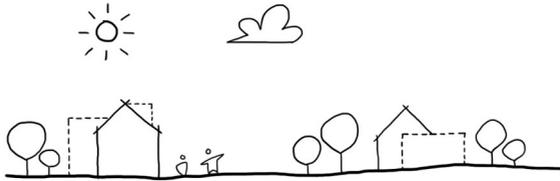


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