



THE PRATTLE



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Welcome once again to The Prattle, your friendly village newsletter brought to you by a team of volunteers to keep you informed on what's happening in and around our villages.

It looks like it's going to be a busy summer with lots going on. Read about what has happened and what is going to happen between these pages and if you've got something on, why not drop us an email to halton-prattle@outlook.com and tell us all about it.

Enjoy your summer!

Jan & Dave

Editors

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VILLAGE NEWS

CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

Our 2nd campaign concluded at the end of March and was marked by our '2nd Big Get Together.' It was a wonderful afternoon and a fitting end to what has been a hugely successful 2nd campaign. It was great to see so many volunteers and recipients – the bouncy castle, activity zone and face painting were huge hits with our young volunteers. The board games and sunflower planting were very popular with our recipients. It was so heart-warming to see people of all ages coming together and enjoying each others company, in the same space.

A big thank you to everyone that came along and helped us celebrate everything we have achieved. Special thanks to everyone who assisted on the day and to The Centre for hosting us. The raffle raised £178, which will help fund the event for our 3rd campaign.

In the 6 months our 2nd campaign ran, we received an incredible 1091 handmade cards – our amazing volunteers certainly kept me busy! We were in the privileged position to be able to donate our surplus cards to local care homes and charities, including Age UK. Our spare Christmas gifts (biscuits and chocolates) were given to the 'warm space hubs' in the village and a few boxes were shared at our event.

Once again it has been a hugely rewarding and humbling campaign, from start to finish. I would like to thank everyone that has supported us by making cards or donating gifts – they really have made such a difference to our recipients this winter.

We end our campaign with 112 recipients – the most we have EVER had! Our 3rd campaign therefore needs to be bigger and better than ever

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before! I really hope our awesome community continues to support the campaign when we return in October. A final note to our recipients – Thank you all for allowing me into your lives this winter, it's been an absolute pleasure delivering cards to you all. I hope that you have a great summer and I look forward to catching up with you on your doorstep in October. Until then, take care and lots of love!

Sam Pritchard

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

It's been great to see so many volunteers joining us at our monthly litter picks, thank you to everyone who has taken part so far this year; we've had some truly amazing turnouts!

If you have a couple of hours to spare and love where you live (but hate litter!), please come along and join us!

The dates for our upcoming picks are:-

17th June

15th July

19th August

We meet at The Centre (near the Petanque pitch) at 1pm.

Hi-Vis vests, litter pickers, hoops and bags are all provided, you just need to bring a pair of gloves and your enthusiasm. Please remember to wear weather-appropriate clothing and sensible footwear.

Each child that participates can choose a little something to take away from my

'thank you box.' I also supply a free drink and a slice of cake to all volunteers that register their attendance with me via email (or messenger) no later than the Wednesday prior to the pick. You are of course welcome to 'turn up' on the day, but there is no guarantee of refreshments! To register, please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com

Sam Pritchard

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our next quarterly meeting is taking place at The Red Door Cafe on 15th June at 19:30. You don't have to be a scheme member to join us, everyone is welcome! But, there must be 4 scheme members present for the meeting to take place. Refreshments will be available to purchase at the meeting.

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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**.

KNIT & NATTER

Come along and have a knit and a natter, share gossip, tips and patterns. It doesn't matter whether you're new to knitting or a 'dab' hand, everyone is welcome – friendly atmosphere guaranteed. Held every **Friday 13:00-15:00**.

LEGO CLUB

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READING HEROES

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LITTLE STEPS

Chat, play, read and learn with Lancashire's new reading scheme for ages 2 to 5. Our friendly animals will help your child learn about new topics with recommended books and exciting activities. Ask at your local library to get started!

HALTON LUNE HYDRO

I am pleased to report that 2022 and 2023 so far, have been good –

especially as no serious flooding experienced and the often quite long dry spells are being well compensated by the increase in revenue for generated electricity.

