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**Jan & Dave**

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## THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Please check the church websites for up to date information:

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### Services in October

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|----|----------|------------------|
| 3  | 10:00 am | Harvest Festival |
| 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   |
| 24 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 26 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer   |
| 31 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |

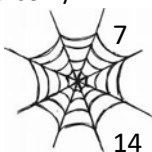
### Services in November

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| 2  | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer          |
| 7  | 8:00 am  | Holy Communion          |
|    | 10:00 am | Family Worship          |
|    | 6:00 pm  | Memorial service at URC |
| 9  | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer          |
| 14 | 10:00 am | Remembrance Sunday      |
| 16 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer          |
| 21 | 10:00 am | Family Communion        |
| 23 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer          |
| 28 | 10:00 am | Holy Communion          |
| 30 | 9:00 am  | Morning prayer          |

The church re-opens in November. Services start at 10am unless otherwise stated.

### Services in November

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| 7  | Anniversary service (communion) with refreshments. B Wilkinson.                   |
| 7  | 6pm Village Memorial Service with refreshments. Rev Susan Seed & Rev John Gordon. |
| 14 | Joint service at St Wilfrid's Church.   |
| 21 | Dr M Pickles.   |
| 28 | Paul Swinn.   |



## ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

### Services in October

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

### Services in November

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

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Baptisms:

- 8th August – Thomas Maxwell  
15th August – Tobias Rutledge  
22nd August – Bobby Cousins



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**Wednesday** – 9am – Morning Prayer; St Luke's

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Junior church meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month during school term time at 10am.

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES



**St Saviour's Aughton - 7pm on Sunday 26th September**

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**St Wilfrid's Halton 10am Sunday 3rd October**

Please bring offerings of tins/dry goods for the homeless. There will be a bring and buy produce stall.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE – SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 6pm AT THE URC CHURCH HALTON**

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## BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

If you would like to make a booking for a baptism or wedding, please contact Revd Susan on 01524 822128 or [revsusan.seed@btinternet.com](mailto:revsusan.seed@btinternet.com).

## THE CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU!

Every week the Churches pray for different streets in Halton and for the village of Aughton.

Where ever you live, please get in contact with Revd Susan if you have any pray requests for specific people, places or situations. (Details are kept confidential). Contact Revd Susan at [revsusan.seed@btinternet.com](mailto:revsusan.seed@btinternet.com).

## HALTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH NEWS

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A big 'Thank You' to everyone who came and supported the Garden Cafe during August and the first week in September, especially to those who ventured out in the rain. We are very grateful to both Mary and Catherine for hosting these events and to everyone for their generous donations towards our emergency appeal. A total of £500 was raised over the 5 Saturdays and gave us an excellent start for our emergency building fund.

### SOUP AND A SONG

We are hoping to be able to restart the Soup and a Song sessions in January but are still short of one or two volunteers to assist. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (10:30am - 1.00pm), and offers a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for those with memory problems, their carers, family and friends. We have a good sing-song and an appetizing lunch. No experience necessary, just a willingness to brighten

up someone's day and put a smile on their face. Please get in touch on 01524 811862 (or email me at [barbarastandenjones@hotmail.com](mailto:barbarastandenjones@hotmail.com)).

### SOUPER LUNCH

On Saturday 30th October we are hosting a "Souper Lunch" from 11:30am - 2pm. Come along and enjoy soup, sandwiches and a hot drink – all for just £5.00. If you want to book a place please phone or email me (contact details above) or just come along and take pot luck. If you have any special dietary requirements please do let me know beforehand.

### PUMPKIN TRAIL & HOT DRINKS

**Sunday 31st October, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** In the garden in front of Halton URC.

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## CHURCH OPENING AND SERVICES IN NOVEMBER



The work on the church should finally have been completed so we can re-open for services on Sunday 7th November. This is our Anniversary Service – 123 years. We are extending an open invitation to everyone to come and join

us to celebrate the re-opening of our lovely church and give thanks to God for His mighty power. The service starts at 10am and will be followed by refreshments but you might have to settle for individual cakes rather than a slice of one giant Birthday Cake (Covid and all that!).

On the evening of the 7th November we will be hosting the annual Village Memorial Service to commemorate all our loved ones who we have lost and wish to remember. This service will be led by Rev'd Susan Seed and Rev John Gordon and all are welcome. This has been a very prolonged and anxious period when most families have suffered some form of loss, many have not been able to say goodbye to friends or loved ones, so this is an ideal opportunity to remember them. The service starts at 6pm and will also be followed by refreshments.

