



# THE PRATTLE



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A new year, a new issue and a new look to this Prattle. We have switched things around a bit so you may have to go hunting for your favourite read - but it is all there between these covers. Let us know what you think by emailing [halton-prattle@outlook.com](mailto:halton-prattle@outlook.com).

Once again the issue of dog waste in the village has arisen. Most dog walkers are responsible and clean up after their pets but there are still a few who don't. Please think of your surroundings and your community and do the decent thing - pick it up and dispose of it properly.

**THANK YOU!**

**Jan & Dave**

**Editors**

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## VILLAGE NEWS

### CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

I'm absolutely delighted to report that after a 6 month break over the summer, our 2nd campaign began in October 22 and is back – bigger and better than before!

We still have almost 100 recipients on our list. There are people of all ages and all walks of life, but all have been nominated by a local resident, as someone who may appreciate a card and a visit from time to time.

Between October and December, our incredible volunteers have created 540 cards, which is absolutely staggering! 313 of the cards received were for Christmas, so we have been able to share cards with multiple care homes and other agencies across the district, like Age UK Lancaster. With our 2nd campaign, we have found a lot more adults becoming regular card creator 'volunteers', which has meant that some truly breath-taking pieces of art

have been delivered as cards around the village.

In December we launched our 'St Nic for a Neighbour' appeal for the 2nd time and The Red Door Café kindly allowed people to leave donated gifts under their tree. Amazingly, 122 gifts were donated, meaning that we had a gift for every recipient on our list. Wayne Gallagher Plumbing and Heating of Morecambe donated 40 boxes of chocolates and biscuits, which was a hugely generous donation! We donated the surplus boxes of biscuits to the local warm space hubs in the village and a number of community groups that meet at The Centre. The tubs of chocolate will be saved for our 'Big Get Together' in event on 25th March, so please do come along and join us and help devour them all!

I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to every volunteer that has created a card, every incredibly

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generous person that has donated a gift and to every recipient that has allowed me into their lives since the campaign started. Without the support of our amazing community, what started out as a tiny idea would have remained as just that. Thanks to you, it has grown into a hugely impactful community based initiative, which has proved as rewarding for our volunteers as it has for the recipients. Thank **you** for providing the magic!

**Please join us at The Centre from 2-4pm on Saturday 25th March and help us to celebrate everything our campaign has achieved. There will be lots of activities suitable for ALL ages (including a bouncy castle!) and we'd love to see you there!**

**Sam Pritchard**

## **HALTON LIBRARY NEWS**

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## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

### **Story Time**

A weekly story reading session for pre-school children. Includes crafts and songs! Held every **Wednesday 9:00-9:30**.

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### **Lego Club**

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## **HALTON SCOUTS NEWS**

**Great news** – Scouts is restarting on Monday 20th February from 7:15pm until 9:00pm.

Sorrel (previously the Beaver leader) and Mark have agreed to step up and take on the running of the Scout group.

The Centre @ Halton

# Table Top Sale

## Sat 25th March

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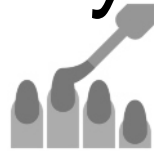
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The Beaver colony is open to all children ages 6 to 8 who meet on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm – 6:30pm during school term time. The Cubs section is open to all children age 8 to 10.5 who meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm to 8pm. Please contact Anne on email: [cubs.1sthalton@gmail.com](mailto:cubs.1sthalton@gmail.com) if you are interested in a place for your child. Both sections meet at the Scout Hut on Foundry Lane.

John Elliott



## **3 BRIDGES 10K RACE**

The popular 3 Bridges 10k race is back again in 2023 - **at 11am on Sunday 16th April**. It will start from the Lancaster & Morecambe Athletic Club clubhouse at Salt Ayre Leisure Centre.

This is always a popular race with runners from all over the north-west taking part, often as a fast preparation for spring marathons and other longer races. It's also very suitable for beginner runners, perhaps moving up from a Parkrun to a longer race.

It remains a well-priced race to enter with the fees being only £12 for members of running clubs and £14 for non-members. An extra £3 is charged for entries on the day. No refunds once registered.

The race is sponsored by the Runners Centre in Lancaster and LMAC is very grateful for this support.

The race meets UK Athletics Rules, is Certified Accurate and there are prizes for the first 3 men and the first 3 women



# bay volunteers

Bay Volunteers is a community-led service which supports the needs of people and communities across the Lancaster District, especially those who are elderly, vulnerable, isolated and/or housebound. We work with many partners, including Lancaster City Council, Lancaster District Community Hub, Lancaster District CVS, Lancaster and Bay Integrated Care Communities, Lancaster University Students' Union, and many others to bring support to those in our community who need it. As part of Bay Volunteers, volunteers can sign up and pick which tasks they would like to do, when they do them and how much they want to volunteer. The tasks that we receive, which our volunteers take up, mainly include either: shopping for someone, collecting and delivering post/parcels, collecting and delivering prescriptions, a listening call/walk, patient transport and/or digital support.

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You can sign up to volunteer here:

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You can find out more here:

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finishers as well as for each veteran category, from 40 for men and 35 for women.

It has a flat, fast and scenic route and there will also be a very nice medal for all finishers.

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## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Broken pencils are pointless.

# THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Halton Community Association Charity No. 115206

**Bookings:** Carol 01524 811444 event back on at The Centre. Having a bookings@haltoncentre.org New Year declutter? We have a

**Enquiries:** Office 01524 811316 Children's Nearly New Sale on Saturday info@haltoncentre.org Centre 11th March for children's clothes, toys

Manager: Maureen Richardson and nursery items and a new Table Top

**Event tickets:** Ticket source www. Sale on Saturday 25th March for quality ti c k e t s o u r c e . c o . u k / used and new household items. Tables haltoncommunityassociation for both sales are £15 and can be

**Website:** haltoncentre.org booked online via the Ticketsource link

**Facebook:** facebook.com/HaltonCentre above.

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**Coffee shop opening hours:** Come and join our Outdoor Circuits on

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School and bank holidays 11am-5pm to the whole family on Tuesdays

Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm 6:15pm-7:15pm or Walking Netball on

Weekends from October half term to Wednesdays 7pm-8pm. If you prefer

February half term 10am-4pm something during the day, our Gentle

Please support the Centre by visiting Exercise Class is on Thursdays 11am-

our community Coffee Shop while you 12pm and includes a talk about healthy

are enjoying the Centre's facilities. eating and well-being.

**UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE** Do you or any young people you know

Our New Year's Eve Ceilidh was a great Centre? We are keen to start some

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you have any thoughts, come and see us and we can work together to get your ideas going.

If you have a couple of hours spare midweek we would be grateful for more volunteers in the Coffee Shop in the afternoons. Full training and support will be provided and it's a great opportunity to meet new people. Doing good makes you feel good – helping others will help you too! There are positions available on the The Centre Management Committee – Halton Community Association. If you would like to be involved in the decision making and running of The Centre, please contact the office for more information. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

We have a cleaning position available at The Centre – please contact the Office for more information and an application form.

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

### CENTRE EVENTS 2023

Children's Nearly New Sale Saturday  
11th March 9am-12pm

Table Top Sale Saturday 25th March  
9am-12pm.

Above correct as at 13th January.

**Naomi Turner** Publicity Officer

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## HALTON GARDENING GROUP

As the spring bulbs and plants emerge from their winter homes underground, we, like them, look forward to longer days, shorter nights and a little more warmth to blossom and flourish.

With some tidying and cutting back of the spent seed heads and dead flowers our planting areas are starting to look renewed.

There are displays of snowdrops, hellebores and cyclamen in the Memorial Jubilee Garden but if you want to travel further afield there are several public gardens not too far away that have wonderful winter displays of snowdrops, cyclamens, aconites, lonicera and hellebores. Hellebores come in various colours with wide saucer shaped flowers, some speckled, that will even flower in snow. Trim back some of the large leaf stalks at their base to provide more space for the flowers to show off and to prevent black spot disease.

The Group has already started thinking about the summer displays and we will be sowing seed, splitting plants and identifying suitable plants for the planters. The herbs have flourished in the Pharmacy planter and are happy to be cut for your personal use. Have a look too at the newly refurbished area at the Halton sign on Low Road.

Halton with Aughton Heritage Group has set up a steering group to develop public access to Castle Hill, which is a prominent historical site, adjacent to the Memorial Jubilee Garden. We are

partners in this proposal and are helping to formulate ideas, practical solutions, develop grant applications and promote the opening up of this valued village asset.

We are beginning our planning in earnest for the **Plant sale on Saturday 20th May** and for the **Garden Safari on 1st/2nd July**. If you would like to help with either activity please do get in touch.

You are also welcome at any of our meetings in 2023 as follows:

7th February at 9:30am in Halton Mill Seminar Room and thereafter at 9:30am on 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June and 4th July 2023.

Our meeting on 7th February will include a talk by Hilary Carr of Lune Valley Verges on the work that group is doing in Halton and Aughton.

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The Greyhound at Halton

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ST WILFRID'S C E SCHOOL!



We have all returned to school this week, excited for 2023 and the new term.

We are focusing on **Courage** and **Creativity** as our January/February monthly values. These will be explored through class discussion, songs and though our collective worship. In February, we will once again be taking members of the school choir to the Young Voices event in Manchester to sing alongside 7000+ other children. We will also be marking **Safer Internet Day** next month with information and workshops led by our pupils. We find that one of the main issues encountered is checking the age appropriate use of on-line games. This is the advice we promote in school; useful for anyone who cares for children:

## **SIX TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE WHEN GAMING**

(from internetmatters.org):

1. *Take an active interest in the games your children are playing to get to grips with how they work and why they enjoy playing them.*

2. *Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and talk about what kind of language is being used. Make sure your child knows how to report abusive or anti-social behaviour.*

3. *For younger children, use 'airplane' mode settings on your tablet or smartphone. That way, they can play*

*offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know.*

4. *Use PEGI ratings and App store ratings to ensure your children are playing age appropriate games. Help children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't.*

5. *Gaming can be very addictive, so agree boundaries and how long they're allowed to play for and with whom they are allowed to play online with. Remind them that people may hide behind fake profiles and not be who they say they are*

6. *Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks.*

On Tuesday 10th January we held our **Hot Chocolate Drop-in** for any children who left St Wilfrid's last summer and are now in Y7. We love catching up with them and hearing how they are enjoying their high schools.

Our last **Community Tea** was held on Wednesday 25th January at 2pm when we served afternoon tea for senior village residents. Also, if you are a grandparent or carer, connected with the school, you are most welcome to come along to join us each half term. Please spread the word to anyone who may be interested in joining us!

