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Take care of yourselves, and help friends and neighbours where you safely can.

**Jan & Dave, Editors**

**P.S. Please note the early deadline for our next issue!**

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Bookings Barbara Wilkinson 811862

### Services in April

- |    |          |                                      |
|----|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 5  | 10:00 am | Family Communion                     |
|    | 6:30 pm  | Taize Holy Communion for Palm Sunday |
| 6  | 7:00 pm  | Agape meal at URC Church             |
| 7  | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer                       |
|    | 7:00 pm  | Music & meditation for Holy Week     |
| 8  | 7:00 pm  | Service with Prayers for Healing     |
| 9  | 7:00 pm  | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion       |
| 10 | 10:30 am | Children's activities                |
|    | 11:30 am | Children's service for Good Friday   |
|    | 2:00 pm  | Good Friday – An hour at the Cross   |
| 12 | 8:00 am  | Holy Communion                       |
|    | 10:00 am | Easter Sunday Family Communion       |
| 14 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer                       |
| 19 | 10:00 am | Family Communion                     |
| 21 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer                       |
| 26 | 10:00 am | Family Communion                     |
| 28 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer                       |

### Services in May

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|----|----------|------------------|
| 3  | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 5  | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer   |
| 10 | 8:00 am  | Holy Communion   |
|    | 10:00 am | Family Worship   |
| 12 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer   |
| 17 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 19 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer   |

### April

- |      |               |                     |
|------|---------------|---------------------|
| 5th  | (Communion)   | Rev. Paul Swinn     |
| 10th | (Good Friday) | Rev. Graham Harris  |
| 12th | (Easter Day)  | Rev. Derek North    |
| 19th |               | Rev. Graham Pollitt |
| 26th |               | Mr. David Lamb      |

### May

- |      |               |                     |
|------|---------------|---------------------|
| 3rd  | (Communion)   | Rev. Mark Young     |
| 10th |               | Mrs. Alison Scott   |
| 17th |               | Mr. Michael Pickles |
| 24th | Worship Group |                     |
|      | (Pentecost)   | Rev. George Barton  |

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|----|----------|------------------|
| 24 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 26 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer   |
| 31 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |

### St Saviour's Aughton

### Services in April

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|----|----------|------------------------------|
| 12 | 11:30 am | Easter Sunday Holy Communion |
| 26 | 11:30 am | Morning prayer               |

### Services in May

- |    |          |                |
|----|----------|----------------|
| 10 | 11:30 am | Holy Communion |
| 24 | 11:30 am | Morning prayer |
| 31 | 7:00 pm  | Evening Prayer |

## FROM ST WILFRID'S REGISTERS

### Baptisms:

- |    |         |             |
|----|---------|-------------|
| 12 | January | Reuben Lund |
|----|---------|-------------|

### Funerals

- |   |          |              |
|---|----------|--------------|
| 3 | February | Bernard Hope |
|---|----------|--------------|

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Our web site can be found at [www.nlancsurc.org.uk](http://www.nlancsurc.org.uk) then click on 'Halton'

## JUNIOR CHURCH

All children and teens are welcome at our Junior church which runs alongside the main service. Activities include games, quizzes, art, crafts and drama.

Junior church usually runs on the first, second, fourth and fifth Sunday of each month. The third Sunday of the month is usually all-age worship, when children stay in the main service.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Our coffee mornings are a great chance for a cuppa, a chat and to buy some home-made cakes or hand-made greet-

ings cards, all in aid of Halton URC. Entry £1.50 adults, including tea/coffee/squash. Children free.

Saturday 4th April, from 10 am, hosted by Angela Blowes, Ann Wilson and Mark Hamblett. There will not be a coffee morning in May.

## AGAPE

On Monday 6th April at 7pm St. Wilfrid's Church and Halton URC are holding an Agape at the United Reformed Church on High Road. This is a short reflective service interspersed with fellowship & food (usually soup, cake etc).

## HERE FOR YOU

A free drop in café at Halton United Reformed Church on the first Tuesday of each month, 1:30-3:00pm . Please drop in to receive a warm and friendly greeting and a listening ear. Tea, coffee and biscuits served. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 7th April 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday 5th May 1:30 - 3:00 pm

*Please be aware that, because of the Corona virus, it may be necessary to cancel events at Halton URC, especially the Agape, Soup and a Song and Here for You.*

*Check the web site [www.nlancsurc.org.uk/halton/](http://www.nlancsurc.org.uk/halton/) or ring Barbara on 811 862.*

## ADVANCE NOTICE: SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

Tables available. Our summer craft fair will be on Saturday 27th June 12, 2:30pm, at Halton United Reformed Church. Lunches will be served. We invite anyone who wishes to sell their art or craft items at the fair to book a table. We have 6 tables - £10 each. First come, first served. Ring Barbara to book a table 811862.

## ST WILFRID'S HALTON

### TAIZÉ SERVICE

On Palm Sunday 5th April at 6:30 pm we will be having a Taizé style evening service at St Wilfrid's Church. This will be a quiet reflective service of Holy Communion incorporating Taizé chants.

### GOOD FRIDAY 10:30 am – Children's activities and service.



If you enjoyed the Crib service then come along to St Wilfrid's Church on Friday April 10th Good Friday. There will

be a morning of children's activities starting at 10:30 am followed by a short interactive, child-friendly service at 11:30am. Everyone welcome. Drinks and Hot Cross buns will be served. Suitable for children of all ages.

### HOLY WEEK AT ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

Monday 6 Apr: 7pm;  
Agape meal at URC

Tuesday 7: 7pm; Service  
with Prayers for Healing  
and Laying on of Hands

Wednesday 8: 7pm; Stations of the Cross



Maundy Thursday: 7pm; Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: 10:30am; Children's activities. 11:30am; Children's service for Good Friday. 2pm An hour at the Cross.

### ST SAVIOUR'S OPEN CHURCH

24th May, 1-4pm at Aughton  
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## VILLAGE NEWS

### HALTON GARDENING GROUP

The improvements to the sloped banking at the front of The Centre building are now complete thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Halton Gardening Group members. The group would like to thank the local community for their generous support at last year's plant and bulb sales. A big thank you is also extended to Lune Hydro and Carnforth Rotary club for their generous grants. The terrace is a striking example of what can be achieved on a difficult plot with the right expertise, so thank you S G Landscapes (Stephen Gott) for his patience, hard work, and professionalism. Now that the terrace has been constructed, HGG are currently planning a new planting scheme which should take shape over the coming months. It will include village favourites such as alliums, grasses, rudbeckia, asters and sedum. Watch it grow and flourish during the

year, and note the other areas in the village that have had some TLC by HGG members.

