



THE PRATTLE



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Halton-with-Aughton

April/May 2022



Welcome to this edition of the Prattle. The clocks have changed, and spring is here. Take advantage of the longer lighter days and take up one of the many classes or activities detailed inside.

Happy Easter!

Jan & Dave

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Services in April

- 3 10:00 am Family Communion
5 9:00 am Morning prayer
10 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
11 7:30 pm Taizé Service
12 9:00 am Morning prayer
13 7:30 pm Music and meditation
for Holy week
14 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday
service **at St Luke's**
15 10:30 am Good Friday - Children's
activities
2:00 pm An hour at the Cross.
17 10:00 am Easter Sunday Family
Communion
19 9:00 am Morning prayer
24 10:00 am Family Communion
26 9:00 am Morning prayer

Services in May

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

April

- 3 10:00am. Rev. Yolande Burns
(Communion)
10 4:30pm. Rev. John Gordon
17 10:00am. Rev. Irene John (Communion.
Easter Sunday)
24 4:30pm. Rev. John Gordon.

May

- 1 10:00am. Rev. Paul Swinn
(Communion)
8 4:30pm. Rev. John Gordon.
15 No service at Halton URC. Hest Bank
URC service is at 11am in St Luke's
Church, Slyne.
22 4:30pm. Rev. John Gordon.
29 10:00 am Rev. John Gordon.

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in April

- 10 11:30 am Holy Communion
17 11:30 am Easter Sunday Holy
Communion
24 11:30 am Morning Prayer

Services in May

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

From The Registers -

Baptism – 6th Feb - Quinlan James Bolsover

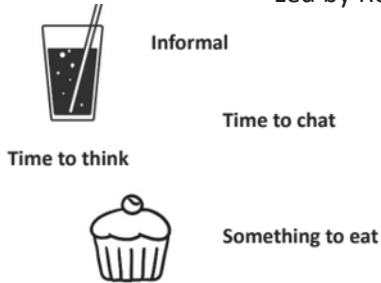
Burial of Ashes – 6th March – Michael and
Sheila Foster

HALTON URC NEWS

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Come along to one of our new 'Café style' 4:30 services – every other Sunday.

Led by Rev John Gordon.



Our more traditional church services continue at 10:00am every other Sunday. A warm welcome is extended to all. Please see services listing for dates.

MYSPACE

By the time you read this our MySpace art and craft club (for girls 11-16) will be underway. Please see the main advert for details.

SOUP AND A SONG

Unfortunately 'Soup and a song' will not be going ahead for the time being. Thank you to everyone who has supported or expressed interest in the group.

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GOOD FRIDAY 10.30 AM - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE.



There will be a morning of children's activities starting at 10:30 am, followed by a short interactive, child friendly service at 11:30am.

Everyone welcome. Drinks and Hot Cross buns will be served. Suitable for children of all ages.

HOLY WEEK AT ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

Monday 7:30 pm -

Taizé Service

Wednesday 7:30 pm -

Music and meditations

Maundy Thursday 7:30

pm at St Luke's Slyne - Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 10:30 am -

Children's activities.

11:30 am -

Children's service for Good Friday

2:00 pm -

An hour at the Cross



ST WILFRID'S JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior church meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month during school term time at 10am. Please pre-book for each week by emailing Sandra Dawson at s.dawson135@btinternet.com.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Tuesday afternoon group meets at 25 Harrowdale Park, on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. To find out more, ring Rev'd Helen Leathard on 849495.

Thursday evening group meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30pm on Zoom. Please contact Rev'd Susan for the zoom link. Tel 01524 822128, email 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.

Wherever you live, please get in contact with Rev'd Susan if you have any pray requests for specific people, places or situations. (Details are kept confidential).

You can also contact Rev'd Susan to discuss having a christening, wedding or funeral at St Saviour's or St Wilfrid's Church. Tel 01524 822128, email revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.

ST WILFRID'S OPEN CHURCH

St Wilfrid's will be open during the day on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. You are welcome to come and reflect or pray in the peaceful atmosphere of the church building. There will also be leaflets available with information about our beautiful historical church and Viking Cross.

VILLAGE NEWS



Amongst the many suggestions for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022, is to have a Big

Jubilee Lunch. This can be a proper Lunch, Picnic, Tea and Cake or a BBQ.

