

# Halsall News



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# May 2025



## **Halsall Scarecrows 2025!!**

We would like to invite all our residents to join in with the creation and enjoyment of our scarecrows again this year.

The theme this year, should you need any inspiration, is **ARTISTS**.

You could try recreating a classic painting, sculpture or piece of art, make a scarecrow of a famous music artist or even create your own art installation! Of course, you may just wish to join in with your own ideas for a scarecrow. All are welcome!

As with previous events, we would encourage you to place your scarecrows on display by the **beginning of June** so they can be viewed throughout the month.

Our team is organising a **Scarecrow Trail Weekend** on the **21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of June** where maps can be purchased for a minimal fee of £2. There will be a Trail Quiz, Name the Scarecrow, and a vote for the 'Best Scarecrow'. Return trail quiz entries will be drawn for raffle prizes.

All Halsall residents, businesses and community spaces are encouraged to join in. We will photograph your scarecrow for the competition vote and, if you wish, we can even help move your scarecrow to a central spot in the village for the Scarecrow Trail weekend. It will be fantastic to get as many scarecrows as possible so get thinking about your creations!

Further details will be available at <https://www.facebook.com/halsallscarecrows> in our June edition of Halsall News and on social media via Halsall Community page.

Any questions or offers of raffle prizes can be directed to Tara on 07585 228300 or Roy Kenyon on 07551 332948 or via the Scarecrow Facebook page.

Dancing

Music



**Sunday 4th May**  
**HALSALL VE Day Fete & Party**  
**Shirdley Hill Green**

Fancy Dress

**from 2pm**

DJ

**ARTISAN CRAFT STALLS**  
**BOUNCY CASTLE**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**ANTIQUE VEHICLES**  
**FOOD STALLS**  
**TEA TENT**  
**FUN GAMES**  
**AND MUCH MORE...**



## **Community Survey for St Cuthbert's, Halsall**

St Cuthbert's Church has been at the centre of Halsall community life for hundreds of years and want to continue to be so for many years to come.

We are a friendly and welcoming church, open to everyone.



We want to make sure that our presence in the village is providing what you need and contributes to the good of our community.

To help us do this, we would love to hear from you as we take a fresh look at how we can work alongside one another.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Please complete this survey to help influence the future look of the Church in Halsall

Completing this survey online is the quickest and easiest way to take part and for us to collate the results, but feel free to use this paper version if it's easier. You can return your completed survey to church on Thursdays or to the school office. You can go to the online version at [tinyurl.com/HalsallSurvey](https://tinyurl.com/HalsallSurvey) or scan this QR code.



We really appreciate your help and input.

This survey is being conducted by the PCC of St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, with support from Church and Community Developer Dan Rous and the Diocese of Liverpool of the Church of England.

**If you require any survey assistance, please contact Dan on  
[info@communitydan.co.uk](mailto:info@communitydan.co.uk)**



## The Rector Writes

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.*

(from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 3: verses 6 and 7.)

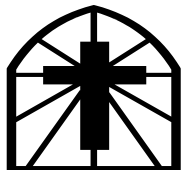
Growing plants involves selecting a suitable location, preparing the soil, planting seeds or seedlings and then providing appropriate care, including watering, feeding and weeding. For gardeners, then, May is a busy month, ensuring precious plants are enabled to flourish.

Our faith is similar. In order for us to grow in faith, we need to feel safe enough to ask the big questions around how we make sense of our complex and confusing world. Ideas need to be planted and allowed to germinate in their own time, watered by prayer and worship. That is why we need to create safe spaces, where we can be honest and allow all to speak without fear of judgement or ridicule. We need to hear each other's stories with care and respect and ponder how we can enable all to flourish.

That is part of what St Cuthbert's "Growing Together" open weekend (from Friday May 9th to Sunday May 11th) is all about. We aim to make space to listen together and learn what God is doing in our community. It is about nurturing those seeds within each of us, enabling us all to flourish no matter what challenges we are facing.