In order that everyone has the opportunity to attend the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, there will be no service at the URC on the 14th November but we will have a joint service at St Wilfrid's Church.

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- 2 Craft sessions for children and adults
- 3 Christmas stalls, crafts, gifts and cards

If you are interested in having your own craft stall, tables are available at £10 (please contact me on the number/email above).

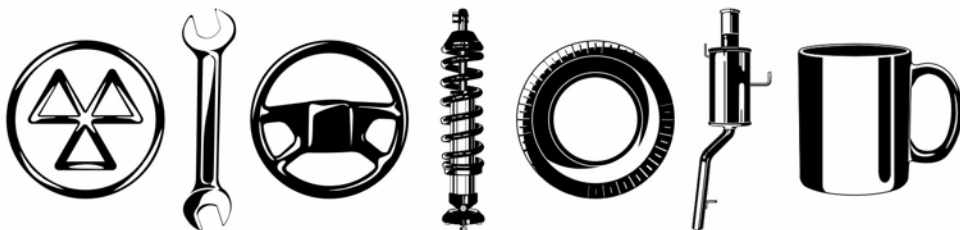
## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone for their support during this very difficult period of closure, especially the Revd Susan Seed and St Wilfrid's Church. God bless you all.

**Barbara Wilkinson** (Church Secretary)



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The event was put off until 24 July and I am pleased to announce that our local boxer, Vini Hardman, won his fight on points. Overall, all boxers together raised over £7000 for different charities, so that was a win/win situation all round!

## HALTON HYDRO COMMUNITY PROJECT

A rather short early September report, as it's been very quiet, given three months now with insufficient rain for substantial renewable electricity generation, and am sure the gardens could do with a little watering.

The sunshine has however been welcome and no doubt solar panels on rooftops have compensated for our reduced contribution.

The under track repair also had the advantage of the low river and is complete to include adding a firm bottom step to assist getting to and from the beach.

It's also been good to see so many walkers passing by the Hydro, many from some distance away and pleased to be shown round.

**John Blowes**

Trustee and Chairman



## ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL

We have had a very positive start to the new term and it has been wonderful to welcome the children back. As well as our new Reception starters, we are delighted to have 5 new staff joining us this term. We hope that everyone settles really well into the school family.

With Covid-19 cases remaining high locally, we are cautiously able to relax some of our restrictions and hope to resume many of our broader curriculum activities over this new year. Our Year 6 class were undertaking their important Bikeability training at the time of writing; you may have seen them around the village as they learnt some very important road skills.

As part of our vision statement to *Love God, Love Each other Love Learning*, we will be focussing in the meaning of our monthly value of **respect**. Teaching about this important value will be

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weaved through our lessons and wider school activities.

Although we are usually pleased to welcome offers of help at school from parents, grandparents and friends to hear children read, helping to change library books etc. we are currently taking a more cautious approach. We are hoping to welcome more visitors in school, when it is safer and so if you would like to volunteer any time in the future, please get in touch.

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

## Claire Weymouth

Headteacher, St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School

## SPANISH CONVERSATION?

Is there anyone else in the local area who would be interested in meeting together informally as a Spanish conversation group?

I've been learning on a 1-1 basis with a teacher for a few months and would like to use what I've learned to meet with others for conversation. I'm only beginners level but perhaps we could help each other to progress?

Please contact Jo 07526690719 or email [jodc70@yahoo.com](mailto:jodc70@yahoo.com).

## HALTON SCOUTS NEWS

The summer is over, schools have been back about a week, and scouts are to start back the day after I have put fingers to keyboard to write this article. COVID restrictions for youth organisations went to



'Green' yesterday (Sept 6th), theoretically meaning no restrictions, so hopefully we won't have to wear masks indoors anymore (although we are yet to receive full details about what this means for the way we run sessions).

Numbers in all sections across the District took a hit during COVID, and Halton was no exception, but they are beginning to pick up again, with new requests to join being received for all our sections, especially Beavers.

This term the scouts will be planning an expedition locally which will hopefully be taking place in early October. This will involve route, meal, transport and logistics planning. I will also need to make sure they are also relatively competent at navigation before letting them loose on their own, as we will be monitoring their movements from a distance. This will have been our first camp in 18 months – long overdue... In anticipation of this, I'm doing my 16hr outdoor first aid course this weekend, which covers me when taking scouts

into more remote locations where help isn't immediately available.

