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have had a very happy life in the village for 60 years involved in many events like playgroup, the original Sports day and Rose Queen, the senior and junior badminton. In the past the village did rally round to rebuild the Scout hut when it burnt down and join together to build the Community Centre and later the extension. The committee have worked tirelessly to maintain and run the Centre but now urgently need your support to keep it going. I know life has changed now, people are out at work and busy helping with grandchildren but surely there are some who could help.



**Brenda Young**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A final reminder that our AGM is taking

place at 19:30 on Thursday 7th December at Halton Social Club.

By the time you read this, I'm afraid you will have missed the deadline to reserve your complimentary glass of mulled wine and mince pie, but other refreshments will be available to purchase.

The meeting is open to all Halton residents, but 5 members must be present for the meeting to take place. Please come along and support your local NW scheme and village social club, we hope to see you there!

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**f** The Greyhound at Halton

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Both picks begin at 1pm and volunteers meet at 10 Forgewood Close, LA2 6NZ. If you would like to join us, please register your interest by texting Sam on 07786623063 or email [samanthajanehicks@gmail.com](mailto:samanthajanehicks@gmail.com)

### CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

At the time of writing, we are just over a month into our 3rd campaign and we have already received 161 cards! All of our recipients have received their first card, it's been great catching up with everyone after our summer hiatus. The campaign relies solely on the kindness and goodwill of our amazing volunteers

to create cards for our 103 recipients. My aim is to deliver 1 card to each recipient each month. During December we appeal for Christmas cards and in January we seek bright, uplifting cards to help our recipients to 'beat the January blues!'

If you have a little time to spare (regardless of your artistic ability), our recipients would love to receive a card from you with a nice message inside. Volunteer packs are available to collect anytime from 10 Forgewood Close, with completed cards being posted in the black postbox at the main entrance of the Community Centre.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and a special thanks to St Wilfrid's School and 1st Halton Beavers for being regular



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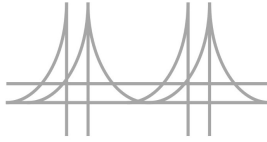
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supporters of our 3rd campaign. Cards made by local children are always cherished by those that receive them.

## **ST NIC FOR A NEIGHBOUR**

I would like to offer a huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who kindly responded to my Facebook poll and Prattle article regarding our festive appeal. The response was absolutely overwhelming.

Within two hours of the Facebook poll going live, our incredibly generous community had committed to donate a sufficient number of gifts to make our Christmas appeal viable, which is extraordinary!

As it will be December by the time you read this, the chances are you may have

already seen Mrs Elf traipsing around the village, laden with gifts!

If you would like to get involved, please leave a small wrapped gift (no more than £5 and no alcohol) under the Christmas tree at The Red Door Cafe no later than the 10th December.

Please place a label on your gift to say 'male', 'female' or 'either', to ensure the gift is given to a suitable recipient. In the event that we find ourselves in the fortunate position that we receive too many gifts, these will be donated to Age UK for users of their Hospital Aftercare Service. Users of this service will be discharged from hospital before Christmas with little to no support at home, so a gift will be very much appreciated by them.



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the names of the 25 men of Halton who died in the hostilities. His wife, Katie, paid for the stone that formed the adjacent Memorial Cross. Also any relatives of Edmund Sharpe of Halton Hall. He gave land for The Halton War Memorial Institute which opened in 1925. These men are buried in St. Wilfrid's Churchyard but, sadly, their graves are of growing concern in terms of deterioration, weathering and lack of attention over decades. The restoration of their graves would show the gratitude felt today by the Halton-with-Aughton community, in deep appreciation of our debt and honour of their contribution that is deeply valued and can be remembered by future generations. Please contact the Clerk at [clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk) with any information.

**On behalf of the Halton Neighbourhood Watch scheme members, I would like to thank the Halton community for supporting our various campaigns throughout 2023. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.**

**Sam Pritchard**



## **NEW QUIZMASTER**

The Prattle team would like to thank Mark Drinkall who has acted as our quizmaster for many years. He is now stepping down for a well deserved break from this duty. If you like quizzes and would be willing to submit future quizzes for our magazine then please email on [halton-prattle@outlook.com](mailto:halton-prattle@outlook.com).

## **INFORMATION SOUGHT**

The Parish Council is seeking any living relatives of John Harold Hastings MA. In 1919 he bequeathed land for an official War Memorial. He paid for a Lakeland stone plaque with a scroll inscribed with

**Cllr. Carol Slinger**



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# THE CENTRE @ HALTON

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Weekends Oct half term to Feb half term 10am-4pm

Actual opening times may vary depending on volunteer availability.

## UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

**Santa's Sleigh** – Carnforth Rotary Club will be coming to Halton on the 10th December and will stop at a few key points around the village. Santa will be in his grotto at The Centre for children to visit. Exact evening times still to be confirmed at the time of writing – keep an eye on our Facebook page or newsletter.