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](http://www.stwilfrids-halton.co.uk)) which has details on our curriculum and learning in classes. You might be interested in our **Alumni page**, which has news of some of our past pupils. If you would like to contribute to this page please send in your contribution to [bursar@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk).

We are always delighted 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.

### Claire Weymouth

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## NEWS FROM THE HEARTS OF HALTON W.I.

What a fabulous end to the year for Hearts of Halton WI! Our birthday party celebrated 76 glorious years with a great evening's entertainment. WI members and their partners and guests enjoyed a delicious Lancashire hotpot with all the traditional trimmings – best ever in my opinion! It was followed by a choice of delicious desserts – and the caterers washed up too! We were delighted by singer Stuart, who gave us a huge range of songs to listen to. He belted out our requests too and what a phenomenal memory he must have. We listened, and sang along and danced too - yes - some of us were up and strutting our stuff! We hope he will be able to come again.

There was a superb selection of raffle prizes kindly donated by members and people bought plenty of tickets. The proceeds from the raffle were split between Blood Bikes, Animal Care, and the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), an international organisation for urban and rural women, across 70 countries that supports and empowers women, see [acww.org.uk](http://acww.org.uk). Hearts of Halton members also lived up to their name of being kindhearted and donated gifts to the Loneliness campaign, which were put under the Christmas tree at Red Door before being distributed by a kindly Elf.

Thanks to everyone who helped to organise the event, and booked the singer, booked the caterers, sorted out the wine glasses, tablecloths, greenery, the raffle and gifts, and thanks for coming along! At the end of the party everyone pitched in to clear away and the hall was tidied up in no time. Let's do the whole thing again at our 77th Birthday party next December.

Looking ahead for 2023, by the time you read this article we'll have had a quiz night with a range of fiendish questions on many subjects – our members are always up for a challenge and were picking their brains for the correct answers – well done to the winner! It's fun to take part even if you don't win, you can learn something surprising. Members will soon be voting on WI resolutions for 2023, in common with all WI groups across the country. Our

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delegate will take our choice to Regional level at the Spring Council meeting. Regional decisions will then go forward to National level and we shall hear of the Resolutions for the coming year in due course.

Future evening's speakers are booked. Talks and entertainment coming up this year include the topics of Tai Chi for Arthritis, The Trussell Trust (Morecambe Food Bank), Songs of Lancashire, a trip to Baghdad, the Benefits of Meditation, a Craft evening, and our AGM in October. There's no meeting in August, but hopefully a summer outing will be planned. We also want to resurrect our various groups - Coffee n Chat, Lunches out – suggestions on where to go will be welcome! Also we'd like to restart the Theatre/Cinema and the Walking Groups as we have had some good times before, let's keep them going.

We always welcome new members. Ladies – do come and give us a try. We meet at the Centre @ Halton on the 3rd



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**Janet Theobald**



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Thursdays 7pm to 9pm **Lune Valley**

**Voices Community Choir** £7 entry fee

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Six Nations Rugby on the Big Screen** plus bar and food – free entry!

4:30pm-10pm Saturday 4th February – England v Scotland

4:30pm-10pm Saturday 25th February – England v Wales

4:30pm-10pm Saturday 11th March – England v France

4:30pm-10pm Saturday 18th March – England v Ireland

All are welcome to join us at these events!

## OUR CENTENARY YEAR IN 2023:

**2023 is a special year for Aughton** as our very own **Recreation Room** opened its doors for the first time on **30th January 1923**. The Lancaster Guardian had an entry on **Saturday 3rd February 1923** which read as follows:

*"Tuesday was a red letter day for the isolated village of Aughton, 4 miles north of Halton, with the opening of the Aughton Recreation Room. This was performed by Mrs J G Wright of Halton Park. The building is 70 feet long by 20 feet wide with two adjoining rooms for*

*refreshment and cloakrooms. Cost £300.00".*

We will be holding our **Centenary Celebration Event** at the hall **later in the year** when we anticipate that much better weather will mean that we can enjoy spending time during the evening in the outside areas around the hall taking in the amazing views of the beautiful Lune Valley.

Have you got memories to share about the history of Aughton Recreation Room? Please join the Centenary story by emailing them to us at [aughtonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:aughtonsecretary@gmail.com). We have compiled a brief History of the Village Hall and if you would like an electronic version, please just request one via our email address.

**Any questions about Aughton Village Hall?** Contact the Secretary, Claire Athis Schofield on 07484660174 or [aughtonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:aughtonsecretary@gmail.com)

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# TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

[www.torrisholmecc.co.uk](http://www.torrisholmecc.co.uk)

After a short quiet period over Christmas the activity around the club starts to ramp up in early January with junior nets being sold out already and the Senior and Junior AGMs planned in the next few weeks. The club is fortunate to be served by a number of very committed and experienced coaches including Halton's Jeff Stobbart, we have trained an additional coach in John Childs and John Hewetson is back involved after completing his studies. We also hope to have Aussie overseas Matt Cline involved to a greater extent in the juniors in 2023.

The senior teams will start to net indoors in early February at LRGS on Sunday evenings and run through to early April. New players are always welcome, older juniors (who have played senior cricket) and new or existing senior players are encouraged to attend. Booking is not essential for senior nets.