We have all had a tough couple of years, with some of us making considerable sacrifices, faced social isolation and gone without seeing friends, neighbours and loved ones. The extended Bank Holiday weekend is an opportunity to express our gratitude to our neighbours who have quietly and generously supported us. The Big Jubilee Lunch brings neighbours and communities together.

If you are thinking of organising something then the Eden Project has a fantastic free resource pack:-

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch>

As a community, our villages of Halton on Lune and Aughton are only as good as we choose to make them. The establishment of good neighbourhoods is essential for the security of our property and to offer support to neighbours in times of need. We all lead busy lives often only chatting when we cut the hedge or wash the car.

If you would like to do something, then have a quiet word with your neighbours and see what you can come up with, often the simplest ideas are the cheapest and most enjoyable.

Has your next door neighbour got a pub set up in the garden shed or a hot tub on the patio?

I look forward to seeing your creativity.

Councillor Jonathan Sewell

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HALTON LIBRARY

We have something new at Halton Library! From Friday the 25th March, with the help of a volunteer, the library will be offering help and support for everyone who is interested in researching their family history online using resources such as Ancestry and Find My Past websites. These sessions are weekly, every Friday, 1:00 till 3:00pm. Booking is needed, please book by email: halton.library@lancashire.gov.uk or in person at the library.

HEARTS OF HALTON WI

Well how time moves on!! Change of officers on board after a number of years as our wonderful Treasurer, Jeanne, has decided to retire. Amanda McGartland has

stepped into her shoes and we are pleased to have her on board. After months of separation and change of venue to the Centre our January meeting had to be cancelled due to lack of officers and Covid about. February was again a little dramatic with the dreadful weather, but 11 members and 1 new member braced the weather for a night all about chocolate. Our own Janet was speaker for the night and our ladies enjoyed the choccy samples she brought.

Three of our members are attending the Lancashire Spring Council Meeting, held for the first time in Bolton. Karen Stackhouse is our delegate this year. We have a team entering the Federation Fun Quiz - Karen Stackhouse, Janet Theobald, Jean Adams and Iris Suthers.

March meeting was a returning speaker, Philip Heaton; we had a Zoom meeting with him last year, but not everyone was able to do Zoom...so he visited us at the Centre on Wed 16th March to give us 'An Introduction to Astrology'.

Any of you ladies out there who would be interested in joining the Hearts of Halton - you will be made very welcome...let me tell you that you do not need to be able to bake or MAKE JAM! Just want to experience the friendship of the Hearts ladies, and learn some new skills; various courses and outings are run by the Federation.

For details contact me, Jane Mealor, President Hearts of Halton; 812702; email janemealor14@gmail.com

These details can also be found on the Lancashire Federation Women's Institute website Find a WI near me. Best wishes to you all,

Jane



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HALTON GARDENING GROUP

Spring will be in full swing when you read this and our tended village areas will be looking colourful with narcissi, crocuses and the new shoots of the tulips and other spring bulbs we planted last autumn. The snowdrops, which have been abundant this year, will have finished, but we managed to plant up several more clumps in the Memorial/Jubilee garden whilst still 'in the green'.

The group is continuing to refurbish the Memorial/Jubilee garden during 2022 and hope to have a grand opening in the Summer. The gabion corner is our current focus with new seating planned for there and two new benches in the garden. A



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One of our members, Janet Theobald, has looked into the history of the Memorial/Jubilee Garden and is putting on an exhibition at Halton Mill from **16th May to the end of June** to share her findings. She will also present a short talk about the history on **Friday 27th May at 7:30pm.**

Fundraising will continue with our **annual plant sale on 21st May 2022 from 2-4pm on the Centre field.** It's going to be a busy weekend with plenty to do in the area as Halton Park Gardens will be open for the NGS, there will be a craft fair in the Centre Hall and Caton will be holding their Gala.

We are all looking forward to our day trip to RHS Bridgewater in June and expect to return home with an abundance of ideas and plants in tow.

Our gardening tip this edition is to **dead-head** your daffodils:

To keep your bulbs healthy and blooming year after year, remove faded flowers to stop them setting seed. Allow the leaves to yellow and die naturally, so that nutrients are returned to the bulb. If the weather's dry, it will help to water them and, if grown in pots, feed them weekly with potassium-rich fertiliser such as tomato food.

