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Congratulations to the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee. There are street parties and picnics happening throughout the area to celebrate, lighting of bonfires and much more - details are all inside!

Have a good summer!

Jan & Dave

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Services in June

- 5 10:00 am Family Communion
7 9:00 am Morning prayer
12 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Songs of Praise
14 9:00 am Morning prayer
19 10:00 am Family Communion
21 9:00 am Morning prayer
26 10:00 am Family Communion
28 9:00 am Morning prayer

Services in July

- 3 10:00 am Family Communion
5 9:00 am Morning prayer
10 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
12 9:00 am Morning prayer
17 10:00 am Family Communion
19 9:00 am Morning prayer
24 10:00 am Family Communion
26 9:00 am Morning prayer
31 10:00 am Family Communion

From St Wilfrid's Registers

Baptism: 1st May - Ronnie Clarkson

Funerals: 8th April – Sheila Mount
5th May – Phyllis Redfearn

Live streamed services: Our 10 am Sunday Service and Tuesday Morning prayer service at St Wilfrid's are usually live

June 2022

- 5 10 am Dr. Michael Pickles
(communion).
12 4:30 pm Dr. Catherine Marshall.
19 10:00 am Service at Bolton-le-Sands
URC.
26 4:30 pm Rev. Daleen Ten-Cate.

July 2022

- 3 10 am Rev. Irene John
(communion).
10 10 am Rev. Irene John.
17 10 am Rev. David Atkinson.
24 4:30 pm Rev. John Gordon.
31 10 am Service at Bolton-le-Sands
URC.

streamed onto 'St Wilfrid's Church of England' Facebook page.

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in June

- 12 11:30 am Holy Communion
26 11:30 am Morning Prayer

Services in July

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

HALTON URC NEWS

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Come along to one of our new 'Café style' services –
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Saturday Vigil at 6:30 pm, Sunday Mass throughout the year at 10:00am.

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ST WILFRID'S HALTON

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12th June, 10 am Junior Church Songs of Praise

3rd July – Picnic in the Church grounds (Weather permitting)

For more details email Sandra Dawson at s.dawson135@btinternet.com.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Tuesday afternoon group: 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. email revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.

ST WILFRID'S OPEN CHURCH

St Wilfrid's is 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.

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.



Summer Coffee & Cake

Saturday 18th June. 10.30-12.00.

Halton United Reformed Church. High Rd.



Tea, Coffee & Cake on the lawn.

Craft activities for kids and grown-ups.

Craft materials stall - buy useful bits and bobs for your own projects.

Baked goods. Raffle.



Well, yet again time is flying by and as we approach the mid point of the year myself, Elaine and The Red Door café have also reached a couple of milestones. We have now lived in the village for over a year and the café has been open for over 6 months. A huge thank-you to everyone for making us so welcome and for your continued support of The Red Door Café.

As you are reading this we will be in the midst of our own celebrations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee; we really do hope to see you at some point over the weekend.

The weather has been kind to us recently and this has meant that we have finished work on our Courtyard Garden

and our first customers enjoyed it over the Easter weekend. It’s a real sun-trap with the sun being on it for the hours we are open; please feel free to call in, even if it’s just to have a nosey.

We continue to change the menu every week as the seasons and availability of fresh produce changes. This also means that there will be the opportunity to try different things every time you visit The Red Door Café.

We are looking forward to a long, hot summer and to welcoming customers back, as well as new faces that may not have been to see us before.

Thank you for your continued support!

Eric & Elaine



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REVERENT REFLECTIONS



As I write these reflections, everyone is very busy planning events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the extend-

ed bank holiday from 2nd to 5th June. There are thousands of events planned across the UK including many taking place in our villages of Halton and Aughton. Her Majesty the Queen is the first British Monarch to celebrate this landmark anniversary of 70 years of service to the United Kingdom and Commonwealth. Whatever your feelings about the monarchy, no-one can deny the impressive dedication and commitment that Elizabeth, our Queen, has given to her royal duties. Her strong Christian faith has given her great strength, especially in times of adversity and has led her to promote Christian values at home and abroad. She continues to carry out her duties with grace and dignity despite her advancing age.