Work to get the ground and facilities ready for the season will commence in February when the weather is more favourable and the club is encouraged that additional volunteers have come forward to help run the bar which is the social and financial heart of the club. Senior games will commence in mid April and outdoor nets will start as soon as the weather allows, probably late March, with junior outdoor sessions commencing in mid April.

If anyone has any queries about junior or senior cricket, playing, volunteering, coaching or sponsoring at Torrisholme CC please, in the first place, contact Halton native and resident Mark Drinkall on [drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk](mailto:drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk) or by phone on 07368 944220

**Mark Drinkall,**  
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## **Monday to Saturday:**

### **TO LANCASTER**

**No 49 from High Road:** 0722, 0752, 0807, 0922 then 1/2 hourly until 1522, 1552 (SO), 1737, 1837, 1937

**No 81/82 from Low Road :** 0703 (NS), 0718 (SO), 0803 (NS), 0808 (SO), 0918 (SO), 0928 (NS), 1008, 1108, 1208, 1308, 1408, 1508, 1608 (SO), 1618 (NS), 1708, 1808, 1908, 2008, 2108

### **TO KELLETS, CARNFORTH AND WARTON**

**No 49 from High Road; Mon-Sat;** 0947, then hourly until 1447, 1547 (SO), 1632, 1732

### **TO KIRKBY LONSDALE (most journeys continue to Ingleton, and many to Settle and Skipton; see [www.klch.co.uk](http://www.klch.co.uk))**

**No 81/82 from Low Road:** 0614 (NS), 0654 (NS), 0709 (SO), 0736 (Sch), 0749 (NSch), 0849, 0949, 1049, 1149, 1249, 1349, 1414 (Sch), 1434 (Hol), 1449 (SO), 1549 (SO), 1604 (NS), 1659, 1749, 1834, 1904

### **FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON**

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

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

### **LAST BUSES BACK TO HALTON FROM**

**Lancaster 1915                      Carnforth 1713**

**Kirkby Lonsdale 2015            Ingleton 1958**

SO – Saturdays only                      Sch – School days only                      Hol – School holidays only

NS – Not Saturdays                      NSch – Saturdays and School Holidays

## **Sundays and Bank Holidays:**

### **TO LANCASTER**

**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**

Service 49 is run by Stagecoach, 81/82 by Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire – return tickets only valid with same operator.

**DIAL A BUS** Book on: 01524 581260; email: [itslancastermorecambe@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:itslancastermorecambe@lancashire.gov.uk)

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**Aughton** - Mitzi on 07730 633024  
or email [clunterbeck@gmail.com](mailto:clunterbeck@gmail.com)

Donations will go towards Church funds.

## USEFUL LINKS

Community run Car Club: [www.lancar.org.uk](http://www.lancar.org.uk)

Halton Juniors FC: [www.haltonjuniorsfc.com](http://www.haltonjuniorsfc.com)

Halton Lune Hydro: [www.haltonlunehydro.org](http://www.haltonlunehydro.org)

Halton Lune Trust: [www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk](http://www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk)

Halton Mill: [www.haltonmill.org.uk](http://www.haltonmill.org.uk)

Halton Social Club: email [haltonsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:haltonsocialclub@gmail.com)

Lancaster CoHousing: [www.lancastercohousing.org.uk](http://www.lancastercohousing.org.uk)

Parish Council: [www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk)

St Wilfrid's Church: [www.achurchnearyou.com/halton-st-wilfrid-church](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/halton-st-wilfrid-church)

St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School: [www.st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk)

The Centre@Halton: [www.haltoncentre.org/](http://www.haltoncentre.org/)

The Prattle: email [halton-prattle@outlook.com](mailto:halton-prattle@outlook.com)

# 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

Scouts: 7:15-9pm. Scout Hut

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: 5:30-6:30pm 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 Sorrel  
07960 942082

### Wednesdays:

Storytime: 9:00-9:30am (term time only)

for preschool children and their carers.

Halton Library

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, inside  
when wet. £4 811316

Meditation Class: 7pm-8pm Aughton  
Village Hall. £2 entry, no experience  
required

### 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 Recreation  
Room £2 on the door inc refreshments  
Lune Valley Voices Community Choir: 7-  
9pm Aughton Recreation Room £7 entry  
fee

### Fridays:

Knit 'n' Natter: 1-3pm Halton Library

Indoor Bowling: 3:30 – 5:30pm 811316

Quiz Night: The Greyhound 01524  
963769

### Saturdays:

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

### Sundays:

Valley Church: 10:30am David 07885  
435910

## **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](mailto:secretary@haltonjuniorsfc.com)

## **FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS**

**Tuesdays:** Lunesdale Camera Club: venue/ info ring David 07903 392021

**Wednesdays:** Halton Brews & Babies Club: 2nd & 4th Wed.10-11:15 Abi 07748 637968

**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 Feb 3, 17; Mar3, 17; prebook Rita 07979715041

Over 55's Luncheon Club Café: 2nd & 4th Fri, 10am-1pm; dates Feb 10, 24; Mar 10, 24; 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:

[haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:haltongardeninggroup@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 Heritage Group: 7:30pm Halton Mill contact 07426 701155

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **What's On Diary**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Mon 13 Halton Lune Trust: AGM 6 pm The Centre