The popular **New Year's Eve Ceilidh** returns this year on Sunday 31st December at 7:30pm to 12:30am. The JIG-RUN-RIG Ceilidh band will be performing with tickets for just £15 for adults and children 11+. Tickets must be purchased in advance using the events link above. There will be a bar, nibbles available for purchase and a raffle - please bring your own picnic tea!

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22nd December to 5th January inclusive although some user groups may continue, please check with individual groups.

**Luncheon Club and Soup and a Song** will continue in December but take a break for January. Please see our other article about how you can help them continue. Upcoming dates: Soup and a Song 7th and 21st December, Luncheon Club 14th December. Please book in advance.

Due to a change in staffing, please note our **updated Coffee Shop hours** above. Actual opening times may vary depending on volunteer availability. If you can help in the Coffee Shop for a couple of afternoon hours during the week, please contact the Office. Duke

of Edinburgh opportunities are also available at the weekends.

We have **availability to hire** our Main Hall and Meeting Rooms as a one off or for regular sessions. For more information see [haltoncentre.org/meeting-room/](http://haltoncentre.org/meeting-room/) or contact our Bookings Officer, details above.

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

### NEW SESSIONS, SESSION NEWS & CHANGES

Indoor Bowling time change to Fridays from 10:30am to 12:30pm

Hartbeeps Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm

Tots Play now on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

### CENTRE EVENTS 2023

Santa's grotto – December 10th 2023 – times to be confirmed

New Year's Eve Ceilidh – December 31st 7:30pm to 12:30am



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## NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Over the next two months, we will be focusing on our two Christian values: Friendship and Peace.

These values are particularly relevant during this time of year, as they remind us of Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners and the saviour who brings peace. The children will be participating in worships where they will reflect on these truths during the festive season.

This term, we have a range of events planned here at St Wilfrid's. Oak Class (Year 6) hosted a class assembly on Remembrance. We have already had our first school trip to Heysham Power Station, where Year 4 pupils learned about electricity. The school athletics team has also started their seasonal competitions. Furthermore, we are eagerly anticipating the joy and excitement of Christmas.

Regarding our upcoming Christmas events, we have the School/PTFA Christmas Fair scheduled for Friday 1st December from 5pm to 7pm. All are welcome to attend. We will also be raising funds for St John's Hospice through our annual 'School Elf Run', a Christmas-themed fun run. Other activities include: Christmas Panto, Christmas lunch, Jumper Day, Nativity, Carol Service, and parties. It promises to be a fun and busy half term.

In September and October, we celebrated great sporting success as the St Wilfrid's football team reached the final of both local football competitions and were victorious in one of them.

We were immensely pleased with the support we received for the Community Tea, a gathering for senior members of our community, and the Leaver's Hot Chocolate and Chat, an event for St Wilfrid's leavers. We have scheduled these events again for this term:

- Community Tea: Wednesday 6th December at 2pm in the school hall.
- Hot Chocolate and Chat: Tuesday 5th December, from 4pm to 5pm.

As we enter into the business of this term, I hope and pray that we, as a school, have lots of fun and enjoy our

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learning as the St Wilfrid's family. We continue to rely on each other and grow together as a strong church school community. However, amidst all these activities, let us not lose sight of the wonderful truth of Christmas – the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ, who is not only our greatest friend but also our greatest example.

God bless,

**Mr M Curwen**

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Lieutenant of Lancashire, Mrs. Amanda Parker JP, in the summer.

We are delighted that our group's work has been recognised in this way. However, we could not do what we do without the support of the community in Halton with Aughton. We thank you all for your support of our fundraising plant sales and garden safaris over the years, and for the many personal donations you have made to help us fund the projects we have undertaken in the village. We thank past and present volunteers and supporters for their physical labour, moral support and encouragement, and we look forward to many more years of community gardening in the village.

We held our Annual General Meeting in October (without knowing of the award!). We changed our usual practice and moved the meeting to the evening in the hope that more people would be able to come and share

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refreshments afterwards. We were very pleased that so many volunteers and supporters were able to join us. Monica Williams, chair, presented a report which outlined the successes and achievements of the last year, including the very successful plant sale in May and the garden safari in July. We underwent a rigorous assessment process for the KAVS in December last year, and reflection during this process led to some minor amendments to our constitution. We will continue to maintain the planters, Memorial Jubilee Garden, Centre Terrace and Burial Ground in the year to come, with some concerted effort being put into the very challenging wildflower bank on the field at the Centre. As always, we welcome new members to our meetings and/or to help out with the gardening. Please do contact us if you would like to join us. No gardening experience is necessary – we continue to learn from each other.

We have planted over 700 bulbs in the village this autumn. This is an indication of our optimism, because the weather last winter and early spring meant that many bulbs, especially the earlier ones, simply rotted in the ground. However, we were particularly successful with the tulips in the borders in the Memorial Jubilee Garden, so we have enhanced the planting there. Thank you to all those who came out to help with this mammoth task. We were able to take advantage of fine, if rather chilly, weather to complete the task.

We now enter a relatively quiet period for gardeners. Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday February 6th 2024, when we will begin to plan for all our regular and new activities and fund raising once again. In the meantime, we are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at the Red Door in early December.