There is no doubt that Queen Elizabeth II sees her role as monarch as a vocation. The Archbishop of Canterbury describes how "Queen Elizabeth II has lived out her vocation as a loving and caring sovereign servant to her nation". At her Coronation in 1953, she committed herself to a lifetime of service to her people. We often use the word 'vocation' to describe a career, often in the caring pro-

fessions such as nursing or teaching. It can also be applied to a role like parenting. The word vocation means 'calling' so it is often used to describe the call some people have to the religious life or to priesthood. However, Christians believe that everyone has a unique or personal vocation, those gifts and talents that we all have which enable us to carry out tasks that enrich our lives and those of others.

We are now in the exam season for many of our children and young people. Sadly, many of them feel under great pressure to achieve academically. Society tends to judge people by their academic success rather than by the other gifts and talents they may possess. One of the local head teachers summed this up very well in the school newsletter when he advised parents of Year 6 pupils taking their SATS to remember that their child is more than a score. He wrote, "some children love tests and excel in them, and others don't show their potential under such conditions. Some children are amazing athletes, exceptional musicians or can cook a gourmet meal – these are skills they will take through life with them but are not assessed in SATS" We could all do well to remember this as we reflect on the gifts that have enabled Her Majesty the Queen to serve so faithfully over the last seventy years.

Revd Susan Seed

VILLAGE NEWS

DIAL-A-BUS SERVICE FOR HALTON HAS PLACES AVAILABLE

The Dial-a-Bus service, for people with transport and mobility needs, has several places available and needs to fill them in order for the service to continue. This valuable service will pick people up from their homes between **10:30 and 10:50 am on Mondays**, take them to Asda for 1½ hours to do their shop and maybe have a sit down in the Cafe. The driver will then help people, with their shopping, back onto the bus and return to Halton at 1pm.

The cost of this service is £4 for the return journey. Please note passengers can only fetch three supermarket bags of goods - no large articles like a TV or grow-bags for the garden.

It is hoped that people will use the service weekly but if you would like to use it fortnightly please still make an

enquiry as you may be able to share the service with someone else.

The service can take up to 12 passengers including 2 with wheelchairs.

If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be, please contact Integrated Transport Services at Lancashire County Council to book a place.

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CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS - HALTON

When I started the campaign in October 2021, I had absolutely no idea just how popular the concept would be!

In the months October to March, a staggering 737 cards and keepsakes were made by local children! With 96 recipients on my list, I hand delivered 387 general cards, 11 birthday cards, 8 posies, 86 keepsakes, 9 get well soon cards and 89 Christmas cards with a gift.

In December, the community came together and donated gifts, to be given alongside a handmade Christmas card. 260 Christmas cards were created and 120 gifts were donated. Dressed as an elf, I took to the streets to spread some Christmas cheer to our recipients (I'm not sure I'll ever live that down!) 147 surplus cards and 31 surplus gifts were given to users of Age UK Lancaster's 'hospital aftercare service'.



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On March 26th, we held *The Big 'Cards Fighting Loneliness' Get Together* at The Centre at Halton. The event was an opportunity for our recipients to come together and to meet everyone involved in our campaign - helping us to celebrate everything we have achieved as a community.

The entire community got behind the event; local businesses donated raffle prizes; villagers kindly volunteered to help on the day; Kate Procter offered free drop in Pilates sessions and Jane Meador baked 100 portions of the most amazing cakes!

The event really was the perfect end to an incredible campaign. I would like to offer huge thanks to everyone that made it possible. I would especially like to thank every child that kindly volunteered their time to create a card for a complete stranger, with the sole intention of brightening their day. You really have made such a difference.

Finally, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the 96 recipients on my list.

Together we've shared countless stories, lots of happy tears, some sad tears, tons of laughter and always ended with a big smile. It's been a pleasure getting to know you all from your doorstep and I thank you for allowing me that time. Who knows, I may be back on your doorstep in October when our 22/23 campaign begins!

The campaign has now expanded and is also running in Caton and Brookhouse. Bolton-Le-Sands, Heysham and Fleetwood are also looking to introduce the concept in their communities. If this campaign has taught me anything, it's that loneliness and isolation can affect anyone and there are people in need, of all ages, in every community. I really hope this campaign inspires others to try to spread kindness in the communities where they live. Please check out my Facebook group for more information: *Fighting Loneliness - One Village at a Time*.

If you would like to nominate someone from Halton to receive cards starting in

October 22, please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com or contact me through the Facebook group above.

To nominate a recipient living in Caton or Brookhouse, please email eleanormanning39@gmail.com or lulland32@gmail.com.

