



# THE PRATTLE



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**Welcome to the next edition of The Prattle. It is somewhat slimmer than usual as a lot of the village's regular classes and activities are on hold due to the current lockdown.**

**However, there are alternatives if you look for them - the articles on Page 8 & 9 describe two perfect examples. So, dear readers, why not tell us what is keeping you sane and active through this pandemic? Send an email to [haltonprattle@btinternet.com](mailto:haltonprattle@btinternet.com) and share your on-line alternatives!**

**Jan & Dave**

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# THE CHURCHES OF HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON

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## THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Minister - currently vacant

All services start at 10:00 am

unless otherwise stated.

Bookings Barbara Wilkinson 811862

All service times are provisional. It is highly likely that the number of services held in the church building will be reduced or suspended. Please check the church websites for up to date information:

St Wilfrid's: [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11641/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11641/)  
St Saviour's: [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11636/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11636/)

We will be continuing to livestream our 10 am Sunday Services and Tuesday Morning prayer service, even when the buildings are closed, onto 'St Wilfrid's Church of England' Facebook page.

### Services in February

7	10:00 am	Family Communion
9	9:00 am	Morning prayer
14	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Family Worship
16	9:00 am	Morning prayer
21	10:00 am	Family Communion
	6:00 pm	Cafe Church (Zoom)
23	9:00 am	Morning prayer
28	10:00 am	Family Communion

### Services in March

2	9:00 am	Morning prayer
7	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Family Worship
9	9:00 am	Morning prayer
14	10:00 am	Family Communion
16	9:00 am	Morning prayer

### Services

There are currently no services at Halton United Reformed Church, but please watch out for updates on our website and the notice board outside church.

For the time being Sunday morning services are available online via Zoom.

See the main URC news for details:  
<http://www.nlancsurc.org.uk/halton/>

21	10:00 am	Family Communion
	6:00 pm	Cafe Church (Zoom)
23	9:00 am	Morning prayer
28	10:00 am	Family Communion
30	9:00 am	Morning prayer

## ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

### Services in February

14	11:30 am	Holy Communion
28	11:30 am	Morning Prayer

### Services in March

14	11:30 am	Holy Communion
28	11:30 am	Morning prayer

### From The Registers

#### Funerals

30th November – Sheila Foster

3rd December – Eric Redfearn

Services are live streamed onto Facebook as follows:

**Sunday 10 am** – Morning Service: 2nd and 4th Sundays St Wilfrid's, 1st and 3rd Sundays St

**Sunday 10 am** – Morning Service: 2nd and 4th Sundays St, Wilfrid's; 1st and 3rd Sundays, St Luke's Slyne.

Cafe Church – 3rd Sunday, 6:30 pm on Zoom. Email [revsusan.seed@btinternet.com](mailto:revsusan.seed@btinternet.com) for the link.

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**Tuesday** – 9am: Morning Prayer, St Wilfrid's

**Wednesday** – 9am: Morning Prayer, St Luke's.

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## **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SERVICES**

We are not currently holding physical services at Halton URC.

Sunday morning services continue on Zoom. Please see the main news listing. Watch the web site and our church noticeboard for updates on our future re-opening. <http://nlancsurc.org.uk/halton>

### **NEW MINISTER**

We have good news on the appointment of our new minister!

Rev. John Gordon will join to serve alongside Rev. Irene John in our North Lancashire partnership of seven churches. He will be moving to the area to take up the role, and we are really looking forward to offering him the warmest of welcomes soon.

### **ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP AND SUPPORT**

Our building may be closed for physical services or events for the time being, but 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. Sunday morning worship continues on Zoom. For information on the Zoom services, or for a printed weekly service sheet, please contact Barbara Wilkinson on 811862 or [barbarastandenjones@hotmail.com](mailto:barbarastandenjones@hotmail.com).

Keep an eye on our web site, and the noticeboard outside church, for future updates.

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

## ST WILFRID'S HALTON AND ST SAVIOUR, AUGHTON

***Bible Study and Discussion Group***

***2nd and 4th Thursdays 7:30 pm***

***on Zoom***

***This is a friendly group and everyone is welcome.***

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***for the link.***

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There are many resources available for children and young people on the Blackburn Diocese website: [bducation.org.uk](http://bducation.org.uk).

