



# THE PRATTLE



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Hello again, the Prattle Team hope you have been enjoying the summer so far! The weather has been mixed, with very warm spells, thunderstorms and heavy rain, wreaking havoc in our gardens.

As always, between these covers there is loads of information about village affairs and events, from exhibitions at Halton Mill to events at the Centre, family fun events and open gardens and not forgetting Halton Millfest. Read all about it, and please let us know your thoughts and comments by emailing [halton-prattle@outlook.com](mailto:halton-prattle@outlook.com) - we look forward to hearing from you!

**Jan & Dave**

**Editors**

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## VILLAGE NEWS

### HALTON LUNE TRUST IS SEEKING A NEW TRUSTEE

Halton Lune Trust is a charitable organisation set up to distribute profits of Halton Lune Hydro for public benefit within and around the Parish of Halton-with-Aughton.

The Trust has a vacancy opportunity and is seeking applications from persons who are resident within the Parish of Halton with Aughton, and who may be interested in becoming a Trustee.

Details on the work of the Trust, the roles and responsibilities of Trustees can be found on the Trust's website at <https://www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk>

Anyone interested in applying is requested to submit a CV and supporting statement to [secretaryhaltonlunetrust@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhaltonlunetrust@gmail.com) Closing date 17:00 hours 8 September 2023.

The Halton Lune Trust is next meeting on 16 October and invites grant applications from village organisations for projects meeting our criteria (see [www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk](http://www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk) for full details) to be received before that date.

### NATIONAL MITOCHONDRIAL AWARENESS WEEK

Team Ruby will be putting on a family event at the Halton community centre on Saturday 23rd September to celebrate mitochondrial awareness week.

2 year old Ruby lives in the village and has Pearson's syndrome an ultra-rare genetic mitochondrial condition. The batteries which power her organs to work are defective and although she appears well, the progressive condition will shorten her childhood. Her bone marrow is currently failing and so receives monthly blood transfusions.

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Without awareness and research a cure will never be found. More information to follow.

Please put the date in your calendar and look out for posters.

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### Weekly Events

#### 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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Team Ruby

## Family Fun Event


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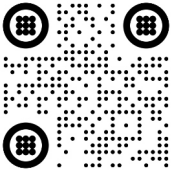
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your imagination! Attendance is free, just drop in. Held every **Saturday 10:30-12:30**.

### Reading Heroes

Our exciting new free summer reading scheme aimed at children aged 4-11 will launch at the beginning of July, with children being challenged to read 5 books, complete science tasks and become the heroes we need to save Lancashire from the supervillain known as "The Spoiler".

Summer reading schemes are a proven method of combatting the dip that children's literacy levels take during the holiday period, rewarding them for the progress they make as well as providing free activities for families.



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### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our next meeting is taking place at 19:30 on Thursday 7th September at The Greyhound, all are welcome.

The scheme was created to promote neighbourliness and a positive sense of community spirit. We currently have 93 members - if you're not already a member of our scheme, please consider signing up. It's really easy to do.

Just head to [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) and click 'join us' at the top of the page. From there, you can search for our scheme by entering your postcode. We are listed as 'Halton Village.'

By joining Neighbourhood Watch, you can also choose to receive email alerts through the 'Neighbourhood Alert' system, this is optional and you can select as many or as few services as you wish.

As we usually see an increase in anti-social behaviour in the summer months, could I please ask all residents

to report any incidents; either by dialling 101 or online at [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk).

**Sam Pritchard** - Scheme Coordinator

### LITTER PICKS

The dates for our next litter picks are:

19th August

16th September

14th October

We meet at the petanque pitch at the Centre at 1pm, with drinks and cakes served at 3pm. To reserve your slice of cake, please email / message me no later than the Wednesday prior to the pick at [samanthajanehicks@gmail.com](mailto:samanthajanehicks@gmail.com).

I would like to say huge thank you to Halton Lune Trust for granting our scheme £558 of funding. The money will be used provide free refreshments to all volunteers for a further 12 months, whilst also purchasing an

additional 10 adult and 10 child sized litter pickers.

If you love where you live, but hate litter, please come along and help us to make the village a cleaner and more beautiful place for everyone to enjoy!

## Sam Pritchard

### CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

Our 3rd campaign will begin in October, but with more recipients on our list than we have EVER had, I'm really hoping we receive enough cards!

In case anyone would like to create cards in the summer holidays volunteer packs will be available for people to collect if they wish. In the box, there will also be some blank handmade cards, for those who would like to get involved, but would prefer not to have to create the card itself. Volunteer packs are available to collect from the box anytime, at 10 Forgewood Close, LA2 6NZ.

