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Jan & Dave

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DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

The next stage of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish will be a formal public consultation on the draft plan (known as Regulation 14) which will run from Monday 15th July to Sunday 8th September 2024

You can have your say via a simple online survey using the QR code, or read and respond on paper at the following locations:



- The Centre@Halton, Low Road
- Halton Mill, Mill Lane
- Aughton Village Hall Recreation Room, Aughton Road

You are also welcome to discuss it in person at the public drop-in sessions:

- The Centre: Wednesday 24th July 2 - 4pm

- The Centre: Wednesday 21st August 2 - 4pm

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We would like to thank everyone who responded to the last consultation. All comments were reviewed and wherever possible, changes made to the plan.

PLAY AREAS, INCLUDING MILL LANE

The Mill Lane play area recently failed a safety inspection, so it has been closed by the owner. It was installed around 20 years ago by the initial developer of the Town End Way estate and after they became bankrupt, responsibility passed to the residents' association; however, they are struggling to find a way to fund the necessary maintenance. A long-term solution for funding and maintaining it is required, otherwise the play area will be lost.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to leasing the land, subject to terms and conditions. This play area could then be included in the plans to refurbish the play areas around the village, particularly St Wilfrid's Park.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

This seems to ebb and flow but often increases during the holiday periods. If you see or encounter any such behaviour, we encourage you to directly report it to Lancashire Police either via their website or via the Non-Emergency 101. This is unlikely to have an immediate response from the police, but we have been assured that police will prioritise areas with high numbers of reported incidents.

Luke Mills, Parish Clerk

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READING HEROES

This summer, we are challenging children across Lancashire to become a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner investigate the strange cases of disappearing books, mysterious portals and flying saucers – could it be something to do with the mischievous alien known as Blurb?

Sign up at the library and receive a booklet containing all the information you need to help defeat Blurb, collecting stickers and prizes as you go - including a comic book story which can be unlocked along the way.

****Reading Heroes Events - Tuesday 30 July and Tuesday 20 August 2.00pm – 3.00pm****

Join us for some creative space and technology challenges!

E.C.R. LORAC EXHIBITION

We have a unique display about the local British Crime writer - Edith Caroline Rivett who lived in Aughton and wrote under the pseudonyms: E. C. R. Lorac, Carol Carnac and Mary Le Bourne. Featuring a selection of her British Library Crime Classic books, photographs and artworks – mainly provided by a local resident whose mother became the author's housekeeper.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Story Time*

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FAMILY FRIENDLY LITTER PICKS

Our family friendly litter picks are suitable for all ages, you can cover as much or as little of the village as you like! Why not take to the streets as a family and improve the environment where we all live?

Dates for our upcoming picks are;

10th August

14th September

12th October - meet at 10 Forgewood Close.

All events start at 1pm. Our August and September events are family friendly and are the final 'official' picks of the year. At our family friendly events, all 'little pickers' receive a medal with a treat and have a chance of winning our 'star picker' trophy.

We also provide a free slice of cake and a drink for everyone who registers no later than 48hrs prior to the event.

To register, please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com.

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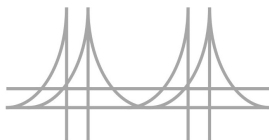
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In March we agreed to try holding our meetings on a different day to see whether this might increase attendance. Unfortunately, our June meeting ended up coinciding with the England vs Slovenia football match! Keen to see whether Tuesdays are preferred, we are giving it another go for our September meet!

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th September at 19:30 (location still to be confirmed at the time of writing). Please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com for confirmation of the venue.

we'd love you to create some cards for the campaign. Volunteer packs are available for collection anytime from 10 Forgewood Close, LA2 6NZ.

If you know someone who lives in Halton and may appreciate receiving cards from us this winter, please contact me via our dedicated campaign Facebook group 'Fighting Loneliness One Village at a Time' or via email to samanthajanehicks@gmail.com. All I need is the recipient's name and address.

Sam Pritchard

CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

The campaign is currently taking a break for the summer, but it will be October before we know it - when our 4th campaign will begin!

