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**July / August
2025**

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HALSALL SUMMER FAIR
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SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 14th August
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(first show performance 10:30am)

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Feedback from Growing Together weekend Friday 9th to Sunday 11th May 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped with or came to our weekend of “growing together”. Thank you, too, to those who completed our community questionnaire. The results are being processed, and we hope we can share the headlines with you in the September Halsall News. Here is some initial feedback:

The children from school told us they would like the church to have more colour, better heating, soft seats, different songs, sparkles, and of course, more cake and sweets. However, many also said they liked it as it was, with one saying it was perfect. Another said when they went to church, they like to look for God.

Other initial suggestions included:

- A monthly after-school Lego club for families, in the Choir vestry at church.
- Expanding the existing Church Coffee Morning to a weekly event, to include craft as well as chat. To start from 9am, so parents could have a space to enjoy coffee and a chat with each other after school drop off and meet some of the other villagers.
- More All-Age Family Services in school. With Church Without Walls and Messy Church already happening on the 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings of each month, could an All Age afternoon service be fitted in on one of the other Sundays?
- Using the church more often for talks and music concerts.

What do you think? What would you like to see? If we work together, maybe we can build something truly inspirational for all.



The Rector Writes

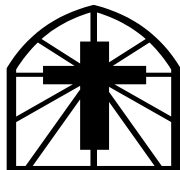
In Charlie Mackesy's beautiful story, "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse," we are invited into a world shaped not by answers, but by presence: by kindness, by love, by the gentle work of being with one another. It's a simple tale, filled with simple truths, but something about it lingers in the heart. Each character brings something different: the boy with his wondering, the mole with his sweet simplicity, the fox with his silence and trust, and the horse with his strength and wisdom. Together, they create a space where no one has to perform, fix, or impress; a space where just being together is enough.

There's a moment in the story where they sit quietly beneath the stars. No one speaks, yet everything is being said. And in that moment of shared stillness, truth doesn't need to be taught - it is simply known. Not imposed. Not explained. Just received.

The Church offers a similar invitation: "Will you continue to search and be open to the possibility of faith?" "Will you stay with the silence, and allow the Spirit to speak in ways words can't?" "Will you stay with the mystery, rather than rushing to explain it away?" For when we dare to do that, amazing things can and do happen. Strangers become friends, and we find that love is always enough. Just like "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse," we too can sit under the stars and become aware of being loved. As Christians we are asked to live, however imperfectly, lives shaped by that love given and received. We are asked to listen. To trust. To dwell.

Whatever your plans this summer, I hope you will be able to find some time to discover the power simply of being.

Every blessing, Susan



Service in the
United Benefice for
July/August 2025

You are welcome to join any of our services and spend some time pondering how faith fits into your life.

Wednesday 2nd July

11.00am St Thomas' said Common Worship Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 6th July - Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's Outdoor Service with Church Without Walls

11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist and celebration of St Thomas's Day

Wednesday 9th July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 10th July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 13th July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Holy Communion

11.00am St Thomas' Outdoor Church Parade on the Parish field followed by tea and cake

Wednesday 16th July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW holy Communion

Thursday 17th July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 20th July – Thanksgiving for farmers and farming

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Joint Service for the United Benefice, with St Mark's Scarisbrick, at Hollin House Green Farm L39 6SX. Something for everyone. Come dressed for the weather and with sensible shoes or wellies

Wednesday 23rd July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 24th July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 27th July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist

11am St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

Wednesday 30th July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW holy Communion

Thursday 31st July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Services in the United Benefice for August 2025

Why not come and find some space to pause and ponder this August?