This means that the proceeds going to the Halton Lune Trust are just about to increase, resulting in more funds being available for worthy local causes, so please consider making a grant application, which, to quote a part of the Charity Commission registration *“Have a special emphasis on promotion of activities for public benefit within the Parish and surrounding area of Halton with Aughton that encourage the social involvement of all individuals and voluntary groups within the community.”*



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I should also add that there is still plenty of rounded stone from a flood some time ago, so should you wish to collect some for the garden or a specific project, it's just a matter of contacting one of our team, or email myself on John.Blowes@haltonlunehydro.org. Turning back to revenue; this depends greatly on operating for as long as possible in a 24hr period, and thanks here to our volunteer Duty Officers, who enjoy a walk and call in to record some figures for a given day – and get assistance if necessary, to remove the occasional tree branch and general debris, including plastic from the launder channel. We need more Duty Officers, so if interested, you will be most welcome, and training will be given, so just a matter of contacting Secretary Brian Jefferson, on Secretary@haltonlunehydro.org Moving on now to our environmental

responsibilities for salmon and sea trout, on this one of four UK Index rivers. Automatic counting is being recorded all the time and whilst there was an improvement last year, numbers are significantly down compared to other years. It's far from proven, but pollution might have some responsibility, especially as we had the blue green algae floating on top of the water during July 2022. Warnings therefore again about swimming when algae is spotted anywhere in our local stretch of the river.

John Blowes MBE CEng – Chairman

ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL

Moving into the summer months and hopefully some warmer weather, we have many exciting

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things planned for the children and families of St Wilfrid's School. As we continue our journey of making our school more sustainable, we are planning to complement our air source heating system with solar energy panels and hoping to revive our allotment beds to grow fruit and vegetables. Of course, both these projects will provide valuable learning opportunities for our children and complement our focus on Morecambe Bay Curriculum place-based learning. At the time of writing, we are focussing on the Coronation of King Charles III. We are holding a non-uniform day and inviting children to wear red white and blue; the children will be taking part in class activities and have learnt a new Coronation Song for the occasion. We will also be holding a special picnic lunch. The children are feeling excited for Sports Day (hopefully in May) as well as our forthcoming Shakespeare production of Romeo and Juliet in July.

Rehearsals for this will commence in the coming weeks.

Our PTFA held a Beetle Drive recently which was very well attended and raised valuable funds for school. Other planned events are a children's disco and a family sports evening. We always appreciate support for these events and they are a great way for our school families to get involved.

We are continuing to focus closely on a "Value of the Month" in order to broaden understanding of positive values and developing the skills and dispositions of our children. In May our focus was on **Co-operation**, followed by **Caring** in June and **Responsibility** in July.

Our last **Community Tea** of the year will be on **Wednesday 5th July at 2pm**. If you know of any senior village residents who might like to attend, they will be most welcome.

Looking ahead, we will soon be welcoming the children and parents joining our school family in September 2023. It is always a special time and we have some lovely events planned.

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 of learning in classes.

Best wishes,

Claire Weymouth

Headteacher, St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School

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UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

Our recent Youth Open Evening went

well with lots of ideas suggested. We are currently looking into grant funding in order to take on a suitable Youth Worker to run the sessions. We are aiming to start our Youth Provision programme in the autumn. In the meantime we would like to host some taster sessions. If you are an adult who would like to help at either the taster sessions or the main programme later in the year, please contact the office on 01524 811316.

The Coronation Party was a great success despite the weather! It was lovely to see so many coming together for a community picnic. The focus of The Big Help Out was on celebrating volunteering so it was great to have lots of people involved in the litter pick and serving at The Centre on the day. If The Big Help Out has inspired you to want to volunteer, we have a few roles below or keep an eye out on the newsletter for [more](#).

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Another really useful role would be to provide transport for those who are unable to get to our activities during the week. This is likely to be on a regular basis with the arrangements being made with the individual. However for the first instance if you are able to help with travel, please contact the office on 01524 811316.

