



THE PRATTLE



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October/November 2020

Welcome to this issue of The Prattle. In these challenging times we have tried hard to ensure the information inside about activities is correct, but as things can change quickly, we would strongly recommend contacting the organisers to check.

One of our community minded villagers is trying to set up a Halton village-wide Neighbourhood Watch scheme - please read the info on page 8 and help out Sam by registering your interest, thereby helping the village as well.

Why not let us know your thoughts about life at this time? Email haltonprattle@btinternet.com - we look forward to hearing from you!

Jan & Dave, Editors

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Services in October

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| 4 | 10:00 am | Harvest Festival |
| 6 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 11 | 8:00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | Family Worship |
| 13 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 18 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 20 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 25 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 27 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |

Services in November

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| 1 | 10:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 3 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 8 | 8:00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | Family Worship |
| 10 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 15 | 10:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 17 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 22 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 24 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 29 | 10:00 am | Holy Communion |

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in October

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| 11 | 11:30 am | Holy Communion |
| 25 | 11:30 am | Morning prayer |

Services

There will be no services at Halton United Reformed Church for the time being.

Sunday morning services are available on-line via Zoom. See the main URC news for details.

Please continue to check the web site, or the notice board outside church, for updates.
<http://www.nlanccsurc.org.uk/halton/>

Services in November

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| 8 | 11:30 am | Holy Communion |
| 22 | 11:30 am | Morning prayer |
| 29 | 7:00 pm | Evening Prayer |

From The Registers

Baptisms:

30th August	Matthew Austin
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Weddings:

22nd August	George Petrie and Tabitha Barnett
12th Sept	Claire Athis and Jonathan Schofield

Funerals:

10th Sept	Phyllis Cottam
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Unfortunately we have discovered problems with an area of the floor, including wet rot and collapsed floor joists. We regret that we will be unable to reopen until a full survey has been completed and all work carried out.

There will therefore be no services or events at the church for the time being.

This includes Sunday Morning services, as well as coffee mornings, Here 4 You, MySpace, and Soup and a Song.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause our congregation and other church users.

Please check the web site, or the notice board outside church, for updates.

<http://www.nlancsurc.org.uk/halton/>

We look forward to welcoming you back soon.

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP & SUPPORT

Even though our building is closed, our church continues to be here in Halton when it is needed.

If you require prayer, or ministerial support, please do get in touch with the Church secretary, Barbara Wilkinson.

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St Wilfrid's Halton – 10am Sunday 4th October

Please bring offerings of tins/dry goods for the Foodbank. There will be a collection for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

A CELEBRATION OF 'ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL'

Children's Pet blessing Service. Saturday October 3rd at 3pm.

This will either be online or in the grounds of St Luke's Church Slyne, depending on Covid 19 restrictions. To register an interest please email Shealagh

Whytock at sbw@lythefell.co.uk

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are unable to hold Messy Church or Children's Church at the moment. However, children can join in with the exciting Benefice 'Virtual Sunday School'. To find this on YouTube search 'St Luke's Church Slyne with Hest'.

THE CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU!

Every week the Churches pray for different streets in Halton and for the village of Aughton. Please get in contact with Rev'd Susan if you have any pray requests for specific people, places or situations. (Details are kept confidential).

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LETTER TO MR OR MS DON'T GIVE A DAMN,

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It's customary to describe people like you as "ignorant". But you are not, are you? You just don't give a damn. You don't care that the gloves might be infected with the virus, that some caring member of our village might bin them and by doing so risk illness or death. You just don't care that the gloves might find their way into the drains and be washed out to sea to endanger fragile ecosystems, do you?

You don't care that some old person, such as I, might catch the virus from your

gloves and die, do you? Probably you feel that a reduction in the elderly population would be a good thing.

Well, let me remind you of the old message:

"As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so you will be".

If you manage to catch the virus, you will expect doctors and nurses to care sufficiently about you to risk their lives nursing you back to health. But why should they, Mr or Ms Don't Give a Damn?

Have a nice day,

David Needham

SCOUTS

It's been an interesting time over the last few months. As pretty much as every other youth organisation scouts have been unable to meet face to face for many months because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of our sections have

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been meeting online or doing some badgerwork at home, although the digital side of things isn't my strong point so sadly the Scout section haven't been meeting (as a gardener I've also still been working full time).

Very recently we have received news that scouting can now restart indoors with restrictions for Covid-19. This limits us to group sizes of 15 children and up to 5 adults. There are also some fairly extensive safety requirements that we have to comply with and this puts a much greater work load on the leaders, practically and administratively.

