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As I write this introduction to the latest Prattle issue, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and I can hear a neighbour mowing his lawn. After a long, cold and wet spring it feels like summer is finally here.

Whatever you do this summer, enjoy, and let's hope the weather is kind to us all!

Jan & Dave

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CASTLE HILL

The Parish Council and the local heritage group have secured money from the Government's Levelling Up fund to open Castle Hill to the public. The grant from the Rural England Prosperity Fund will be used to improve access to the field with new gates, paths and fencing being provided. A previous award from the Halton Lune Trust will go towards providing a picnic area and interpretation boards detailing the history of the site.

The works will start in September after the horses come out of the field and we hope to have a grand opening event with the Medieval re-enactment group Historia Normannis sometime in the spring next year.

PLAY AREAS

We are restarting plans to improve the play areas in the village, including St. Wilfrid's Park, the Centre and hopefully the one on Mill Lane too. This began in

2021/22, including consulting the village about taking out a loan to pay for the work. Whilst the response from the consultation was overwhelmingly positive and supportive, the council agreed with some of the concerns raised about the timing given the cost-of-living crisis at that point, so the work was suspended.

We would welcome input from any parents/carers who would like to get

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involved in the plans for any of the sites; just contact the Parish Clerk.

BALL-STOP FENCE FOR THE FOOTBALL PITCH

The planning application for the fence along the football pitch has been approved. We would like to thank Archihive based in Halton Mill for their help in creating the necessary scale plans.

The 1.2m high fence will stop the balls running into the overgrowth and onto the road. It should be fairly unobtrusive, since it will be around the same height as the existing hedge.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The informal consultation stage has ended, so we would like to thank everyone who took time to read the plan and respond. These comments will be reviewed and appropriate changes made to the draft plan. The next stages will be a formal consultation, a review by Lancaster City Council and finally a referendum of the village later in the year.

Luke Mills, Parish Clerk

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VILLAGE NEWS

CAN ANYONE HELP PLEASE?

I am trying to find an image of Katie Hastings, wife of Rev. Harold Hastings, who died in 1956 at Quarry House, Halton. Both buried in St. Wilfrid's Churchyard.

This is for use in research about Halton's War Memorials.

Full acknowledgement given.

Thank you.

Trevor Green.

Mob: - 07709722509

CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

The arrival of spring means the end of another fantastic campaign. The final deliveries were made to the last of our recipients on the 20th April.

Since October we have received 1069 cards, 300+ keepsakes*, 180 Christmas gifts and 80+ raffle prizes* - this smashes all our previous records and is a testament to the kindness and generosity of our community! (*So many keepsakes and raffle prizes were donated on the day of our event, I have no idea what the final total was!)

At the end of March, we had our '3rd Big Get Together' to mark the end of the campaign and celebrate everything we have achieved. It has taken an entire community to make this campaign a success, and it felt like the entire community came! The main hall was PACKED full of people enjoying

themselves. The youngest attendee was 1, the eldest 97 - I have never seen a more accurate representation of our community enjoying the same space! There were so many smiles, it really was a joyous occasion with a few happy tears!

Everyone loved the delicious home-made cakes (baked by the brilliant Jane Mealor and Joanne Harney Bretherton). Sheryl's gentle exercises were a huge hit, as was Paige's face-painting and the bouncy castle.

The afternoon was brought to a close by a performance from The Mizzen Crew who lit up the room with their Sea Shanties, with lots of audience participation. We raised an incredible £394.50 on the tombola and raffle, the proceeds of which will be put towards our 4th Big Get Together.

When I reflect on the amount of support the campaign has received, it



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feels quite overwhelming. If you have helped or supported the campaign in any way this year, you really have made a difference and we couldn't have done this without you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

To our 126 recipients - I hope you have enjoyed receiving our cards and that they have made you feel more connected to the community this winter. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you again in the autumn. Until then, take care, Sam
xx

10th August

Suitable clothing, footwear and gloves are all that's required, we'll provide all the other kit you need. Families are encouraged to get involved; our kit is suitable for ages 2+. All 'little pickers' can choose a treat from the treat box, they also get a medal and the chance to win the 'star picker' trophy.