We welcome new members and meet on the third Tuesday each month at 9:30am, usually in the Mill Seminar Room on Mill Lane. Please contact Anne beforehand if you are planning to attend for the first time.

Monica Williams

HGG Chair

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Easter Coffee and Crafts

Saturday 9th April. 10.30-12.00.
Halton United Reformed Church. High Rd.



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Easter egg hunt!

Baked goods, Easter cards and gifts, Easter Raffle.



By the time you are reading this copy of The Prattle the clocks will have gone forward and we will all be looking forward to some long hot summer days.

It should now only be a few weeks until we re-open our courtyard garden for the summer for everyone to enjoy a bite to eat and a drink, don't forget that we are also fully licensed if you fancy something a little stronger.

Supper Evenings are now in full swing having held one back in January for Burns Night and one in February for Valentines night. The next two are on Good Friday – 15th April and the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday – 3rd June.

Afternoon Teas are proving as popular as ever, so if you have a special occasion on the horizon please feel free to enquire. We can also cater for birthdays, christenings, anniversaries and funerals.

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As I write this article, the Ukraine has been under attack from Russia for 13 days, and it puts into perspective some of the real or imagined hardships that we face in our day to day lives here in the UK. One of the most direct effects this war is having on us in the UK is financial, compounding on the already large effects that the pandemic has had, especially on the already crippling energy price hikes. Nevertheless, we have to carry on with our lives as best we can, while doing what we can to help the people of Ukraine; and schools, churches, groups and individuals around the UK have been collecting donations of clothes, equipment and cash.

Since the last time I wrote, scouts has been continuing as normal, and it was nice not to have to wear masks in the scout hut during the evening sessions. The weather has been pretty poor over the last couple of months so we haven't done much outside, other than going hiking up Farleton fell in the dark in

what can only be described as cold and windy weather, with just a sprinkling of light rain. At this point I'd like to thank Bee Adventures for taking us up to Farleton in one of their minibuses, although at least the driver got to sit the evening out in the relative warmth of the minibus itself.

Coming up we have a nights camping planned at the scout hut (beginning of April), where we hope to finish off some badgework that is difficult to do on the larger district and county organised camps. This includes the Chef's badge, where the scouts will be doing all their own food prep and cooking for the weekend. In fact the scouts will pretty much be managing the whole camp themselves, with some supervision of course.

We also have some caving planned at Alum Pot near Horton in Ribblesdale, although this is having to be put back a few weeks because the other leader has managed to hurt his knee in Jiu-

Jitsu, and he is the one with all the caving skills.

I hope to be taking the scouts through their master at arms badge in air rifle shooting before the summer holidays as well, which requires them to do 6 sessions of shooting and to have shown improvement over the period. Alongside these adventurous activities we are planning on completing the first aid badge, although I hope not to have to put these skills into practice during any of our outings.

It is with some trepidation that I sign off today, not knowing what the situation in Europe is going to be when I come to write my next article.

John



MYSFACE

MySpace, a Creative Activities Group for Girls aged 11-16

The last Friday of every month. At Halton United Reformed Church.

We do fun and interesting art and craft activities, with a relaxed atmosphere, and a break for hot chocolate and biscuits!

Crafts we have covered include:- tie dye, paper maché, painting, wire work, decorating eggs, pictures using sea glass and shells, sewing, and much more ...

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 at Halton United Reformed Church, on the High Road.

Mary and Catherine

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The Club was *Lancaster Community Club of the Year in 2017* and continues to provide a friendly environment with a very active programme of tennis and events.

Any queries to Susan Lucas on tel: 07771 734920 or email: lancstennis@gmail.com and do check out the Club's website on <https://lancastertennis.co.uk/>

BUS SERVICES

Bus services to the village are changing from the beginning of April, so there is no information on timetables in this issue, but we will have the updated information in the next issue.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 12th March – Anthony Guitarist and singer

Saturday 26th March – Bingo & Members draw prize money £250

Saturday 2nd April – Molly Warburton

Saturday 30th April – Members draw

Saturday 28th May – Coastline & Members draw

Members draws take place the last Sat of the month – you have to be in to win!

Please follow us on Facebook – Halton Club.

