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Welcome to this edition of The Prattle. Inside these pages the question ‘what are you thankful for?’ is asked. Amongst many other things, we should be thankful for the amount and number of classes, activities and events that are available within our community, from Aughton Village Hall, The Centre @ Halton and Halton Mill and more.

Thank you to all those volunteers who arrange, organise and support these experiences, and also those volunteers who step up for the communal benefit elsewhere. If you don’t already, please consider joining them - there are lots of opportunities to do so!

Jan & Dave

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Services in October

- 2 10:00 am Harvest Festival
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
25 9:00 am Morning prayer
30 10:00 am Family Communion

Services in November

- 1 9:00 am Morning prayer
6 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:00 pm Memorial service at
URC
8 9:00 am Morning prayer
13 10:00 am Remembrance Sunday
15 9:00 am Morning prayer
20 10:00 am Family Communion
22 9:00 am Morning prayer
27 10:00 am Holy Communion
19 9:00 am Morning prayer

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in October

- 9 11:30 am Holy Communion
23 7:00 pm Harvest Festival

October 2022

- 2 10:00 am Rev Irene John
9 4:30 pm Mr David Normington
16 4:30 pm Songs of Praise Service
23 4:30 pm Rev John Gordon
30 4:30 pm Rev John Gordon

November 2022

- 6 10:30 am Anniversary Service, Rev
John Gordon
13 4:30 pm Rev John Gordon
20 4:30 pm Rev John Gordon
27 4:30 pm Rev John Gordon

Services in November

- 13 11:30 am Holy Communion
27 11:30 am Morning prayer

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms:

7 August – Emmett Moffat

3 September – Eleanor Parkinson

Funeral:

5 August – Anne Snowden

Weddings:

28 August - Luke Oldfield & Katherine Bird

HALTON URC NEWS

AFTERNOON SERVICES

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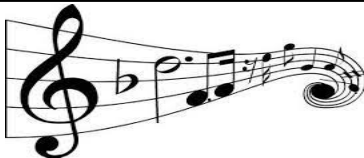


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Something to make



Something to eat



Songs of Praise Service – 4:30 pm Sunday 16th October

Our more traditional church services continue on other Sunday mornings. Please see services listing for dates and times. A warm welcome is extended to all.

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term time at 10am. For more details email Sandra Dawson at s.dawson135@btinternet.com

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES



**St Saviour's Aughton -
7 pm Sun 25th September**

There will be refreshments and harvest produce and flowers available after the service in return for donations to the Bishop's Harvest Fund.

**St Wilfrid's Halton 10 am Sunday 2nd
October**

Please bring offerings of tins/dry goods for the homeless. There will be a collection for the Bishop's Harvest appeal and a bring and buy produce stall.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE – Sunday 6th
November, 6pm at the URC Church Halton**

A special service to remember our loved ones departed.

St Wilfrid's Church is open on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. It is a peaceful place for quiet reflection or prayer. There are candles available to light to remember a loved one departed and prayer requests can be left on the prayer tree. Every week the Churches pray for different streets in Halton and for the village of Aughton. Wherever you live, please get in contact with Revd Susan if you have any pray requests for specific people, places or situations. (Details are kept confidential). Contact Revd Susan at revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.



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REVERENT REFLECTIONS

What are you thankful for today?

I am thankful for the beauty of creation. We live in a very beautiful part of the world and I often think I must have one of the best vicarages in the Diocese with its superb views over the hills from the back of the house and over Morecambe Bay at the front. Nothing can beat the breathtaking beauty of the sunsets I see most days! I am very grateful for God's wonderful creation.

Gratitude is food for the soul. Meister Eckhart wrote "if the only prayer you say in your entire life is 'Thank you', that would suffice".

The journal of happiness studies found that participants who wrote three letters of gratitude over a three-week period displayed both increased happiness indicators and decreased symptoms of depression. Gratitude is powerful because it undoes pride and despair. Gratitude also punctures our contemporary culture of 'entitlement'. To express thanks is to take something out of the realm of 'a right' and into the realm of 'gift'.

Yet gratitude remains one of the easiest things in the world to forget. Thanksgiving needs to be intentional. Psychologists tell us that while we instantly and instinctively record disasters, we only remember good things when we deliberately reflect on them for 15 seconds or more. We therefore need to actively hold on to the positive so that it imprints

and is digested by our soul. Some ways in which we can help our brains to register positive experiences are:

1. by keeping a journal of things we are grateful for,
2. sharing three good things each day with a friend or partner
3. going out of our way to express gratitude to others.

The prayer of Examen, developed by Ignatius of Loyola, is a tried and tested way to remember our gratitude to God. This is a prayerful reflection on each day's events through which to take notice of God's presence, give thanks for the things that have happened during the day and discern his direction for us. Reflecting with gratitude to God at the end of each day sustains us as we notice God's presence and provision and readies us to look for them again tomorrow. It is amazing how, when we are thankful, this can overflow into the lives of all those we encounter.