Register with me no later than 48 hours prior to the event for a free slice of cake and a drink. To register, please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com or find me on social media.

Sam Pritchard

Sam Pritchard

FAMILY FRIENDLY LITTER PICKS

They are a great way to get some light exercise whilst being out in the fresh air. Dates for our upcoming litter picks are as follows;

15th June

13th July

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING

Our next scheme meeting is taking place on Tuesday 25th June at The Greyhound at 19:30. We are trialling holding our meetings on a different evening, in the hope that more scheme members can attend.



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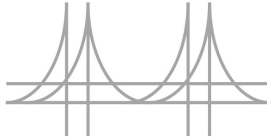
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Sam Pritchard

HALTON LUNE TRUST

The Trust next meets on 21 October – if anyone has any applications please submit them to secretaryhaltonlunetrust@gmail.com before that date. Information on grant criteria and applications forms can be found at <https://www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk>

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*Little Steps sessions – First Wednesday of every month (Little Steps is a free reading and play scheme in Lancashire libraries).

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Saturday 22nd June 7:30–9:30 p.m.

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The March visit to Boundary Mill proved very popular and many bargains were to be had. On our way home coffee and cakes at The Coniston Hotel was a great way to end the day. Everyone enjoyed our coffee morning in early April with the head scratching quiz, a great get together. The visit to Bolton Market and Smithills Hall was also popular despite the weather being slightly against us. May will have seen us in Carlisle and at Dobbies garden centre, always a popular visit. We are meeting for lunch at the Station Hotel on June 6th, then on June 20th we are visiting Ilkley and Hebden Bridge. The July visit, which is to Harrogate and Harewood House, is a week later than usual, on the 25th due to transport changes. For information about the group please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 / 07738 912923



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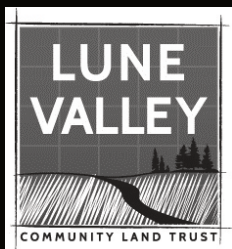
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NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Over the past couple of months, there have been numerous exciting events at St. Wilfrid's. We thoroughly enjoyed our

Holy Week reflections. It was a fantastic opportunity to come together daily and contemplate various aspects of the Easter story. Also, we engaged in entertaining Easter activities and hosted the highly popular 'Decorate an Easter Egg' competition.

All children have now visited the Halton library, and this is now established in our school routine. Our sports teams have represented the school really well, reaching the final of the Easter Field Football Competition at Lancaster City, achieving third place in the local swimming gala, and showing great participation in the local athletics

league. We have talented children in our school. Also, two classes (Year Four and Year Two) have recently enjoyed an outdoor and adventure day at Borwick Hall, offering a valuable experience for all children.

The support of our parents over the last few months has been greatly appreciated. Their high level of attendance at our parents' evening to hear about all the great things their children are achieving was much appreciated. Parents have also contributed to the development of our vegetable garden area at the school. This is an exciting project that will continue to flourish over the next few months. Also, it has been heartening to witness the parental involvement at our Class Worship, with many staying back to chat after each session. Lastly, a small group of parents also participates



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in our Celebration worship on Fridays, allowing us to worship together as a complete school community.

Please take note of our final Community Tea and Hot Chocolate Drop In dates too:

Our final Community Tea event will take place on Wednesday 12th June 2pm -3pm in the school hall

Hot Chocolate Drop Ins; Tuesday 4th June and Tuesday 2nd July – 4pm -5pm in the staffroom

Life is bustling at St Wilfrid's, but for two members of staff, this school year will mark their farewell. Mrs Pilkington and Mrs Johnstone have chosen to retire at the end of this academic year. Together, their dedication to our school spans more than fifty years. Although their absence will be deeply felt, we extend our best wishes to them for their well-deserved retirements.

As we transition into summer, I am once again inspired by the dedication of our children, staff, and governors. It is heartening to witness our school community collaborating for the mutual benefit of all.

God Bless

Mark H Curwen – Headteacher

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HALTON GARDENING GROUP

By the time you read this another successful Plant Sale will have taken place and you will be busy deciding where to plant your new purchases.

