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Welcome to the autumn edition of our village newsletter. The nights are definitely drawing in and the leaves have started turning colour. However, at the time of going to print the weather has been warm & sunny - a lovely Indian summer!

Happy Hallowe'en!

Jan & Dave

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GENERAL NEWS

We are in the process of obtaining quotes for new play equipment at St Wilfrid's Park and the Centre. The next stage will be to seek grants to help fund the equipment. The recent annual play area safety inspection rated everything as low risk apart from the swings at St Wilfrid's Park, so unfortunately all but one swing had to be removed.

The Regulation 14 public consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan has finished. We would like to thank everyone who responded to it. All comments will be reviewed and wherever possible, changes made to the plan. The next stage will be to submit it to Lancaster City Council for review.

We encountered issues with the dog bins over the summer. Lancaster City Council which empties the bins made an unexpected decision to not empty dog bins that were attached to lamp

posts because they were too high. After discussions with the Public Realm, we have relocated bins or removed them if no suitable new location could be identified. Two new floor standing bins will be purchased as replacements.

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GROUND'S MAINTENANCE PART-TIME POSITION

We are very sad to see Carl Richardson leaving after more than seven years hard work. During this time he has kept a vigilant eye on the green spaces of the Parish and Community Centre, as well as fixing, painting and mending fences, benches and play equipment. A lot of work goes into keeping our village the beautiful place to live that it is. We would like to thank Carl for all his work and dedication over the years and hope that he enjoys his well-deserved freedom to relax a little more. Though he is a busy man being involved with installations of B4RN in our village and maintenance at the Lune Hydro.

Consequently Halton-with-Aughton Parish Council has a vacancy for a

person to carry out maintenance around the village. You will work as part of a small team and report to the Parish Clerk. Your duties will include:

- Regularly (3 times per week) checking the play areas and equipment.
- Regularly (3 times per week) litter-picking and emptying bins.
- Maintaining various green spaces in and around the village which involves mowing, strimming, hedge trimming, pruning trees, controlling weeds.
- Minor odd-jobs, repairs and maintenance.

The ideal candidate would:

- Be prepared to work outside throughout the year.
- Have experience in grounds maintenance/landscaping and basic woodworking, e.g. working with garden/hand tools, machinery, power tools, putting in posts, repairing fences.
- Have access to a vehicle, since the job will involve tasks around the village and the local vicinity.

It will be a 12 hours per week; times to be agreed, but covering at least 3 days, with the potential for additional hours. The salary is £12.55 p/h, which is reviewed annually.

For further information or an application form please contact the Parish Clerk. Closing date 18th October.

Luke Mills, Parish Clerk

e: clerk@haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk

m: 01524 881 499



The poster is for 'Flu Vaccine Clinics' and features a blue background with white virus-like patterns. At the top center is the 'ASH TREES SURGERY' logo, which includes a stylized tree icon. The main title 'FLU VACCINE CLINICS' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title, the text reads: 'Our teams have been working hard to organise our Flu clinics'. Further down, it says: 'The appointments are now open to book for over 65s and under 64 at risk categories Child nasal and pregnant women'. At the bottom, it provides the contact information: 'Please telephone 01524 720000 after 2pm to book your appointment'. In the bottom right corner, there is an illustration of a medical syringe and a small vial labeled 'VACCINE'.

VILLAGE NEWS

LITTER PICK

Our family friendly 'official' litter picks are done and dusted for 2024. Despite the unpredictable weather, almost 100 volunteers have joined us this year, collecting over 150 bags of rubbish from our roadsides, footpaths and hedgerows! It has been wonderful to see families get involved and has been a great mix of new and regular faces.

Lots of volunteers now also pick outside of the official events, which is marvellous. Their efforts keep the village clean and tidy throughout the month, which is a great help as litter seems to accumulate very quickly. A huge thank you to everyone who has given up their time and made a difference.

'Low Key' litter picks will run from Oct-Feb and are only suitable for those who are willing and able to pick in inclement weather, with a good level of mobility (not suitable for children). Dates for our upcoming picks are 12th October and 16th November. We focus on the key 'hot spot' areas and meet at 10 Forgewood Close at 1pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our AGM will be taking place in early December, exact date and location TBC. All are welcome to join us for a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine. For further details and to confirm your attendance please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com.

CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

Our 4th campaign has just begun! The first 48 cards of the campaign were posted over the summer, these were lovingly created by UoC Mental Health nursing students and are absolutely fantastic.

There are currently 120+ recipients on the list, so we need a constant supply of cards! If you enjoy being creative, or have children at home / grandchildren that visit, please get involved and create a card or two for us. If you work at a local school or childcare setting and can tie our project into your curriculum, please get in touch. Volunteer packs are always available at 10 Forgewood Close.

15 recipients live outside of the village and receive a card delivered by the Royal Mail each month. If you have a couple of unused stamps sitting in a drawer at home, we'd love to make use of them for our campaign. Stamps can



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media but would be willing to donate a small, wrapped gift this year, please contact me either by email: samanthajanehicks@gmail.com or phone: 07786623063 to register your interest and I will keep you updated.

ST NIC FOR A NEIGHBOUR

Earlier this year we received the exciting news that Standfast & Barracks had chosen to support our loneliness campaign as part of their centenary celebrations. Only 12 community projects were chosen (one for each month of their centenary year), so we were very fortunate to be selected. At the time of writing, S+B have yet to confirm exactly how they will support us, so I am unsure whether we will require any donated Christmas presents from the community this year. I will of course share details of our festive appeal (if gifts are needed) on both Halton community Facebook groups. For those who don't use social

Sam Pritchard

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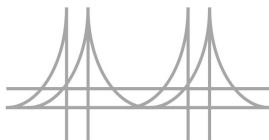
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LANCASHIRE READING TRAIL *RELAUNCH*

We are relaunching the Lancashire Reading Trail in September, our year-round reading scheme aimed mainly at ages 5-12.

7 new characters and new maps, illustrated by the original character artist Mei Matsuoka, making 20 in total. The cards have two new play elements to them: A card game using each character's unique attributes and using the map(s) as a board to keep score, the winner being the first to the finish. Pick your new trails and cards up at any of our libraries.

E.C.R. LORAC EXHIBITION – continues for another month!

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Story Time*

Join us for a weekly morning of songs, stories and crafts for pre-school children.

Held every Wednesday 9:00 - 9:30am –
(Term time only)

Knit & Natter

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

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RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM HALTON LUNE HYDRO.

I am pleased to report a satisfying three months in terms of generating electricity from Halton Hydro, given rather "unseasonal" wet weather. Quite simply, no long summer dry spell with very low river flows. A small compensation will be higher donations to the Halton Lune Trust and community grants, than would have been the case. Otherwise, it's a further thank you for the most welcome local support and expertise that keeps the plant reliable and "compliant" with the Environment Agency Licence.

John Blowes MBE CEng

Project Manager and Chairman.

CATON LEISURE CLUB

Summer may be over BUT Caton Leisure Club re-commenced on Monday 2nd September at 10am with the AGM.

Yes, we are back again with more interesting speakers for the months ahead.

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14th My Life as a Chauffeur; Ron Hutchinson

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21st Richard 3rd Fact or Fiction; Norma Bentham

28th Growth and Regeneration in Lancashire; Simon Lawrence

November

4th Tales of Holker Hall; Linda Jenkinson

11th In Search of Arctic Wonders; Dr Rob David

18th The Scandal of Edward Gibbon; Colin Penny

VILLAGE SERVICES

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

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

25th Lancaster Memories; Elizabeth Roberts

Only £4 for non members, £3 for members (yearly subscription £5) and that includes tea/coffee with biscuits. Also included is a friendly welcome for anyone new and companionship for all.

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SHORT MAT INDOOR BOWLS

Re-commence on Wednesday 9th October from 10am 12 noon. No

experience necessary, training will be given.

Please contact David 01524 812342 for further details.



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Our visit to Southport and the flower show took place on what seemed like the wettest day of the summer, this was possibly more noticeable in the flower show as those who shopped could slip into the shops.

Members will be meeting for a buffet lunch on October 3rd and later in the month (the 17th) we are off on a mystery trip. A get together for coffee and fun is planned for the 7th of November, as usual this will be 11am at the Station Hotel. On November 21st we are off to Liverpool then on 5th December a visit to Chatsworth House and Buxton is planned. We will end our year at our annual Xmas lunch on the 19th December.