Craft Fair

Sat 21st May



2pm - 5pm



Tables £15

Entry adults £1 - children free

Plant sale on the field 2pm - 4pm free entry

For more information contact Centre Office
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1pm-5pm Mon-Fri

10am-5pm Sat & Sun

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

PROJECTS, JOB VACANCY, FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERING

As we are continuing to move forward with our external toilet and disability lift project we have potential upcoming fundraising events so please keep up to date to find out when they are and how

you can get involved. We always welcome new fundraising ideas. Please contact a member of staff with any ideas you may have. Tel: 01524 811316 during office hours Monday – Friday 1-5pm or email info@haltoncentre.org We currently have a job vacancy within our Coffee Shop due to Rebecca going off onto maternity leave. We are so grateful for all that Rebecca has done at the Centre, both volunteering and working as a coffee shop supervisor for almost 10 years. This new role is a job share and will include weekend work and some school holiday cover and is likely to continue when Rebecca returns to work. Please contact us to find out more.

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the Centre in the coffee shop, with the luncheon club, toddler group, other new activity groups, and at our fundraising events. Please come along and volunteer as a regular, one off, or

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CENTRE NEWS

We will be holding a Craft Fair in the hall on Saturday 21st May 2022 from 2-5pm. To book a table for £15 contact the Centre Office 01524 811316 or email centremanager@haltoncentre.org.

Entry is £1. The proceeds raised will go towards our external toilet and disability lift project. Halton Gardening Group will be holding their Plant Sale on the field 2-4pm on the same day. Entry is free. Their proceeds will go towards gardening projects within the village.

NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES

Indoor bowling is now every Friday afternoon 3:30pm – 5:30pm in the Main Hall. The session is £2 including refreshments. New members are very welcome. No experience necessary. We are also looking to hold some games

and small clubs such as chess and other board games in the Coffee Shop starting on Friday at 2pm with more sessions to follow.

Our new walking group has started. The group walks from the Centre and returns for refreshments in the Coffee Shop. Days, times and routes may vary. Stay up to date with our newsletters and social media for more information to follow.

Eclipse Taekwondo is now running an extra session on Fridays 6.15-7.15pm.

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

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Plant Sale and Craft Fair- 21st May

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WHAT'S ON IN HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON?

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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:

Storytime: 9:00 (term time only) for pre-
school children and their carers.

Halton Library

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

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
Samba Espirito (Drumming): 6:45–9:30pm
Karen 07711 262288
Carpet Bowls: 7:30pm Aughton Hall, Tim
07980 573805.

Fridays:

NEW - Indoor Bowling: 3:30pm 811316
NEW - Taekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick
07985125530

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



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

TUESDAYS:

2nd Tues: Soup & a Song: (for those with
memory loss, their carers or friends),
10:30-1:00, Halton URC, High Road.
Please book a place. Barbara 811862

3rd Tues: Gardening Group: for venue in-
formation, email: haltongardeninggroup
@gmail.com or message/telephone Anne
Snowden (secretary) on 07523182617.

WEDNESDAYS:

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

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

3rd Wed: WI (Hearts of Halton): 7:15pm
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.

WHAT'S ON DIARY

APRIL

- Fri 8 Bingo, 7pm at Aughton Village
Hall.
- Sat 9 Easter Coffee and Crafts. 10:30-
12:00. Halton URC, High Road.
Easter egg hunt and craft activi-
ties for children.
- Sun 10 Bridges 10k race 11am Salt Ayre
Leisure Centre
- Tue 12 AGM Halton Hydro 7:15pm The
Centre
- Sat 30 Salsa Dance night with Bar 7pm
to 12 midnight The Centre

MAY

- Sat 21 Craft Sale 2-5pm £1 The Centre
- Sat 21 Garden Sale 2-4pm - The Centre
Field

JUNE

- Thur 2 Lighting the Jubilee Beacon,
9:45pm, see page 34
- Sun 5 The Jubilee Picnic 2pm to 4pm.
The Centre Field

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Salsa Dance nights - July 16, Sept 17,
Nov 19; The Centre

Children's Nearly New Sale dates - 15
Oct; The Centre

Xmas Fair - Nov 26; The Centre

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

Email: halton-prattle@outlook.com or Tel Carol on 811444

TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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With the season looming at the time of writing we have had four weeks of senior indoor nets with four more to go, we should be practising outdoors by the time they are complete. Junior indoor nets run through March into early April but are now booked out.