Sat 18 Contra Dance 2:30-4:45pm The Centre

#### **MARCH**

Sat 11 Children's Nearly New Sale 9-12 The Centre

Sat 25 Table Top Sale 9-12 The Centre

Sat 25 Big Get Together - Family Activity Day 2pm The Centre

### **Advance dates for your diary**

#### **APRIL**

Sun 16 3 Bridges 10k race 11am, see page 4

Sat 22 Salsa Night with bar The Centre

#### **MAY**

Thur 4 Polling Day

Sat 20 Plant Sale & Craft Fair The Centre

## **WHAT'S ON ENTRIES**

Email: [halton-prattle@outlook.com](mailto:halton-prattle@outlook.com) or Tel Carol on 811444

## VILLAGE SERVICES

**LIBRARY:** Tues, 1-7pm; Wed, 9-1pm; Fri, 1-5pm; Sat, 9-1pm. Tel 0300 123 6703 and 0300 123 6704 for automated renewal service.

**SURGERY:** Halton Medical Centre, 110 High Rd 811226. Mon to Fri 8:00am-12:30pm and 1:30–5:30pm. **Pre-booked appointments only.**

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Here in the Lune Valley, we have 3 units open for all our girls to enjoy: Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Unfortunately, we only have 3 units in Caton alone for the whole Lune Valley to participate in, resulting in huge waiting lists.

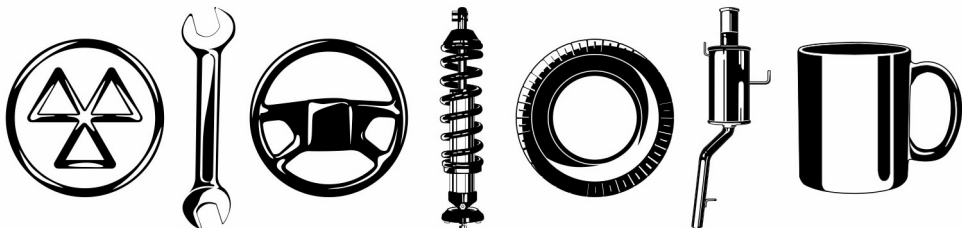
We would love to open some more units in Hornby, Halton and Arkholme but in order to do this we need volunteers. If you could donate an hour of your time a week, we could open more units and make sure the sustainability of the current units, for all girls in the future.

If you decide that you think you could be a volunteer, you will receive training, support and join an already experienced and well-established group of leaders. You could choose which age group you work with (we are hoping to open a Ranger unit too!) and have as much flexibility as we can offer.

If you would like to learn more, please contact our District Commissioner, Vikkey Chaffe by email: [Vikkeydraycott@gmail.com](mailto:Vikkeydraycott@gmail.com)

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## THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 54

- 1.Which actor and comedian played Maurice Moss in the IT Crowd and hosted the Travel Man series?
- 2.Who did Rishi Sunak appoint as his first Home Secretary despite her having previously transgressed security guidance?
- 3.The tourist resort Sharm el-Sheikh is on which body of water?
- 4.Duran Duran took their name from a character referred to in which Jane Fonda film?
- 5.Ambergris is commonly used in perfumery and is a secretion of which marine creature?
- 6.Sharing his surname with an American car brand, who won the 2022 UK flat jockey's championship?
- 7.Which national cricket team was the only one to beat England at the 2022 T20 World Cup?
- 8.Conakry is the capital city of which French speaking country in Africa?
- 9.Which food brand takes its English name from the French word for a cooking pot?
- 10.Which chemical element has the atomic number 40 and the symbol Zr?
- 11.A Heart Full of Headstones is the latest release from which Scottish crime writer?
- 12.The river Shannon is the longest on the island of Ireland but which is the largest city that it passes through?
- 13.Which organ of the human body contains nearly 60% fat making it the fattiest organ in the body?
- 14.Roxy Music vocalist Bryan Ferry has a son who is a strong and controversial advocate of Fox Hunting, his first two given names are Charles Frederick but what name does he prefer to be known by?
- 15.Which UK visitor attraction is located in a former clay pit in Bodelva, Cornwall?
- 16.Boyle's Law and Charles's Law are two of the scientific laws related to which state of matter?
- 17.London is served by the Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police and which other force?
- 18.Prudhoe Bay is the most northerly large settlement in which US state?
- 19.With over 44000 manufactured so far which manufacturer is responsible for the most produced aircraft in history?
- 20.The racing circuit at Spa Francorchamps is recognised as one of the most beautiful in the world but in which country is it situated?

*With thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall - answers on page 28*



# HALTON MILL NEWS

2023 brings exciting new opportunities at Halton Mill, new workshops, exhibitions, new people to meet, and more chances to get away from it all and relax.

## **MAKE SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF IN 2023.**

**You are invited to Halton Mill's Well-being Day.** On the 18 March 2023 Halton Mill is hosting a Well-being day – a chance to relax, explore and enjoy.

You'll get the opportunity to try out what we offer to help to improve your physical and mental health, express your creativity and boost your well-being. All ages welcome. 10am – 4pm Throughout the day we will have taster sessions (many FREE) in The River Room, Art Space and Rainbow Room, from our regular tutors. There will be stalls and talks from users of the Mill, on topics such as children's fussy eating, wildlife exploration and building

community. Hot and cold food will be available all day.

Follow our social pages for more information and a timetable of the day.

## **THE RIVER ROOM**

The River Room, our beautiful yoga and well-being space, is now under new management. Daughter and mother team Annie and Liz Neat have been part of our community running and attending sessions in The River Room for a number of years.