Richard Rohr writes:

"A daily attitude of gratitude keeps your hands open to receive life at ever-deeper levels of satisfaction... Those who live with such open and humble hands receive life's gifts in abundance"

Revd Susan Seed

VILLAGE NEWS

ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL

The new term is now underway and we are all looking forward to lots of exciting learning ahead. It is a delight to see our new Reception children settling very well into school life.

We love to hear reports of how well last year's Y6 leavers are settling into their high schools and I would like to invite them to drop in for **hot chocolate and a chat on the first Tuesday of every month (4pm-4:45pm)**. This will start on **Tuesday 4th October** and staff will be very pleased to see them!

Once again, we have been thrilled to hear of the success of previous St Wilfrid's pupils in their GCSE and A Levels this year and would like to express our congratulations to them for their achievements.

Our next Community Tea will be held on **Wednesday 12nd October** when we serve



afternoon tea for senior village residents. Coincidentally, this is also St. Wilfrid's Day! If you are a grandparent or carer, connected with the school, you are also most welcome to come along to join us each half term.

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, please contact the school office. We would be delighted to make an appointment to show you around and help you with the admissions process.

We are always pleased to welcome offers of help at school from parents, grandparents and friends. If you would like to volunteer any time we would love to hear from you. We always need help hearing children read, helping to change library books etc.

Best wishes,

Claire Weymouth

Headteacher

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WI NEWS

Greetings! What have we been up to recently? In September the Lancashire Federation Show was held at the Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club, on the theme of Colour Me A Rainbow. Members of Hearts of Halton participated with a range of colourful crafts and produce items, from macramé to limericks, photos and wall hangings, and a power-



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ful garlic flavoured vinegar. At the time of writing we don't know if any of our members won first place so fingers crossed. There is usually an amazing range of items there from WI members across the county. What a talented bunch we are!

In October it is our AGM where we may select a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, unless the present incumbents agree to stay on for another year – they have been doing a great job so far. More committee members are always welcome to join in. We also welcome any new ladies to join the WI. Meetings are held at the Centre in the main hall at 7:15pm, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Come and give us a try, it's not all 'jam and Jerusalem', and not all of us can bake or sew! But we do share a willingness to join in and take part, every-

one helps to get the chairs and tables out and put them away. There's a rota for making the teas, and providing cakes or biscuits (whether or not home-made), and it's a great chance to meet other people and have a natter. Members get the chance to attend regional events, workshops and talks, and outings with other WI groups too. Looking ahead our birthday party is in December when we are looking forward to a musical evening and good food with some alcoholic beverages perhaps. It is our birthday party rather than a Christmas party as that will be the anniversary of Hearts of Halton WI, which started over 70 years ago in 1946. You may know that the late Queen Elizabeth II was a loyal member of the WI for more than 80 years.

We have a range of speakers and events already for 2023, including a quiz night, Songs of Lancashire, craft evening, speakers on Tai Chi, a doctor's life, and a local charity organisation. At one meeting our speaker was unfortunately unable to attend. We improvised and sat in a circle where we took turns to tell the members about our lives – in fact that was fascinating as we learnt such a lot about each other and our varied occupations and hobbies. Another back up idea is to talk about our three favourite songs and what they mean to us.

Jane Mealor



HALTON LUNE HYDRO -

Community Project

I am pleased to report good reliability of the hydro plant and equipment, although as per my last report in 2021, there has been a distinct lack of rain through this summer, as there was in 2021, hence both turbines have been off much of the time to leave sufficient river flow for the fish passes.

It could well be climate change, given the noticeable increase in maximum summer temperatures, but fortunately, increased electricity generation revenue associated with the increases in the cost of electricity, has allowed revenue to remain acceptable.

A word of warning however, with the blue green algae experienced in July and probably now history for 2022. It's considered to be promoted by nitrogen rich

DID YOU EVER STOP & WONDER.....

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?'

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Who was the first person to say, 'See that chicken there... I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta it's bum.'

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

fertilisers washed from fields, and is toxic, so care when swimming in still warm water - water that actually reached 23.4C August 15th by the hydro and mostly due to a small amount of water flowing over rather warm rocks.

Fish trapping for health checks was suspended under Environment Agency instruction last year and remains in place for 2022, given the number coming upstream are reducing year on year, and with thoughts on not adding stress to those that do make the journey. The EA are kept informed generally with the hydro abstraction and fish count reports - that's quite a specialised task.

Hydro visits have been popular and very welcome, especially from groups having a keen interest in protection of the envi-



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ronment, given hydro is from renewable sources; “renewable” meaning naturally replenished - and especially applicable given hydro electricity and especially solar from the Lancaster Cohousing rooftops, providing green electricity to supply the micro-grid, has done well with the summer sunshine. The quite significant surplus of hydro and solar, not used by those fed off the micro-grid is exported locally.