Sunday 3rd August - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (NO Church without walls)
11.00am	St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Wednesday 6th August

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 7th August

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

Sunday 10th August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's CW Holy Communion
11.00am	St Thomas' CW Holy Communion

Wednesday 13th August

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 14th August

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

Sunday 17th August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (NO Messy Church)
11.00am	St Thomas' CW Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th August

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 21st August

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

Sunday 24th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 27th August

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW holy Communion
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Thursday 28th August

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

Sunday 31st August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
10.30am	St Thomas' Joint Service

Wednesday 3rd September

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 4th September

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

Sunday 7th September - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity and Return to School Sunday

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (NO Church without walls)
11.00am	St Thomas' CW Holy Communion

SANCTUARY LIGHTS



JULY

1st	Norman Rhodes (Birthday)
3rd	Vivian Osmond Weights (Birthday)
3rd	Catherine Bullough
3rd	James Edward Cheetham (Birthday)
5th	Walter Herbert Bullough
6th	Nancy Alnsough (Anniversary)
6th	John Prescott (Birthday)
7th	Annie Marshall (Birthday)
7th	John Huyton
12th	Jane Walsh (Birthday)
12th	Clarice Hall
14th	Michael James Yule (Birthday)
16th	David John Cruikshank
18th	Mary Serjeant (Birthday)
18th	George Henry Porter
19th	Jack Williams
19th	Sarah Ann Heaton (Birthday)
24 th	Carole Tatar (Bailey) (Anniversary)
25th	Mrs E Tesseyman

AUGUST

4th	John Rees Howel
9th	Margaret Haldane (Birthday)
11th	John Harold Grimshaw (Birthday)
18th	Edith Elizabeth Welch (Birthday)
18th	Ernest Serjeant
21st	Gladys Mary Morris (Birthday)
22nd	Sarah Critchley
25th	James Balshaw
25th	Dennis Knowles
26th	James Hilton (Birthday)
27th	Ernest Serjeant (Birthday)
29th	Roberts James Critchley (Birthday)

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
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P.C.C. Treasurer	Colin Throp	01704 841281
Organist	Vacancy	



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



A huge thank you.

Already, we have had a number of generous donations to help us, and our fundraising thermometer outside church proudly shows we have reached £18k of our £40k target. Thank you. There is still a long way to go but we are so grateful for the support so far.



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

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Without you we cannot be the church we aspire to be.**

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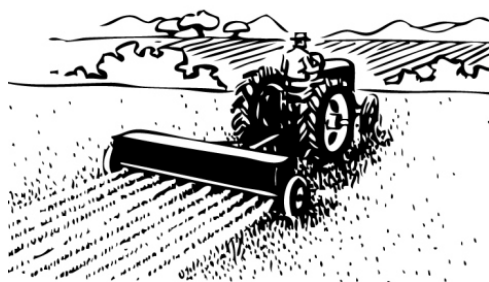


Rector Susan has foolishly agreed to abseil 150ft
from above the West Door of the Liverpool Cathedral
for St Cuthbert's fundraising efforts
on Saturday 26th July 2025

**She would welcome your sponsorship and prayers as she hates
heights!**

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/susan-salt>





Joint Service with St Thomas'
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With grateful thanks to
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Halsall Proud & Tidy Group



This Spring has seen lots of effort and hard work being done by our volunteers all around the village. Things quieten down again over summer but there is still a bit of maintenance needed to keep areas looking their best. In particular weeding will be needed on the banking in Bishops Walk where the new planting has been done. We will contact those on our email list and also post the dates for working on the Halsall Community FB page so if anyone would like to come along and help - even for half an hour - it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks to all concerned who have helped this Spring. Your efforts make such a big difference! As stated before - long may the community spirit in our beautiful village continue and grow - (except for the weeds of course)!!



By the time you read this we will have been judged at least twice in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition and we will be judged twice more before the middle of July. After that if we go through to the next rounds the judges will be here again before the end of August.

We won't know any results until October but fingers crossed until then.

Of course, our volunteers do their part first and foremost for the benefit of Halsall residents to enjoy our beautiful surroundings and if we get a mention in the competition results then that is an added bonus.