Registration night for juniors and seniors is Friday 1st April from 6 to 8:30 pm,

so any new players are urged to attend that night or contact Mark Drinkall if they can't. On a senior playing front we have signed Australian overseas amateur Matt Cline from Victoria. Matt will be a huge asset with his pace bowling, he also plans to work in the UK and do some travelling during his stay. Several other new players have signed including former Morecambe opener Mark Woodhead. Halton resident Mike Andrews has taken on the role of Hon. Secretary and we all wish him well with that.

The senior players and committee will need to get stuck into pre season work at the club before the first friendly on 16th April at home, with the league commencing the following Saturday. As always we would love to recruit further volunteers to help with juniors, the bar, catering and work on the ground.

The ECB have confirmed funding for our new artificial wicket, which will be installed in early June. The club is once again most grateful for the ongoing support of the LCB and ECB.

If you have an interest in cricket and would like to be involved at Torrisholme in any way by all means contact Mark Drinkall on 07738 252449 or drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

Mark Drinkall,
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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 49

1. In which indoor sport do players routinely warm their balls by hitting them prior to the game?
2. In road policing jargon what does TWOC stand for?
3. DCI William Lorimer is the hero of a series of novels often described as Glasgow's answer to Ian Rankin's Edinburgh based Rebus series, who writes them?
4. What has been the national emblem of Scotland for over 500 years?
5. Which Dutch Master was responsible for the painting entitled 'The Girl with the Pearl Earring'?
6. Which actor joined his 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum' co-star Don Estelle singing 'Whispering Grass' on Top of the Pops in 1975?
7. Which author wrote 'Cold Comfort Farm', first published in 1932?
8. Who was Prime Minister of the UK from 1970 to 1974?
9. Which former greengrocer presents Masterchef with John Torode?
10. Nacre is an alternative name for which valued natural material?
11. Christened with the forenames John Berry which great English cricketer was known as The Master?
12. Which four letter word is a type of website to which the general public can upload or modify content?
13. According to UK law what is the minimum permissible tread depth on car tyres, it must cover 75% of the width of the tyre around the whole circumference?
14. Jon Arthur, Dave Brown and John Murray present YouTube content focusing on which pastime?
15. Which chemical element has an Atomic Number of 5 and the symbol B?
16. In which type of card deck might you find minor arcana suits called Cups, Batons, Swords, and coins?
17. Saint George's is the capital of which Caribbean island which will host test cricket (West Indies v England) in early 2022?
18. Which planet has two satellites called Phobos and Deimos?
19. Which four letter word can be a small European mammal or a Mexican sauce, the pronunciation is different of course?
20. Which actress starred in Total Recall, Basic Instinct and Casino, amongst many other movies?

Thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall. Answers on Page 23

SOME HORNBY HAPPENINGS

HORNBY INSTITUTE

The Grand Craft Fair held on the 5th of March was a great success. It was lovely to see so many visitors returning to the The Institute after the pandemic. We haven't got the final figure raised but it should be in the region of £700 - £800.00. Our raffle of silver jewellery, which has been donated by Anna France of Annakin Silver, Manchester, got off to a good start but there are tickets still available should you wish to purchase one. They can be bought from the Institute, 015242 22227, the village shop or at the Art and Craft exhibition.

IN HORNBY INSTITUTE:

Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th April:
11:00 am – 4.00pm **'The Lune Valley Art and Craft Exhibition'**

This will be a wonderful display of Arts and Crafts from the Lune Valley and the surrounding area. We have ceramicists, jewellery makers, textiles, paintings,

hand crafted furniture and much more. Bring your cheque book or credit card as there will be much to see, fall in love with and of course purchase. Refreshments in the Institute and light lunches in Hornby Tea rooms.

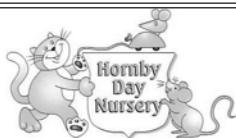
The Gardens at Hornby Castle will be open as will Coach House Antiques and our local shops.

21ST APRIL HORNBY FLOWER CLUB

We meet in the Institute at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of each month. We are very privileged to have, not one but two NAFAS demonstrators in March and April. On the 17th March was Joan Bentley whose theme was 'Inspiring designs on a budget' and on the 21st April will be Anne Morgan with an up to the minute 'surprise' theme.

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL: THE LONG NIGHTS

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respected group 'The Long Nights'. They are a Lancaster based band known across the circuit for their old-time folk, bluegrass and Americana; banjo, guitar, fiddle and double base; close harmonies and stories of romance, witches, religion and MURDER.

