



THE PRATTLE



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Welcome to the summer edition of The Prattle. At the time of writing we have been enjoying a prolonged period of excellent spring weather. Hopefully this has helped the gardens entered into the Garden Safari on the weekend of 7/8 June to be at their best! Fingers crossed the weather is fine for that treat!

Otherwise a lot is going on in and around our area. Details of many of the events are inside. Whatever you choose to do, enjoy your summer!

Jan & Dave

Editors

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HIGH ROAD WALL COLLAPSE

Part of the wall on High Road between the old school and the roundabout collapsed a few weeks ago. In the opinion of one building firm, it forms a retaining wall to the footpath/road and that these have gradually moved over the years resulting in the wall becoming unstable. This would theoretically make it the responsibility of Highways, but initially they disagreed; luckily, they reconsidered after the intervention of the previous County Councillor. They have asked us to not carry-out any work until they have assessed it fully.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

The Parish Council has received complaints about traffic on both Low Road and High Road. There have been a couple of accidents on the Low Road narrow gap recently which is very concerning. It is difficult to get action from Highways; hence we are trying to build up a body of evidence of incidents

that occur in the village. If an accident or damage occurs then send photos with a location, time and brief description to the Clerk so that it can be recorded.

In the view of the council, the best chance of getting action from County Highways is to lobby the County Councillor. The Parish Council will invite the County Councillor, Shaun Crimmins (shaun.crimmins@lancashire.gov.uk) to attend a meeting, but it would also help if residents with concerns also contact him.

PLAY AREAS UPDATE

St Wilfrid's Park: no suitable grants have been found to cover the remaining balance of £15,000 needed to fully refurbish the play area. We will continue searching, but if this proves elusive, then the main options are to take out a public loan or to reduce the scope of the refurbishment.

Mill Lane: it may be possible for Lancaster City Council to take over

responsibility for this play area, but this would require Mill Lane to be adopted by Highways, which is currently moving very slowly.

BOTTOMDALE ROAD

The Planning Department at Lancaster City Council are aware of the works off Bottomdale Road and will assess whether they are permitted or not.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
PROGRESS**

The Regulation 16 Consultation is complete, so the plan will now be reviewed by an Independent Examiner who will decide what changes are necessary for it to proceed to the final stage.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There is still a Parish Councillor position available for anyone who would like to get involved with the local community and help steer decisions. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

There is always an opportunity at meetings for residents to raise issues or questions. The next meetings will be held upstairs in the Centre on the following dates:

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our next meeting takes place at 19:30 on Wednesday 18th June at The Centre. All are welcome - please email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

LITTER PICKS

We had a great turn out at our April pick - 17 volunteers started with us at 1pm and by 3pm, 27 people had taken part! It was amazing to see the huge mountain of green bags piled high at the end, the volunteers made such a difference! We are keen to inspire the next generation of regular pickers as the majority of our core group of volunteers are in their 70s and 80s - a number of problem areas can be physically demanding and many hands

make light work! If you are interested, please get in touch.

The summer dates for our family friendly picks are; 21st June, 19th July and 16th August, meeting at the Petanque pitch at the Centre at 1pm. Please register no later than Wednesday (the week of the pick) to reserve your slice of cake and a drink, plus an extra treat for all little pickers. Email samanthajanehicks@gmail.com or contact Sam Pritchard via Facebook to register. We really hope lots of families will join us this summer!

CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS

What an afternoon we had at our 4th Big Get Together! It was more than an event - it was a celebration of community, connection and kindness. None of it would have been possible without the generous spirit and hard work of a small army of volunteers, who all gave their time, energy and warmth to create a welcoming space for everyone who stepped foot through the doors of Halton Mill that afternoon. Thanks to them, we were able to offer a wide variety of activities for all ages to enjoy - from crafts and games to free cakes, gentle exercises and more. You were the heartbeat of the event and I am hugely grateful. A special thank you to Mrs Milner and the talented St Wilfrid's Primary School choir, whose beautiful performance brought joy,

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smiles and teary eyes to everyone in attendance - it was a truly memorable moment and a fitting end to a wonderful afternoon.

I'm thrilled to share that we raised an amazing £302.87 in our raffle - every penny of which will go back into supporting future campaigns. To everyone who joined us, supported us or contributed in any way on the day: thank you for bringing your smiles, your stories, and your support - you made the event truly special.

The total number of cards for our 4th campaign was 1109, smashing our previous record! This is all thanks to the wonderful members of our community (and beyond) who continually show

their support by creating cards for us year after year. Together, we have spent the winter months sharing love, kindness and moments of meaningful connection - we couldn't have done this without you.

And finally, to our recipients: thank you for being part of the campaign for another year. Your openness and positivity towards the campaign helps shine a light on the power of simple acts of kindness and remind me why community matters. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in the autumn.

Sam Pritchard

HALTON LUNE HYDRO COMMUNITY PROJECT

You may have predicted that my report will mention a period of rather nice dry weather that's comparable to a number of other notable years including 1955 and 1976 that a few of us older readers may remember.

The absence of rain has, conversely, resulted in both turbines having automatically reduced power, then stopped, to leave sufficient water in the river for the two fish passes.