This year's fundraising will go mainly towards improving the planting in the Memorial Garden, and maintaining the current planted areas. Unfortunately our PLANT SALE and Coffee Morning has had to be cancelled.

New members are welcome to join the group at any time of the year. We meet in the Coffee Shop at The Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10am to 11:30am, excluding August and December. No gardening knowledge or expertise is required. Please contact Monica Williams, Chair, on 01524 811068, or Anne Snowden, Secretary, on 07523 182617 for further information.

**Monica Williams**, Chair HGG

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Every Saturday from 21st March, from 11:00am. Booking essential. Please book at the library, or visit Halton Library Eventbrite online.

## HALTON HYDRO – FLOOD REPORT

A report is certainly in order around this time, and let's hope it's warm dry weather when you read it.

We had an excellent 2019 year with record power generation, which rather lulled us into a false sense of security, as February saw storm Ciara deposit a few hundred tonnes of stone in the inlet and push the stone on land through the gap

between building and wall, into the river. Evolved design upgrades to protect the equipment, did however, keep the building and turbines dry, despite being similar to a sunken concrete boat given the building basement depth.

The land was levelled a few days later by the Hydro team with machines hired in, just in time to see storm Dennis make a second attempt, but water only trickled over the wall.

The inlet stone pile about 3m high, but was washed to one end, leaving enough space to feed water to one turbine, so still some green electricity and revenue.

We intend to do the annual drain down early April and repeat a previous two occasions with a large hydraulic grab moving river stone to wagons, taking the majority away for crushing and use on roads.


There will be some further tidying of the area generally just after Easter, and volunteers are most welcome; just email

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I am pleased to report in conclusion that these problems, which affected so many, tend to only cause a temporary dip in annual electricity production, given the efforts of the Hydro team, and that funds continue to repay shareholders and flow into the Halton Lune Trust - that's made a significant number of donations to support worthy local causes. These are listed on the Trust website:- <http://www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk>

You may also be interested in the AGM 24th April, 7pm at the Centre. Super Power Point presentations and routine AGM matters followed by refreshments.

### **John Blowes MBE**

Director and Chairman

## **BROADBAND FOR THE RURAL NORTH – B4RN**

In my last update we were expecting to be able to make the main cabinet near the skate park live with a link from Wen-

ning House under the road across the Story Homes site. Unfortunately Story Homes would charge a significant sum for this, and could not provide a date for the work. An alternative route from a chamber at the junction of Schoolhouse Lane and Low Road along the grass on the south side of Low Road was considered over two years ago. Unfortunately, not all residents were willing to give permission to cross their section of the grass. Wrenman Homes has agreed we can use their site to go round the east and south sides of the Forgewood estate, returning to the Low Road via an Openreach duct. We expect digging will start towards the end of March and we anticipate the cabinet will be live by the end of April. This route will necessarily involve extra expense and disruption (road crossings and digging up pavements) when compared to the more direct routes. Multicore fibres have been blown from the cabinet to the chamber near HiQ garage, and from there to the two chambers in the school field.

Four volunteers have attended a course on installing house kits. Installing the kits has begun and is planned to be complete by the time the cabinet becomes live. Optical fibres can then be blown from the chambers to around 30 properties, including the school.

We now have a crossing under Beech Road linking ducts installed in the school field to a chamber in the garden of Lunesdale Community (previously Abbeyfield). This will allow us to establish routes to the north west of Halton.

A plan is being prepared to supply Mill Lane properties using Openreach ducts. Reaching the rest of Halton will depend on the level of volunteer support, not just digging, but handling the ducts, co-ordinating the local area, providing refreshments and generally encouraging. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at The Centre and welcome interest from other parts of the village.

## Norman Wilson

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## **ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL**

Our value for March is TRUST and we will be looking for opportunities

to discuss this with the children. During Lent, there are many parts of Easter Story linked with TRUST and we will explore these during our Collective Worship.

We love to sing at St Wilfrid's and its benefits on health and wellbeing are highly valued by the school. In March Year 2 and Year 5 children took part in the Lancaster and Morecambe Schools' Singing Festivals at the Ashton Hall, an event which has been taking place for decades and enjoyed by all.

Highlights of the past few weeks have been Year 5's special fundraising for WWF funds for the Australian Bushfires where £500 was raised with a non-uniform day, a cake stall and a 'small coin' collection jar. We also celebrated Fairtrade Week with staff and children raising awareness through special assemblies and by holding a Fairtrade stall in school. Last week we celebrated World Book Day with visits to the County Library, a themed lunch, a colouring competition and a dressing up day with a Shakespeare theme. Lots of excitement!

Our PTFA are currently organising their forthcoming events: Our next fundraisers will be a Film Afternoon at the end of March and in April our plant sale – order forms to pre-order these high quality bedding plants are available at



The Centre or direct from school (closing date for orders 3rd April). Look out for further details or contact school if you would like further information.

On Friday 1st May Halton W.I. are holding a Bingo evening at The Centre which is a special fundraising event in aid of school for which we are very grateful. Please go along to support if you can - there will be lots of prizes, a raffle and refreshments.

The next Community Teas will be held on Wednesday 29th April and 1st July at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming our more senior village residents for refreshments and some light entertainment from our wonderful children. As ever, if you know of anyone who would like to attend, please encourage them to come along. Also, if you are a grandparent or carer, connected with the school, you are most welcome to come along to join us each half term.

Following recent re-structuring of our Senior Leadership team we are currently recruiting for an Assistant Headteacher and we look forward to welcoming the successful applicant to St Wilfrid's in September.

If you would like to know more about what is happening in school please take a glance at our website ([www.stwilfridshalton.co.uk](http://www.stwilfridshalton.co.uk)) which has details on forthcoming events and learning in classes.

### **Claire Weymouth**

Headteacher, St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School



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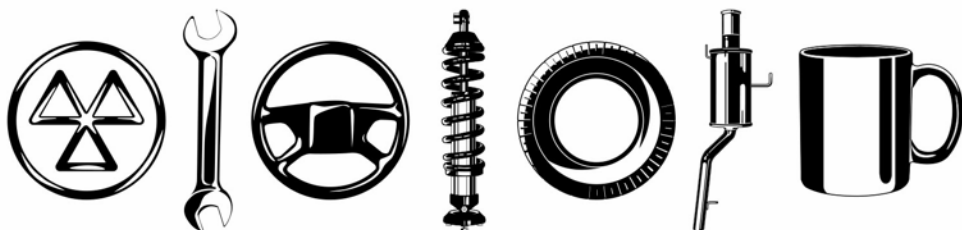
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With the weather hopefully starting to turn in our favour the club, and in particular, our fantastic Groundsman, Eddy, have been getting stuck into pre-season work. At the time of writing the first couple of cuts have been taken from the outfield and square and the nets will be set up in the next couple of weeks in the hope that we can net outdoors by late March.