Why not be part of the conversation? We want to make sure that St Cuthbert's presence in the village contributes to the good of our community. To help us do this, we would love to hear from you as we take a fresh look at how we can work alongside one another around the parish. We really do want to hear your views, so we can grow and flourish together, as God surely intended.

Susan



**Service in the**  
**United Benefice for**  
**May 2025**

As we continue to celebrate Easter and Pentecost what acts of kindness and generosity can we share with each other and our wider community? How can we care for our environment?

Come and join us as we grow together

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May third Sunday of Easter**

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

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's CW Holy Communion
11.00am	St Thomas' Church Parade
4pm	St Cuthbert's school all age worship for the family – growing together

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW holy Communion
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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May sixth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
11am	St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW holy Communion
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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day**

9.15am	St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm	St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing
7pm	St Thomas' Holy Communion

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June seventh Sunday of Easter**

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Church without walls)
11am	St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

**June 8<sup>th</sup> will be Pentecost (Whit Sunday) when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit**

**Look out for more details about what is planned in the next edition of the Halsall News...**

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

**THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, HALSALL**

Rector	The Rev Susan Salt	07730 197656
Curate	The Rev Glen Gardner	0151 287 1686
Reader	David Walker	0151 520 2496
Church Wardens	Carol Ward	07522 206664
	Pamela Carr	01695 423817
Verger	Sarah Mitchell	01704 889237
		07808 064996
P.C.C. Secretary	Vacancy	
P.C.C. Treasurer	Colin Throp	01704 841281
Organist	Vacancy	

# SANCTUARY LIGHTS



1st	Charles P Mansbridge (Birthday)
2nd	Henry Eric Kenyon (Birthday)
2nd	Florrie Pilling (Birthday)
2nd	Alan Georgeson Birthday)
4th	Dennis Stanley Markham
4th	Marion Chadwick (Birthday)
5th	Mary Critchley
5th	Harry Blundell ( Anniversary)
7th	Henry Serjeant (Birthday)
8th	Lucy Proctor (Birthday)
9th	Ian Holcroft (Birthday)
9th	George Henry Porter
11th	Doreen Porter
12th	William Prescott
15th	Marian Austin (Birthday)
15th	Jean Frances Shaw
20th	John & Cissie Morris
21st	Harold Dean
21st	Gerald Musker
24th	Marian Austin
27th	Margaret Balshaw
27th	Annie Sumner
29th	Joseph Huyton (Birthday)
31st	John Johnson



## **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.

**Carol Ward 07522 206664**



# Help St Cuthbert's raise money for the ramped access into the graveyard



Carol ?

Please sponsor our churchwarden Carol Ward who is abseiling 100 feet from the top of Anfield Football stadium in aid of church funds on Sunday May 18th



Every little counts, so please help if you can and encourage Carol in her mad challenge.

## **YOUR CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, HALSALL NEEDS YOUR HELP to raise £40K**



St Cuthbert's is responsible for funding everything we do as a church. Despite what some people think, none of our activities are directly funded by the Diocese or the National Church. Whilst we have recently been fortunate to obtain a grant of £50k from the Archbishop's Council (part of the Church Commissioners), we need to find another £40k to complete the project to ramp the path to the standard needed as a grade 1 listed building and to work towards repairs to the West Window and the roof.

If you are able to support us, if you can, please give via



**PARISH GIVING SCHEME**

as all the money goes directly to us and we can claim gift aid on it if you are a UK taxpayer. This QR code will take you directly to our page.



### **FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S**

You can also support St Cuthbert's by becoming "a friend". All the funds raised through this scheme are directed to the maintenance and repair of the church building and grounds.

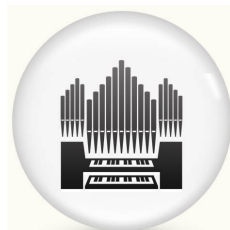
There is a minimum donation of £20 per year to join, but you can then choose how much and how regularly you donate.