That's 4 ton (m3) per second that I am not sure from where it comes after more than five weeks without rain. The average flow is 37ton/s that one may wish to compare to storm Desmond in December 2015 of 1,760ton/s.

Advantage was however taken of recent low levels to drain the hydro inlet for annual maintenance with the biggest job being to remove 30 ton of stone. This is well rounded glacial

moraine coming mostly from an area upstream where the river turns a bend. Good old "Storm Desmond" removed a substantial wall in this area and thoughts have turned to reinstatement - next Hydro Prattle report!

Instead of returning the stone to the river, as we have done previously, it's been bagged for the contractor involved to sell - and there is a bag for local use, should you wish to arrange a free of charge collection visit via my contact details below.

Otherwise, my thanks go to those supporters having a wide range of professional backgrounds, for taking time to care for the facility, which puts funds into our local community via the Halton Lune Trust and provides "green" electricity to nearby homes.

Looking ahead, we expect the salmon and sea trout run in June as per recent years and hopefully the green algae, caused by nitrates re sewage, will have floated downstream, away from the spawning grounds, as we believe it did last year.



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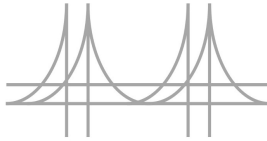
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HEARTS OF HALTON WI

Hearts of Halton WI meet at The Centre in Halton at 7:15pm on the 3rd Wednesday in the month. All ladies over 18 years old are very welcome and a couple of taster meetings are free to attend.



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Since our last update we have contacted a variety of speakers ready for a full programme of interests into 2026.

The National Federation WI Annual General Meeting from The Royal Albert Hall this year will have been attended by zoom meeting; more information to follow on whether the resolution will have been voted upon.

As part of the Lancashire WI Federation, Hearts of Halton Members

may attend events in person or via the WI learning hub. This means that we have access to some training which, as a small group, we would not be able to afford.

On 18th June we will be having a Quiz Evening.

For our meeting on 16th July we have invited an author to tell us about 'A Glimpse behind the Celebrity Chef Apron' with author Caroline Jones.

The summer outing is to Liverpool and the Albert Dock and on to Port Sunlight for those who wish. This will be by coach and will be open to friends and family. Look out for posters and get your names on the list, if you fancy a day out.

The autumn programme has an insight to Estate Planning, Craft evening, Social Evening and Party time with Hot Pot Supper and entertainer.

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Our visit to Harrogate was on a lovely sunny day which meant an enjoyable drive through beautiful scenery. We had a full day in Harrogate with lots of time for shopping. The coffee morning on April 3rd was well attended, again a sunny but breezy spring morning.

The weather was kind to us again on our visit to the Affinity outlet in Fleetwood and lots of bargains were snapped up as everyone received 10% discount vouchers. We then had a leisurely afternoon in Lytham. The coffee morning on May 1st was a quieter affair than usual, possibly because of the hot weather. June 19th will see us in Chester for the day;

before this we will be back at the Station for coffee on the 5th. In July we are having afternoon tea in Blackpool Tower after a visit to Barton Grange. For further details of the club please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524770827 or 07738 912923

NO WEEDS HERE!

Thursday 24th April in the morning, there I was working in my front garden, finding it hard and boring. The only two things I grow in my garden are weeds and tired! At the end of my street (Meadowfield) came the sound of the patter of feet, lots of feet....St Wilfrid's pupils returning to School after attending a Service at The Church! I had to watch this spectacle! So, to the

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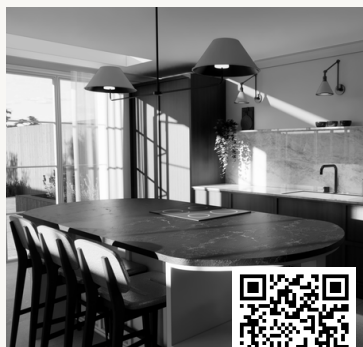
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end of Meadowfield I went.....far better than my feeble gardening attempts! What a brilliant set of pupils! Cheerful, quiet and respectful, these youngsters were a credit to their School! "Hello, Sir!" "Good Afternoon, Sir!" I was greeted with! Not forgetting to mention all the staff who worked quietly to ensure their charges got back to 'Their Place Of Learning' without mishap, I was very impressed! As I returned to the far more boring task of my garden, Life seemed that much brighter!

Parents of these pupils reading this, give your children a big "Well Done!" and a "Thank You" to all their teachers and assistants! You made one Halton resident proud!

David H Rose

(Not EVER to be confused with Alan Titchmarsh)

HALTON MILL!

RAVE ON FOR THE AVON

A new film about wild swimming and the power of community will be screened at Halton Mill on June 1.

Rave On For The Avon is an inspiring documentary that dives into the efforts of Bristolians to save their favourite swimming spot, blending stunning visuals with an uplifting soundtrack and showcasing the power of grassroots action. Claire Carter, artistic director at Kendal Mountain Festival, described

Rave On For The Avon as "a sensually produced film that will truly immerse you; sink into the stories, get deep into the issues, and rise out raving."