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 position for a Weekend Caretaker available to start as soon as possible. Duties will include opening and/or closing the building for parties, cleaning and litter picking. Hours will be flexible depending on the bookings. Please contact the office for more information or an application form office@haltoncentre.org

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

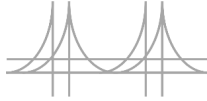
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- Tots Play Lancaster starts Wednesday 7th June 9am to 1pm
- Contra dance Saturday 10th June 2:00-5:30pm
- Salsa night Saturday 15th July 7pm
- Keep an eye out for information about the Holiday & Activities Sessions in the summer holiday

CENTRE EVENTS 2023

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Naomi Turner Publicity Officer



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Have you visited the Halton Memorial/Jubilee Garden recently? For readers new to the village, this is the garden next to the village Cenotaph, donated to the village in 1935 by the then Rector of the Parish. We have installed a Maggie Howarth mosaic – a beautiful butterfly – just in front of the gabion seating. We were able to do this thanks to the Anne Snowden remembrance fund. Anne was our much loved and much missed secretary who died last summer. We are confident she would have approved of this addition to her lovely garden design, and we thank her family for their support.

You may have seen us working in the Memorial/Jubilee Garden, usually on a Tuesday afternoon. Any additional volunteers are always welcome! Apart from the routine weeding and pruning, we have been replacing the apparently not-so-hardy perennials which have failed to survive the autumn rains and winter freezes. Many gardeners have found that plants which normally survive winters in the North West without any bother have not survived this year, and the March rains and April chills have not helped. Gardeners have to be optimistic, so we look forward to a warmer late spring and early summer and flourishing plants.

We continue to work on the wildflower bank and the terrace by The Centre, usually on a Wednesday afternoon, so

again, additional volunteers are always welcome! We are hoping that two of the planters in the children's playground will have a beautiful show of wild flowers again this summer, while the middle one will be given over to growing herbs. Members will be replacing the winter plants and bulbs in the planters throughout the village shortly. We do ask that the village community encourages villagers, visitors and children to respect the plantings throughout the village. It is very discouraging when they are trashed, which sadly has happened several times recently.

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The visit to RHS Harlow Carr gave us a good opportunity to see the development work that is going on there, and to admire the late winter and spring planting. Several of us were particularly enamoured of the Alpine House, and came away with more ideas for planting in the gabion seating. It was nice to welcome friends and families of HGG on the trip, and we thank Janet Theobald for the efficient organisation.

By the time you read this, we will have held the village Plant Sale, and we hope to be able to report a good attendance and income in the next edition of the Prattle. All proceeds go to village planting projects.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Halton village Garden Safari will take place over the weekend of 1st and 2nd July. The programme and map are being finalised as I write. Tickets and full details will be available in advance of

the event, so look out for posters and notices around the village nearer the time. We will have 18 gardens for you to visit, so you may need two days to cover them all. They are very varied in style and size, and are definitely not intended to be show gardens. The owners just love gardening and talking about plants and sharing useful information and tips with others. And, after all, most of us, gardeners or not, find it interesting to see what other people are doing with their garden spaces.

If you would like to join our group, you will be made most welcome. Our next meetings will be on June 6th and July 4th at 9:30 a.m. in Halton Mill.

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NEWS FROM THE HEARTS OF HALTON W.I.

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The WI planted a tree near the Centre to mark the coronation of King Charles III. It flowered in spring and should provide some lovely autumn colour. We may put some bulbs at the base of it.

We have organised some trips for our members and at the time of writing we are looking forward to a Mama Mia themed boat trip. There will be some eating, dancing and singing going on!

In August there's no meeting at the Centre but we have a coach trip to Saltaire, the World Heritage village near Bradford. It's named after Sir Titus Salt who built a textile mill, Salts Mill and the village. Designed by architects, Lockwood and Mawson, Saltaire has beautiful Italianate architecture and a rich history.

Saltaire and Salts Mill are free to enter. There are shops, places to, eat, wonderful architecture and a lovely park, and the gallery displays the world's largest permanent collection of

work by Bradford-born artist, David Hockney.