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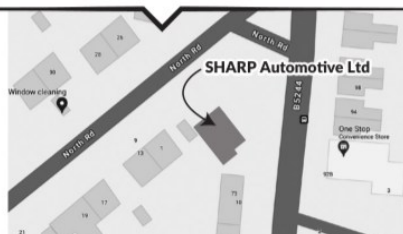
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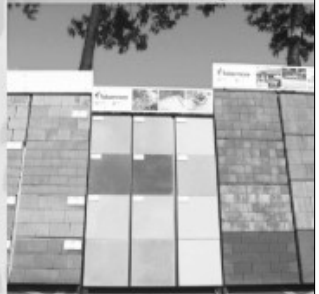
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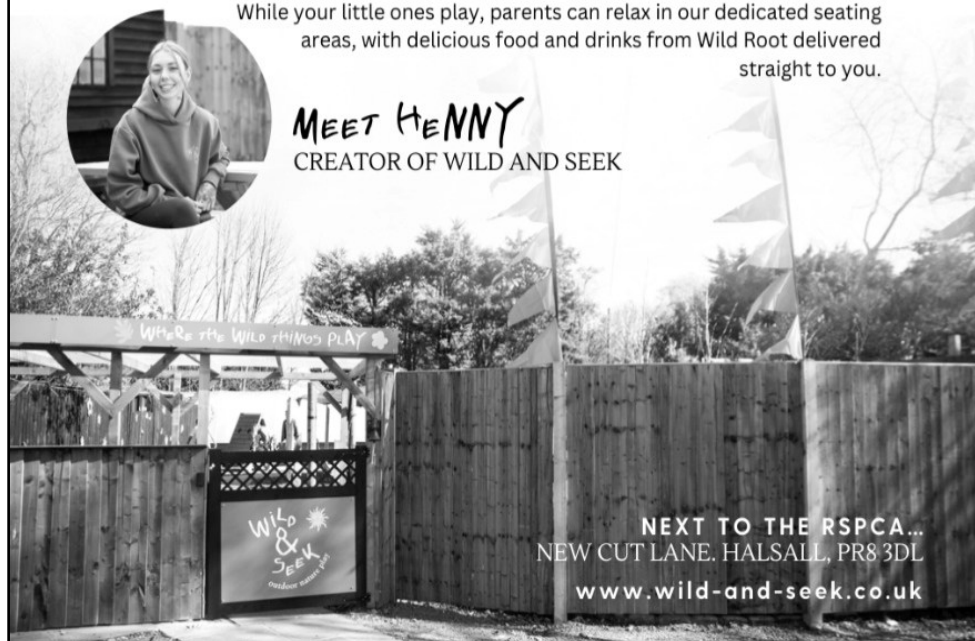
WHERE ARE WE BASED?

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.

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Whats On

CLUB/GROUP	MEETINGS	CONTACT
1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarisbrick Village Hall Boys & Girls age 6-14	Sue 07792 479205 Jane 07887 685219
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy group	Various working parties around the village	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 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
Yoga	St Cuthbert's School Wednesday from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440
FROGS Friends of Shirdley Hill Village green	9.30am Tuesday & Friday	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Free to join & borrow	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	Meets once a month See article for details	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
Halsall Badminton club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
Yoga	St Aidan's Hall Mondays from 6pm	Angela 07513 802976
Pilates	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

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HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH Next meeting 7.30pm 9th July 2025 At St Aidan's Hall

September 2025 MAGAZINE

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

Contributions by Email to 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 the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is 7:30pm on 9th July at St Aidan's Hall, Shirdley Hill. **There is no meeting in August.**

Planning

Planning applications are published for information only. Applications are typically only open for 21 days from publication by West Lancashire Borough Council (WLBC). Residents can view and comment on planning applications at <https://pa.westlancs.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Planning applications

2025/0470/LDP. 3 Plex Moss Lane, single storey extension and porch

2025/0452/PNC. Gregory Farm, change of use of building to dwelling

T/2025/060/TPO, 1 Halsall Hall Drive, trim one and fell 2nd sycamore

T/2025/0061/TPO, Mill House Farm, trim 2 trees to clear power lines

2025/0486/FUL 37 Renacres Lane, building a gym. This is for retrospective planning permission since the property is 80% built. Several residents expressed concerns. The Parish Council will raise this with local WLBC councillors requesting the application be called in to the WLBC Planning Committee.

Planning decisions

2025/0067/FUL, 3 Plex Moss Lane, ground and 1st floor extension, granted.

