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Services in December

- 5 10:00 am Family Communion
7 9:00 am Morning prayer
12 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship and
Christmas Tree service.
14 9:00 am Morning prayer
19 10:00 am Family Communion
6:30 pm Village Carol Service at
URC Church
21 9:00 am Morning prayer
24 2-3:30 pm Church open for family
activities
25 10:00 am Christmas day family
Communion.
26 10:00 am Family Communion Joint
service with URC

Services in January

- 2 10:00 am Family Communion
4 9:00 am Morning prayer
9 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
11 9:00 am Morning prayer
16 10:00 am Family Communion
18 9:00 am Morning prayer
23 10:00 am Family Communion

DECEMBER 2021

- 5 10am Rev John Gordon (Communion)
12 10am Rev John Gordon
19 10am Mary Rawcliffe. Mindfulness at
Christmas.

6:30pm Village Carol Service

- 25 10am Christmas Day service
26 10am Boxing Day. Joint service at St
Wilfrid's.

JANUARY 2022

- 2 4:30pm Rev John Gordon (with
refreshments)
9 10am Rev Paul Turner
16 4:30pm Rev John Gordon
23 10am Rev Irene John
30 4:30pm Rev John Gordon



- 25 9:00 am Morning prayer
30 10:00 am Family Communion

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in December

- 12 11:30 am Holy Communion
15 7:00 pm Village Carol Service
25 10:00 am Christmas day Family
Communion.
26 10:00 am Family Communion with
URC, at St Wilfrid's

Services in January

- 9 11:30 am Holy Communion
23 11:30 am Morning prayer
30 7:00 pm Evening Prayer

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Tuesday – 9am – Morning Prayer; St Wilfrid's

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

These services will be shared onto all the Benefice Facebook pages.

From the Registers – Funerals

8th October - William McGenn

22nd October – Peter Anthony Toy

Carols and Mince Pies

AT HALTON PARK HOUSE

Saturday 11th December

10-12 am



St Wilfrid's Church Christmas Tree Service

Sunday 12th December at 10am

Halton Village Carol Service

At the URC Church

6:30 pm on Sunday December 19th

Christmas Eve Family Activities

At St Wilfrid's Church

You are invited to join us to make Christingles and sing carols around the crib 2 until 3:30 pm on Christmas Eve

St Saviour, Aughton:

Aughton Village Carol Service

At St Saviour's

7pm on Wednesday 15th December

Join us for Carols & seasonal refreshments.

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HALTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH NEWS

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WE ARE OPEN!

The Church is now open, and the work on the building is complete. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard, given some money, supported with your prayers, or by coming to the events which took place in the garden, or to our opening services!

Our Emergency Appeal is open, and we are a long way short of meeting our target, as further work meant we need to find an additional £5,000. If you would like to support our church, donations/cheques (made payable to Halton United Reformed Church) may be dropped off at any of our services, or left c/o the Church Secretary at 5 The Old School, High Road, Halton. LA2 6LN.

NEW MINISTER

We are very pleased that our new minister, Rev John Gordon, will be leading our worship on a number of occasions in December and January. Everyone is

warmly invited to come along and meet him at the services at 10am on 5th and 12th December, and also at 4:30 pm on 2nd, 16th and 30th January.

4:30 SERVICES

In January we are trying out new service times, alternating between 10:00am and 4:30pm. Our afternoon services will be informal, fun and very family friendly. Toys and colouring will be available during our morning services too. A warm welcome is extended to all.

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

This year's village carol service is at Halton URC. 6:30 pm on Sunday 19th December. The collection will be for Lancaster & District Homeless Action.

COLLECTING FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

Throughout December we will be collecting toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and new socks for Lancaster & District Homeless Action. Please bring your donations to any service, or to the Village Carol Service.



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A Big Thank You ...

Thank you to all our Prattle deliverers, whether you deliver every time or have offered to be a reserve, the magazine would not work without you all.

Over the past year and also during the Covid Lockdown, there have been several changes to our volunteer deliverers. Some have moved house, others have given up due to illness. Some, Bob & Eileen Hogarth, Christine Cunningham, Janet Rawes, Margaret Airey & Peter Lambson, sadly, have passed away.

The Prattle team send their condolences to their families and friends. The majority were deliverers of the Prattle from the very beginning and were very much appreciated by us and will all be missed greatly by those who knew them.

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VILLAGE NEWS

HALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

It's been a busy few months for our scheme with lots of exciting news and activities.

Our 'Design a Waste Poster' competition closed in July and local artist Chas Jacobs chose the two winning posters. Finlay Corcoran (age 8) and Alivia Clarkson (age 7) created the two winning designs. The signs are expected to be displayed around the village by the start of October. A huge thanks to the Parish Council and Halton Lune Trust for funding this project. 25th September was our final official litter pick of 2021. Over the 4 sessions, we've had a jaw dropping 75 volunteers and have collected over 65 bags of rubbish from in and around the village! A huge thank you to each and every volunteer for donating their time to improve our local environment.

There will be a small group of us carrying out a 'lower-key' litter pick on 11th December, at 12:30. If you'd like to join us, please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com or call me on 07786 623 063.

In September we got news that we had successfully been granted £1000 from the B4RN Halton fund. These funds have enabled us to purchase 2 life saving buoy stations (for the weir and boat launch areas of the Lune) and 2 'Caution, children playing' signs for the Low Road near to The Centre. The remaining funds are being used for our 'Cards Fighting Loneliness' campaign, which started in the middle of October.