There may be a few places available on this coach trip. If you are interested contact Janet email hohwi1946@gmail.com for details. It's only £10 per person which is a bargain.

We have to organise our speakers well in advance so we need to start on next year's talks. If you know of someone or an organisation that provides good talks and speakers do let us know.

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THE AUGHTON DEFIBRILLATOR HAS ARRIVED!

We are very pleased to announce that we are now the proud owners of an Emergency Defibrillator, which we have sited at the back of the Village Hall so that there is easy vehicular access to it. It is registered with the North West Ambulance Service and so will become part of the network of defibrillators spread across the area available for use by tourists as well as locals as directed by the Emergency Services.

Our model of defibrillator is fully automatic with spoken instructions

given by the machine to enable anyone to use it with confidence. However, we are also organising two training sessions with NWS (at the Village Hall), one to familiarise people with CPR techniques including using the defib, and the second to cover broader First Aid topics. If you are interested in joining in, please contact us.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION: SATURDAY 22ND JULY

We are delighted to announce that we will be celebrating our 1923 to 2023 Centenary on the evening of 22nd July 2023 with a Ceilidh led by local musicians 'The Riot Band' and catering provided by Lancaster's famous Go Burrito restaurant.

This will be a ticketed event with priority given to those people currently living and working in Aughton or using the Village Hall regularly, but there are likely to be spaces for Halton residents too, so if you are interested, please email Chris Jarvis on aughtonevents@gmail.com to purchase your tickets.

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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

NEW Exercise Class - Pilates and
Circuits: 9:30am to 11:30am Aughton
Village Hall £8 for 1 session, £12 for
both

Computer Help at the Library: 1-2pm,
Halton Library

Knit 'n' Natter, Crafts & Chatter Café:
2-4pm free. Ann 811684 and Sallie
812017 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

NEW Tots Play Lancaster: 9am-1:30pm
Lauren 07398 312544

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

Thursdays:

Pilates: 9:30-10:30am 07799068191

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

Gentle Exercise class: 11-12 noon
Cheryl 07711 335807

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

Aughton Community Library: 6:30pm
to 7pm Free entry to browse

Lune Valley Voices Community Choir:
7-9pm Aughton Village Hall £7 entry
fee

Fridays:

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

Indoor Bowling: 3:30 – 5:30pm 811316

The Greyhound Games Night: 7:30pm

The Greyhound 01524 963769

Saturdays:

Lego Club: 10:30-12:45pm Halton Library
Elite Arts School of Dance: Acrobatics, Gymnastics, Contemporary dance. 5-18yrs Lauryn 07490 713992

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

FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS

Tuesdays:

Lunesdale Camera Club: venue/ info ring David 07903 392021

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 Jun 2, 16; July 7, 21; prebook Rita 07979715041

Over 55's Luncheon Club Café: 2nd & 4th Fri, 10am-1pm; dates Jun 9, 23; July 14; 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 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. (except August)

Last Wed: Halton with Aughton Heritage Group: 7:30pm Halton Mill contact 07426 701155

THURSDAYS:

1st & 3rd Thurs: Soup and a Song: 12:30pm-2:30pm at a cost of £4 per person, 811316

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- Sat 10 Lancaster Contra Dance 2-5:30pm The Centre. Entry minimum £ 10. Full info at <http://LancasterContra.org.uk>
Thu 15 Neighbourhood Watch 19:30 Red Door Cafe
Sat 17 Litter Pick; meet 1pm at The Centre (near the Petanque pitch)

July

- 1 & 2 Halton Garden Safari
Wed 5 Community Tea 2pm St Wilfrid's School
Sun 9 Barry Nisbet - The Springbank Voyage; Halton Mill. See page 24 for more info.
Sat 15 Litter Pick; meet 1pm at The Centre (near the Petanque pitch)
Sat 15 Salsa Night & Bar, 7pm at The Centre
Sat 22 Centenary Ceilidh with Go Burrito, 7:30pm. Aughton Village Hall. Tickets available – email aughtonevents@gmail.com