We are currently trying to put together all the necessary risk assessments and work out how we can bring scouting back to Halton, but this isn't going to be a quick process and so is likely to be sometime in October before this happens (it's early September as I am writing this).

Our biggest challenge is going to be trying to get the children to maintain social

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distancing (children do not generally spend their time sat at a desk like they do in school). Whatever we do, it won't be scouts as we know it for quite a while, and we won't be able to do a lot of the activities that we normally would.

At least one Scout group in our scouting district (Lonsdale) have already taken the decision not to start back until after Christmas; however, we will be doing our very best to be able to offer scouting in Halton again (even if it is in a limited capacity) before the October half-term.

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SPECIAL VISITOR

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down the river Lune, I was confused as it was heron-like but not like any heron I had seen before.

I snapped a picture as I wanted to identify the bird via the Internet on my return home. I was amazed to find that I might've actually spotted a Black crowned Night Heron! This was later confirmed by Jon at Leighton Moss who called me and told me I had spotted a rare bird. He then kept in touch with the following message...

"Hi Helen – have there been any other sightings of the night heron over the weekend? Quite a few birdwatchers have been looking but, as is often the case with these things, it's the locals who are more likely to spot the random appearances of such rarities! Cheers, Jon."

I have not experienced a second sighting; however I believe others in the village have, which is fabulous - according to online info 'this is a scarce bird to the

UK which is usually less than twenty records per annum'. If anyone else spots this rare bird I'm sure Jon at Leighton Moss would like to hear from you.

Kind Regards

Helen Bunch

JAZZ IN HORNBY

Ever the optimist and with the planned re-opening of Hornby Village Institute on Sept 7th I've made a plan for re-starting Jazz in Hornby beginning with The Harmony Hounds on Saturday 21st Nov. Fingers crossed; we live in uncertain times....watch this space.

Best wishes,

Sam Ashton



Lancashire Combined Watch Forum
'The Neighbourhood Watch Association for Lancashire'
'Halton Village' Neighbourhood Watch



Dear Neighbours,

I have created a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) scheme in this area and would like to invite you to participate in the initiative and become a member of that watch.

It is my intention to utilise the 'Halton Village' Watch to encourage neighbourliness and promote a sense of community spirit - something which I feel is vitally important as we move out of lockdown. By engaging with key services such as the local council, police and councillors, I believe we can unite as a village with a single voice through the NHW to address any on-going concerns or issues we have, to influence positive change. We can also arrange community-based initiatives as and when required, such as litter picks or social events.

The proposed area for the scheme is the entire village of Halton and will be in addition to any active NHW schemes currently operating in the area.

I would be willing to run the watch acting as the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and look forward to your support in moving forward. There is no cost to join the watch and attendance at any future meetings (Covid permitting) is entirely optional.

If you are interested in becoming involved or have any queries please contact me, my details are:

Name: Sam Pritchard

Postal address: 10 Forgewood Close, Halton, LA2 6NZ

Email: samanthajanehicks@gmail.com

Phone: 07786623063

Please respond by **16th October 2020**.

Subject to the level of support shown I will ask the Lancashire Combined Watch Forum ('The Neighbourhood Watch Association for Lancashire') to formalise the New Watch, supply Neighbourhood Watch Window Stickers and arrange the fitting of Neighbourhood Watch Lamp Post signs.

During the current pandemic it has been decided to temporarily suspend holding public meetings. The Lancashire Combined Watch Forum will therefore use the responses to this letter to determine the viability of the New Watch and acceptance of the coordinator. I would therefore request that you do respond to ensure the watch can be set up.

Please be assured that any details you provide will only be used for Neighbourhood Watch business and will not be passed to any other business or agency without your express permission. The Neighbourhood Watch setup process is regulated and overseen by the Lancashire Combined Watch Forum ('The Neighbourhood Watch Association for Lancashire'). If you have any doubts as to the validity of this letter, or any related queries please contact - secretary@lcwf.co.uk

Yours Faithfully,

Sam Pritchard

MEET LAWRENCE FROM THE GREYHOUND

My name is Lawrence Lingard. I am the new chef at the Greyhound in Halton. I took over here in April. Obviously the perfect time! Too late to get government help and just at the beginning of lock down. Challenging times!