If you have some time to spare with your little ones this summer holiday,

NEWS FROM HALTON MILL

Halton Mill welcomes back its annual Millfest in September, with live music, arts and craft stalls, family and wellbeing activities, street food and craft beer, and lots more in-between! Millfest takes place on Saturday September 14 from 12pm – 8pm, both inside and outside the mill, so we're hoping the weather will behave itself once again!

We welcome back The Melodrome Mobile Stage which will be hosting live bands and musicians including Spinsters, Good Boy Nikko!, Pete Moser, The Rice Band, Blanty and The Crux.

There'll be fun and games on stage too with The Tuneless Choir and Bush Rush, and lots of opportunities for the audience to get involved.



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New for this year we welcome Sand Arts and Crafts, The Rainbow Room, a willow workshop, sound therapy by the riverside, and some amazing inflatable art installations from Space Cadet. Lazy Dog Guitars will also be returning with their handmade guitars which you can have a play on in the garden.

There will be a whole host of arts and craft stalls, beer from local breweries, a prosecco bar, street food from Wrap Ninjas and Better Call Paul Catering, ice cream and a bouncy castle, games, and even some impromptu riverside busking!

In a change to last year's set up, the event will run throughout the day until 8pm, but there will be no evening session inside the mill. Entry to the event is £5, and tickets are available now via www.trybooking.com/uk/DOOI. Anyone aged 12 and under gets in free (accompanied by an adult), but still needs to book a ticket via the link. We really hope to see the whole community there!

Looking forward to autumn and winter, we have another varied programme of events for 2024.

On Friday October 11, we're screening the feature documentary Wild Water – a dive into Gaddings Dam's cold water swimming community, and home to the highest beach in England.

The film will be followed by a Q&A session with its director Ben Davis.

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One of Ireland's most accomplished folk singers, Andy Irvine, will be in concert at Halton Mill on Saturday November 16. He has been hailed as 'a tradition in himself' and has toured the globe over his 55-year career. The show starts at 8pm (bar 7:30pm). Tickets are £18 from our website.

There's always plenty going on here at Halton Mill, so please follow our social media for updates, and we hope you're having a great summer!

Nick Lakin

EVENING BUSES ARE BACK IN HALTON.

Great news – late evening buses will return to Halton on Monday 2nd September. This follows a campaign by local residents and the District Bus Users' Group. Thank you to everyone involved.

The new journeys will run hourly on route 81 (via Church Brow and Low Road), with the last bus back from Lancaster at 22:52. Stagecoach will run these buses, rather than Lonsdale Buses who operate the 81 earlier in the day. Fortunately the need to use return or day tickets with the same operator is not the problem it once was, as most people will be buying £2 single tickets

(or just £1 after 7pm and all day Sunday).

Lonsdale Buses have gained a bit of a reputation for coming through Halton a couple of minutes early, something well worth being aware of if using their services, as it looks like it will be an ongoing issue. The good news is that if you have internet access you can now see the location of all buses that serve Halton in real time at www.bustimes.org/map. This works well on smartphones as well as larger devices and is especially useful for deciding whether to head to High Road or Low Road for a bus.

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After our June lunch at The Station followed by the visit to Ilkley and Hebden Bridge we looked forward to the visit to Harrogate and Harewood House on the 25th July.

In August we will be enjoying a Buffet lunch on the 1st and a visit to Southport on the 15th including the flower show for those who have confirmed with Ali.

September will find us enjoying Penrith and Lowther Park.

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NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL



At the time of writing, we have one week left of our school year. The time has flown by, and we have packed in so many fantastic events.

This term, our classes have had various class trips. The destinations include: Jodrell Bank, the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, Leighton Hall, and Skipton Castle. These trips have significantly enhanced the learning experience of the children.

Our new starters for September have had their induction night and two afternoons visiting school. We are eagerly anticipating their arrival in September, excited to meet them and their families.

We managed to secure good weather for our Sports Day, which received excellent support from our parents. It was wonderful to witness the active

participation, healthy competition, and enthusiastic support amongst all the children (and staff!). The event provided a genuine opportunity for children of all abilities to showcase their talents. Notably, the sight of our older students supporting and encouraging the younger ones was a standout moment for me. This highlights a strength of our school community at St Wilfrid's.

