

Halsall News



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**HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL
MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
Next meeting 7:30pm 12th June
at St. Aidan's Hall, Shirdley Hill L39 8SF**

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Local Police Officers or PCSO's	01695 566444
Street Lighting Fault Reporting Line	0300 123 6701
Fire Safety Helpline	0800 169 1125

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, 4110 Billy Matthews e-mail
Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk

or alternatively Neil Cronshaw who is the Community Beat Officer
for Halsall at 7176@lancashire.police.uk

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	Sarah Mitchell	01704 889237
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If you require the ramps to be put over the steps in order to gain access to church services or to visit the graveyard, please ring to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Carol Ward 07522 206664

WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS June 2024

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
June 2nd	Pam Carr	Anne Grimshaw	Beryl Sephton Len Davidson
June 9th	Carol Ward	John Wroe	Bill Banks John Wroe
June 16th	Pam Carr	Colin Throp	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
June 23rd	Carol Ward	Angela Webster	Maria Kenyon Angela Seddon
June 30th	Pam Carr	John Wroe	Carol Ward Rebecca Ridley



Tuesday 4th June 10am to 11.30am, St Cuthbert's Church, choir vestry

Meet old friends and make some new ones, and take the opportunity to have a quiet moment in church. Why not bring your old pictures of Halsall & share your memories of the village then and now?



Wednesday 5th June & 19th June Millenium Centre, St Thomas' Lydiate.
12.30pm to 3.30pm approximately. Simple lunch provided with a request for a donation to cover costs.

The Rector Writes



I wonder what you are thankful for?

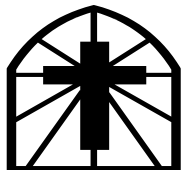
When we take time to pause and think, most of us can recognise a wide range of things that we are grateful for, such as family and friends, or treasured memories. St Cuthbert's Church has stood at the heart of Halsall for hundreds of years as a sign of our thankfulness to God. Countless souls around the parish have been grateful for the presence of St Cuthbert's and have offered thanks here in worship and at important life events over the centuries. Now, in order to ensure St Cuthbert's continues to serve our community, we need to engage in some serious fundraising.

We are very excited to invite the wider community to join these efforts. With the funds we are aiming to raise over the next couple of years, we intend to create ramped access to the graveyard and church so all can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of both the building and the outdoor space. We also need to mend the west window, replace the church roof, improve the heating system and create a community space for all to use, with a focus on enhancing well being. We will do this in a phased manner, with the help of grant-making bodies, but we also need all your help.

Please do seriously consider giving whatever you can. Our initial aim is to raise £20,000 so we can put bids into those grant-making bodies and get the ramped access in place.

It will truly take the support of the whole parish to meet our fundraising goals. Are you able to support this cause? Any amount you can contribute, however small or large, will make a difference. Details of how to offer a contribution are given elsewhere in this magazine.

Thank you for giving this some thought.
God bless, Susan



Service in the United Benefice for June 2024

We move into Trinity and explore what our faith means in the modern world. Why are we here?
What brings us a sense of hope in the midst of all the challenges of the moment? How do we
build each other up and make the world a little better where we live and work?

Sunday 2nd June First Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Church without walls)
11.00am	St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Monday 3rd June

9.15am	Morning prayer on zoom
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Wednesday 5th June

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 5th June

9.15am	St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm	St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 9th June Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's CW Holy Communion
11.00am	St Thomas' Church Parade celebrating 90 years of Girl Guiding in Lydiate

Monday 10th June

9.15am	Morning Prayer on zoom
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Wednesday 12th June

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 13th June

9.15am	St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm	St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 16th June Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)
11am	St Thomas' CW Eucharist followed by Annual Meeting

Monday 17th June

9.15am	Morning Prayer on zoom
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Wednesday 19th June

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 20th June

9.15am	St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm	St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 23rd June Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
11am	St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

Monday 24th June

9.15am

Morning prayer on zoom

Wednesday 26th June

11.00am

St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 27th June

9.15am

St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm

St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 30th June Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am

St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

10.30am

Joint Benefice HC at St Cuthbert's

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to join us at any of our United Benefice Services.

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Our website, **www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk** contains information about services and events, archive material including historic school records, up to date Parish Magazines as well as those dating back to the 1800's.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Prayer and worship is at the heart of all we do.

It is only with the generosity of our community that we can sustain our wonderful church and keep our clergy.

St Cuthbert's is responsible for funding everything we do as a church. Despite what some people think none of our activities are directly funded by the Diocese or the National Church.

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FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S

You can also support St Cuthbert's by becoming "a friend".

All the funds raised through this scheme are directed to the maintenance and repair of the church building and grounds.

There is a minimum donation of £20 per year to join, but you can then choose how much and how regularly you donate.