Please contact them at [annie@theriverroom.org.uk](mailto:annie@theriverroom.org.uk) or [liz@theriverroom.org.uk](mailto:liz@theriverroom.org.uk) to share with them what you would like to see from The River Room in 2023 and/or to discuss running a class or workshop in the River Room.

## **ART WORKSHOPS**

We've lots of opportunities to practise different styles of art this month.

Julia Nealy runs a regular art class from Halton Mill, Fridays 10:00 -12:30, in

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blocks of 6 sessions - though people are also welcome to drop in for a session or two. Inspired by nature, Julia focuses on using water colour but also encourages experimenting with other medium. These sessions are suitable both for beginners and those who wish to develop their creativity in a supportive, friendly atmosphere. £90 for the six week course or £20 a session, drop in. To get more information or to book a place please contact Julia – julianeely961@gmail.com or 07969661351.

Jess Levine is returning to Halton Mill in April following some joyful printmaking sessions in 2022. She is offering a 4 week course exploring abstract drawing, printing, painting and mixed media in her normal, upbeat style – encouraging you to let go and just enjoy the process.

Starting on 5 April for 4 weeks. £60 per person, all materials included. Please contact Jess for more information or to book – 1976jesszl@gmail.com

Janet Robinson, who founded our shared art studio at Halton Mill, returns with her popular drawing and painting classes – which she ran at the Mill for many years before taking a break to have children. Janet will teach basic techniques in a variety of media, offering a lot of support and individual advice. The 6 week course, starting on 1 February, is suitable for beginners and more experienced artists. Email Janet at [janet@jmr.org.uk](mailto:janet@jmr.org.uk) to sign up. More information at: <https://jmr.org.uk/art-tuition/>

### **THE HALTON POTTERY THROWDOWN**

Our resident ceramics and glass artist Sarah Livingstone is now offering individual pottery lessons on the wheel. From her studio at Halton Mill, looking out over the River Lune, learn how to throw pot in small classes of one or two. Then get the opportunity to get your favourite work glazed and fired to take home. £35 a session. Please contact

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### **WARM SPACES AT THE MILL**

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 WiFi, 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.

### **CARDBOARD CHAOS – A DATE FOR YOUR (CHILDREN’S) DIARY**

On April 14, in the afternoon, we bring you some holiday entertainment for the kids. A mysterious cardboard craft has crash landed right here in Halton! As local people arrive to find a pile of cardboard wreckage from outer space, everyone is wondering who could possibly have been flying it.

Come along to this live, interactive performance and welcome two mysterious visitors from a hidden corner of the galaxy. Can you help them find their way around the local area,

mend their broken spaceship and finally find a place to call home?

Expect cardboard creativity, crafting, a sustainable message and a little musical mayhem in the innovative new performance from the Stute Theatre team - [www.stutetheatre.co.uk](http://www.stutetheatre.co.uk). With gentle opportunities to get involved and interact, this live show is perfect for families and children aged 4 and up.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone who joined us throughout 2022, here's to a healthy, successful, relaxing and enjoyable 2023!

**Alison, Fay and Chris,**  
 07582789406  
[greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk](mailto:greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk)  
[www.haltonmill.org.uk](http://www.haltonmill.org.uk)

**PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS**



- 20. Belgium
- actual model)
- engined cabin monoplane being the
- 19. Cessna (the Cessna 182 single
- 18. Alaska
- 17. City of London Police
- 16. Gas (the Gas Laws)
- 15. The Eden Project
- 14. Ott's (his third given name)
- 13. The Brain
- 12. Limerick
- novel)
- 11. Ian Rankin (it is the latest Rebus



- 10. Zirconium
- 9. Marmite
- 8. Guinea
- 7. Ireland
- 6. William Buick
- 5. Sperm Whale
- 4. Barbarella
- 3. Red Sea
- 2. Suella Braverman
- 1. Richard Ayoade

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## HALTON HISTORY - HALTON WAR MEMORIAL

A WW2 plaque was added to the War Memorial commemorating the 7 men who had lost their lives.

### In Memoriam 1939 - 1945

They Gave their lives for God, King and Country. Pray for them.

Henry Hadwen Burrow

Walter Howard                      George Mount

Robert Fawcett      Thomas Stackhouse

Robert Hunter Harrison      Sydney Stamp

All they had they gave.

No Rank, Award, Faith or Creed shown.

All are equal in death.

Henry Hadwin Burrow. Service Number FX 77144. H.M.S. Sparrowhawk, Royal Navy. Died on 19/07/1943. Buried in Halton St. Wilfrid's Churchyard. Grave 167. Age 19.

Sergeant Robert Fawcett. RAF. Service Number 552816. 220 Sqdn., Royal Air Force. Died on 1/06/1941. Commemorated at Runnymede Memorial, Surrey to the Missing. Panel 41. Age 19.

Major Robert Hunter Harrison. Service Number 94706. 1st Batt. South Lancashire Regiment. Died on 7/06/1944. (D-Day+1 near Hermanville.) Buried at Hermanville Sur Mere War Cemetery, Calvados, Normandy. Plot 1. Row D. Grave 5. Age 26.

Lt. Walter Peat Howard. Service Number 300228. 1st Batt. Durham Light Infantry. Died on 15/07/1944. Buried in

Assisi War Cemetery, Perugia, Italy. Plot IX. Row A. Grave 5. Age 26.