For details of membership or further information please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

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I would be grateful if someone could provide a photograph (facial if possible) of the above please.

1/5th Batt. Royal Lancaster Regt.

Son of Thomas and Alice Walling of Halton.

Lived on Low Road, Halton.

Died of wounds, Thursday, 27th March 1917, aged 26.

Buried in Wimereaux Communal Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.
GRAVE II F 8.

Headstone reads: - PEACE, PERFECT PEACE.

This is to complete all images of WW1 casualties.

Grateful thanks.

Mobile: 07709722509 or 01524 811683.

Trevor Green

HAFFNER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Saturday 30th November at The Great Hall, Lancaster University at 7:30pm. The orchestra will put on a concert performance of Don Pasquale by Donizetti with 5 soloists. Tickets available online www.haffnerorchestra.org. Prices: 18 and under are free; Students and benefits claimants: £6; Essential carers of the disabled are free; Adults: £17



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**Children's Christmas Party Saturday 21st December 2:00-4:00pm
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NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL



September 2024

Welcome to the New School Year!

Happy new school year! I trust you have had a good summer and managed to find some sun!

The new school year has started well. The children have settled into their new classes, and excellent learning is already taking place. Our Year Six children are returning from their residential trip to Robin Wood as I write, and our reception children have made a brilliant start to their journey at St Wilfrid's.

This year, we are highlighting our Vision, Values, and Expectations as we develop 'The St Wilfrid's Way'. Our School Vision remains the same: Love God, Love Each Other, and Love Learning. However, over the past year, we have developed a set of six core

Christian Values that we will focus on and introduce new rewards to celebrate. These are: Creativity, Kindness, Perseverance, Respect, Trust, and Wisdom. This half term, we are concentrating on Wisdom.

Also, we have developed our expectations (rules). These focus on the phrase: Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High. I am confident that this will be embraced by all the children.

I am also pleased to inform you that we have our own Facebook page. Please do follow us, as this will be a great way for the school to share news and inform the community about events at the school. We are also updating our website, which should be live by the time you read this article.

We are continuing many of the great traditions of St Wilfrid's. We are excited to announce that Community Tea will still be a feature of our school life, as



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will the Leaver's Hot Chocolate. These will take place on:

Community Tea: Wednesday 2nd October, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – In the school hall

Leaver's Hot Chocolate Drop-In: Tuesday 1st October, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – In school

As we work on developing as a school, we hope to ensure we embed our Vision, Values, and Expectations into all we do. We also want to spend more time outside and develop sport throughout the school. It is a very exciting time!

Finally, if you have a child due to start school in September 2025, please contact the school office at admin@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk or phone 01524 811230. We would be delighted to

show you around and talk to you about life in our fabulous school.

God Bless,

Mr Mark Curwen

Headteacher – St Wilfrid's, Halton



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HALTON GARDENING GROUP

Thank you to everyone who expresses appreciation of the work that the Gardening Group do around the village to make it a more pleasant place to live. This is only possible because of the wonderful support you give us. The raised bed in the young children's playground, that is planted with herbs, is for everyone is to enjoy. You are welcome to take a little to flavour your meals or to pick some for the children to smell and handle.

Look out for our community bulb planting day in the Memorial Garden in October. The day will be announced nearer the time. Look for us on Facebook. The weather will be one of the deciding factors! Local charity 3R have kindly donated some tools to us so you don't have to worry if you don't have any of your own.

Next year the Plant Sale will be combined with the Open Gardens

Weekend on June 7th and 8th. Plants will be available at some of the gardens and at the Centre. We are looking for new gardens in Halton. Please consider entering. It is not a competition. Gardens can be large or small, formal or informal, newly established or old. We will support you all the way. Our visitors are always very friendly and understand the joys and dramas of gardening. It would be helpful to know by March so the map and programme can be prepared.

Come to our AGM and Wine and Cheese on October 1st at 7:00pm at the Centre. Last year's event was popular. Come and see our framed King's Award for Voluntary Service certificate. It will be together with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service given to the Centre in 2020. Halton can be very proud to have both. We will also have our glass trophy on display for you to see. Two of our members went down to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to represent the group.