Last year we had lots of adults becoming regular volunteers, which was wonderful. If you enjoy being creative and would like to provide a local resident with a sense of connection to the wider community, then please do get involved.

If you know someone that lives in the village who may be experiencing loneliness or isolation and would appreciate receiving a card, please email [samanthajanehicks@gmail.com](mailto:samanthajanehicks@gmail.com)

or send me a message with their name and address and I will add them to my list.

I have yet to secure all the funding required to hold our '3rd Big Get Together' family fun day in March 24, where we celebrate everything the campaign has achieved. Our last event was such a huge success, it's now become a bit of a tradition! I will continue to explore funding streams over the summer and hope to have good news by the autumn edition!

Sam Pritchard



**Children's  
Nearly New Sale**

**Sat 14th October**

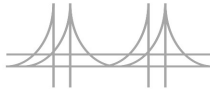
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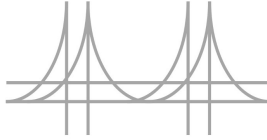
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## CATON & BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our visit to Llandudno began with an enjoyable lunch at The Tynedale Hotel which was funded by our lottery grant. Afterwards there was a choice of shopping or visiting the Great Orme in the afternoon sunshine. As there will be no report in August updates on the June visit to Halifax and the July visit to Barnard Castle as well as the Southport flower show will be in September issues. Don't forget the 3rd August get-together Station Hotel for coffee and a presentation about the work of St Johns Hospice. Our September 21st

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I am pleased to report that several members of our community have volunteered to be "Duty Officers" or DOs, which means calling into the Hydro at some point during a given day to take a few readings and report any abnormalities, after a period of training - and in fact a pleasant walk or cycle ride.

In terms of finances, I write following low rainfall months of May and June, which reduced Hydro output and thus revenue, although given an electricity export contract locked in when electricity prices were very high, the year end result is expected to enable significant donations to the Halton Lune Trust - so do please consider applying for grants for worthy causes, within the Parish of Halton with Aughton.

We did in fact take advantage of the low river to undertake routine maintenance and replace the last of five galvanised steel turbine inlet screens with stainless steel, which are much stronger and easier to clean. The turbine blades were also checked and found to be in good condition - so, a "fit for purpose" renewable energy asset that should continue to do the job for many years to come.

**John Blowes** MBE CEng - Chairman

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## UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

We have availability for the Meeting Rooms to be hired on a regular basis on both Mondays and Fridays. For more information see [haltoncentre.org/meeting-room/](http://haltoncentre.org/meeting-room/) or contact our Bookings Officer, details above.

There are positions available on the The Centre Management Committee - Halton Community Association. If you have any feedback or ideas to impact the future of The Centre, please do come along. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

We are looking to recruit a number of new volunteers to help at The Centre on a regular basis. If you have a couple of hours to spare, whether weekly or every other week, we would greatly value your input. There are opportunities in the Coffee Shop and supporting the running of our groups. Please contact the Office to discuss.

Sport Works will be running their successful Holiday Activities and Food programme on 7th -10th, 14th - 17th, 21st - 24th and 28th - 31st August from 10am to 2pm at The Centre. Priority will be given to children and young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals, however where there is availability, they are open to all and are FREE. Please contact connor.howlett@sportworksltd.co.uk



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A number of Centre run groups will be continuing over the summer holidays which start on Monday 24th July. Knit & Natter, Board Games, Indoor Bowling will continue as usual. Outdoor Circuits invites children aged 5+ to join when supervised by a training adult. The Baby & Toddler Group will be running as an open drop in session from 10am to 12pm on Tuesdays in the Meeting Room.

From September our over 55s Luncheon Club will be moving to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. There will be a two course lunch followed by tea or coffee whilst you enjoy an interest talk. Soup and a Song will continue on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12:30pm to 2:30pm meaning there is now an opportunity to meet for lunch for the first 4 Thursdays of every month. Soup and a Song restarts on Thursday 21st September and Luncheon Club on Thursday 28th September.

The popular Lancaster Area Salsa returns on Saturday 30th September with improver/intermediate tuition to start followed by party dancing until late! Doors open at 7pm, £8 cash on the door. There will be a fully licenced bar with all bar proceeds going towards the Centre's ongoing fundraising.

The Centre's next fundraising event will be the Children's Nearly New Sale on Saturday 14th October from 9am to 12pm. Tables are now on sale and can be booked for £15 each via the Ticketsource link above.