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

- Sat 19 Litter Pick; meet at The Centre (near the Petanque pitch) at 1pm

September

- Sat 9 AGM HCA
Sat 16 Millfest returns to Halton Mill. See page 24 for more info.
Sat 30 Salsa Night

October

- Sat 14 Children's Nearly New Sale

November

- Sat 25 Christmas Craft Fayre 2-5pm tables £15 contact The Centre 01524 811316

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The season has started and at time of writing the first and second teams have each won one and lost one while the Sundays teams have won both games, the junior season is a week old with all three hardball teams winning their games, softball games yet to start.

Junior sessions have built up and are now busy with All Stars starting on 14th May and being fully booked.

The first social event of the Summer was a very well attended quiz on 5th May, written by Halton quiz Captain Barry Lees and focussed on the Lancaster area it was great fun and won

by the Pyle and Savage families. Future events are published on the TCC Website.

If anyone would like to get involved in the club as a player, parent, volunteer or coach please get hold of Mark Drinkall, 07368944220 or drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 56

1. In the much maligned but essential world of health and safety what does PPE stand for?
2. Which club won the first major trophy of the 2022-23 football season by taking the Carabao Cup in February?
3. Who was the Vice President of the USA from 2001 to 2009?
4. What name is given to a self-governing hospital or group of hospitals within the NHS?
5. Who took over from Eoin Morgan as regular captain of the England white ball cricket team?
6. What name is given to those officials appointed to ensure that consistent standards of grading are applied across those sitting examinations?
7. What is the name of the grace and favour home in London which Prince Harry and his family were told they could no longer use earlier this year?
8. Geezer Butler, Tony Iommi and Bill Ward were three of the original members of which rock band?
9. Born in 1941 she died in December 2022 and was known for her punk and new wave fashions, what was her name?
10. Who will stand down as presenter of University Challenge in 2023?
11. Which country lost all its ports and became landlocked with the independence of Eritrea in 1993?
12. Which metallic element has the chemical symbol W?
13. Which city's canal was closed and mainly filled in in 1866 as it was considered so polluted that it was a hazard to health?
14. Which variety of pasta is often known as butterfly or bow-tie pasta?
15. What is the largest island in French Polynesia?
16. Which author was responsible for The Hobbit?
17. Which country hosted the first Grand Prix of the 2023 F1 season?
18. Which organisation is responsible for identifying those who pollute Britain's inland water courses as well as issuing fishing licenses?
19. Melbourne is the largest city in which Australian state?
20. In which year was the first Coronavirus lockdown in the UK?

With thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall - answers on page 34

HALTON MILL NEWS

Spring has certainly sprung at Halton Mill, although summer seems to be dragging its heels a bit. Yoga, Pilates, reiki, massage and therapy sessions continue to run inside the mill (visit www.haltonmill.org.uk for more information), as well as arts and crafts and regular exhibitions. Halton Mill is taking part in this year's Halton Garden Safari on July 1 and 2. We'll be dusting off our secateurs and donning our overalls to bring the outside of the mill to life, complementing the existing beautiful wisteria which has already made an appearance.

A week later, on Sunday July 9, skilled guitarist, fiddler and songwriter Barry Nisbet performs in Shetland dialect and in English, his songs giving a sensitive take on past and contemporary events. The Springbank Voyage tells the story of the Clyde built four masted sailing

barque Springbank and her 1908 journey from Hamburg to Mexico. Tickets are £15 (standard), £10 (concessions, children). Two course lunch (optional extra) - £10. And Millfest returns to Halton Mill on Saturday September 16, with tickets for the evening session now available on the website. We're pulling together some of the best local musicians, entertainers, food and drink, artists and craftspeople for a celebration of 10 years of Halton Mill in its current form. Lancaster's The Melodrome will be taking centre stage outside, with loads to do for the whole family at the free daytime event, starting at 12pm. Millfest has also managed to secure an excellent headline act for the evening, which will be revealed on the website soon!