For further information please contact [info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk](mailto:info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk)

**Thank you for supporting us.  
Without you we cannot be the church we aspire to be.**

## **Help Support St Cuthbert's Church**

**Come and hear the  
world famous organist  
Professor Ian Tracey  
(Resident Organist at Liverpool Cathedral)**



**Play the organ in the medieval jewel that is St Cuthbert's  
Church,  
Halsall, L39 8RN**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm**



**Tickets £10 including  
cheese and a glass of wine  
(non-alcoholic options available)  
Children under 16 free**

**Tickets from St Cuthbert's Church or  
Mrs Pam Carr (Churchwarden)  
07947 359437**

**Money raised will go to church funds**

# **Growing together weekend**

## **St Cuthbert's Church**

### **9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6-8pm**

Informal evening of food and chat about church  
and our hopes for the future ending with a short Communion Service

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am to 3pm**

Open church with displays, tours, trails and quizzes, music, nature,  
refreshments, plant sale and conversation.

**3pm to 5pm**

Informal drink and chat in the Saracen's Head

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.30-10.30am**

Our usual all age Communion Service

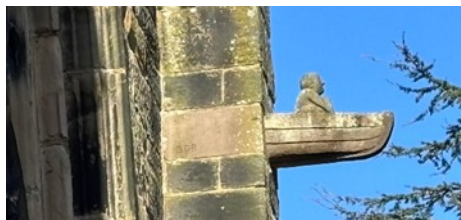
**Sunday 4pm to 5pm**

Interactive family service in St Cuthbert's school  
thinking about creation

Come and join us and help us to dream some dreams.  
St Cuthbert's has been at the centre of the community for hundreds of  
years and we want to be part of it for hundreds more.

**Why not come and 'say hi' over this special weekend and help us to  
create a vision of how we can grow together?**

**You would be most welcome**



## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Electricity NW	105 or 0800 195 4141
United Utilities (water / flooding)	0345 672 3723
Flooding - Highway	0300 123 6780
Police Contact (non urgent)	101 <b>OR</b> 01695 566058
Local Police Officers or PCSO's	01695 566444
Street Lighting Fault Reporting Line	0300 123 6780
Fire Safety Helpline	0800 169 1125

## POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, 4110 Billy Matthews e-mail**  
[Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk)

or alternatively Neil Cronshaw who is the Community Beat Officer  
for Halsall at [7176@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:7176@lancashire.police.uk)

**Residents should phone 999 in an emergency  
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Local contacts are for local issues and consultations only.

## Sefton Warm Spaces

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**Warm Spaces Sefton and St Thomas' Church  
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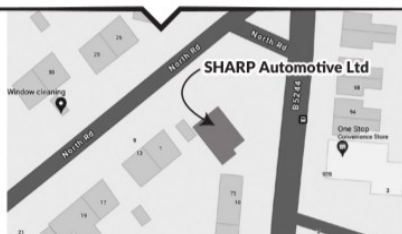
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# WILD & SEEK

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We offer 90-minute "Stay & Play" sessions for children aged 0-6, featuring open-ended natural materials, opportunities for movement, and spaces designed to foster creativity, social connection, and independence. We're open 7 days a week, with sessions running at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:30pm.