If you have any ideas for future campaigns, community projects / improvements, or are interested in joining our scheme, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or telephone (details above).

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FIGHTING LONELINESS - ONE LETTER AT A TIME

Our Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been awarded the funding required to kick start the 'Cards Fighting Loneliness' campaign, which we will run over the winter period.

The intention of this campaign is to brighten someone's day with a hand made card and at the same time bridge the generational gap within the village. We also hope this campaign will reduce the risk of our elderly neighbours experiencing loneliness and isolation.

The cards will be designed and created by children who will volunteer to participate and will include a short letter from them inside. Once created, the children will post their letter in a special post box located at The Centre. The post box has been purchased specifically for this campaign, using the B4RN funding. Members of the village community can nominate a friend or neighbour who they feel would benefit from receiving a card. There is no limit on the number of nominations you can make, but in the short term at least, the recipient must live in Halton.

On a weekly basis, I will empty the post box and ensure the completed cards reach any nominated residents. All cards will be stamped so the recipient is

aware that the card has come from a local campaign.

If you have a child who would like to create a card, or have a neighbour on your street who you think would appreciate receiving a card to brighten their day, please contact me via email me at samanthajanehicks@gmail.com, or leave me a message 07786 623 063.

If you use social media, I will make regular appeals for volunteers / recipients on both Halton community Facebook pages, please do get involved!



Sam Pritchard

LIBRARY NEWS – LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is back at Halton Library : Every Saturday from 10:30 am till 12:45


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4K FESTIVE FUN RUN

Lancaster & Morecambe AC is organising its popular Christmas Festive Fun Run from the clubhouse on the athletics track at Salt Ayre Leisure Centre, near Lancaster (LA1 5JS) again this year. It will be on **Wednesday December 29th at 11am** and this year it will be the 21st anniversary of the launch of the run. It is aimed at families and fun runners as well as more regular competitors. There will be a great atmosphere and a super festive medal for all finishers. All runners are very welcome to run in fancy dress.

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Any queries to Steve Perry on email: stephenptherunner@gmail.com or tel: 07762 795605.

Coffee and Carols for Christmas!

THE FESTIVE SEASON STARTS HERE!

Enjoy a coffee and mince pie and listen to the live music and carols - join in with the singing!

Halton Park House
Saturday 11th December
10 am – 12 noon

Cakes & Produce, Books, Raffle, Tombola, Christmas Decorations and Gifts

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HALTON GARDENING GROUP

It's been a busy year for Halton Gardening Group as we continue to add value to the village open spaces and undertake the renovations in the Memorial garden. Of particular note are the new roses in the Burial Ground and the lovely autumn display in the Centre terrace. A handout was developed for the 14th November Remembrance Service congregation detailing a short history of



Upcoming Events

Saturday 18th December – Children's Christmas Party 2-4pm Hot dogs, games, lots of fun and a visit from Santa. Member's children free, non-members children £5. Places limited please book by calling Mandy 07854 524336

Saturday 18th December – Molly Warburton 7:30 pm onwards

Friday 31st December – New Year's Eve Disco 1am close

Saturday 29th January 2022 – Members Night. New members welcome to come & join, memberships can be renewed and a members draw will take place

Opening hours

Monday - Thursday 17:00 – 23:30

Friday & Saturday 12:00 – 00:00

Sunday 12:00 – 23:30

Free Function room Hire ask any member of staff or telephone 811858 - we are able to decorate the room on request for a small charge.

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the Memorial/Jubilee garden and our thoughts behind the new planting. A revised version is included in this Prattle edition for you to keep. We wish to thank the Prattle team for their assistance in this matter. We are also piecing together the history of the garden and would be very interested to receive any old photos or stories from the past. The AGM on 19th October was very well attended and we also welcomed new members. There's been a great deal of bulb planting throughout the village too, so we are expecting a colourful display to herald in spring 2022.

Monica Williams
 Chair HGG



HALTON SCOUTS NEWS

The nights have suddenly drawn in since the clocks went back, as a result we are naturally doing less outside at the moment. Having said that, the scouts did

manage to finally get away on their expedition after having it cancelled once due to stormy weather on the weekend we were intending to go. Even though the weather still ended up being fairly wet, we still managed to enjoy ourselves and make it back without losing anyone.

The scouts also have a night hike at the end of November, also known as the Knight activity because the trophy is a Knight on a plinth. 3.5 hrs navigating around country roads at night while periodically stopping at checkpoints to answer some questions or complete a challenge.

The group intend to have a Christmas party with the children in the hut this year, and it seems a normal Christmas routine has been a long time coming. The group numbers are good at the moment, with 17 in cubs and 18 in Beavers, but scouts are somewhat depleted with only 4 in attendance.

This year we made the difficult decision not to parade through the village with the children and decided to send the

leaders alone to the church and the war memorial. Hopefully the necessity to social distance due to COVID will eventually be lifted completely and we will be able to gather as normal again without any restrictions. As it is, although many restrictions have been lifted, with children from multiple different schools and classes, and COVID levels still being high in schools, we felt it was appropriate to exercise a little caution, besides, the rules in scouts are pretty strict as far as COVID is concerned.

Scouting relies on the help of a small number of dedicated volunteers to be able to run beaver, cub and scout sessions. There are always opportunities for adults to help, and the more volunteers we have, the less there is for each individual to have to do. More information about volunteering and the types

of roles can be found at: www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-with-scouts/ If anyone has any free time on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening and fancies helping out then please feel free to contact me at: John.elliott@lonsdalescouts.org.uk. Our Beaver leader in particular is looking for some help.