Each year members and supporters give of their time and expertise to sow and grow a variety of plants for you to enjoy in your own garden. They also lift and divide plants from their own gardens and the community spaces, some of which are rare or special varieties. Their produce was also carefully prepared to make some very tasty jams and chutneys. We are very lucky indeed here in Halton.

Our Kings Award for Voluntary Service received last November will soon be on display in the Centre Cafe alongside the Centre's very own award received in 2020. As a result of this award, two of our members had the honour of attending the Royal Garden Party in Buckingham Palace earlier this month. They spent a pleasant afternoon listening to the brass bands, eating delicious cake and viewing the extensive gardens. It was a right royal occasion and a great privilege to have been invited.

Once again the bulbs planted last autumn provided a splendid display throughout the village. We have experimented with differing colours, combinations and varieties over the years and once again the Apricot Impression tulips in the Memorial

Jubilee garden did not disappoint. An especially pleasing display in the planter near the Pharmacy has been admired by many. Some voracious insects made short work of the crown imperial leaves, but all areas have been lovely to view this year. Your kind comments are greatly appreciated, thank you.

We continue to work hard on the very challenging wildflower bank and have recently seeded and planted various wildflower plug plants grown by one of our members. These are still very delicate and won't survive if trampled on. The dog poo encountered in this area is NOT appreciated, so please pick it up or restrict your dog from doing their business here.

The previous edition of the Prattle contained some excellent advice for making your own compost. This time we will talk about pruning. Camellias



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Raising funds for what we do is an essential part of our work and we have recently received a grant from the 3R

Foundation to buy some new garden tools. This is much appreciated by members as they have been using their own equipment. We will also have spares for the bulb planting helpers in the autumn.

We would like to thank all those who turned out in the rain last year and hope you will find time to help again this year. You don't need to be a member to help. You will find us most Tuesday afternoons (weather permitting) at the Centre or the Memorial Jubilee garden. Our next meeting is on 4th June at 10am in Halton Mill, all welcome. Following that is a visit to RHS Bridgewater on 10th June which we are all looking forward to.

To get in touch drop us an email at haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com or call Kath Pink Secretary on 07900416961.

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ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE AND JULY

Tuesday morning exercise classes continue until July 23rd. Circuits at 9:30 and Pilates at 10:30. If you are interested please contact Gabi at gabicrossley@gmail.com, or just turn up at the hall.

We intend to open the hall to show at least some of the matches in the Euros (14th June - 14th July). We will open for the first England match on Sunday June

16th and further openings will depend on demand. The bar will be open and refreshments available. We also expect to show the Wimbledon finals (July 13th/14th). Check our Facebook page and see the Aughton Recreation Room emails and WhatsApp messages for details.

There will be a cycle race round the Aughton circuit on July 6th, with ARR used as a base. Refreshments will be available. All welcome.

If there are activities that you would like to see taking place in the village hall, please do contact us, and check our Facebook page and communications for details of other activities over the summer.

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Taekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick

07985125530

Cub Scouts:6:45-8pm during term times,

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Wednesdays:

Tots Play Lancaster: 9am-1:30pm

Lauren 07398 312544 term time only

Storytime: 9-9:30am (term time

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Line Dancing: 10:30 – 11:30am Tony

07488 348809 Anne 07923 455939

Squirrels: 4-5pm during term times,

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Pilates: 6-7pm Kate 07799068191

Walking Netball: 7-8pm on MUGA,

inside when wet. £4 07745 798337

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

Thursdays:

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(music): 9am-1pm TTO 07834818493

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John 01524 418753

Gentle Exercise class:11-12 noon

Cheryl 07711 335807

Carpet Bowls:7-9pm Aughton Village

Hall Email aughtonevents@gmail.com

to enquire

Samba Espirito (Drumming): 7-9:30pm

Karen 07711 262288

Fridays:

Knit 'n' Natter: 1-3pm Halton Library
Indoor Bowling: 2:00-4pm 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

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FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS**Tuesdays:**

Lunesdale Camera Club: venue/ info ring David 07903 392021

Bay Big Band Practice: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:45pm

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 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). Debbie on animalcare.db@hotmail.co.uk