Has anyone been to any interesting gardens that you could recommend? Let us know and we may be able to set to up a Garden Group outing.

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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

Exercise Classes: Circuits: 9:30am and

Pilates: 10.30am Aughton Village Hall
£8 for 1 session, £12 for both.

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

Taekwondo: 6:15-7:15pm Mick
07985125530

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

Scout hut cubs@haltonscouts.org.uk

Wednesdays:

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

Pilates: 6-7pm Kate 07799068191

Walking Netball: 7-8pm £4 07745

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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

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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.
Oct 10th – ring 811316 to book or for more info. November date TBA
Luncheon Club: 12:30–3pm, Oct 17th – ring 811316 to book or for more info. November date TBA

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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

USEFUL LINKS

Bus Services (real time): www.bustimes.org/map

Community run Car Club: www.lancar.org.uk

Halton Juniors FC: www.haltonjuniorsfc.com

Halton Lune Hydro: www.haltonlunehydro.org

Halton Lune Trust: www.haltonlunetrust.org.uk

Halton Mill: www.haltonmill.org.uk

Halton Social Club: email haltonsocialclub@gmail.com

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Lancaster CoHousing: www.lancastercohousing.org.uk

Parish Council: www.haltonwithaughton-pc.gov.uk

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The Centre@Halton: www.haltoncentre.org/

The Prattle: email halton-prattle@outlook.com

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Tues 1 Halton Gardening Group AGM, and Wine & Cheese, 7-9pm @ The Centre; Kath 07900415961

Wed 2 1st Community Tea: 2pm–3pm in the School Hall

Sat 12 Litter Pick - meet at 10 Forgewood Close @ 1pm

NOVEMBER

Sat 16 Salsa Party with Bar; 8pm @ The Centre

Sat 16 Litter Pick - meet at 10 Forgewood Close @ 1pm

Sat 30 Haffner Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, Great Hall, Lancaster University, Tickets online – see page 11. www.haffnerorchestra.org

DECEMBER

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

Tues 31 New Year's Eve Ceilidh 7:30pm-12:30am @ The Centre

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

The summer months were relatively quiet in the hall, but we have used this period to complete the resurfacing of our car park, and also to carry out essential repairs to the hall roof to make it ready for winter. We continue to host birthday parties, with recent events spanning age ranges from 5 to 80.

Regular Tuesday morning exercise classes restarted in September and will continue until just before Christmas. These continue to be well attended. We aim to have at least one talk each month, focused on a topic of local interest. In September Lauren Vickerson told us about the work that her team do at the British Thoroughbred Retraining Centre at Whinney Hill. If any readers feel they could offer a talk do please get in touch.

ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

Regular activities continue with exercise classes every Tuesday morning: 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. The Vale of Lune Young Farmers continue to meet in the hall on Monday evenings, and we will be announcing our full programme of activities, including talks and bar/sports evenings through our usual WhatsApp group and on our Facebook page. 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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School and bank holidays 11am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm until
October half term

Saturday & Sunday 10am-4pm from
October to February half term

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depending on volunteer availability.

UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

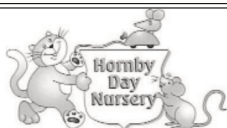
Soup and a Song and Luncheon Club
resumed in September. Join us for Soup
and a Song on the 10th October 12:30-

2:30pm with Sian Phillips, £4 per
person. Luncheon Club will be on 17th
October 12:30-3:00pm, £8 per person,
with Pam Roberts talking about the
1612 Pendle Witch trials. If you are
interested in booking a place, ring the
office on 01524 811316.

Please note the reduced Coffee Shop
weekend opening hours after October
half term - from Saturday 2nd
November to Sunday 9th February, the
Coffee Shop will open 10am to 4pm at
the weekends.

Lancaster Area Salsa returns again on
Saturday 16th November. 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.

Christmas Craft Fayre with Santa's
Grotto on Sunday 8th December 2pm -
5pm. The Craft Fayre will be in the Main
Hall with stalls from local artists. There



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We are delighted to announce that the New Year's Eve Ceilidh will return this year on the 31st December 7:30pm-12:30am. It has been extremely popular in previous years. The JIG-RUN-RIG Ceilidh band will be performing again with tickets for just £15 for adults and children 11+. Tickets must be purchased in advance, please use the events link above. There will be a bar, nibbles available for purchase and a raffle - please bring your own picnic tea!