John

Scout leader and GSL



HEARTS OF HALTON

Last Wednesday we had our FIRST FACE TO FACE MEETING since March 2020! Whoop! Whoop! The Hearts of Halton WI held its AGM in the school and it was a joy to see folk face to face and to share a cuppa and cake (of course!). We were delighted to welcome our new member Denise Medcalf... who has also taken on

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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

11am - 4pm Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd Dec

Closed Fri 24th Dec - Sat 1st Jan

11am - 4pm Sun 2nd & Mon 3rd Jan

1pm - 5pm term time hours from Tues 4th Jan



**Thank you to all our users, volunteers and staff
for continuing to support the Centre**

the role of secretary as Joyce Beasley has now stepped down from the role, after many years of outstanding work and commitment. Our fabulous treasurer, Jeanne Salisbury, is now being supported by up-and-coming treasurer, Amanda McGartland and Jane Meador was re-elected as president for a third term (testimony to the amazing job she does).

All were in agreement that Jane and the committee members have done a wonderful job of keeping the group running and supporting one another through the last eighteen months. Votes of thanks were given to them.

We are looking forward to our afternoon tea at the newly opened Red Door Café – courtesy of a grant from B4RN... but more about this next time.

For the November meeting we welcomed Ross Bullock to speak about 25 years in the vault. Our December meeting is a Festive meal at the Longlands Hotel. We would love to see more new members join our merry band. Hope to see some of you there.



NEW YEAR'S EVE
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Carnforth Rotary are pleased to confirm that Santa will be bringing his Sleigh to local villages this year, including Halton Thursday 9th of December. With Covid precautions in mind, Santa and his sleigh will drive slowly down main routes to static locations. The routes will be published on our and your local Facebook pages in good time. All proceeds, from cash or card machine, will, as always, go back into the same local areas in support of worthy causes.



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We have fun and interesting art and craft activities planned, with a relaxed atmosphere. There is no focus on religion – the group is for girls of any faith or none. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more or to book a place. 7:00-8:30pm on the last Friday of the month (from January 28th).

Mary and Catherine

rawcliffemary@yahoo.co.uk
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ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL

As part of our vision statement to *Love God, Love Each other Love Learning*, our wider curriculum will be focussing on the meaning of our monthly values of **Friendship** during November and **Peace** in December. As we approach Christmas we are very much looking forward to filming our whole school Nativity: *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, as well as all our festivities, celebrating the birth of Jesus at this special time.

Because of the incredible generosity of our school families, our Harvest food collection provided a huge number of packets and tins for the local food banks.









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Also, we are very grateful for the fantastic response to our Shoe Box appeal, supporting the Boxes of Hope charity; this year we will be sending around 60 lovely Christmas gift boxes to children in Romania.

Closer to home, the children had a non-uniform day and collected small change, in support of BBC Children in Need.

Our curriculum teaches the children about looking after our precious planet and this is recognised in our Eco-schools Green Flag Status. This year, St Wilfrid's School is taking a significant step towards becoming carbon neutral with the installation of an air source heat pump to replace our existing oil heating system. The children are excited that we will be making a difference and have enjoyed watching the progress of this over recent weeks.

Other exciting learning this term has included a class trip to the Barbara Hepworth Museum, National Poetry Day and children's attendance at the local Pupil Parliament. We have also offered a *Keeping Children Safe On-line* session for

parents/carers. If anyone in the wider village community would like any advice on this important topic, please contact school and we will be pleased to help.

We are currently in the process of recruiting part time play leaders for our before/after school club. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please contact school for an informal chat.

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) which has details on forthcoming events and learning in classes.

Best wishes,

Claire Weymouth

Headteacher

St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School



THANK YOU

Marthe Butikofer would like to thank everyone for all the cards and gifts for her recent significant birthday. Especially the beautiful hand-made cards made by the children in the community.
Merci Beaucoup!



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MAINTENANCE, PROJECTS, GRANTS, FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERING

There are always jobs and repairs to be done. We are replacing LED lights and are installing more sensor taps, thanks to the £4000 we were awarded from THRIVE for the sensor taps and LED lights. The 5 yearly electrical checks have been completed. Repair or replacement and maintenance of hall fans is ongoing, along with several smaller routine repairs and maintenance.

Plans for the outside toilet project have paused, while we provide an arborical report. We are extremely pleased to have been awarded £5000 from Halton Lune Trust and £3000 from B4RN, towards the outside toilet.

Thank you to Burton and Rigby Foundation, who have awarded £500 towards children's education – youth activities ideas are needed please. We will be hosting a meeting in the new year for young people 11–18yrs and adults willing to help us host some one-off activity events for young people.

TURF have awarded £1000 to restart the Luncheon Club to help people who have been isolated and vulnerable. Part of this will fund a cook's position for 4 hours, 2 days a month.

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Come along and volunteer as a regular, one off, or part time helper. Whatever your expertise we will find you something that will interest you and be of great benefit to the community. You will very probably enjoy it too.

Our 2021 fundraising events for the toilet project have been two Children's Nearly New sales, a Craft Fair and New Year's Eve Ceilidh. We would love to have more events but need more volunteers to help.

NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES

Check with your class leader for Xmas holiday closures.

Kids Club has now moved to the school. Preschool have extend their hours to 8am-5:30pm Mon-Thur Fri 8am-3:00pm. All available regular spaces on MUGA have been filled.

PUBLIC CENTRE EVENTS 2021/22

Fri 31 Dec – New Year's Eve Ceilidh; £15 tickets available from ticket source. Bring a personal picnic.