A further good point is continued removal of plastic by the hydro inlet cleaners, which are like wiper blades that dip 3m down to clean the inlet screens every hour or so that you may see in operation when passing by.

My thanks go again to the volunteers, with the Duty Officer of the day making a visit to take readings and otherwise keeping an eye of the plant via mobile phone CCTV - as well as becoming very involved when there is maintenance. Should you be a little technically minded and would like to be a volunteer leading to Duty

Officer in pleasant surroundings, then please do let me know.

John Blowes MBE CEng
Project Manager and Chairman

HALTON GARDENING GROUP

The sadness at the sudden death in July of our diligent Secretary, Anne Snowden, has been keenly felt by our members and indeed all who knew her. She was a great asset to the Gardening Group and her ideas, skills, knowledge and friendship are sorely missed.

She left the village with a beautiful legacy, the renovated Memorial Jubilee Garden, which has exceeded all expectations and has developed into a colourful, calm space in just two years. Her design and planting scheme was greatly admired at our opening event in September. We celebrated with our members, sponsors, donors, volunteers and supporters the creation of this renewed village space. The Red Door kindly facilitated an opportunity to view the history of the garden, researched and presented by Janet Theobald. Before and after pictures were on display and our amateur video was viewed as we enjoyed some light refreshments.

The planted spaces throughout the village have remained alive with colour, insects and interest, especially the wildflower display in the raised beds at the Centre playground. As we move into autumn and the flowers fade, bulbs will be planted for the spring display.

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2023 will be a busy year for us, as we plan to hold two events. The Annual Plant Sale will be held on 20th May 2023 and a Garden Safari will take place on the weekend of 1st - 2nd July 2023.

The Garden Safari will be an opportunity to explore private gardens in and around Halton. It is a lovely way to get inspiration from real gardens and meet fellow gardeners who are always happy to share their knowledge of plants and what grows well in this area. Volunteers are needed to open their gardens, so if you would like to be part of this exciting event please contact us. All gardens are interesting, however large or small; you don't have to be an expert gardener to open your garden, help will be on hand.

We welcome new members to the group, you will usually find some of us in the Memorial Jubilee Garden on Tuesday afternoons between 2-3:30pm (weather

permitting), or come along to one of our meetings which are held on 1st Tuesday of each month (except December and August) in the Seminar room, Halton Mill, from 9:30am – 11:30am.

The AGM will be held on 4th October at 9:30am in Halton Mill.

Monica Williams

HGG Chair and Acting Secretary

OUR HALTON COMMUNITY

After thirty four years in Halton, I was reluctant to accept that our changing family circumstances meant that continuing to live in our large family home was no longer an option. Standing down from the Parish Council and Halton Community Association and leaving behind colleagues with whom I have worked over many years has not been easy and I thank them, through the pages of the Prattle, for all of their time and dedication. Also for their generous farewell

QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

evening and kind words in the August edition.

The work of Community is never ending and relies on the goodwill of volunteers, of whom we have many in Halton. Nevertheless, more hands make light work and turnover is continuous, as I know only too well.

As I write we are all reflecting on the exemplary life of service of our late Queen. I hope that her example may inspire more people to take up the reigns of helping to run the community in the future and I wish all residents the very best for a happy and fulfilled life in this delightful location, where I return occasionally to assist with the Hydro scheme and visit friends.

Finally, thanks to all at the Prattle for their continuing task of keeping the vil-

lage informed of all that takes place – what a success this has been since its origins over twenty years ago.

Brian Jefferson MBE

HALTON SCOUT GROUP

NEW SCOUT LEADERS WANTED!

I started helping out at cubs in Halton in early 2009 when my eldest child started in Beavers, I took on the role of Scout Leader in March 2011 after a brief stint as an Assistant Cub leader, I also took on the role of Group Scout Leader in March 2013 with the intention that this would be a temporary role until we could find someone else, needless to say I'm still doing both roles. I've found it increasingly difficult to give my best to both roles at the same time for a while now, particularly with the increased administrative burden that has been placed on leaders over the last couple of years, and I've finally decided to step down as scout

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leader while continuing in my role as GSL. This decision was prompted by the fact that we are in a period of very low scout numbers, such that we decided that it wasn't worth running the section between September and December this year allowing us time to identify and train any potential new leaders.

With this in mind we are now on the search for new scout leaders and assistant scout leaders. If you or anyone you know might be interested they can contact me by email at john.elliott@lonsdalescouts.org.uk for more information. I will be happy to stay on in the new year for a while to ensure that any new leaders are fully up to speed before stepping down completely.

