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Services in December

- 4 10:00 am Family Communion
6 9:00 am Morning prayer
11 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship and
Christmas Tree service
13 9:00 am Morning prayer
18 10:00 am Family Communion
4:00 pm Village Carol Service at
St Wilfrid's Church
20 9:00 am Morning prayer
24 3:00 pm Children's service and
Carol singing
25 10:00 am Christmas day Family
Communion.

Services in January

- 1 10:00 am Family Service at St
Luke's Slyne
3 9:00 am Morning prayer
8 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
10 9:00 am Morning prayer
15 10:00 am Family Communion
17 9:00 am Morning prayer
22 10:00 am Family Communion
24 9:00 am Morning prayer
29 10:00 am Family Communion
31 9:00 am Morning prayer

December 2022

- 4 10.00 am Joint service at Bolton-le-
Sands URC
11 4:30 pm Rev. John Gordon
18 Joint service with St Wilfrid's - Village
Carol Service
25 No service

January 2023

- 1 No service
8 4:30 pm Rev. John Gordon
15 4:30 pm Rev. John Gordon
22 4:30 pm Rev. John Gordon
29 4:30 pm Rev. Daleen Ten-Cate

St Saviour's Aughton

Services in December

- 11 11:30 am Holy Communion
21 7:00 pm Village Carol Service
25 10:00 am Christmas day Family
Communion.

Services in January

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

From St Wilfrid's Registers - Baptisms:

2nd October - Arabella Helen Casson and
Myah Rose Clegg
6th November – Connor Jordan Sims and
Rosie Catherine Sims

HALTON URC NEWS



We were very pleased to welcome members of Bolton le Sands URC to join in our celebratory Anniversary Service at the beginning of November and the congregation enjoyed a

meat and potato pie lunch and fellowship after the service.

This was a slightly bitter-sweet day as we celebrated 124 years of worship on the present site but have now had to make a final decision to close the Church. This decision has not been easy and was not made lightly. We have endeavoured, over the last three years, to keep the Church going through Covid and all the recent extensive renovations that were necessary to maintain the building. Sadly, like most congregations, numbers have dwindled dramatically, and it is no longer feasible to carry on with such a vastly depleted congregation.

We will continue with our 4:30pm services into February, and will hold our final Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon on Saturday the 18th February 2023 followed by lunch. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who wishes to join us for this final Service of Thanksgiving.



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St Wilfrid's School Community Tea

Wednesday 30th November at 2pm

Everyone welcome

Carols and Mince Pies

AT HALTON PARK HOUSE

Saturday 10th December 10-12 am

Christmas Tree Service

Sunday 12th December at 10 am

Halton Village Carol Service

At St Wilfrid's Church

4 pm on Sunday December 18th

Christmas Eve Children's Service

At St Wilfrid's Church

*You are invited to join us to make
Christingles, join in with a 'Pop-up
Nativity' and sing carols*

3pm on Christmas Eve

*Children are encouraged to come
dressed as a character from
the nativity story*

Aughton Village Carol Service

At St Saviour's

7pm on Wednesday 21th December

*Join us for Carols and
seasonal refreshments.*



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ST SAVIOUR, AUGHTON

Christmas Bingo

In Aughton Village Hall

7:30 pm 3rd December

Proceeds to Church Funds

Support person role - can you help?

A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF - I am an 8-year-old boy, living with my family in Halton. My favourite things are football, marble runs, public transport and playing board games. I especially enjoy buses and bus timetables right now, along with time on my tablet and out on bus trips and play football.

I have Autism and PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance). This means that I need to feel that people aren't asking things of me, more that I am taking the lead. I like routine and have a few 'triggers' that anyone working with me will get to know and understand.

PURPOSE OF JOB - A Personal Assistant to support me to gain independence away from my family, whilst helping to build my confidence and keeping me safe.

HOURS OF WORK - 8-10 hrs per week, can be flexible days, after 11am weekdays

RATES OF PAY - £12 per hour

TASKS INVOLVED - Accompanying me to places; walks, playing football, bus journeys; general social support and company to gain independence

TYPE OF PERSON REQUIRED - Someone with understanding of Autism and PDA (however training can be provided), who can coax me but not enforce their ideas. Someone who can include me in the planning of activities; patient & easy going

ABOUT THE JOB - A trial period will be necessary in the first instance. The post is subject to a DBS (Police) Check. The cost of this will be met by my parents.

