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As we put together this issue of the Prattle, we were struck by just how many of the activities inside these pages rely on volunteers to ensure that they happen, and who tirelessly devote their time, often for many years (thinking of you, Mark!) to benefit others. So, this is a big 'Thank You' to you all - you know who you are, you now know you are appreciated, and village life as we know it wouldn't happen without you!

Jan & Dave

Editors

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ST WILFRID'S PARK UPDATE

The Parish Council is very pleased to report that the refurbishment of St Wilfrid's Park play area will be commencing soon. Cllr Turner managed to successfully apply for a grant from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. The refurbishment will cost over £40,000 including renewing the lease of the land from Lancaster City Council. This cost will be covered by a combination of sources:

- £20,000 Halton Lune Trust (the charity funded by the hydro)
- £15,000 Rural England Prosperity Fund
- £4,000 Parish Council
- £1,000 Anonymous private donation
- £500 Anonymous private donation.

We particularly thank those individuals who generously provided donations towards the refurbishment. Private donations are always welcome and help fund aspects that have a wider value to the community.

CASTLE HILL WILDFLOWER MEADOW

The Heritage group have been working with Erica Sarney of Community Pollinator Patches to see what might be the best way to manage the grassland at Castle Hill to encourage wildflowers. Members turned out for a couple of seed collecting sessions to sow the collected seeds in other areas of the field after it has been mowed. The field has a very good selection of wildflowers growing on it because it has never been intensively farmed.

If you are interested in getting involved in developing the wildflower meadow, contact: haltonwithaughtonheritagegroup@gmail.com

CLOSE CALL

Whilst Halton Juniors were training on the football pitch, a large branch broke off the oak tree. Thankfully it did not fall on anyone, but it was certainly a very close call. The council uses an

experienced tree surveyor to regularly monitor and report on the condition of trees on council land. He has checked the oak tree and responded with “There does not appear to have been any associated decay or risk feature (looking at the tree wound) and looks like it is sudden branch drop (SBD) sometimes referred to as summer branch drop”. A tree surgeon will remove a couple of other branches that have partially failed when the large one broke off.

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:

- Wednesday 8th October 7:15pm
- Wednesday 12th November 7:15pm
- Wednesday 10th December 7:15pm.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Cllr Sarah McGowan will hold her next surgery between 7 - 8pm on November 12th at Halton Social Club, where you can come along and discuss any problems you are having with Lancaster City Council services.

Luke Mills, Parish Clerk

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VILLAGE NEWS

FIFTH AND FINAL 'CARDS FIGHTING LONELINESS' CAMPAIGN

As we head into another winter, I'm both proud and a little emotional to share that this year marks the fifth and final 'Cards Fighting Loneliness' campaign in Halton. It's been a truly wonderful five years, but balancing the campaign with my full time work and family commitments has been incredibly challenging and I'm keen to end the campaign on a high.

What began as a simple idea - using handmade cards to spread kindness - has grown into something truly special. Our community has embraced the initiative with open hearts, sending thousands of uplifting cards and festive gifts to some of our most isolated and vulnerable neighbours. Through these small but powerful gestures, we've created moments of real connection, letting people know they are seen, valued, and that they are not alone.

This final year, I truly hope it will be the biggest and best campaign yet. Blank cards can be collected from the volunteer box at 10 Forgewood Close, LA2 6NZ. Once completed, please post them in the special campaign post-box located at the main entrance of the community centre (please don't seal the envelope). I aim to deliver at least 1000 cards before the campaign ends

in March, but need your support to do this. Let's come together one last time to share warmth, compassion and creativity.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported 'Cards Fighting Loneliness' - you've helped to make Halton a kinder, more connected place.

ST. NIC FOR A NEIGHBOUR

This year will be the final appeal for a festive gift to accompany our Christmas cards, as both campaigns draw to a close. This means Mrs Elf will be taking to the streets one last time! Each year we've had an extraordinary response - thanks entirely to the incredible generosity and spirit of the people of Halton. We currently have 120 recipients on our list and hope we will have a gift for each person. In the unlikely event we have a surplus of cards and / or gifts, they will be given to Age UK for users of their hospital aftercare service.

If you would like to get involved: please wrap a small gift (no alcohol) costing around £5 and clearly label this as being suitable for a special gentleman, lady or person. Gender neutral gifts are most helpful as they allow greater flexibility when making deliveries. Gifts are to be left under the Christmas tree at the Red Door Cafe no later than 4pm on Saturday 13th December. Thank you for helping to make a difference at Christmas.