SCOUT HUT AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

We are always looking for ways to generate extra funds for the group, and as such we are letting the community know that the scout hut is available for hire. The only night it is currently used is Tuesdays. So if you are looking for a venue you can contact me at the above email address for more information.

Meanwhile, the usual contact numbers can be found in the What's On pages for Beavers and Cubs. Please support the group if you can to enable children in the village to access these groups in the years to come.

John Elliott



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RECENT EVENTS:

We enjoyed a fun Summer Social on 29th July with our Village Bar open for business all evening, followed quickly by a Big Screen Special for the Euros Final. Aughton had been following the Lionesses inspiring progress throughout the competition, so it was a great experience to gather together to cheer our England team on to victory against Germany in extra time.

A month later on 27th August we held another Volunteer Day, this time focusing on jet washing and repainting the outside of the Hall and cutting the hedges back down to size. As usual we had an enthusiastic turnout and many hands really did make light work.



Then on 30th August we hosted a Scything Course taught by 'master scyther' Steve Tomlin

[<https://stevetomlincrafts.co.uk>] and arranged by *Lune Valley Verges*, a local community group which monitors the bio-diversity of Aughton's verges. With attendees from Aughton, Halton and Gressingham, and the loan of 'Corner Meadow' by local farmer, Chris Ward, to practise on, the course was a great success. We now have a 'village scythe' – but only to be used by those who have undertaken the appropriate training!

So ended the summer break and now we are enjoying the prospect of our regular classes starting up again. And we look forward to seeing more of the Vale O' Lune Young Farmers who have been meeting up at the Hall again.

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UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

All of our user groups have started back during September. Please visit our 'what's on page' to find out specific dates and times.

We are pleased to announce that after securing grant funding for our Gentle Exercise Programme for post COVID

Recovery, we have a start date of Thursday 6th October 11:00am to 12:00pm. The price per session is £3 which covers the class cost and refreshments. The class will be for those looking to increase their levels of fitness after contracting covid 19 and also those looking to increase their mental wellbeing and confidence after the lockdowns. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact that these sessions will have within our community. For more information, please contact the Centre Manager, Maureen Richardson, 01524 811316.

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NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES

Gentle exercise group - Thursday 6th October 11am-12pm

CENTRE EVENTS 2022

Children's Nearly New Sale – Sat 15th Oct
Christmas Craft Fair - Sat Nov 26th 1pm-5pm. £1 Entry. Children free. Look forward to: artisan Craft Stalls, Christmas Gifts, Seasonal Refreshments and Activities for Children.

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

Visit the Centre @ Halton's website -
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Centre Manager: Maureen Richardson: 811316. Email, or pop in one afternoon.

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All the above was correct on September 9th.

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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: 9:15-
11am; pre-book via TicketSource
Knit 'n' Natter, Crafts & Chatter Café:
2-4pm free Lyn 811694 M1
Board games: 2-4:30pm Free
Beavers: 5:30–6:30 07960 942082 Scout
Hut e: beavers1sthalton@outlook.com
Taekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick
07985125530
Cub Scouts: 6:45–8pm term time Scout
Hut e: 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.
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NEW Halton Brews & Babies Club: 10-
11:15 Abi 07748 637968

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

Pilates: 6-7pm Kate 07799065191

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

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

Meditation Class: 7pm-8pm Aughton Vil-
lage Hall. £2 entry, no experience re-
quired

Thursdays:

Pilates: 9:30-10:30am 07799068191

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

NEW Gentle Exercise class: 11-12 noon
811316

Carpet Bowls: 2-4pm Aughton Village
Hall £2 on the door inc refreshments

Come and Sing!: 7pm to 9pm Aughton
Village Hall £7 entry fee

Fridays:

Indoor Bowling: 3:30 – 5:30pm 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 9:00-4:00; (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; dates Oct 7, 21; Nov 4,
18 prebook Rita 07979715041
55's Luncheon Club Café: 2nd & 4th Fri,
10am-1pm; Oct 14, 28; Nov 11, 25; 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 Monica Williams,
Chair HGG, 07883 908948.

WEDNESDAYS:

1st Wed: HCA meeting: 7:30pm 811316
2nd Wed: Parish Council Meeting:
7:15pm (except August) 07810 356929



Hornby Occasionals

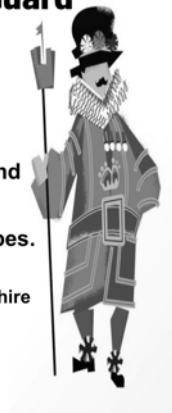
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Jane 812702.

Last Wed: Halton with Aughton Herit-
age Group: 7:30 @ URC. Email Halton-
with aughtonheritagegroup@gmail.com

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

What's On Diary

Oct 12 Community Tea, St Wilfrid's
School
Oct 15 Children's Nearly New Sale, The
Centre
Nov 19 Salsa Dance night at The Centre
Nov 26 Xmas Fair at The Centre
Dec 31 New Years Eve Ceilidh

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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

TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

www.torrisholmecc.co.uk

With the 2022 season drawing to a close, it will be over by the time you read this; both Saturday teams are in the top half of the table, they cannot win promotion or be relegated.