With so much wet weather keeping us off the ground most of the inside jobs are now complete and, of course, both junior and senior players have been netting indoors. The annual Registration Evening on 27th March is always a busy night, with Cricketforce day on the following day to complete any outstanding jobs and get the club looking fantastic for the start of the season. The first league games are on 18th April with seniors and older juniors netting outdoors on Thursdays as soon as the weather permits. Younger players will start outdoor practice on Friday 17th April from 6:30 and anyone that did not make the Registration Night is asked to register on that night. Junior games start in mid May.

We have trained four new coaches over the winter and everyone at the club is looking forward to meeting our Australian overseas player, Matt Petherick, when he arrives just prior to the first game. We have also trained two new Welfare Officers in Alan Wills, (who was elected Chairman in January), and Louise

Potter to fulfill this important role alongside long standing Welfare Officer, Mark Drinkall. In general, the club has never been stronger, with more coaches and volunteers and with first XI skipper Bryson Little likely to include at least eight players who have come through the junior ranks in his team. The second team is similarly a balance of three or four veterans with the balance being juniors; it will again be led by genial giant, Karl Hansson. The Sunday XI will be mainly juniors (in fact last year it was often all Under 20) with Ben Schofield at the helm and we have entered the Palace Shield T20 league where the team will be skippered by 19 year old Joe Wills. The first XI will definitely be targeting promotion back to the Premier Division.

Of course, as with all voluntarily run clubs, we are always seeking players, volunteers and sponsors to keep the club moving forward. If you, or your children, are interested in being involved in any way, please contact Mark Drinkall on or [drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk](mailto:drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk) or 07738 252449. News about games and events at the club and our packed social calendar can be found via our website: [www.torrisholmecc.co.uk](http://www.torrisholmecc.co.uk) and news is regularly featured on our social media feeds which are listed on the website.

**Mark Drinkall,**  
Junior Chair and Welfare Officer,  
7th March 2020.

### THROUGH THE LENS OF THE WI

There was a buzz of anticipation, greetings had been made, this month's raffle tickets bought and the competition table themed 'a picture of Lancaster' boasted a range of photos, drawings and ancient articles. The lights were low, the room became hushed and a familiar figure appeared on the bright screen in front of us. We listened as a story of flirtation, jealousy, social and racial boundaries being explored, fear and intrigue, murder, mutilation and the death penalty unfolded. Buck Ruxton, born in India, was presented as a much-loved family doctor, establishing himself in the heart of Lancaster in the centre of Dalton Square. Most of us knew the story: how he had married in India, left his wife, travelled to England, met and set up home with an English woman separated from her Dutch husband, claiming her as his wife. They had two daughters and a son, and to the hard-

working mill workers of Lancaster, he was heralded as the people's friend, often treating patients whether or not they could afford the fees.

Who could have guessed that behind this mild-mannered family GP there was a heart beset with jealousy and fear of losing his 'wife's' interest? Who could have foreseen the murder and mutilation of his maid servant and 'wife', wrapping body parts in a variety of materials, including the souvenir edition of the Sunday Graphic, printed and circulated only in the Lancaster and Morecambe area, and depositing the parts over a bridge in Scotland, into a stream below, providing critical evidence in the case? Dr Buck Ruxton left a trail. This was the first case solved completely on forensic evidence which, given the time period, was police work way ahead of its time, leading to the hanging of Ruxton. We were spellbound as our speaker showed us photographs of the Ruxton children and told us

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how they were taken by the authorities and given new lives in an orphanage on the Wirral. As the talk drew to a close, I found myself wondering if the Ruxton daughters had found their way back to Lancaster, could they in fact still be alive? Could they be one of the lovely ladies I shared my tea and cake with as we cleared up later on?

One of the surprises of being part of the Hearts of Halton WI is the pleasure afforded by the presence of unusual speakers with particular interests. I look forward to the next meeting – WI is about people and shared experiences, why don't you get in touch for the next, you would be made very welcome!

**Amanda Sinker**

## **MYSPACE**

Myspace is an art and craft group for girls aged 11-16 at Halton United Reformed Church. We meet once a month on Friday evenings (usually the second Friday of the month) at Halton URC, on the High Road. We do interesting art and craft activities, with a relaxed atmosphere. In recent months we have made wire work decorations, decorative boxes, a nature banner, puppets and flip flops!

Leaders are DBS checked. There is no focus on religion - the group is for girls of any faith or none. Please email to book a place.

## **Mary and Catherine**

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Naomi is working on a generic system for all The Centre's finance and bookings needs. At the moment we have several separate systems in place which don't work together, whereas the new system, (my interpretation), is one tree trunk with branches that interconnect. There may be a few teething problems to start with, but assuming everything goes to plan, you will soon be able to fill your bookings forms on-line or on your phone and pay by card or BACS. You will still be

able to have hard copies if you prefer and pay by cash or cheque.

As the bookings officer who taught herself computer work, I am in awe of Naomi and more than a bit scared of working with this new system but I'm sure that once I get the hang of it, if I get the hang of it, it will be fantastic and save so much time for everyone.

**BUILDING WORK:** The refurbishment of the old Toilet Block will be carried out during the 6 week summer break as this is our quietest time. The work includes fitting a 'changing places' toilet & wet room for people with multiple disabilities, an adult & child size toilet and storage for the village's emergency plan equipment. We will not be taking any extra bookings for the main hall from July 19 to end August, to limit disruption for the refurbishment process.

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Apart from the Main Hall we expect the rest of the building to function normally during the refurbishment. The cost of this project has been estimated at £45,000. So far the HCA (Halton Community Association) Committee have raised £3,920 through volunteering for our bar and organising fundraising events. We have been awarded £10,000 from 'Awards For All' and £5,000 from 'Halton Lune Trust' (Hydro). More grants have been applied for but there is never a guarantee of success.

As I write £25,000 is still to be found, so we are requesting help from the village. Please offer your help organising fundraising events, or perhaps a personal donation, however small, would be gratefully received.

The running of The Centre and events would not be possible if it wasn't for the support of volunteers, many of whom go unseen but are very much appreciated. Anyone who would like to volunteer some time will always be welcomed and allocated an agreed suitable task.