The film will be screened at Halton Mill in Mill Lane, Halton on June 1 at 7pm, followed by a short locally made film and a discussion afterwards.

Tickets are priced at £8 and are available via this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ENKF>.

JONATHAN PRAG

On June 28, classical guitarist Jonathan Prag performs an intimate show in the atrium at Halton Mill.

Jonathan balances baroque favourites like J S Bach with thrilling and evocative contemporary music like the songs of Mikis Theodorakis.

He includes beguiling tunes by Cole Porter or George Gershwin and sometimes blues arrangements.

A classic from West Side Story might be followed by a haunting Eastern European folk tune or a Russian lament.

Spain and South America feature, bringing the warmth and energy of flamenco and tango to complement the drama of pieces by Villa lobos or Fernando Sor.

He has an affinity with the folk roots of the classical guitar's origins and in this show, classical masters like Schubert and Scarlatti rub shoulders with Turlough O'Carolan and his jaunty Irish airs.

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Jonathan skilfully introduces each piece with well-chosen snippets of information and humour.

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WHALE DAY!

On July 5, Halton Mill's new resident 23-foot model whale will become the centre of attention for a family-friendly day of workshops, storytelling, film, crafts, family yoga and lots more.

Families are invited to come and see the great white whale, which will be suspended in the roof of the atrium inside the mill, alongside his friend the giant octopus.

The whale arrived at Halton Mill in May, after its owner and designer Donna Campbell was looking for a new home for it following its outing at Baylight Festival in Morecambe.

Children will be helped to make Under The Sea mobiles of sea creatures from willow, paper and glue, which will be attached to pieces of driftwood and then suspended from the ceiling with the whale!

The workshop will take place from 10am-12pm, lunch between 12pm and 1pm, followed by storytelling, whale songs and music, under-the-sea family yoga and lots more.

Entry to the whole day, including the workshop (includes materials) is £5 per

person. Entry from 1pm is £2 per person.

Food will be available or you're welcome to bring a packed lunch!

Tickets for the workshop will be available via www.haltonmill.org.uk, or pay on the door in the afternoon.

HAFFNER CONCERT

Lancaster's own Haffner Orchestra will be playing their final concert of the season on Saturday 21st June at Lancaster Town Hall at 7:30pm.

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This year is our centenary year so we will be holding celebrations 24th & 25th October – please keep a look out for more information in the club or on social media

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NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL



I can't believe it is the final Prattle entry of the school year. Since the last Prattle, we have been very busy. We celebrated

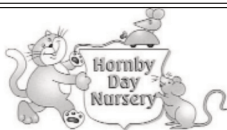
Easter and had a brilliant Easter Garden competition. The families of the school worked exceptionally hard and showcased their true creative flair! We were able to reflect on the good news of Easter while having lots of fun, too! We had a very enjoyable PTFA Quiz Night and had our final Hot Chocolate drop-in for our school leavers. Our Year 2 and 4 children visited Borwick Hall Outdoor Centre for their Outdoor and Adventure days. We have participated in the Lancaster and Morecambe District Music Festival at Lancaster Town Hall. These were brilliant nights where the children joined with other

schools to sing their hearts out in a very special place, taking part in a festival that has been running for decades.

Rev Susan from St Wilfrid's Church has begun her sabbatical, and we have welcomed Rev Alan from Caton Baptist and NISCU to lead a few additional worship times. This has been really encouraging as we connect with more people from the surrounding area.

We are continuing to reflect on our school's core Christian values during our times of worship. So far this academic year, we have focused on Wisdom, Respect, Perseverance, and Kindness. At the time of writing, we are concentrating on Trust, with Creativity still to come in the final term.

As the headteacher, it was wonderful to visit Furnace Barn Day Nursery and Preschool recently and see their outstanding provision for the children of Halton and the surrounding areas. I



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look forward to returning and reading stories soon before welcoming a good number of pupils to our school in September.

School trips really enhance learning. In the remaining time at school, we have plans to visit a farm, Jodrell Bank, the Barbara Hepworth Museum, and Leighton Hall, all aiming to bring learning to life. We are also looking forward to our Wilfrid's Wood week in school where all our children will visit the forest area on site.

It has been truly great to see work starting on Halton Library. This should provide a significant improvement for the whole community. We enjoy visiting the library regularly and can't wait to see the developments!

Please know that I take working with the community very seriously. I am aware that sometimes school life impacts both positively and not so positively (e.g., cars, coaches etc.) on

local residents, and we aim to keep this to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding. With this in mind, there are a few community dates to be aware of:-

- School Sports Day - Thursday 5th June (backup for poor weather: Wednesday 18th June). There will be a significant amount of traffic during extended periods of the day around the school.
- PTFA Summer Sports Evening – Friday 4th July from 5 p.m.