Tickets cost £6.00 obtained from the Institute 015242 22227. Bar open 7:00pm; Concert at 7:30pm.

PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Squash, hitting them heats them up and improves the bounce
2. Taking Without the Owners Consent, ie car theft
3. Alex Gray
4. The Thistle
5. Johannes Vermeer
6. Windsor Davies
7. Stella Gibbons
8. Edward Heath
9. Greg Wallace
10. Mother of Pearl
11. Jack Hobbs
12. Wiki
13. 1.6mm
14. Fishing, mainly coarse fishing
15. Boron
16. A (modern) Tarot deck
17. Grenada
18. Mars
19. Mole
20. Sharon Stone



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CATON CLUBS NEWS

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We held our A.G.M on the 20th of January 2022; we were happy to see so many of our members and to welcome new members. Our Chair Mrs Jean Askew gave her report. She thanked the members for their support with our summer trips under very trying circumstances. The committee members and agents were praised for their continued support and hard work. Without their commitment this community club, which is so important to our members would not be able to function. Membership cards containing our 2022 programme of coach trips and events were available, the cost to renew membership is £5.00. The cost for the trips will be £10.00 for members and £13.00 for non-members. She informed the members present that she would not be seeking re-election. The election of Chair: Mrs E. Dufton, Treasurer: Mr G. Stevens and Secretary: Mrs B. Smith.

Our first trip of this year is on the 21st of April to Freeport and Fleetwood, calling at Barton Grange on the way home to buy your bedding out plants. Pick up at the Victoria Institute at 9:30am then on to pickup at Brookhouse. Other pick up points can be arranged.

Our 19th of May trip is to the ever popular Chester. Pick up 9am from Brookhouse then on to pick up at the Victoria institute.

If you require further information on membership, a full list of committee members and agents or to book your place on a trip, call our secretary, Benita on 01524 771943.

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We are back!

For our next theatre visit we have booked seats in the dress circle at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool, on Saturday 25th of June 2022 for a matinee performance of 'Boogie Nights'.

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Cost for the coach and theatre seat £27.00 to be booked and paid on or before 30th of April 2022.

Pick up as usual is 10am from the Victoria Institute then on to pick up at Brookhouse. Other pick up points can be arranged.

This 70's musical tells the hilarious and heart warming story of Roddy, a 'Jack the lad', whose life of birds, booze and boogie is about to be turned upside down. Roddy is in love with Debs. She knows he has more than a roving eye. Can they both find what they are both searching for? Packed with the greatest disco classics: you sexy thing, YMCA, I will survive, blame it on the boogie and many, many more!

Don't forget your flares and platforms, dress to impress.

To book or for further information phone Benita on 01524 771943 or Jean on 01524 770980

CATON LEISURE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join our group for talks (see below) on a variety of interesting topics. Included in the cost for non members of £1.50 is the talk, tea/coffee and biscuits, and of course friendship.

We meet at the Victoria Institute Caton for a 10:30 start and usually finish at about 12:15. Do please come along. You will be most welcome.

Speakers in April

- 4th Berand and Jeanette - Egypt
- 11th Jan Dobson - Bali, Flores and Komodo Island
- 18th Easter
- 25th Members Day - An Object with a Little Story.

These are the final talks for now. They will continue in the autumn. Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change at short notice.

Chair Based Exercise continue throughout the year every Monday 09:00-10:00. Dru Yoga with Jean Nelson every Thursday 10-11 Main Hall Victoria Institute only £5 per class. We have a few spaces available. Ring Susan for further information 01524 771862.

Short Mat Bowls Wednesday 10:00 12:00 until 30th March, when the outdoor bowls re-starts.

If you would like further information on any of the above call **David 01524 81242342**.

HAPPENINGS AT HALTON MILL

Join us at Halton Mill for songs, Shakespeare, litter picking, drawing, local history and much more.

UKRAINE DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items and money to the Ukraine donation collection point at Halton Mill. These were gratefully received by the organisers in Caton.

HALTON SPRING CLEAN

Join Halton Mill and your local Neighbourhood Watch team to help pick up litter and give Halton a Spring Clean. Meet at 1.30pm on Sunday 9 April in Halton Mill Gardens to collect your equipment. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring gloves. After some productivity and exercise, we will meet back at The Mill for free drinks and refreshments. All ages welcome! To register your interest (so you get a cake!) please email greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk

CELEBRATE WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY AT HALTON MILL

On what is widely celebrated as Shakespeare's birthday - April 23 - join us at Halton Mill for 'Nearly Lear', telling the great and tragic story of King Lear through the eyes of his closest companion?