### **FORTHCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS @ THE CENTRE ring 811316 for more info.**

**Ballroom & Sequence Dances** 8pm 4 Apr, 16 May, 20 Jun, 18 Jul. Contact Ken 079881 48730

**Halton Hydro AGM** Fri 24 April, 7pm

~~**Hearts of Halton W.I. Bingo Night** Fri 1 May, 7pm POSTPONED~~

**Salsa Dance Night with Bar** 8pm, Sat 2 May & Sat 11 Jul – Michael 07971 673436

~~**Christian Aid Big Breakfast** 9:30 11:30am, Sat 9 May; Shealagh 07740 783094 – look out for posters CANCELLED~~

~~**Garden & Plant Sale** Sat 16 May; Ann 811684 CANCELLED~~

~~**Charity Team Reece Event** 12 noon, Sat 6 June POSTPONED~~

**Children's Nearly New Sale** Sat 13 June

**HCA AGM** Wed 1 July, 7:30pm

See What's On Advance dates for your diary for more events at The Centre in 2020.

### **NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES**

**Tai Chi** – finished due to lack of numbers

**Valley Church** – Service now starts at 10:30am

**Fitness Pilates** – continues on a Tuesday but has moved to another venue on a Monday due to larger numbers.

New name **Body Blast** formerly **Aerobic Boogie** - Thur 5:45–6:45, Sadie 07783509046.

**Memory Cafe** - on 1st & 3rd Fridays 11am–12:30pm; Apr 3, 17; May 1, 15; Jun 5, 19. This group has had a lot of interest from professional organisations, who also refer people to it.

**Over 55 Luncheon Club** – 2nd & 4th Fridays – Apr 24 May 22 Jun 12, 25. £6 for a tasty two course lunch and hot drinks. It is very popular so booking is essential. See programme for Luncheon Club on the website. Contact Maureen to book or info.

Sessions that are not mentioned will continue as previously – see What's On page.

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**NEW Information – Office 811316 or Email** [info@haltoncentre.org](mailto:info@haltoncentre.org)

**Centre Manager:** Maureen Richardson: 811316. Email, or pop in one afternoon.

**Hall or Room Hire:** Carol Holman 811444 or email: [info@haltoncentre.org](mailto:info@haltoncentre.org)

**Facebook page:** The Centre's active Facebook page announces events & activities. Keep up to date & 'like' the page.

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Any queries to Publicity & Marketing Officer, Janet Theobald or to receive the regular Centre information newsletter, or sign up at the bottom of home page [www.haltoncentre.org](http://www.haltoncentre.org)

The **'What's On'** pages in the **Prattle** list all regular clubs, groups, classes & contacts held at The Centre or pick up individual information fliers from the Foyers at The Centre.

**Carol Holman** - Bookings



## THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 39- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Boris Johnson reshuffled his Cabinet on 14th February and Sajid Javid dramatically walked away from his role, what was his role before the reshuffle?
2. In which country was the 2020 women's cricket World T20 competition held earlier this year?
3. Which young American singer performs the theme to the new Bond movie, No Time to Die?
4. The world's deadliest air disaster occurred in March 1977, on which holiday island?
5. What was the name of the cruise liner quarantined in Japan in early February, a measure that was later understood to have been badly planned to the extent that it may have actually contributed to the infection of additional victims?
6. Which relatively rare chemical element has the atomic number 4 and the symbol Be?
7. Who has played Captain Jack Sparrow in all of the Pirates of the Caribbean series of films?
8. Which landlocked country in Eastern Europe has borders with Ukraine, Poland, Russia, Latvia and Lithuania, the capital and largest city is Minsk?
9. John Entwistle served as bass player with which band between 1963 and 1982, he died in 2002?
10. Who wrote the much-loved children's book 'The Gruffalo', first published in 1999?
11. The island of Java is part of which country?
12. Which common UK freshwater fish has the scientific name *Rutilus Rutilus*?
13. Someone with coeliac disease has an intolerance to which material found in many common foods?
14. Many of the characters originally seen in in the comedy series 'Are You Being Served' reappeared in a relatively short-lived spin off in 1992 and 1993. What was the name of the spin off series?
15. The Eurofighter in RAF service has been given a name harking back to a World War 2 era fighter/ bomber, what name?
16. Bafta winning actress Imelda Staunton has a long-standing objection to theatre audiences doing what while she is performing?
17. What collective name is given to those Scottish mountains which are known to reach at least 3000 feet?
18. Paige Turley won the 2020 edition of Love Island, she is the former girlfriend of which award winning singer songwriter?
19. The owner of which stately home holds the title Duke of Marlborough?
20. The Cat and Fiddle pass, between Macclesfield in Cheshire and Buxton in Derbyshire, takes its name from which feature on its route?

*Thanks to our Quizmaster, Mark Drinkall - answers on page 22*

## WHAT'S ON IN HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON?

All events are at The Centre @ Halton unless specified otherwise

AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL: BOOKINGS 07980 573805 or tim.4230@gmail.com

THE CENTRE @ HALTON: HALL/ROOM HIRE 811444 or bookings@haltoncentre.org

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Weekdays Mon - Fri:

Kids Club: 7:30-9am, 3:15-5:45pm, Donna  
07855 326670

Pre-school: 9:30-2:45pm daily, Louise  
811811

#### Mondays:

Phil's Fitness: 9:30am-10:30am 07783  
027589

Pilates: 11am-12noon 07799068191

Bronya Emily School of Dance: 3:30-  
5:00pm 07956 094931

Lune Valley Voices: 6:45-8:45pm Sian  
Phillips 07803 955658

Meditation Group: 7-8:30pm 811013 for  
location

American Country Dancing: 7:30-10pm  
Brian 811444

5-a-side: 8-9pm Andrew 074434 26468

#### Tuesdays:

Toddler Group: 9:15-11:15 Free clinic on 1  
& 3 Tues to 10:30am: Anna 0754473050

Pilates: 11:45am-12:45pm 07799068191

Indoor Bowls: 1:30-3:30pm

Knit 'n' Natter, Crafts & Chatter: 2-4:30pm  
free Lyn 811694 Coffee Shop

Beavers: 5:30-6:30 07780 622477 Scout  
Hut

Fitness Pilates: 5:45-6:45pm Justine  
07484 850320

Taekwondo: 6-7pm Mick 07985125530

Cub Scouts: 6:45-8pm term time Scout  
Hut HQ 811778

Outdoor Circuits: 7-8pm 811316

Quiz Night: The Greyhound

#### Wednesdays:

Storytime at Halton Library for pre-school-  
ers: 9:15-9:45, term time only. Tel 0300  
123 6703.