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LITTER PICKS

Our family friendly litter picks are over for another year and I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone that came along. Whether you joined us once or showed up month after month, your time, energy and enthusiasm have made a real difference. Together, we've cleared countless bags of litter from our parks, green spaces, streets and hedgerows - making our community cleaner, safer and more beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

It's been great seeing so many families and young children get involved this summer. These events weren't just about tidying up - they were about teaching care for the environment, building community spirit, and

spending quality time outdoors doing something that matters. It's been wonderful to see so many little ones proudly donning hi-vis vests and taking real pride in helping out, whatever the weather!

Our family friendly picks will be taking a break for winter and will resume in March - we'd love to see you then. A small team of our core volunteers will continue to pick over the winter months, focusing on key 'hotspot' areas only.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our AGM will be taking place on Thursday 4th December at 19:30; the venue has yet to be confirmed. If you would like to receive confirmation of

the meeting location, please contact samanthajanehicks@gmail.com or join the 'Halton Village' Neighbourhood Watch scheme via the website www.ourwatch.org.uk to be included on our email circulation list.

Sam Pritchard

HALTON LUNE HYDRO - COMMUNITY PROJECT

The good news is that we have two happy hydro turbines, as we are now past the long dry sunny spells when they were off line. It was very pleasant, but the rain later certainly helped our gardens and re-commencement of hydro operation.

The low river flows and water temperatures around 22C at the hydro, and probably higher upstream in shallow water, is reported to have reduce water oxygen levels that killed a lot of fish, having made their way

upstream from a long way away, to spawn.

One could say, they did their intended job, but the floating algae, considered to be mostly caused by sewage, will have damaged spawning grounds, if it sank to the bottom. Not sure, but a lot of algae came down stream after the rain, and blocked the hydro inlet screens.

Regardless, the plus, is that the July upstream salmon and sea trout run has continued into September - and let's see if it returns to October.

Otherwise, we are looking ahead to 2034 when our 20 year FITs, Government boost to renewables, finishes, and it's just grid export to pay the bills and put funds into the Community - more on this next time.

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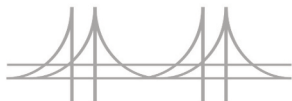
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How would you like the gift of some time for yourself?

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night” - once a month they knew they could get their partners and husbands to bathe and put the children to bed, while they enjoyed the company of other ladies for a guest speaker, cheese and wine evening, gin tasting or quiz to name a few. Once they had got to know the other ladies they joined them for shopping at Boundary Mill or a trip to the Grand Theatre or The Dukes for a play. If you can't make it to meetings

every time that is no problem; there are chances to learn new things from the Learning Hub, a free resource covering courses ranging from Wellness to Arts and Crafts to History and much more.

You might have a neighbour who doesn't know many people or doesn't go out much who you could encourage to go along with you to see what it is like. Our group is very small and friendly but we have access to other groups in the area and then in Lancashire and nationally so as big as you want it to be.

Lancashire WI has been running 105 years this year and Halton has been running since 1946. We also like to join in with community events and support local charities who, from time to time, come to tell us about their work. There is a 1960's/70's fancy dress quiz on 1st November if you are interested; tickets from Animal Care Website. Teams of 6 or make up a team when you get there.



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Our meeting on 15th October is a cheese and wine evening followed by our Annual General Meeting. We are looking for ladies with journalism and/or marketing skills to join us. Some of our ladies previously worked in admin, healthcare, education, charity sector, banking and a wide range of other vocations. We welcome you to come and meet us, and maybe have a glass of wine.

We have a walking group called the Monday Milers which set off from the Centre each month. If you would like further details please contact:

Secretaryheartsofhalton@gmail.com

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and Mahler's 4th Symphony, which includes a soprano solo in the last movement of the piece. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. www.haffnerorchestra.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

There is considerable concern and no little suspicion regarding the 'Change of use' planning application at the old Congregational Chapel.

Consent has not been approved at the date of writing but significant building works are ongoing and have been since way before the Planning application was submitted. It is very worrying for local residents nearby who fear the increase in traffic and pressure on roadside parking is unnecessary and a dangerous risk as an 'accident waiting to happen'.

Let us hope the City Council show clear common sense and are not (as is feared) showing unjustified favouritism in allowing this project to be successful.

Regards,

Name Withheld

Dear Sirs,

There are a lot of flags around Halton at the moment. Small flags hang from lamp posts, and our mini roundabout had a red cross painted on it to turn it into an England flag. A few days later someone else turned the painting into a pink flower. What is going on?