In this award-winning one-woman tour-de-force, Susanna Hamnett plays the Fool (and every other character) to tell a very personal and poignant story with breathtaking hilarity and heartache. Brought to you by Spot On Rural Touring. Tickets available from the Halton Mill website!

DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF HALTON'S MEMORIAL GARDEN - EXHIBITION & TALK

From 16 May – 30 June, Halton Mill is hosting an exhibition about the history of Halton's Memorial Garden, based on research done by Janet Theobald and the

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On Friday 27 May at 7:30pm Janet will be doing a talk in the Mill Seminar Room, giving more detail about what the group has found out about the Garden.

ARE YOU A HOBBY ARTIST LOOKING TO MEET UP WITH OTHERS?

Every Tuesday and Wednesday morning in our Arts & Crafts room, there are groups of people who meet up to paint, draw and chat. Bringing their own materials, they share ideas & techniques.

They are now reaching out to see if any other hobby painters / drawers would like to join them. Email greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk if you'd like to know more.

Aughton Bingo

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LOOKING TO JOIN A CHOIR?

Lune Valley Voices are always on the look out for people who would like to join their friendly, community choir. Led by Sian Phillips, they meet on a Monday night at 7pm at Halton Mill singing songs from around the world – from the UK to the Ukraine and South Africa.

No experience is necessary, you don't need to be able to read sheet music and it doesn't matter if you think you can't sing – you'll be carried along by everyone else. £5 per session – the first session if free. For more information contact Sian: 07803955658

LEARN DRAWING AND PAINTING FROM A TOP-CLASS ARTIST

Sarah Galloway is renowned for her contemporary architectural and stained glass, with a studio in the Mill. She's just completed a commission to create a glass screen for the entrance to the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, to commemorate Josephine Butler, the

19th century social reformer and campaigner on women's rights.

Sarah also makes and exhibits drawings and screen prints. And she loves sharing her skills and knowledge, seeing it as an important aspect of her creative practice. Sarah already runs Life Drawing classes from the Mill and is now excited to offer a Drawing and Painting class on Thursday afternoons 2-4pm. It's suitable for beginners and for those who want a refresher course or to improve. The 8-week course starts on 19 April.

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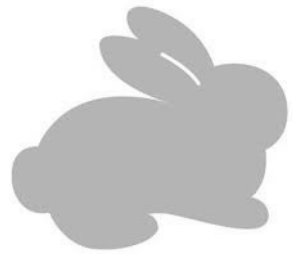
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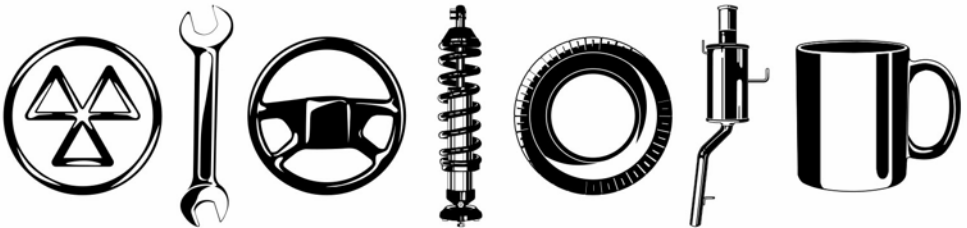
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HALTON HISTORY - WAR MEMORIAL CASUALTIES

Action on 23rd April 1915: (Part 1).

This date was one of tragedy for the people of Halton and in particular 3 families. 3 Halton men died this day on the Somme in the same area of conflict. They are commemorated where they fell.

The following describes the circumstances and the grief of the village.

King's Own Royal Regiment Diaries for 1st/5th Batt: (Edited)

Their orders for 23rd April 1915 state that "5th King's Own Royal Regiment, less one company, will follow the attack in reserve moving with its left on the Pilche – Ypres Road. The Battalions will move on a front of 500 yards."