Children's Nearly New Sale dates – 26 Mar, 18 June, 15 Oct

Visit the Centre @ Halton's website. <https://www.haltoncentre.org>

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

COFFEE SHOP OPENING HOURS:

1pm-5pm Mon -Fri

10am-5pm Sat & Sun

Xmas opening hours Dec 20-23 & 3 Jan 11am-4pm.

Please support the Centre by visiting our Community Coffee Shop while you are enjoying the Centre's amenities.

The Café & the Centre will be closed Dec 24-2 Jan.

Any queries to Publicity & Marketing Officer, marketing@haltoncentre.org, or to receive regular Centre information newsletter, or sign up at the bottom of home page www.haltoncentre.org. All the above was correct on 10 November.

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After 6 months of hard work and determination Eric and Elaine finally re-opened The Red Door Café on the 6th November 2021. A lot of people have helped Eric and Elaine achieve their dream of re-opening the café and for all of their help along the way, they will be forever grateful.

Opening weekend was every bit the success that they had hoped for and for this Eric and Elaine would like to thank everyone for coming in and supporting their new venture, as well as all of their patience on the run up to the opening and on opening weekend itself. The Red Door Café is open Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 4:00pm. There is an ever changing menu dependent on the seasonality and availability of fresh produce, as all of the dishes are freshly prepared on a daily basis. Breakfasts, light snacks, lunches, coffee, cakes and a full drinks menu are all served during the regular opening hours. The Red Door Café can also be booked for private functions of

10 people or more at any point during the week.

Further events are planned for 2022 including the introduction of Supper Evenings on periodic Friday nights as well as other special events throughout the year.

Our Christmas opening hours are –
Thurs 23rd December 9.00am – 3.00pm
Fri 24th December 12.00noon – 7.00pm
****Drinks & complimentary mince pies****

Sat 25th December through to
Wed 29th December – CLOSED
Thurs 30th December 9.00am – 3.00pm
Fri 31st December 12.00noon – 7.00pm
**** Drinks & complimentary canapes****

Sat 1st January 2022 through to
Wed 5th January 2022 CLOSED
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Eric and Elaine would like to thank everyone for welcoming them to the village and would like to wish everyone a very peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year.



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All events are at The Centre @ Halton unless specified otherwise
AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL: BOOKINGS 07980 573805 or tim.4230@gmail.com
THE CENTRE @ HALTON: HALL/ROOM HIRE 811444 or info@haltoncentre.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Weekdays Mon - Fri:

Preschool: 8am – 5:30pm, 3pm on
Fridays term time Donna 07855
326670 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
Hut
Taekwondo: 6:15--7:15pm Mick
07985125530
Cub Scouts: 6:45–8pm term time Scout
Hut email cubs.1sthalton@gmail.com
Beginners Ballroom & Latin Dancing:
James 07778919689 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
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

Saturdays:

Lego Club: 10:30-12:45pm Halton Library
Sundays:
Valley Church: 10:30am Chrissie 07428
165505

FOOTBALL

Halton Jnr Football Club

Damian 07850 913051

Saturday 10:30-11:30; 3-6 yr olds

Sunday 9-4; (Subject to fixtures)7-14 yr
olds

Contact secretary@haltonjuniorsfc.com



WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

Email: haltonprattle@btinternet.com or Tel Carol on 811444



Halton Memorial Garden Renovations 2020 - 2022



**View of the old garden
from Castle Hill
October 2020**

Members of Halton Gardening Group have welcomed the opportunity to renovate this historical landmark in our village. Our aim has been to recreate an open, welcoming space for visitors, reflecting the generosity of the Reverend John Hastings who gave the garden to the village. He dedicated it to the memory of his parents and of his brother who died in action in the First World War, and to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935.

Many overgrown plants have been removed and others heavily pruned. The remaining evergreen shrubs will be reshaped gradually, providing structure throughout the year, while also retaining some of the character of the original garden. The large wild cherry tree has been pruned by a tree surgeon and its improved shape now provides a wide canopy for a woodland walk with stepping stones. An airy and scented sunny border along the Foundry Lane wall replaces some very tired old laurel bushes, and the mixed long border above Church Brow is gradually taking shape in the style of a traditional English country garden.

Plants in a cool, calm palette have been chosen to blend with the colours of the local stone and countryside surrounding the garden. Many are heritage plants which would have been familiar when the garden was first made and several have historic connections. Of particular interest is the white hybrid musk rose "Pax", planted close to the Cenotaph. This rose was bred by the Reverend Joseph Pemberton and introduced in 1918 to commemorate the end of the First World War.

As plants become established, their contrasting structure and form will be more evident, providing further interest throughout the seasons. During the summer, newly introduced plants in the Foundry Lane border greeted visitors with their strong perfume while other plants around the garden borders attracted increased numbers of bees and butterflies. On one occasion, four types of bee were seen together enjoying a single bloom!

Over the years, Halton residents have planted daffodils in and around the garden to herald the spring. To add to these displays we have purchased a wide variety of spring flowering bulbs including the heritage narcissus “Geranium”, together with its double flowered relation “Sir Winston Churchill”. This was registered in 1966, a year after Churchill’s death, and a reminder that Churchill was a keen gardener. Also included is the white flowered narcissus “Thalia”, popular in Victorian England, and for later in the season we have added the dark red tulip “Greuze”, introduced in 1891, and named after the French painter of the same name.

Extra garden seating is currently under discussion and a curved gabion seat will be installed shortly in the corner of the garden to the right of the cherry tree. River stones from the Lune Hydro will fill the seat, echoing similar stones used as cobbles around the Cenotaph. This slightly elevated seating area, with its view across the whole garden, will be enhanced further by woodland planting including native ferns.