I think we are all looking forward to a return to near normality, I just hope that we are in a position to manage COVID going forwards without the need for further restrictions.

I'm going to have to sign off for now and continue planning what's happening for the rest of the term.



**John**, Scout leader and GSL **Scouts**

## SQUARE DANCING

We were pleased to welcome 11 new dancers to our free taster dance evening. They must have enjoyed themselves as they all said they would be back next week when the 12-16 weeks of classes start in earnest.

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Not definite yet but we might be recruiting again early next year. I will keep you informed.

**Carol Holman 81144**



## B4RN UPDATE

Following our appeal for suggestions for distributing in excess of £10K raised by B4RN volunteers the following donations have been made:

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There is still some money left to distribute so if there is a charity or group that would like to apply for funds please email [b4rn@haltoncentre.org](mailto:b4rn@haltoncentre.org).

**Carol Slinger**



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Eric and Elaine had a lifetime dream of moving to Cornwall to run their own café/bed and breakfast business. After “selling up” in December 2020 they travelled to Cornwall to view properties, on the long journey back they decided that it was too far from home and too much of a wrench to leave their families behind especially their grandchildren.

Eric then discovered that The Red Door Café was up for auction and after viewing the property both Eric and Elaine fell in love with it. After a few nail biting months the property was theirs and they finally moved in on the 19th March 2021.

A major refurbishment and renovation project was undertaken with the ultimate outcome being the re-launch of The Red Door Café Halton later this year. The ethos of the café will be to source as much of the produce as possible from Lancashire as Eric

and Elaine are both proud Lancastrians themselves.

The café will be open for breakfasts, light snacks, lunches, afternoon teas, coffee and cakes. All of the food will be lovingly made on site and most of it being cooked in the AGA range cooker. The Red Door Café will be fully licensed allowing customers to enjoy their favourite tipple alongside the home cooked food.

Private parties and functions are also catered for, whether this be a small intimate family get together, milestone birthday, christenings or funerals. If you are a member of a local group, organisation or even a local business your events can also be catered for.

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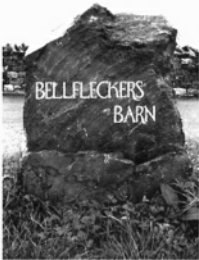
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## REVERENT REFLECTIONS

In the Gospel stories we continually witness Jesus withdrawing to quiet places to be alone so that he can spend time in prayer with God. This is something that all of us in Ministry are advised to do on a regular basis. At the beginning of September I spent a few days on retreat at Whalley Abbey in the beautiful Ribbles Valley. I stayed in the Elizabethan manor house which is set in the stunning grounds and ruins of the 14th Century Cistercian Abbey on the banks of the river Calder. It is a place of hospitality, and the Diocese of Blackburn's new centre for Christian discipleship and prayer. It was wonderful to have a few days of peace and quiet to enjoy God's beautiful creation, to recharge my batteries and to

spend some time reflecting on the past eighteen months and to think about the future.

My prayer and walking retreat and was led by Mark Ireland, who is the Archdeacon of Blackburn. Each day we spent time walking in the surrounding countryside, joined in with the Whalley Abbey community in their rhythm of daily prayer in the ancient chapel and gathering each evening for a Bible reflection and to share our experiences of the day. On our first afternoon we assembled for an opening prayer walk around the Abbey ruins. As we walked Mark informed us about the history of the amazing monastic ruins of the Abbey and we would then pause to reflect as he chal-



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from the times of lockdown. So often we plan things for our children and young people without pausing to ask them what they want. It is easy to overlook the useful contributions that our children and young people can make and leave them out of our decision making. Our communities should be places where all are valued equally, and all can serve according to their gifts.

### **Revd Susan Seed**

lenged us with questions which related what we had seen and heard with our lives today. One of the places where we paused was on the site of the old octagonal Chapter House where part of the original tiled floor still exists under the turf where we were standing. The Chapter House was where the monks met after prayers each morning for a short business meeting, which was preceded by the reading of a chapter of the rule of St. Benedict (hence the name). St Benedict advised in his rule that whenever the community faced an important decision the views of the youngest member of the chapter should be sought, since God sometimes speaks to the whole community through the voice of its youngest members.