For further information please contact info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk

Thank you for supporting us.

Without you we cannot be the church we aspire to be.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS



JUNE

1st	James Edward Cheetham (Anniversary)
2nd	Dorothy Cheetham (Birthday)
3rd	Cissie Balshaw (Birthday)
3rd	Ann Huyton (Birthday)
6th	Elizabeth J Ball
9th	Michael James Yule (Anniversary)
12th	Norman Rhodes
13th	Margaret Dutton
16th	Margaret Balshaw
25th	Mary Kenyon
25th	John Banks (Anniversary)
27th	John Stopforth
27th	George Balshaw (Birthday)
28th	Ken Mawdsley (Birthday)
29th	John Prescott (Anniversary)
30th	Peter Bradshaw (Birthday)



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

June 2024

9th June	C Ward	K Twist	C Moss C Ward	M Kenyon
23rd June	P Carr	J Bond	E Carr A Grimshaw	A Webster

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LUNCHTIME CLUB FROM 12PM - ST AIDAN'S

15TH MAY 2024

29TH MAY 2024

12TH JUNE 2024

26TH JUNE 2024

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

6TH JUNE 2024

PICNIC IN THE PARK

26TH MAY 2024

23RD JUNE 2024

28TH JULY 2024

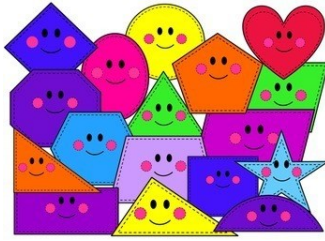
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6TH JULY 2024

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To sign up, fill in the form at the back of either church.

For more information speak to Susan 07730197656

rectorhalsallandydiate@gmail.com



Hello fellow residents

Many of you I'm sure will be aware, **Thursday June 6th 2024** marks the **80th anniversary of D-Day** which saw the largest naval, air and land operation in history.

As part of a wider tribute being held across Lancashire, the UK and Allied countries throughout the world, Shirdley Hill will also be taking the opportunity to remember the 209,000 plus Allied casualties of Operation Overlord. This includes nearly 37,000 ground forces and 16,714 air forces killed in the invasion of Normandy's Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches, and the long and bloody campaign that followed.

The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting at 9:15 pm of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

As such, I would like to invite you all to come together as a community to pay our own tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by lighting a beacon on Shirdley Hill green in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war.

Rod Birchall has very kindly manufactured and donated a magnificent reusable beacon for the occasion, with all residents attending having the opportunity to win the chance to light it.

In the finest traditions of Shirdley Hill, we will look to make this event one to remember. The village green and immediate area will be decked out with bunting, street poppies and D-Day 80 memorabilia. A marquee and tables will also be available for refreshments. (Residents are asked to bring their own refreshments and chairs as per previous similar events).

To help capture the mood, everyone is invited/encouraged to dress in 40's period clothing where possible and this theme will be reinforced with background music from the period. From 7pm.
Best wishes,

David & Noel

David Adams - Event Organiser

Noel McCarthy-Thomason – Shirdley Hill Community Association

Or further details contact Noel on 07485 151395

Many thanks for your time and we look forward to hopefully seeing you on the day. As with any event like this, it can only happen with help from the community. With this in mind, if you'd like to volunteer a few hours of your time to help set things up during the morning of 6th June, please let David know by emailing him on

simplydadams@outlook.com

Any help will be much appreciated.

Shirdley Hill Lunchtime Club

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What's On!

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarisbrick Village Hall Monday 6.30-8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
Ormskirk & District Lions Club	Charity supporting local causes. Looking for new members.	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
St Cuthbert's Church	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Village Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to bor- row.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Bees & Butterflies Brigade	Meeting once a month See article for details	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
Yoga	St.Cuthbert's School Wednesdays from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440

If there are any community groups, social groups, sports groups or well being groups starting up let me know and I can add them to the 'What's On' section.

halsallnews@gmail.com

NEWS FROM HASALL PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Applications

2024/0341/FUL North Moor Cottage; New tiled conservatory roof

2024/0039/TPO 69 Renacres Lane; remove diseased tree

2024/0627/FUL 18 Summerwood Gardens; rear extension, front porch

2024/0187/FUL 80 New Street; double storey rear extension

2024/0187/FUL Grainstore House; Plex Lane; detached garage

Recent decisions

2023/0888/PNP Land at New Cut Lane

Prior approval for agricultural building refused.

Full Planning permission required.

St Aidan's Hall will be a **Polling Station** for the General Election, when it is announced.

Discussions about upgrading CCTV are under way. Refurbishment is ongoing. Planters are to be purchased. St Aidan's Hall is to be entered in Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

The Shirdley Hill Community Association

The fortnightly Luncheon Club continues to be very popular and all are welcomed to these Halsall community events.