I've worked as a chef since I was 16 years old. I'm now 54. I've worked in cafes and hotels to Michelin restaurants. 15 years ago I began working for myself. I had a small 14 bedroom hotel in Blackpool in 2005; a cafe/restaurant in Altrincham, Cheshire in 2006; then I opened Simplicity in Rotherhithe, London in 2007. In 2009 I appeared on a Gary Rhodes TV show called 'Local Food Hero'. In 2013/14 I took part in the Clipper Round the World yacht race and sailed around the globe, appearing on TV and other media in every port. I was fortunate to appear on National TV with celebrity chef Miguel Maestre in Australia and

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My nephew lives in Hest Bank which has brought me to this beautiful area. I love going for my weekly walks. At first I'd walk around an hour to Caton or the Crook o' Lune, but now I'm walking 3-4 hours and really loving the countryside, the ocean, and the occasional hamlet I may stumble across.

Pubs sadly, are a dying British institution. They must adapt and change to suit the needs of the modern consumer. Entrepreneur Amanda Wilmot was perhaps the first to realise the change in consumer habits and ended up selling her highly successful concept to Bass Taverns. I was fortunate to have been asked to join her team right at the start and was part of the team that revolutionised branded food in all pub and restaurant chains nationally. I hope to bring this experience to the Greyhound.

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British cuisine was once known as the food of kings; many people still apologise for the quality of our food from the 70's. We have a magnificent culinary

history to be proud of and I and the team here are determined to showcase the best of British food, drinks and hospitality.

We are expanding our vision of simple, good quality food and drink in a relaxed, professional environment. We hope to develop and grow our team. Once trained, they can be promoted and offered a more senior position within the group. I'm fortunate to have a really solid team who all take pride and care especially during the pandemic and the extra rules we have to adhere to.

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Lawrence Lingard

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3rd October-Andy Womack

10th October-Stuart Michaels

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get ten stamps and get the next pint on us. (Selected lines)

Come along to meet Magz Tremble and the team.
We look forward to welcoming you here!

TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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After a very much delayed start the shortened season was very hectic with games (sometimes two) virtually every day from mid July to early September. The senior season continues as I write, with first and second teams both in action until 19th September. The Sunday XI has often put out two teams on the same day to ensure there is cricket for all the younger players, with one playing competitive games and one playing a friendly; again we plan to continue this until late September.

As with the senior teams, the emphasis has been on playing as much cricket as possible rather than on trophy hunting so the juniors won't be contesting any finals. By common consent the season has been a great success with juniors really enjoying the opportunity to play after lockdown and parents jumping at the chance to socialise in a controlled way outdoors. The weather did not play ball and cost us a few games but overall a very positive, if short, season.

We are seeking to buy a new outfield mower over the winter as our current machine is at the end of its viable life so applications to be made and funds to be raised. We would normally run indoor nets in the spring but it looks like the schools will not be allowing clubs to use their facilities. We are lucky to have excellent outdoor nets which we will start to use as soon as the weather permits, probably in early March.

As always the club is in the debt of the administrators, coaches and volunteers who give up so much of their time to organise everything. If you or your family would like to be involved at Torrisholme CC as a player, volunteer, sponsor or supporter please make contact with Mark Drinkall, Hon. Welfare Officer and Junior Chair on 07738 252449 or drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

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Mark Drinkall,
6th September 2020.



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NEWS FROM THE HEARTS OF HALTON W.I.

Although there are still no official Hearts of Halton meetings until the New Year, the ladies have been busy keeping in touch and supporting each other in whatever ways they can. The committee members have discovered the wonders of Zoom and are now zooming through their meetings.

Our wonderful president, Jane, keeps in touch with regular texts, WhatsApp messages and newsy emails to ensure all

members feel remembered and supported and our super secretary, Joyce, regularly emails with updates and news. This recently included a photo competition.

A few weeks ago, every member received a surprise goodie bag containing a message of support, a heart template (more of this shortly) and some sweet treats – which were well received, but did not help with the fight against Lock-down Weight-gain!!

The heart template was to encourage a sharing of the fantastic creativity within the group. The challenge was to use it to make some sort of heart. The results of many of these were shared on the continually active WhatsApp group and included designs featuring embroidery, copper and porcelain, card and sharpie pens – to name but a few.

Some members have been able to enjoy small number, socially-distanced coffee and cake meetings in the garden and many members have been enjoying trying new recipes and regular online get-togethers with family and friends.

As the September meeting approaches (Wednesday 16 September) we will be having our very first Hearts of Halton virtual meeting via Zoom. This will be a short presentation on 'Taking Better Photographs: Cracking Composition'

Although the group is still not able to meet physically, we are still open to welcoming new members. If you are interested, please contact President Jane Mealor on the email address below:-

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BUILDING WORK & GRANTS

The 'Changing Spaces' room and new toilet facilities within the old toilet and changing room block is well underway. The fully completed facility will be a great asset, to support all disabilities and help with Covid 19 recoveries.