We have recently concluded our Community Tea and Leavers' Hot Chocolate Nights. These events have received great support. Below are the dates for the upcoming term. The Community Tea provides our children with a unique opportunity to present and interact with the older members of our community, making it a truly special occasion. It is crucial to offer our children the chance to serve and engage with the community.

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The Centre@Halton: www.haltoncentre.org/
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We have continued to host St Wilfrid's Messy Church regularly in school, and we have seen wonderful support. We do hope this will continue to be well-attended in the new school year, allowing the school, church, and community to come together to learn more about God's love and share food, crafts, and fellowship.

In the past week we held our Summer Concert. It was an afternoon dedicated to celebrating music. Every child in the school participated, singing and playing their instruments wonderfully. Music holds a special place at St Wilfrid's, and I am grateful to Mrs Pilkington for her dedication and organisation in leading this year's Summer Concert. Mrs Pilkington is retiring this year, and her musical passion and talents will be

dearly missed. Nonetheless, music will remain an integral part of our school community.

We also supported the St Wilfrid's Church Summer Art Show. We ran a competition in school to select great pieces of art and then had them and

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judged in this show. This was well received by the children, and they loved showcasing their artistic talents. It was another fantastic way for the school and church to collaborate.

With many events happening at school, I am conscious that having a large number of parents visiting the school can cause congestion around our village. I do want to do all I can to ensure that these challenges have the least impact possible. We have begun our 'Active Travel to School' initiative, aiming to encourage parents and children to walk to school. I will also keep reminding our parents about parking considerately. Please know that I understand there is an impact on our immediate local area with large events and will try to ensure this is kept to a minimum.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

We are excited to announce the launch of our very own Facebook Page dedicated to all things St Wilfrid's. We encourage you to 'Follow' our page to stay updated. By doing so, you will help the school keep the local community informed about events and timings, while also gaining valuable insights into the latest happenings at the school. Finally, I am delighted to announce that we have agreed on six core Christian values that will help develop 'The St Wilfrid's Way'. These core values will permeate everything that happens at St Wilfrid's.

The values are: Creativity, Kindness, Perseverance, Respect, Trust, and Wisdom.

DATES:

1st Community Tea: Wednesday 2nd October 2pm – 3pm – School Hall

1st Leavers' Hot Chocolate: Tuesday 1st October 4pm – 5pm – School Staffroom
To the Halton community I thank you for all your support to school and I wish you a fantastic summer and pray that the sun shines a little more often!

God Bless,

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Headteacher



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HALTON GARDENING GROUP

Once again, a huge thank you to you all for your support for our Plant Sale in May. We took just over £1300 on the day, which is a tremendous achievement. We couldn't do it without the generosity of those who donate plants for the sale, and those of you who come along to buy plants for your gardens. Thank you all. As you know, all monies raised go towards planting projects throughout the village. We will soon be ordering spring bulbs for all the areas we garden.

A 'Heads Up' for 2025! We have decided we will combine the biennial Garden Safari and the annual plant sale next year. That means that you will be able to visit gardens in the village, and buy plants at the same time. We thought this would give you an opportunity to see plants you may wish to purchase in situ, and discuss positioning, soil type etc. with the person who has grown them. So mark the weekend of 7th/8th June 2025 in your diaries now!

We would like to invite you to open your garden for the Safari next year. You do not need to be an expert gardener, nor will you need to sell plants. We will provide you with all the necessary notices, maps and badges. We would like as wide a range of gardens open as possible throughout the village. We need a minimum of 12 to make it worthwhile for people to

come and look round, and the more the merrier. Please do consider this. We found last time that it was helpful to visitors to have a cluster of gardens in different positions around the village so that they could concentrate their visits, often over two days.

Community gardening this summer has been somewhat adversely affected by the weather. Somehow it seems to have rained most Tuesday afternoons. However, the structure of the planting in the Memorial Jubilee Garden and on the terrace at the Centre is holding up well, and the planters throughout the village now have their summer planting. The Parish Council will be removing two of the raised beds in the playground area at the Centre later this summer. The middle one will remain and has been planted up with herbs. The wildflower bank at the Centre continues to be a work in progress,

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although there is much more colour in it recently. We have planted hundreds of plug plants in the bank, and we hope they become more established over the next year.