For me these flags are a reminder that I want my village to be a place where all are welcome, and that there is always more I could be doing to help make that happen.

Miles Doubleday

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The visit to Blackpool Tower ballroom was a great success, the food was very good and we all enjoyed the music as we watched the dancers. On Friday 19th September the club headed to Newby Hall flower show.

As the more than sixty members who attended will attest, our lunch at the Station Hotel on the 4th of September was a great success. The food was, as always, varied and delicious and the service first class. Our first cause for celebration was the news that the group have again received National Lottery funding which will help fund the continuation of the group. The second and main celebration was the 95th birthday of one of our members. She is now our first Golden Member which means that all the groups activities are hers at no cost.

We will be back at the Station Hotel on the 2nd of October for coffee and biscuits and on the 16th we are off on a mystery tour. In November, after a coffee morning on the 6th, we will be visiting Boundary Mill and Skipton on the 20th. We will end the year with an all day visit to Leeds on December 4th

and then meet up for our Christmas Lunch on December 18th. For more information about the group please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 / 07738 912923.

MUSICAL JOURNEYS: AN INTERNATIONAL CABARET FOR AMAZONIA

Sun 4 October 2025 from 7p.m. Online with a special event at Halton Mill.

You've read about Fiona Frank's travels in the Americas last year in the Prattle. When she was there she spent time learning about Amazonia and also played music and danced with lots of different amazing performers - and some of them (Quebecois virtuoso melodeon, Acadian traditional instrumentalists; Canadian's folk singer of the year singing in Scottish Gaelic, French and English; Afro-Brazilian dance; and a Klezmer duo from Montreal) will be brought to the big screen in Halton Mill on the evening of Saturday 4 October. Along with this, live

at Halton Mill there'll be Capoeira, Samba drumming with Batala Lancaster, Brazilian music and art, and a gourmet Brazilian buffet - plus a free Afro-Brazilian dance and Capoeira workshop in the afternoon. A quarter of all ticket sales income is divided between three Amazonian causes - the Dom Phillips Institute which amplifies the voices of Indigenous people in the Javari Valley where Dom was murdered in 2022: and two musical projects that Fiona came across in the Amazon. You can get tickets (£20/£10 for the in person event, £15/£5 online) and find out more at haltonmill.org.uk/whats-on

HANNAH FRANK & ARTUR SOAR: an artistic dialogue between Scotland and Brazil

Hannah Frank, Glasgow artist (1908-2008) is Fiona Frank's aunt; she studied at the Glasgow School of Art in the 20s and 30s and produced distinctive black and white eerie drawings through to the 40s when she turned to sculpture. Artur Soar (b 1990) is an award winning Brazilian artist - his black and white engravings of Brazilian revolutionary heroes and myths have an uncanny link to Hannah Frank's pen and ink works. Halton Mill, till 6 October.

Sunday 5 October, closing event - engraving workshop with Artur Soar. For all levels. Halton Mill 1:30-5:30 pm. £5-£35. Book at trybooking.co.uk/ffunlinktr.ee/fionafrank
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NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Happy New School Year! I trust you all had a good summer.

It was wonderful to welcome our new starters to St

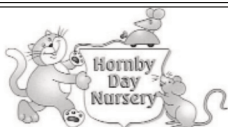
Wilfrid's, who are getting used to the routines of school. All the children returned well and have settled into their new classes.

As we start the year, we are highlighting 'The St Wilfrid's Way,' ensuring all are aware of our vision: Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning. Our core Christian values are Wisdom, Respect, Perseverance, Kindness, Trust, and Creativity. Our expectations are: Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High. We have spent time at the start of the year ensuring we are all aware of these and how we can live them out in our school community.

After a successful Ofsted inspection, during which it was noted that 'Pupils thrive in this happy school' (Ofsted Nov 24), we are working on the constructive feedback we received. Ensuring that the children are aware of what they are learning and how they are learning is going to be a focus. We also want to be a school that prioritises reading and sees its importance for academic and personal progress. Ensuring our children have the opportunity to spend time outside and use our local area will also be priorities.

This year, we are having an Open Day for families who are considering sending their children to St Wilfrid's, starting in September 2026.

School Open Day: Wednesday, 8th October 2026, 9:30am-11:30am. Please contact the school if you wish to attend: admin@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk / Tel: 01524 811230. In September



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2026, we will be a one-form entry school, taking 30 children each September (previously 35). This will enable a cohort to remain together as they journey through school and ensure smaller class sizes too! I do believe this will make our school more desirable. Please know that ‘siblings’ of existing pupils take high priority (criteria 2) as do ‘children with a parent/guardian worshipping in the Parish Churches of Halton, St Wilfrid’s or Aughton, St Saviour’s’ (criteria 3). Please keep this in mind when considering applying for a place.