Nick Lakin



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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)

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

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Sundays and Bank Holidays:

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

TO KIRKBY LONSDALE

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

FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

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

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CATON CLUBS NEWS

CATON & BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have been granted funding from the National Lottery to support the club for the next twelve months with £8455. This is great news for the club, enabling members to benefit from a programme of trips and activities. Thanks to #NationalLottery players for making our project possible. We're making a difference to the lives of Caton & Brookhouse Friendship club members thanks to #NationalLottery.

Our members enjoyed their visit to Boundary Mill in April, everyone seemed to be bagging bargains as well as enjoying the refreshments on offer. A short stop in Skipton ended a good day out.

On May 4th we dined off a buffet lunch at the Station Hotel and our outing on

the 18th took us to Llandudno. Our June 15th visit is to the interesting Halifax Piece Museum with its tiers of small independent shops and cafes followed by a visit to Hebden Bridge.

In July we will be heading north to Barnard Castle and Bowes and in August we are meeting in the Station Hotel on the 4th for coffee and a chat followed later in the month by a visit to Southport and the flower show.

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SQUARE DANCING

Sadly we had to cancel our Spring Dance as there was not enough interest to make it viable. This is the first time we have ever cancelled an event apart from COVID closures.

We were delighted to present a Mainstream dangle to Aprille, Darren, Helen & Debs for their badges in recognition of completing the Mainstream programme.

Our next event will be our summer picnic in July, probably the 8th or 9th but it will be weather dependant.

We are debating whether to only recruit once a year in Sept as only 4 people joined us in March and of those

only one person is still with us, but is enjoying it immensely.

For our club newsletter, photos and info go to our website:- <http://www.oceanwavers.co.uk>

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Parish Clerk & Financial Officer: Luke Mills, Tel 01524 881499;
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LANCASTER CITY COUNCILLORS Sarah McGowan and James Somerville

LOCAL ELECTIONS

The election was uncontested, so all 7 Parish Councillors will continue. There is still a vacancy for anyone who would like to get more involved in the community; just contact the Clerk (see below) in the first instance.

One unexpected outcome from the local election was the fact that the parish is now split into 2 wards (West and East) following the Boundary Commission changes. The West Ward includes parts of Halton Road & Kellet Lane (25 homes, 2 Parish Councillors); the East Ward is everything else (>1000 homes, 6 Parish Councillors).

TOWN END FARM FIELD (THE "HORSE FIELD")

The field between Low Road and Mill Lane was unexpectedly placed on the market late February with a guide price of £120,000. The Parish Council has been keen to protect this field from development for some time, so with

the help of the Halton Lune Trust the Parish Council bid for this land, though this proved unsuccessful. The successful bidder and any plans that they have for the land is unknown.

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commemorative Coronation tree which has been planted on the lawn outside the café at the Centre.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped plan and organise the Coronation celebrations at the Centre which was a great success. The bouncy castle was very popular!

ALLOTMENT VANDALISM

There was another spate of vandalism at the allotments mid-March which upset many allotment holders. A fence that stops access via the woods may need to be constructed, since the plots nearest the woods are usually affected the most.

It is worth being aware that most of the woods are privately owned; only a small section nearest the Centre is owned by the Parish Council.

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:

Wednesday 14th June & 12th July

Luke Mills, Parish Clerk

e: clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.

uk, t: 01524 881 499 w: http://www.

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CITY COUNCIL NEWS

We are your new Green Party Councillors for the Halton-with-Aughton and Kellet ward on Lancaster City Council. We are delighted to have been elected and we will do our best to represent you, whatever your political persuasion.

We will be spending time in the ward getting to know you and helping out where we can: from attending Parish Council meetings (there are now five parishes in the ward!), holding surgeries in the villages (watch this space) and getting involved in community events.