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

THURSDAYS:

Soup and a Song: 12:30pm-2:30pm June 13 & July 4 – ring 811316 to book or for more info

Luncheon Club: 12:30–3pm, June 20 & July 11 – ring 811316 to book or for more info

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Sat 9	Childrens' Nearly New Sale; 3-5pm @ The Centre £1
Wed 12	Community Tea, 2pm – 3pm @ School Hall
Sat 15	Empower, Type 2 Diabetes Education course; 10-2 @ The Centre; 07342 969701
Sat 15	Family Friendly Litter Picks; to register, email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com
Tues 18	Lune Valley Community Trust AGM, 7:30pm @ The Centre
Sat 22	Hearts of Halton W.I. Ladies Wine tasting evening; 7:30-9:30pm @ The Centre. Tickets £10; 07970 796279
Sat 22	St Wilfrid's Summer Art Show, 10am – 4pm at St Wilfrid's Church.
Sun 23	St Wilfrid's Summer Art Show 11 am – 4pm at St Wilfrid's Church.
Tues 25	Neighbourhood Watch meeting; 19:30 at The Greyhound

JULY

Wed 3	Halton Community Association (HCA) AGM: 7:30pm @ The Centre. Drinks and nibbles..
Sat 13	Family Friendly Litter Picks; to register, email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com
Sat 20	Salsa Party & Bar; 8pm-12am @ The Centre
Fri 26	Empower, Type 2 Diabetes Education course; 10-2 @ The Centre; 07342 969701

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

Sat 10	Family Friendly Litter Picks; to register, email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com
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September

Sat 21	Salsa Party with Bar
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November

Sat 16	Salsa Party with Bar
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WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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THE CENTRE @ HALTON

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Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm

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UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

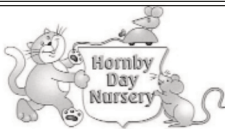
Our next fundraising event is the Children's Nearly New Sale on Sunday 9th June, 3pm-5pm. There are still tables available to book for £15 via the Ticketsource link above. Entry for Adults

is £1, children are free. There will be a raffle and the Coffee Shop will be open for refreshments.

The school May half term runs from 25th May to 2nd June. During this period, the Coffee Shop will be open Monday-Friday 11am-5pm and Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm.

HCA's AGM will be held Wednesday 3rd July at 7:30pm. Drinks and nibbles. We invite all users of The Centre and anyone who attends a group, to come along. Group leaders are encouraged to attend and share a report from their group. Our present Chair, Peter Nightingale, will be stepping down at this AGM. If anyone would be interested in supporting The Centre and HCA by standing for the position of Chair, please contact chair@haltoncentre.org or come into the Office to discuss.

We are pleased to confirm the upcoming dates for Soup & a Song and



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Luncheon Club. Soup & a Song will be on Thursdays 13 June & 4 July 12:30pm to 2:30pm and Luncheon Club on Thursdays 20 June & 11th July 12:30pm to 3:00pm. If you are interested in joining us, don't forget to book your space in advance by calling the Office on 01524 811316. Neither group will run in August, but keep an eye on our newsletter for dates in the autumn.

Lancaster Area Salsa returns again on Saturday 20th July. No lesson this time, just salsa favourites and dancing until late! Doors open at 8pm, £8 cash on the door. There will be a fully licensed bar with all bar proceeds going towards The Centre's ongoing fundraising.

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/ bookings 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 correct as at 3rd May 2024
Children's Nearly New Sale; 9th June - 3pm to 5pm

AGM meeting; 3rd July – 7:30pm

Soup and a Song; 13 June & 4 July – 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Luncheon Club; 20 June & 11 July – 12:30pm to 3:00pm

Lancaster Area Salsa; 20th July - 8pm

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NEWS FROM THE 1ST HALTON SCOUT GROUP

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If you are interested in any way or want to find out more please get in touch.

We'd be especially grateful for anyone who could help during our Squirrel sessions as an extra pair of hands, Wednesday's 4-5pm.

TREASURER NEEDED

After many years our Treasurer is stepping down at the next AGM (likely in November) and we are beginning to look for her replacement. If you believe that you may be able to help out then please get in touch with me at john.elliott@lonsdalescouts.org.uk and I can give you more details.