## MINISTER'S THOUGHT

### BUILD BACK BETTER

Our lives are often described as a journey and sometimes, as in the year 2020, we end up in unexpected places. This time last year none of us could have predicted what was to come and that our lives would be turned upside down by the Coronavirus pandemic. When we find ourselves in these unexpected situations, although they may be uncomfortable, and even painful, we are changed by our experiences and will often learn from them.

Over the last month churches have been marking the season of Epiphany when we remember the journey of the Magi, or 'wise men'. They decided to leave their homes to follow a star to find a child, who had been born king of the Jews. Their journey would have been long and hard. They go to Herod's palace, the obvious place to find a new king, but instead they find Jesus in an unexpected place, an ordinary humble home in Bethlehem. Here they are able to give their gifts to the child Jesus and they are greatly blessed, being 'overwhelmed with joy'. They are changed by their encounter and, having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they go home by a different route.

There are important lessons we can learn from this story which we can reflect on as we look back over 2020 and look forward to the future:



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1 - The wise men didn't travel alone. The wise men would have supported each other, encouraging each other when the journey got tough. During 2020 we saw many examples of people supporting and encouraging others through things like the weekly 'clap for the NHS'. We all know the importance of having people around us when we are struggling and going through difficult times, and each one of us can continue to try and offer help to others. Sometimes something as simple as making a phone call to someone who we think may be feeling lonely, can make a world of difference to them.

2 - The wise men's journey was one of faith which led to a great reward. Although the wise men were guided by a star, their journey was very much a journey of faith. They didn't know how long their journey would last or where their final destination would be. Their journey was bold and courageous; it was one of searching and questioning, of pain and joy, of fear and hope. Our journey through 2020 has been very similar, and as we go forward into 2021 there is still much uncertainty and anxiety, but we can now start to look forward with hope to a better future due to the development of the new vaccines.

3 - The wise men were changed by their experiences. The wise men are warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went home by a different route. We don't know what happened to the wise men after they returned home, but we do know that they were changed by their

experience of meeting with Jesus. As we go forward into 2021, our experiences during 2020 have taught us much. We have become much more aware of the importance of our families and friends and of the value of our key workers. There are many things which we took for granted in the past which I expect we will really appreciate in the future, such as the freedom to travel and to take part in social activities. We saw positive effects on our environment as more of us worked from home. We have also become more aware of those in need in our local communities and put in place our village collections for the Morecambe Food bank.

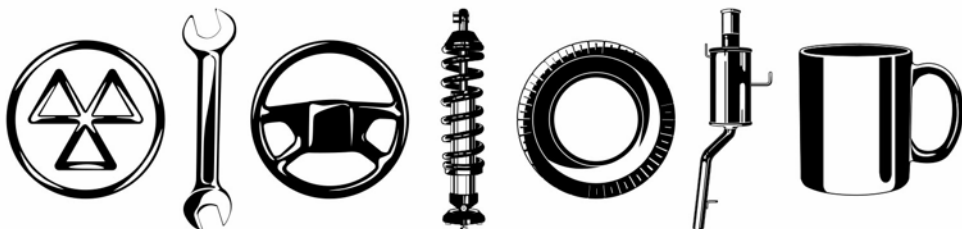
There is much talk of looking forward to returning to 'normal'. However, in the rush to return to 'normal' we must take time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to. We all need to journey on together, encouraging one another, and looking forward with hope. We can ask God to help us to learn from our experiences during 2020 and to have the strength to act upon what we have learnt to build a better future.

**Rev'd Susan Seed**

Rector of St Wilfrid's Halton and  
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As spring approaches small shoots are appearing in the tubs, planters, terrace and grounds tended by this active group. It heralds the start of new life and hope, promising a glorious display of narcissi, muscari, tulips and other spring flowers in the early months of 2021.

The group are going to be very busy in 2021/22 refurbishing the **Memorial Garden** on the corner of Church Brow and Foundry Lane, with support from the Parish Council, contractors and any other willing volunteers. Over £2000 has already been raised from grants and last year's plant sale to help with the restoration. Further fundraising applications are being made alongside plans for our next **Plant Sale on Saturday May 22nd 2021.**

This ambitious project has captured the imagination of our members and supporters; however, there is a great deal of work to do and any additional help will

be greatly appreciated. Obviously, the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions will impact our ability to progress as quickly as we would have liked, but some work can be commenced with the help of contractors.