We thank you for your support over the last year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and health, happiness and good gardening for 2024.

If you would like to contact us, please call Kath Pink, Secretary, on 07900416961, or email [haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com)



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## AN APPEAL FROM THE CENTRE @ HALTON

This is a little more in depth and from the heart than our usual updates are.

You will have seen from one of our recent newsletters that we lost one of our main hirers when Preschool returned to Furnace Barn. This represents a considerable financial loss of around 40% of our hire income. This coupled with the recent fuel price increases has put us in an unsecure financial situation. The other recent blow to the Centre is the upcoming retirement of Maureen Richardson. Maureen has been with the Centre for many years and is known to many as the beating heart of The Centre. A number of groups that are really important to this community wouldn't be what they are today without the determination and devotion that Maureen has given to them. I will write more about Maureen's accomplishments and dedication to the community of Halton at a later date.

These two significant circumstances come together to put the Centre in a difficult situation. The financial position we are now in means we are not able to replace Maureen's role or the number of hours she put into The Centre. This means that without the community support, there are a few groups that may not be able to continue. Over the coming weeks we will be putting out pleas for individual groups to be returned to the community.

**Our vision for The Centre @ Halton over the coming months and years is to**

**be in the community, for the community, by the community.** And we really want to stand by this going forward.

As an example, pre-pandemic, the toddler group was run by a group of people from within our community. Some were mums with young children, some had older children. The group worked on a small rota for someone to run a craft activity, someone making teas and coffees, someone serving the snack and someone else to run the story and song time. Everyone on that rota and everyone who attended chipped in to help set up the room and tidy away at the end. The group collected their own entrance charges and paid rent to the Centre. This is the model we would like to use to return some of our groups to the community. We will start with the Baby and Toddler group and eventually groups such as Soup and a Song and Luncheon Club will follow suit.

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If at this point you are a member of one of these groups and it has been important to you, we really call on you to commit to helping these groups to continue to run. They support members of our community and for some become a real life line at important stages of life such as new parenthood or retirement. What we really need at this stage is all hands on deck! We have the ideas and the physical resources, we just need the community force behind them to put them into play. If you have a skill that you think we would be able to use in the running of these groups, please come forward and speak to one of us in the Office.

I know we would all be devastated if the Centre @ Halton was not able to

continue in the same way it has done in the previous years. For many it has been a source of comfort, a place to meet with others, and a place of support particularly coming out of the pandemic and lock down periods. It would be a real shame for that true centre of the community to disappear.

Here are 5 things you can do right now to support your community centre.

1. Spread the word: Pass this message to anyone you know who uses the Centre. Make sure they are on our newsletter subscriber list. Follow us on Facebook, like our updates, share our posts and engage with us to spread the word of who and where we are.
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Coffee Shop earns us a really good income with its profits being donated back into the Centre to support the work we do. Buy a coffee and a piece of cake, grab the grand/kids a biscuit or lollipop or meet a friend for lunch.

3. Hire our space: Do you have a birthday party coming up? A family celebration? Have you always wanted to run a photography course? A gymnastics session but haven't found the space? Come and speak to us and see what our availability is. We have availability for one off hires as well as regular sessions.
4. Give us your time: We know we say it a lot but we really do rely on the

time and dedication of our volunteers. We cannot run our community groups and fundraising events without the support of volunteers. Whether it is a small but still important contribution of making a cake or a larger time contribution of washing up after Soup and a Song or serving food at Luncheon Club. It could be for half an hour every other week, it could be up to 2 hours every week. We can be flexible, we will accept anyone! You don't need to have any previous experience as we will guide you through it all. There is no audition – having a community heart is all you need!

5. If you think you have what it takes to coordinate one of our groups which would involve a slightly more significant amount of time given to your community, please come forward, we would love to discuss it with you.

We have a vision for the future, we just need your help to put it into action.

A final thought – for those of you who regularly use or help at the Centre, we know who you are. You are seen, you are appreciated. We love having you. Next time you come, bring a friend!

Thank you,

**Naomi Turner**  
Halton Community Association



## **New Year's Eve Ceilidh**

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**31st December**

**7:30pm - 12:30am**

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## VALE O' LUNE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

We are very proud to be associated with the Vale O' Lune Young Farmers' Club [Registered Charity 1070317], who hold their regular meetings and Debate Competitions at Aughton Village Hall. Club Leader, Dave Hartley, attended our recent Trustees' Meeting to give us the very welcome news that their October Big Breakfast event, which had seen over 100 breakfasts

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served from our kitchen, had made a healthy profit, which the Young Farmers Club wanted to share with Aughton Village Hall, so that we can continue to improve our facilities. Even more promisingly, the Young Farmers have offered their volunteering services in aid of improving our site – so watch this space! The Young Farmers' Club is membership-based, but is open to anyone who has an interest in farming, you do not need to be a working farmer to join. Search them out on Facebook to find out more about their educational, fun and community fund-raising activities. Or come along to Aughton Village Hall on a Monday evening to meet them in person!