Throughout this first phase of our renovations, neighbours in the vicinity have given continuous help and encouragement while Gardening Group members and friends have shown much generosity with their time as well as supplying plants from their own gardens. Considerable funding has been secured through private donations and through our popular plant sales. We are extremely grateful for this support from the community. We also extend our thanks to the following organisations who have made very generous contributions, allowing us to proceed early in the year with essential groundwork and to consider further improvements in 2022.

Halton Lune Trust	DPD Eco Fund
The Duchy of Lancaster	Lancaster Community Fund
Halton B4RN Community Fund	HiQ Halton
Halton with Aughton Parish Council	Logs Direct



**The new Foundry Lane border
October 2021**

Gardening sessions currently take place on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00-3.30 p.m. (weather permitting) and visitors are always welcome.

For further details contact haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com

or

Halton Gardening Group Secretary

Anne Snowden

07523182617 (mobile number)

Produced by Halton Gardening Group for The Prattle
December 2021

What's On Diary

FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS

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

Fridays: Memory Café: 1st & 3rd Fri,
11am–12:30pm; prebook Rita
07979715041

55's Luncheon Club Café: 2nd & 4th Fri,
10am-1pm; by appointment 811316

MONTHLY EVENTS

MONDAYS:

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

TUESDAYS:

2nd Tues: Soup & a Song: (for those with
memory loss, their carers or friends),
10:30-1:00, Halton URC, High Road.

3rd Tues: Gardening Group: Zoom meet-
ings. Contact Anne Snowden, 07523
182617 or
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 7:00pm Jane 812702.
Last Wed: Halton with Aughton Heritage
Group, 7:30 @ URC. Email Haltonwith
aughtonheritagegroup@gmail.com

FRIDAYS:

Last Fri: MySpace: art and craft group for
girls aged 11-16. 7-8:30pm. Halton URC,
High Road. Please book a place - email
rawcliffemary@yahoo.co.uk or
catherine.marshall76@gmail.com. Starts
28th Jan 2022

DECEMBER

- Sat 4 Arts & Craft Fair, 11-3, Halton
Mill
Mon 6 Xmas Wreath Workshop +
Lunch/Supper, Halton Park
House. £35 for NSPCC. See below
Sun 19 Village Carol Service, 6:30pm,
Halton URC, High Road
Sat 31 New Year's Eve Ceilidh at The
Centre £15 via Ticket source

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Children' Nearly New Sale dates –26 Mar,
18 June, 15 Oct



Christmas Wreath Workshop and Lunch or Supper

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Construction continues to progress well, with the highly insulated foundations completed and the first of the timber frames starting to arrive. Tysons, the contractor, plan to complete on schedule, in August/September 2022.

The training session on passivhaus design and construction that was held during **Big Green Week, September 18-26th** attracted a lot of interest, with more than 40 people attending. It was encouraging to see the construction sector well-represented and keen to learn more about how to build highly energy-efficient homes.

The Mill Lane development is attracting a lot of attention and we continue to receive requests to visit Halton from new and established CLTs in other parts of the country. Last week, Caldervale CLT paid a visit to the Mill Lane site to find out more about partnering with a Housing Association to create affordable passivhaus standard homes.

In order to cope with the demand for information, we have commissioned a short film from a local film company, Forgebank Films. It had its 'première' on November 20th at the Community Land Trust Network's AGM.

PUBLIC OPEN (GREEN) SPACES MEETING IN JANUARY

In the summer, CLT members were part of a group who visited Fairfield Community Association in Lancaster. We were very impressed with the community orchard and nature reserve there, all initiated and run by local people. We are delighted that two of the Fairfield Directors have agreed to come and talk at a public meeting in the Community Centre on January 19th. This will be a chance for anyone with ideas for improving Halton's green spaces to share them and pick up some tips from two veteran community champions.

CONTACTS

To apply for one of the 13 affordable rented homes, you must be on the **Lancaster City Council** Housing Register: www.lancaster.gov.uk/housing/council-housing/apply-for-a-home

South Lakes Housing is managing applications for the 7 shared ownership homes. To apply, contact development@southlakeshousing.co.uk Tel. 03003038540

Tyson Construction, principal contractor: www.tysonconstruction.co.uk info@tysonconstruction.co.uk

If you have any questions or would like to join **Lune Valley CLT**, please contact us at: info@lunevalleyclt.org www.lunevalleyclt.org



TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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With the season finishing six weeks ago you would think that all would be quiet at TCC but not a bit of it. The ground is still being maintained and in November we hosted a First Aid Course for local coaches, including three of our own. This is part of the winter coaching drive which will hopefully see us train 9 new coaches ranging from Support Coach to Advanced Coach to support the junior section in 2022. A significant cost of course but critical to further development of the junior section which starts 2022 with Indoor Nets at LRGS; they were almost fully booked at the time of writing. We have also been contacted by several new junior players for 2022 and they will be welcomed as always. Other projects to be completed over the winter and into the spring are - a new vented shutter to keep the bar cooler and reduce electricity bills; a refurb of

the old score box; and (if the funding application is successful) the replacement of the rather decrepit artificial wicket with a brand new one. Fingers crossed that the ECB look favourably on our application.

The senior players will have collected their Division 1 and T20 winning Trophies at the Palace Shield Dinner by the time you read this and they are already planning their 2022 campaign. Indoor nets commence in February, all existing, new and returning senior players, plus juniors who have played senior cricket, are encouraged to attend.