Contra Dance returns to The Centre on Saturday 11th November from 1:30pm to 4.45pm. For more information please see their website [lancastercontra.org.uk](http://lancastercontra.org.uk)

Tables are now on sale for our Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 25th November from 2pm to 5pm. Tables are £15 and can be booked via the Office on 01524 811316.

Sadly after 8 successful years Memory Cafe has ended at The Centre. Similar sessions can be accessed at Galloways, Morecambe on the 2nd Tuesday each month from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Thank you to Rita and her team for their dedication to the group.

See **Prattle What's On** pages for contact information of all regular groups, clubs & classes.

### **NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES**

Memory Cafe has now ended. Soup and a Song and Luncheon Club take a break for summer, return 21st and 28th Sept respectively

Summer HAF 7-10, 14-17, 21-24 and 28-31 August  
Contra Dance 11 Nov

### **CENTRE EVENTS 2023**

Children's Nearly New Sale Saturday 14th October 9am-12pm tables £15 via Ticket Source

Christmas Craft Fayre Saturday 25th November 2-5pm tables £15 contact the Office 01524 811316.

Above correct as at 11th July.

**Naomi Turner** - Publicity Officer

**ASH TREES AND PARK VIEW SURGERIES HAVE THE FOLLOWING HALF DAY CLOSURES FOR STAFF TRAINING FROM 1PM**

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**Thursday 14th September**  
**Thursday 12th October**  
**Wednesday 15th November**

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## **Burton & Rigby Educational Foundation, Aughton** **(in the Parish of Halton with Aughton)**

The trustees of the Burton & Rigby Educational Foundation will be meeting late in September 2023 to consider applications for grants on behalf of pupils and students attending educational establishments other than primary schools.

Under the terms of the trust the trustees will consider applications from candidates who are boys or girls resident in the Parish of Halton with Aughton who, in the opinion of the trustees, are in need of assistance, and who will not have reached their nineteenth birthday by 1st September 2023. The trustees are keen to attract applications from all sections of the community and particularly from those families where any grant from the trustees will make the biggest difference. If applicants are eligible for the pupil premium grant it would be helpful if that is stated in the application.

Awards are made at the discretion of the trustees and in the allocation of benefits the trustees are required to have regard to the promotion of education in accordance with the principles of the Church of England.

Applications, in the form of a letter, should set out details of the school or other educational establishment attended and information about the educational progress of the candidate. Letters should be sent to Mr C. J. Carr, Clerk to the Trustees, Burton & Rigby Foundation, Lune Cottage, Aughton, Lancaster LA2 8LU by **Friday 15th September 2023.**

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## HALTON GARDENING GROUP

It has been an extremely successful year for Halton Gardening Group with two well attended events held in the village.

It is so encouraging to know that the efforts the HGG members put in earlier in the year to raise plants from seed, from cuttings and from splitting existing plants are well appreciated. This was shown by the attendance and success of our plant sale in May. Once again people turned out in numbers to purchase the herbs, veg plants, perennials, annuals, jams and chutneys on the Centre field.

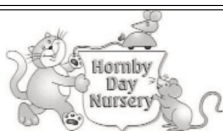
Our first Garden Safari since 2017 also went ahead over the weekend of 1 & 2 July and the rain just about held off on both days. Over 200 people followed the trail around the village and used our local businesses for refreshments. Luckily, the 19 gardens had been refreshed after the heatwave with

copious amounts of rain, much to the relief of all the participants.

The visitors came from far and wide – we even had a cyclist from Bristol who was on his way to Grange to visit Yewbarrow House gardens. He was also using the trains in case you were wondering.

The visitors seemed to enjoy the very varied gardens and many took photos for inspiration for their own gardens. Many old friends and acquaintances visited and it was good to catch up with them. It was a very sociable event.

People from villages close by were impressed with our efforts in making Halton a more pleasant place to live and links were forged. Many asked if we would be doing it again soon, as they didn't have time to visit all the gardens. We are considering making this a two yearly event and would like to encourage more villagers to come



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forward and offer to open their gardens to visitors. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience although the weekend did prove quite tiring. Let us know if you wish to be involved next time, then we can start the ball rolling to make it a spectacular event in 2025. Finally, we thank all the ticket sellers and participant gardeners for their hard work, especially those who are not members of our group.

Both events raised over £1000 each which we plan to spend refurbishing the Centre terrace and developing the wildflower bank, planting up the gabion baskets and replacing plants lost during the winter of 22/23 in the Memorial Jubilee garden and buying new bulbs for the spring 2024 display, as well as maintaining our other planting areas.

A recent spate of vandalism has necessitated the replacement of a large expensive planter at the Cenotaph and the replanting of the flower tub at the roundabout bus stop, following the theft of the newly planted annuals.