The Sunday teams both served their purpose of giving younger players experience of senior cricket. The junior section met on 3rd September to celebrate the achievements of the players. All teams competed well in their leagues but the Under 11 hardball team were outstanding, winning their league and reaching the semi final of the Lancashire Cup.

At the end of the senior season our fantastic Aussie overseas Matt Cline will return to his homeland with the friendship and admiration of the whole club.

do hope he will return next season. Two recent juniors will make the return journey to play competitive cricket in Matt's home state, Victoria. Again we wish them well and look forward to their safe return prior to the 2023 season.

We are training an additional coach over the winter and would like to train a couple more. Should you or your children have any interest in playing, coaching or volunteering at Torrisholme CC please contact Safeguarding Officer and Halton resident Mark Drinkall: drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk or on his new mobile: 07368 944220.

Mark Drinkall





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Volunteer here: <https://volunteers.hopelancaster.co.uk/index-classic>

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PICKLEBALL

Lancaster Tennis Club in Lune Road (LA1 5QU) is one of the first in Lancashire to have introduced Pickleball. This is a really fun game especially suitable for beginners and older players and incredibly popular in the USA and Canada.

The court is the same size as a tennis mini court, but with different line markings and very different paddles and plastic balls. Different scoring too but anyone who has played table tennis, badminton or tennis before will adapt to it very quickly. This is a website which explains the game and shows people playing it <https://usapickleball.org/whatis-pickleball/>

The Club was very lucky to have been awarded a grant from the Eric Wright Charitable Trust to fund the purchase of the net, paddles and balls and the expensive paint needed to transform the court. A number of the Club's existing members have already tried out this new game, mostly as doubles, but the Club also has a *pickleball only* membership fee for anyone

who doesn't also want to play tennis. There is a WhatsApp group for Pickleball players to keep in touch too.

More information is available from Susan on email: lancstennis@gmail.com or tel: 07771 734920 and see also <https://lancastertennis.co.uk/pickleball/>

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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 52

1. What was the name of the Deputy Whip of the Conservative Party who's behaviour finally precipitated Boris Johnson's resignation as PM?
2. Who's first Grand Slam singles title was the Women's singles title at Wimbledon in 2022?
3. Long standing UB 40 member Terence Wilson died earlier this year but by what stage name was he usually known?
4. Iron Maiden and Biffy Clyro headlined the two days of which UK festival in 2022?
5. With which north west club did footballer Sir Tom Finney spend his whole career?
6. You might choose to buy an HP Pavilion laptop or an HP Deskjet printer but what does HP stand for in this context?
7. Which Yorkshire city will be the UK City of Culture in 2025?
8. Dutchwoman Sarina Wiegman held which prominent post within British sport in July 2022?
9. Which veteran actress has had prominent roles in Tenko, Doc Martin, Waiting for God and Coronation Street?
10. With over 11000 built before and during World War 2 which is the most produced bomber in the history of the RAF?
11. You might choose to put HP sauce on your breakfast but what does HP stand for in this context?
12. Ariel and Lenor are brands belonging to which multinational manufacturing and marketing giant?
13. Oscar Blaketon was a long-standing character in which TV series?
14. Which metric unit is equivalent to 2.471 acres?
15. Pashto and Dari Persian are the two most common languages of which country, linked to Pakistan by the Khyber Pass?
16. The ----- is the code of Jewish civil and canon law?
17. Recently on tour, which band's first UK hit was 1997s Heartbeat / Tragedy?
18. In which French city was William the Conqueror buried in 1087?
19. Which nationality is or was shared by musicians Phil Lynott, Chris DeBurgh and Enya?
20. Billy Connolly described which country's cuisine thus: No matter what you order the same thing arrives, the only difference is how it is folded?

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

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FESTIVAL FOR DOM, BRUNO & THE AMAZON

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At Halton Mill we are organising a month-long festival of events throughout Lancaster District in November to honour environmental journalist Dom Phillips and indigenous expert Bruno Pereira. Dom and Bruno were brutally murdered in June while researching a book on sustainable solutions to the crisis facing the Amazon rainforest. Dom's sister, Sian, has run a choir in Halton for many years and performs regularly with her music groups at the Mill - and we want to support her and her family in spreading Dom's message of hope for the Amazon.

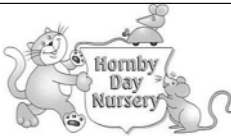
The Amazon rainforest is vital both for the people who call it home, and for the rest of us, who rely on it to absorb vast quantities of carbon and so reduce warming, and to provide a habitat for



countless species of animals and plants.