You would join the other Trustees who help manage the governance tasks of the scout group, and help to ensure that the group is run in a sustainable and safe manner. Without these Trustees we couldn't maintain a scout group in Halton.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

At the time of writing, we were finally having a spell of warm sunny weather after an appallingly wet winter and early spring. I hope this continues to be

the case when we have our group camp in June where we are expecting to be taking our largest ever contingent of children, from most sections, camping at Littledale scout camp.

Over the coming months, our various sections will be making the most of the lighter and hopefully drier evenings to get outside more.

Beavers recently completed 3 months of Community Impact to support the Cards Fighting Loneliness Campaign in the village. Reflections included "doing good makes me feel good" and "I feel good in myself because I made someone else happy". Powerful lessons learnt! This term Beavers will be practising knots and fire-lighting, having sleepovers and lots of adventures!

John Elliott,

Group Lead Volunteer
1st Halton Scout Group



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You can ask for support here:

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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/> or tel 01524 841941

QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME...

What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

in winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

What is the speed of darkness?

TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

www.torrisholmecc.co.uk

After a delayed start to the senior season where, in an unprecedented move, the league postponed the whole first round of games due to grounds still being too wet, both senior and junior games are now underway and our first game in the new Women and Girls League is scheduled for 12th May. This initiative has recruited several new players including some Mums of existing players plus new senior and junior players. Overall junior recruitment has been fantastic with large numbers of new players at Under 9 and Under 11 in particular.

At the time of writing the senior teams have not played enough games to identify trends but Kiwi overseas Connor Cooper looks a real find, his bowling is really sharp, he smacks it with the bat and appears to be a thoroughly pleasant guy who will fit in well.

Off the field the social and fundraising events have started strongly with a packed and very enjoyable quiz run by Halton SC captain Barry Lees, a couple of darts and doms nights and a highly successful Golf Day at Heysham Golf Club with fifteen teams participating. Total Tots Day Care were the main sponsor in an event that, once the accounts are reconciled, should raise between two and three thousand pounds for the club. Thanks to all involved, particularly the organisations sponsoring teams and to Paul Batty for liaising with Heysham GC.

So, despite a slow start to the actual cricket, it has been a busy few weeks; let's hope for some lovely weather for the rest of the summer. As always, if you or your child are interested in playing, coaching, volunteering or sponsoring cricket, please contact Safeguarding Officer, Junior Chair and Halton resident Mark Drinkall on 07368 944220 or via: drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

Mark Drinkall,
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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 62

1. What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2021?
2. When was the movie the Titanic released?
3. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
4. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
5. What is the capital of Finland?
6. In what US state is the city Nashville?
7. What is the currency of Denmark?
8. How many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
9. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
10. What was the Turkish city of Istanbul called before 1930?
11. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
12. Which football club plays its home games at Loftus Road?
13. How many times has England won the men's football World Cup?
14. What is the common name for the larva of a housefly?
15. Who wrote the novels Gone Girl and Sharp Objects?
16. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
17. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
18. In what year did Tony Blair become British Prime Minister?
19. From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?
20. What band was Harry Styles in before his solo career?

*Many thanks to our Quizmaster, Björgvin Vigfússon.
Answers on page 34*



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FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

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Sundays and Bank Holidays:

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

TO KIRKBY LONSDALE

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

FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

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SQUARE DANCING

CLUB NEWS

April and May have been quiet months as we were closed over Easter. A few of our club members went to the Challenge programme weekend near High Wycombe in April with 4 squares of dancing to the excellent Vic Ceder from California.

It was lovely to see Hans coming to the Club again from the Netherlands while visiting family and also Robin again from California, coming with Di Green as last year, to dance as much as can be arranged whilst on holiday in the UK.

We are in the process of having two new club banners made, one for Halton and one for Caton. They are at the 'almost ready to start sewing' stage at the moment.

Our Spring Dance on Sat 11 May 6:00-9:30pm with Gene Turner & Phillip Mee from Yorkshire, calling Mainstream and Plus, is only a few days away as I write. Fingers crossed, we will get a good turn out.