As we paused to reflect, Mark asked us to consider how good is the church we belong to at listening to the voice of its youngest members? Perhaps this is a question we can ask more generally in all of our communities as we move forward

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more visitors to the area and we have reached a point where we need to improve our facilities in order to serve the needs of our users and local residences more effectively. In order to do this we are installing an outside toilet and creating a lift access to the recently installed Changing Places toilet. These toilets will be open to the public when the Centre is closed.

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See **Prattle What's on pages** for contact  
information of all regular groups, clubs  
& classes. Individual flyers are available  
from the Centre.

## PUBLIC CENTRE EVENTS 2021

Sat 30 Oct – Children' Nearly New Sale,  
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entrance may be staggered.

Sat 20 Nov – Xmas Craft Fair, 1pm-6pm  
£1

Fri 31 Dec – New Year's Eve Ceilidh £15.

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Anthony guitarist & singer 9pm**

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

Outdoor Circuits: 6-7pm 811316

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

American Square Dancing: 7:30-10pm  
Carol 811444

5-a-side: 8-9pm Andrew 074434 26458

### Tuesdays:

Halton Baby & Toddler Group: 9:30-11am;  
pre-book via TicketSource

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

Beavers: 5:30-6:30 07960 942082 Scout  
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Taekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick  
07985125530

Cub Scouts: 6:45-8pm term time Scout  
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James Reeder Dance: 7:30-9:30pm Latin  
American 07778 919689 to book a place  
Quiz Night: The Greyhound 811908

### Wednesdays:

Walking Football: 10-11:30am on Field £3.  
John 01524 418753

Pilates: 6-7pm 07799068191

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

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

### Thursdays:

Circuits: 9:20-9:50am Kate Hill

07793970435 Aughton Village Hall

Pilates: 9:30-10:30am 07799068191

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

**NEW** Ladies Ballet Barre: 11:30am  
12:30pm Lisa 07732519317

Samba Espirito (Drumming): 6:45-9:30pm  
Karen 07711 262288

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

### Evenings Sun - Thur

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

### Sundays:

Valley Church: 10:30am Chrissie 07428  
165505

## FOOTBALL

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## FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS

**Tuesdays:** Lunesdale Camera Club: URC  
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## MONTHLY EVENTS

### MONDAYS:

**2nd Mon:** Halton Reading Group: 9:30-  
10:30am Sarah 811160 Library 0300 123  
6703

### TUESDAYS:

**3rd Tues:** Gardening Group: Zoom meet-  
ings. Contact Anne Snowden, 07523  
182617 or  
[emailhaltongardeninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:emailhaltongardeninggroup@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  
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## What's On Diary

### OCTOBER

Sat 9 Craft Fair in aid of Citizens Advice  
North Lancashire, 2-5 pm at Halton Mill.

Tea, Coffee, Cake and Crafts – Free Entry

Sat 30 Children's Nearly New Sale doors

open 9am – 12noon £1.00 at The Centre

Sat 30 "Souper Lunch" 11:30am -2pm,  
Halton URC.

Sun 31 All Hallow's Eve Pumpkin Trail &  
hot drinks, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, in the garden,  
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### NOVEMBER

Sat 20 Xmas Craft Fair 1-6pm £1 Centre

Sat 27 Christmas Fair, 11:30-2:30, URC.

### DECEMBER

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**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

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### 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

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**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.

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# HALTON READING GROUP

## FIVE REASONS TO GIVE HALTON READING GROUP A TRY!

If you generally like reading fiction, and often have a book on the go, you might want to think about giving Halton Reading Group a try. We meet and discuss a different novel each month from a list chosen and agreed between us all. That way everyone gets a say about the types of books and authors we cover.

Maybe you are stuck in a rut, only reading novels of a particular type. This motivated many of us to join, and being a member of the group has certainly broadened everyone's repertoire in an enjoyable way. To give a flavour of the recent books that we've read and discussed:- Innocent Traitor was a historical novel we looked at, which told the story of Lady Jane Grey; Sing Unburied Sing was set in Mississippi and named by The New York Times as one of the best books of 2017; Oscar Wilde's

classic The Portrait Of Dorian Grey was also recently covered.

Although Reading Group meetings do focus on a nominated text, we also have interesting discussions about other books we've read on an individual basis. Novels people have recommended include the recently released Jacobean tale, A Net For Small Fishes, the widely popular Thursday Murder Club by TV's Richard Osman, and the memoir Father and Son by poet and critic Edmund Gosse.