Driver George Mount. Service Number 14349282. Royal Engineers. Died 14/02/1945. Buried in Halton St. Wilfrid's Churchyard. Grave 168. Age 30.

Corporal Thomas Stackhouse. Service Number 814079. 107th (5th Bn. The King's Own Royal Regt. (Lancaster) Regt. Royal Armoured Corps. Died on 21/10/1944. Buried in Geel War Cemetery, near Hasselt, Belgium. Plot III. Row C. Grave 6. Age 30.

Corporal Sydney Stamp. Service Number T/10682373. Royal Army Service Corps. Died 7/02/1944 of infectious hepatitis. Buried in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Plot 7. Row Q. Grave 9. Age 33. *Cemetery closed since Gulf War in Iraq 1990/91 – CWGC.*

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# HALTON LUNE TRUST

## Halton Lune Trust: AGM 6 pm Monday 13th February 2023, The Centre @ Halton, Low Road.

Halton Lune Trust is a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commissioners, which was set up in 2015 to distribute the profits of Halton Lune Trust for public benefit within and around the Parish of Halton with Aughton in line with the trust objectives.

It meets three times a year to consider grant applications, and its next meeting will take place on Monday 13 February (which is also its AGM), with further meetings taking place in May and October (dates tba).

Applications to the Trust need to meet at least one of these criteria:

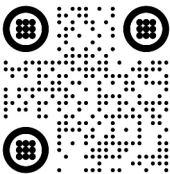
- Improving and enhancing recreational opportunities and sporting activities
- Supporting energy associated measures delivery energy

efficiency and carbon reducing technologies

- Promotion of conservation and enhancement of the natural environment for the benefit of the community
- Promotion of conservation, protection and improvement of land, buildings, other structures and artifacts of particular historic, architectural, archaeological or cultural significance.

If your organisation has an idea for an activity or project which meets at least one of these criteria, we would welcome an application from you. You can see a list of grants previously awarded, with the amounts received, on our website [www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk](http://www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk).

The application process is simple and straightforward: we ask for a short statement of the purpose of the grant, how it will benefit local people, whether



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the grant will lead on to further long term benefits for the local community, and a short budget statement. We would ideally like to receive applications seven days in advance of our meeting but we will consider all applications received prior to the meeting.

To apply, go to the Trust website [www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk](http://www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk) and download the application form from the 'how to apply' page – or email the secretary [info@haltonlunetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@haltonlunetrust.org.uk) and ask for a form. If you'd like to discuss your application in advance you can contact Fiona Frank, chair of the trustees, on 07778 737681.

If you would like to attend the AGM, please let the Secretary, Debbie Storr, know, by emailing her at [info@haltonlunetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@haltonlunetrust.org.uk).



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## CATON CLUBS NEWS

### LINE DANCING

Line dancing classes at Victoria Institute, Caton.

A new teaching session dedicated to beginners, FREE every Tuesday during February 2023, 10:30 to 11:00am.

Come along to learn the basic steps, enjoy the variety of music, make new friends and have fun. As your confidence grows you can stay on for the rest of the morning's dancing. Everyone welcome.

Any questions contact Anne: 01524 811052/07923455939

### 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, we are only just down the road. You will be most welcome.

### February Speakers

6th Berrand & Jeanette - The Galapagos  
13th Jan Dobson - An Incredible Adventure

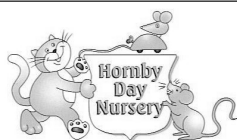
20th David Aris - My Life in Shipping

27th Jane Tarleton - The African Bush

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

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# SQUARE DANCING

2023 & always lots on the calendar. We will be having a Valentine's Day evening on Mon 13th Feb with red and white, hearts and flowers, and romantic music. Our annual Dinner is at the Morecambe Golf club on Feb 17 and I will be restarting my refresher practice classes on Tuesdays in Feb if numbers permit.

## **New Beginner classes start on 6 March**

We are inviting anyone who would like to come and join the fun and learn to Square Dance in our beginners classes, starting with a FREE taster session then continuing weekly at £4 per session. It's fun and very social, with no fancy footwork and easy to learn and no partner needed. It is for everyone, couples, singles, friends and families but under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. We will have you dancing almost immediately.

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. A great bonus.

Don't worry if you can't make the taster session, come on the 13 March. 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. PS you will be saving on your gas & electric while you are out. So what have you got to lose? 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 6 March at 7:30-10pm then weekly lessons on a Monday @ £4 per week including then refreshments. (Bring your own cup). Ring me for more information or just turn up on either or both start dates.**

**Carol Holman**  
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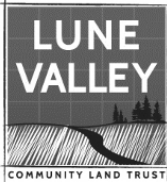
## **LUNE VALLEY OCEAN WAVERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

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# LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

## News on Affordable Homes for Halton



### MILL LANE AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY HOMES

Supply chain problems for the mechanical ventilation/heat recovery (MVHR) systems caused a delay in completing the houses towards the end of 2022. Further delays, including mains water connections, have put the handover date back into February 2023. Such delays are common at the end of a development and we are confident that the first residents will soon be living in their warm, cosy houses and saving money on their heating bills.