The Diary continues, "At 5pm the Battalion moved for the attack – "C" Company leading. As they deployed, they were met with heavy shellfire. they reached their position they came under machine- Immediately gun fire and rifle fire from the front and both flanks. Casualties were numerous from the outset. The advance was carried out in perfect order, every man pressing forward to the objective. In coming in line with the troops of the attack, they were held up for lack of support. A halt was made and each man selected or made for himself cover. Later it was deemed advisable to fall back 1/200 yards and dig in a new line. "A" Company and a platoon of "D" Coy taking this duty whilst the remainder of the Battalion fell back to its posi-

tion prior to the commencement of the attack.

Casualties were recorded as: Officers - 1 killed and two died of wounds. Other Ranks – 36 killed. Wounded - 3 Officers and 144 Other Ranks. Missing 21 Other Ranks.

Lancaster Observer 14th May 1915: (Edited)

At Halton on Sunday evening a memorial service was held for three Halton young men: -

L/Cpl. T Burrow and Pte's Henry Hyton and J Johnston, of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment who fell in the fighting of April 23rd, St. George's Day, was held at Halton Congregational Chapel.

An appropriate service was preached by Mr. A. E. Wilkinson of Lancaster. Suitable songs were sung and the solo "Goodnight beloved" L /Corporal Burrow's favourite was sung by Mr. J Crossfield. A large congregation included members of the Halton Home Defence League in charge of Mr. T Gibson. Flowers were sent.

The solo sung by Mr. J. Crossfield:

"Goodnight, goodnight beloved mine!
Goodnight sleep well, my dear. (2x)
May cherubim and seraphim watch over you and hover near.

Goodnight, goodnight beloved mine!
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Henry Wordsworth Longfellow 1855.

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Jubilee Picnic will be going ahead on Sunday 5th June from 2pm to 4pm. If you are not joining a street party on your road, please come and join us on The Centre Field. Bring your own picnic for your family. The Coffee Shop will be open for hot and cold refreshments, delicious snacks and traditional ice creams.

Can you volunteer your skills to add to the party atmosphere? We are looking for face painters and children's entertainers, as well as music groups and bands to put on a short performance.

We also aim to light a beacon on the evening of 2nd June on Castle Hill at 9:45pm as part of the Jubilee Beacons. Whilst the field will not be accessible, you will be able to view it from the pavement, Memorial Garden and War Memorial.

We are still exploring options for planting trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. We think the green space between Forge Close, Forge Lane and Low Road would be suitable, so we are seeking permission from the land owner.

PLAY AREAS AND RECREATION AREA

The planning application to improve the Recreation Area at the Community Centre will be submitted in May. Recent quotes for the new play equipment indicate costs of around £100k-£120k. The aim is to fund this via a combination of a £50,000 Public Works loan, existing Parish Council reserves and grants.

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SQUARE DANCING



Valentine's day brought hearts, flowers, scrummy tea time treats and romantic music, plus Chris and Trevor provided prizes for a free mini raffle. Would you believe it, the first ticket I drew was Trevor's!

Our annual dinner dance, at the Morecambe Golf Club in February, was a great success. The meal was wonderful as was the dancing. Apart from the Christmas party this was the first real dance for those who had started in September to show off what they have learned and to socialise with the whole club. We danced mostly SSD with a smattering of Mainstream and Plus.

We have only just started another round of beginner classes, so it's early days for our new starters but they all seem to be enjoying the experience so far.

Recently, four of us went to Harrogate, to dance to Paul Bristow, from the South of England, calling for White Rose's Afternoon Birthday Tea Dance. It was great fun dancing and catching up with dancer friends from other clubs.

St Patrick's day was celebrated with decorations and Irish music and some dressing up, even though it was not actually on a club night.

We have a Spring Dance on 23 April with Emma Horsfield from Sheffield calling. Another first for our September dancers to dance to someone different. This may not sound much but for new dancers this can seem like a big step. I remember

my very first dance. I was very nervous. I needn't have been for after the first dance, I got used to the caller's voice and had a great evening. Everyone in the dancing world is very helpful, we all remember what it was like, trying to remember the moves and worrying that you may make mistakes. We all continue to make mistakes, however long we have been dancing but we just laugh it off. If you get the opportunity to dance to other callers, do go, as it will help you become a more confident dancer.

The next round of beginner lessons will not be until September. It is surprising how quickly the months speed by, so look out for info from August for details. See you in a Square!

Contact **Carol Holman on 811444** for any information

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