Zumbini: Music & movement class for 0-4  
year olds. 9:15-10:15am Term time only.

Must book in advance. Suze 07565881469

Walking Football: 10-11:30am on Field £3.  
John 01524 406244

Staying Strong: 10:30-11:30am Phil 07783  
027589

Winter Board Games: 2pm at The Centre  
Coffee Shop Anne 811052

Stretch & Tone: 6-7pm; Starts 26 Feb  
(term time only) Sadie 07783509046

Scouts: 6:45-8:30pm 811360 Scout Hut

Walking Netball: 7-8pm on MUGA £4  
811316

#### Thursdays:

Circuits: 9:20-10am Kate Hill

07793970435 Aughton Village Hall

Pilates: 9:45-10:45am & 11am-12noon  
07799068191

Pilates: 10-10:45am Kate Hill 07793970435  
Aughton Village Hall

WW-Weightwatchers: 5:30-6:30pm Re-  
becca 07583 781596

Body Blast: 5:45-6:45 (term time only)  
Sadie 07783509046

Ladies Netball MUGA; 7-8pm Lucy 07984  
286637

Samba Espirito (Drumming): 7-9:30pm  
Karen 07711 262288

Carpet Bowls: 7:30pm Aughton Hall, Tim  
07980 573805

**Probably cancelled - please check**

## Evenings Sun - Thur

Meditative Evening Prayer: 7:30pm term time 888588 Lunesdale Community 78 Beech Rd

## Fridays:

Enjoy-a-Ball: 2-3pm preschool age, 3:30-4:30pm (5-6yr olds) 07879 896156 paul.darwent@enjoy-a-ball.com

## Saturdays:

Lego Club at Halton Library: Saturday mornings 10am-11am, term time only

## Sundays:

Valley Church: 11am Chrissie 07428 165505

## FOOTBALL

Halton Junior Football Club  
Damian 07850 915052

**Saturday** 10:30-12; 3-6 yr olds

**Sunday** 10-2; 7-14 yr olds

(times depending on fixtures)

Contact secretary@haltonjuniorsfc.com

## FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS

**Tuesdays:** Baby & Toddler Health Visitor Clinic: 1st and 3rd 9:30-10:30am

**Tuesdays:** Lunesdale Camera Club: URC 7:30pm 720601

**Fridays:** Memory Café: 11am-12:30pm; 1st & 3rd Friday each month; Apr 3, 17; May 1, 15; Jun 5, 19. Rita 07979715041  
55's Luncheon Club: 10am-12:30pm; 2nd & 4th Friday; Apr 24, May 22, Jun 12, 25: 811316

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS:

**2nd Mon:** Halton Reading Group: 9:30-10:30am

### TUESDAYS:

**1st Tues:** Here4U: Drop In for a chat, and tea/coffee at Halton URC. 1:30-3:00

**1st Tues:** B4RN Progress Meeting: 7:30pm

**2nd Tues:** Soup and a Song: 10:30am- 1pm (for those with memory loss, their carers or friends) Halton URC High Road

**3rd Tues:** Gardening Group: 10:00-11:30am Coffee Shop (exc Aug, & Dec) Chair Monica Williams. 811068. Email: monsyd1947@gmail.com

### WEDNESDAYS:

**1st Wed:** HCA meeting: 7:30pm 811316

**2nd Wed:** Parish Council Meeting: 7:15pm (except August) The Centre 07810 356929

**3rd Wed:** WI: School 6:45pm Jane 812702

Last Wed: Halton with Aughton Heritage Group, 7:30 @ URC. Email Haltonwithaughtonheritagegroup@gmail.com

### THURSDAYS:

**4th Thurs:** Live Valley Social Activities Group Dominoes night: URC Hall 7pm. George 07772 014496

### FRIDAYS:

**1st Fri:** Hospice Friends Coffee Morning: 9:30-11:30 The Courtyard Café at St John's Hospice

**2nd Fri:** MySpace; art and craft group for girls aged 11-16. Halton URC, High Road. Please book a place - email rawcliffemary@yahoo.co.uk catherine.marshall76@gmail.com

### SATURDAYS

**3rd Sat [usually]:** Ballroom & Sequence Dancing. For info contact Ken on 079881 48730 or kjw9@hotmail.co.uk

**Probably cancelled - please check**

# MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

Sat 4 Ballroom & Sequence Dance, 8pm; The Centre

Sun 5 Taize Service 6:30pm; St Wilfrid's Church

Holy Week – see details on page 4

Fri 24 Halton Hydro AGM, 7.00pm; The Centre

Wed 29 Community Tea, 2pm; St Wilfrid's School

## MAY

Sat 2 Salsa Dance Night with Bar 8pm : The Centre

Sat 16 Ballroom & Sequence Dance - 8pm, The Centre

Sun 24 St Saviour's open church day, 1-4pm, Aughton

Sat 30 Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 11-4pm; Slyne-with-Hest Church

**Probably cancelled - please check**  
 2020 Advance dates for your diary

**Jun** Sat 13 Children's Nearly New Sale 10am; The Centre

Sat 20 Ballroom & Sequence Dance - 8pm monthly, The Centre

Sat 27 Summer Craft Fair, 12-2:30pm, Halton United Reformed Church,  
 Lunches will be served

**Jul** Wed 1 Community Tea, 2pm; St Wilfrid's School

Sat 11 Salsa Dance night with BAR, 8pm; The Centre

Sat 18 Ballroom & Sequence Dance, 8pm; The Centre - also Aug 15?,  
 Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 28, Dec 12

**Sep** Sat 26 Salsa Dance night also Nov 14; The Centre

**Oct** Sat 10 Children's Nearly New Sale 10am; The Centre

Sat 10 Splish Splash Dance, Charity event in aid of Hornby Swimming  
 Pool

**Nov** Sat 14 Autumn/Christmas Fair – The Centre

**BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE ORGANISERS - MOST  
 EVENTS WOULD BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED**

# LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

## NEWS ON COMMUNITY HOMES FOR HALTON



The **Design Drop-In** be submitted for planning permission in for the Mill Lane community-led housing in Halton prior to the submission for planning scheme was held on permission. February 17th at the **The option agreement on the Mill Lane** Centre. The **site** has been finalised and agreements afternoon and evening exchanged.

provided a valuable opportunity for CLT The CLT was recently awarded £10,000 members to discuss the plans for the from Electricity North West's 'Empowering development in great detail with the Our Communities' fund to research the three architects present from John Gilbert Architects, Glasgow, as well as with the possibility of the community housing development and senior co-housing on representatives from South Lakes Housing Mill Lane being **all-electric homes supplied with 100% renewable energy**. Two alternative design layouts were If this were possible, the combination of presented and those present had lots of passivhaus-standard homes and renewable time to discuss the merits and drawbacks of each. The CLT board met the energy would keep energy bills low the following week and chose our preferred for all 40 homes. It would also result in design. The design team, consisting of increased revenue for the Halton Lune of the architects and representatives from Hydro community fund. The CLT is now in South Lakes Housing (SLH) and the CLT, the process of recruiting a suitably qualified agreed the choice at a later meeting. The engineer to complete the feasibility design is now being worked on and will study.