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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)

## 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)  
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 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 Chris Jarvis on 07756102577

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THE CENTRE @ HALTON: HALL/ROOM HIRE 07981 743959 or [info@haltoncentre.com](mailto:info@haltoncentre.com)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Mondays:**

Outdoor Circuits: 6-7pm 811316. A £6  
Ch £3

Meditation Group: now meets on  
Zoom. Please ring 07818647345

Scouts: 7:15-9pm during term times,  
Scout Hut; [scouts@haltonscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts@haltonscouts.org.uk)

American Square Dancing:7:30  
9:30pm Carol 811444

5-a-side: 8-9pm Andrew 074434 26458

### **Tuesdays:**

Tots Play Lancaster: 9am-1:30pm

Lauren 07398 312544 term time only  
Halton Baby & Toddler Group: 9:15-  
11am; 811316

Exercise Classes: Circuits: 9:30am and  
Pilates: 10.30am Aughton Village Hall  
£8 for 1 session, £12 for

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

Knit 'n' Natter, Crafts & Chatter:  
2-4pm. Free. Ann 811684 and Sallie  
812017 M1

Board games: 2-4pm Free

Beavers: 5:30-6:30pm during term  
times, Scout hut;

[beavers@haltonscouts.org.uk](mailto:beavers@haltonscouts.org.uk)

Taekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick  
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Cub Scouts:6:45-8pm during term times,  
Scout hut [cubs@haltonscouts.org.uk](mailto:cubs@haltonscouts.org.uk)

### **Wednesdays:**

Storytime: 9-9:30am (term time  
only) for preschool children and their  
carers. Halton Library

Art Workshops: 9:45am – 12:15pm  
Julia 0769661351

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

Squirrels: 4-5pm during term times,  
Scout hut; [squirrels@haltonscouts.org.uk](mailto:squirrels@haltonscouts.org.uk)

Pilates: 6-7pm Kate 07799068191

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

### **Thursdays:**

Hartbeeps Lancs Baby & Toddler  
(music): 9am-1pm TTO 07834818493

Pilates: 9:30-10:30am 07799068191

Gentle Exercise class:11-12 noon  
Cheryl 07711 335807

Carpet Bowls:7-9pm Aughton Village  
Hall Email [aughtonevents@gmail.com](mailto:aughtonevents@gmail.com)  
to enquire

Samba Espirito (Drumming): 7-9:30pm  
Karen 07711 262288

### **Fridays:**

Knit 'n' Natter: 1-3pm Halton Library  
Indoor Bowling: 10:30am-12:30pm  
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: from 9:15am. 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** 9-10:30; 3-6 yr olds

**Sunday** 9:00-16:00; 7-15 yr olds  
(times subject to fixtures)

Contact [secretary@haltonjuniorsfc.com](mailto:secretary@haltonjuniorsfc.com)

### **FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS**

#### **Tuesdays:**

Lunesdale Camera Club: venue/ info ring David 07903 392021

Jazz Band Practice: 2nd & 4th Tues of Month 7:45pm

#### **Thursdays:**

Soup and a Song, 1st & 3rd 12:30pm-2:30pm at a cost of £4 per person, 811316. Dec 7, 21. None in Jan.

Over 55's Luncheon Club: 2nd & 4th Thur, 12:30-3pm, £8; Dec 14 (none in Jan); by appointment 811316

### **Fridays:**

Bar and Games Room at Aughton Village Hall: 7pm til late. Info ring Ruth Keeler on 07789373100

### **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 (except Aug & Jan)

**2nd Wed:** Parish Council Meeting: 7:15pm (except August) 07810 356929

**3rd Wed:** WI (Hearts of Halton): 7:15pm (except August). Denise Medcalf - [desined19@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:desined19@yahoo.co.uk)

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



## **WHAT'S ON ENTRIES**

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## MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 1-3 **Christmas Tree Festival @ St Peter's Church, Quernmore.** 10am [Sunday from 11am] – 5pm. Refreshments available
- Fri 1 **St Wilfrid's School/PTFA Christmas Fair** 5-7pm
- Sat 2 **Carols & Mince Pies** 10 am to noon at Halton Park House see poster page 11
- Aughton Village Bingo** 7:30pm Aughton Recreation Room. Proceeds to St. Saviour's Church, Aughton
- Tues 5 **Hot Chocolate and Chat**, St Wilfrid's School, from 4pm to 5pm.
- Wed 6 **Cancercare's Christmas Fair**, 10-2pm, Leighton Hall. £5 entry includes refreshments
- Community Tea** 2pm in St Wilfrid's School hall
- Thurs 7 **Neighbourhood Watch AGM** 19:30 at Halton Social Club, all are welcome. See Page 4
- Sun 10 **Santa's sleigh and Santa's grotto** - see page 10 for info
- Sun 17 **Halton Village Carol Service**, 6pm at St Wilfrid's Church
- Wed 20 **Aughton Village Carol Service**, 7pm at St Saviour's Church
- Thus 28 **Festive Walk** then lunch in Aughton. email [aughtonevents@gmail.com](mailto:aughtonevents@gmail.com)  
See page 20
- Sun 31 **Ceilidh** 7:30pm to 12:30am The Centre