Please call my parents on 07772003386 to arrange an informal visit.



BRIEF HISTORY OF "HALTON CHAPEL"

The Congregational Chapel had its first presence in the village in 1867 when the congregation met in the "Parish Rooms", a converted barn on the Low Road, opposite the Greyhound. They worshipped there from 1867 until they moved to their new premises in 1898. After searching for many years for a site to build a new Chapel, the congregation bought a plot of land, in what was called "Kirkby Lonsdale Road", from Mr Isaac Moore for the sum of £140 on the 7th September 1897.

The plot was sold to: Anthony Shaw, blacksmith, Halton; James Preston, of Halton; Henry Moore, labourer of Halton; Thomas James Wilkinson, a clothier of Lancaster; William Nicholson, a tailor of Lancaster; and Henry William Smith, a Congregational Minister of Lancaster.

£140 does not sound a great deal of money today but in 1897 a farm labourer's weekly wage would have been an average of 14s 11 1/2d (or around 70p today). His annual wage would be £35 and therefore the cost of the plot would be 4 times his annual salary.

Mr George Wright drew up the plans for the new building, which was to accommodate 200 worshippers and a schoolroom for 120 scholars, there already being 80 scholars on the roll at that time. The contractors for the work were: Masonry, R. L. Dilworth, Lancaster; Joinery, R.S. Wright & Sons, Lancaster; Slating and Plastering, T. Till, Lancaster; Painting, Mr Wrightson, Bol-

ton le Sands; Plumbing, Abbott & Co., Lancaster. The total estimated cost being about £1,000, with a sum of £12 being specified for the iron gates and railings.

At a stone laying ceremony held on the 2nd March 1898, the first stone being laid by Master James Helme, on behalf of his father, Norval Helme, who was away in Rome. Beneath the stone was placed a copy of the Lancaster Guardian and the British Weekly, together with some coins of the realm, Mr J. Angus presented Master Helme with an inscribed, ivory handled, silver trowel for which the sum of £2.2s had been allowed. Other stones were laid by Robert Helme and Miss Dawson. Following the ceremony, about 200 friends gathered at the Centenary Schoolroom where they were entertained to tea, after which, the treasurer announced that, in addition to the £398 previously subscribed or promised, a further £237 7s 1 1/2d had been raised that

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day. It is said that the workmen engaged on the building of the Chapel flew a black flag when they were forbidden to have their traditional drink of ale at the topping out ceremony, but on the 17th May 1898, they were given a rearing supper at which 70 sat down to dine. The completed building was officially opened on Wednesday the 21st September 1898.

You will recognise familiar Halton family names in the above list, families which are still represented today in the village. Anthony Shaw was just a 28 year old lay preacher with a young family at the time and appears to have played a large part in establishing the Chapel in Halton. James Preston was the Great Grandfather of Tom Preston, and generations of both families served the Church faithfully over the years.

In the 70's the Congregational Church became part of what is now known as the United Reformed Church. At the time the church was still thriving and the Junior Church expanding. An upstairs

schoolroom was added at the time to accommodate the growing number of children, again, funded by subscriptions and many fundraising events held by the congregation. Nativities, Easter Celebrations, Harvest Suppers, Garden Parties, Sales of Work, Jumble Sales, Coffee Mornings, Christmas Fairs, Church outings and parties were all enthusiastically celebrated and, I personally, have many happy memories of the fun and fellowship over the last 65 years that I have been worshipping at "the Chapel".

During our Centenary Year in 1998 we celebrated each monthly Communion Service followed by a fellowship lunch and were pleased to invite guest ministers and speakers. The pews were removed in 1999 to add versatility to the use of the church and different forms of worship. Pleasures were simple, fellowship enjoyed, food shared with relish, community supported and, most importantly, this was all done for the Glory of God.

This may be the end of an era, a "dying trend", but that does not mean that God's love will not continue to issue throughout our beautiful village and support will be offered to anyone who needs it. Please do not hesitate to contact either of our Ministers should you wish. God loves each and every one of us, He stands by us on our journey through life, He will not let us down.

May God bless you all,

Barbara Wilkinson

(with acknowledgement to Bill Hosfield
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VILLAGE NEWS

HELP WITH VILLAGE PLANTER

Are there any volunteer growers and kind people who would assist with the filling and watering of a planter in the village? We are planning on growing cut and come again lettuce, trailing tomatoes, spring onions and beetroot, and if we are to receive a square planter we will grow strawberries in troughs around the edge. As the season goes on we will fill with whatever salad etc is ready during each month.