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The CLT continues to meet with Lancaster City Council and SLH to agree an **allocations policy** for the community homes and real progress is being made. For instance, it will be possible for residents of Halton parish or people with a family link to Halton or people who work in the area to have first priority on the homes, followed by people living in the neighbouring parishes. If you would like to register your interest in one of the homes on the Mill Lane site, please let us know and make sure you are accepted onto the **Lancaster City Council housing register**, if you are not already on it.

#### **Forge Lane and Mill Lane road adoption:**

This is progressing slowly but surely. We hope to have positive news to report in the next issue!

If you have any questions or would like to join Lune Valley CLT, please contact us at: [info@lunevalleyclt.org](mailto:info@lunevalleyclt.org)

**Lune Valley Community Land Trust**

[www.lunevalleyclt.org](http://www.lunevalleyclt.org)

## PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
2. Australia
3. Billy Eilish
4. Tenerife
5. Diamond Princess
6. Beryllium
7. Johnny Depp
8. Belarus
9. The Who
10. Julia Donaldson
11. Indonesia
12. Roach
13. Gluten
14. Grace and Favour
15. Typhoon (much of the development of the type was carried out at War-ton Aerodrome near Preston)
16. Eating noisy snacks, particularly crisps.
17. Monros
18. Lewis Capaldi
19. Blenheim Palace
20. A pub



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## SOME HORNBY HAPPENINGS

### NOTES FROM HORNBY

The Wedding Fayre in February at Hornby Village Institute went better than we could have anticipated. Lots of people came into the building and made positive comments about its size and facilities. We are sure that the good numbers were, in part, due to an article that appeared in the Lancaster Guardian about the Wedding Fayre, a concert by some musicians from the Haffner Orchestra, and afternoon teas - all for the same weekend to raise funds to repair the Institute roof. Our thanks to all those who helped us raise the great sum of £1521.00.

### THE HORNBY SINGERS

Unfortunately the 'Around the World' in 80 Songs concert, due to take place on the 22nd February, had to be postponed until the 8th March. We were delighted with the number of people who turned up to support us and they

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seemed to enjoy the trip around the world in song. Their donations raised a further £170.00 for the Institute roof fund.

### CANCELLED MEETINGS

Following the Government's announcement about over 70s self-isolating we have decided that the Hornby Singers and The Hornby Flower Club meetings will be cancelled until after Easter or until further notice.

## CATON CLUBS NEWS

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

please contact our secretary, Benita on  
01524 771943.

The final event of our winter programme was a Fashion Show by Kitty Brown's of Carnforth on the 19th March in the Victoria Institute, too late for inclusion in this edition. I will report back in the next issue. Our summer programme of trips out starts with a visit to Boundary Mill on the 16th of April. The new re-vamped store is complete with cafes and restaurants. Pick up from Brookhouse at 9:30 am, then on to pick up at the Victoria Institute, Caton.

Just in time for your summer planting our May 21st trip is to Lytham, calling at Dobbies Garden Centre on the way home. Pick up at the Victoria Institute at 9:30 am then on to pick up in Brookhouse. Pick up in Melling and Hornby for all our trips can be arranged. The cost for the trips is £10.00 for members and £13.00 for non members; annual club membership is £5.00; for further information

### CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

Our next theatre visit is to the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick on the 2nd of May to see the musical 'Evita'. We have sold all our reserved tickets and have a waiting list for cancellations.

We are excited to announce the re-opening of the Octagon Theatre in Bolton after extensive refurbishment, and have been fortunate to reserve tickets for Saturday 12th September for a matinee performance of the West End smash hit comedy 'ONE MAN TWO GUVNORS'. This side-splittingly funny, brand new, production will be very popular; please book early to avoid disappointment.

Cost for coach and a theatre seat is £40.00 to be paid on or before the 18th of July to ensure your booking. Pick up at the Victoria Institute at 10am, then on to pick up in Brookhouse as usual. Other

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pick up points in Ingleton, Melling and Hornby can be arranged.

For further information or to book call Benita on 01524 771943 or Jean on 01524 770980.

## CATON LEISURE CLUB

### APRIL

The very popular chair exercises continue with Norma, Mondays 9:00-10:00 in the main hall. Leisure Club membership is required at £5.00pa with weekly class fees of £2.00 per session. Then why not pop next door to the Thomas Storey Room to hear one of the speakers and, of course, a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

**6th Rob David: 'Waiter, Miner, Butcher, Spy: Germans and Austrians in Cumbria during the First World War'.** When war broke out there were large numbers of Germans and Austrians who had become naturalised British citizens living in the county. There were also many German and Austrian citizens working here who, on 4 August 1914, became enemy aliens. This illustrated lecture describes what happened to both groups, examines how Cumbrians reacted to 'the enemy in our midst' and considers how the families of enemy aliens survived when the breadwinner was interned. In some cases these people became casualties of the war who have been largely forgotten.

**13th Easter** - No Meeting

**20th Colin Penny: "Cuthbert the Bad and the witches".** Colin returns for another of his fascinating talks. So why was there a spectacular witchcraft trial in Lancashire in 1612? This question has never been

adequately answered - until now! Prepare yourselves for murder, conspiracy, rebellion and treason.

**27th Club Trip to Ripon** - £5.00 for members £12.00 for non-members.


**Caton Short Mat Bowls** meet on Thursdays at the Victoria Institute 10:00-12:00 during the winter months (October – April), in the Main Hall. New members welcome. If you would like to join us then contact David on 01524 812342 or just turn up.

### MAY - AUGUST

Norma's chair band exercises continue throughout the summer at their usual time including bank holidays. We do not have any further weekly meetings until we return again in September, where we have another exciting schedule waiting for you. So enjoy the summer and we will see you on our return.