As another year begins to come to a close, I want to express my thanks to the community of Halton for all your support of our school. Whether you have children at the school or not, your continued support really helps us. I trust you have a great summer. God Bless,

Mark Curwen
Headteacher



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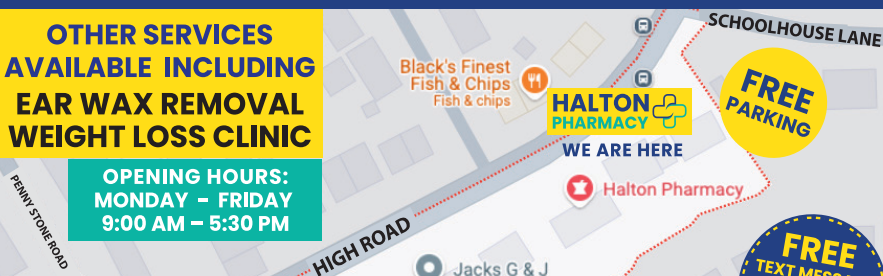
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UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

Reminder for Skate Park Users. It has been noted recently that there has been an increasing number of issues of broken glass on the Skate Park which poses a great risk to those who use this free to access facility. Please ensure no glass is taken onto the Skate Park as this is not permitted.

Any glass found on the Skate Park should be reported to the Office or the Coffee Shop where there is equipment to clean this up safely. Do not try to remove by hand and risk cutting yourself. Kindly pass this information on to anyone you know who may use the Skate Park.

Please pop into the Coffee Shop and see the beautifully handmade new trophy cabinet displaying the King's and Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which were awarded respectively to Halton Gardening Group and HCA. The certificates are displayed below the cabinet and the achievements are a real credit to the local community.

We're HIRING. We are looking to employ a new Coffee Shop Weekend staff member. Applicants must be over 18 years old. There are no set hours and the rota is made collaboratively one to two months in advance. We offer a competitive rate of pay which is above the national living wage. Please see our website or newsletter for the Job Description and an application form or email Naomi on office@haltoncentre.org or visit the office Monday-Thursday 2pm-5pm.



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Halton Library is temporarily running an outreach service from the Centre while vital works are undertaken to Halton Library building. On Fridays this will be in the Coffee Shop 2-5pm where you can collect reservations and return books. On Saturdays the outreach will be in Meeting Room 2 from 10am to 1pm where the Library Lego Club will also be held. Any further questions please contact the Library Staff directly. Halton Library is due to reopen on 1st July.

The next dates for Soup and a Song and Luncheon Club have been confirmed. Soup and a Song will be on Thursdays 12th June and 3rd July 12:30-2:30pm. Luncheon Club will be on Thursdays 19th June and 10th July 12:30-3:00pm. Keep an eye on our newsletter for future dates. Please remember to book your place in advance on 01524 811316. Luncheon Club is £8 per person, Soup and a Song is £4 per person. Please note there will be no Soup and a Song or Luncheon Club during August.

Salsa nights continue at the Centre @ Halton this summer - hosted by Lancaster Area Salsa the new LA Salsa XS parties are currently scheduled for 30th August, 18th October and 29th November. They offer a great night of dancing and music and run from 7:30pm to midnight with the bar available for alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments. Admission is £10 cash on the door. Please see

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All salsa nights and private events that book a bar service require volunteers as bar staff to serve customers. These are a great way of creating income for the Centre which is then spent to make improvements for the local community. Anyone over the age of 18 who would like to volunteer please contact the office; it is a lovely sociable evening

listening to great music and on salsa night watching some great dancers.

We are still looking to host a family fun event for the village. These events have been very popular in the past. We are unable to run these kinds of events without support and input from the community. We would love to source a children's entertainer and/or DJ, face-painting and other family friendly activities - do contact us if you could help source these. For the day itself to go ahead we would need volunteers for serving and preparing hot food, cakes, teas and coffees. As this would be a fundraising event for The Centre any discounted or charitable donations of time or activities would be so greatly appreciated. These events are a great opportunity to meet local families and for the children to get to know their neighbours. The date will be confirmed once we have arranged activities - keep an eye out for further details.

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. We are very pleased to now be able to allow bouncy castles after a change in our insurers. See Prattle What's On pages for contact information of all regular groups, clubs & classes.

NEW SESSIONS & EVENTS

Luncheon Club - Thursday 19th June and 10th July 12:30-3:00pm

Soup and a Song - Thursday 12th June and 3rd July 12:30-2:30pm

Library Outreach (up to and including 28th June) - Fridays 2-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm

LA Salsa XS Parties - 30th August, 18th October and 29th November

Above correct as at 9th May 2025

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WHAT'S ON IN HALTON-WITH-AUGHTON?

All events are at The Centre @ Halton unless specified otherwise

AUGHTON RECREATION ROOM: BOOKINGS Chris Jarvis on 07756102577

email aughtonevents@gmail.com

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays:

Outdoor Circuits: 6-7pm 07745

798337. A £6 Ch £3

Meditation Group: now meets on

Zoom. Please ring 07818647345

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

American Square Dancing: 7:30-10pm
Carol 811444

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

Tuesdays:

Tots Play Lancaster: 10am-1:30pm;
Lauren 07398 312544 term time only

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

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 M2

Board games: 2-4pm Free. M1

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: 10am – 2:30pm

Lauren 07398 312544 term time only

Storytime: 9-9:30am (term time
only) for preschool children and their
carers. Halton Library (see page 4)

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

Line Dancing: 10:30 – 12pm 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 Term time only
07834818493

Pilates: 9:30-10:30am 07799068191

Gentle Exercise class: 11-12 noon Cheryl
07711 335807

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

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

Fridays:

Indoor Bowling: 2-4pm 811316

Knit 'n' Natter: 1-3pm Halton Library

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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

Saturdays:

Lego Club: 10:30-12:30pm Halton
Library (see page 4+18 re temp change)
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

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.