We are hoping to remove and reduce overgrown and overhanging shrubs in the three border beds and replant with a more suitable selection of plants and flowers, which reflect the era during which the garden was built and are sensitive to its purpose as a Memorial space. Working with the existing large cherry tree and some remaining shrubs, the new planting will provide year round interest and colour, with respect for wildlife. As funds grow we intend to provide more seating and a structural central focal point with plants. We expect it will take us until summer 2022 to complete.

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**Monica Williams** Chair HGG

## **LANCASTER SINGERS**

Lancaster Singers have been rehearsing for months on our virtual platform. Our Director, Duncan Lloyd, has been working tirelessly to produce new material and to record the 'click track' accompaniments to which we sing.

We'll be starting on a new collection of songs and pieces in January and planning for live performances when possible. Our stance is to be eternally optimistic.

Would you like to join us online? Prospective new members are always welcome to join the virtual rehearsals – please contact Sarah Jackson on 07929 031 466 or email [welcome@lancastersingers.org](mailto:welcome@lancastersingers.org) for more details. Our usual 'light-touch' auditions will resume when we eventually get back together.

Lancaster Singers would like to extend warmest thanks to its Members, Friends and Supporters who remain resilient and positive during these challenging times.

**Chris Haughton, Chairman**  
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Valentine's Day, February 14th, was originally a pagan fertility festival.

Both Chaucer and Shakespeare referred to St Valentine in their works

Charles, Duke of Orleans, sent the oldest known Valentine, dating back to 1415, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

The tradition of giving flowers to loved ones on Valentine's Day originated in the 17th century. The most traditional type for Valentine's Day became the rose because of its association with the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.



# COPING IN LOCKDOWN!

## OUR HOBBY HAS KEPT US SANE DURING THE PANDEMIC

We are modern square dancers, totally hooked on our hobby, which enables us to socialise, meet new people and, of course, dance. Square dancing has no footwork so appeals to those with two left feet. Although danced in couples in a square of 8, you do not need a partner to attend. There is a huge variety of music played and although, like anything new, it takes some time to learn, even total beginners will be enjoying dancing on the first night. Think of a Ceilidh but done in squares. That's the first night. Each week you learn a little more, then the fun really takes off.

It is a world-wide hobby, called in English wherever you are. For some reason it is not as widely known as Line Dancing or Sequence Dancing. It is particularly good for the brain and it's not repetitive like almost all other forms of dance.

We, personally, normally danced 4 times a week, pre-pandemic, and travelled around the country or abroad about 10 times a year for weekend events.

Of course the pandemic squashed all that when everything closed. **BUT** Square dancers are a resilient lot. We discovered Zoom. Gradually, since last March Square dance callers from various parts of the world have been putting on dance sessions on Zoom. We have taken over our dining room as a dance floor

with some markings to help us with the 6 other people who are now not there (the 'phantoms'). We dance in the comfort of our own homes, no travelling, no costs, to callers from Britain, America, Canada, Germany, Sweden, Australia plus more.

Sometimes there are over 80 devices joined on Zoom. Dancers from all over America, Canada and Europe including even China, Japan, Poland, Australia, Russia. We have joined in some world-wide charity dances which have included dozens of different callers at the event lasting for 6hrs and more.

It was very hard at first to imagine the other 6 phantoms, but, after practice, it has become easier, making us able to continue dancing and keeping fit whilst meeting and making even more new friends, now, from all over the world.

We now dance 7 days a week, sometimes 3 times in one day, at usually 1 to 2 hrs sessions. Without our dancing we would have gone stir crazy. Isn't technology fantastic?

Eventually we will be able to physically restart the clubs in our local halls, then we can invite you all to come along and join in the fun and friendship of Social & Modern Square Dance. I will tell you a little more about our favourite hobby another time.

**Carol Holman**

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## TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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The normal winter activities at the club have been limited by the pandemic restrictions. Since Christmas we are unable to do very much at the club beyond security and protection from the weather. We will not be able to run indoor nets as no local facilities are open to outside organisations so we plan to open our own excellent outdoor facility as soon as the weather and Covid restrictions allow.

The usual spring round of Cricket Assemblies at local schools will not be taking place, but the schools have been provided with a flyer and it is hoped that they will circulate to parents and this will generate an influx of young

players before the season. Existing players will be contacted about practice and registration when we have some clarity about when and how we can proceed.