So you green-fingered Haltonians please contact me with your thoughts and offers of help to grow and to continue with watering, perhaps on a rota basis. This will be starting next year, obviously, but I need to know if there is the support out there for the people of the village who are struggling to purchase such items. They will be able to help themselves.

It appears we have the go ahead with the "Happy Bench" thanks to the parish coun-

cil. So a great big thank you to them. Once the plaque is made we may have an official opening to let people know where it is situated. Just a thought.

But please let me know if our local gardeners will participate in the idea of the "Happy Planter" idea too.

Please contact me via email jibby31808@yahoo.co.uk

Eileen Prince-Jibson

ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL



School life in this autumn term has been enjoyable and busy as ever. Y6 went off to Robinwood at the beginning of the autumn term. They had

an amazing time and developed new skills and personal achievements.

Our Harvest celebration was a lovely time of sharing, with the children sending cards and harvest treats to villagers and parents coming into school for a very special assembly, led by Y3. Our school donated a massive 182.5 kg of tinned food etc. to the Morecambe Bay Foodbank. We are always so grateful for the generosity of our school families.

This autumn, we are supporting the Boxes of Hope charity again, by sending shoe box Christmas gifts to children in Romania. Closer to home, the children will be having a non-uniform day next week and we are also having our very

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It was fantastic to welcome some of our senior village residents back into school last month for our Community Tea and the next one is planned for Wednesday 30th November. If you haven't been before or are a grandparent or carer, connected with the school, we would love to see you!

Before we know it, Christmas celebrations will be upon us. It is always a very special time in school and amongst all the seasonal festivities, we are careful to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Our children will be taking part in Nativity performances and Carol Concerts and we will be joining with St. Wilfrid's Church by circulating the Posada throughout the school and into the children's homes.

We currently have a **vacancy** for a part time play leader in our before/after school club. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please contact school for an informal chat.

If you 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. 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.

Claire Weymouth

Headteacher, St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School

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Helen Roe, 07730759682

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Monday 5 December 2022

From either 12pm-3:30pm or 6:00pm-9.30pm



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NEWS FROM THE HEARTS OF HALTON W.I.

As the year comes to a close, the Hearts ladies are back on form! A number of them entered the Annual Lancashire Federation Show, held again at Garstang Golf Club. Our very talented ladies represented us; from Quilting by Debbie, Knitting by Karen, writing a story by Janet, making a dress by Amanda and Amanda's little girl Elle entered the rainbow monster and won first prize! The theme was colours of the rainbow. If I missed anyone out I do apologise! What I must say is how very proud we are of you all, for flying the flag for the Halton Group; it's not always winning but just taking part!

Some members attended an afternoon tea, along with other groups in the area, at Heysham Golf Club. We also had a trip to the lakes and sailed on Derwent Water and a couple of weeks ago had a tour round the Town Hall and had tea and scones with the Mayor. The Mayoress – Amanda – is one of the youngest members of our group.

The committee had a new member this last year and they have kept the group going in my absence. Kath Bryne did a craft workshop evening which everyone really enjoyed, thank you for that, Kath. The AGM came upon us a couple of weeks ago, where the Committee and Officers are voted into place. Our new advisor, Sheila, came along to oversee the proceedings. Denise, our Secretary, reported on the last year's meetings - I must say how amazing she has been! Being thrown into the role last year as we couldn't get a Secretary... she has done a sterling job with the committee, keeping the cogs going in my absence.

Sadly, Jeanne, our Treasurer, has finally decided to stand down, after taking on the role around 5 years ago, when, through illness, the Treasurer stood down. I must say we will miss her. As with most things in our group, we have continued to move on from the grey haired, older(!) ladies that make jam



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(how the WI was looked upon a number of years ago)! Jeanne managed to modernise our book-keeping – ledger and books are no more, as she introduced electronic accounts. She now hands over the reins to Eileen, where she will stay for a while as support for the new Treasurer.

For a group to continue and grow we need people in the background, as well as the committee who are: Janet Theobald, Kath Bryne, Kath Coombes, Amanda McGartland and Elaine Cross.

Officers 2022/23

President: Jane Mealor, I am Honoured to be voted as President for another year!