The dates for our next litter picks are Saturday 18th June and Saturday 16th July, meeting at The Centre at 13:00. The pick runs for a maximum of 2 hours, but there is no requirement to remain for the entire time.

If you'd like to join us, please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com to reserve your piece of cake!

Sam Pritchard

Sam Pritchard

COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS

Our monthly litter picks are now back in full swing and we invite you to come and join us, to help us improve the environment in which we all live!

They are a great opportunity to meet people, whilst enjoying time in the fresh air undertaking some light exercise. We provide all the litter picking equipment, you'll just need to bring your own gloves and wear suitable clothing and footwear. To thank you for your time, there will be free refreshments and a slice of cake afterwards. Families are welcome (and are actively encouraged!)

AUGHTON RECREATION ROOM (VILLAGE HALL)

Registered Charity Number 1135888

Chair: Tim Williams (07980573805 or tim.4230@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Andy Pyle

Aughton Village Hall has been coming back to life after Covid restrictions easing and we started April 2022 with a Volunteer Day, which was very well attended and ensured a full 'Spring Clean', inside and out. Our social re-launch was the Aughton Easter Party which saw over 60 'Aughtonians' come together in the de-

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lightful bank holiday sunshine to enjoy watching the younger family members feed and pet new lambs (kindly brought along by Chris Ward from Aughton Hall Farm) and take part in the Great Easter Egg Hunt around the playground. We put in a 'village-sized' pizza order at Mia Italia to complement the special Easter-themed home baking provided by Lizzy Pyle of 'Made in Willow Barn' fame. A thoroughly good time was had by all. To finish a busy April off we hosted the Tony Sweeney Aughton Circuit Road Race (82 km) organised by the Lune Racing Cycling Club with 50 cyclists making 8 circuits past the Village Hall; the winner was James Wordsworth from the University of Leeds Cycling Club. All competitors had built up an appetite and village volunteers were able to sell a mound of bacon butties and home bakes to raise money for the Platinum Jubilee fund. The Charity trustees are also intent on securing a defibrillator for Aughton and continuing to promote Aughton Village Hall as a venue for recreational activities.

For all enquiries please contact the Secretary, Claire Athis Schofield. Email: claire.athis@hotmail.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: search for Aughton Village Hall and 'like' our Community Page

JUBILEE SUNDAY IN AUGHTON

As part of our village Jubilee celebrations, the church will be open on Sunday 5th June, between 11am and 4pm and everyone is invited to come along, look around and say hello to Susan and Helen, as well as catching up with friends and making new ones.

Hilary and Carole have kindly organised a nature trail and will be talking about the incredible array of wildflowers that can be found in the churchyard. In fact, the churchyard was featured in the 2022 issue of 'Wildlife in North Lancashire', and everyone is extremely proud of what is being created. It is well worth a visit.

What is more, some of Aughton's star bakers will have been busy in their kitchens and there will be delicious home made cakes on offer. Hot drinks and

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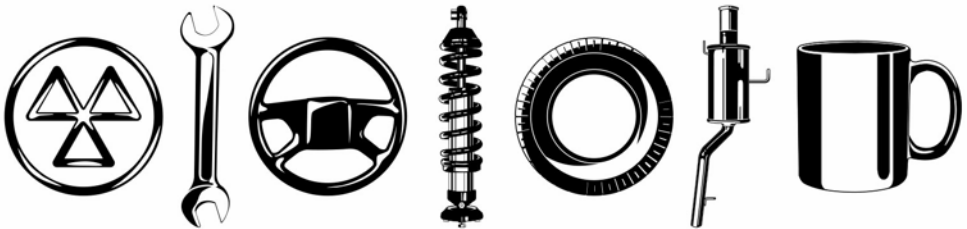
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squash will also be available - perfect for what we hope will be a sunny Sunday. The nature trail, which is a free event, combined with the playground at the Recreation Room, make this a wonderful way to entertain and educate children and grandchildren. We hope to see you there - everyone is welcome!

HALTON GARDENING GROUP

Our annual plant sale was held on 21st May 2022 and as this article was written and submitted for publication prior to this, the outcome of the sale is not known at this time. Thank you in anticipation of another bumper sale and many satisfied customers. Our Facebook post for Halton Gardening Group will always contain more up to date information.

I hope you all agree that the tulips and narcissi blooming in the village this year have been splendid. We chose tulips called Slawa and Ronaldo again but added a variety called Marianne. The white double headed narcissi are called Thalia and there are also varieties called Churchill and Pheasant Eye. They have graced the Memorial/Jubilee garden as if they have been there for years.

