

# Halsall News

October 2025



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**Saturday, 11th October 2025 at**



**7:30 PM**



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**The Pearl of Africa Choir are coming to  
St Cuthbert's Church**

6pm – 7.30pm (approx.) on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Come and be inspired by the singing, drumming and dancing of the children of the seven schools and homes run by the Molly and Paul Foundation for orphaned and destitute children in the Kampala and Masaka districts of Uganda.

Free entry

Suggested donation £5 for an adult, £3 concessions

There will be simple refreshments and a craft stall.

All proceeds to support the work of  
Molly and Paul Foundation.



**All Souls**

(to remember those who have died in the last few years)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 4pm at St Thomas' with Communion**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 7pm at St Cuthbert's**

For many the loss of a loved one feels as if there is much unfinished business, pain and heartache which needs grounding.

During these services, we will remember with thankfulness those we love who have died; we will reflect on the love and life that we have shared with them; and we will pray as we light candles in their memory.

If this service would be helpful as you walk the path of grieving, please join us at whichever church is convenient.

If you wish to have the name of a loved one read out as part of the service, please write their name clearly on the lists which you will find at the back of both churches.



## The Rector Writes

A friend of mine has been going through a hard time lately. She moved house last December, since when she has become embroiled in a simmering dispute in her apartment block. I shall spare you the sorry details, but thankfully she was able to escape for a couple of weeks recently and came north to stay with her sister and brother-in-law. She had a busy but enjoyable time and has returned home with renewed strength, determined not to let the dispute drag her down. Time out did her good.

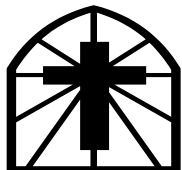
My friend was fortunate in having a sister who would support her in this way. But it reminds me that we all, at times, need to step aside and get a fresh perspective on life. Although most of us are uneasy with change, it is often a variation from routine that restores and refreshes us. This may come in the form of a well earned holiday; or maybe a day trip somewhere special; or perhaps an evening out with friends for a meal or a visit to the theatre. For others, a new home or a new job is called for. We may all seek stillness and solitude through quiet days or retreats.

There are many ways in which we can enjoy a change of scene, for anything from a few moments to a complete life-changing move. As we celebrate once again the harvest safely gathered in and as the nights draw in, here's a something to think about.

During the autumn, why not seek something a bit different that might change your perspective? If you have not been to a church service for a long while why not give it a go? If you regularly come but have sat in the same seat for donkey's years why not try another spot in the pews to see if it changes what you see or hear? If you have never been to Christian Chatter or another thoughtful Tuesday event, why not give one of them a go.

It's a paradox of the faith that God never changes, yet he makes all things new! Maybe, in a small way, he can show you something new this autumn even in your familiar home church and routines.

Every blessing, Susan



**Service in the**  
**United Benefice for**  
**October 2025**

As we celebrate harvest and all God's blessings why not take some time to give thanks for all that we have and all that we are. We take so much for granted. Why not think about giving back a little of your time, your talents and your money for the good of the community?

**Wednesday 1st Oct**

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October Sixteenth 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

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival (both churches open all weekend come and see the displays)**

8.00am St Thomas' said BCP Holy Communion

8.00am St Cuthbert's said BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's Harvest Festival with school

11.00am St Thomas' Harvest Church Parade

4pm St Cuthbert's Harvest Songs of Praise with churches from across Ormskirk Deanery

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct**

11am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October Healthcare Sunday (St Luke's Day)**

|        |                                                      |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00am | St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion                        |
| 9.30am | St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church) |
| 11am   | St Thomas' CW Eucharist                              |

**Wednesday 22nd Oct**

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 11.00am | St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion |
|---------|-----------------------------------|

**Thursday 23rd Oct**

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October Last Sunday of Trinity**

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

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 11.00am | St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion |
|---------|-----------------------------------|

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

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

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

|     |                                                                          |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4pm | St Thomas' said CW communion with reading of the names of the departed   |
| 7pm | St Cuthbert's Service of Light with reading of the names of the departed |

**Please let the parish office know the names of loved ones to be remembered in that service**

**or write the name legibly on the list at the back of either church.**

**All names will be read at both churches.**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Fourth Sunday before Advent**

|                                                |                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00am                                         | St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion                                    |
| 9.30am                                         | St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist                                       |
| <i>NO eleven o'clock service at St Thomas'</i> |                                                                  |
| 4pm                                            | St Thomas' United Confirmation Service with Rt Revd Ruth Worsely |

**Parish Council Website :  
[halsallparish.gov.uk](http://halsallparish.gov.uk)**

## **Advance Notice**



### **David Massam In Concert at St Thomas' Lydiate 4:00pm, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

Ticket price £10.