We have had some grant money but nowhere near the £20,000 needed for the additional costs to complete the project. All our HCA planned fundraising events for the project had to be cancelled due to Covid 19. Like so many other small businesses the Covid 19 restrictions are significantly reducing income. The distancing regulations have made it impossible for many of our

regular user groups to continue. The hire of the building and café are our only income apart from fundraising events, donations or grants. Please consider supporting your community Centre by donating something, however small, towards this project which will complete our 10 years of planned alterations for The Centre.

GENERAL & COVID PRECAUTIONS

Everyone MUST wear a mask and sanitise their hands before entering the building.

The Centre is working as two separate areas, downstairs and upstairs, with no contamination between the two.

Access to the hall is via the front ramp, not the steps, providing a one way system by exiting a different door.

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Those who attend the outside spaces should comply with social distancing while visiting our premises.

NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES

Preschool & Kids Club are now in the Hall, Monday to Friday, 7:30-6pm

Phil's Fitness, Staying Strong, Bronya School of Dance, Boogie Blast, Stretch 'n Tone, Weight Watchers, Enjoy-a-ball, Fitness Pilates, Ballroom & Sequence Dancing and Indoor bowling have closed at least until Covid restrictions have been eased or lifted.

Pilates is now on a Wednesday only 6:15 -7:15pm;

Tae Kwon Do – new time 6:15 -7:15pm;

Samba Espirito – new time 6:30pm;

Outdoor Circuits is now on a Monday, 6-7pm;

Toddler Group, at the moment, is The Lock-down Baby Café;

NEW Reeder Dance - Tue 7:30-9:30; Latin American Beginners classes starting 13th October – ring James 07778 919689 to book a place

Square Dancing & Lune Valley Voices are hoping to restart but no date yet, maybe November;

The MUGA, multi use games area, has several private regular bookings through the week. Times are displayed on the MUGA noticeboard.

The MUGA is expected to be resurfaced in September, weather permitting and will be CLOSED during the repair work. If the weather has been kind this should have been completed by October.

The Centre has arranged for some of our more vulnerable groups to start as small,

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The Luncheon Club Café, Knitter Natter Café, Garden Group Café, Memory Café, Lock-down Baby Café, Winter Games Café. This is to help our more vulnerable villagers to venture from the isolation of lockdown, to a safe environment following the Covid guidelines.

Anyone interested in any of these Café groups should contact the group leaders or The Centre for more information.

Junior Football, Walking Football, Walking Netball, have all restarted, but please check with the leaders in case there is a change of time or special requirements needed for any session.

As numbers per room or session are limited due to Covid 19 restrictions, you will probably need to book your place at any session you would like to attend.

If a session is not mentioned see What's On page.

FORTHCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS @ The Centre ring 811316 for more info.

Salsa Dance Night with BAR 8pm. Tentatively Nov 14 – Michael 07971 673436

Autumn Fair 14 Nov – Tentative

Garden & Plant Sale Sat 22 May 2021– Ann 811684

See Prattle's Advance dates for your diary for more Centre events 2020-21

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Hall or Room Hire: Carol Holman: 811444

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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. All the above was correct on 9th

Sept. Covid regulations could well have

changed again when you read this.

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

The situation may have changed so check with the organiser for the latest information!

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:

Outdoor Circuits: 6-7pm 811316

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

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

American Square Dancing: 7:30-10pm Brian 811444 will resume asap
5-a-side: 8-9pm Andrew 074434 26458

Tuesdays:

Lockdown Baby Café: 1011 10-11am By appointment only 811316

Knit 'n' Natter, Crafts & Chatter Café: 2-4:30pm free Lyn 811694 M1

Beavers: 5:30-6:30 07960 942082 Scout Hut

Taekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick 07985125530

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

NEW Reeder Dance: 7:30-9:30pm Latin American 07778 919689 to book a place
Quiz Night: The Greyhound 812054

Wednesdays:

Walking Football: 10-11:30am on Field £3. John 01524 48753

Winter Games Café: 2pm; to book a place Anne 811052

Pilates: 6:15-7:15 07799068191

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

Walking Netball: 7-8pm on MUGA, when inside 7:30-8:30. £4 811316

Thursdays:

Circuits: 9.20-9:50am Kate Hill

07793970435 Aughton Village Hall

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

Samba Espirito (Drumming): 6:30-9:30pm Karen 07711 262288

Carpet Bowls: 7:30pm Aughton Hall, Tim 07980 573805. Closed during Covid restrictions

Evenings Sun - Thur

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

Saturdays:

Live Entertainment: 8:30 onwards, The Greyhound 812054

Sundays:

Valley Church: 10am Chrissie 07428 165505

FOOTBALL

Halton Jnr Football Club

Damian 07850 913051

Saturday 9:30-11:30; 3-6 yr olds

Sunday 10-2; 7-14 yr olds

(times depending on fixtures)

Contact secretary@haltonjuniorsfc.com

FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS

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

Fridays: Memory Café: 11am–12:30pm;
by appointment Rita 07979715041

55's Luncheon Club Café: 10am–12:30pm;
by appointment 811316

MONTHLY EVENTS

MONDAYS:

2nd Mon: Halton Reading Group: 9:30–
10:30am 07894 247710

TUESDAYS:

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

3rd Tues: Gardening Group: 10:00–
11:30am M1 (exc Aug, & Dec) Chair Moni-
ca 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.
closed until 2021

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

THURSDAYS:

4th Thurs: Lune 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
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ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Sat 14 Autumn Fair – Tentative – The Cen-
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1. Which club won the much-delayed FA Cup Final in 2020; they have won the trophy more than any other club?
2. Prince Harry and his wife Meghan apparently moved away from the UK to ensure they had a private life without press intrusion; in which city do they now reside?
3. The shortened 2020 Cricket County Championship is to be named after which former England cricket captain?
4. What is the first name of Robert Maxwell's 58 year old daughter, currently on remand in the US?
5. Paul Sinha revealed in May 2019 that he is suffering from Parkinson's disease; on which TV show is he one of the regular quiz experts?
6. Veteran actress Olivia De Havilland died recently; her sister died in 2013 and was also a star of the silver screen – what was her stage name?
7. The number of atoms or molecules in one mole of any substance is known as who's number?
8. Until March 2011 which institution held the record for having the highest walls of any current UK prison?
9. This couple have acting sons called Joseph and Samuel and have become as famous as champions of inland waterways as they are for their own stage careers in recent years. Who are they?
10. The island of Spinalonga was for many years a leper colony. Just off the coast of which much larger island does it lie?

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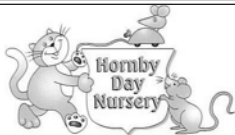
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11. According to Shakespeare who is 'The Moor of Venice'?
12. In American sport (or should that be sports?) which city has major teams called the Bulls, Cubs and Bears?
13. 'Nothing in this game for two in a bed' was one of the catchphrases associated with which 1980s TV series?
14. Commonly used in chicken dishes and hollandaise sauce, which culinary herbs is also sometimes called estragon?
15. The recently deceased politician John Hulme was one of the architects of the Irish peace process and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 in recognition of this; with whom did he share the prize?
16. Born in 1829 in Southampton and a founder of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, which artist's works include Ophelia and Christ in the House of His Parents?
17. Which acting legend is the face of the advertising campaign for the newly launched Kia Niro electric and hybrid car?
18. What is the state capital of the Australian state of Victoria?
19. Which Glam Rock band, prominent in the 1970s and early 1980s, had hits with 'Teenage Rampage' and 'Fox on the Run'?
20. In August 2020 which company, the UK's largest independent travel agent, announced that it was planning to make over 800 people redundant?

*Thanks to our Quizmaster, Mark Drinkall -
answers on page 24*

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THE CENTRE @ HALTON AND A HAPPIER COMMUNITY

The COVID 19 pandemic has been a difficult, lonely and stressful time for many people in and around Halton. The staff and volunteers at our community centre have recognised how challenging it can be to live with a positive attitude during these exceptional times, and we are determined to help if we can. We are working hard to re-open as many activities as possible, with safety being a priority. Our newly refurbished toilets will soon be open, allowing much needed accessible facilities for people with disabilities.

I've recently taken over the role of chairman of the charity running The Centre@Halton, attempting to help continue with the amazing work done by Brian Jefferson and Maureen Richardson and the committed, friendly and capable team who run The Centre@Halton on a day to day basis.

Having spent many years as a local GP, I am interested in what people could do to help themselves live a happier, healthier

life. Mood disorders can be disabling illnesses requiring treatment, but perhaps all of us could consider if 'The Ten Keys to Happier Living framework' may be helpful to us. It is based on an extensive review of the latest research evidence relating to psychological/mental wellbeing, and I believe involvement with The Centre@Halton could help deliver these keys to unlock happier living.

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Caring about others is fundamental to our happiness. Helping other people is not only a great thing to do, it also makes us happier and healthier too. Giving also creates stronger connections between people and helps to build a happier society for everyone. And it's not just about money (although that would help with funding the new toilets!) - we can also give our time, ideas and energy. So if you want to feel good, perhaps consider volunteering at the HCA coffee shop, or helping to form and run a group activity.