If anyone is interested in being involved at the club in 2022 in a playing, coaching, volunteering or other role please contact Halton resident and Safeguarding Officer Mark Drinkall by phone on 07738 252449 or by email: drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

We are particularly keen to recruit to the team who run the bar and support social events so even if you have no cricket background but want to get involved it would be great to hear from you.

Mark Drinkall,
6th November 2021.



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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 47

1. Situated in West Cumbria the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway is often known by which nickname?
2. The Sherriff of Nottingham was the sworn enemy of which legendary outlaw?
3. In 1783 the Montgolfier brothers are generally regarded as the first human beings to do what?
4. Who scored England's brilliant goal in the final of Euro 2020?
5. The Enyaq is the new electric SUV from which motor manufacturer?
6. Phil Everly of the Everly brothers died in August 2021, what was his brother and band mate called?
7. Which British pop star is married to American actress Ayda Field?
8. Which US R & B artist has been accused of abusing young fans and stood trial in the US?
9. Which short motorway links Blackpool with the M6 at Preston?
10. Which US rock band had hits with Sweet Home Alabama and Freebird before losing their lead singer in a deadly air crash in 1977?
11. Sex in the City is currently being remade but without which of the four original female stars?
12. How many gold medals did the Great Britain team win during the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo?
13. At those games who became the first Britain to retain an Olympic swimming title?
14. Cricket's The Hundred was launched with great fanfare in 2021, which team won the Men's title?
15. And who won the Women's title?
16. Which much younger actor, later to become a huge star in his own right, was lined up to play Lance Corporal Jones in Dad's Army if Clive Dunne had turned the part down?
17. Little Mermaid statue is in the harbour of which European capital?
18. Patented in 1856 in the US the Bessemer process was used to produce what from pig iron?
19. Which of the following English Premier League clubs have never won the European Champions League or its predecessor the European Cup; Arsenal, Manchester City, Tottenham Hotspur?
20. Which city is the capital of the Canadian province of British Columbia, generally referred to as BC?

Thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall. Answers on Page 40

SOME HORNBY HAPPENINGS

I am very pleased to say that Hornby Institute is up and running again following the pandemic. We are open from 9:00am to 10:00pm depending on what is going on. Bookings are being taken for room hire and from groups wishing to use the Institute.

Hornby Flower club: welcomed **Pamela from Fresh Fields** in Bentham as our guest demonstrator on Thursday the **18th November**. We usually meet on the **3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm** but Christmas is a busy time for many so our date has been changed to allow you to enjoy as many activities as possible this year. And if you are looking for ideas or inspiration for Christmas presents or table decorations then why not join us on **Thursday 2nd December 6:30pm in the Institute** when our demonstrator will be **Joan Bentley** from Grange -over- Sands. Her title is **Christmas Sparkle**.

Next year we have some exciting events taking place at the Institute. In February we hope to have members of the **Lancaster University Brass Band** playing for us on a Sunday. The young people are in a competition at the beginning of the month so we might have the winners playing for us!

On Saturday 5th March we are having a **Grand Craft Fair** with many and varied stalls demonstrating just how talented people are in our area. We have artisans from Wray to Lancaster and from the Lune Valley in general. So come and treat yourself to something beautiful.

Over 2 days, 9th & 10th of April, you are invited to **The Lune Valley Art & Craft Exhibition**. This will be a spectacular showcase of creative talent from around our area, from the north to the south. We have ceramicists; painters; jewellery makers; stoneware; textiles and many more. Enquiries about exhibiting are most welcome. Ring Chris on 015242 22259.

The gardens at **Hornby Castle** will be open as will **Coach House Antiques** so why not have a day out in Hornby? The Institute will be catering with sandwiches, cakes and scones and light lunches available at **Hornby Tea Rooms**. All profit will go towards the upkeep of the Institute.

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CATON CLUBS NEWS

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our last trip of the year was to Liverpool. Once again we picked a lovely day, it was sunny and warm. There was plenty to do and see, from shopping to history and architecture – in fact something for everyone. Unfortunately our hot pot and race afternoon on the 18th of November was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Our Christmas party is booked for Thursday the 16th December 12:45pm for 1:15pm in the Victoria Institute. Catering is by Julia Parker, a two course meal with drinks, and entertainment by the 'Every song singers', cost £10.00, orders for food by the 9th of December please. We are organising a raffle and prizes would be very welcome.

A date for your diaries; the AGM will be held on Thursday 20th January 2022 at 2pm in the Victoria Institute. This is the opportunity to elect your committee and pick up the 2022 Club programme. The annual membership fee will be £5.00. Tea and coffee along with mince pies and

cakes will be served. There will not be an admission charge.

The committee wish all our members a very happy and healthy Christmas and all the very best for 2022.

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

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We are very sad to confirm that we have had to cancel the matinee performance of the Pantomime 'Snow White and the seven dwarfs' at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool which had been booked for 1.1.22. All monies have now been refunded.

Future theatre visits are being planned for next year. May we wish all our theatre lovers a very merry Christmas a best wishes for a happy new year. For further information call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943.

CATON LEISURE CLUB

Dec 6th **Christmas Party** Unfortunately the caterers we had booked are unable to provide our cold buffet. We have been fortunate that Newfields' Catering

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of Lancaster have stepped into the breach and will be providing us with an excellent, extensive menu that includes a choice from several naughty desserts! Tea and coffee will be provided but if you have a special tippie then you can bring that to have with your meal. The cost is £10pp for members. For your entertainment we have booked a professional magician. Places need to be booked and paid for by Monday 29th November.