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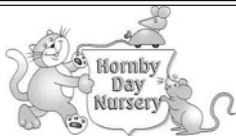


Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th April 2020  
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**CATON CELEBRATES THE END OF WW2** at the Victoria Institute on Friday 8th May 2020-75 years on.

The opening ceremony begins at noon in the Memorial Garden with Lancaster Brass Band. A 'street party' has been organised in the Main Hall. As places are limited get your free ticket from Peter at the Institute, or Station Garage, to reserve your seat at the table to tuck into a celebration lunch.

Find out what life was like for everyone "at home" and how VE Day was celebrated. There will be displays by the children of Caton & St. Paul's primary schools. Learn how to darn, sew on a button, make a peg doll, or a rag rug. Help us create a great atmosphere and come in 1940's dress.

**Saturday 9th May 7:30pm-10:30pm - a 1940's Dance** is being held at The Institute. Local live band 'The Billionaires' will perform for us. Dance to the sounds from the era or just come and enjoy great company, a great atmosphere and celebrate with us. 1940's dress preferred, but not essential. Tickets £7

each to include a glass of wine/soft drink. You can bring along your own bottle as well. All tickets now available from Peter at The Institute and The Station Garage. Get yours now before they all go.

### **NICE MORNING AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE (PLANT SALE & SPRING FAIR)**

To be held this year, smack bang in the middle of the VE Day Celebrations, on the morning of Saturday 9th May. If you would like a table to sell your crafts, or advertise your local group or interest, please ring Graham or Jane on 01524 770919 or email [plantsale@jandg.me.uk](mailto:plantsale@jandg.me.uk) before Friday 17th April.

The price for a table for the morning should be no more than £5.00 and quite possibly less.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again for what has become a convivial, annual village event.

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# HAPPENINGS AT HALTON MILL

[www.haltonmill.org.uk](http://www.haltonmill.org.uk)

## ONLINE YOGA AND MEDITATION TO KEEP US FIT AND SANE

Like so many other venues, Halton Mill is closing to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic.

At the time of writing all our events – including the Supper Clubs that you may have seen advertised – have been cancelled until further notice, as have most classes. If you've enrolled on a class at the Mill, please contact your tutor directly to keep track of what's happening – contact details on the Halton Mill/River Room websites.

We are doing all we can to reduce the risk of infection and the building can now only be accessed with a fob. It is so sad to see the usually lively place empty and silent.

## VIRTUAL YOGA

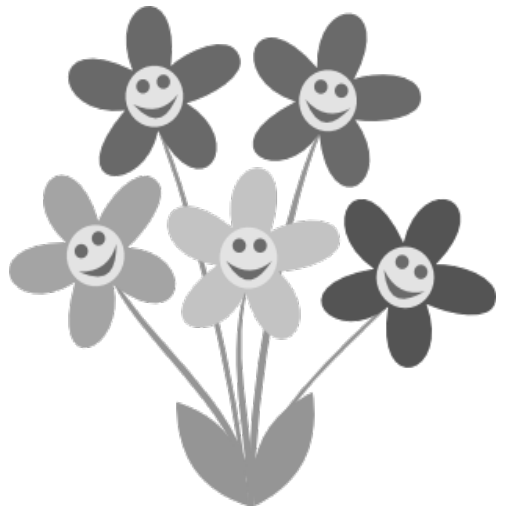
But it's not all bad news. Rebecca Ellis, who manages the River Room retreat space, is very generously running a series of free yoga and meditation classes online. She wants them to be open to everyone at this very difficult time, when many of us will be isolated at home. So she won't be charging for the classes, but would appreciate a donation if people's circumstances allow them to make one. Rebecca is also considering running Open-Air Pop Up classes outside, with enough space between people for them to keep healthy. For more information

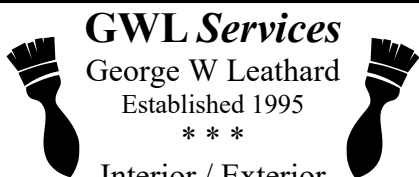
and to find out how to access the online classes please email Rebecca on [rebecca@theriverroom.org.uk](mailto:rebecca@theriverroom.org.uk)

## WORKING FROM HOME

In line with Government guidance, we have asked people who can to work from home – at the time of writing some Mill tenants are still operating out of their own individual offices and studios. If you've had to start working from home recently, here are some useful tips from Jeff Haden at INC.com:

1. Tell people your schedule – and then "enforce" your schedule....
2. Buy a great chair....
3. Ruthlessly set limits....
4. Include breaks in your schedule....
5. Turn off your notifications....





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6. Adopt a productivity system like the 'Pomodoro' technique...
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We wish you all the best in the tough times ahead. We are lucky to live in a beautiful place with a strong community, where we can support each other.

**Fiona, Alison and Amber**

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## HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

LIST OF COUNCILLORS AS AT JAN 2020

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Cllr. Barbara Ann Duffy, Tel 07738 002038; barbaraduffy72@gmail.com

Cllr. Chris Coates, Tel: 07426 701155; chris@utopia-britannica.org.uk

Cllr. Anne Lamb, Tel: 01524 811052; annelamb27@hotmail.com

Cllr. Naomi Turner, Tel: 07738 586107; naomismith1210@hotmail.com

Parish Clerk & Financial Officer: Luke Mills, Tel 07980 000682;  
clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council meetings are held at the Centre on the second Wednesday  
of each month (excluding August) at 7:15pm - all welcome!

**[www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk)**

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## LANCASTER CITY COUNCILLOR

**Cllr Kevin Frea**, Tel: 07716 246 672, [kfrea@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:kfrea@lancaster.gov.uk)

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**SECOND TUESDAY of EVERY MONTH**

**10.30AM - 1.00PM** At Halton United Reformed Church

For more information or to book a place, please contact  
Barbara 811862, or Meryl 811631

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### DOG FOULING ON THE FOOTBALL PITCH

There continues to be a persistent problem of dogs fouling the football pitch, despite several bins in the vicinity and signage. Children and adults regularly play on the pitch and it is both disgusting and also a potential health hazard.

The Parish Council and The Centre will monitor the situation, but it may be necessary to consider banning dogs from the pitch altogether, as has happened at Caton recently.