Connect with people

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Take care of your body

Our body and our mind are connected. Being active makes us happier as well as being good for our physical health. It instantly improves our mood and can even lift us out of a depression. We can also boost our well-being by perhaps joining classes; there are choices to suit all ages and levels of fitness.

Live life mindfully

Ever felt there must be more to life? Well, good news, there is! We just need to stop and take notice. Being more mindful helps us get in tune with our feelings and stops us dwelling on the past or worrying about the future – so we get more out of the day-to-day. Classes and groups are run at The Centre@Halton that can perhaps help us all – maybe the gardening group could help with taking time to ‘stop and smell the roses’!

Keep learning new things

Learning affects our well-being in lots of positive ways. It also gives us a sense of

accomplishment and helps boost our self-confidence and resilience. There are many ways to learn new things – not just through formal qualifications. We can share a skill with friends, join a club, learn to sing, play a new sport. All are possible at The Centre@Halton, just find one to suit you.

Have goals to look forward to

Feeling good about the future is important for our happiness. We all need goals to motivate us and these need to be challenging enough to excite us, but also achievable. Choosing ambitious but realistic goals gives our lives direction and brings a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction when we achieve them. Helping out The Centre@Halton could be part of building a happier, healthier Halton, and we’d love to hear from you.

Find ways to bounce back

All of us have times of stress, loss, failure or trauma in our lives. We often cannot choose what happens to us, but we can choose our own attitude to what happens. In practice it's not always easy but

having a network of kind supportive people can be helpful.

Look for what's good

Positive emotions – like joy, gratitude, contentment, inspiration, and pride – are not simply great at the time. Recent research shows that regularly experiencing them creates an 'upward spiral', helping to build our resources. People really enjoy their time at The Centre@Halton according to our feedback.

Be comfortable with who you are

No-one's perfect, and volunteering for the first time can be daunting. Whatever you have to offer, however small, we would love to hear from you.

Be part of something bigger

People who have meaning and purpose in their lives are happier, feel more in control and get more out of what they do. They also experience less stress, anxiety and depression. But where do we find 'meaning and purpose'? It might be our religious faith, being a parent or doing a job that makes a difference, or volunteering to help run functions in the community you live in. The answers vary for each of us but they all involve being connected to something bigger than ourselves, and The Centre@Halton can provide opportunities for all of these.

Please call in to the Coffee Shop at The Centre@Halton, or email centremanager@halton.org or chair@haltoncentre.org.

Dr Pete Nightingale,

Chairman,
Halton Community Association

PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS



20. Hays
19. The Sweet
18. Melbourne
17. Robert De Niro
16. Millais
15. David Trimble
14. Tarragon
13. Bullseye
12. Chicago
11. Othello
10. Crete
9. Timothy West and Prunella Scales
- at that point.
8. Lancaster Castle; it closed as a prison
7. Avogadro's Number
6. Joan Fontaine
5. The Chase
- Gillayne)
4. Ghislaine (Apparently pronounced
3. Bob Willis
2. Montecito, Santa Barbara, California
1. Arsenal



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CATON CLUBS NEWS

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The message from our committee is stay safe and well. We will keep you up to date with any changes to our meetings and events. Just to confirm that our programme for 2020 is cancelled. We hope to hold our A.G.M on the 21st of January 2021 at 2pm in the Victoria Institute.

It has been accepted that the 2020 programme and membership cards will be rolled over to 2021 making small changes to the dates. There will be free membership for all paid up members. The fee for new members will be £5.00.

We have all missed meeting up with our friends in the social settings of our events and day trips out. Our main concern has to be the safety of our mem-

bers, we will be back as soon as circumstances allow. Until then stay safe and well and watch this space.

For any further information call our secretary, Benita on 01524 771943.

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We are very sorry that this year's theatre visits are cancelled. All refunds for 'Evita' at The Theatre by the Lake in Keswick have now been distributed.

The Octagon theatre in Bolton has reserved seats for us on 26th June 2021 for 'One man two governors'; we have fingers crossed.

We will watch carefully any news on theatre openings and look forward to seeing you all again soon. Stay safe and well. For further information call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943.



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YOGA, PILATES AND COWORKING BACK AT THE MILL

The Mill is slowly reopening with a range of C19 measures in place and we are enjoying seeing old friends and getting back a bit of the old buzz. People have returned to many of the offices, workshops and studios and we have welcomed yoga and Pilates classes back to the River Room. The classes are smaller than previously, to allow social distancing, and people are being asked to book for a series of classes, rather than one-offs. See <https://theriverroom.org.uk/> for details.