On Sunday 30 October at 5 till 7pm, we'll launch the festival with an exhibition and reception at Halton Mill.

Everyone is welcome. There'll be Brazilian food and music, a chance to hear from Sian about what her brother stood for, and to view the exhibition. You can find out more about Dom and Bruno's work, about others who have lost their lives defending the forest, about the destruction of the Amazon, and about some inspiring, hopeful solutions to the area's problems. The launch and all the other festival events held at the Mill are free, but we are asking for donations to a fundraiser set up by Dom and Bruno's families



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Other activities during the month include films, concerts, weekly Wednesday lunchtime online talks, a presentation on 'Plants of the Rainforest' at the Butterfly House in Williamson Park and a two day conference on 19 and 20 November at Lancaster University - with transport to and from Halton, and a Brazil-style meal at the Herbarium on the Saturday evening. There'll be other arts events, activities for schools, and more. For the full calendar and to book for the launch and the other events, see the project webpage www.haltonmill.org.uk/DomBruno.

Please come to learn more, to be inspired, outraged and moved, and to support this important cause.

PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Chris Pincher
2. Elena Rybakina
3. Astro
4. Download
5. Preston North End
6. Hewlett Packard
7. Bradford
8. Manager of the England Women's Football Team
9. Stephanie Cole
10. Vickers Wellington
11. Houses of Parliament
12. Proctor and Gamble
13. Heartbeat
14. A hectare
15. Afghanistan
16. Talmud
17. Steps
18. Caen
19. Republic of Ireland
20. Mexico



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CATON CLUBS NEWS

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

There have been some more changes in our club since the last report. The committee have opened membership up to anyone of any age provided they can get to the regular pick-up points for trips. These are Hornby, Claughton, Brookhouse and Caton. Membership for the rest of this year is £5.00 and trips are £10 for members and £13 for non-members. To book a seat or to join please contact the secretary, Ally Whitfield, on 07738 912923. In January we will be increasing the membership fees and the cost of trips to meet with the rising price of fuel. Other changes are our planned trip to Manchester has now been rearranged for November 17th for all your Christmas shopping and stocking fillers. We would like to welcome any new members, young or old, on any of our trips so feel free to give us a call. The committee have also been putting together a fun and exciting programme for 2023 taking in

some places of interest and wonderful scenic views as well as opportunities to shop or visit historic buildings, museums and garden centres amongst other places. **Carlisle Trip August 18th** - A great turn out for a shopping trip followed by a visit to Houghton Garden Centre for some light refreshments. A raffle on the coach raised some much-needed funds. Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Lytham & Lytham Hall September 15th – A report will follow in the next edition.

Upcoming trips are a Mystery Trip on Thursday October 20th and Manchester on Thursday November 17th which is the final one for this year. Bookings are coming in already for these trips so to be sure of a seat please call as soon as possible on the above number. First come first served. Thank you.

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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.

October

3rd Lynn Wiman & Stephanie Lawton - A Glimpse of Lakeland

10th David Aris - My Life in Shipping

17th Chris Workman - History of St Leonardsgate

24th Denise Nardone - Machine Embroidery

31st Ruth Gibbons - My Life

November

7th Elizabeth Roberts - Working Class Marriages

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21st Janine - Her film work during the Pandemic

28th - Phil Rawsthorn - The Battle of Marathon.

Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change at short notice.

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We are offering a free trial of up to three days to anyone who wants to try out the Hive for the first time - pick up one of our Autumn / Winter brochures from around the village!

You will meet lots of interesting people, and get a chance to focus on your work in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Bring your own lunch and join us for a lunch break in the beautiful Mill garden or Mill cafe, and there are yoga and other classes available, if you need a break from work.

Here's what Helen, one of our local co-workers, says: *"The Hive is a great place to work. All the essentials - fast wifi, spacious desks, tea / coffee facilities -*

are there, plus I've met lots of really interesting people as the shared space makes for a social environment, respecting others' privacy when needed. It's good to know that the building is eco-friendly, and taking a stroll along the river makes for a perfect lunch break." - Helen Bartosinski, Freelance Arts Marketing Consultant

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On Sunday 16 October, 10-4pm, artist Ingrid Christie, is leading an informal day of experimentation and an introduction to abstract painting in our Arts & Crafts Room. You will explore ideas and techniques and complete a finished piece of work to take home. Please call Ingrid on 07967121704 for more information and to book.

BLOOMIN' GREAT THEATRE - calling all garden lovers.

On Thursday 20 October at 7:30pm, we have brothers Jake & Warren Oldershaw in The Atrium, designing, drafting and bringing to life a beautiful garden. They will share fascinating stories of different

plants and species and celebrate the importance of gardening for mental health - there may even be some songs! This event is co-hosted with Spot On Lancashire and is expected to be a great night of entertainment, so put down those trowels and join us. Book your tickets at haltonmill.org.uk

STORY BAND TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Local musicians Emily & James Bernadis are hosting a fun, interactive and family friendly music session at Halton Mill on Saturday 22 October, 1 - 3pm.