### JANUARY

- 20 Jan **Litter picks** 1pm see pages 4-5



### ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- Sat 10 **Contra Dance** (similar to ceilidh/ barn dance and square dance) 1:30-4:45pm; Entry: minimum £10. Full info at <http://LancasterContra.org.uk/>  
All welcome. No previous experience necessary.
- Sat 17 **Litter picks** 1pm see pages 4-5

### MARCH

- Sat 23 **The Big Get Together** – The Centre



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## NEWS FROM THE 1ST HALTON SCOUT GROUP

Our AGM takes place on 28th November this year, so will probably already have happened by the time most people get to read this article. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Denise who has been serving as our Trustee board Secretary for the last 6 years, but who is stepping down at this AGM. Hopefully we will have someone who will have stepped up to take her place come the next Prattle article, however, filling volunteer roles is becoming increasingly difficult so this is by no means guaranteed. Lots of changes are happening in the scout association at the moment, with the online membership system and volunteer training changing. The only thing that those not in scouting may notice though is that everyone's job titles are changing to reflect that most of the jobs in scouting at the local level are voluntary, and to make the general public more aware of this (a lot of people seem quite surprised when they find out we aren't paid). So the section leaders will be for example 'Lead volunteer for Scouts' instead 'Scout Leader'.

Scouts have a number of exciting events coming up that involve hiking at night (the so called Knight Hike challenge) and a day hiking challenge around Beacon Fell (The Crew Challenge). Over the last couple of months they have been orienteering, air rifle shooting, learning circus skills

and navigation, and even did a ready steady cook at the hut.

The cub section is currently at full capacity and we've had a busy few weeks since starting back in September. We've played new games, completed the local knowledge and chef activity badges and had an international night on France with some food tasting of French foods. This week I've had the pleasure of awarding a Chief Scouts Silver Award to one of the cubs, this is the highest award a cub can gain in the section. Our next few weeks will see the cubs completing their Hobbies and their Collectors badges before we get ready for Christmas.

Beavers have just returned from a fun "sleepover" at Giggles! The rest of the term includes making Diwali treats, trying out some Highland Games and thinking about our impact in our community.

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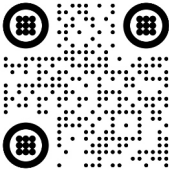


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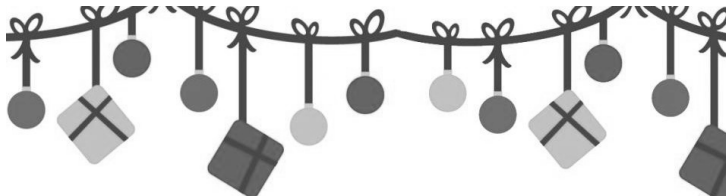
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Squirrels continues to prove popular with 10 children in the group at the moment.

The whole group will have taken part in a Remembrance parade, the service at the church and then at the war memorial in Halton on the 12th of November by the time this article comes out.

A reminder to everyone that the hut is available to hire at very reasonable rates for regular or one off events.

No doubt everyone in the group will be looking forward to the Christmas break (and the associated presents).

Here's to a great Christmas and New year!

**John**  
Group Scout Leader



## Christmas Tree Collection

By Vale O Lune Young Farmers



Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024

£5 suggested donation per tree!

Call or text 07958735245 to book your collection!

## HALTON COMPANY RAISE £2,000

When we think of October it is often for the falling autumn leaves and trick or treating on Halloween, but what most do not know is that is also national Domestic Abuse Awareness month. First declared in 1989, it is a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims. Halton-based electronics and software engineering specialists Like Technologies did just that by hosting a charity quiz night for local companies in aid of Springfield Domestic Abuse Support Services.

Springfield, located in the South Lakes, have been supporting domestic abuse victims and their families since 1915 and are currently fundraising to help kit out a new safe house they are opening for men. 1 in 3 women are victims of domestic abuse in the UK whilst 1 in 6 men are affected. Like Tech chose Springfield as their charity of the year and have set themselves a healthy

target of £5,000. This figure will enable Springfield to kit out two bedrooms in the new safe house - estimated total set up costs are £20,000 with support worker costs of £21,428.

The quiz night was a fantastic way for local Lancaster businesses to rally together and raise money for this impactful cause during Domestic Abuse Awareness month. Kate Houlden, MD of Like Technologies said: 'We are incredibly proud to support Springfield and felt it was especially important to host this event during Domestic Abuse Awareness month. The quiz night was a huge success, and we are incredibly grateful to all the companies that took part, whether that be by attending or donating raffle prizes'.

If you feel you need support please call Springfield on 01539 726171 or email [help@springfieldsupport.org](mailto:help@springfieldsupport.org). Alternatively call the National Abuse helpline on 0808 2000 247.

## 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

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# TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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Obviously there is no cricket being played at present, unless you are First XI Skipper Joe Wills who is wintering in Australia playing for the same club as last summer's TCC overseas Matt Cline. Lucky man!