Planting continues in the Memorial/Jubilee garden as the borders take shape and the gabion corner is developed. We have applied a mineralised straw mulch to the beds to suppress weeds and to give the soil a boost. We are hoping it will prevent the hostas from being eaten by the slugs this year.

Two new benches are now in situ and we have purchased some new planters to replace the barrels in the cenotaph area. A further planter will be placed under the plaque between the benches and hopefully show off some beautiful blooms this summer. Have a look and see what you think. We have carefully documented our work so if you wanted to copy any of the planting in your own garden please ask for the plan. Our video is now complete, recording our work during the Covid -19 pandemic.

Our gardening tip for this issue is: "Now's the time to carry out the "Chelsea chop" on your herbaceous perennials. Cut back some stems by up to a half of their length as flower buds appear. This keeps plants more compact and delays flowering.

Make clean cuts above a growing point (node) with your secateurs. Suitable plants include phlox paniculata, echinacea purpurea and solidago. Sedums can also be cut back by around half their height so side shoots develop and bushier plants are produced."

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, Chair HGG

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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

rawcliffemary@yahoo.co.uk

catherine.marshall76@gmail.com

ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL

The final term has got off to a great start, with everyone making excellent use of our generous outdoor space for curriculum and sporting



activities. The installation project for our Air Source Heat Pumps is almost complete and the new system now been switched on. We are proud to be among the very first schools in Lancashire to have made this bold step towards greener energy.

One of the highlights of last term was our Spirituality Week, which focused on the Easter Story. Prayer spaces provided the staff and children opportunities to reflect on the events of Holy Week as well as aspects of their own lives. It was great to team up with the URC and we are grateful to them for allowing us to set up the church with the various prayer and reflection stations. Thanks also for the help of volunteers from St Wilfrid's Church. This term we are learning about inspirational Christians across the globe and how their lives have transformed those of others.

We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our school families, collecting items to go out to support the devastating situation in Ukraine. You may have spotted our Prayers for Ukraine Cross on the school fence, with each ribbon reflecting the prayers of staff and children.

Science week in school was a great success – every class took a practical approach to scientific enquiry and we had an exhibition at the end of the week, showcasing all the fantastic learning across the school. Many thanks to our visiting scientists from the school community who shared their valuable expertise.

Looking ahead, we will soon be welcoming the children and parents joining our school family in September 2022. It is always a special time and we have some lovely events planned.

We currently have a vacancy for a Playleader for our Before & After School club. Hours would be 7:45 – 8:45 am and 2:45 – 4:45 pm Monday to Friday (term time only). If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact the school office.

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

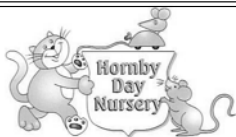
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St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School

MEMORIAL CONCERT

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We are always looking to encourage new volunteers to help at the Centre in the coffee shop, with luncheon club, other activity groups and events. Please 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.

NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES

Lancaster Area Salsa held their first social event on the 30th of April and it was a great success. Our volunteers and staff ran a fully licensed bar which was a great hit. The next salsa night will be held on the 16th of July

<https://www.facebook.com/LancasterAreaSalsa>.

Our walking group has now started and is becoming very popular, with the first walk on the 21st of April having a very good turnout. They enjoyed walking through Bluebell Wood towards the Crook 'o' Lune and returning back along the cycle path to the Centre for a relaxing chat on the picnic benches. Future walks will take place on 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, meeting at the front of the Centre at 9:15am and leaving at 9:30am. These walks will be at a gentle pace and last around 1.5 hours. Indoor bowling has now started every Friday afternoon from 3:30pm-5:30pm in the Main Hall. The class is £3 including refreshments. They are a great group and a joy to play with.

Board games are played in our Coffee Shop every Friday from 2pm-4pm and is a great opportunity to play some fun games and meet up with friends and new people. This is free to play. We just



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

CENTRE EVENTS 2022

Salsa night- 16th July

Children's Nearly New Sale – 15th Oct

Visit the Centre @ Halton's website -

<https://www.haltoncentre.org>

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

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All the above was correct on May 6.

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WHAT'S ON IN HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON?