If you have anything you want to talk to us about, please get in touch.

Sarah: on Facebook

James: 07792 395 985 and on Facebook and Twitter @GreenPartyJames

Our council email addresses will be assigned to us shortly and we'll publish these in the next edition of the Prattle.

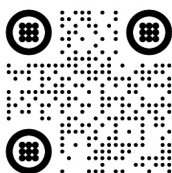
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REVERENT REFLECTIONS

If you'd been at the Coronation at Westminster Abbey, who would you have wanted to be? The King? The Queen? The Archbishop of Canterbury? I don't think so, with the eyes of the world upon us! I expect most of us would have liked to have been a guest so that we could have seen all the pomp and pageantry up close. If I'd been there, I would have liked to have been in the choir. It must have been fantastic to sing all those wonderful anthems. The most moving part of the Coronation service for me was the beautiful music. There is a quotation that says, 'music speaks where words fail', and it really does. I find that music speaks to me deeply and it was the music in the service that made me most emotional. I must admit that what I have missed most since being ordained is singing in a church

choir. Part of this is because singing in a choir means that you are part of a community working together both for enjoyment and to praise God.

The Coronation service was all about serving. It began with a child of his Majesty's Chapel Royal, Samuel Strachan, addressing the king to welcome him. The king replied with the words "in his name and after his example I come, not to be served but to serve". In his sermon the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said that service is about love in action, and living life for the sake of others is what binds us together. He gave examples of active love in the care for the most vulnerable, the way we nurture and encourage the young, and in the conservation of the natural world, all of which have been the priorities in the life of our king. The Archbishop



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concluded his sermon by saying that God calls all of us to serve, whatever that looks like in our own lives. Being served and serving create a dynamic of mutuality and respect which enriches and sustains human society.

On the Bank Holiday Monday following the Coronation, people were encouraged to take part in the "Big Help Out". Here in Halton people joined in with litter picking and then there was a party at The Centre. This day was a recognition of the importance of community, of eating together, sharing together, and being together. Being part of a community is essential to human life. We are not meant to be solitary creatures. We find community in our friendships, families, colleagues and classmates, the places we live and in our churches. Living in community helps shape our character and behaviours and helps us find our identity. It is part of our nature to be together with others and offer friendship and mutual support. Jesus is recorded in the gospels frequently as eating with people. He was very much a part of whichever community he found himself in.

We also recognise that we belong to a global community. Life in all its fullness is a life of peace and the desire for peace should shape our actions and prayers. The truth is that we are all part of a wider community in which we find and offer mutual support. Life is found through serving those around us

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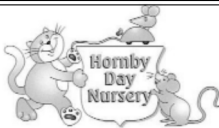
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On 9th July, Junior Church will be leading a special 'Songs of Praise' service at 10 am.

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14. Fartalle
- Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Shipley
13. Bradford, it formerly joined the
12. Tungsten
11. Ethiopia
10. Jeremy Paxman
9. Vivienne Westwood
8. Black Sabbath
7. Frogmore Cottage
6. Moderators
5. Jos Buttler
4. A Trust
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Services in June

- 4 10:00 am Family Communion
6 9:00 am Morning prayer
11 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
13 9:00 am Morning prayer
18 10:00 am Family Communion
20 9:00 am Morning prayer
25 10:00 am Family Communion
27 9:00 am Morning prayer

Services in July

- 2 10:00 am Family Communion
4 9:00 am Morning prayer
9 8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Songs of
Praise
11 9:00 am Morning prayer
16 10:00 am School Leavers
Service
18 9:00 am Morning prayer
23 10:00 am Family Communion
25 9:00 am Morning prayer
30 10:00 am Family Communion

St Saviour's Aughton

Services in June

- 11 11:30 am Holy Communion

- 25 11:30 am Morning Prayer

Services in July

- 9 11:30 am Holy Communion
23 11:30 am Morning Prayer
30 7:00 pm Evening Prayer

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- 26 March – Louis Edward Mason
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