It's not all work with Halton Gardening Group! Along with friends and family members, the garden group visited RHS Bridgewater in early June. It was a rather chilly day for the time of year, but nevertheless the gardens provided colour and interest. One outstanding area was the meadow of candelabra primulas along the stream in the Chinese Garden. It is very noticeable that much work has been done to make it a resource for and of the local community, which is what differentiates it from other RHS gardens. We will be organising another visit to a garden next year, and we always open up any spare places to the wider village community.

The National Open Gardens Scheme (ngs.org.uk) includes many local gardens which are a delight to visit. In

July we organised a private visit to two such gardens in Warton. One particular garden has won a regional award in the English Garden Magazine's 'The Nation's Favourite Gardens.' We were given a guided tour by the owner, and enjoyed tea and cake in beautiful surroundings. It was inspirational to see what can be done to transform a long and narrow garden with careful planting and interesting structures. The end result is a delight of surprising corners and interesting topiary. The other garden recently featured on 'Gardeners World'. Again, there was much to be learnt in terms of how a very small space can be transformed into a delightful garden growing a range of fruit and vegetables, as well as herbaceous plants.

We will be taking a short break from meetings, but not gardening, over August. To get in touch, please email at haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com, or contact Kath Pink, Secretary, on 07900416961.

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ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

August is a relatively quiet month. Exercise classes finished for the summer on 23rd July, and will restart at

the usual times on Tuesday 17th September: 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 will be announcing our full programme of autumn activities, including talks and bar/sports evenings through our usual WhatsApp group and on our Facebook page, and if there are activities that you would like to see taking place in the village hall, please do contact us. All suggestions will be very welcome.

Any questions about Aughton Village Hall? Contact the Secretary, Claire Athis Schofield on 07484660174 or aughtonsecretary@gmail.com

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WHAT'S ON IN HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON?

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THE CENTRE @ HALTON: HALL/ROOM HIRE 07981 743959 or info@haltoncentre.org

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays:

Outdoor Circuits: 6-7pm 07745

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Meditation Group: now meets on

Zoom. Please ring 07818647345

Scouts: 7:15-9pm during term times,

Scout Hut; 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

NEW Valley Church Summer Tots: 9:30

– 11:30 23 July to 27 August £2.50

Exercise Classes: Circuits: 9:30am and

Pilates: 10.30am Aughton Village Hall

£8 for 1 session, £12 for both. Restart

17th Sept

Knit 'n' Natter, Crafts & Chatter:

2-4pm. Free. Ann 811684 and Sallie

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Board games: 2-4pm Free

Beavers: 5:30-6:30pm during term

times, Scout hut;

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Tots Play Lancaster: 9am-1:30pm

Lauren 07398 312544 term time only

Storytime: 9-9:30am (term time

only) for preschool children and their

carers. Halton Library

Line Dancing: 10:30 – 11:30am Tony

07488 348809 Anne 07923 455939

Squirrels: 4-5pm during term times,

Scout hut; squirrels@haltonscouts.org.uk

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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:

Hartbeeps Lancs Baby & Toddler

(music): 9am-1pm TTO 07834818493

Pilates: 9:30-10:30am 07799068191

Walking Football: 10–11:30am £3.

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

**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

FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS**Tuesdays:**

Lunesdale Camera Club: venue/ info ring David 07903 392021

Bay Big Band Practice: 2nd & 4th Tues
7:45pm Paula 07788 974691

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.
On break in Aug – ring 811316 to book
or for more info
Luncheon Club: 12:30–3pm, on break
in Aug – 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

AUGUST

- Sat 10 Family Friendly Litter Pick - meet at 10 Forgewood Close @ 1pm.
Wed 21 Public Drop in Session re Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, 2 - 4pm @
The Centre - see page 2 for info