As you may have noticed, we had some building work done to the school roof over the summer, which went well. I am also thankful to Lancashire County Council for their excellent work in improving Halton library. We are all looking forward to returning there as a school.

Our community events this year will still include Community Teas and Leavers’ Hot Chocolate. We are also planning to have community carol singing around Halton.

Community Tea Dates:

Wednesday, 15th October, 2 pm - 3 pm – School Hall

Wednesday, 12th November, 2 pm - 3 pm – School Hall

Leavers’ 2025 Hot Chocolate Drop-In:

Tuesday, 7th October, 4 pm - 5 pm – In school

Tuesday, 4th November, 4 pm - 5 pm – In school

Tuesday, 2nd December, 4 pm - 5 pm – In school – final one.

Once again, I wish to highlight that as a school we are working hard with the local community. I will continue to emphasise the need for school traffic to be very considerate of the local residents as they drop off and pick up children from school.

Finally, I want to make you aware of our Facebook page. This is a great way for us to inform you of all the wonderful things going on in school. Please ‘Follow’ us.

As we start this year, I am excited about how we as a school can support our fantastic community. I thank you for all your support.

God bless,

Mark Curwen,
Headteacher

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UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE

We are so fortunate to have our wonderful Skate Park here in Halton and it is well used by people from all around. We strongly encourage bikers and skaters to wear a helmet at all times. Elbow and knee pads might also be a good idea! Sadly there have been a few injuries over the summer that have prompted this reminder. Young people who come without adult supervision must always have a way of contacting a parent or guardian should the need arise.

Pickleball sessions are now available for private hire. If you have a group of people ready to play, please contact Carol on the Booking details above to

book. Hire for a one hour session is £15 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, or £20 between 5pm and 9pm, subject to hall availability. The cost includes the use of the net, line markings, paddles and balls. We have produced instructions on how to set up the net and the line markings. We are very grateful to Halton Lune Trust for the recent grant funding which has enabled us to purchase the equipment and offer this subsidised introductory hire rate. If you are totally new to Pickleball, we are planning a couple of taster sessions in the coming weeks so keep an eye on our newsletter.

Soup and a Song will be on Thursdays 16th October and 13th November, 12:30 – 2:30pm. Soup and a roll shared together, followed by singing as a group. Luncheon Club will be Thursdays 23rd October and 20th November, 12:30 – 3:00pm. A two course meal

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with tea or coffee followed by an interest talk or speaker. Please call 01524 811316 to book places in advance.

Salsa nights continue at the Centre @ Halton, hosted by Lancaster Area Salsa. The next LA Salsa XS party is on 18th October. Unfortunately the 29th November event has been cancelled. Come along for a great night of dancing and music from 7:30pm to midnight with the bar available for alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments. Admission is £10 cash on the door. Please see Lancaster Area Salsa online for further details.

Our Christmas Craft Fayre will be on Sunday 30th November from 10am to 12pm. Please note this is a change to the previously advertised time of 3pm to 5pm. Craft stalls are now available to book for £15 each via the Ticketsource link above. We welcome both new and returning stall holders. We will be offering children's crafts upstairs to

keep them busy whilst waiting for Santa who will be in his grotto and there will be seasonal refreshments available to purchase from The Coffee Shop.

NYE tickets are now on sale! Our sell out New Year's Eve Ceilidh with Jig-Run-Rig returns once again so book early to avoid disappointment and join us to dance in the new year with family and friends. Tickets are £15 per person for ages 11 upwards only. No younger children please. You are very welcome to bring any food or snacks to share with your group. However all drinks must be purchased from our bar. The bar will be run by volunteers so that all profits can go back into the work we do at The Centre.

We are very sad to see Valley Church leave The Centre after many years of using our Hall and being part of our community. We wish to thank them for all their support over their time in Halton, volunteering at our fundraisers,

hosting children’s activities and running family events.

This does mean we now have availability to hire our Main Hall all day on a Sunday, as well as other midweek times for one off or regular sessions. For more information see haltoncentre.org/ bookings or contact our Bookings Officer, details above.

Are you a project manager or do you have experience with construction and building? Do you work for or know of an architect or construction company who wants to give back to the community or who has an annual charity commitment? We want to get going with our Outside Toilet and Changing Places Access project that has been in the works for a few years. We don’t

currently have anyone with this working experience on our team but are keen to get started as soon as we can. If this is something you could help or advise with, please get in touch on office@haltoncentre.org See Prattle What’s On pages for contact information of all regular groups, clubs & classes.