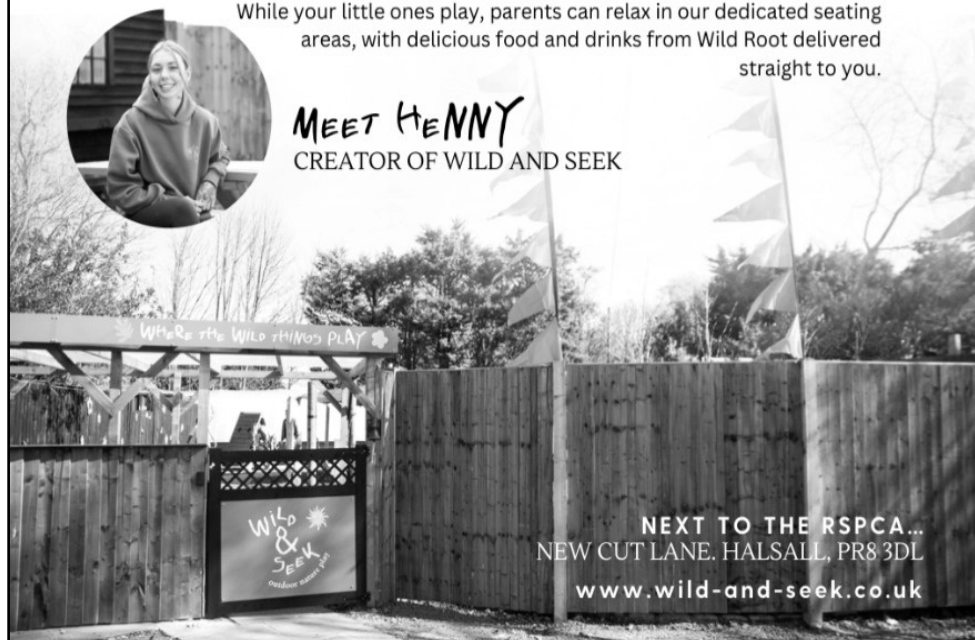
## WHERE ARE WE BASED?

We are based at Wild Root. Wild Root is a plant-based café located on New Cut Lane, Halsall, proudly rooted in our community. Many members of staff, including the owner Charlie, and Wild & Seek creator Henny grew up in Halsall, attended St Cuthbert's Primary School, and remain deeply connected to the local community. In fact, Charlie and Henny are siblings with a shared passion for creating enriching spaces for families.

While your little ones play, parents can relax in our dedicated seating areas, with delicious food and drinks from Wild Root delivered straight to you.



**MEET HENNY**  
CREATOR OF WILD AND SEEK



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## **HALSALL ST CUTHBERT'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

Tuesday Evenings from 6pm or Saturday.

Contact Miss Hampson at School Tel : 01704 840253

## **HALSALL PARISH CENTRE**

The Parish Centre is available for private lettings

Please contact Miss Hampson at school

For details of charges and availability

Tel : 01704 840253

## **SHIRDLEY HILL ACTIVITY CENTRE**

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# Whats On

CLUB/GROUP	MEETINGS	CONTACT
<b>1st Halsall Scout Group Boys &amp; Girls age 6-14</b>	Scarisbrick Village Hall Boys & Girls age 6-14	Sue 07792 479205 Jane 07887 685219
<b>Halsall Village Proud &amp; Tidy group</b>	Various working parties around the village	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Enid Banks 01704 567654
<b>Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club</b>	Various Contact Lynda for details	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
<b>Ormskirk &amp; District Lions Club</b>	Charity supporting local causes Looking for new members	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
<b>Yoga</b>	St Cuthbert's School Wednesday from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440
<b>FROGS Friends of Shirdley Hill Village green</b>	9.30am Tuesday & Friday	01704 840607
<b>Jigsaw Library Free to join &amp; borrow</b>	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
<b>Halsall Bees &amp; Butterflies Brigade</b>	Meets once a month See article for details	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
<b>Halsall Badminton club</b>	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
<b>Yoga</b>	St Aidan's Hall Mondays from 6pm	Angela 07513 802976
<b>Pilates</b>	Haskayne Village Hall Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30pm Thursday 9.30 - 10.30am	Andrea Kerfoot 07540 053002 a.davies11@sky.com

### PARISH COUNCILLORS

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County Councillor	David O'Toole	01695 421056

**HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH**  
**Next meeting 7:00pm 14th May 2025**  
**At St Aidan's Hall L39 8SF**

### ***June 2025 MAGAZINE***

**Closing date for Articles and Adverts :**  
**13th May 2025**

**Contributions by Email to [halsallnews@gmail.com](mailto:halsallnews@gmail.com)**

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

## **NEWS FROM HASALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Halsall Parish Council meets on 2nd Wednesday of each month, Next meeting is (NEW TIME) 7:00 pm 14th May at St Aidan's Hall.