Groundsman Eddy has finally put the finishing touches to his end of season work on the square and he has installed the new drive train on our Stothert and Pitt roller, it was bought with a generous grant from the Heysham Solar Fund. New photovoltaic cells have been installed which will generate electricity to help us offset the ever increasing cost of energy, thanks to the ECB Small Grants Fund for their support and to Halton's Mike Andrews for his hard work in putting the bid together and seeing it through.

One great disappointment has been that Vivify, the organisation responsible for taking bookings at our longstanding winter net venue, Lancaster Royal Grammar School, have let us down. Having had agreement to book our normal dates and times in August they have just told us that they have booked the nets out to other groups. We are looking for venues or times elsewhere. Should another venue not be found we are very lucky to have our own superb outdoor nets facility. While this cannot be used over the winter we can activate it as soon as the weather eases in March to allow juniors and seniors to access

meaningful practice. Should we secure winter nets those will be advertised through the club's usual communication lines and we will be holding our annual registration night in late March or early April.

As always if you or your children are interested in being involved at the club as a player, coach, volunteer or sponsor (or you have an indoor net facility that we can use!) please contact club Safeguarding Officer and Halton native Mark Drinkall on 07368944220 or by email: [drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk](mailto:drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk)

**Mark Drinkall,**  
4th November 2023



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## THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 59

1. Who succeeded Nikita Khrushchev as leader of the Soviet Union in 1964?
2. Which Canadian singer songwriter, often named as an inspiration by modern female artists, released the classic album Jagged Little Pill in 1995?
3. In early September 2023 there was a deadly earthquake in the High Atlas Mountains; in which country are they situated?
4. What name is given to a chemical which, when secreted by an animal, can alter the behaviour of another of the same species?
5. The President of the Spanish FA caused uproar by kissing a female player on the lips after the national team had won the Women's World Cup, finally standing down under pressure three weeks later. What is his name?
6. Which female TV Presenter was a regular on This Morning and Dancing on Ice and, until earlier this year, had a long standing on-screen chemistry with Philip Schofield?
7. Despite being born deaf this actress was a regular on Eastenders and won the 2021 edition of Strictly Come Dancing, what is her name?
8. Who has been the lead guitarist of rock band Uriah Heap since 1967?
9. The answers to the last three questions have what in common?
10. Daniel Khalife escaped from which prison in early September, causing a major manhunt and much embarrassment to the Prison Service?
11. Founded with a single hardware store in Leicester in 1930, which long-standing high street retailer collapsed recently leading to the potential loss of around 12500 jobs?
12. In which year was the first Scotland v England football international held at the West of Scotland Cricket Club near Glasgow?
13. What was unusual about the flood suffered by the Portuguese town of Sao Lourenco do Bairro in September 2023?
14. If you put together the chemical symbols for the elements Tin, Actinium and Potassium in that order which five letter word is produced?
15. Sergeant Cuff is a key figure in which book by Wilkie Collins?
16. Panaji is the capital city of which state of Southern India?
17. What is the main starchy food ingredient of a Pad Thai?
18. Middlesex's promising young off-spinner Josh De Caires is the son of which former England cricket captain?
19. The 1956 movie Reach for the Sky told the story of which pilot who lost his legs in a flying incident prior to World War 2?
20. The city of Derby, Workington in West Cumbria and Stamford Bridge in Yorkshire stand on separate rivers with a common name , what is it?



*With thanks to our Quiz Master, Mark Drinkall - answers on page 38*

# CATON CLUBS NEWS

## CATON LEISURE CLUB

Come and join us for our weekly Monday morning talks. You will be entertained, educated and welcomed.

Tea/coffee, biscuits and friendship included for our annual membership fee of £5 with the first talk free (£3 each meeting thereafter) or £4 for non members.

Unfortunately you may have missed our Christmas Party but join up in January and enjoy interesting talks and a subsidised day trip next year.

We have a rest during December but we will be back in January with more interesting speakers.

Norma's Chair Exercises – Come and loosen up your limbs especially during winter days 09:00 to 10:00 each Monday at the Institute. Cost £5 or £2 for Leisure Club members.

Indoor Mat Bowls – Have Fun! They take place, again at the Institute, each

Wednesday from 10:00 to 12:00. £5 or £3 for Leisure Club members.

## CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The only fine day in a very wet week in September found us in York enjoying sightseeing and / or shopping after a scenic drive over the Yorkshire moors. On November 16th we visited Chester, another good chance to combine shopping and sightseeing.

December brings our last visit of the year; on the 7th we are off to Keswick and then on to Grange for afternoon tea. The final treat of the year is the annual Xmas lunch at the Station Hotel on the 21st at noon. If you haven't already done so could you contact Ally with your menu choices. Our AGM is on January 18th at the Station Hotel 11am. All welcome. For further details of the Friendship Club please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 / 07738912923.



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# SQUARE DANCING

## CLUB NEWS

The SSD birthday dance was well supported by our Mainstream and Plus dancers but we were a little disappointed that not many SSD dancers managed to come. It was a brilliant dance, enjoyed by everyone who came including four visitors from Yorkshire.