Hon Secretary: Denise Medcalf

Hon Treasurer: Eileen

Treasurer support: Jeanne

Others who contribute each month are Caroline Porter, Eve Wilkinson and Isabel Walker

Our ladies who house our stores; Pat Armstrong and Eileen Jibson.

Many hands make light work. Our AGM finished with time to chat over cheese and wine!

We are having an extra special birthday party in December... should be amazing! Maybe you might come and join us next year. New faces and new ideas.

Jane Mealor
President





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Thursdays: 7pm to 9pm Lune Valley Voices Community Choir £7 entry fee

All are welcome to join us at these classes!

Recent events:

We enjoyed a great Quiz Night at the end of September organised by our Treasurer and Quiz Master, Andy Pyle. Four large teams from the village battled against each other with rounds on such diverse subjects as 'Where did the Pyle family go on holiday?' and 'Aughton through the Ages' combined with a fiendishly difficult (i.e. impossible) set of anagrams and a maths section which led participants to solving an equation to find the combination to a

locked box. This quiz was not for the faint-hearted! We were well sustained in our endeavours though by burgers, sausages and chips and thankfully the bar was open, so the losers could drown their sorrows. We are promised a re-match soon, so start revising now....

A month later we were glad to welcome back our Fireworks Evening for the first time since 2019. We are very lucky to have a kindly neighbour in Chris Ward who moved his dairy herd and lent us his field so that we could have a spectacular but safe display. It was the first outing for our newly purchased cooker, which amazingly actually heats up to 200°C unlike the old one! So, we were able to cook both veggie and meat chili with proper baked potatoes for 30 people all at once – and we're looking forward to many more village suppers to follow.

Our new feature of Lune Valley Voices Community Choir has been bringing people to the hall each Thursday evening for

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UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

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someone else to talk to.

We run a host of activities to support
your physical and emotional well being,
especially during the winter months.
Check the What's On pages for details
of The Centre run activities including;
Gentle Exercise Class, Memory Cafe,
Luncheon Club, Knit & Natter, Board
Games, Outdoor Circuits, Walking Foot-
ball and Walking Netball.

We welcome and support anyone who
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We are pleased to announce our popular New Year's Eve Ceilidh will be held again this year. Saturday 31st December 7:30pm-12:30am. Tickets are selling fast and must be purchased in advance via the Ticketsource link above. Adults and children £11+ £15 each. If you can offer any help setting up in advance, clearing away on the night or collecting glasses, please contact the Office.

Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, we are once again able to offer both upstairs meeting rooms for hire. For more information contact our booking officer Carol Holman, details above. There are positions available on the The Centre Management Committee. If you would like to be involved in the decision making and running of The Centre, please contact the office for more information.

Santa's Sleigh will be stopping at The Centre between 4pm and 6pm during his visit to Halton on Sunday 11th December. Call in to see him in the Meeting Room. The Coffee Shop will be open to purchase seasonal refreshments.

Our next Children's Nearly New Sale will be held on Saturday 11th March 2023. Tables are now available to book for £15 via the Ticketsource link above.

The Centre will be closed from Friday 23rd December until Sunday 1st January inclusive.

Merry Christmas to our customers, staff and volunteers.

NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES

Reeder dance will finish on 13th December

Salsa night Saturday 21st January

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 AND 2023

Santa's Sleigh to visit Sunday 11th December 4-6pm

New Year's Eve Ceilidh - Sat 31st Dec 7:30pm-12:30am

Salsa Night Saturday 21st January 2023 7:00pm-12.00am

Above correct as at 4th November.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 17th December – Children’s Christmas Party 2-4pm £5 per child to include food and present from Santa limited numbers please call at the club to book

Saturday 31st December – New Year’s Eve Disco & Members draw

Saturday 28th January – Members draw you’ve got to be in to win!

Christmas Opening Hours Christmas Eve 12-12, Christmas Day 12-3, Boxing Day 12-11:30, Tues 27th to Thurs 29th 5-11:30, Fri 30th 12-12, New Years Eve 12noon-1am, New Years Day 12-11:30 Mon 2nd Jan 5-11:30

Please follow us on Facebook – Halton Club. E-mail haltonsocialclub@gmail.com or visit our website haltonsocialclub.co.uk



WHAT'S ON IN HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON?