The 80th Anniversary of D-Day to be held on Shirdley Hill Village Green (6th June

2024 at 7pm). The Fire Service has approved the Risk Assessment for the event. Cllr Brookfield is arranging a WW2 display in his garden and will attend the event to read the Roll of Honour. WW2 History boards will be displayed by the Halsall History Group and the Royal British Legion will have a display. Refreshments will include free fish and chips. A beacon will be lit here. All are welcome. Call Noel on 07485 151395 to prebook your Fish & Chips (limited availability)

Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group

Plex lane bus shelter. Further contact with the land owners has revealed that lease was extended to 2030 so the decision to invest in repairs/replacement will be reviewed.

PARKING

Cars double parking and parking on pavements are causing problems Can residents please park in their driveways if possible and leave enough room when parking on pavements to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through. The Council frequently receives complaints about parents parking inconsiderately during the school run to St Cuthbert's School.

Potholes and Flooding

Concerning these issues, complaints to **Love Clean Streets** on this link

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/>

have yielded some success with pothole repairs and street flooding issues. Halsall residents are encouraged to use this app themselves as they identify potholes and flooding, particularly the recent flooding in Carr Moss Lane and other areas. Poor pavement surfaces are also an issue, notably along New Cut Lane and around Shirdley Hill.

Restoration of Ancient public footpaths in Halsall

Halsall has a large number of public footpaths, some of which have become overgrown. Volunteers are needed to help clearing them. Please contact Chris Pyne or Liz Wright if you are willing to kindly volunteer to help.

Environment & Biodiversity Working Group

Clerk to obtain details on costs signposts and footpath markers for publication to landowners.

Healthy Halsall

Cllr Schofield has been working with a local Farmer and has written a letter in support of British Farming. The Council has sent the letter to local MP and circulated to other Parishes in Lancashire.

Parish Council Meetings

Annual General Meeting will be on 15th May 2024 at Memorial Hall. At this meeting new appointments to various roles and working groups will be made.

The Parish Council Website includes agendas and minutes of meetings

<https://halsallparish.org.uk/>

Upcoming events and news are posted on **Halsall Village Community Forum**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703>

and Shirdley Hill Hub has a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874>

Liz Wright Chair and Chris Pyne Parish Clerk.

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND HALL TRUST

Halsall Parish Council is sole Trustee of the Trust which is a self-funding Charity no 521111 regulated by the Charity Commission. Donations received via the Gift Aid Scheme enable us to recover an additional 25p in the £1 from HMRC. Secure Donations boxes and envelopes are situated in the Hall. Already the scheme has yielded sufficient for a claim. The next **tea and coffee morning** will be **20th June 2024**

(every third Thursday each month) from 11am-1pm at the Memorial Hall. We thank

Cllrs Schofield and Roberts for organising this. All are welcome to attend.

New volunteers to assist in these events will also be welcome.

The Memorial Hall will be a **Polling Station** for the next General election.

The Memorial Hall car park will be closed for ½ day to allow for the **car parking lines**

to be refreshed, date to be arranged with the contractor. HPC will liaise with WLBC on

arranging a **Community skip day** for supervised waste collection at the Memorial Hall

car park. More Planters are to be installed for the Best Kept Village competition.

Land drains on the playing field have been jetted and work is ongoing.

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Halsall St Cuthbert's **June Report**

Halsall St Cuthbert's Update : June

September Intake

If there are any parents who were not initially offered a place for their reception child this coming September and are still interested in their child attending St Cuthbert's, please contact school as soon as possible. Likewise, if any parents are considering an in-year application for their child, please contact school for further information. There are spaces in selected year groups. We will be soon be setting the class structure for the new academic year 24/25 and it's important that we have confirmed numbers for each year group.

PGL Adventures (Winmarleigh Hall)

Both year 4 children and year 5 children spent a couple of days at Winmarleigh Hall PGL camp in early May. They all had a fabulous time. A massive thanks to all those staff who volunteered to give the children this wonderful opportunity. Thanks to Mrs Crane, Mrs McElhinney, Mrs Massam, Mrs Woolrich, Miss Hampson and Mrs Tyas. And a big thanks to Mrs Floweth for organizing the trips and negotiating a really good deal. This helps us to keep costs of the trip as low as possible.

Llandudno Trip

The year 6 will be setting off to Llandudno in mid June. Last year we were blessed with Mediterranean weather. Let's hope we get something similar this time. The 27 year 6 children will be accompanied by Mrs Crane, Mrs Woolrich, Mrs Galley and Mr Scholes. We have lots of wonderful activities planned which will keep the children entertained and they'll surely be shattered by the end of each day. They'll sleep well.