The whole family can join them in. You can make your own percussion instrument (or bring your own instrument if you have one) and together everyone will create an exciting sound story! There will be refreshments, and lots of musical fun! Book your tickets at haltonmill.org.uk.

KLEZMER CONCERT AND DANCE WITH OYSLAND

London Klezmer five-piece band Oysland will be performing at the Mill, with local dance caller Fiona Frank, on Thursday 27 October, at 7:30 p.m. With their

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NO DODD ARE BACK!

Under their original 1990s name No DODD are back at Halton Mill to offer you

an evening spanning a rhythmic range of styles, from desert blues, soca to afro beat. Dancing encouraged. Friday 28 October at 7:30. Do join us. Tickets from haltonmill.org.uk

DON'T GET ME STARTED - JOHN TAMS IN CONCERT.

After a sell out performance last time he joined us at Halton Mill, award winning musician John Tams is back on Saturday 19 November at 7:30pm and tickets are selling fast. John has been described by Mojo as 'one of the ultimate British songwriters' and is perhaps best known for his work on Warhorse at The National Theatre. Tickets via haltonmill.org.uk



Upcoming Events

Saturday 29th October – Bingo & Members draw

New Year's Eve – Disco

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

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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

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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

No 81/82 from Low Road 0927, 1027, 1127, 1227, 1327, 1427, 1527, 1627, 1727, 1827

FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

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

LAST BUSES BACK TO HALTON FROM

Lancaster 1815 **Kirkby Lonsdale** 1815

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HALTON HISTORY - HALTON WAR MEMORIAL

Burials and Commemorations of World War 1 Halton Casualties:

DoW - Died of Wounds, KIA - Killed in Action. The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, Ypres, Belgium commemorates 54,000+ missing.

Private 24800 Robert Aldren. 7th Batt. KORR. DoW 20/09/1917. Buried at Bus House Cemetery near Ypres, Belgium. Row 1. Grave 8. Age 24.

Private 26260 James Dowbiggin Angus – 2nd Batt. Scots Guards. Died 6/10/1918. Commemorated at Vin-en-Artois Memorial, Harcourt, Pas-de-Calais, France. Age 25.

L/Cpl. 1512 Thomas Burrow. 1/5th Batt. King's Own Royal Regiment. KIA with BEF, Ypres. 22/04/1915. Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Panel 12. Served only 7 days in France. Age 19.

Lt. Col. Edward Cadman-Cadman DSO. KORL Regt. Also 2nd/8th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment. KIA 27/05/1918. Commemorated on Soissons Memorial, Department of de L'Asine, Picardie, France. Age 43.

Private 40417 Harry Walmsley Dawson. 2/4th LRLR. Also served with The Royal Military Police (Foot Soldier 1723). KIA Pas-de-Calais, France – 29/08/1918. Re-interred in the Cemetery of Ecoust-St-Mein, near Arras, Pas-de-Calais. Plot VI. Row G. Grave 10. Age 28.

Private 3958 Robert Dodgson 1/5th Batt. KORR. Served just 3 months in France.

DoW 27/06/1916. Buried in Avesne-Le-Comte Cemetery Extension, near Arras, Pas-de-Calais, France. Plot II. Row A. Grave 16. Age 26.

Private 24196 Arthur Green 1st/5th Batt. KORR. KIA 9/05/1918. Buried in Houchin Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Plot 1. Row D. Grave 26. Age 40.

Captain George Herbert Hastings - 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. DoW 5/02/1915. Buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, Nord, Pas de Calais, France. Plot IX. Row B. Grave 62. Age 34.

Private 446784 John Hayton. 50th Batt. Canadian Expeditionary Force, Alberta Regt. (CEF). Probably held Canadian citizenship. *Not on Halton War Memorial, but commemorated in Silverdale, Cumbria.* Do W in Etaples Military Hospital, France on 24/10/1916, France. Buried in



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Etaples Military Cemetery, Canadian Section - Block VIII. Row C. Grave 11. Age 34.

Pte. 2384 Henry Huyton. 1st/5th Batt. KORR. KIA 23/04/1915. Commemorated at the Menin Gate Memorial. Panel 12. Age 18. *Brother of John Huyton below.*

Pte. 238358 John Huyton. 6th Batt. Shropshire Light Infantry Herefordshire Regiment. Enlisted initially as 2764 with King's Own Regiment. KIA 21/03/1918. Buried in Roye New Military Cemetery, Picardie, France. Plot II. Row A. Grave 18. Age 19.