Our annual Picnic will be held on 1st August in the MJG from 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome, so please bring your own lunch and a drink, members will provide cakes and ice cream. Picnic blankets and fold up chairs may well prove useful. Please note parking is extremely limited.

We welcome new members to the group so if you are interested please do get in touch. The next meeting will be

on 5th September at 9:30am in Halton Mill. The AGM will be held on 3rd October (details to follow).

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## NEWS FROM THE 1ST HALTON SCOUT GROUP

As we approach the summer holidays Scouting in Halton is going from strength to strength, with a new Squirrels section launching on Wednesday afternoons between 4 and 5pm. This section is for children 4 and 5 years of age. It is going well so far with 5 children being invested on the 5th July. Contact us if your child is interested in joining. We have two leaders but will need more to allow us to accept more children as the ratios for this age group are 1 adult to 6 children plus one other adult. We will also be starting a parent rota so we have an extra adult each week helping. Beaver highlights over the last couple of months have included starting their camp blankets, learning about Beavers around the world and a visit to Eggcup. They will be raising money and collecting for the food bank next term as part of their Community impact badge.

Sorrel and Mark are doing an outstanding job running the scout section after I stepped down from leading the group, to the extent that I now only need to go down now and again to help with those sessions where I have permits that they don't, or for activities that I have more experience in.

On the 7th to 9th July Beavers, cubs and scouts had a joint camp up at Littledale scout camp, where they enjoyed lots of different activities,

including crate stacking, tomahawk throwing, playing on the assault course, and going for a hike on the Sunday morning. The weather was a real mixed bag, with some glorious weather on Friday night and Sunday, and thunder storms and torrential rain on the Saturday. When you're outside or under canvas it can be quite a daunting experience for young children with lightning flashes and heavy thunder going on around you. We just managed to get everything packed up and back to the scout hut on the Sunday before the thunderstorms hit again and the skies opened. This was the largest group of children we have taken on a camp in many years (33 in total), and it was a credit to the leaders and the many adults who had volunteered to help that it went so smoothly.

I think all the leaders will be looking forward to a well earned rest over the summer holidays, and I'm expecting great things from the whole group when we all get back to scouting again after the break.

### **John**

Group Scout Leader  
1st Halton Scout Group



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Mondays 7:30pm to 9pm Vale O' Lune Young Farmers Club meeting

Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am Exercise Class - Pilates and Circuits. £8 for one session, £12 for them both

Thursdays 2pm to 4pm Carpet Bowls £2 donation to attend

## A GREAT CHANCE TO GET FIT IN AUGHTON

We are delighted to have been able to restart exercise classes in our beautiful Recreation Room this summer and we

are set to continue from Tuesday 12th September for the Autumn term. Our instructor is Gabi Crossley, who lives locally, and is fully trained and insured for a range of exercise classes.

There are two consecutive classes each Tuesday morning: at 9:30am a strength circuit with resistance bands and body weight exercises and sometimes light weights, which is scalable to all levels of experience, and at 10:30am a Pilates style mobility class (this blends Pilates, yin yoga, mobility and myofascial stretching). The classes complement each other well to give a holistic and balanced method of exercising. The cost is £8 for one or £12 for both classes. Each session lasts for approximately 45 minutes with a short break between the two sessions. You are welcome to do just one or both sessions. Gabi is a really encouraging and inspiring instructor - and she also offers personal training sessions - just contact her with any questions on [gabicrossley@gmail.com](mailto:gabicrossley@gmail.com).

## THE PERFECT VENUE FOR CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES

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



## St Wilfrid's Heritage Open Day

The beautiful historic Church of St Wilfrid's Halton will be open

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**From 11- 4pm**

Come and see the unique Sigurd Cross in the Church yard and visit this lovely church building.

**The following attractions will be available:**

Tours up the Tower  
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Viewing of the Sigurd Cross in the Church yard  
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which shows scenes from  
the Viking story of Sigurd, the Dragon Slayer.

Children's activities.

Light refreshments available all day

Cakes, preserves and stalls.

A beautiful historic Church building where you can find some peace and light a candle to remember a loved one.