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 2 FREE Square Dance Taster evening 7:30 prompt @ The Centre
Thus 5 Public Drop in Session re Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, 2 - 4pm @
The Centre - see page 2 for info
Sat 14 10:30 am-4 pm St Wilfrid's Heritage Open day
Sat 14 Millfest 12pm – 8pm Halton Mills see page 8/9
Sat 14 Family Friendly Litter Pick - meet at 10 Forgewood Close @ 1pm.
Sat 21 Salsa Party with Bar @ The Centre. Doors open at 8pm. £8 cash at
the door

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- Tues 1 Garden Group AGM 7-9 @ The Centre Kath 07900415961
Wed 2 1st Community Tea: 2pm–3pm – School Hall
Sat 12 Litter Pick - meet at 10 Forgewood Close @ 1pm

NOVEMBER

- Sat 16 Salsa Party with Bar @ The Centre
Sat 30 Haffner Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, Great Hall, Lancaster University,
www.haffnerorchestra.org

DECEMBER

- Sun 8 Christmas Craft Fayre with Santa's Grotto 2pm to 5pm @ The Centre

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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

THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Halton Community Association Charity No. 115206

Enquiries: Office 01524 811316
ioffice@haltoncentre.org

Room Bookings: Carol 079817 43959
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Coffee shop opening hours:

Monday-Friday 2pm-5pm

School and bank holidays 11am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm

Actual opening times may vary depending on volunteer availability.

UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

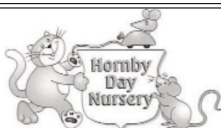
Thank you to all those who attended our AGM. We were delighted to report a positive turn around from the financial situation we were in this time last year. We heard reports from a number of different groups and it was

lovely to have an insight into what has been happening at The Centre over the year. Dr Peter Nightingale stepped down as Chair and we thank him for his gracious leadership and support over the last 4 years. This does mean HCA has a vacancy for the position of Chair. It is a very rewarding role that offers the chance to work with people and develop skills while helping to improve The Centre. If you would like to find out more, visit haltoncentre.org/chair, contact vicechair@haltoncentre.org or the Office on 01524 811316.

The school summer holidays are from 20th July to 2nd September. During this period, the Coffee Shop will be open Monday-Friday 11am to 5pm and Saturday & Sunday 10am to 5pm.

Some groups may take a break over the summer holidays, please contact your individual group organiser.

Valley Church Summer Tots will take place on Tuesday mornings 9:30-



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Weekends between October and February half term	~	10am - 4pm



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11:30am in the Main Hall through the summer holidays for all children below school age. Each themed session will be £2.50 per child and includes a drink and snack.

Board Games is a friendly and welcoming group on Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm who are looking for new members. The current favourite game is Rummikub - do you think you can beat our reigning champion? Or do you have another favourite you'd like to share? Free to come along, the Coffee Shop is open to purchase refreshments.

Soup and a Song and Luncheon Club take a break in August - sign up to the newsletter above to be informed of the

September dates when they are finalised.

Square Dance will be hosting a free taster session on Monday 2nd September at 7:15pm. Come along for a great social night of fun, laughter, music and dancing. The first 1st weekly session continues on Monday 9th September for £4 a week. For more information contact Carol on 07981 743959 or oceanwavers.co.uk

Lancaster Area Salsa returns again on Saturday 21st September. 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.

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Christmas Craft Fayre with Santa's Grotto on Sunday 8th December 2pm to 5pm. The Craft Fayre will be in the Main Hall with stalls from local artists. There will be lots of seasonal festive products available to purchase. Santa will be in his grotto upstairs for the first part of the afternoon before heading off around the village on his sleigh thanks to The Carnforth Rotary Club. Please contact the Office to book a stall on 01524 811316 or office@haltoncentre.org

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 & EVENTS

Valley Church Summer Tots - Tuesdays in the summer holidays 9:30-11:30am

Square Dance taster - 2nd September 7:15pm

Lancaster Area Salsa - 21st September 8pm

Christmas Craft Fayre - 8th December 2-5pm

Above correct as at 9th July 2024

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NEWS FROM THE 1ST HALTON SCOUT GROUP

Since the last Prattle article quite a lot has happened in the group. We had a Family Camp at Littledale scout camp in June, where we had 61 people (including children, parents and leaders). A great time was had by all and for once (apart from heavy rain overnight on the Saturday) we had good weather. At this camp Robert (Group lead volunteer) and William (Team member in Scouts) completed their King's Scout Award (the highest award for under 25s in scouting) by giving a presentation to the group.