Some minor maintenance work was conducted over Christmas with several damaged chairs repaired with the help of a skilled volunteer from Halton and we are anticipating the delivery of our new rotary tractor in the next few weeks. Once the ground dries out a little we can proceed with the re-development of our score box with a smart new electronic scoreboard due for installation pre-season. It looks like Senior and Junior AGMs will need to be held remotely but the club has again added another team. We intend to enter

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We plan to enter 9 junior teams in various competitions, including our successful girls team. The youngest age group is Under 9 but some players are significantly younger and we also plan to run All Stars for 5 to 8 year olds who have little or no experience of cricket. If you have played before we suggest you join the club rather than All Stars. All Stars is run centrally by the ECB and must be booked on line.

The club is currently providing players to many of the boys and girls age group squads at Lancashire and Cumbria level so there is a pathway for outstanding talent as well as a friendly, fun environment and a busy social calendar (in a normal season), for all players, parents, supporters and volunteers. Should you or your child be interested in being involved at the club as a player, volunteer, coach, sponsor or supporter please contact Junior Chair and Welfare Officer Mark Drinkall on 07738252449 or by email on [drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk](mailto:drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk)



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**other info:** Events tickets – TicketSource or Coffee Shop or ring office 01524 811316 or email [info@haltoncentre.org](mailto:info@haltoncentre.org). This is not the way we all hoped 2021 would start. We were all hoping that there would be some semblance of normality, albeit perhaps a new normal, but of course, here we are in lockdown again, very similar as last year at the very beginning. As I write this in January, The Centre is closed apart from the preschool, Kids Club & the weekly lockdown baby café. Everything else is not allowed to take place following government guidelines.

Sadly at the moment we do not have any idea when we may resume anything else.

Picking up on snippets from the news, it is probably not until at least late February. Watch our monthly email bulletins for news.

At the moment we are NOT taking any advance bookings for parties.

The 'Changing Spaces' room and new toilet facilities within the old toilet & changing room block is now totally completed and in use. Official opening will be once Covid 19 is under control and we can open our door again.

Like many small businesses we are struggling financially with income not covering our expenditure. We had put aside contingency money for a rainy day. It's raining cats and dogs at the moment and we are using it up fast.

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We can't wait to be able to invite you all to a celebration for our very prestigious Queen's Award For Volunteering and to show off our state of the art changing spaces.

We are beginning to put a plan together for a BIG party to bring the village back together, where all of The Centre's groups, village activities and local businesses can remind everyone what is going to be on offer again in, and around, our vibrant village. The Centre, and I am sure everyone else, will want to celebrate getting this awful pandemic under control. We are thinking probably July/Aug but, of course, that depends on the vaccine rollout and everyone sticking to the rules to keep us all safe beforehand.

If there is anyone out there that would like to join in with the planning, contact

The Centre. We are a small bunch of volunteers so the more people who join in to help the better the event will be. Obviously we have no dates but it takes time to plan these big events and we want to be ready for when we can roll out the carpet.

Ring and leave a message 01524 811316. Messages are picked up regularly during the lockdown.

**GENERAL & COVID PRECAUTIONS:**

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The Centre staff will ensure wherever possible that all people who enter the

premises comply.

Every effort has been made by our staff to safeguard those who use our facilities. Those who attend the outside spaces should comply with social distancing while visiting our premises.

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

Preschool & Kids Club – will continue as previously;

Lockdown Baby Café – runs every Tuesday. Pre-booked places only;

All other sessions at The Centre, whether inside or outside, have been cancelled for an indefinite period.

**If a session is not mentioned – see What's on page.**

For more information – contacts for all sessions normally at The Centre are in What's On pages.

**FORTHCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS @ THE CENTRE ring 811316 for more info.**  
**Polling Station – Thursday 6th May 2021**





**Outside Garden & Plant Sale Sat 22**  
May 2021 – Ann 811684

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

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## 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 ap-  
pointment 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  
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 418753

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 restric-  
tions

### 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

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## 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: 9:30–  
10:30am M1 (exc Aug) Chair Monica Wil-  
liams. 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 at this time

**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:

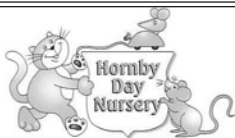
**1st Fri:** Hospice Friends Coffee Morning:  
9:30–11:30 The Courtyard Café at St John's  
Hospice

## ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May 2021

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## THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 42

1. Earning the nicknames 'King of the Kippax' and 'Nijinsky' this former Manchester City and England midfielder died in early January; what was his name?
2. Grandmother Margaret Keenan became the first person in the UK to do what in December 2020?
3. The Ludendorff railway bridge across the river Rhine was one of the key crossing points for the Allied armies during WW2, a 1969 film being made about its capture.. What was the name of that film?
4. Which former Squeeze pianist hosts the annual New Year Hootenanny on BBC each year?
5. Introduced by Microsoft to replace Skype, what is the name of the information sharing and remote conferencing programme which has proved invaluable to many people during the Covid crisis?
6. Former Love Island contestant Zara Holland and her boyfriend tried to flee which Caribbean island after he was found to have Covid and ordered to isolate?
7. Helicopters were first employed to support combat troops during which conflict?
8. Who announced in early 2021 that she will step down from the title role in Dr Who after the current series?
9. The Gerry and the Pacemakers hit 'You Will Never Walk Alone' was taken from which Rogers and Hammerstein musical?
10. Real name Mark Hoyle, he has claimed the Christmas number 1 position in the UK singles chart for the last three years under what name?

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11. One England cricketer tested positive for Covid when arriving in Sri Lanka for the recent tour, which one?
12. Often referred to as a Peewit, Chewit or even a Pie-Wipe in local dialect, what is the proper name of this common bird?
13. British Airways retired the last of a famous aircraft from it's fleet in October 2020, which aircraft?
14. Which city in Galicia in Northwest Spain is the culmination of a pilgrimage route and the alleged burial place of St James?
15. Riyadh is the capital city of which state?
16. Which athlete told his family they could shoot him if he went near a boat after winning rowing gold at the 1996 Olympics, he also won gold at the 2000 games?
17. Dave Keuning, Ronnie Vannucci Jnr, and Brandon Flowers are most closely associated with which band?
18. Recently deceased football manager Tommy Docherty was talking about which former player when he said that 'he only lacked one thing.... ability'?
19. Which motor manufacturer launched its 2CV in 1949?
20. Who starred as a detective alongside Brad Pitt in the classic 1995 movie Se7en?

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



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or pressure to take the B4RN service after. So if you think there is even the smallest chance you may be interested, please don't miss out. Register now, there is nothing lost.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn>

### WHAT IS THE £150 GRANT FOR?

We claim grants against properties that go live with the B4RN service in the funding window. The government pays these from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS). The value of DCMS grants paid to B4RN are:

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Register now, there is nothing to lose. Scan the QR code or visit <https://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn>



**PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Colin Bell
2. Receive the Pfizer Covid vaccine in an official program
3. The Bridge at Remagen
4. Jools Holland
5. Teams
6. Barbados
7. World War 2, although they were first widely used in Korea
8. Jodie Whittaker
9. Carousel
10. Ladbaby
11. Moeen Ali
12. Northern Lapwing
13. Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet
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## NEWS ON COMMUNITY HOMES FOR HALTON



### GOOD TIDINGS FOR 2021!

Several key decisions have now moved our Mill Lane, Halton project substantially forward. In

mer). So the development is close to going ahead!

What a contrast between the previous quiet months waiting for these crucial factors to succeed, to the present! So we have much to do now on the legal, financial and design fronts, to be ready to start construction in late spring.

November, we selected our contractor – Tyson's of Blackpool. In December, Lancaster City Council granted planning permission for our 20 affordable homes on the Mill Lane site. Now Homes England has just awarded our partners South Lakes Housing a substantial grant towards building the homes. The Community Land Trust already has an option agreement to purchase the site, and now hopes to complete the purchase with a grant from Lancaster City Council (which Councillors agreed to in the sum-

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

Background information along with the minutes of our regular meetings can be found on the Lune Valley Community Land Trust website [www.lunevalleyclt.org](http://www.lunevalleyclt.org). If you wish to express an interest in living in one of the homes, please use the link on the website in Get Involved/Affordable Housing Enquiries.

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## CATON CLUBS NEWS

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Good news at last, the vaccine against the Covid-19 virus is now being rolled out. We can start to hope that our first trip out to Boundary Mill on the 15th of April looks more hopeful. Watch this space for more information as we receive it.