Jun 12, July 3 – ring 811316 to book or
for more info.

Luncheon Club: 12:30–3pm, Jun 19,
July 10 – ring 811316 to book or for
more info.

3rd Thurs Gardening Group 10:45am

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MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Sun 1	Film - Rave On For The Avon, 7pm, Halton Mill; £8, see page 11
Sat 7 & Sun 8	Halton Garden Safari Look out for Yellow Balloons; 11am - 4pm
Sat 7	Summer Concert by 'Exultate' Ladies Choir. 7pm, St Wilfrid's Church. Tickets £7.50 (£5 concessions) on the door. Refreshments included. See poster page 38
Wed 18	Neighbourhood Watch meeting, 7:30pm The Centre. See page 4
Sat 21	Family Friendly Litter Picks, meet at the Petanque pitch at the Centre at 1pm. See page 4
Sat 21	Haffner Concert, 7:30pm, Lancaster town Hall – see page 13
Sat 28	Jonathan Prag Concert, 7:30pm Halton Mill; £10, see page 11

JULY

Sat 5	Whale Day! Halton Mill, see page 12
Sat 19	Family Friendly Litter Picks, meet at the Petanque pitch at the Centre at 1pm. See page 4

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 16 August	Family Friendly Litter Picks, meet at the Petanque pitch at the Centre at 1pm. See page 4
Sat 30 August	Salsa Night
Sat 18 October	Salsa Night

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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



HALTON GARDENING GROUP

As you read this edition of the Prattle the village may well be full of visitors strolling from garden to garden enjoying this year's safari. 18 gardens are open on the weekend of 7th/8th June 11-4pm, so plenty to see and take inspiration from. If it's not too late tickets and maps are available from all the gardens, at the Centre and Red Door Cafe. You can pay by cash, BACS, cheque or via the QR code. At £5 per adult (children free) it's a super weekend of fun, socialisation and interest.

A big thank you to all the gardeners who have opened their gardens to the public this year for the benefit of the village. A special thank you to Kath and Bob Bryne who have worked tirelessly for several months now preparing the maps/programmes. They have done an incredibly professional job. The next safari will be in 2 years time, so if you would like to take part either by opening your garden or helping the group, please do get in touch.

More 'tales from the safari' will be available in the next Prattle.

I understand the opening of Castle Hill was a huge success and we were pleased to be part of it. We hope that wildflowers will appear on the hill in due course and especially in the area on the south bank where seeds were sown last autumn. The views from the hill are quite special, so have a wander

down there (then up) and imagine what it was like all those years ago.

Rainfall has been almost non-existent for much of this spring, with reservoirs drying up and water butts empty. This is very difficult for our native plants and those grown in containers. Most deep-rooted plants will survive as they seek moisture deep below the surface. We can improve the ability of the soil to retain and drain moisture by adding organic matter and mulching. Fertiliser encourages lush growth which may flop in hot conditions and be affected by frost in winter. The RHS has a good deal of information on drought-resistant plants and those for dry areas of the garden. Silver or grey-green leafed plants reflect the sun's rays and those with fine hairs on their leaves or stems trap moisture. Here are some RHS recommendations; Pelargonium, Verbena, Bidens and Diascia (not exclusive) are recommended for hanging baskets, and Brachyscome, Calendula, Cosmos, Gazania, Helianthus (sunflower), Ipomoea, Nicotiana, Nigella and Senecio for containers or borders.

Happy gardening from all of us in the Gardening Group. If you would like to join us please do get in touch.

Monica Williams

HGG chair

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

All usual activities have continued at the hall. The Vale of Lune Young Farmers met regularly in the hall on Monday evenings, and Tuesday morning exercise classes with Gabi Crossley have been well attended. We also opened for a number of church-related events, including the Easter Bingo.

ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE AND JULY

Exercise classes will continue as usual with 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. New members are very welcome, and the classes are very friendly and suitable for all ages and abilities. Vale of Lune Young Farmers will also be meeting in the hall some weeks during the summer; for more information about their activities and membership see their Facebook page and website. Our annual AGM will be held on Thursday 5th June at 7:30. We invite all Aughton residents to attend. We are keen to add additional members to our small committee (meetings

monthly) and the AGM is the time when we appoint all committee members. For further information about what being on the committee might entail just contact any current committee member. There will be a talk by local author Lisa Nicholas on Friday 27th June. Lisa writes mystery crime fiction set in north Lancashire and has just had her second novel published. We also have a booking for another 21st birthday party in July and the Aughton cycle race will be using the hall as a base on August 3rd. We will be announcing any other events 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 07484 660174 or email to aughtonsecretary@gmail.com.