The group also received the Peter Ellwood Memorial Trophy at the district AGM for being the fastest growing group in the district over the last year. Our Squirrel section also turned 1 year old and the first 6 Chief Scout Acorn Awards were achieved.

If you have any special skills or an interesting job and would like to share one night with any of the sections (especially the Beavers) we'd love to hear from you.

If you want to be a part of this growing group we are always in need of extra volunteers. To help with recruiting volunteers the Scout association have recently changed how we volunteer to make it more flexible and less demanding; for more details please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are in particular need of a Treasurer for the group as the current treasurer

will be stepping down after many years of service at the next AGM in October. Hannah has worked hard on simplifying the accounting process for the group, and with some of the changes to the way the Trustee Board manage the group many of the tasks the Treasurer used to be responsible for (book keeping in particular) can now be delegated to other team members, so it is not an onerous role.

John Elliott,

Group Lead Volunteer
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TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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Local cricket has not had such a wet summer as this in living memory; a late start to the season has been followed by regular interruptions and games lost to the weather across senior and junior cricket.

Both Saturday teams have really struggled after the loss of five top players over the winter and they currently lie towards the bottom of their respective divisions. Credit must be given to those players who turn out every week to represent the club and, in particular, to the captains who have to organise teams and run the games each week.

Though many games have been lost to rain in the junior section most teams have competed well with the highlights so far being provided by the U13A team who won their league and reached the semi finals of the Lancashire Cup. Coached by Halton resident Martin

Davis and containing three Halton / Aughton based players this group will provide excellent cricketers for the future; some are already playing senior cricket.

Off the field Friday night junior practice has been well attended with a number of parents socialising at the club, and various club nights featuring darts and dominoes have also been well patronised.

Let's hope that the second half of the summer offers better weather and an upturn in senior fortunes. As always if anyone is interested in becoming involved as a player, coach, supporter, volunteer or sponsor please contact Mark Drinkall, Junior Chair and safeguarding Officer on 07368 944220 or drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

Mark Drinkall, 6th July 2024



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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 63

1. In which city was the Euro 2024 final held?
2. What treaty marked the official end of World War I?
3. In which city are the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee located?
4. Which historical figure is known for crossing the Alps with elephants during the Second Punic War?
5. How many Wimbledon's has Roger Federer won?
6. In what year was John Milton's "Paradise Lost" first published?
7. What does the acronym "PDF" stand for?
8. Name the first female Italian tennis player to reach Wimbledon Final?
9. What is the largest organ in the human body?
10. Name the youngest ever player to score at the UEFA European Championship?
11. How many layers does Earth's atmosphere have?
12. Which famous queen ruled England from 1558 to 1603 and is known for her reign's cultural growth and military victories?
13. What is the process by which liquid water turns into water vapour at the surface?
14. What is the name of the AI-powered virtual assistant, introduced by Apple in 2011?
15. Which football club does Harry Kane play for?
16. What was the title of Charles Dickens' first novel?
17. What small, colourful plastic bricks, introduced in the 1950s, have become a popular building toy for people of all ages?
18. How many goals has Cristiano Ronaldo scored in the finals tournaments of the UEFA European Championships?
19. In the Olympic Games, what do the five interlocking rings represent?
20. Who is known for his exploration voyages and is credited with discovering America?

Many thanks to our Quizmaster, Björgvin Vigfússon.