Tickets available from Parish office or St Thomas' Church.

Funds are towards Bebe's Hive CIC and  
St Thomas' School, Lydiate prayer garden.

David is a local singer who will lead us through songs from the  
musicals, hymns and contemporary pieces aimed to stir reflection  
and thought.

## **St Cuthbert's needs you!**

We are looking for someone to serve as Church Treasurer.

Are you someone who has a good knowledge of figures and who would  
like to support our beautiful mediaeval church?

We are looking for a volunteer who will support the aims and values of St  
Cuthbert's Halsall and is sympathetic to the Christian faith, but does not  
have to be part of the governance of the church (unless they wish to be).

The role is voluntary and is estimated to involve between 4 and 8 hours of  
work a week . There will be training and support from the outgoing  
treasurer, including on the on-line accounting system and church policies  
and procedures. There will also be opportunity to meet and gain support  
from treasurers from other churches in Deanery.

Appointment will be via interview and references will be needed.

Initial enquiries to Colin Throp (Treasurer) or Susan Salt (Rector)



## **THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, HALSALL**

|                  |                      |               |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Rector           | The Rev Susan Salt   | 07730 197656  |
| Curate           | The Rev Glen Gardner | 0151 287 1686 |
| Reader           | David Walker         | 0151 520 2496 |
| Church Wardens   | Carol Ward           | 07522 206664  |
|                  | Pamela Carr          | 01695 423817  |
| Verger           | Sarah Mitchell       | 01704 889237  |
|                  |                      | 07808 064996  |
| P.C.C. Secretary | Mike Stephenson      | 07749 676868  |
| P.C.C. Treasurer | Colin Throp          | 01704 841281  |
| Organist         | Vacancy              |               |



### **Access to St Cuthbert's Church**

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**

## **Sefton Warm Spaces**

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### **Warm Spaces Sefton and St Thomas' Church**

**Luncheon Club.** Every Wednesday afternoon 12.30-2.30pm

**Change of venue due to flood damage in the Millenium  
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Now in the **Guide Centre**, behind the  
Parish Hall, 288 Southport Road, Lydiate, L31 4EQ

## A HUGE THANK YOU.

With your help ST. CUTHBERT'S HALSALL has already managed to raise £26k of the £40k we need to create disabled access to the church and graveyard, and start the process of applying for grants to repair the West Window, roof and much more...



We are hosting a number of community events over the coming month, advertised elsewhere in the magazine, to help us get to our target.

In addition to supporting those events please consider giving either a one-off donation or a regular gift to St Cuthbert's via



as all the money goes directly to us and we can claim gift aid on it if you are a UK taxpayer. This QR code will take you directly to our page.



## 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](mailto:info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk)

**Thank you for supporting us.**

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

## Thoughtful Tuesdays in October

7.30pm St Thomas' Church Millenium Centre

Come and spend some time pondering and praying.

**14<sup>th</sup> October** Prayer for our world and our community  
led by Rev Glen Gardner

**21<sup>st</sup> October.** A talk with refreshments and a raffle  
Following in the footsteps of St Francis and St Clare  
with Rev Dr Susan Salt

**28<sup>th</sup> October.** Christian Chatter. An informal conversation about  
the Christian faith. I wonder what kindness looks like in the modern world?

All welcome. No need to book. Just turn up.



## SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### October

|      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 1st  | Joan Halsall (Birthday)            |
| 5th  | Ken Mawdsley                       |
| 5th  | Florence Atherton                  |
| 5th  | Harold Dean (Birthday)             |
| 7th  | Richard Abram                      |
| 7th  | Angela Hilton (Birthday)           |
| 9th  | Cyril James Bailey (Anniversary)   |
| 10th | Harry Core (Remembrance)           |
| 16th | Vivian Osmond Weights              |
| 16th | Rebecca Gill                       |
| 16th | Anne-Marie Musker                  |
| 18th | John Harold Grimshaw (Anniversary) |
| 19th | William Stopforth (Anniversary)    |
| 21st | Roger Baldwin                      |
| 25th | Lillian Draper (Anniversary)       |
| 27th | Cyril James Bailey (Birthday)      |
| 28th | Richard Yule (Anniversary)         |
| 31st | Walter Herbert Bullough            |
| 31st | Sarah Ann Heaton (Anniversary)     |

# 70 Years of Halsall Rose Queens

A Free Illustrated Talk



Proceeds from book sales will go to  
church disabled access fund.

**Memorial Hall**  
7th October at 7.30 pm



# HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Come in your spooktacular costume!

**WED 29TH OCT**

Halsall Memorial Hall, Halsall, L39 8RN

**12:00 - 15:00**

**Tickets £2 per child**

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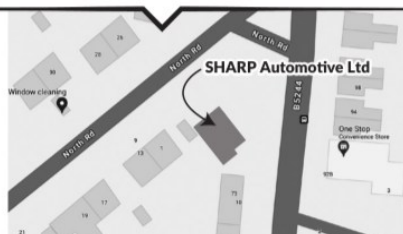
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We offer 90-minute "Stay & Play" sessions for children aged 0-6, featuring open-ended natural materials, opportunities for movement, and spaces designed to foster creativity, social connection, and independence. We're open 7 days a week, with sessions running at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:30pm.

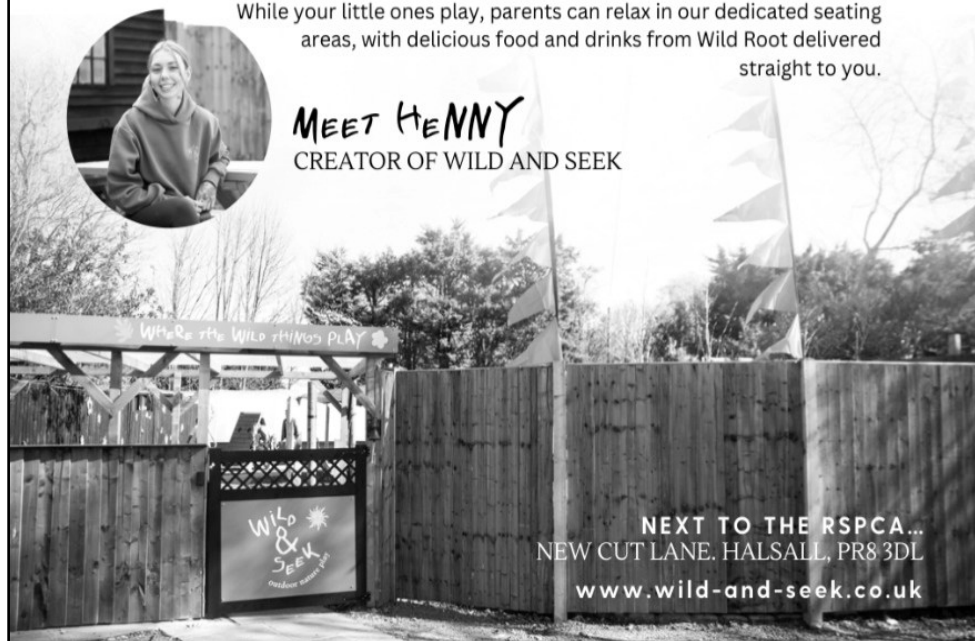
## WHERE ARE WE BASED?

We are based at Wild Root. Wild Root is a plant-based café located on New Cut Lane, Halsall, proudly rooted in our community. Many members of staff, including the owner Charlie, and Wild & Seek creator Henny grew up in Halsall, attended St Cuthbert's Primary School, and remain deeply connected to the local community. In fact, Charlie and Henny are siblings with a shared passion for creating enriching spaces for families.

While your little ones play, parents can relax in our dedicated seating areas, with delicious food and drinks from Wild Root delivered straight to you.