Fourthly, there's something frustrating and lacking in satisfaction when you've read a good book, but there's often no one to share your thoughts and musings with (good or bad!). Participating in, or listening to, a group discussion on a book you've taken the time to read can be very rewarding, bringing your final thoughts together with others is often enjoyable and conclusive.



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brary, which always ensures that there are several copies available of the forthcoming book from a month before a reading group meeting.

The group meet at The Centre every second Monday of the month at 9:30am. Coming up for discussion in October is the thriller *The Brighton Mermaid* by Koomson, in which events unfold after two teenagers find a body on Brighton Beach in 1933. In November we will cover a Scandinavian psychological thriller by Ravatn, set in the isolated Norwegian fjords. December sees us discuss the spy novel *Transcription* by widely popular and successful author Kate Atkinson.

If you'd like to join the group to take part in discussions, or just listen to people talking about books, you'd be most welcome. Contact: Sarah on 811160.

Finally, the way our reading group operates makes the texts easily accessible for everyone, with the support of our local facilities. Although some members of the group might own their own book, many also borrow from the village li-

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Email: [centremanager@haltoncentre.org](mailto:centremanager@haltoncentre.org)

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## Children's Nearly New Sale

**Sat 30th Oct**

**9.00 to 12.00**

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# TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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The first team secured their league title and promotion in early September and will be looking forward to competing in the Premier Division next season with Morecambe CC as one opponent. The first XI won their T20 competition earlier in the summer. The second team are still scrapping to retain their place in Division 2 and a win in the last game, or Gregson Lane failing to win, will keep them up. The two Sunday teams have both had mixed seasons, but have essentially fulfilled their purpose in developing younger players. With Covid restrictions, isolation and short notice holidays it has been a trying year for all selectors, captains and junior organisers but they have all worked hard and the results have been very positive overall.

After a busy junior campaign where we fielded 8 teams, the Under 13 team won their Cup and League coached by Matt Jackson, a Torrisholme old boy who has played for Netherfield in the Northern League for several years. He is looking to take his Level 3 coaching qualification over the winter which will provide access to advanced coaching for the elite teams. We are also training three female Support Coaches to work with the girls section and five senior players plan to take the new Core Coach (formerly Level 2) course so we should have an influx of young, athletic and enthusiastic coaches for next season to support some long serving coaches who perhaps aren't

quite as athletic as they used to be! In 2021 the club has had several players (male and female) in Lancashire and Cumbria age group squads and an even larger number in those two counties 'Pathway' systems.

Off the field social and fundraising opportunities were restricted by Covid and we are seeking additional volunteers for 2022 to help run the bar for weekend games. Indoor nets are booked at LRGS for February and March 2022 and we will communicate the dates in due course. We hosted a record number of games on our ground, 5 Senior teams, 8 Junior teams plus Inter League games, squad sessions meant over 70 games on what is now a tired square so groundsman Eddy will be getting to work repairing and renovating the square as soon as the last game is completed on 12th September. The senior players will gather to put the ground to bed that week and also celebrate a highly successful season.

As always, if you or your family are interested in being involved at TCC as a player, coach, volunteer or sponsor please contact Halton resident and Junior Chair Mark Drinkall on 07738 252449 or by email: [drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk](mailto:drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk)

**Mark Drinkall,**  
5th September 2021



## THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 46

1. 'Freedom Day', 19th July saw Sajid Javid MP isolating because he had Coronavirus, what was his role in government at the time?
2. Which golfer won the 2021 Open Championship at Sandwich, his second major victory?
3. By what name is the painting also called 'La Gioconda' much better known in the UK?
4. At the time of The Spice Girls initial hits what was the vocalist known as 'Posh Spice's' actual name?
5. In film which superhero is the alter ego of entrepreneur Tony Stark?
6. Often belittled in the US because it is seen as something of a backwater, Des Moines is the capital of which state?
7. Who moved from the drummer's stool in Nirvana to fronting the Foo Fighters?
8. Who captained the New Zealand cricket team to win the inaugural World Test Championship at Lords in June?
9. What is the primary interest of someone who studies vexillology?
10. Ashleigh Barty, who won the 2021 Wimbledon Women's Singles title, has played which other sport at professional and international level?
11. How many Marx brothers featured in their successful comedy films of the 1930s?
12. Which chemical element has the chemical symbol Mn?
13. Bucharest is the capital city of which European nation?
14. Les McKeown, who died in June, was best known for his association with which 1970s pop group?
15. Which group of gun dogs has breeds including the English and Welsh Springer, Cocker and the Clumber?
16. The island of Ireland is divided into four Provinces, Ulster, Munster, Leinster and which other?
17. During the UK summer you might see a Common Blue, a Painted Lady or a Large White. These are species of which insect?
18. True or false, conkers are edible to humans?
19. The biggest competition in professional ice hockey is contested in the US and Canada, it's trophy is generally recognised as the largest and heaviest of the major sports trophies. By what name is the trophy known?
20. The film 'A Bridge Too Far' is set around the battle for the road bridge at Arnhem during which Allied operation of World War Two?

*Thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall. Answers on Page 27*



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## CATON CLUBS NEWS

### CATON LEISURE CLUB

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Dru Yoga classes, are held every Thursday 10:00-11:00

Short Mat Bowls returns on Wednesday 13th October 10:00-12:00. For further information contact David on 01524 812342.

#### October

4th – Denise Nardone with her talk on 'Bookbinding'.

11th – Joyce Ardice 'How I arrived at Natural Medicine'

18th – Colin Penny, historian at Lancaster Castle, gives us a talk on 'Caligula'.

25th – Deborah Lovett's talk is titled 'Special Places in Wales, Myths and Legends'.

#### November

1st – Norman Harris 'New York, New York so good they named it twice'

8th – David Aris 'The Liberty Ships'

15th – Lionel Wilson 'How much water is there on planet Mars and why should we care?'

22nd – Mr A White "Terraced houses in Lancaster"

29th – Pat Ashcroft 'Irish Horse Power'  
**December**

6th – We celebrate Christmas with a party. This year we have booked a magician to entertain us and our buffet is provided by Cracking Spread. Don't forget to sign up.

If you would like any further information on any of the above call Susan on 01524 771862 or email [sec.leisureclub@gmail.com](mailto:sec.leisureclub@gmail.com)

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We enjoyed our trip to Llandudno, super weather, sunny and warm by the seaside. Plenty to do and see good food and the natives were friendly. I will report back on our trip to Whitby on the 16th of September, in the next edition.

Our last trip for this year is to Liverpool on Thursday October 21st. Pick up is 9:30am from Brookhouse then on to pick up at the Victoria Institute. Other pick up points can be arranged. There will be plenty of time for browsing and

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Christmas shopping. Non members are very welcome. The cost for a seat on the coach is £13.00.

Our winter programme starts with a Hot-pot in the Victoria Institute on Thursday 18th of November, 12:30 for 1pm, cost £11.00. No orders for catering will be taken after the 10th of November.

For further information or to book please contact our secretary Benita on 01524 771943.

### CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We are now collecting the ticket and coach money for the pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, a matinee performance on Saturday 1st of January 2022 at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool. The cost for a seat at the front of the dress circle and the coach is £28.50. To be paid by 16th of November 2021.

Pick up as usual 10am from the Victoria Institute, other pick up points can be arranged. For further information or to book call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943.

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20. Market Garden

19. Stanley Cup

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and not edible, Sweet Chestnuts are

18. False, Conkers are Horse Chestnuts

17. Butterfly

16. Connaught

15. Spaniels

14. The Bay City Rollers

13. Romania

12. Manganes

and Grocho

11. Five: Harpo, Chico, Zeppo, Gummo

10. Cricket

9. Flags

8. Kane Williamson

7. Dave Grohl

6. Iowa

5. Iron Man

4. Victoria Adams, now Beckham

3. The Mona Lisa

2. Collin Morikawa

1. Health Secretary



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# HAPPENINGS AT HALTON MILL

## HISTORY, IMPROVISATION AND POP UP EATING

The Mill is getting busier again. We had live music return with a classical concert in September and our next musical offering is about as different as you can imagine. On Saturday 27 November, the four-piece band, Elephant in the Room, present Dream Space, an improvised exploration involving sound, projected still and moving images and live drawing! It's their third performance at the Mill, which are always strange, absorbing, and mesmerising.