The North West & Lakes Weekend was almost at capacity. A great atmosphere and a very successful weekend. Our six visitors from Europe came from Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands and our UK visitors came from as far away as Aberdeen and Hastings and everywhere in between. Next year's flyers will be out soon.

We recently had a presentation for six new dancers who had completed the SSD programme. They received personal official club badges with SSD dangles. Well done all of you.

We had a very enjoyable FREE taster session where ten new people came along to try square dance and the first teaching lesson started Mon 6 Nov.

Brian and I are off to Germany in two days time for another dance convention where we will meet up with callers and people from Europe and America, who we met and danced with and to, on Zoom since COVID struck.

We had our AGM on 24 Nov where we chose a new charity for next year. December brings our Xmas Party dance

for all club members. The last dancing before Christmas is Mon 18 Dec.

Have a great Christmas and New Year everyone.

**Carol Holman** 07981 743959

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



## AUGHTON CHRISTMAS BINGO

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7.30pm on Saturday 2nd December 2023

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

CHAIR: Cllr. Carol Slinger, Tel: 07810 356929; carol.slinger@hotmail.co.uk

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Cllr. Naomi Turner, Tel: 07738 586107; naomismith1210@hotmail.com

Cllr. Claire Buntin; Cllr. Joe McAleer; Cllr. Jonathan Sewell

Parish Clerk & Financial Officer: Luke Mills, Tel 01524 881499;  
clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk

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



### BLOCKED DRAINS

The annual leaf-fall has probably blocked various road drains. Highways will only unblock these drains if they are reported. Residents are best placed to know which drains are blocked, so we would encourage you to report any blocked gullies (drains) directly to Lancashire Highways.

The simplest way is to install the **Love Clean Streets** app onto your phone and take a photo of the issue. It will be automatically sent to Lancashire Highways.

- <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/>

### ALLOTMENT SECURITY

The Parish Council has discussed the ongoing vandalism at the allotments over the last year which has resulted in the destruction of sheds, fences and crops. It was decided that the boundary security should be enhanced, so

the council will investigate filling in gaps in the boundary between the woods and allotments.

### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a volunteer Parish Councillor, which can be filled via co-option. If you feel there are things that could be improved in the parish, then joining the council is a good start.

## AUGHTON ROAD BOARDING KENNELS

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**07766446272**

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

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The Parish Council is responsible for the following areas:

Representing the views and interests of parishioners and acting as a medium for consultation and communication with both the City and County Councils.

- Play areas (St Wilfrid's Park, The Community Centre, Schoolhouse Lane)
- Open spaces (around The Centre, Quarry Road, the "Plantation") and some paths
- Considering any planning matters, e.g. potential developments within the parish
- War Memorial, 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 MINUTES**

Meeting minutes are posted onto the noticeboards around the village, which are located on the wall of Lancaster on High Road, the shops on High Road and outside the main entrance to the Centre on Low Road. Current and historic minutes are always available on the council website: <http://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk/>

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

There is always an opportunity at meetings for residents to raise issues or questions. If you are interested in joining the council, then come along and meet the other councillors and see what happens.

The next meetings will be held upstairs in the Centre at 19:15 on the following dates:

Wednesday 13th December & 10th January.

**Luke Mills**, Parish Clerk,

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

w: <http://www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk>

## UPDATE FROM YOUR CITY COUNCILLORS

**Hello!** We are Sarah McGowan and James Sommerville, your elected Green Party city councillors for Halton-with-Aughton and the Kellets. The city council is responsible for waste and recycling, planning permissions, council housing, and parks and open spaces – amongst many other things! You can reach us at [smcgowan@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:smcgowan@lancaster.gov.uk) and [jsommerville@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:jsommerville@lancaster.gov.uk) if you have any queries or issues, and you can also call James on 07792 395 985.

**Reporting environmental issues:** Have you tried the ‘Love Clean Streets’ app yet? You can download this onto your

phone and use it to report potholes, flytipping, graffiti and any other environmental issue. The city and county councils will then respond as appropriate. Not got a smart phone? No problem – call the city council on 01524 582 491 to make a report.

**Home Improvement Agency:** did you know that the city council has a handy person service for the over 65s and people with disabilities? There’s no charge for the handy person – you only pay for the materials they use. And there also disabled facilities grants to cover the cost of any works done to help keep disabled people safe and well in their homes. You can contact the team on [hiaenquiries@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:hiaenquiries@lancaster.gov.uk) or at 01524 582 257.

**Your local policing team:** Lancashire Constabulary has a local team that are working across Halton and the surrounding rural area – PC Nicola Hayton and PCSOs Karen Hodgson and Paul Shepherd. They’ve done a cracking job recently in following up anti-social behaviour and helping to reduce rural thefts. You can contact the team directly at <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/your-area/lancaster-and-morecambe>.

**New! Recycle your coffee pods:** you can now recycle plastic and aluminium coffee pods at home using the free Podback service. Just visit [www.lancaster.gov.uk/podback](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/podback) for more details.