This year's Summer Picnic, held in our garden, will probably be on either July 20 or 27, the weather forecast dependant of course.

Please circle the dates on your calendars, for our FREE TASTER SESSION on Mon 2 September 7:30pm at The Centre @ Halton, followed by beginners lessons on Mondays starting 9 September. £4 inc refreshments. Do consider joining us to have a go at this

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Meantime, I'll be seeing all you established club members in a square on Mondays or Fridays.

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REVERENT REFLECTIONS

Most of us find anniversaries important and we like to mark them, either with a celebration, when it's something joyful like a birthday or a wedding anniversary, or by visiting a grave or special place when it's the anniversary of a loved one's death. This year on 15th June it will be the tenth anniversary of my father's death. His grave is in the church yard of the village where he grew up in Llandysul, South Wales.

Graves are special places and last year when I told Trevor Green (our village expert on war graves!) that I was going with a small group on a Pilgrimage to Assisi in Italy, he told me that a man from Halton, Walter Peat Howard, is buried in the Second World War Cemetery just outside the city. His name is on the War Memorial board of local soldiers who lost their lives between 1939 and 1945, situated in the base of the tower of St Wilfrid's Church. On my Pilgrimage I managed to visit Walter Howard's grave, along with other members of our group. We were very moved by the fact that Walter was buried alongside other members of his regiment, the Durham Light Infantry, who had all died within a few days of each other in 1944 during the last few days of the Second World War. They were also incredibly young, being aged between 19 and 29 years of age. Walter, aged 26, was the son of Arthur and Helen Howard, and husband of

Vera Mary Howard, of Caton. One cannot imagine the grief they must have felt at his loss. I wonder if anyone knows what became of Vera?

Sadly, wars are still being fought across our world today and soldiers and civilians continue to lose their lives as a result. The Universal Prayer for Peace, is a prayer for people of all faiths and none:

Lead me from death to life,
from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope,
from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love,
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MESSY CHURCH



7th June and 12th July, 3:30 – 5:30 pm at St Wilfrid’s School. Bible story, crafts, songs and prayers with lots of fun and a meal to finish. Please book via the school office.

ST WILFRID’S SUMMER ART SHOW

Saturday 22nd 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday 23rd June 11 am – 4pm at St Wilfrid’s Church. Display of local artists work, Children’s Art Competition, refreshments and stalls.

PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS

- 20. One Direction
- 19. Rice
- 18. 1997
- 17. - The French Open (Roland Garros)



- 16. Marathon
- 15. Gillian Flynn
- 14. Maggot
- 13. nce (1966)
- 12. Queens Park Rangers
- 11. Mercury
- 10. Constantinople
- 9. Netherlands
- Righteous Kill, The Irishman)
- 8. Four (The Godfather Part 2, Heat,



- 7. Krone
- 6. Tennessee
- 5. Helsinki
- 4. All the President’s Men
- 3. Knee
- 2. 1997
- 1. Olivia

MORE QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME...

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons are suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you!

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ST. WILFRID'S HALTON

Services in June

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| 2 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| | 4:00 pm Families@4* |
| 4 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 9 | 8:00 am Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am Family Worship |
| 11 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 16 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| 18 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 23 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| 25 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 30 | 10:00 am Family Communion |

Services in July

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|----|---------------------------|
| 2 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 7 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| | 4:00 pm Families@4* |
| 9 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 14 | 8:00 am Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am Leavers Service |
| 16 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 21 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| 23 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 28 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| 30 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |

* At Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in June

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

Services in July

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| 14 | 11:30 am Holy Communion |
| 28 | 11:30 am Morning Prayer |

FROM ST WILFRID'S REGISTERS

Baptism:

30th March – Halle Rose Woodruff
Olice Emma Woodruff

28th April – Ada Molteno Petrie

Funerals:

10th April – Maureen Hough

Live streamed services:

We will be continuing to livestream our Tuesday Morning prayer service at St Wilfrid's onto 'St Wilfrid's Church of England' Facebook page.



Places for 2-4 Year Olds

Based in Caton Primary School

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