NEW SESSIONS & EVENTS

- LA Salsa XS Party - 18th October 7:30pm
- Christmas Craft Fayre - 30th November 10am - 12pm
- NYE Ceilidh - 31st December
- Above correct as at 8th September 2025.

Naomi Turner - Centre Coordinator



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays:

NEW Tai Chi: 2-3pm Debs 07825 168807

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 Jack 07540 392344

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

NEW Biodanza Movement classes: – 7-9pm. Aloï 07481 007163

Wednesdays:

NEW Tai Chi: 9-10am Debs 07825 168807

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

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

Line Dancing: 10:00 – 11:30pm 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 798337

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

WHAT'S ON ENTRIES

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Samba Espirito (Drumming): 7-9:30pm
Karen 07711 262288
5-a-side: 8-9pm MUGA Jack 07540
392344

Fridays:

NEW Pickleball: 9:15 – 10:15 Maureen
07745 798337

Indoor Bowling: 2-4pm 811316

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

Saturdays:

Lego Club: 10:30-12:30pm Halton
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Elite Arts School of Dance: from
9:15am. Acrobatics, Gymnastics,
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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.
16 Oct; 13 Nov. (please ring The Centre
811316 to book).

Luncheon Club: 12:30-3pm, 23 Oct; 20
Nov. (please ring The Centre 811316 to
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3rd Thurs Gardening Group 10:45am
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MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Wed 15 Community Tea 2pm-3pm; School Hall
 WI Cheese & Wine Evening, followed by the AGM – see page 8
- Sat 18 LA Salsa XS Party. 7:30pm-midnight @ The Centre. Bar.
 £10 at the door.
- Wed 29 Halton Garden Group AGM; 7-9pm

NOVEMBER

- Sat 8 Jumble Sale 1 – 3 pm at Arkholme Village Hall
- Wed 12 Community Tea 2pm-3pm; School Hall
- Sat 29 Haffner Orchestra, 7:30pm (with a pre-concert talk at 6:30pm)
 in the Great Hall, Lancaster University. See page 10/11
 Aughton Christmas Bingo 7:30pm Aughton Recreation Room.
 See poster page 38
- Sun 30 Christmas Craft Fayre & Santa's Grotto 10-12pm; The Centre

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- Thu 4 Neighbourhood Watch AGM 19:30; venue to be confirmed.
 www.ourwatch.org.uk
- Wed 17 Hearts of Halton (WI) Xmas Party
- Wed 31 New Years Eve Ceilidh

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

The summer is always a little quieter in the hall, but we have hosted the annual Aughton Cycle Race with some 55 riders, plus marshals and supporters, a large christening party and a 60th birthday party. There was also a very well attended evening talk on the Teach Beyond (UK) activities.

Regular circuits and Pilates with Gabi Crossley restarted on September 9th, and the Vale O' Lune Young Farmers have returned to the hall for their regular Monday evening meetings after moving most summer meetings out of doors.

ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Regular classes and Young Farmers meetings will continue at the hall through the autumn. If you are interested in exercise classes at Aughton, please do come along on a Tuesday morning – Circuits at 9:30 and Pilates at 10:30. Further information

can be had from Gabi at gabihossley@gmail.com. More information about the Young Farmers' activities can be found on their website: <https://valeoluneyfc.weebly.com>. They are always keen to recruit new members, and you don't need to be a farmer to join, just interested in issues related to agriculture and the countryside.

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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TAI CHI (AND QIGONG)

A HEALTHY STEP FOR FALLS REDUCTION?

As we enter the winter months and the beautiful Lancashire weather reminds us to slow down and hibernate, we still have outdoor stuff to do, and that involves risk. Slippery paths, obstacles hidden in snow and, if you are a spectacle wearer like me, steamed up glasses that hide those tricky kerbs and the slippery leaves of autumn.

Having worked in the community for the NHS for many years, I know the impact a fall can have on a previously healthy well-functioning person. An extended hospital stay reduces independence, reduces muscle tone and, unless rehabilitation is timely and well supported, can lead to life changes that aren't always positive.

The Chief Medical Officers' guidelines for physical activity for older adults (2019) includes "improve balance" on

at least 2 days per week, to "reduce the chance of frailty and falls." And Tai Chi was listed among the activities you can do to achieve this, but how does it work?