In the meantime, at the time of writing, we hope to have held our AGM at 2pm on the 21st of January in the Hall at the Victoria Institute. All the government instructions on distancing, mask wearing and hand sanitizing will still be compulsory. Any changes to the AGM booking will be posted in the Victoria Institute or by calling our secretary.

There will be the opportunity to elect your committee and pick up the updates for the 2021 programme. Just to confirm the 2020 membership cards with the updates will be used.

Also there will be free annual membership for paid up 2020 members, the membership fee for new members will be £5.00. The committee wish all members a happy and safe 2021.

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

### CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We are keeping our fingers crossed and have started taking bookings for our 2021 booking on the 26th of June, for a matinee performance of the hit West End comedy 'one man two governors' at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton. The cost for theatre and coach will be advertised as soon as we receive them.

Our theatres have suffered badly this year and the last thing us theatre lovers want is to lose them. Putting your name on the list is just a show of interest until the payment date later in the year. We are sure the knowledge that people are booking again will be a welcome boost to the theatre owners, staff and actors.

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### CONCERTS, DANCE, GENEROSITY AND BIKES! CHRISTMAS APPEAL SUCCESS

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to Halton Mill's Christmas appeal to provide presents for children who would otherwise go without. It far surpassed our expectations. Mandy Blackwell, who runs her recruitment agency from the Mill, promised 90 presents plus stocking fillers and toiletries to West End Impact in Morecambe. In the end people donated more than 220 presents, so we were able to give some to The Ridge Community Centre in Lancaster as well. We also had over £500 donated in cash (which will go towards buying a mini bus to provide help to homeless people). And one very kind person donated 85 pairs of new pyjamas, one for each child on the Ridge, so that was an interesting logistical 'nice to have'

problem for Mandy, getting all the right sizes for each family.

Our thanks to Mandy, who worked incredibly hard organising the appeal and making sure each organisation got what they needed. She tells us that the feedback made it all worthwhile: 'At the Ridge on the 23rd December I was fortunate enough to watch Father Christmas meet each child and give them a bag which included the presents that we had collected. It was a real joy to see how happy each child was as they were given their bag. Feedback on the gifts was 'amazing' and 'brilliant'. We also had an email from West End Impact to say how absolutely thrilled they were with our gifts and donations of toiletries. A massive thank you once again to all who took the time to wrap a gift and bring it to the Mill. It was a fantastic community effort and much appreciated'.

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### VIRTUAL CONCERTS AND THE CHANCE TO DANCE

Our other successful fundraising event was run by Fiona Frank, who, until September, was Mill operations manager. She organised a virtual concert, *Musical Journeys – a concert for new beginnings*, to raise funds for local charity Global Link, who want to create a centre for refugees and asylum seekers in Lancaster. Nearly 200 people attended the concert, streamed live via Zoom to their homes and it raised nearly £2,000 for the new centre.

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Following this success, the indefatigable Fiona has been persuaded to organise a second fundraiser via Zoom. *Musical Journeys 2 – a fundraising concert and dance party* - tells the story of immigration into the UK through English, Irish, Jewish, Caribbean and Syrian music, dance and song. There'll be a chance to learn some dances from the places that immigrants have been drawn from through the last 200 years, as well as to hear great music from our impressive performers. At this event Lancaster musicians Jane Lawrence, Ben Farmer, Sian Phillips and Paul Sherwood will again be joined by Syrian virtuoso viola player Raghad Haddad, a refugee now settled in the UK. New arrivals for this concert include Irish musician Bev Whelan, and Syrian dancer, Berlin based Medhad Aldaabal.

*Musical Journeys 2* takes place on Sunday, 21 February at 7:30 p.m. There will also be afternoon dance workshops. Tickets are £10, £2.50 (concessions), £25

(supporting), free for refugees and asylum seekers. To register and for more information go to:

[www.tinyurl.com/lancasterdance](http://www.tinyurl.com/lancasterdance)

## MOBILE CYCLE REPAIRS

We have, unsurprisingly, not been able to welcome many new people to work from the Mill during the pandemic: in fact we've been encouraging people to work from home when possible in line with Government guidelines. But we have had one new business turn up – Sunflower Cycles, a mobile cycle repair business run by Yim and Deborah, who moved to Lancaster from Shropshire a few months ago. They have temporarily taken over our café space, which is closed while we can't run events. It seemed a good business to support during the pandemic when we are all being encouraged to seek out our old bicycles and get cycling again. As a mobile service, they come out to you.