All events are at The Centre @ Halton unless specified otherwise

AUGHTON RECREATION ROOM: BOOKINGS Events Secretary Ruth Keeler on
07789373100 or ruthgkeeler@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: 9:15-
11am; 811316
Computer Help at the Library: 1-2pm,
Halton Library
Knit 'n' Natter, Crafts & Chatter Café:
2-4pm free Lyn 811694 M1
Board games: 2-4pm 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
Quiz Night: The Greyhound 811908

Wednesdays:

Storytime: 9:00-9:30am (term time on-
ly) for preschool children and their car-
ers. Halton Library

Halton Brews & Babies Club: 10-11:15
(not on 2nd Wed) 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
Gentle Exercise class: 11-12 noon 811316
Carpet Bowls: 2-4pm Aughton Recrea-
tion Room £2 on the door inc refresh-
ments
Lune Valley Voices Community Choir:
7-9pm Aughton Recreation Room £7 en-
try fee

Fridays:

Indoor Bowling: 3:30 – 5:30pm 811316

Saturdays:

Lego Club: 10:30-12:45pm Halton Library

Sundays:

Valley Church: 10:30am David 07885
435910

**FOOTBALL - Halton Jnr Football Club
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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 Dec 2, 16; Jan 6,
20; prebook Rita 07979715041

Over 55's Luncheon Club Café: 2nd &
4th Fri, 10am-1pm; dates (Dec 9 book-
ing essential) Jan 13, 27; by appoint-
ment 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

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

Sat 3 - Aughton Christmas Bingo 7:30pm
Aughton Recreation Room. Proceeds to
St. Saviour's Church, Aughton

Mon 5 - Christmas Wreath Workshop -
see poster page 12

Sat 10 - Coffee & Carols for Christmas
10-12 noon, Halton Park House £3

Sun 11 - Meet Santa at the Centre
Coffee shop 4-6pm

Sat - 31 New Year's Eve Ceilidh 7:30pm-
12:30am, The Centre – Ticket source
only

JANUARY

Sat 21 - Salsa Night with Bar 7:00pm-
12.00am; The Centre 07971 673436

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 11 - Children's Nearly New sale;
The Centre

April 22 - Salsa Night with bar; The
Centre

May 20 - Plant Sale & Craft Fair; The



WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

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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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Sundays and Bank Holidays:

TO LANCASTER

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TO KIRKBY LONSDALE

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

FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

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Both Saturday teams competed well through a season where they just didn't quite have enough bench strength to gain promotion when school, holiday and personal commitments denied them key players. They finished mid table while the Sunday teams had mixed seasons but generally succeeded in giving younger players a taste of senior cricket. The junior season was highlighted by the U11 Hardball team who won their league and reached the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup, but all teams competed well. We have trained a new coach, John Childs, for the 2023 season and it is hoped that overseas player Matt Cline will return and have more time to work with the juniors. He is an experienced coach as he runs his club's U16 team in Australia. Three younger Torrisholme players are currently playing in Australia - what a fantastic experience despite being plagued by poor weather so far. Hopefully they are giving

their Aussie team-mates plenty of stick after Australia failed to qualify for the knock-out stages of the T20 World Cup. Looking forward the Junior Indoor Nets at LRGS will be open for booking from early December, the senior indoor nets start in February and a number of coaches and Safeguarding Officers (including your correspondent) need to renew qualifications over the winter but the cycle will start again in spring with nets and working parties. Wishing everyone an enjoyable Festive Season and, as always, if anyone wants to be involved at the club as a player, junior, coach, volunteer or sponsor please contact Junior Chair and Safeguarding Officer Mark Drinkall in the first place: drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk or on 07368 944220.

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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 53



1. Who currently (1st October 2022) holds the post of President of the European Commission?
2. Which county won the 2022 cricket County Championship?
3. By what name is dancer and TV presenter Anthony Paul Beke better known?
4. Which Duke lost his driving licence in September having argued that losing it would cause him 'exceptional hardship'. He had previously played a major role on organising the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II?
5. Moon Age Daydream is a current biopic of which deceased pop star?
6. Who was the leader of the UK Labour Party at the time of their 2022 conference?
7. Formerly the partner of footballer Gerard Pique, which successful singer has recently been accused of tax fraud by the Spanish authorities?
8. Which award winning actor and director played Boris Johnson in the recent series 'This England'?
9. In which German city is Oktoberfest traditionally held?
10. Rob Edwards was sacked by which Championship club in September, he had been in charge of for only 11 competitive games?
11. Who won the 2022 version of Celebrity Masterchef?
12. What was the surname of Rocky in multiple films featuring Sylvester Stallone?
13. Kristian Jones won £50k for catching the largest weight of fish in the final of which major annual fishing competition, he caught over 56 kg during the five hour match?
14. Which West African country was known as Upper Volta until 1984?
15. Who directed the Oscar winning movies JFK and Platoon?
16. By what name was Australian Soprano Helen Porter Mitchell better known?
17. How many players from the fielding team are usually on the field at one time during a game of baseball?
18. What is the currency on the Baltic state Lithuania?
19. If you were born on 25th July what star sign would you be?
20. Eluid Kipchoge is the current men's marathon world record holder, which country does he represent?

Thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall. Answers on Page 36



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Mystery Trip on Thursday October 20th.

This was on one of the wettest days ever! We set off and headed into Yorkshire with the first stop at Kettlewell. After a short stay and refreshments, we then travelled to Leyburn for lunch, travelling through Emmerdale and All Creatures Great and Small country. Our last stop was at the Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes for coffee. Despite the weather it was still a great day out.

Manchester and the Christmas Markets was the final trip for this year on Thursday November 17th. In December we will be holding our members only Christmas Meal with a special Christmas raffle.

Looking ahead next year's membership form is now available. Membership is £10.00 for the year and trips in 2023 are now £15.00 to members and £18.00 for non-members. If anyone would like to join, please give me a call. Our Annual General

Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January at the Station Hotel, Caton at 10:00am. New and old members are welcome to come along. Thank you.

Ally Whitfield (01524 770827/07738 912923).

CATON LEISURE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join our group for talks (see below) on a variety of interesting topics. Included in the cost for members of £1.50, non-members £3.00, (annual membership £5.00) is the talk, tea/coffee and biscuits, and, of course, friendship.

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

December

No talks during this month. Resume in January. Best wishes for Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

January

9th David Fisher - Bowland Bat Research
16th Christopher Robson - The Seekers
23rd Shaun Lewis - Shackleton's Endurance Expedition

30th Steve Halliwell - One Man's View of Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Garden.

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

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October was a very busy month, with our own North West & Lakes Weekend at the Centre with many people travelling from all around the country including Aberdeen, London and Bournemouth and even one couple from Sweden.

There was a weekend dance event near Keswick and an evening dance in Clifford, Yorkshire.

We personally also travelled to weekends in High Wickham and Bideford, combining family visits while down there.

At the very end of October we offered beginners lessons again. We had 12 new people, who, I think, from the laughter,

smiles and chatter, all enjoyed themselves. They were dancing within 5 minutes and were taught around 20 moves during that first evening. Well done.

The next recruitment will probably be in about six months time.

We are having a second experiment in November, where our Caller, Di Green, will be calling over the airways, via Zoom, but from America this time.

We finish our year with our annual free Xmas party dance, for any Square Dance club member, here or away, to come and socialise with party games and dancing.

Merry Christmas everyone.

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA – 3 DECEMBER 2022

On Saturday 3 December The Mill is hosting an all day Christmas Extravaganza with crafts, songs, exhibits, Santa, music and a surprise performance.

You will be able to browse and shop at one of over 20 craft stalls – selling handmade items, lovely gifts for friends and loved ones. Take the children to see Santa in his workshop. Or enjoy a light lunch, a mince pie and mulled wine while singing along with our Christmas choir. Festive attire encouraged!

We're open from 11am to 3pm. Entrance is 50p with under 14s free!

It's also your first chance to see our latest exhibition – Halton Mill Potters. It's a showcase of the work of a group of potters and ceramicists working out of Lunelab, the community makerspace at Halton Mill. Sarah Livingstone, our resident porcelain and glass artist, is very proud of the progress her students have made and of the beautiful work they produce. Some pots

will be for sale. The Exhibition is FREE, and available to view throughout December and January 10am – 8pm on The Mezzanine. There will be tours of the Mill throughout the day, so you can see all the community facilities we have on offer. A tour of the Cohousing neighbour next door will be leaving at 3pm from outside the double doors of the Mill Atrium. You'll be shown around by residents who can tell you what it's like living in a community and answer any questions.