LEG STRENGTH

Tai Chi or Qigong is practised in a standing posture (chair versions are available) and with "soft knees" so the body weight is taken in the muscles of the legs rather than the skeleton. In this way the gentle movement of body weight from side to side and front to back increases leg muscle strength.

Some falls just can't be helped and so, if we do go down, having a strong muscle base will add a little padding when we land. Our muscles are also our protein store, so keeping them as strong as possible supports our nutritional status. Falls are horrible and a nasty shock or bruise can be

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upsetting, but the risk from a fracture can have much further reaching consequences.

PROPRIOCEPTION

Proprioception is our bodies ability to sense its own position and movements. It is an automatic reflex that the Cleveland clinic website tells us is like “scratching your nose without thinking about it”. Proprioception can be learned at any age and spending time doing Tai Chi or Qigong can help you recognise when you are about to lose balance and do something about it. Precise placement of arms and hands during Tai Chi and Qigong train our brains, and may help them to effectively make adjustments in response to a potential fall.

ARM FLEXIBILITY

Many of us have spent lots of hours driving and/or typing (like I am right

now), or other similar repetitive tasks. As we get older we can start to recognise tightness and tension in the shoulders and back from these tasks, but how can we get relief from this? Qigong (Tai Chi) is especially clever at working on this. Moves are as small or large as your body dictates but they are repeated and can slowly ease these areas. The practice is mindful, so we are closely focused on the area making sure we stop or reduce the movement before we do any harm. Regular practice can loosen up tight areas and help us to remain supple.

I am sure you have noticed me using the words Tai Chi and Qigong together in this piece. In China Qigong is the overarching exercise and Tai Chi is an offshoot, however here in the West very few people seem to know what Qigong is. If you would like to find out more the National Centre for complementary and integrative Health (NIH) website has lots of evidence based information on Tai Chi and Qigong and my website www.meditatingspaniel.co.uk tells you more about my training, experience and the sessions that I lead.

Debra Edson

Qigong Session Leader, Halton



LOG BURNER CARE - A BEGINNERS GUIDE

Log burner sales in the UK have been on the rise in the 2020s; however, new owners may not know the best practices for log burner care to ensure it has a long lifespan. That's why, as experts in all things firewood and log burning, we've put together a thorough beginner's guide to caring for your burner.

How to build and maintain a consistent fire

Establishing early how to build a proper fire from your first one will provide a strong base for how all your fires should be created. The first consideration you should make is for the wood you choose to use. Seasoned wood is the best choice, particularly kiln-dried logs, with a moisture content of less than 20% that has been dried for between six months to a year. This emits lots of heat and produces less creosote that sticks in your chimney. The next decision is whether to use softwood or hardwood. While softwood is quicker to light and burns out fast, hardwood is a slower burn due to its density, making it the ideal selection for a long, consistent heat source. To build the fire itself, it should begin with a base of kindling wood or newspaper which catches quickly. Building on this flame can be with placing your logs in a teepee or crisscross pattern, allowing for air to circulate for proper fire sustenance. After your wood has caught and the

flame is consistent, an important note is not to overload your burner with logs. This can stifle the live flame and cause it to go out. Instead, add them gradually and allow them to catch and burn down before adding more. Then, you simply monitor the temperature and airflow to make sure it stays consistent, and once you're done, just let the fire naturally die out.

How to clean your log burner

By keeping your log burner clean and well-maintained, you can ensure that not only is its lifespan extended but also that each burn is efficient. How often you clean your log burner is dependent on how regularly you use it, so if you use it often, it's likely it will need more cleaning. But before you start cleaning your stove, make sure it has completely cooled. Most burners are made of cast iron, which, as a thermal conductor of heat, can stay warm for hours after the fire has gone

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out. This prevents accidental burns or dangerous fumes from being emitted from applying cleaning fluids too early. Once it's cooled, prepare yourself with gloves and some clothes you don't mind getting dirty and grabbing an ash bucket. Dispose of the leftover debris into the bucket, which you can recycle into compost to help any plants in your garden grow. A Hoover can catch any leftover ash. When cleaning the outside of the burner, you can just use a soft, dry cloth to wipe it down. This is followed by cleaning the glass that can get stained from the burning, and you can use dampened charcoal to wipe and then remove it with paper towels. Another option is bicarbonate of soda mixed with water, or a glass cleaner, all

of which will work. While you can get chimney brushes to clean yourself, it's better to have a professional clean it. Not only do they know the best way to efficiently clean a chimney flue, but they can also identify any issues or cracks that require maintenance.