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CASTLE HILL GRAND OPENING

CROWDS FLOCK TO CASTLE HILL RE-ENACTMENT DAY

During the day on Saturday 12th April nearly 400 people made their way to Halton Castle Hill to see the 30 or so members of the medieval re-enactment group Historia Normannis demonstrate aspects of life in the 12th-century. The event was the culmination of efforts over the last twelve months by the Halton-with-Aughton Heritage group, working in partnership with the Parish Council to improve access to the site of the Norman Motte & Bailey Castle.

The works included removing scrub from the motte, safety fencing at the

top of the steep slope, new gates and gateway, creating grass reinforced pathways and installing information signs and a picnic area. The improvements were funded by a grant for the creation of new local green spaces from the Rural England Prosperity Fund, with match funding from Halton Lune Trust and the Parish Council.

As well as being treated to displays of weaponry, a medieval fashion show and a shire court session, those attending the event could wander around various stalls that brought to life aspects of life in the 12th Century. There was an apothecary stall, leather and fabric workers, a field kitchen, and a weaponry. All bringing history to life in a historically accurate and engaging way.

Parish Councillor Chris Coates said "The day exceeded our expectations, the weather was perfect and it was great to see so many people from the village attending."

As part of the proceedings the Deputy Mayor of Lancaster, Cllr Sam Riches, officially opened the site which will now be open to the public. Once some final bits of work have been completed the Heritage group are hoping that it may be possible to find funding for a community archaeological dig sometime in the future.

Lancaster City Councillor Sarah McGowan



I will be holding Residents' Surgeries in Halton Social Club or Over Kellet Eagle's Head, on the first Wednesday of the month, between **7pm - 8pm**.

June 1st Halton
July 2nd Over Kellet
September 3rd Halton
October 1st Over Kellet
November 12th Halton (note: this is the second Weds)
December 3rd Over Kellet

Come along and discuss in confidence any problems you're having with Lancaster City Council services and I'll do what I can to help. I look forward to meeting you.

If you can't make it in person, you can email me at smcgowan@lancaster.gov.uk

INTRODUCTION TO MUSHROOM COMPOST

Mushroom compost is an excellent organic material that enhances soil quality and plant growth. Whether you're an avid gardener or a commercial farmer, understanding its benefits and proper usage can help you maximise its potential. In this guide, we'll explore everything you need to know about mushroom compost, including what it is, how it's made, its benefits, how to mix it with topsoil, the best time of year to use it, and where to buy mushroom compost in the UK.

WHAT IS IT MADE OF?

Mushroom compost is typically composed of organic materials such as:

- Straw
- Poultry manure
- Gypsum
- Peat moss
- Lime

This mixture is composted over several weeks, after which it is used to grow mushrooms. Once mushrooms have been harvested, the leftover material is known as spent mushroom compost (SMC) and is widely used as a soil conditioner.

BENEFITS OF MUSHROOM COMPOST

- Improves Soil Structure – Enhances aeration and drainage in heavy clay soils.
- Nutrient-Rich – Provides essential nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.
- Enhances Water Retention – Helps sandy soils retain moisture.
- Eco-Friendly – A sustainable way to recycle organic waste.

- Suppresses Weeds – Reduces weed germination when used as mulch.

- Ideal for Certain Plants – Best for vegetables, flowers, and shrubs but should be used cautiously for acid-loving plants.

WHAT IS IT?

Spent mushroom compost is the by-product left after mushrooms have been cultivated. Although it no longer supports mushroom growth thanks to the compost being heat treated to kill off spores there is an outside chance that an odd mushroom could appear. Despite this, our mushroom compost still remains highly beneficial for soil improvement. SMC is widely available and often sold in garden centres and online retailers.

HOW TO USE MUSHROOM COMPOST IN GARDENING

- Mix it with garden soil: Blend with existing soil to improve texture and fertility.
- Mulch your garden beds: Apply a 2-3 inch layer around plants to suppress weeds.
- Enhance vegetable gardens: Great for crops like potatoes, and leafy greens.
- Improve lawn health: Top-dress lawns to boost growth and soil health.

HOW TO MIX MUSHROOM COMPOST WITH TOPSOIL

To get the most benefits from mushroom compost, it's important to mix it properly with topsoil. Here's how you can do it effectively:

- Determine the Right Ratio – A mix of 25-30% mushroom compost with 70-75% topsoil is ideal for most applications.

- Loosen the Topsoil – Before mixing, break up compacted soil using a spade or rototiller.

- Spread the Compost Evenly – Apply a uniform layer of mushroom compost over the soil surface.

- Incorporate the Compost – Use a garden fork, rake, or tiller to mix the compost into the top 6-8 inches of soil.

- Water the Area – After mixing, water the soil to help integrate nutrients and improve microbial activity.

- Let It Settle – Ideally, allow the mixture to sit for a few days before planting to let nutrients distribute evenly.

This method works well for improving vegetable gardens, flower beds, and even lawns.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME OF YEAR TO USE MUSHROOM COMPOST?

Timing is crucial when applying mushroom compost to get the best results. The best times of year are:

Spring

- Ideal for preparing garden beds – Enrich soil before planting spring and summer crops.