## GRANTS FOR TREE PLANTING AND TRADITIONAL BOUNDARIES

Thanks to a grant of almost £200,000 from National Grid's Landscape Enhancement Initiative, the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership is working with landowners and farmers to filter views of the high voltage electricity pylons along the north-western boundary of the AONB.

Projects include woodland planting, the creation and management of native hedgerows and the restoration of dry stone walls.

Tree and hedgerow planting in the right places can help to strengthen the connection between important ecological habitats, provide shelter for stock, benefit wildlife and improve biodiversity and water quality.

Forest of Bowland AONB Project Officer, Sandra Silk, said, "*Woodland planting areas don't have to be large. In fact, we're looking for small-scale sites, such as field corners, cloughs and small copses, which will suit the landscape and existing field patterns.*"

The programme is being supported by UK conservation charity, the Woodland Trust, who are providing fully funded woodland saplings and plant protection. In addition, the Trust are offering "tree cages". These are small groups of four or five trees protected by timber fencing, which offer an

effective way of incorporating field trees into the landscape.

As well as offering tree stock and protection, the funding can support the cost of planting and stock proof fencing. Projects need to take place before the end of March 2024. There is also the possibility of funding for dry stone wall restoration between April 2024 and March 2025.

Projects must meet certain criteria and funding is limited and, therefore, cannot be guaranteed.

The area covered by the funding stretches from Halton and Aughton, through Quernmore, to the area north of Ortnor and Ellel Crag quarry. Anyone interested in finding out more can contact Sandra by emailing [silk@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:silk@lancashire.gov.uk) or by calling the AONB office on 01200 448000.



### **MARK WATSON HOME & GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

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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)

# CHURCH NEWS

## 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,

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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 School **Community Tea**,

Wednesday 6th December at 2pm

Everyone welcome

**Carols and Mince Pies**, at Halton Park

House. Saturday 2nd December

10 am to noon

**St Wilfrid's Church Christmas Services**

Sunday 10th December at 10 am –

Christmas Tree service

Sunday 17th December at 10 am –

Christingle service

**Halton Village Carol Service** at St

Wilfrid's Church, 6 pm on Sunday 17th

December

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## PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS

**Christmas Eve Crib Service** - You are invited to join us for our 'Pop-up' Nativity and to sing carols. 3pm on Christmas Eve. Children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the nativity story

### ST SAVIOUR, AUGHTON:

**Christmas Bingo** In Aughton Village Hall 7:30pm 2nd December. Proceeds to Church Funds

**Aughton Village Carol Service** at St Saviour's Church 7pm on Wednesday 20th December. Join us for Carols and seasonal refreshments.

### THE CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU!

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](mailto:revsusan.seed@btinternet.com).



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1. Leonid Brezhnev
2. Alanis Morissette
3. Morocco
4. Pheromone
5. Luis Rubiales
6. Holly Willoughby
7. Rose Ayling-Ellis
8. Mick Box
9. They all contain the name of a tree or shrub - Holly, Rose, Box.
10. HMP Wandsworth
11. Wilkinsons
12. 1872, the 150th anniversary was celebrated with a game this year.
13. It was a flood of wine after two holding tanks at a local vineyard gave way
14. Snack (Sn, Ac, K)
15. The Moonstone
16. Goa
17. Noodles
18. Mike Atherton
19. Douglas Bader
20. Derwent



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# THE CHURCHES OF HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON



## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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### ST. WILFRID'S HALTON

28 10:00 am Family Communion  
30 9:00 am Morning prayer

#### Services in December

3 10:00 am Family Communion  
4:00 pm FAMILIES@4at Slyne  
Church Hall

5 9:00 am Morning prayer

10 8:00 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship and  
Christmas Tree service.

12 9:00 am Morning prayer

17 10:00 am Family Communion  
and Christingle

6:00 pm Village Carol Service

19 9:00 am Morning prayer

24 10:00 am Said Holy  
Communion

3:00 pm Crib service

25 10:00 am Christmas day  
Family Communion.

31 10:00 am Family Service at St  
Luke's Slyne

#### Services in January

7 10:00 am Family Communion

9 9:00 am Morning prayer

14 8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Family Worship

16 9:00 am Morning prayer

21 10:00 am Family Communion

23 9:00 am Morning prayer

**Junior Church is held on the 1st,  
3rd and 5th Sundays during term  
time.**

### ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

#### Services in December

10 11:30 am Holy Communion

20 7:00 pm Village Carol Service

25 10:00 am Christmas day  
Family Communion.

#### Services in January

14 11:30 am Holy Communion

28 11:30 am Morning prayer

#### From St Wilfrid's Registers

##### Baptisms:

15th October: Chloe Annabel Webb  
and Joshua Stuart Webb

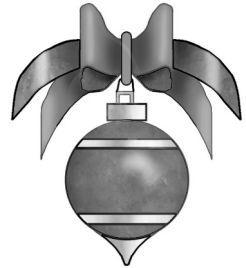
##### Funerals:

11 October: Maureen McDermott,

31 October: Muriel Standen



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