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### **LUNESIDE ENGINEERING HERITAGE PROJECT**

In mid-January, we had two Lancaster University postgraduate students starting work on the Heritage Lottery funded project to catalogue and package our collection of materials about Luneside Engineering, the Polish run factory

which occupied Halton Mill before we took it over. Lauren Snooks and Michael Hall will be with us over 10 weeks working to interpret the material that has been catalogued so far by volunteers from the Halton with Aughton Heritage Group. The aim is to identify material from the archive that can be presented in various forms including on our website and social media pages, on display banners and, we hope, in an exhibition held at the Mill once we can fully reopen.

### **YOGA, PILATES, MEDITATION AND MORE ONLINE**

Though the River Room is closed – or was at time of writing – Rebecca and some other tutors are continuing to offer classes online. Contact Rebecca on [rebecca@theriverroom.org.uk](mailto:rebecca@theriverroom.org.uk) for details.

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### HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

LIST OF COUNCILLORS AS AT JAN 2021

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

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Cllr. Claire Buntin, contact details to follow

Cllr. Joe McAleer, contact details to follow

Cllr. Jonathan Sewell, contact details to follow

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  
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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## NEW PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLORS

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Council is now back to full strength. The following residents offered to help, so the Council agreed to co-opt them at the January meeting:

- Claire Buntin
- Joe McAleer
- Jonathan Sewell

## FLOODING UPDATES

The Parish Council has finally managed to see a version of the Flood Risk Management Study report instigated by County Council following the flooding in 2015 & 2017. It appears to be a desk-based report, which has not utilised the knowledge of local residents or considered the state of the actual drainage system; consequently, the Parish Council is concerned that the analysis is flawed.

The Parish Council hopes to work with the recently formed Flood Action Group to apply pressure on the relevant author-

ities and organisations in order to better mitigate future flooding.

## BANKING NEAR THE CENTRE

Sections of the banking to the side of the Centre have collapsed; we believe this is at least partly due to people digging into it. We would ask people not to dig into the bank and if you see anyone doing this then please report it to the Clerk or the Centre. Further digging risks destabilising the bank since it used to be an old Victorian tip. In order to reinforce the banking, the Council is considering the construction of another supporting wall.

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## BUS SERVICES IN BRIEF

Timetables are available in the library or check [www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables)

### TO LANCASTER

**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](mailto:itslancastermorecambe@lancashire.gov.uk)

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## OTHER SERVICES

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**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](http://www.lancar.org.uk)

Halton Juniors FC: [www.haltonjuniorsfc.com](http://www.haltonjuniorsfc.com)

Halton Lune Hydro: [www.haltonlunehydro.org](http://www.haltonlunehydro.org)

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)

The Centre@Halton: [www.haltoncentre.org/](http://www.haltoncentre.org/)

The Prattle: email [haltonprattle@btinternet.com](mailto:haltonprattle@btinternet.com)

## SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT



A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. House, for instance, is feminine, 'la casa'. Pencil, however, is masculine, 'el lapiz'. A student asked 'what gender is 'computer'.

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether computers should be masculine or feminine. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decide that computers should be feminine gender because:-

No one but their creator understands their internal logic.

The native language they use to communicate with other computers is im-

possible to understand for anyone else.

Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval.

As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay cheque on accessories for it.

The women' group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine because:

In order to do anything with them, you first have to turn them on.

They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.

They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.

As soon as you commit to one, you realise that if you had waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.

The women won!



Thank you to the kind person who picked up my TSB debit card outside Halton Post office and took it through to TSB in Morecambe. They rang me from the bank later that day and told me that someone had handed it in. It was a very kind thing to do and I really appreciate living in an area where people are so honest. Sue

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## Thank you for your support

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we have made a number of adjustments to the way we work following lockdown. In order to keep staff and customers safe and healthy we have introduced measure such as only accepting contactless card payments, restricting entry into the shop and the introduction of a pager system that lets you know when your food is ready for collection.

We know none of this is ideal, and your continued custom despite these obstacles is very much appreciated. Thank you!

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