## 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)



# 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.

You can ask for support here:

<https://www.hopelancaster.co.uk/bay-volunteers/new-request/>

You can sign up to volunteer here:

<https://volunteers.hopelancaster.co.uk/index-classic> & click on 'Try Volunteering'.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.hopelancaster.co.uk/bay-volunteers/about-us/>

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory - I hope there's no pop quiz

The Energiser bunny was arrested and charged with battery

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

# 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 07981 743959 or info@haltoncentre.org.uk

## 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 during term times  
scouts@haltonscouts.org.uk  
Vale O' Lune Young Farmers Club: 7:30-  
9pm, Aughton Village Hall  
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  
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 during term

times beavers@haltonscouts.org.  
ukTaekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick  
07985125530  
Cub Scouts: 6:45-8pm during term  
times cubs@haltonscouts.org.uk

### Wednesdays:

Storytime: 9-9:30am (term time  
only) for preschool children and their  
carers. Halton Library  
Tots Play Lancaster: 9am-1:30pm  
Lauren 07398 312544  
Walking Football: 10-11:30am £3.  
John 01524 418753  
**NEW** Squirrels: 4-5pm during term  
times, squirrels@haltonscouts.org.uk  
Pilates: 6-7pm Kate 07799068191  
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): 7-9:30pm  
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

### 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](mailto: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

**NEW** Soup and a Song, 1st & 3rd  
12:30pm-2:30pm at a cost of £4 per  
person, 811316 Starts Sept 21

Over 55's Luncheon Club Café: 2nd &  
4th Thur, 12:15-2:30pm; starts Sep 28;  
by appointment 811316

### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

#### **MONDAYS:**

**2nd Mon:** Halton Reading Group:  
9:30-10:30am Sarah 811160

#### **TUESDAYS:**

**1st Tues:** Gardening Group: 9:30am  
Halton Mill, email:  
[haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com) or  
message/telephone Kath Pink  
Secretary on 07900 416961.

#### **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

## **WHAT'S ON ENTRIES**

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

## MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- August Lancaster Slavery Family Trees Exhibition at Halton Mill. 9 am - 5 p.m.  
Mon-Sun though to 30 Aug  
Sat 19 Litter Pick; meet at The Centre (near the Petanque pitch) at 1pm

### September

- 1 - 9 "10 years at Halton Mill" – Exhibition 9-5 Mon-Fri Halton Mill  
Wed 6 AGM HCA  
  
Sat 16 Millfest returns to Halton Mill. See page 26 for more info  
Sat 16 Litter Pick; meet at The Centre (near the Petanque pitch) at 1pm  
Sat 23 Family Fun Day, 4pm @ The Centre. See poster on page 3  
Sat 30 Salsa Night

## ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

- Sat 14 Children's Nearly New Sale, 9am-12noon, The Centre tables £15 via  
Ticket Source  
Sat 14 Litter Pick; meet at The Centre (near the Petanque pitch) at 1pm

### November

- Sat 11 Contra Dance, The Centre  
Sat 18 Salsa Night, The Centre  
Sat 25 Christmas Craft Fayre 2-5pm tables £15 contact The Centre 01524  
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# TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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

We are roughly halfway through the senior season at time of writing, the first team have struggled for runs at home but the league is very tight and they have enjoyed wins at local rivals Lancaster and Morecambe. They have reached the semi final of the Meyler Cup where they play another local rival in Carnforth, and they travel to Preston in the quarter finals of the T20. Hopefully a strong cup season will translate into an improved league campaign in the second half of the season.

The seconds have a roughly fifty/fifty season and stand mid table as a result but it is hoped that the end of school cricket will mean a stronger second half as those players will strengthen both teams. The Sunday teams have perhaps not played as much cricket as they would have liked due to cup rounds but they will get more games in during the rest of the season.

The junior league season has just ended and all teams have competed well with the Under 11 Hardball team, Halton's Jeff Stobart coaching, having won their league. They will be participating in the Lancashire Cup later in the summer. The Under 9 team have won 6 out of 7 with one rained off and played a lot of extra friendlies to give the younger players in a large group some game experience. We really need to run 2 x U9 teams in 2024. One of the most encouraging aspects

of the season is the support for the junior section from new coach John Childs as well as parents and some older juniors whose help with the Under 9s and Under 11s has been invaluable. Under 11 and Under 13 teams have been entered in the Summer Cups.

Socially the generally good weather helps; a Mexican Night went well, further social events are planned and the club is again indebted to Doug Schofield and Alan Wills in particular for running / organising the bar. As always new members, coaches, volunteers or sponsors are welcome (we would love to have a new main shirt sponsor for 2024) and if you would like to contact the club please do so via: Mark Drinkall, 07368 944220 or on [drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk](mailto:drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk).