We return on 10th January when our first talk of the New Year will be by Phil Rawsthorn, 'Seven Wonders of the ancient world' followed by:

17th Denise Nardone, with her much anticipated talk on 'Bookbinding'
24th David Talbot, 'Butterflies to dragons'

31st David Cording, 'In the land of beautiful horses'

February 7th `Christine Workman, 'Felt hat makers in the Lune Valley'

Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change

at short notice. If you would like to hear any of the talks then just turn up on the day at the Victoria Institute 10:30-12:30 or call the number below. Cost: members £1.50; non-members £3.00; annual membership £5.00.

Chair Based Exercise continue throughout the year every Monday 09:00-10:00. *There will not be any classes on 6th & 27th December & 3rd January.*

Dru Yoga classes, are held every Thursday 10:00-11:00. *The last class before Christmas is 16th December with classes restarting again on 6th January 2022.* We currently have some vacancies. Why not start now rather than waiting for the new year? For further information call Susan on 01524 771862.

Short Mat Bowls Wednesday 10:00-12:00. *The last meeting before Christmas will be Wednesday 15th December.* Meetings will recommence on 12th January until 30th March, when the outdoor bowls re-starts.

If you would like further information on the above call David 01524 812342.



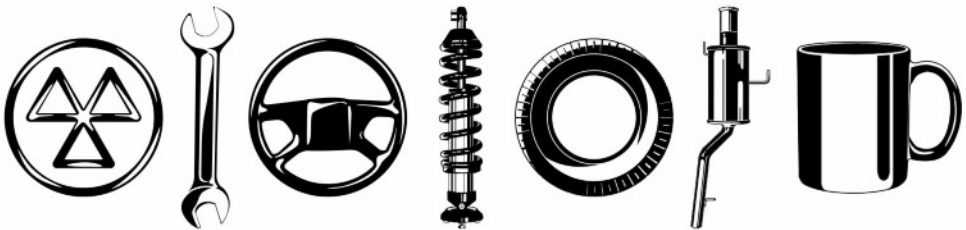
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HAPPENINGS AT HALTON MILL

ALL THINGS FESTIVE AT THE MILL

The Mill is getting busier now with events, workshops and exhibitions regularly filling our spaces – get in touch if you would like to host an event, display your work in our exhibition space – it's free - attend a class or workshop, we're loving having a community back within our walls!

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA – 4TH DECEMBER 2021

On 4th December The Mill is getting festive, hosting an all day Christmas Extravaganza with crafts, songs, exhibits and music. You will be able to browse and shop at one of over 20 craft stalls - selling many handmade items, perfect gifts for friends and loved ones, visit Father Christmas in his workshop and enjoy a mince pie and mulled wine while singing along with our Christmas choir. Festive attire encouraged!

Our resident porcelain and glass artist Sarah Livingstone will be opening her studio doors, so you can pop in and see

where she makes her beautiful creations, inspired by the river on her doorstep. Open 11am – 3pm. Entrance is 50p with under 14s free!

Our Christmas Extravaganza also sees the launch of our newest Exhibition – Morecambe: Beyond the Obvious. A showcase of Morecambe as you've never seen it before, with photos and stories about the backstreets, buildings and people that lurk behind the 'seafront'. The Exhibition is FREE, and available to view throughout December and January 10am – 8pm on The Mezzanine.

There will also be an opportunity to have a tour around the Co-Housing site next door, shown around by residents who would love to tell you what it's like living in a community and answer any questions. You can book on www.lancastercohousing.org.uk or just turn up. Tours will be leaving at 12pm and 3pm from outside the doors of the Mill Atrium.

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To finish the day, The Mill hosts The Boat Band – spend the evening being entertained by these masters of merry music. Be thrilled by hot Cajun two steps and waltzes, English jigs and polkas, Haitian merengues, Creole and Caribbean accordion and fiddle tunes, shanties of the seven seas and New Orleans brass. If it touches the heart and moves the feet, it's in the repertoire. 7:30pm, £15/£10, book via www.haltonmill.org.uk.

RELAX AHEAD OF THE BIG DAY!

After all that festive excitement you will likely be in need of some relaxation, so join Rebecca on Saturday 18 December for a Christmas candle lit heart-opening Yoga session. An opportunity to open your heart and spread love and compassion with a tender heart-centered flow, followed by a heart-opening Yin practice, ending with a Yoga Nidra (relaxation). £40 in person / £30 via Zoom, book via www.bookwhen.com/rebeccayoga. The Mill will be closed to the public between Christmas and New Year.

A NEW YEAR'S MUSICAL JOURNEY!

The first event of 2022 is a Musical Journey. The fourth in our series of eclectic musical offerings supporting performers and raising money for local charities! Featuring performers from many different traditions, including local band Boom Bike Bourree. Check the Mill 'what's on' page for latest updates and additional performers who will be announced nearer the time. £10 (£2.50 via Zoom) For more information and booking visit www.haltonmill.org.uk.

NEW YEAR, NEW CRAFT?

In January there are two more opportunities to take Sarah Galloway's one-day course where you will explore fabric dyeing and screen-printing techniques on natural and manmade fabrics. Hosted by Sarah in her beautiful riverside studio you need no previous experience and materials are all included; 15th Jan, 12th Feb & 12th March, 10am – 4pm, £100, please contact Sarah at info@sarahgallowayassociates.co.uk or on 07957384225 for more information



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FEELING ARTY? JOIN OUR NEW ART CLASSES.