- Boosts plant establishment – Helps young plants develop strong root systems.

Autumn

- Great for winter soil conditioning – Improves soil health during dormancy.

- Prepares soil for spring planting – Gives

compost time to break down and integrate.

Summer

- Mulch application – Helps retain moisture in hot weather.

- Prevents soil erosion – Protects topsoil from drying out.

Winter

- Top-dressing lawns – Can be applied lightly to improve soil over winter.

- No active growing period – Compost will continue to decompose and enrich the soil for the next growing season.

For optimal results, apply mushroom compost a few weeks before planting to allow nutrients to settle into the soil.

WHERE TO BUY MUSHROOM COMPOST NEAR ME IN THE UK

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NEWS FROM THE 1ST HALTON SCOUT GROUP

As we come into the summer term after Easter we are now up to 80 young people in the group, the majority of whom are from the village. We've just had a maintenance day down at the Scout Hut and the outside space is now much more presentable. By the time this article is published we will shortly be taking around 50 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for a weekend of adventure and fun up at Littledale Scout campsite near Caton. Along with camping some of the main activities will be Archery, Crate Stacking, Obstacle Course and Tomahawk Throwing. Hopefully the weather stays similar to what we've had through April and May and we have a nice weekend, our fingers are crossed.

Squirrels have carried on looking at nature following building their small pond, they've been completing their Go Wild activity badge by finding out about different animals and insects, and what the animals and insects in our local area

like to eat. In early July the Squirrels from across Lancaster and Morecambe have a joint event with the Rainbows up at Silver Sapling Guide campsite in Silverdale which should be great fun.

Beavers have just taken part in an Adventure Day down at Waddecar scout campsite near Beacon Fell with lots of fun activities; it was certainly a very warm day. They've spent an evening on St Wilfrid's Park playing some wide games, and in the coming weeks the Beavers will have had a visit to Castle Hill to find out some of the history and will then looking at keeping healthy and a "Space Mission".

Cubs have just enjoyed a visit to Lancaster fire station, where they got to find out what they do, what equipment they have, and the favourite bit had to be everyone having a go with one of the fire hoses. The following week we carried on with the fire theme and in small groups had a go at lighting small



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Halton Mill: www.haltonmill.org.uk
Halton Social Club: email haltonsocialclub@gmail.com
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St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School: www.st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk
The Centre@Halton: www.haltoncentre.org/
The Prattle: email halton-prattle@outlook.com

fires outside and toasting marshmallows! Recently we've spent a couple of evenings putting up some tents and building shelters from wooden poles and tarpaulins.

The Scouts have been testing their navigation on a walk down towards the canal and back; similar to the Cubs they have been looking at fire safety and lighting fires. On the 17th-19th May a massive 17 of them will be off for the weekend to a camp at Waddecarr Scout Activity Centre for the annual County Rally which will bring over 1000 Scouts from across West Lancashire together for all manner of activities.

We are as always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our teams and the roles don't have to be youth facing or "outdoorsy". Volunteering can be fun and is very rewarding, why not help the younger generation gain new skills to

help set them up for life? You'd be surprised how many new skills you could learn yourself. You can volunteer from ages 14 and upwards. If you are interested in any way or have any questions, send an email to robert@haltonscouts.org.uk.

We also have our large building on Foundry Lane which is available to hire for your birthday parties and events, 3 hours for just £50, it's a great venue with a large grass area outside. You can see pictures on our website or if you would like to have look round, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Robert Prescott

Group Lead Volunteer,
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TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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The best news has to be the fact that, after a soggy season in 2024, so far 2025 has seen us bask in glorious weather. The junior and senior practices have been heavily attended; indeed we had to close the Under 9 group to new players in early May due to numbers. All Stars has kicked off for the Under 5 to Under 8 group and the senior teams have both won one and lost one at time of going to press, with overseas player Sam Brown making a 70 in the conclusive win against Ecclestone and Joe Wills battling to 50 in a low scoring loss at Morecambe.

On a social front the new draft beers and ciders are proving a hit. The club's largest annual fundraiser will have taken place by the time you read this with 15 or 16 teams participating in the Golf Day at Heysham Golf Club. Future

planned events include a quiz and a race night and more.

Overall a very positive start to the season, long may the sunny weather continue.

We do need additional coaches and volunteers to help with the bar and the junior section and of course new players are welcome. If you or your family would like to be involved at the club in any way please contact Mark Drinkall (President, Junior Chair, Safeguarding Officer, U11 Coach, occasional groundsman!) on 07368 944220 or by email on drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk.

Mark Drinkall,
10th May 2025.