All events are at The Centre @ Halton unless specified otherwise

AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL: BOOKINGS Events Secretary Ruth Keeler on 07789373100
or ruthkeeler@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:

Storytime: 9:00 (term time only) for
preschool 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, in-
side when wet. £4 811316

Thursdays:

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: **new time** 2-4pm Aughton
Hall £2 on the door includes refresh-
ments

Fridays:

Board games: 2-4pm Free

Indoor Bowling: 3:30pm 811316

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

Thursdays: Walking Group, 1st & 3rd
Thurs. Meet in front of the Centre
9:15am. More info 811316

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:

3rd Tues: Gardening Group: for venue
information, email: haltongardening-
group@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

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MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- Thur 2 Lighting Jubilee Beacon 9:45pm, Castle Hill
- Sat 4 Big Jubilee Lunch, 1pm to 4pm at Aughton Village Hall – all are welcome!
- Sun 5 Jubilee Open Church and Nature Trail 11am – 4pm. St Saviour’s Church, Aughton, Home-Made Refreshments. See Poster Page 11
- Sun 5 The Jubilee Picnic 2-4pm. The field at The Centre
- Sat 18 Summer Coffee & Cake 10:30-12pm, Halton URC, High Road
- Sat 18 Community litter pick, meeting at The Centre at 13:00. Email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com
- Sat 18 Sing with Joy concert, 7pm St Wilfrid’s Church. £5, children free.
- Sat 25 Memorial Concert, 7:30pm Hornby Village Institute. Tickets £6. See page 15
- Sun 26 Lancaster Singers Concert, 7:30pm Ashton Memorial, Lancaster. Tickets £12. See poster page 23

JULY

- Sat 9 Watch Wimbledon Women’s Single Final on the Big Screen at Aughton Village Hall with Strawberries and Cream and Prosecco available. 2pm Free Entry!
- Sun 10 Halton Park Open Garden 12-4pm, Proceeds to St Wilfrid’s Church. See poster page 16
- Sun 10 Watch Wimbledon Men’s Single Final on the Big Screen at Aughton Village Hall with Strawberries and Cream and Prosecco available. 2pm Free Entry!
- Sat 16 Salsa Dance night 7:00pm, The Centre, with Bar
- Sat 16 Community litter pick, meeting at The Centre at 13:00. Email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Children’s Nearly New Sale dates 15 Oct The Centre
- Salsa Dance nights Sept 17, Nov 19 The Centre
- Xmas Fair Nov 26 The Centre

WHAT’S ON ENTRIES

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 25th June – Mel Chapman Female Vocalist & Members Draw

Sunday 26th June – A.G.M. Doors open 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday 30th July - Bingo & Members draw

Saturday 20th August – Coastline

Saturday 27th August – Members draw

Members draws take place the last Sat of the month –
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Lancaster Singers

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11th and 26th June 2022

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Three weekends into the season the firsts have won two and lost one while the second eleven have won all three. Aussie overseas Matt Cline has made a positive impression with his bowling without ripping through a team as yet and his batting down the order is useful, probably the stand out player so far is home produced junior James Eccles who's off spin has reaped two match winning hauls for the first XI already. We hope to have a run in the Village Knockout again and will have played Grimsargh in the second round by the time you see this.

The Sunday team has only played one game, a high scoring tie at St Annes, 220 for five for both teams after 40 overs! Juniors practices have been very well attended but games have not started at the time of writing, our All Stars sessions are already full but we are still accepting junior and senior members.

On the social scene the Quiz Night hosted by Halton Club Quiz Captain Barry Lees was packed and thoroughly entertaining. Future events include a Race Night on the Saturday of the Jubilee Weekend, which will also feature cricket all weekend. Fingers crossed for a glorious few days. Later in the year the annual Camping Weekend will no doubt attract a number of tents to the ground and Friday night T20s will feature music and razzamatazz.

Work is now complete on the score box upgrade, thanks to Lancaster and Morecambe College for their help in wiring, to Jez Cheeseman and Adam Parkinson for running data cables and to Eddy Bayton for his work on the structure. We are now fully connected to both the electronic scoreboard and to PlayCrick-et though we are still seeking a regular first XI scorer as Grahame Clarke has taken up a role with Netherfield after



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several year's service. Scoring is a paid role and anyone interested can speak to Mark Drinkall initially. Of course spectators are always welcome at the ground, there are games every Saturday, most Sundays and some evenings once the junior league kicks in. As always, anyone interested in being involved as a junior or senior player, volunteer, coach or supporter should contact Halton resident and Junior Chair Mark Drinkall in the first instance on 07738 252449 or by email: drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 50