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CREATOR OF WILD AND SEEK



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## **HALSALL ST CUTHBERT'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

Tuesday Evenings from 6pm or Saturday.

Contact Miss Hampson at School Tel : 01704 840253

## **HALSALL PARISH CENTRE**

The Parish Centre is available for private lettings

Please contact Miss Hampson at school

For details of charges and availability

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## **SHIRDLEY HILL ACTIVITY CENTRE**

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# Whats On

| CLUB/GROUP                                                   | MEETINGS                                                                                            | CONTACT                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1st Halsall Scout Group<br/>Boys &amp; Girls age 4-14</b> | Halsall School Hall<br>Boys & Girls age 4-14                                                        | Sue 07792 479205<br>Jane 07887 685219                   |
| <b>Halsall Village Proud<br/>&amp; Tidy group</b>            | Various working parties<br>around the village                                                       | Eleanor Wroe 01704<br>841216<br>Enid Banks 01704 567654 |
| <b>Saracen's Head Crown<br/>Green<br/>Bowling Club</b>       | Various<br>Contact Lynda for details                                                                | Lynda Hodge<br>07435 971762                             |
| <b>Ormskirk &amp; District<br/>Lions Club</b>                | Charity supporting local<br>causes<br>Looking for new members                                       | Sylvia Corfield<br>01704 840705                         |
| <b>Yoga</b>                                                  | St Cuthbert's School<br>Wednesday from 7.30pm                                                       | James McLoughlin<br>07852 192440                        |
| <b>FROGS<br/>Friends of Shirdley Hill<br/>Village green</b>  | 9.30am Tuesday & Friday                                                                             | 01704 840607                                            |
| <b>Jigsaw Library<br/>Free to join &amp; borrow</b>          | We ask for a donation of a<br>jigsaw then you can borrow<br>as often as you like                    | Sue Charnock<br>Facebook Page                           |
| <b>Halsall Bees &amp; Butterflies<br/>Brigade</b>            | Meets once a month<br>See article for details                                                       | Clare Edwards<br>cedwards1144@gmail.com                 |
| <b>Halsall Badminton club</b>                                | Halsall School<br>Thursday 7.30pm                                                                   | Jim 01704 840908<br>Margaret 01704 840305               |
| <b>Yoga</b>                                                  | St Aidan's Hall<br>Mondays from 6pm                                                                 | Angela 07513 802976                                     |
| <b>Pilates</b>                                               | Haskayne Village Hall<br>Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am<br>Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30pm<br>Thursday 9.30 - 10.30am | Andrea Kerfoot<br>07540 053002<br>a.davies11@sky.com    |

### PARISH COUNCILLORS

|                    |                        |                                |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chair              | Mary Lyons             | 01704 840607                   |
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| Councillors        | Raymond Brookfield     | 07771 798167                   |
|                    | Lesley Stephenson      | 07813 563239                   |
|                    | David Adams            | 07795 083885                   |
|                    | Keith Wright           | 07507 209674                   |
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|                    | Tim Atlay              | 07721 867605                   |
|                    | Paul Barker            | 07768 797466                   |
|                    | Elizabeth Wright       | 07817 056145                   |
|                    | Chris Pyne             | Clerk@halsallparish.gov.uk     |
| Parish Clerk       | Cathy Smith            | 07935 657880                   |
| Asst. Parish Clerk | Marilyn Westley        | Cllr.MWestley@westlancs.gov.uk |
| Borough Councillor |                        | 07738 680752                   |
|                    | Alexander Blundell     | Cllr.Blundell@westlancs.gov.uk |
|                    | Jane Marshall          | Cllr.Marshall@westlancs.gov.uk |
| County Councillor  | Leon Graham            | 07856 930907                   |

## **HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH Next meeting 7.30pm 8th October 2025 At St. Aidan's Hall**

### ***November 2025 MAGAZINE***

**Closing date for Articles and Adverts :  
13th October 2025**

**Contributions by Email to [halsallnews@gmail.com](mailto:halsallnews@gmail.com)**

***All details in the magazine are correct to the best of  
our knowledge at the time of going to press.***

## **HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Halsall Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is 7:30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> October at St Aidan's Hall, Shirdley Hill.