**PLANNING** (Full Details available at [westlancs.gov.uk](http://westlancs.gov.uk))

### **Planning Applications**

2025/0227/FUL, 86 New Street, single story extension plus outbuilding
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T/2025/0034/TPO, 76 Moss Road, remove branches and crown lift
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2925/0315/FUL, 7 Shaw Close, garden store to front of building
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#### **Recent decisions**

2025/040/FUL Malt Kiln Barn, demolish & rebuild	Refused
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2024/1107/FUL, 233 Carr Moss Lane, Convert garage	Granted
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**New vacancy for a Co-opted Parish Councillor** Please contact [HalsallParishClerk@gmail.com](mailto:HalsallParishClerk@gmail.com) for an application form. Applications close on 31st May and the selection process will be at the Council meeting on 11th June.

**Annual Parish Meeting** is a historic legacy event. All parishes (council wards, not church areas) should organise an annual meeting of electors to discuss items that could be escalated to the Parish council. Here in Halsall it is taken as an opportunity for the various voluntary groups to give an account of their activities and plans. This year we will try a new idea of having the meeting at 7:00pm on 14th May at St Aidan's Hall, immediately before the Council meeting.

**Car parking on pavement.** Many of our lanes are narrow and motorists want to give as much space as possible for other vehicles but it is inconsiderate and unsafe to force pedestrians and especially prams into the road because there is no space on the pavement. Please park safely for everyone; you, your passengers, pedestrians and other road users.

**Potholes.** Hopefully the resurfacing of Gregory Lane mini roundabout will see an end to the persistent potholes in this location but if you see other ones developing then please report them as soon as possible via Love Clean Streets app on mobile phones. You can also report flooding on highways due to blocked gullies and damaged road signs.

Halsall Parish Council has agreed to a Section 137 grant of up to £600 for a Summer Fete on Recreation Ground on 14th August. More details to follow as events are organised.

**The Parish Council Website** has been updated due to new regulations for government websites. We now have a calendar of all bookings at Memorial Hall and St Aidans Hall [HalsallParish.gov.uk/whats-on/](http://HalsallParish.gov.uk/whats-on/). One-off bookings are £15 per hour, regular events are £10 per hour. Please contact Cathy on 07935 657880.

Upcoming events and news are posted on **Facebook Halsall Village Community Forum** [www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703](http://www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703) also on **Facebook is Shirdley Hill Community Association** [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874)

*Mary Lyons, Chair and Chris Pyne, Parish Clerk*

### **HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND HALL TRUST**

Halsall Parish Council is Trustee for the Hall and Recreation Ground which is a self-funding Charity no 521111 regulated by the Charity Commission.

A big Thank You to Cllr Beth Roberts and her volunteers for organising the Children's Easter event on 10th April. Beth is always looking for volunteers to help put on the a film show and craft ideas in the school holidays.

The Memorial Hall is booked most weekday nights but there are bookings available during the day. By this May edition, the Cricket season will have started so there will be matches on most Saturdays but there are some Sunday's available for bookings.

The "Trust" is at [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095608597326](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095608597326)

*Mary Lyons, Chair ,and Chris Pyne, Parish Clerk*

**New Parish Council Website :**  
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## Forthcoming events

### VE Day Fete - Shirdley Hill Green

From 2pm  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

### VE Day Beacon Lighting - Shirdley Hill

From 7.00pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Beacon lit at 8pm

### Lunchtime Club - St Aidan's Hall, Shirdley Hill

From 12pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

### Picnic in the Park - Shirdley Hill Green

From 2pm  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

### Shirdley Hill Olympics - Shirdley Hill Green

From 2pm  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July

## Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group



Planting is now all finished for this year in Bishops Walk. With expert guidance from Clare Edwards (Leader of the B's) we have used plants suited to surviving on a steep slope in semi shade. A few of the plants were donated but most were bought using funds we had raised from past events. Our ongoing task now is to keep the area free of weeds until the plants grow to cover the bare ground. Many thanks to all those involved in bringing this major project to completion. Our dates for working parties in May will be posted on the Halsall Village Facebook page