### EMERGENCY PLAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A small team of volunteers drafted an Emergency Plan for the village after the floods in 2015 and 2017. This plan identifies what should happen in the event of an emergency, such as flooding, but it lacks the “who”. To ensure the village has a plan that can be implemented, it needs a range of people who would be willing to help in the event of an emergency. For instance:

- “I could help the team drafting the emergency plan”
- “I would be willing to check on the vulnerable people on my street”
- “I would be willing to make teas/coffees in The Centre in the event that it opens as a temporary refuge”
- “I have a vehicle that could tow vehicles or trailers if needed”
- “I would be willing to co-ordinate a small team of people via walkie-talkies”

- “I would be willing to keep an eye on the flooding/drains on my street and let others know if there is an issue”
- “I have a 4x4 and could transport some signs/equipment from the store to where they are needed”
- “I could help start the emergency generator at The Centre if there is a loss of power”
- “I could help drivers/divert traffic if a road becomes impassable”

If you think you could assist, then please contact the Clerk who will pass your details on to the Emergency Response plan team.

### GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The Great British Spring Clean is scheduled to run from 20th March – 13th April. After discussing ideas, the Parish Council felt that the best option would be for residents to remove weeds from the street outside their home. This would nor-



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mally be the responsibility of the City Council, but the cuts have reduced the frequency of clearance and as a result the issue of weeds has become a frequent complaint. The Parish Council will continue to look after the local communal areas, such as around The Centre, War Memorial, Quarry Road, etc.

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

The Annual Parish Assembly, also known as the Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on 13th May at 7:15pm in The Centre. All members of the public are welcome to attend.  
This is not a Parish Council meeting, rather it is an opportunity for local electors to express their opinions or concerns regarding issues relevant to the parish. Reports from local community groups would be very welcome, so if your group would like to speak then please contact the Clerk.

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**ENERGY USAGE AT HOME**

Do you ever think about the energy you use at home? Or perhaps your electricity bills are a bit higher than you'd like? If you're interested in taking a closer look, and/or just curious as to whether your energy consumption is relatively high or low, a new online survey may give you food for thought and some fresh ideas. It's completely anonymous, and the results will be used for a Kendal-based MSc student's research on domestic energy consumption in the UK. Your response would be much appreciated! Just enter the link in your web browser, or scan the QR code with your smartphone and it'll take you straight there. The survey should take about 10 minutes – an ideal coffee-break activity! <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/energyathome>





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- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

### WHAT DO I DO IF I THINK I HAVE CORONAVIRUS?

It is **important** that you don't go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you think you may have the virus, you can call 111 if you need to speak to someone.

Use the NHS 111 online ([111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk)) coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

### MORE INFORMATION & HELP

- NHS:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-s-covid-19](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-s-covid-19)
- Public Health England:  
[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- World Health Organisation:  
[www.who.int](https://www.who.int)

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### ADVICE

The information below is the current NHS advice, **which may have changed** by the time the Prattle is delivered.

The majority of people who become infected experience only mild symptoms, but for a minority the illness can be severe or fatal. The elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions appear to be most at risk. If you know someone who may be vulnerable, please consider swapping phone numbers so that they can ask for help and so you can check-in with them.

### HOW TO AVOID CATCHING OR SPREADING CORONAVIRUS

#### Do

- frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

The Parish Council and the Centre will aim to provide information about any local help or guidance that develops via the website ([www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk](https://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk)) and on the parish noticeboards. The noticeboards are outside the Centre, the newsagent on High Rd and outside Lancaster the building opposite the top of Quarry Rd.

## SERVICES IN BRIEF

**BUS SERVICES** – Timetables are available in the library.

**No 49** Mon – Sat to/from Lancaster, and Carnforth/Warton via the Kellets  
Halton – Lancaster 07:20 [NS], 07:50, 08:12, 09:22 then  $\frac{1}{2}$  **hourly** 17:52 [NS] until 19:22

Lancaster – Halton 07:00, 07:30, 09:05, 09:30 then  $\frac{1}{2}$  **hourly** until 19:00

Halton – Carnforth (& Warton) 09:47, hourly inc 15:47, [NLCC] , 17:47 (SO)

Warton, Carnforth – Halton 09:28, then **hourly** until 14:28, 15:28 (NLCC)

Notes NS = Not Sat; SO = Sat Only; NLCC = Not Lancashire Schools

**No 490** Mon-Sat Halton-Lancaster at 20:52 (Stagecoach tickets not valid)

**No 80/81/582/830** to Kirkby Lonsdale, Ingleton and further into the Dales from top of Denny Beck Lane. Mon-Sat all year, Sun & BH in summer.

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### OTHER SERVICES:

**LIBRARY:** Tues, 1-7pm; Wed, 9-1pm; Fri, 1-5pm; Sat, 9-1pm. Tel 0300 123 6703 and 0300 123 6704 for automated renewal service

**SURGERY:** Halton Medical Centre, 110 High Rd 811226. Mon to Fri 8:00am-12:30pm and 1:30-5:30pm

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Halton Mill: [www.haltonmill.org.uk](http://www.haltonmill.org.uk)

Halton Social Club: email [haltonsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:haltonsocialclub@gmail.com)

Halton United Reformed Church: [www.nlancsurc.org.uk](http://www.nlancsurc.org.uk) then click on 'Halton'

Lancaster CoHousing: [www.lancastercohousing.org.uk](http://www.lancastercohousing.org.uk)

Parish Council: [www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk)

St Wilfrid's Church: [www.achurchnearyou.com/halton-st-wilfrid-church](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/halton-st-wilfrid-church)

St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School: [www.st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk)

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Speaking about the awards Matthew said, "The National Fish and Chip Awards are very much the Oscars of the Fish & Chip world. Just like the Oscars there are different categories, and I was invited to help scrutinise Chippies who embody and promote high standards of quality in our industry in the Quality Award Champions Award category."

Black's Chippy were the reigning champions for this award, having beaten out the competition to be declared the national winners at a glitzy ceremony in London last year. The awards are sponsored by Seafish, and Seafish Chief Executive Marcus Coleman remarked that, "As well as delivering a superior product and service, Black's have demonstrated excellence in all aspects of running their business, and have set a fantastic standard for other 'Quality Award' holders, and the wider Fish & Chip industry to aspire."



Black's is no stranger to national recognition, having previously placed highly at the awards, coming in above all of the other entrants from England in 2017. Assistant fryer Brett Coulton who has worked at the shop since it opened, ranked among the top 10 Young Fish Friers in the whole country in 2018.

"It was a difficult competition to judge, the standards were very high." said Matthew. "It's also a very challenging category, where in addition to running an outstanding chippy, entrants need to demonstrate a real commitment to raising quality and standards across the entire industry."

The winners of the National Fish & Chip Awards 2020 were announced in January.

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