All of the 13 rented homes have now been offered to qualifying households with strong Halton connections, confirming that we are helping to meet the local need for affordable homes. Applications for the 7 shared ownership homes were going well, until the sudden autumn downturn in the economy and the resulting problem of obtaining mortgages. South Lakes Housing has been working tirelessly with potential buyers to find solutions and now nearly all the shared ownership houses are sold. The CLT and SLH will be organising site visits and home familiarisation sessions for the new residents in the next few weeks. There will be a formal opening of the housing development, which will be known as **Lune Walk**, on March 9th.

### PUBLIC OPEN (GREEN) SPACES

Work continues on finding a suitable site for a community orchard. Lune Valley Verges project based in Aughton is working with Lancaster City Council to improve the biodiversity of local verges. The initiators of the project will be advising interested parties in Halton, including the CLT, how this can be extended throughout the village.

### CLT Board of Trustees

Our Board is Charles Ainger (Chair), Chris Coates, Lois Hurst, Ann Lanes, Steve Wrigley (Treasurer) and Garry Felgate. Jane Allder is our Company Secretary.

### More Involvement with the CLT?

Would you like to become a member or a Trustee of the CLT?

If you are interested in any of the above, or want any more information, please contact us at: [info@lunevalleyclt.org](mailto:info@lunevalleyclt.org)  
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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

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**LANCASTER CITY COUNCILLOR Cllr Kevin Frea**, Tel: 07716 246 672

kfrea@lancaster.gov.uk

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Neighbourhood Plans define the vision and objectives of a parish, along with a set of underlying policies. These need to fit within the Lancaster District Local Plan. Once approved by residents, the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan can defend against inappropriate or undesirable development and help steer changes in the preferred direction. The Parish Council has successfully applied for a grant to help in the production of the new Neighbourhood Plan. This has allowed us to employ the services of Kirkwells Planning & Sustainability Consultants based in Burnley, who have helped various other local parishes produce Neighbourhood Plans.

There is a small group working on reviewing and amending the initial draft produced by Kirkwells. The next meeting will be held at 2pm on 9th February 2023 at the Centre. If you

would like to get involved, feel free to attend or get in touch with the Parish Clerk. More information can be found on the Parish Council website.

## CASTLE HILL UPDATE

The working group is currently in the process of applying for grants. The order and size of any successful grants will dictate the timescales and order of work, so hopefully more information will be available in the next Prattle.

## HALTON VOLUNTEER NETWORK

There was discussion at the recent Parish Council meeting about how to finalise the draft Emergency Plan for the village, which remains stuck at the stage of needing volunteers to fulfil various roles; if you would be willing to help then please contact the Clerk. The Parish Council will try and organise a joint meeting with other local organisations that also rely on volunteers to discuss possible ideas and solutions.



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- Considering any planning matters, e.g. potential developments within the parish
- War Memorial, Castle 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 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 8th February & Wed 8th March

**Luke Mills**, Parish Clerk

e: [clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk),  
t: 01524 881 499

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a volunteer Parish Councillor, which is a non-political position. A representative from Aughton would be particularly welcome.

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

Current projects include Castle Hill, recreation area improvements, replacement equipment for the play areas and producing a Neighbourhood Plan. These 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)

# CHURCH NEWS

## ST. JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH

Saturday Vigil at 6:30 pm, Sunday Mass throughout the year at 10:00am.

Sunday Mass is streamed on our Facebook page - <https://stjosephs-lancaster.co.uk/> for more information.

Clergy: Fr Philip Conner,  
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lanc and Facebook at Valley Church Lancaster.

## ST WILFRID'S HALTON

### ST WILFRID'S JUNIOR CHURCH



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

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

**Tuesday afternoon Group.** 25 Harrowdale Park, on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. To find out more, ring Revd Helen Leathard on 849495;

**Thursday evening group** meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30pm on Zoom. Please contact Revd Susan for the zoom link. [revsusan.seed@btinternet.com](mailto:revsusan.seed@btinternet.com).

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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).

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

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

## HALTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Halton United Reformed Church will be closing in February. Thank you to everyone for all of

your support over the years. God's love will continue to make a difference in our village and support will be offered to anyone who needs it, so please do not hesitate to contact either of our Ministers should you wish.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who wishes to join us for our final Service of Thanksgiving.



Halton United Reformed Church warmly invite you to  
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Church Secretary & Bookings:

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### Services in February

- 5 10:00 am Family Communion  
4:00 pm Families@4 at Slyne  
Church Hall
- 7 9:00 am Morning prayer
- 12 8:00 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship
- 14 9:00 am Morning prayer
- 19 10:00 am Family Communion
- 21 9:00 am Morning prayer
- 22 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday service  
at St Luke's Slyne
- 26 10:00 am Family Communion
- 28 9:00 am Morning prayer

### Services in March

- 5 10:00 am Family Communion  
4:00 pm Families@4 at Slyne  
Church Hall
- 7 9:00 am Morning prayer
- 12 8:00 am Holy Communion  
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### Services in February

- Sun 5 4:30 pm Rev. John Gordon
- Sun 12 4:30 pm Rev. John Gordon
- Sat 18 12:00 pm Service of  
Thanksgiving, followed by lunch.

### St Saviour's Aughton

#### Services in February

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

#### Services in March

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

#### From the Registers - Baptisms:

St Wilfrid's: 4th December: Lincoln  
Gilmour, Jack Walker, Ellis Walker

#### Funerals

St Saviour's: 7th December – Doris  
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