To finish the day, that evening The Mill hosts Salsita, a Latino jazz band made up of seven of the district's top musicians, including guitar virtuoso Howard Haigh and the versatile Pete Moser. They have a passion for modern South American rhythmic styles, creating an energetic and engaging repertoire, including established pieces and original compositions, infused with Jazz improvisation. When they played at the Mill last year they were a big hit, with many people up and dancing. 8pm, only £5 book via www.haltonmill.org.uk

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THE RIVER ROOM IS CHANGING HANDS

The River Room, the Mill's beautiful well-being space, is changing hands in the New Year. Rebecca, who set up the space, has moved to Cornwall, and it is being taken over by daughter-and-mother team, Liz and Annie Neat. Annie is a yoga teacher, arts psychotherapist, coach and youth worker, who already teaches yoga in the River Room. Liz has been using the River Room since it opened and lives next door at Cohousing, so she can be an on-site presence.

Annie wants to keep the current mix of yoga, pilates, qigong, meditation, relaxation and other well-being classes and

workshops, and to add more variety for different ages, abilities and tastes. She plans to start a Chair Yoga class, for people with limited mobility, and Yin Yoga sessions, offering a gentle, relaxed experience.

Annie is keen to find out what kind of sessions local people would like. Do contact her on annie@neatyoga.co.uk or 07944 637135 to discuss which of the existing classes might suit your needs, or what other classes you'd like to see offered.

The Mill will be working with Annie and Liz to create a Well-being Taster Day in March, where you can try out many of the different classes we offer that can improve your mental and physical health and just bring you joy. More details in the next Prattle.

See the River Room website www.theriverroom.org.uk to find out more about what is going on there. We have lift access and you can make yourself a drink and have a chat in our cafe after your class.

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There is an African flavour to the event – Tony lives in Caton but was born in Zimbabwe, and the African themed lunch will be supplied by the Global Village Cafe – Lancaster’s project working with refugee chefs to improve cultural understanding through food. Tony’s work on the guitar has taken him around the world from the UK to Canada, Germany and Italy and to a plethora of other countries, performing alongside other acoustic guitar greats. He has recorded and collaborated on twenty-two albums and has published a book of music scores, 'Fingerstyle for Africa', on his particular brand of fingerstyle guitar playing. Cost £15/£10/£5 (concert), lunch an additional £10 per head, includes a hot drink. Book at haltonmill.org.uk

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We know that with the cost of living increasing, many people will be worried

about paying bills and the expense of heating their home this winter. At the Mill we are happy to offer people the use of our heated atrium, cafe and first floor mezzanine on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 5pm, when Fay from our management team will be in the building. You can make yourself a hot drink in the cafe (donations welcome but not necessary), and sit and use our Wi-Fi, or just bring a book or a game to amuse yourself. We also have classes including yoga, pilates and meditation in the River Room. If you want to use the Mill warm spaces at other times, please contact Fay via the Mill email address or phone number at the end of this article to discuss.

DOM, BRUNO & THE AMAZON LAUNCH

On Sunday 30 October Halton Mill welcomed 120 people through our doors for the launch of the Dom, Bruno and The Amazon programme of events in honour of journalist Dom Phillips, indigenous expert Bruno Pereira and other people who have been murdered defending the rainforest.

It was a lovely evening where we were joined by Brazilian nationals, local musicians, family and friends of Dom Phillips, and people from the district and further afield.

We would like to thank everyone who joined us that night and who came to the other events we arranged. Special thanks to those who donated on the night to the fund set up in Dom and Bruno's memory, and also the fund to assist with the hosting of all of the events throughout November, most of which were free and open to all. If you have been touched by the events that happened in June and would like to donate to the fund set up by the men's family please email us and we will send you the details. Thank you.

Please note, The Mill will be closed to the public between Christmas and New Year. Have a very happy New Year.

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Burials and Commemorations of World War 1 Halton Casualties cont:

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

Pte. 245790 Henry Bernard Kellett KORR. Discharged from Army as Unfit for Active Service in July 1918. Believed to have died in Halton or Lancaster RLI in October 1918. Buried in the Family Grave in St. Wilfrid's, Halton. Age 28.

Private 4574 Alfred Lambert. (Aka Sam after his father, Samuel) 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers. KIA 13/09/1916. Buried Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France. Plot 1. Row F. Grave 20. Age 29.

Pte. 15689 Harold William Lupton. D Coy, 13th Batt. Royal Scots. KIA 11/08/1916. Commemorated at Thiepval Memorial to the Missing -Thiepval, Somme, France. Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D. Age 23.