1. Having recently retired from playing, which legendary American Football quarterback announced that he would return to playing in March 2022?
2. Often referred to as 'the gullet' what is the technical name for the tube by which food passed to the stomach in humans?
3. The River Douro reaches the sea on the coast of which country?
4. Which England cricketer scored the first century of the recent series in the West Indies?
5. Which island group was invaded by Argentina on 2 April 1982?
6. Historically British sailors overseas consumed citrus fruit to prevent which disease?
7. Which West Ham footballer was seen mistreating his cat on social media and may now face legal action?
8. The Giant's Causeway is constructed of around 40,000 interlocking columns of which rock?
9. Aurora is the Goddess of the Dawn in which mythology?
10. Legally Stilton cheese can only be manufactured in three counties in the English midlands, which three?
11. Etihad Airways is a flag carrier of the United Arab Emirates but in which Emirate is it headquartered?
12. In 2013 Police Scotland was formed, replacing the regional constabularies, but how many constabularies were there in Scotland just before the change?
13. What is the name of the Iranian / British woman recently released after six years effectively held hostage in Iran?
14. The Pitons are twin mountains on which Caribbean island, the local beer is named after them?
15. Starting with the flagship of the English Fleet in 1587 how many naval vessels have carried the name Ark Royal, the last three were all aircraft carriers?
16. Jim Dale, Bernard Breslaw, Charles Hawtrey and Hattie Jacques were all regulars in which series of films?
17. Which reactive metal element is used medically as a mood stabiliser to treat mental illness?
18. If you bought a new car and it was delivered in November 2020 what would the number on the registration be (assuming you did not have a cherished or private registration)?
19. In which English county are or were the Grand Western, Tavistock and Braunton canals?
20. Which acid is found in the malt vinegar that we might put on our chips?

Thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall. Answers on Page 32

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CATON CLUBS NEWS

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next trip on our programme is 16th of June to Keswick; 9:30 am from the Victoria Institute then on to pick up in Brookhouse.

The July 22nd trip has been reorganised for logistical reasons and is now to Liverpool and not Durham. Pick up is from Brookhouse at 9:30am then on to pick up at the Victoria Institute.

Other pick up points can be arranged by calling our secretary.

To book or for further information please call Benita on 01524 7719433.

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We have sold all our tickets for the West End musical 'Boogie Nights' on the 26th

of June at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool. Further information on our programme will be available in the next issue or by calling Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 7719433.

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Mike and Mandy need another house to rent soon after 2 great years at Church Brow.

We are finding rental properties scarce on the ground at the moment so if you could share this plea amongst your friends here in Halton then just maybe somebody might be moving away etc. and happy to rent!

Our requirements are 3 beds (twin boys at Uni come home sometimes), study (Mike works from home), garage (for storage of our stuff as renting), garden (Mandy mad about gardening). B4RN would be great too (we put it in here to our present rental).

As for areas we are looking as far north as Penrith, as far west as Silverdale, south to Garstang and east Ingleton but would ideally like to stay near Halton. Oh, and we have great references from our property manager and landlord!

Many thanks,



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You can ask for support here:

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HAPPENINGS AT HALTON MILL

HALTON MILL & THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Back in late 2021, Green Elephant, the cooperative that runs Halton Mill, declared a climate and ecological emergency. We set ourselves the aim of being carbon neutral for our own emissions by 2030.

In early 2022, we were lucky enough to gain the support of a student, Sam Tellyn, from Lancaster University, to help us work out our current carbon emissions from operating our business. Since then he's been working with Mill staff and some tenants and has now come up with a figure.

As an already eco conscious building the results are, as we expected, low emissions compared to other similar sized buildings and similar businesses, but there's always room to improve. For instance, it made us realise that, despite using almost 100% renewable energy, there is still quite a lot of emissions from our energy use. Renewables are low carbon, not no carbon.

We are now working with Sam to formulate a plan of action to further reduce our emissions, increase the efficiency of our carbon usage, look at offsetting when there is no alternative (making sure the offsetting is real and not greenwash) and ultimately meet our goal ahead of 2030.

Following the work on our emissions, we are aiming to present the findings to our tenants, tutors and other users with the hope that this will assist them to find ways to reduce their own emissions. We are also looking at how we, as a Mill, can help and support them to do this and perhaps reward people - financially or otherwise - for doing so. In particular we will be looking at how people travel to the Mill, and if there is any way we can encourage people to walk or cycle more or to share lifts.