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

Soup and a Song - 10th October 12:30-2:30pm

Luncheon Club - 17th October 12:30-3:00pm

Lancaster Area Salsa - 16th November 8pm

Christmas Craft Fayre - 8th December 2pm - 5pm

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

Above correct as at 10th September 2024.

Naomi Turner

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NEWS FROM THE 1ST HALTON SCOUT GROUP

All the sections started back in September after the well deserved break of the summer holidays.

There are now 75 young people attending the 4 sections (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and the group is going from strength to strength. The growth in young people also means we are always on the lookout for more helpers across all sections, particularly Squirrels (4-6yrs) and Beavers (6-8yrs). We are also in need of a new Treasurer to join the Group Trustee board. If you are able to help in any capacity then please contact me at john.elliott@lonsdalescouts.org.uk

During August this year the Red Rose International Scout Jamboree took place up at Westmoreland show ground near junction 36 of the M6. This year it was brought forward to coincide with and celebrate 50 years of Lonsdale Scouts. Nine young people from Halton attended the event for 2 nights and joined 300 other Beavers and Cubs on a Mission to Mars. It was exhilarating to be part of over 3000 on camp. It was hot and wet and muddy, and loads and loads of fun!

John Elliott,

Group Lead Volunteer
1st Halton Scout Group



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When you read this the season will have come to a close and while it has been a tough year for the senior teams the juniors, and in particular the Under 13s, have had a phenomenal summer, winning the Westmorland League South, North v South Playoff and the Cup. Both A and B squads have strong connections to Halton. They are coached by Halton based Martin Davis and Jeff Stobbert respectively and there are a number of Halton based players in the teams.

The end of season presentation was held outdoors in (unusually for this summer) lovely weather and was well attended, the Social Committee are planning events during the winter at the club to make better use of the facilities and generate some income and we will be releasing the dates for

indoor nets next spring in the next month or so.

We do need to recruit or train two or three new coaches to continue the progress of the Juniors and Women and Girls teams in the future so if you have an interest in cricket, whatever your level of expertise, the club will fund coaching courses over the coming winter. If you or your child would like to be involved as a player, coach, volunteer or sponsor please contact Halton based Junior Chair and Safeguarding Officer Mark Drinkall on 07368 944220 or by email: drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

Mark Drinkall,
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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 64

1. Which pole do the Penguins live at?
2. What is the outermost layer of the Earth's atmosphere called?
3. How many dots appear on a pair of dice?
4. How many Paralympics games has Dame Sarah Storey competed in?
5. Which country has the most islands?
6. What is the tallest type of tree?
7. How many elements are in the periodic table?
8. Who was the Ancient Greek God of the Sun?
9. Who famously crossed the Alps with elephants on the way to war with the Romans?
10. How many faces does a dodecahedron have?
11. What is the difference between brandy and cognac?



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12. In what country is the Chernobyl nuclear plant located?
13. How many gold medals did GB Paralympians win at the Paris 2024 Games
14. What art form is described as "decorative handwriting or handwritten lettering"?
15. What is the primary ingredient in the alcoholic beverage absinthe?
16. Which is the only continent with land in all four hemispheres?
17. How many bones do we have in an ear?
18. What is the national sport of Japan?
19. What is the world's largest retailer?
20. Which pole do polar bears Live at?

Many thanks to our Quizmaster, Björgvin Vigfússon.

Answers on page 30

BUS SERVICES IN BRIEF

Bus Timetables for 81, 82, 580, 581 & 583 now available from Halton Library.

Monday to Saturday: Single tickets £2 (£1 after 7pm)

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, hourly until 1508, 1608 (SO), 1618 (NS), 1708, 1808, 1908, 2008, 2038, 2108, 2138, 2238)

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, Hourly until 1349, 1414 (Sch), 1434 (Hol), 1449 (SO), 1549 (SO), 1604 (NS), 1659, 1749, 1834, 1904, then 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, 1952, 2052, 2152, 2252

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TO LANCASTER (Last bus back: 1815)

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

TO KIRKBY LONSDALE (Last bus back: 1815)

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

Real time bus running info at www.bustimes.org/map

Service 81/82 is run by Lonsdale Buses except the last four journeys from Lancaster to Hornby. Those evening journeys and Service 49 are run by Stagecoach

No service on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

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SQUARE DANCING

We were blessed with lovely weather for our 'Summer Picnic' in August, when 25 dancer friends gathered together in our garden enjoying food, drink and good company. I think they enjoyed the garden too.