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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 68

1. Which planet is closest to the sun?
2. Where was Elon Musk born?
3. Which beverage once contained cocaine as one of its original ingredients?
4. Who wrote the 2018 autobiography 'Becoming'?
5. Which creature has the biggest eyes?
6. Who has been the longest serving presenter of Blue Peter?
7. How many keys does a piano have?
8. In which year was the Euro first introduced?
9. What is the capital of Queensland?
10. Who wrote 'The Wasteland'?
11. What is the nickname for the Detroit music industry?
12. The prose and poetic Edda are the main sources for which mythology?
13. What game is played upon a Riley Aristocrat?
14. The Joan Baez song 'Diamonds and Dust' is said to be about which pop star?
15. Which official is responsible for maintaining discipline in a parliamentary party?
16. What metal melts at -38.8°C?
17. In Chinese, what animal's name means 'big bear cat'?
18. Which Scottish county lies on the northern shore of the Forth?
19. Who won the 2025 Oscar for best actor?
20. Which marine mammal holds hands whilst sleeping?



Thanks to our Quiz Master, Roddy!

Answers on page 38

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No 49 from High Road: 0722, 0754, 0807, 0922, 0957 then those minutes past the hour to 1522, 1601, 1757, 1848, 1857, 1948

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

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 Ingletton, and many to Settle and Skipton; see www.klch.co.uk)

No 81/82 from Low Road: 0614 (NS), 0654 (NS), 0704 (SO), 0736 (Sch), 0749 (NSch), 0849, Hourly until 1349, 1414 (Sch), 1434 (Hol), 1449 (SO), 1549 (SO), 1604 (NS), 1659, 1749, 1834, 1904

FROM LANCASTER TO HALTON

No 49 Stand 13; 0705, 0750, 0905, 0930, then 1/2 hourly until 1500, 1530 [SO], 1630 then hourly to 1930

No 81/82 0600 (NS), 0640 (NS), 0650 (SO), 0722 (Sch), 0735 (NSch), 0835, 0935, 1035, 1135, 1235, 1335, 1400 (Sch), 1420 (Hol), 1435 (SO), 1535 (SO), 1550 (NS), 1645, 1735, 1820, 1850

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NS – Not Saturdays

NSch – Saturdays and School Holidays

Sundays and Bank Holidays: Single tickets £1

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

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

DIAL A BUS Book on: 01524 581260; email: itslancaftermorecambe@lancashire.gov.uk

SQUARE DANCING

CLUB NEWS

The Spring Dance was well attended with almost 5 squares. We had 12 visitors from Warrington, Yorkshire & Nottingham. Granville gave us a lovely dance although it had been a very hot day. We also made £85.00 from the raffle for our charity for homelessness.

The Halton Garden Safari will be on Sat 7 and Sun 8 June so the Club Summer picnic will be as part of that this year. Club members are very welcome to visit our garden to picnic and socialise for free, but they must buy a ticket if they wish to visit any of the other open gardens.

We have set a date for recruitment 2025 starting with a FREE taster evening for beginners on Monday 15 September, 7:30pm start until 9:30pm, followed by extended SSD until 10pm. Information flyers are available. Regular beginner sessions will continue on Mondays from 23rd Sept with the same times at £4.00 per session including refreshments. Bring a mug!

Carol Holman

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Deacon Stephen Pendlebury,

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ST WILFRID'S HALTON

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 10 am. 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.

The Church is here for you!

St Wilfrid's Church is open on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to

4pm. Information is available about the history of the church, the stained-glass windows and its unique Cross. It is a peaceful place



for quiet reflection or prayer. There are candles available to light to remember a loved one departed, and prayer requests can be left on the prayer tree.

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

Baptisms, 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

Revd. Susan Sabbatical

Revd Susan will be taking a Sabbatical from 28th April to 11th July. During that time any enquiries about church matters should be directed to Martin Wakelin on 07740933463 or martin@racquetstringer.co.uk

Summer Concert by 'Exultate'

Ladies Choir,

Saturday 7 June at 7pm in St Wilfrid's Church.

A summer concert of 'Faure to Film'. Tickets £7.50 (£5 concessions) on the door. Refreshments included.

Exultate

Ladies' Choir

Summer Concert



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PRATTLE QUIZ ANSWERS

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 - Mercury
 - South Africa
 - Coca Cola
 - Michelle Obama
 - Giant squid
 - John Noakes
 7. 88
 8. 1999
 - Brisbane
 - T S Eliot
 - Motown
 - Norse (Scandinavian)
 - Snooker (or billiards)
 - Bob Dylan
 - The Whip
 - Mercury
 - Giant Panda
 - Fife
 - Adrian Brodie
 20. Sea otter



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ST. WILFRID'S HALTON

Services in June

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| 1 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| | 4:00 pm Families@4 at Slyne Church Hall |
| 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 Family Communion |
| 17 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 22 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| 24 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 29 | 10:00 am Family Communion |

Services in July

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|----|---|
| 1 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 6 | 10:00 am Family Communion |
| | 4:00 pm Families@4 at Slyne Church hall |
| 8 | 9:00 am Morning prayer |
| 13 | 8:00 am Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 am Leavers Service |
| 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 |

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in June

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| 8 | 11:30 am Holy Communion |
| 22 | 11:30 am Morning Prayer |
| 29 | 7:00 pm Evening Prayer |

Services in July

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

FROM ST WILFRID'S REGISTERS

Baptism: 20th April – Alfie Kerrigan

FROM ST SAVIOURS REGISTERS

Baptism: 26th April - Humphrey Blanchard

Funeral: 24th April - Dorothy Turner

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