To find out more about our group please contact Eleanor Wroe [elliwroe@hotmail.com](mailto:elliwroe@hotmail.com) or 07817 55 75 33 or Enid Banks [enidbanks@aol.com](mailto:enidbanks@aol.com) or 07977 920 956

### Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

As well as entering our whole village centre into this year's competition, we have entered 4 items in Halsall into the outstanding feature classes. This allows individual areas to be judged against similar features in other villages. This year we are entering the Church, the School, the Cricket Grounds and the Inter-active History Notice Board on the wall at the Memorial Hall. Judging starts at the beginning of June for the 2025 competition and can continue right through until the end of August if we progress to the final rounds.



## **What does the Parish Council do?**

The Parish Council acts as the voice of the community. Although the PC has very little power itself, we raise community issues and concerns with borough, county councillors and other authorities so that they can take action. We work with St Cuthbert's Church to prepare content and distribute a monthly newsletter to keep the residents informed about what's going on, local groups active in the area and to give local businesses a place to advertise.

The Parish Council also has an important role in signposting individuals to appropriate borough and county council departments and services. We keep people informed about local planning applications and decisions.

The Parish Council owns and has responsibility for St Aidan's Hall in Shirdley Hill as well as being the sole Trustee for the Memorial Hall and playing field in Halsall. Both halls act as community warm hubs in winter and are available for hire to support a wide range of community activities and events. Members of the Parish Council organise regular activities such as the fortnightly lunch club and fund raising quiz nights at St Aidan's and children's craft, film and family fun events in the Memorial Hall. The PC provides small grants to support local community groups such as the Bees and Butterflies Brigade, Halsall Proud and Tidy, Friends of the Green and helps maintain Shirdley Hill Village Green.

Parish Councillors are not paid and work voluntarily. They take a leadership role in organising other volunteers, such as for the group of local residents who helped redecorate St Aidan's Hall. The only part-time paid posts are for the Clerk and Assistant Parish Clerk who undertake the formal duties such as preparing agendas, calling Councillors to monthly meetings, recording and publishing minutes and taking responsibility for banking and keeping the finances in order. It takes a surprising and huge amount of work and time to organise the hiring out of the two halls and take responsibility for their maintenance.

***Mary Lyons, Chair and Chris Pyne, Parish Clerk***



## **The Bees and Butterflies Brigade (May 2025)**



We don't often think about the varied and vital world beneath our feet, the world of our soil. Healthy soil is an amazing resource and when our soil is healthy it nurtures all kinds of natural environments (woods, meadows and hedgerows for example), holds lots of carbon and allows us to grow sustaining, nutrient-rich food.



Fundamentally, healthy soil is a mixture of broken-down rocks, dead and decaying plants and animals, fungi, air and water. In fact it is also teeming with all kinds of microscopic creatures! Estimates suggest that around half of all species on Earth live in soil and just one quarter of a teaspoon of soil can contain up to a whopping 10 billion organisms. Amazing isn't it?



The Bees and Butterflies Brigade will be taking the theme of "healthy soil" to St Cuthbert's School on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Open Church weekend. We'll be at the Interactive Family Service at 4pm, demonstrating some of the ingredients that make up soil and helping the children to identify healthy soil. We'll also be making a simple wormery to highlight the incredible job that worms do to mix, aerate and enrich our soil – get ready for some dirty hands and fascinating worm facts!



Before that, you can join us for a fun and informative day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, when we'll be proud to show you our churchyard planting and tell you our planting plans for the future.



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on  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
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