If you would like to find out more or have ideas that could help us, please contact us. We will update you further via social media and a future Prattle with our action plan.

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WANDER ROUND HALTON MILL – FROM YOUR HOME

Just launched on our website and social media channels – a virtual tour of Halton Mill. We’ve been working with one of our tenants, Lunebase, to create an impressive interactive walk-through of our public spaces with useful information about special features.

The ‘tour’ will help people thinking of booking any of our rooms – it provides a much clearer sense of the space than photos alone. We hope that it will reduce the need for people to drive to the Mill to view rooms before making a booking. And we thought that local people might like the chance to have a look at what we have on offer.

You’ll be able to see the Atrium, the largest of our spaces, where we host theatre performances, music gigs, comedy and games of ping-pong. You can also look around our seminar room, cafe space and have a nosey in our Arts & Crafts workshop, which can be used for classes. If you are interested in art, you can see our shared Art Space, where nine artists work day or night creating pieces of art. And you can see the LuneLab Makerspace, our community workshop offering pottery and woodworking facilities, which you can join and use for £10 a month. Finally, you can have a glimpse inside a couple of our private workshop and office spaces, which sometimes become available to rent. Go on our website to get a tour, and let us know what you think or if you are interested in hiring any of the spaces.

The Centre@ Halton Walking Group

1st & 3rd

Thursday of month

Meet on the mosaic
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This is an independant social group with the aim of enjoying walking in the company of others
Walks normally last 1.5 hours returning to the
Coffee Shop to purchase refreshments

For more information contact
Centre Office: 01524 811316

Of course you are always welcome to come for an in person tour. Just contact us on greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk

HALTON MEMORIAL GARDENS EXHIBITION

Discover the history of Halton’s Memorial Jubilee Garden in this free exhibition running until the end of June on our Mezzanine – up the stairs from our main Atrium.

Janet Theobald, a member of Halton Gardening group, has curated this exhibition following work on the refurbishment of the Memorial Garden on Foundry Lane.

Janet has researched the origins of the garden, its early history and development since. This exhibition

shares her findings. Please come to see this wonderful piece of local history during our opening hours - weekdays 8am-9pm or weekends 9am-5pm, until the end of June.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO START LIFE DRAWING?

Sarah Galloway has been running a regular life drawing class from her studio at the Mill for over a year now and has seen her students develop incredibly. She'd now like to offer the chance for other people to learn this skill. So she is starting a class for beginners and those with limited experience of life drawing who would like to learn the basics and progress.

The 6 week course will be held on a Tuesday evening, 6-8pm, from 7th June. The structured but relaxed classes teach introductory skills whilst developing observational drawing techniques. All materials included. Please contact Sarah to book or for more information on

PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS



20. Acetic Acid
19. Devon
18. 70
17. Lithium
16. Carry On Films
15. 5
14. St Lucia
13. Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe
12. 9
11. Abu Dhabi
10. Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Roman
9. Basalt
8. Kurt Zouma
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No 81/82 from Low Road: 0614 (NS), 0654 (NS), 0709 (SO), 0736 (Sch), 0749 (NSch), 0849, 0949, 1049, 1149, 1249, 1349, 1414 (Sch), 1434 (Hol), 1449 (SO), 1549 (SO), 1604 (NS), 1659, 1749, 1834, 1904

FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

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

No 81/82 0600 (NS), 0640 (NS), 0650 (SO), 0722 (Sch), 0735 (NSch), 0835, 0935, 1035, 1135, 1235, 1335, 1400 (Sch), 1420 (Hol), 1435 (SO), 1535 (SO), 1550 (NS), 1645, 1735, 1820, 1850

LAST BUSES BACK TO HALTON FROM

Lancaster 1915 **Carnforth** 1713

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No 81/82 from Low Road 0955, 1055, 1155, 1255, 1355, 1455, 1555, 1655, 1755, 1855

TO KIRKBY LONSDALE

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FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

No 81/82 0915, 1015, 1115, 1215, 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615, 1715, 1815

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HALTON HISTORY - HALTON WAR MEMORIAL

HALTON WAR MEMORIAL: (PART 2)

Roads in and out of the village, together with bus routes, converge where the War Memorial is sited on Foundry Lane and High Road. Its position was well chosen when only "Old Halton" (Bill Hosfield) existed; it was at the heart of the village.