In September, Gareth, Julie, Paul, Katherine, Jeanette and Lillian were presented with their certificates and club badges, having completed the SSD programme.

On the North West & Lakes Weekend 4-6 October, club dancers from all over the UK, will join us to celebrate Lune Valley Ocean Wavers and Chain Reactions birthdays.

Both clubs dance programmes are catered for, even our newest dancers get to join in for the SSD & beginners 'Birthday Dance' on Monday 7.

There are several other dances & events as well, both in the UK and abroad, in the lead up to Xmas, which some of our dancers will be attending. It's always a very good experience dancing to different callers and meeting many new and friendly, like-minded people.

Lune Valley's AGM will be on 25 November during which our 2 charities 'Lyrics & Lunch' - who help people with dementia and their carers - and 'NeuroDropin'- who support people and families affected by neurological conditions - will share the proceeds

collected from donations, raffles and sales since last August.

Another charity will be chosen at this AGM.

We then look forward to our Christmas party in December. Wow, doesn't the year fly by!

Carol Holman

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ST WILFRID'S JUNIOR CHURCH



There is an activity for children every Sunday.

Junior church meets on the 3rd, 4th and 5th

Sundays of the month during school term time at 10am. For more information, please email Sandra Dawson at (s.dawson135@btinternet.com).

On the First Sundays, families can attend the Families@4 service at the Church Hall Slyne and the service on the second Sunday will include opportunities for children to be involved.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDING AND FUNERALS

Everyone who lives in the Parish of Halton with Aughton is entitled to have their baptism, wedding or funeral at St Saviour's or St Wilfrid's Churches. If you would like to make a booking for a baptisms or wedding, please contact Revd Susan on 01524 822128 or revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 3rd November, 2:30 pm at the St Wilfrid's Church, Halton.

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BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION

GROUP:

Thursday evening group meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30pm at 2 Thrushgill Drive, Halton. Please contact Revd Susan for more details. revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.

MESSY CHURCH

Join us on the 8th of November from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St Wilfrid's School for an engaging session of Bible stories, crafts, songs, and prayers, filled with fun and concluding with a meal. Bookings can be made through the school office.

DAY OF PRAYER

We observe a special day of prayer on St Wilfrid's Day, which falls on Saturday, 12th October. This day is dedicated to praying for the Church's future and the significant repair work it requires.

PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS

20.	North Pole
19.	Walmart
18.	Sumo wrestling
17.	3
16.	Africa
15.	Grand wormwood
14.	Calligraphy
13.	49
12.	Ukraine
11.	Cognac must come from the Cognac region of France
10.	12
9.	Hannibal
8.	Apollo
7.	118
6.	Redwood
5.	Sweden (270,000)
4.	9 games
3.	42
2.	Exosphere
1.	South Pole

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ST. WILFRID'S HALTON

Services in October

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| 1 | 9:00am | Morning prayer |
| 6 | 10:00am | Family Communion |
| | 4:00pm | FAMILIES@4 at St
Luke's Slyne |
| 8 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 13 | 8:00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | Family Worship |
| 15 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 20 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 22 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 27 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 29 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |

Services in November

- | | | |
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| 3 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| | 2:30 pm | Memorial service |
| | 4:00 pm | FAMILIES@4 at St
Luke's Slyne |
| 5 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 10 | 8:00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am | Remembrance Sunday |
| 12 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 17 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 19 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
| 24 | 10:00 am | Family Communion |
| 26 | 9:00 am | Morning prayer |
- Junior Church is held on the 3rd, 4th
and 5th Sundays during term time.

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in October

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| 13 | 11:30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 27 | 11:30 pm | Holy Communion |

Services in November

- | | | |
|----|----------|----------------|
| 10 | 11:30 am | Morning prayer |
| 24 | 11:30 am | Holy Communion |

FROM ST WILFRID'S REGISTERS

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