**Mark Drinkall**, Junior Chair and Safeguarding Officer, July 2023.

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## THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 57

1. One of the Great Wonders of the Ancient World, a huge statue of Helios was erected on which island around 280 BC?
2. Which football club was the first to secure promotion to the English Premier League in 2023, at their first attempt after relegation in 2022?
3. The Italian artist Jacopo Robusti was better known by what name?
4. Who wrote the so called Barrytown Trilogy which included The Commitments?
5. Lassiters Hotel was often the setting for which long running Soap Opera?
6. Which group of 'activists' attempted to disrupt the 2023 Grand National?
7. What name is given to an English dessert of strawberries, meringue and whipped cream?
8. Acton Leonard Nimoy had a broad spectrum of roles but he is best known for which role in the original series of Star Trek?
9. Princess Astrid of Sweden was killed in a car accident blamed on her husband, in Switzerland in 1935. She had married into the royal family of which country in 1926?
10. Skin, real name Deborah Anne Dyer, is the long-standing lead singer of which British band?
11. Which outstanding fast bowler is (injuries permitting) due to lead the Australian Test team during the 2023 Ashes?
12. George Bernard Shaw wrote the play Major Barbara about an officer in which organisation?
13. The emergence of large numbers of which short lived creature over a brief period in the Spring on UK rivers gives rise to the term 'Duffer's Fortnight' when, it is said, any idiot can catch plenty of trout?
14. What type of animal was the cartoon character Pepé Le Pew?
15. Actor and presenter Paul O'Grady died earlier this year, what was the name of the loud-mouthed female character with which he became famous?
16. Which extremely toxic gas is one of the products of incomplete combustion of natural gas and can be a serious hazard to health, particularly in confined spaces?
17. In the British Army which rank sits between Captain and Lieutenant Colonel?
18. Moroni is the capital of which of which Island group off East Africa?
19. Better Call Saul is a spin off series from which hugely successful US drama series?
20. The fans of which Premier League football club were roundly condemned for loudly booing the National Anthem at their home game over the Coronation Weekend in early May?

*With thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall - answers on page 37*

# HALTON MILL NEWS

Our exhibition "10 years at Halton Mill" - on display between September 1 and September 30 - looks back at the past decade of Green Elephant Co-Operative running Halton Mill as a work, creative arts, and events space.

A lot has happened since 2013, and the mill is now a buzzing hive of activity, with small and international businesses, artists, designers, architects, craftspeople, writers and more taking permanent residence here. The free "10 Years at Halton Mill" exhibition is available to view from 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

The mill also offers informal co-working and hot-desking space for individuals looking for remote or alternative ways of working - in a stunning location by the river Lune, and in a laid back environment. Email [greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk](mailto:greenelephant@haltonmill.org.uk) for more information.

Halton Millfest is gearing up for a full day and night of live music, entertainment, street food (Super 8 Pizza and Ninja Wraps), craft beer, stalls, kids activities and more on Saturday September 16.

With huge thanks to a grant from Halton Lune Trust, Halton Mill has secured Lancaster's The Melodrome Mobile Stage for Millfest, who will be hosting and compering live performances in the mill car park throughout the day, before moving inside in the evening for more quality live music.

Entry during the day is free, with donations to St John's Hospice welcome. If you'd like to host a stall at the event (£10 per stall) - email [hello@mandyblackwell.co.uk](mailto:hello@mandyblackwell.co.uk). Entry to the evening event, from 7pm, is £10, and tickets are available here: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CJKH>,



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### EXCITING SUMMER SEASON OF EVENTS

Family Month – August Extended opening times and free activities for children: Teddy Bear Hunt, TreeFace Trail, Bee Corner and Caterpillar Maze (Included in your admission)

Malice in Wonderland Wednesday 16th August 2023 10:00am and 1:00pm  
Part Mystery, part treasure hunt, interactive event for all the family. Tickets available at [www.leightonhall.co.uk](http://www.leightonhall.co.uk)

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## 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.**

**POLICE:** Community police 101, Police station 01524 463333

**POST OFFICE:** (In the Pharmacy) Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30-12:30 & 1:00-4:00

**PHARMACY:** Mon – Fri 9:00-5:30; tel 812149, closed Saturdays & Sundays

or at [www.haltonmill.org.uk](http://www.haltonmill.org.uk). Get them quick as we're likely to sell out!

On September 30, Halton Mill welcomes The Lune Tour, an afternoon performance exploring stories - real and fantastical - of the river Lune. The performance is born out of a partnership between Lancaster Arts, and Stan's Cafe Theatre Company. More information, and ways to book, will be available on our website soon.

As ever, the mill continues to host public yoga, Pilates, tai-chi, massage and therapy sessions, as well as arts and crafts, gardening groups, private parties, workshops and training sessions in our bookable rooms. Email [venue@haltonmill.org.uk](mailto:venue@haltonmill.org.uk) with any enquiries.