Dates

PGL Week Yrs 4 /5 : 29th April - 3rd May

SAT Week (Year 6) : 13th -17th May

Year 6 Leavers' Service (Liverpool Anglican Cathedral) : Tuesday 11th June

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Year 6 Llandudno Holiday : 17th – 21st June

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June is here and with it, we hope, your  
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We will be looking out around Halsall and the  
surrounding area for scarecrows and admiring your wonderful ideas.

For those of you taking part in creating, we ask that you display your scarecrow in early  
June so they can be enjoyed for the whole month.

Our Scarecrow Trail is planned for **June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** (Father's Day weekend). Trail maps  
can be purchased on both days **between 11am-4pm**. Please note: **CASH ONLY**  
purchases are available for trail maps.

Look for us outside Bamber's Solicitors, opposite St Cuthbert's church.

Come and enjoy a walk around our lovely village, spot some scarecrows and maybe  
even win a prize.

More details are available on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/halsallscarecrows> and will be shared on Halsall Village  
Community Page.

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To support this community event, **St Cuthbert's Church** will be open on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am-4pm & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm.**

Refreshments of tea, coffee, juice, and cake will be available.

Anyone who wants to come along to sing or play a musical instrument in church, to  
experience the wonderful acoustics, is invited to COME ON IN 😊

All will be welcome to have a look around our historic church in-between your  
scarecrow spotting!

## Bees and Butterflies Brigade (June 2024)

The Bees and Butterflies Brigade have enjoyed some sunny and productive planting sessions so far this year – thank you to all of you who have joined in. I'm really enjoying the happy vibe of our meetings!

We sowed our wildflower seeds in the ha-ha of St Cuthbert's churchyard on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. Two weeks later they were germinating into tiny seedlings, nurtured in their warm, sheltered spot. Now, they are growing strongly and filling us with the promise of a slice of meadow filled with colour and life.

It's an exciting time, but it's important to remember that establishing a wildflower meadow takes a long time – often as long as four years. In that time, the abundance of flowers will shift and change as they colonise their new-found habitat and find ways of existing in harmony with each other. This summer, we can expect a vibrant display of colour from fast-growing annuals such as bright red field poppy and sky-blue cornflowers. Their leaves and flowers will provide food for pollinating insects but they will also provide a protective canopy for the perennial wildflowers in the mix, sheltering the upcoming generations of plants as they establish their roots. These annual species will die back with the first frosts after a long flowering season. However, their moment in the sun will have paved the way for the fastest-growing of the perennial species (plants like oxeye daisies, with their daisy-white petals and yellow centres) to thrive the following year. Please do go and have a look at how our little slice of meadow is getting on and, if you visit the churchyard regularly, I hope its evolution brings you much pleasure.

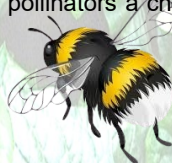
At the end of April The Bees and Butterflies Brigade were officially accepted by The Canal and River Trust as adoption partners. This sounds very grand but really means that the Trust are going to work with us to improve planting for wildlife on some of their land. A group of us wasted no time in planting up the small raised bed on the sunny side of Bridge 25, near The Saracens Head. Here, wild geranium, foxglove, feverfew and oxeye daisy are combined with late-flowering garden plants to provide colour and nectar over a long flowering season.

Our next project will be to clear and re-plant the bank on the opposite side of the canal (same side of the bridge) with a view to installing bee-friendly planting; we'll then extend the planting into the front garden of The Saracens Head. Thank you so much to the pub's new owner for his support and encouragement – these are exciting times for The Bs!

Why not join us on one of our planting sessions to make new friends and learn about bee-friendly plants? Or just pop along to where we are working and have a chat – we'll be delighted to see you. **Our next planting meeting will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm**, when we'll be at The Saracens Head, doing our bit to help nature.

If you'd love to know how to make your own garden more nature-friendly, please email me on the address below and I'll be happy to visit you. I'm offering my time, ideas and advice in exchange for a donation of your choice to The Bees and Butterflies Brigade. All the money raised in this way goes directly to fund new planting in and around Halsall village and helps to give our pollinators a chance to thrive.

**Clare Edwards**  
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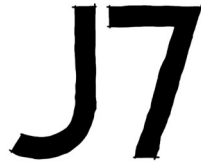
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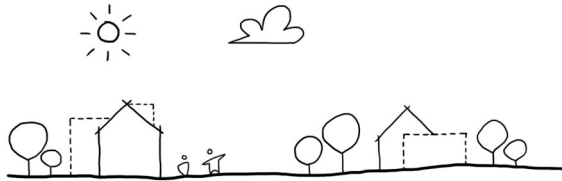
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