### **Planning**

Planning applications are published for information only. Applications are typically only open for 21 days from publication by West Lancashire Borough Council (WLBC). Residents can view and comment on planning applications at

<https://pa.westlancs.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

### **Planning applications**

2025/0698/FUL 27 Renacres Lane, 2 storey extension to the front, extensions to side and rear, new windows, solar panels, changes to drive.

2025/FUL/FUL Dicconsos farm, erection of wall and gate

### **Planning decisions**

2025/0688/PNP White House Farm Morris Lane, Agriculture Store. Permitted

2024/0780/FUL 69 Renacres Lane, Front & Rear Dormers. Approved.

Alleged breaches of planning control should be reported to

<https://westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement-appeals/breaches-of-planning-control-and-enforcement-notices.aspx>

### **New Parish Councillor**

Lesley Stephenson was appointed as new Parish Councillor at the September meeting. We are delighted to welcome Lesley onto the Parish Council and looking forward to working with her. Many thanks to all who applied.

### **Lancashire reorganisation**

There is a government consultation process taking place about the reorganisation of local councils in Lancashire. We currently have a two-tier system with Lancashire County Council having responsibility for the more strategic, county-wide services such as education, social care, highways, transport, public health, registration of births, deaths, and marriages, management of household waste recycling centres and trading standards. West Lancashire Borough Council has responsibility for district-level services including waste collection, planning permission, housing, leisure facilities, environmental health and economic development.

The proposal is to replace the two-tier system with a number of unitary councils who will have responsibility for all services in the area. Many people are unaware of who is responsible for what services, and these proposed changes will reduce that confusion. Parish Councils are not affected and will remain unchanged. To participate in the public consultation on proposed changes, you can visit the Lancashire County Council consultation website at [www.givemyview.com/lancashirelgr](http://www.givemyview.com/lancashirelgr) to complete an online survey.

### **Grants approved**

A grant of £2000 was approved to support the lighting for the new accessible path into St Cuthbert's church.

Any voluntary organisations looking for a grant for 2025/26 should contact the clerk [\*@halsallparish.gov.uk\*](mailto:@halsallparish.gov.uk)

### **Rectory woodland**

An area of woodland behind St Cuthbert's Church currently owned by the Moore's family has kindly been offered to the community. The area contains some ruins of an old rectory that are listed and is now completely overgrown and inaccessible. A report has been commissioned to explore what needs to be done. Although it is early days and this will be a lengthy, major project, the Parish Council has agreed to initiate processes to restore the grounds and create a recreational facility in this area.

### **Upcoming events and news**

These are posted on Halsall Village Community Forum and the Shirdley Hill Community Association Facebook pages.

### **Halsall War Memorial Playing Field and Hall Trust**

#### **Summer fair and show**

The Summer Fair and Show on 14<sup>th</sup> August at Halsall Memorial Hall was a great success. Many thanks to the organising team.

#### **Upcoming events**

There will be a craft fair and makers market in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00 am until 4:00pm. So put the date in your diary and come along to support this event. Great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping?

There will be a children's Halloween fun event in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 12-3pm. Tickets will be £2.00 each. Check out the Facebook page for more details.

There will be the usual remembrance Sunday service in St Cuthbert's church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. All are invited for refreshments afterwards in the Memorial Hall.

There will be a carol singing community event – hopefully around a Christmas tree on the Memorial playing field on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. More details to follow.

#### **Photography competition and fundraiser**

Many thanks to all those who submitted photographs of our local area. The standard and quality of the photos submitted was excellent. We ended up with some difficult decisions, but the final 12 have been chosen. The 2026 Halsall Calendar is being printed and will be available to order and from locations around the village for £10.00. All money raised will go towards supporting the Halsall War Memorial and Playing Field Trust charity.

#### **Recycling**

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### **Halsall Scarecrows 2025**

Best scarecrow voted by trail walkers are as follows:

**1st place** - Peter Rabbit, created by Mrs Angela Pye

**2nd place** - Mother Nature, created by Angela Silcock

**3rd place** - Falling Roofer, created by Phil Morana



### **Raffle Prizes**

Farmer Ted's family ticket - Sophia

Saracens Head voucher - Lucy

Bakehouse - Harrison

Name the Scarecrow - Coraline (5yrs) gave her the name 'Rosie' and has won chocolate and wine (for Mum!)