Finally, a big thanks goes out to everyone involved with Halton Mill - tenants, businesses, volunteers, room hirers, co-working space users, supporters and visitors, who have all

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#### **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

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### **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

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# SQUARE DANCING

During the summer, as our dancers go on holidays, our numbers fluctuate hugely but that doesn't stop the rest of us from enjoying the dancing.

The summer picnic has been postponed until Sat 29 July but if rained off, then Sat 5 August.

The British Association of American Square Dance is celebrating its 70th anniversary with a 2 day Square Dance convention in Rugby, with lots of top UK callers. Needless to say, we and some of our members will be attending.

Brian and I will be off to Torquay for another dance weekend in September and our club will be celebrating our

28th Birthday with a Tea Dance on 16 September, when Di Green will be calling. This has been arranged particularly for our Monday SSD dancers but we hope that ALL of our members and some from other clubs will attend to support them.

The next invitation for beginners to join the club will be with a free taster session on Mon 30 October.

For our club newsletter, photos and info go to our website:-

<http://www.oceanwavers.co.uk>

**Carol Holman**

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## COFFEE SHOP OPENING TIMES

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

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**LANCASTER CITY COUNCILLORS** Sarah McGowan and James Somerville

## PLAY AREAS & RECREATION AREA

In time for the summer holidays the boardwalk has finally been repaired, new safety chippings have been spread under the large nest swing and climbing net, and there is new sand in the sandpit. Unfortunately, one of the cross-beams on the swings at St Wilfrid's was broken, so this will need to be repaired.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Halton Juniors, is planning to install a fence between the pitch and hedge to help stop balls rolling into the hedge and onto the road. It will be approximately the height of the hedge. A planning application will be submitted soon.

The Parish Council will also investigate whether a net could be installed to stop balls flying from the MUGA over onto the road and the houses opposite.

## DISABLED ADAPTIONS GRANTS

Lancaster City Council have grants available for residents to adapt their homes to help them stay safe and independent. For more details see: <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/home-improvement-agency/disabled-adaptations>

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Residents have raised concerns about a large increase in motorbikes speeding along the Kirkby Lonsdale Road which seems to have occurred in conjunction with the speed enforcement measures along the A683.

The District and County councillors have been made aware of the problem and the Parish Council will also inform County Highways, but we would encourage people to directly report these issues to the Police and Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to prompt action from the Police and Highways.

You can report speeding issues here:

- <https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern/>
- <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/>

## **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There has been some anti-social behaviour around the Centre and village in general, including vandalism. This has prompted the Police to visit more regularly.

If you do see or encounter any such behaviour, we encourage you to directly report it to Lancashire Police via <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/>.

Please remember to use 999 if the crime is being committed now, the offender is nearby, or if you or other people are injured or in danger.

## **FLY TIPPING OUTSIDE THE ALLOTMENTS**

One or more local tree surgery firms have been dumping "chippings" outside the allotments; which are starting to creep over the entrance to the playing field. This has not been



sanctioned or agreed with the Parish Council and it has included large pieces of timber, rubber, plastic, etc, so in reality it is fly tipping.

If you see this happening, it would be really helpful if you could take a note of the firm & vehicle, or better still take a photo and inform the Clerk.

Tree surgeons: The Parish Council may agree to take the occasional load of chippings (note: not rubbish) if it is agreed in advance and the Clerk oversees the drop-off.

### 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 13th September & 11th October

**Luke Mills**, Parish Clerk

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### DID YOU KNOW?

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

Velcro - what a rip off!

This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

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# LANCASTER SLAVERY FAMILY TREES EXHIBITION

...at Halton Mill To 30 August. Open 9 -5 Mon-Sun. Evenings by appointment (call 07778737681).

In 2021, the Lancaster Black History Group's "Slavery Family Trees Project" worked with several schools, university students, voluntary organisations, community and faith groups from across the district - including Caton Primary School - to research and record some of Lancaster's most prolific merchant families involved in transatlantic slavery. The exhibition draws on research from this project that has examined the intertwining of the familial branches which profited from this abhorrent trade - including the Hodgson family from Caton.

Thomas Hodgson built Low Mill in Caton and he and his brother John were very involved in slavery shipping. The first historical mention was in 1765 when Thomas was "appointed captain of the Pitt for Miles Barber out of Lancaster, destination S. Carolina with 64 slaves". By 1796 the two brothers were using 30 different ships, and sold their slaves in 10 different Caribbean ports, the most popular being Dominica, followed by Jamaica.