Serjeant* 51476 Walter Jacques. 218th Coy Machine Gun Corps (Infantry *Instructor.) DoW in Scottish Red

Cross Hospital, Rouen. 13/04/1917. Buried in Rouen Military Extension. France. Block O. Plot VIII. Row 41. Grave 10. Age 35.

Pte. 1505 John Septimus Johnston. 1st/5th Batt. KORR. Died 23/04/1915. Commemorated on the Menin Gate. Panel 12. Age 19. *One of 7 brothers who enlisted.*

Corporal 33018 Richard Johnston. 1st/4th Batt. Scots Guards. Formerly a Police Officer in Lancashire. KIA 4/10/1918. Buried at Flesquieres Hill Military Cemetery Nord, France. Plot 2. Row D. Grave 10. Age 33. *Brother of John Septimus Johnston above.*

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFF HALTON ROAD

A local developer has asked whether the Parish Council would support the development of a business park on the edge of the village. A planning application may be made in the next few months. Halton with Aughton Parish Council would like to hear the opinions of local residents before considering a response. There will be a public session at the Centre to ask questions and provide feedback on **Tuesday 4th October 6pm – 8pm**.

Alternatively use the QR code or visit our website (www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk) for further information and an **online survey**.



NATIONAL TREE WEEK

If anyone would like to help plant some trees within the village during National Tree Week (Saturday November 26th – Sunday December 4th 2022), then either contact Cllr. Chris Coates (chris@utopia-britannica.org.uk) or the Clerk (details below).

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a volunteer Parish Councillor, which is a non-political position; councillors make decisions for the benefit of the parish rather than any party.

If you feel there are things that could be improved around the village, then joining the council is a good start.

Currently, there are plans to improve the playing field, play areas and re-starting the Neighbourhood Plan which need

active support from councillors to progress.

The Parish Council is responsible for the following areas:

- Representing the views and interests of parishioners and acting as a medium for consultation and communication with both the City and County Councils.
- Play areas (St Wilfrid’s Park, The Centre, Schoolhouse Lane)
- Open spaces (around The Centre, Quarry Road, the “Plantation” and some paths)
- Considering any planning matters, e.g. potential developments within the parish
- War Memorial, Caste Hill, Burial Ground, allotments, bus shelters.

As with anything, what you get out of being a Parish Councillor will depend on what you are able to put in. How much time you can commit is largely down to the individual and what level of involvement you are hoping for. As a minimum, you would be expected to attend the

monthly Parish Council meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

If you are interested, then pop into the next meeting to see how we work and speak to the current councillors; alternatively visit our website or contact the Clerk.

We welcome people from diverse backgrounds to help ensure we make sound decisions that are representative of the different perspectives within the parish.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

There is always an opportunity at meetings for residents to raise issues or questions. The next meetings will be held upstairs in the Centre at 19:15 on the following dates:

Wed 12th October & Wed 9th November

Luke Mills, Parish Clerk,

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Health experts suggest that to keep your brain healthy, you should learn something new but you do need to keep your body active as well.

Square Dancing is a great way to do both, as you need to keep thinking and listening while dancing, as it's not a repeating pattern, like most other forms of dance. Other dancers have told me that you become so engrossed while dancing, that their troubles were left on the doorstep. Another bonus.

It's fun and very social, with no fancy footwork and easy to learn. No partner needed. It's for everyone, couples, singles, friends and families of any age from 14 to 80.

Lune Valley Ocean Wavers Square Dance Club Invites you to join our Square Dance beginners lessons at the Centre @ Halton, Low Road, Lancaster LA2 6NB.

They start with a FREE taster session on Monday 31st October at 7:30-10pm, then weekly lessons on a Monday @ £4 per week including refreshments. (Bring your own cup)

Don't worry if you can't make the taster session, come on the 7th November. We will always reteach the moves and repeat as needed.

Go on, why not try something new. Give the TV and computer a rest and get your brain and body moving to the beat of the music, while making new friends and having a good laugh, which is an excellent medicine as well.

You know your body wants you to be more active, so now is your chance to treat yourself.

Ring me for more information or just turn up on either or both start dates.

Carol Holman
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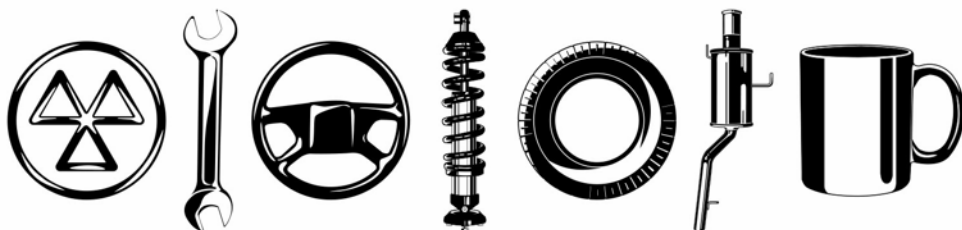


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