Log burner safety

Part of understanding log burner care is understanding the importance of safety around burning. This means ensuring all safety considerations are in place when installing a burner, including any smoke detectors, fire alarms, and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors. These will alert you to any gas or smoke leaks that could occur. It's also important to be proactive with fire prevention methods, such as a fire extinguisher for emergencies and putting aside time to make sure everyone in your home knows how to use it. You should also think about the area around the burner and identify whether things are flammable or if it's appropriately child/animal proof. If not, moving things that could catch or adding barriers and safety gates could be hugely beneficial to safety. The best care you can give your burner is by giving it the highest quality fuel, which is what you can guarantee you're getting with the kiln-dried firewood from Logs Direct. If you're not sure what wood is best for you, get in touch and we'll be happy to help!

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NEWS FROM THE 1ST HALTON SCOUT GROUP

As we return after the summer holidays there isn't masses to report on just yet. Over the coming weeks the Squirrels are going to be welcoming our new Squirrels with some fun activities, Beavers are looking at their Air Activities badge and Builder badge, Cubs are doing their Science Activity Badge which could get messy and then onto Space, and finally the Scouts are going to be preparing for Helme Challenge that is in early October.

Anyone passing the Scout Hut on Foundry Lane over the summer may have noticed some vital work going on. A group of 3 volunteers have completely replaced all of the

underground drainage from the building to our septic tank which was badly collapsed and sunken. Thanks to the volunteers this has saved us nearly £8000 compared to the quotes received for the work. It was certainly hard work, but I did have fun learning to drive a mini digger! So a massive 'thank you' must go to them. Also over summer we have replaced a couple of the internal doors which were beyond repair after 40+ years of being hit with balls and being run into during games. As I write this in early September we have just had completed the installation of 32x solar panels and 2x batteries by Go Green Solar Group Ltd,



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The Centre@Halton: www.haltoncentre.org/
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which even after 5 days is already showing it's potential savings on our energy bills as we have not yet needed to take any additional energy from the national grid since installation. This installation will allow us to spend funds in other ways to benefit all the young people through keeping fees low, enabling us to use funds to replace ageing equipment and make improvements to our facilities.

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 available 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
1st Halton Scout Group
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TORRISHOLME CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

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The first XI are still in the shake up for promotion, but will probably need to win their last three games. The second XI have had a strong month with three wins but, with a further league re-structure in the offing, they are far from sure of which division they will play in next year. The Sunday XI have completed their season successfully with a mainly junior team run by the much admired Martin Davis, who also ran two Under 16 teams for the junior section.

The junior season has been completed except for the league play offs where Jeff Stobart's U13 team will fancy their chances of a win on 14th September. The Junior Presentation on Friday 12th September from 6:30pm will celebrate the achievements of the juniors, women and girls team and Sunday XI. After that event your correspondent will stand down as Junior Chair, Coach

and Safeguarding Officer after 28 years, of which 25 have been as Chair. So the key focus over the winter is to recruit someone, possibly a couple of people, to take on the role of running the juniors after a structured handover, as well as training a couple of coaches.

The very successful installation of draft beers has greatly increased bar takings so funds are available to cover the costs of training. If you are interested in becoming a coach or being involved in running the junior section please contact Mark Drinkall on 07368 944220 or via: drinks@torrisholmecc.co.uk

Mark Drinkall,
6th September 2025.



Lancaster City Councillor, Sarah McGowan



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THE PRATTLE QUIZ No 70



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2. What is advertised as 'Scotland's other national drink'?
3. Which organ in the body produces insulin?
4. What is the Asian cooking technique where meats are glazed with soy sauce and sugar?
5. Name the mythological river that forms the border of Hades.
6. What US military decoration is awarded to those wounded or killed whilst serving in the armed services?
7. Which territory is Asterix and his friends preventing the Romans from fully occupying?
8. Which is the 'dish best served cold'?
9. Which sculpture stands by the A1 near Gateshead?
10. What event in 1883 is reputed to have made the loudest sound in human history?
11. Name the mountain range forming the border between France and Spain.
12. Which Dutch artist painted 'Girl with a Pearl Earring'?
13. Who was the Nirvana drummer who later became the lead singer of The Foo Fighters?
14. Name the film and musical based upon the novel by Keith Waterhouse.
15. At 410 miles, what is the UK's longest road?
16. Which creature makes up a fifth of mammal species in the world?
17. In the Chinese zodiac, which is the third creature?
18. Which band did Quincy Jones once dismiss as 'the worst band in the world'?
19. Which word can mean a computer glitch, a minor illness or to irritate someone?
20. 'Call me Ishmael' is the opening line from which famous novel?