Amber, our administrator, is back in the Mill after being furloughed. Life is returning to the building. We are not open currently for general bookings or for hosting events, but we are slowly trialling a few other classes and workshops and are looking at whether we could host some small-scale events. It all depends on what happens with C19 infection rates and Government guidelines. Keep an eye on our website – www.haltonmill.org.uk – to find out what is happening.

To mitigate Covid risks, we have a one-way system upstairs, have installed lots of sanitising stations and are having touch points and having toilets cleaned twice a day. We hope to continue opening more facilities bit by bit.

REFURBISHMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

We took the opportunity of lockdown to do make improvements to the Mill. We

have refurbished a unit that became vacant during lockdown into a larger, improved Hive Coworking space, a shared office where people can rent desks by the day, week or month. We have also turned our seminar room downstairs into a temporary Hive extension so we can accommodate more desks with proper social distancing. Currently there are full-time (£100 per month) desks and part-time (£60 per month) desks available, and desks can also be hired for the day (£7.50). With many of us still unable to return to our place of work, this gives people the option to get away from home and work safely alongside others. Lunelab Makerspace, our community workshop, has had a new floor and shelving put in, so the thriving community of potters, carpenters and other makers can get back to making and creating. It's now necessary to book in order to use

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At the time of writing we have a few office and other vacancies. Due to C19, we are not currently using our downstairs café/meeting space, and have no plans to open it before the New Year at the earliest – so we are offering the space as a temporary office till the end of the year, for £200/month (plus utilities). One of our long-term tenants is looking for someone who might want sole use of his lovely riverside office one or two days a week. And finally, we have a small space available in our shared ground floor craft space, Lunecraft Studio – it's 5 m2 and monthly rent is £48 plus a share of utility bills.

To find out more about any of the other opportunities above, email greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk or ring 07582 789406.

STAFF CHANGES

Fiona Frank, who has been operations manager of the Mill since we opened in 2013, retired at the end of September. She was part of the team who dreamt up and brought to fruition the vision of Halton Mill as a vibrant work and event space, transforming it from a derelict former engineering factory to today's beautiful, multi-use building. Her energy, enthusiasm and passion have been a fantastic boon to the Mill community, and she has always striven to provide a welcoming space for local people. Fiona is staying on as a director of Green Elephant Cooperative, which runs the Mill, for the coming year. She will continue to rent an office in the Mill, from where she tells us she'll be running some 'post-retirement projects.' We look forward to seeing them, and her, flourish.

Alison, Amber and Chris

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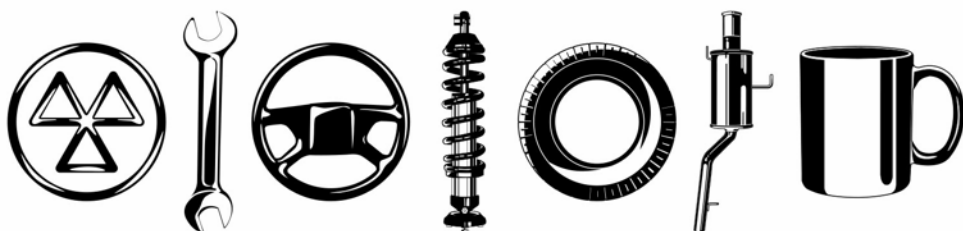
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

RESIGNATIONS

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to (Councillor) Barbara Duffy who has resigned from the Parish Council due to moving to a new house. Barbara has served on the Council since May 2015 and has been a valuable member of the Council serving as Vice-Chair, representative for the Burton & Rigby Educational Foundation and HCA, as well as keeping an eye on the allotments.

Chris Baxter who is one of our ground staff has also resigned. He is one of the three people who work hard maintaining the public spaces and play areas around the village.

The Parish Council would like to offer our gratitude for their work and wish them well.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Parish Council is currently comprised of five councillors, but there should be eight, so **3 positions are vacant**.

Over the last 10 years, the council has helped to:

- Refurbish and enhance The Centre, the play areas and skate park.
- Provide an emergency response capability for the village.

The Parish Council is responsible for the following areas:

- Provision and maintenance of the recreational and play areas at The Centre, St Wilfrid's Park & Schoolhouse Lane.
- Maintaining the public open spaces around The Centre, Quarry Road, the "Plantation" (the wild triangle between the roundabout, High Rd & Low Rd), Castle Hill, War Memorial and Memorial Gardens.
- Provision, management and maintenance of the burial ground, allotments, bus shelters and bins
- Representing the views and interests of parishioners and acting as a medium for consultation and communication with both the City and County Councils. For instance, the previous Parish Plans have been organised by the council.