## POLITICAL COMEDY AND CELEBRATING LANCASHIRE PEOPLE

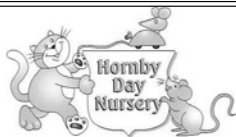
On 2 October we welcome back Matt Panesh, the award-winning Monkey Poet from Morecambe who turns his own raucous brand of comedy on Bojo the Clown, aka our prime minister. He promises tales of Covid, Cummings and the communist threat. Then on 20 November, Spot On Rural Touring brings us Miss No-

bodies, a play celebrating the might of Lancashire's towns and people. It's inspired by Ethel Carnie Holdsworth, the first working class female novelist in the UK. Tickets for all performances can be booked via the Mill website [www.haltonmill.org.uk/artsatthemill](http://www.haltonmill.org.uk/artsatthemill)

## TALKS – HERITAGE, CLIMATE AND FARMING WITH NATURE

Another take on history is offered by Dr Sam Riches, from Lancaster University's Regional Heritage Centre, in this year's Bill Hosfield Memorial Lecture. Bill, as many of you will remember, lived in Halton all his life, and wrote books about the history of the village. He'd have approved of Sam's talk, which is focusing on how we can help to preserve our history and tell our stories. The talk has been arranged by Halton-with-Aughton Heritage Group.

Our monthly Forgebank Political Café is back on the third Sunday of each month to stimulate ideas and discussion. The 17



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October Café focuses on the Climate Emergency – Halton Councillor Kevin Frea, cabinet member for climate action, is joined by climate officers Susanna Dart, who also lives in Halton, and Isabelle Guyler. They will discuss what the City Council has done since it declared a climate emergency nearly 3 years ago. Then on Sunday 21 November, farmer Ben Beaumont will tell the fascinating story of his attempt to balance ecological regeneration and economic viability at his farm beside Ullswater. All talks are free and start at 7:30, with doors opening at 7pm. Roll up, get yourself a drink, and discover something new.

### **PARENTS & KIDS POTTERY CLASSES**

Are there any parents out there who would like to do a pottery class with their kids? Our pottery tutors at the Mill have been asked by some of their students to offer family pottery classes, where parents and children learn, get creative and have fun together. But they need a few more takers to make it economic. Get in

touch with Emily Wright on emily.wright78@gmail.com if you might be get interested.

### **TAMARA'S TUESDAY POP-UP CAFÉ**

In August, we were approached by Tamara Rakic: encouraged by her friends, who love her cooking, she had dreams of running a café. One of these friends works at the Mill and so Tamara has ended up coming to us to try out her dream. She has started a one day a week pop up café on Tuesdays, offering simple lunches – like aubergine curry and rice/naan – and cake. She's also offering a takeaway service, providing ready cooked, frozen meals which you can heat and eat at home.

Come by on a Tuesday and taste Tamara's fare – she'll be open between 11am and 3pm, with lunch served between 12 and 2pm. If it works out, she hopes to extend to more days. Just check our website to make sure she is serving before coming down.



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## ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

Our annual Xmas fair is on Saturday 4 December, with stalls by local makers and artists. Sarah Livingstone is opening

her studio, so you can see where she makes her beautiful porcelain and glass works, inspired by the river next door. Book a stall on the Halton Mill website, or just turn up between 11 and 3pm to find unusual gifts. Our second exhibition, showing some of the unusual people and places that lurk behind Morecambe's seafront, launches at the Fair. And in the evening, you can boogie to the Boat Band, maritime masters of merry music.

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## IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CENTRE & RECREATION AREA

Work has been underway over the last few months to create plans for improvements at the Centre and the Recreation Area.

Plans for the Centre include:

- A new outside toilet that can be used when the Centre is closed
- A new lift to access the “Changing Places” room
- Upgrading the CCTV
- Plans for the Recreation Area include:
- Enlarging the pitch area to make it suitable for under-18s football
- Installation of spectator seating
- A ball stop fence on the Low Road boundary

The building contractor working at the Army Camp has promised to help with the construction works at the Centre. The

Parish Council will shortly be applying for planning permission for these plans.

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Parish Council plans to take out a public loan of £50-£75k to help fund the above improvements and to also install some replacement playground equip-

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ment at St. Wilfrid's Park and the Centre. We would be happy to consider any ideas that you may have for these areas.

### **QUEENS PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY**

In 2022, the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th

June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The Parish Council would be happy to support a local event, such as a party at the Centre. It will need a core group of volunteers to plan and organise the day(s), so if you would be interested in helping to make it happen, then please contact the Clerk.

### **DENNY BECK BRIDGE WORKS**

The proposed refurbishment works to Denny Beck bridge have been postponed until next summer. Highways have also promised to look into the feasibility of keeping it open to pedestrians when work commences.

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