We have 2 new art classes starting at The Mill in the new year, weekly classes hosted by 2 local artists - Ingrid Christie and Donna Readman. Both are looking to share advice, tips and techniques in relaxed and inviting classes. Classes shall be held on a Tuesday evening and a Wednesday afternoon. All abilities welcome. For more information please contact greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk or 07582789406, and keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Sarah Galloway's life drawing classes will also continue into the new year, on Mondays 11am – 1pm, and Wednesday evenings 6pm – 8pm; £15 per session

(includes basic materials); please contact Sarah to book – info@sarahgallowayassociates.co.uk or phone 07957384225.

YOGA IN THE NEW YEAR

Rebecca and Will shall be hosting their iRest Yoga Nidra 6 week course in January 2022. The course focuses on body sensing, dates are to be confirmed so please keep an eye on their website – www.rebeccayoga.org.uk. Foundation Course – British Wheel of Yoga Foundation Course starting February 2022. For more information see website.

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

or email barbarastandenjones@hotmail.com

If you are interested in volunteering to assist, then please get in touch. No experience necessary, just a willingness to brighten up someone's day and put a smile on their face.

HALTON ELECTECH SPECIALISTS ANNOUNCE LIFE-SAVING CHARITY PARTNERSHIP

Halton-based electronic and software engineering specialist, Like Technologies, has officially partnered with life-saving local organisation, Bay Search and Rescue. The company, which has helped to keep the country's lights turned on and the wheels of industry turning throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, has kick started the partnership with a £3,000 donation. This has enabled the purchase of 18 new personal flotation devices to kit out the whole Bay Search and Rescue team.

Bay Search and Rescue is a volunteer all-terrain transport, rescue and recovery team. For over 20 years they have been involved in every major coastal incident around Morecambe Bay and life-threatening floods, snow and wildfire incidents across the North West. They have also provided national flood support to DEFRA. The team supports all the emergency services and are renowned for their

ability to travel to areas where no one else can, using Hagglund Tracked Amphibious Rescue vehicles, boats and four-wheel drive vehicles.

On the 2nd of June it was announced that Bay Search and Rescue had been awarded the Queen's Volunteer Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a volunteer group in the UK can receive. The award recognises the outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their local communities.

Gary Parsons, Bay Search and Rescue Station Officer, Trustee and Founder Member said: "Bay Search and Rescue are extremely grateful to be selected as Like Technologies' charity of the year. To be recognised for the hard work that we do is extremely gratifying. We are extremely thankful for their support this year and look forward to working with them."

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Kate Houlden, Managing Director of Like Technologies, said: "Like Technologies is proud to announce a charity partnership with Bay Search and Rescue, an organisation which is such a vital and life-saving resource. Our 2021 charity was voted for by our employees and we are delighted to see everyone getting involved in supporting this great cause.

After making an initial donation to enable the purchase of essential equipment, we have various fundraising plans to make a difference throughout the year. We would like to ask the local community to join us in raising money for and sharing awareness of this incredible charity and the unique logistical and technical rescue work that they do. We recently held a 'Raffle to the Rescue' in aid of Bay Search and Rescue, which raised £863 with support from lots of local businesses."

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QUEEN'S PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY

One element of the celebration next year is The Queen's Green Canopy "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" (<https://queensgreencanopy.org>). If anyone has suggestions or ideas for where trees could be planted with the landowner's permission, then feel free to let us know.

ASH DIEBACK

This disease is predicted to kill around 80% of the ash trees in the UK. The Parish Council will be monitoring the health of trees on council land, but it is worth everyone checking ash trees on their own land to ensure that they remain safe.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Parish Council is continuing to plan new equipment for St. Wilfrid's Park and the Centre. Feedback from residents indicate that swings, a climbing frame and new seating would be popular at St. Wil-

frid's Park. We will investigate the feasibility of a slide and/or spinning equipment at the Centre. We are happy to consider other ideas that you may have for these areas.

BURIAL GROUND

A large part of a tree bordering the M6 fell down in the Burial Ground recently. Due to the risk of the remaining part falling onto the motorway, the tree was removed. This has created quite a large gap at the far end so we will most likely plant a new tree or hedge.

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SQUARE DANCING

LUNE VALLEY OCEAN WAVERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

We are primarily a dance club but we think of ourselves as a square dance family, to have fun, enjoy the company and look out for each other.

Our Halloween themed night is always fun.

We had mostly witches this year but trying to guess who was who was hilarious.

We had a Guy Fawkes Night as well. I went as 'The Guy' but was the only one in fancy dress that night. I didn't care, I enjoy working on my costumes and dressing up.

There have been some anniversaries & birthdays where our dancers have shared some really yummy cakes to celebrate their day.

We have been collecting empty crisp packets, stamps and have filled Xmas shoe boxes for charity.

A few of us went to the dance weekend in Southport in November. A great weekend of dance and the Xmas shopping is a bonus.

For our club's free Xmas party, other square dance clubs are also invited to join in the fun, bring a picnic, dance, play games and dress up if they wish.

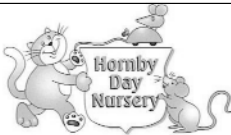
We still have the dinner dance to look forward to in February, when we can wear our posh frocks, so there's lots going on.

Our new dancers are picking up the moves very quickly and learning more new moves every week. They are doing so well that we have decided to recruit again in February, probably 21st but that is to be confirmed.

Don't worry if you haven't got a partner, we will find you one. It's for anyone over 14, couples, singles, friends and family. If you can walk to the beat of a drum you can square dance. Come and give it a try in February.

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