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- Considering planning applications matters which are brought to its attention.

Do you have a desire to improve or enhance something on this list? If so, your energy would be welcome. It is not political, and all the councillors are volunteers, so you can decide what responsibilities and level of involvement you take on.

It is a great way to get more involved with parish activities, help maintain and improve the local facilities and influence the development of the parish.

The Parish Council normally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 19:15 at the Centre, but this has been happening online for the last few months. The agenda, minutes and other information can be found on the website (<http://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk>).

Feel free to contact the Clerk or one of the councillors if you may be interested in helping or have any questions.

PLAY AREAS

The play areas remain open subject to government regulations. However, given the recent increase in COVID cases, please try follow our guidance for the play areas:

- Only members of one household should use an individual piece of equipment at a time. Only 1 family member to accompany a child within a play area.
- Parents are encouraged to bring hand sanitiser with them when they visit

and to ensure that the children use it frequently and regularly.

- Wash your and your children's hands before and after visiting.
- Do not to consume food or drink in the play areas.
- Follow the current social distance guidelines and use of face coverings.
- If the playground is busy, consider coming back at a later time.

IMPORTANT

If someone becomes unwell with COVID symptoms whilst in the play area or shortly afterwards:

- Please leave immediately.
- Please inform The Centre or Parish Clerk (clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk) as soon as possible so that any equipment can be closed for cleaning and members of the public warned.

Luke Mills, Parish Clerk

e: clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk,
m: 07980 000 682

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Mon-Sat: No 49 from High Road: 0722, 0752, 0807, 0922 then 1/2 hourly until 1522, 1737, 1837, 1937, 2052 (490)

No 80/81 from Low Road: 0716, 0801, 0941, 1001, 1056, 1236, 1336, 1436, 1536 (SO), 1637, 1812

Sun and BH: No 81 from Low Road; 0955 then hourly until 1855

TO KELLETS, CARNFORTH AND WARTON

No 49 from High Road; Mon-Sat; 0947, then hourly until 1447, 1547 (NSch), 1632, 1732

TO INGLETON VIA BENTHAM

No 80 from Low Road; Mon-Sat; 0742, 1014, 1214, 1414, 1739

TO KIRKBY LONSDALE

No 81 from Low Road; Mon-Sat; 0857, 1114, 1314 (Ing), 1539 (Ing), 1629 (NSch, Ing on Sat), 1841. **Sun and BH;** 0927 then hourly until 1827

FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

No 49 Mon-Sat; Stand 13; 0700, 0750, 0905, 0930, then 1/2 hourly until 1500, 1530 [SO], 1615 then hourly to 1915

No 80/81 Mon-Sat; 0730, 0845, 1000 then hourly to 1400, 1525, 1615 [Nsch], 1725, 1830

LAST BUSES BACK TO HALTON FROM

Lancaster 1915 (1815 on Sun/BH)

Carnforth 1713, then 2028 (490) (no direct service Sun/BH)

Kirkby Lonsdale 1716 (1815 on Sun/BH)

Ingleton 1701 (no service Sunday)

There are more buses to Kirkby Lonsdale from Denny Beck, including a Mon-Sat 1815 return, Stagecoach tickets not valid.

SO - Saturdays Only

NSch - Not school days

BH - Bank Holidays

Ing - Continues to Ingleton after Kirkby Lonsdale

490 - Service 490, Stagecoach tickets not valid

DIAL A BUS Book on: 01524 425902; email: itslancastermorecambe@lancashire.gov.uk

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OTHER SERVICES

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. **Currently closed due to Covid regulations.**

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

POLICE: Community police 101, Police station 01524 463333

POST OFFICE: (In the Pharmacy) Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30–12:30 & 1:00–4:00

PHARMACY: Mon – Fri 9:00-5:30; tel 812149, closed Saturdays & Sundays

USEFUL LINKS

Community run Car Club: www.lancar.org.uk

Halton Juniors FC: www.haltonjuniorsfc.com

Halton Lune Hydro: www.haltonlunehydro.org

Halton Mill: www.haltonmill.org.uk

Halton Social Club: email haltonsocialclub@gmail.com

Halton United Reformed Church: www.nlancsurc.org.uk then click on 'Halton'

Lancaster CoHousing: www.lancastercohousing.org.uk

Parish Council: www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk

St Wilfrid's Church: www.achurchnearyou.com/halton-st-wilfrid-church

St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School: www.st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk

The Centre@Halton: www.haltoncentre.org/

The Prattle: email haltonprattle@btinternet.com

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