Answers on page 34



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TO KELLETS, CARNFORTH AND WARTON

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

TO KIRKBY LONSDALE (most journeys continue to Ingleton, and many to Settle and Skipton; see www.klch.co.uk)

No 81/82 from Low Road: 0614 (NS), 0654 (NS), 0709 (SO), 0736 (Sch), 0749 (NSch), 0849, 0949, 1049, 1149, 1249, 1349, 1414 (Sch), 1434 (Hol), 1449 (SO), 1549 (SO), 1604 (NS), 1659, 1749, 1834, 1904, then from 2/9 hourly as far as Hornby until 2304

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, then from 2/9 1952, 2052, 2152, 2252

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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

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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 in September 2024 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 2024. 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 6th September 2024.**

Please Note: Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

The letter of application should include the full name, age and date of birth of the pupil/student on behalf of whom application is being made.

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Our regular weekly beginner classes start on Monday 9 Sept at 7:30 doors open 7:15pm £4 inc refreshments. Bring a mug.

Square Dancing is for everyone, singles, couples, families & friends. It's easy to learn, no partner or previous dance experience needed and no fancy footwork either.

Good exercise for body and mind. Our square dance motto is 'Fun and Friendship set to Music.'

CLUB NEWS

We are always low on numbers throughout the summer with people holidaying. This summer has been exceptional with many of our regulars missing this year due to injuries, operations, appointments, visitors etc. None caused by dancing I should add. The Summer Picnic will be in early Aug and The North West & Lakes Weekend at the beginning of October, where we will be catching up socially with other

square dancer friends from all over the country.

We are getting excited at meeting lots of NEW friends who come to join the club and our square dance family at the taster session or lessons in September. Be seeing you all soon in a square!

Carol Holman

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



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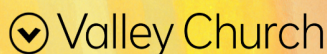
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 [/valleychurchlancaster](https://www.facebook.com/valleychurchlancaster)



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

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

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Lancaster, LA1 2HU
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ST WILFRID'S HALTON ST WILFRID'S JUNIOR CHURCH



Junior church meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month during school term time at 10am.

For more information email Sandra Dawson at (s.dawson135@btinternet.com).

St Wilfrid's Heritage Open day Saturday 14 September 10:30 am-4 pm

Tours up the tower
Children's activities
Refreshments & Stalls

St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival 10 am Sunday 15 September

Please bring offerings of tins/dry goods for the homeless

Aughton Village Harvest Festival Sunday 22 September 7pm.

St Saviour's Church

Refreshments served afterwards including Aughton's famous homemade cakes

**Produce for sale
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Benefice Prayer Walk Sunday 29 September

Starting at St Saviour's Church we will be walking down through the fields to

Halton where we will have a picnic lunch. The walk will then continue along the cycle track and canal to finish at St Luke's Slyne with Hest, where the Bishop of Blackburn, Philip North will lead a service of Holy Communion. Join us for all or part of the walk. Everyone welcome including children.

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

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1. Berlin
2. The Treaty of Versailles.
3. Lausanne, Switzerland
4. Hannibal.
5. 8
6. 1667
7. Portable Document Format.
8. Jasmine Paolini
9. Skin.
10. Lamine Yamal (Spain) 16 years and 362 days
11. Five.
12. Queen Elizabeth I.
13. Evaporation.
14. Siri.
15. Bayern Munich
16. The Pickwick Papers
17. LEGO
18. 14
19. The five continents of Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania
20. Christopher Columbus



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ST. WILFRID'S HALTON

Services in August

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

Services in September

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| 1 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| | 4:00 pm Families@4* |
| 3 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 8 | 8:00 am Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am Family Worship |
| 10 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 15 | 10:00 am Harvest Festival &
Junior Church |
| 17 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 22 | 10:00 am Family Communion
& Junior Church |
| 24 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 29 | No Service, Benefice Walk |

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in August

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| 11 | 11:30 am Morning Prayer |
| 25 | 11:30 am Holy Communion |

Services in September

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| 8 | 11:30 am Morning Prayer |
| 22 | 7:00 pm Harvest Festival |
| 29 | No Service, Benefice Walk |

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings: St Wilfrid's – 8th June –
Edward Maxwell and Ella Wakeman

Funerals: St Wilfrid's – 23rd May –
Lynda Rose

Live streamed services:

We will be continuing to livestream our
Tuesday Morning prayer service at St
Wilfrid's onto 'St Wilfrid's Church of
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* At Slyne with Hest Church Hall.



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