Bombardier 31597 George Lowther. Royal Horse Artillery and 70th Battery Royal Field Artillery (BEF). KIA 23/08/1914 at Mons. Commemorated at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne. Age 27.

Private 206880 John Alick Nixon MM. Known as "Alick". Served with Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment and 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment. KIA 22/10/1918. Buried in Charleville Communal Cemetery, Ardennes 1918 and then transferred to Terlincthun Military Cemetery

near Boulogne, Pas-de-Calais, France in December 1962 by CWGC. Plot VIII. Row C. Grave 23. Age 22.

Private Arthur Preston 15/1563 15th Batt. West Yorkshire Regt. (Leeds Pals Bantam Battalion.) KIA on 21/09/1916. Buried in Gorre British and Indian Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Plot III. Row A. Grave 17. Age given at death 30, but in fact was 36.

Thomas Lancelot Sanderson. Cadet – Coldstream Guards. Died in Barnet Military Hospital, London on 9/12/1918 of Influenza. Buried in Lancaster Road Cemetery, Wyresdale Road, Lancaster. Grave Ref: - E. CE. 536. Age 18.

Private 241776 Thomas Walling. 1st/5th Batt. Royal Lancaster Regiment. DoW Thursday, 27/03/1917. Buried at Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais. France. Plot II. Row F. Grave 8. Age 26.

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L/Corporal 306917 Robert John Walker. (Formerly 3538 Royal Lancaster Regiment) then 2/8th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment. KIA 30/03/1917. Plot 1. Row K. Grave 10. Age 22.

Private. 50646 William Wilson. 7th Batt. Royal Liverpool Regiment. KIA 9/03/1918 in France and Flanders. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 34, Zonnebeke, Leper, Belgium. Age 28.

Private. 67138 Wilfrid Arthur Willis. 1st Batt. Sherwood Foresters - Notts and Derby Regiment. KIA on the first day of the 3rd Battle of the Somme at Passchendaele, 31/07/1917. Commemorated on the Menin Gate. Panel 41. Age 35.

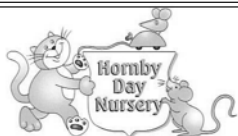
L/Corporal 8248 Thomas Woodhouse. 2nd Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers. KIA 31/10/ 1914 – BEF in the First Battle of Ypres. (19/10/1914 – 30/11/1914). Commemorated on the Menin Gate. Panel 19. Age 28.



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Proposed Industrial Development off Halton Road

In the recent survey and consultation, the Parish Council posed the question: "do you think it is important to retain an area of separation "green space" between Lancaster and Halton?" Out of the 107 responses, 99 answered "Yes" 3 "No" and 5 "Maybe".

The Parish Council has informed the Planning Department of the ongoing local support for the area of separation between Halton and Lancaster.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The threat of losing another green space within the parish has prompted the council to restart the previously stalled Neighbourhood Plan. Following a conversation with the Planning Department it was clear that the previous draft would not have been approved. The steering group aim to draft a revised

version based upon the Aldcliffe with Stodday NP which provides a good example of a recently approved plan.

Castle Hill Update

The steering group met recently; they are gathering information for the grant application which will hopefully be ready for approval at the January Parish Council meeting. Oxford Archaeology are considering the best locations for a dig.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a volunteer Parish Councillor, which is a non-political position.

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 work has restarted on the Neighbourhood Plan all of which need active support

from councillors to progress them in a timely fashion.

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 Community 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, Bins

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 involve-

ment 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 14th December & Wed 11th January.

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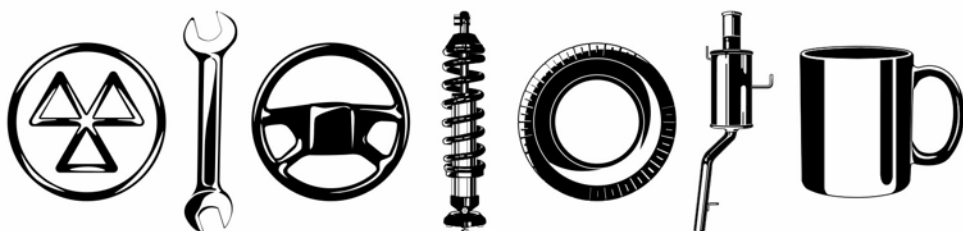
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