2024/0527/FUL, Mill Brow Farm, change from agriculture to commercial, granted

Alleged breaches of planning control should be reported to <https://westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement-appeals/breaches-of-planning-control-and-enforcement-notice.aspx>

New Parish Councillor

Tim Atlay was appointed as new Parish Councillor at the June meeting. Many thanks to all who applied. There is a further vacancy due to the resignation of Cllr Ferguson see the advert on separate page. If you are interested in making a difference and supporting your local community, please do consider putting in an application. Contact the Chair or the Parish Clerk if you want to know more about what's involved in being a Parish Councillor.

Defibrillator cases

New cases have been installed for our defibrillators. One is on the wall of the Memorial Hall and the other in the Shirdley Hill village green bus stop.

Grants approved

A grant for £46 was approved to renew the garden waste collection service for the Friends of Shirdley Hill Green. A grant of £500 was approved to support the servicing and repair of the lawnmowers used by the cricketers who care for the Memorial Hall playing field and grounds.

Any voluntary organisations looking for a grant for 2025/26 should contact the clerk@halsallparish.gov.uk

Waste collection

In order to reduce costs, WLBC will reduce the rubbish bin collection service. All separate dog waste bins will be removed and residents are asked to place dog waste in the main bins. We do not know which ones, but other bins will be removed in future. The Parish Council will keep the waste collection services under review.

Upcoming events and news

These are posted on Halsall Village Community Forum and the Shirdley Hill Community Facebook pages

Halsall War Memorial Playing Field and Hall Trust

Summer fair and show

There will be a Summer Fair and Show on 14th August at Halsall Memorial Hall, see the information on separate page all about this amazing event that will be fun for all the family. If you would like to have a stall, please contact Councillor Beth Roberts on brhalsallparish@hotmail.com.

Photography competition and fundraiser

Calling all budding photographers! We are planning to create a stunning calendar for 2026 featuring your photos of Halsall. Open to all ages, maximum of two photos per entry. Please email your photos to brhalsallparish@hotmail.com. **Closing date of 1st September 2025**. The winning entry will feature on the front of the calendar. Calendars will be available to order and from locations around the village for £10.00 and all money raised will go towards supporting the Halsall War Memorial and Playing Field Trust charity.

Recycling

A recycling clothing bank is available for you in the Memorial Hall car park. Funds raised will support blood cancer research charity.

Mary Lyons (Chair) and Cathy Smith (Assistant Parish Clerk)

Halsall Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Do you have an interest in local issues?

A voluntary Position

Meet twice a month at 7.30pm
1st Wednesday for Memorial Hall & Playing Field Charity
2nd Wednesday for Halsall Parish Council

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CLOSING DATE 31st August 2025

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The End of the Barton Rose Queen



Cathy Bond Queen 1957 retiring Queen Joan Sephton

Barton in Downholland is a rural hamlet and was the only part of Downholland that featured in the Doomsday book. Like countless other little villages, Barton has seen a decline over the years. It had a bank, a pub, a smithy, a shop, a railway station, a wharf on the canal, a mission church, several small farms and a Rose Queen festival. All have now gone. A few of the larger tenanted farms still remain. When the Rose Queen festival started in 1932 the 'Altcar Bob', which ran on the Cheshire Lines railway still picked up passengers at Barton station to take them to Southport.

Barton was geographically separate from the bigger village of Halsall, to which it was ecclesiastically connected with a mission church. The hamlet was also a quarter of a mile from Haskayne, a growing village, which became the civil parish centre of Downholland. The highlight of the year in Barton was the Rose Queen festival which was a whole village effort that brought young and old together and was a source of pride because it was done so well.

The pageant was reminiscent of a Thomas Hardy pastoral scene. By the end of the 1950's several factors were coming into play to dismantle the rural idyll of this small close knit agricultural community. The expansion of field sizes associated with large scale farming, meant that smaller farms were gobbled up and there were fewer family farm buildings so the population decreased. The railway which had still operated for freight was closed in 1957. The rise in motor vehicle ownership meant people could more often go out of the village to seek entertainment. There was more competition from alternative rural shows, school bazaars and carnivals. During this decade television ownership increased and this encouraged people to stay in. There was also the beginning of an awareness of the role of females in pageants and beauty contests, which made some uncomfortable about the objectification of young girls

Though it was a small village fete, it was costly to run and demanded a great effort by the residents and organisers, to make the day happen. It took considerable time, dedication and planning and a lot of this responsibility fell on Annie McCoy, who with the backing of the church enthused both children and adults to work tirelessly towards Rose Queen day. The Rose Queen festival was a unique event in the life of the village, there was an innocence to it but also a naivety.