Thanks to our Quiz Master, Roddy!

Answers on page 38

SQUARE DANCING

CLUB NEWS

By the time you read this we will have already had our free Taster night. The weekly beginners classes started on Monday 22 Sept 7:30-9:30pm followed until 10pm with full SSD for the more experienced dancers. £4.00 per session inc refreshments. Bring a mug. If you missed those dates and fancy joining us then **Monday 6 October 7:30pm** will be your last chance, as after that the course will be too far on to catch up. We only recruit annually so don't miss out.

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TO KELLETS, CARNFORTH AND WARTON (last direct bus back from Carnforth 1832)

No 49 from High Road: Mon-Sat; 0947, then hourly until 1447, 1547 (SO), 1647, 1747

TO KIRKBY LONSDALE (last bus back 2015; most journeys continue to Ingleton, and many to Settle and Skipton; see <https://klch.co.uk>)

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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, 1952, 2052, 2152, 2252

SO – Saturdays only NS – Not Saturdays Sch – School days only

Hol – School holidays only NSch – Saturdays and School Holidays

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ST WILFRID'S HALTON

St Wilfrid's Junior Church

Junior church meets on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month during term time at 10am. For



more information 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.

Messy Church

Meets at St Wilfrid's School on Friday 14th November at 3:30 pm. Join us for an engaging session of Bible stories, crafts, songs, and prayers, filled with fun and concluding with a meal. Please book in through the school office.

The Church is here for you!

St Wilfrid's Church is open on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4

pm. Visitors can access information about the history of the church, the stained-glass windows and it's unique Cross. It offers a peaceful place for quiet reflection or prayer. There are candles available to light to remember a departed loved one and prayer requests can be left on the prayer tree.

Baptisms and Weddings: If you would like to make a booking for a baptism or wedding, please contact Revd Susan on 01524 822128 or revsusan.seed@btinternet.com.

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.



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17.	Tiger
16.	Bats
15.	The A1
14.	Billy Liar
13.	Dave Grohl
12.	Vermeer
11.	The Pyrenees
10.	The eruption of Krakatoa
9.	Angel of the North
8.	Revenge
7.	Gaul
6.	Purple Heart
5.	Styx
4.	Teriyaki
3.	The pancreas
2.	Iron-Bru
1.	Christ the Redeemer

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ST. WILFRID'S HALTON

Services in October

- 5 10:00am Family Communion
4:00pm FAMILIES@4 at St
Luke's Slyne
- 7 9:00am Morning prayer
- 12 8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Family Worship
- 14 9:00am Morning prayer
- 19 10:00am Family Communion
- 21 9:00am Morning prayer
- 26 10:00am Family Communion
- 28 9:00am Morning prayer

Services in November

- 2 10:00am Family Communion
4:00pm FAMILIES@4 at St
Luke's Slyne
- 4 9:00am Morning prayer
- 9 8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Remembrance
Sunday
- 11 9:00am Morning prayer
- 16 10:00am Family Communion
- 18 9:00am Morning prayer
- 23 10:00am Family Communion
- 25 9:00am Morning prayer
- 30 10:00am Family Communion
2:30pm Blue Christmas
Service

Junior Church is held on the 3rd 4th
and 5th Sundays during term time.

ST SAVIOUR'S AUGHTON

Services in October

- 12 11:30am Morning Prayer
- 26 11:30pm Holy Communion

Services in November

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

From St Wilfrid's Registers

Baptism: 20th July – Gia Ellen
Beaumont

31st August – Hughie Morgan Howell

Wedding: 22nd August – Robert

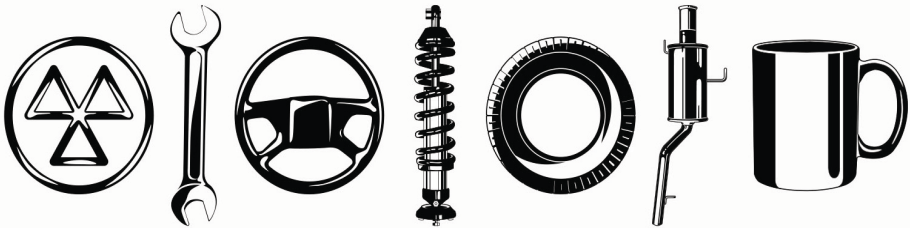
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30th August – Siôn Roberts and Zhana
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From St Saviour's Registers

Baptism: 17th August – Elsie Victoria
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