In his later life Thomas returned to Caton to live. He had 7 children, of whom Isaac and Adam became active abolitionists. Thomas died at Caton in 1817, clearly, judging by his church memorial tablet, held in affection by the locals.

**In facing the past more honestly, the Lancaster Black History Group hopes to transform the future.**

Three years ago, after the murder of George Floyd, a group of neighbours at Lancaster Cohousing in Halton formed a Black Lives Matters discussion group. Over those three years, the group has continued to hold weekly meetings in which many books, articles, films, and programmes have been discussed. The group is very pleased to be able to bring this exhibition to Halton in partnership with the Lancaster Black History Group. During the life of this exhibition we will be moving our weekly meetings to Halton Mill and all are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings during August from 9:30 – 11a.m. for a varied programme of recorded talks and discussion sessions looking at the slave trade, reparations, and other related issues. See the Halton Mill website [www.haltonmill.org.uk](http://www.haltonmill.org.uk) for more details of these Wednesday morning sessions or call Fiona on 07778 737681 for more info.

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

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

Clergy: Fr Philip Conner,  
Deacon Stephen Pendlebury,  
St. Joseph's Church  
Slyne Road,  
Lancaster, LA1 2HU

Tel: 01524 32493



## Valley Church

Join us at 10:30 every Sunday at the Centre @ Halton.

Our vision is to empower the next generation and create a home where all are welcome. We have a full kids programme for 1-11 year olds, a youth programme during the service and weekly discipleship groups that meet for fun, food, friendship and bible study on Tuesdays.

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

Are you looking for things to do with your family this Summer?

Are you looking to connect with new people, make friends and have fun?

Every Sunday in July and August from 1:30 to 3:30 we will be on the field at The Centre @ Halton. There's something for all ages. Bring a blanket and a picnic and join in with sports, games and fun activities for children. We can't wait to see you!

\*weather dependent\*

For more information check out

[www.valleychurch.eu](http://www.valleychurch.eu)

Instagram - @valley\_lancs

Facebook - Valley Church Lancaster

Get in touch - [lancaster@valleychurch.eu](mailto:lancaster@valleychurch.eu)

## ST WILFRID'S HALTON

### ST WILFRID'S JUNIOR CHURCH



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at 10am. For more info email Sandra Dawson at s.dawson135@btinternet.com.

**St Wilfrid's Heritage Open day**  
**Saturday 16th September 11-4 pm**

Tours up the tower  
 Children's activities  
 Refreshments & Stalls

**St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival**  
**10 am Sunday 17th September**

Please bring offerings of tins/dry goods for the homeless

**Aughton Village Harvest Festival**  
**Sunday 24th September 7pm.**

**St Saviour's Church**

Refreshments served afterwards including Aughton's famous homemade cakes

**Produce for sale**

**Proceeds to the Bishop's harvest appeal.**

**THE CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU!**

**Baptisms and Weddings:** If you would like to make a booking for a baptism or wedding, please contact Revd Susan on 01524 822128 or revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.

Every week the Churches pray for different streets in Halton and for the village of Aughton. Wherever you live, please get in contact with Revd Susan if you have any pray requests for specific people, places or situations. (Details are kept confidential). Contact Revd Susan at revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.

**PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Rhodes
2. Burnley
3. Tintoretto
4. Roddy Doyle
5. Neighbours
6. Animal Rising
7. Eton Mess
8. Mr Spock
9. Belgium, her husband was King Leopold
10. Skunkanansi
11. Pat Cummings
12. Salvation Army
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### St. Wilfrid's Halton

#### Services in August

- 6 10:00 am Family Communion  
13 8:00 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
20 10:00 am Family Communion  
27 10:00 am Family Communion

#### Services in September

- 3 10:00 am Family Communion  
& Junior Church  
5 9:00 am Morning prayer  
10 8:00 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
12 9:00 am Morning prayer  
17 10:00 am Harvest Festival &  
Junior Church  
19 9:00 am Morning prayer  
24 10:00 am Family Communion  
26 9:00 am Morning prayer

### St Saviour's Aughton

#### Services in August

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

#### Services in September

- 10 11:30 am Holy Communion  
24 7:00 pm Harvest Festival

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms: St Wilfrid's

- 4 June – Albie Ken Waterhouse  
11 June – Ezra Harrod  
2 July – Harper Ellen Fletcher

#### Weddings: St Saviour's

- 9 June - William (Eddie) Gardner  
and Rachel Wolstenholme

#### Funerals: St Wilfrid's

- 30 June – Grace Irving

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