Many pass the Memorial not knowing the social and military background of the named men there. Yet, each name was a son, a brother, a husband or father leaving behind a grieving family and village.

On Sunday, 11th November 2018, Armistice Day, Halton like many villages, towns and cities across the country, stopped to remember those who died 100 years ago and to commemorate their lives. Halton Parish Council remembered each man by creating an iconic

"Poppy Art" symbol in the presentation of an open metal book; individually named, and an attached metal poppy placed at the Memorial on the day. Each was inscribed, "We Will Remember Him."

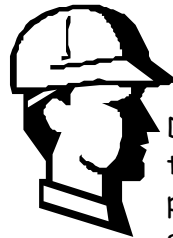
The land where the War Memorial and Memorial Cross stands had been bequeathed in 1919 by Rev. John Harold Hastings of Halton Rectory, latterly a nursing home, on Foundry Lane. The Memorial was dedicated in 1920, almost certainly by the incumbent Rev. Hastings and probably close to 11th November. He was also a founding Trustee of the War Memorial Institute.

Halton War Memorial Institute opened in 1925 to commemorate the men who enlisted at the outbreak of war on 28th July 1914. It cost £2,000 and was "gifted" to the village by Edmund Sharp of Halton Hall.

The Institute, the Memorial Cross and the inscribed Memorial Stone commemorating the men who died, TOGETHER form Halton War Memorial.

"It had been a spontaneous expression of gratitude and although there had been some differences of opinion these were never allowed to disturb the harmony or to interfere with the common purpose – to have the best memorial they could." Mr. J. Helme, Trustee and Secretary to the Committee 1924.

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Jubilee Picnic will held on Sunday 5th June from 2pm to 4pm. If you are not joining a street party on your road, please bring your own picnic and join us on the field at The Centre. The Coffee Shop will be open for hot and cold refreshments, delicious snacks and traditional ice creams. A bouncy castle will be available for children to use.

We aim to light a beacon on 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 have been given permission to plant an oak tree on the public open space between Mill Lane and Foundry Close. We are also hoping that permission will be granted to plant a couple of small orchards on the land in the autumn.

DENNY BECK BRIDGE CLOSURE

County Council have informed us that the bridge will be completely closed during the summer holidays (25th July – 4th September) for maintenance and painting.

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GENERAL PROJECT CONSULTATION & PRECEPT INCREASE SURVEY

We plan to improve the Recreation Area at the Centre and the play area at St. Wilfrid's Park. The Recreation Area improvements will include new seating for spectators, pitch drainage, new play equipment and a ball-stop fence to prevent balls going onto the road.

Most of the timber play equipment at St. Wilfrid's Park needs replacing; current ideas include equipment for climbing, swinging, bouncing, and spinning.

The council plans to fund this work through a combination of Section 106 money from development opposite the Centre, grants, and a government loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb). The previous PWLB loan used to

make extensive improvements to the Centre, skate park and play areas was repaid in 2020.

The council is seeking a loan of £50,000 payable over 10 years, which would require repayments of approximately of £5,756 per year. This is equivalent to a council tax precept increase of £4.85 per year (14%) on a Band D property.

Further information, preliminary plans and an online survey can be found on the Parish Council website: <https://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk/pwlb> (**Deadline 5th June**)


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SQUARE DANCING



The new dancers who joined in September were presented with their official club badges with danglers for SSD and a certificate for completing the SSD program. Congratulations,

Aprille, Darren, Deborah, Helen, Katherine, Karen, Linsey & Roger. Now, lots of practice is the key to smooth dancing.

Only two weeks later we had our annual Spring Dance - the very first advertised SSD dance in the country. The first of many, I'm sure, as SSD is now spreading and being adopted by many other clubs in Britain.

Emma Horsfield, from Sheffield, was our caller to almost 4 squares, with dancers from Harrogate and Warrington clubs joining us. Several of our newly graduated dancers came to the dance and although worried at first, had a really great time.

Our next club event will be a summer picnic in July, the date will be on either 1st or 2nd weekend, weather dependant. Some of our new dancers who joined us in February have decided to wait until the next intake, having missed too many of the classes due to various health and family issues to catch up. We advertise a 12 – 16 weeks course but with illness & holidays etc. we are playing catch up regularly so the programme is taking a little longer.

The next round of beginner lessons will not be until October. It's surprising how quickly the months speed by, so look out for info from August for details.

See you in a Square!

Carol 11/5/2022

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