By 1960 the writing was on the wall, there was no Rose Queen that year. The church had only a temporary priest when Reverend Claxton moved on. The next rector Reverend Herbert Bullough came to Halsall, St Cuthberts in November 1959, but the mission had had no priest and fewer services. An effort was made to reinstate the Barton festival in 1961. However, in 1962 the Barton Rose Queen was crowned in a dual ceremony at Halsall and there was no Barton festival. In 1963 the Halsall Rose Queen festival took their procession to the Bluebell pub to share their festival but no Barton Queen was crowned. In 1965 tragedy struck when Barton mission was destroyed by fire and Barton Rose Queen was consigned to history.

Barton Rose Queen festival was a unique snapshot of rural life between and after the World Wars. It set a standard for other festivals because everybody supported it and built a special sense of community. It had commitment from farmers and families and gave a role to everyone who wanted take part and it was followed in this way by other villages. It existed in a bubble of self-sufficiency and lasted for 30 years and brought the community away from the austerity of the war years.

Coming soon... '70 years of Halsall Rose Queens'

If you have a favourite memory of Rose Queen day please message me
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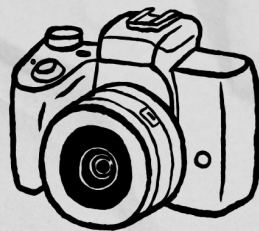


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A Recent Local Conversation

M. So she's signed up to do it!

K. What?

M. Jump off Liverpool Cathedral

K. Who?

M. Susan our vicar

K. No way she's scared of heights

M. Well she IS doing it ... attached to a rope of course!

K. And you're sure it's Susan Salt we're talking about?

M. Yep The very one... and that's not the only remarkable thing she's been doing

K. Ok ... tell me more

M. She ran the London marathon

K. What did she do that for?

M. To make money for the hospice she worked at as a doctor

K. So she was a doctor before she took up vicaring?

M. She sure was and she also lived away from her family in a flat in Blackpool during Covid so she could help at the hospital without endangering her family

K. Wow that was a big sacrifice to make

M. Yep and she was awarded a British Empire Medal for her trouble

K. Well I never!

M. And on top of that she was invited to attend the coronation of King Charles in Westminster Abbey

K. Gee ...there's more to this lady than meets the eye

M. Definitely and here she is now ... the Rector of our very own St Cuthberts Church Halsall

K. Well ... that tops the lot!!



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Wednesday 23rd July

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Thursday 14th August

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Sunday 24th August, 2pm and Sunday 28th September, 2pm

We'll be preparing and planting an area in the corner of the Memorial Playing Field nearest The Village Bakehouse. There'll be plenty of opportunity to get stuck in to a bit of clearance and barrowing as well as a chance to help plant spring-flowering bulbs and sow wild flowers.



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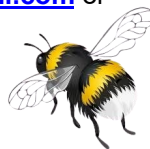
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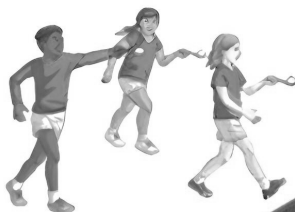


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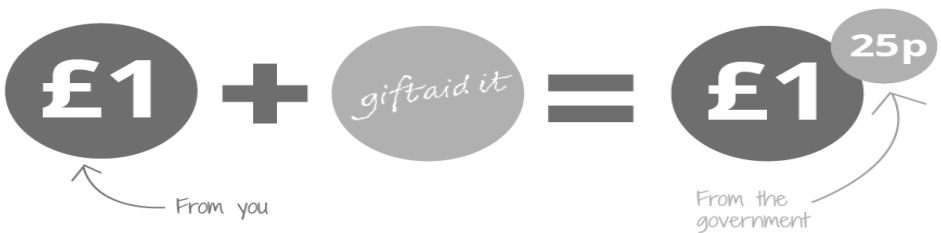
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