Congratulations to all!

We raised £317 which has been shared out and donated to St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall Memorial Hall Trust and The Bees and Butterflies Brigade

Thanks to all who supported us in any way!!

**The Duck Race** held on Bank Holiday 25th August, was blessed with fabulous weather and it was so amazing to see families and community together for this fun event!

We raised **£1102.10**.

Heartfelt thanks go to The Saracen's Head for hosting and generously donating £50 towards the Grand Prize fund, Hospital Radio, all our helpers on the day and of course, everyone who attended and bought a duck

Our Grand Prize of £100 was won by a young 3yr old boy who attended with his family.

**Bingo night** at St Cuthbert's School on Friday 5th September was also well attended and lots of fun! It raised £350.05.

***Funds raised from the Bingo and Duck race will contribute towards creating disabled access for St Cuthbert's Church.***

Watch this space for more events including Harvest Supper, Christmas Raffle, Wreath making, Pearl of Africa Choir, Cheese & Wine and many more!

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This autumn The Bs will be planting for tomorrow, putting lots of bulbs in the ground that will flower in the spring. By the time you read this, we will have planted 1200 English Bluebells at the edge of The Memorial Field, behind the Moores' family bench. More bluebells will be planted in St. Cuthbert's Memorial Garden at the end of October, too, in a bid to extend the blue carpet through our new woodland garden.



The English Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) is a native plant of our woodlands and hedgerows. Flowering in April and May, it provides a vital early source of nectar for pollinators like bees and butterflies (including the Orange Tip and Brimstone butterflies) when other food sources are scarce. It bears deep, violet-blue flowers with petals curled back at the mouth of the bell. Flowers have a delicate, sweet scent and hang daintily on gently-arching stems. Once carpets of bluebells are established they offer shelter for various insects and small mammals in spring, before they die back, shrinking from summer weather. In the Memorial Garden we will definitely be aiming to achieve this sort of carpet, though it may take a few years to plant and establish!



Our English Bluebell is not to be confused with the non-native, un-scented and more upright Spanish Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*), which can cross-pollinate with English Bluebells to produce less-desirable hybrid plants. We want to give our new English Bluebells the best chance of doing well, so we have prepared planting areas by removing any significant clumps of Spanish Bluebells.



If you'd like to help with some bulb planting for the future, please do come along to St. Cuthbert's Memorial Garden on Sunday 26th October at 2pm. Whether you are an experienced gardener, new to planting or a young gardener who wants to learn, there is a place for you in The Bs and we'd love to meet you.



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My goodness, where does the time go? The summer holiday seemed to just fly by but it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the break and to see them all settling in well; full of motivation and enthusiasm for the new academic year. It's like a big family reunion on that first day back in September and we are always so impressed by how kind and caring the children are to each other, it's so heart-warming to see all those Christian values in action. We have welcomed 30 new pupils into our Reception class A huge thanks to our Year 6 Buddies who have helped to make them feel so welcome and supported in their new school.

### Class Structure

We have now moved to a single-year group structure (7 classes) which will help us to deliver our ambitious curriculum more effectively, and are delighted to welcome Miss Bartlett to our teaching team.

|                  |                                                      |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Reception</b> | Mrs Harrison, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Lomax, Miss Jones     |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Mrs Woolrich, Mrs Worthington, Mrs Gillespie         |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Miss Bartlett, Mrs Tyas, Miss Theaker, Mrs Strefford |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Mrs Floweth, Mrs Neale, Miss Schumacher              |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Mrs Kendall, Miss Judd, Mrs Massam                   |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | Mrs Crane, Mrs Edney, Mrs McElhinney/Miss Schumacher |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | Mrs Galley, Mrs Dunne                                |

### Up-coming events

Family Fun Night – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm  
Family Worship (Stay & Pray) – KS2: 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 3pm – KS1: 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 3pm  
Harvest Festival Service – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 9:30am  
Pearl of Africa visit – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Spooky Disco – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm  
Fireworks – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – 6:30pm



### **Fireworks**

We are always looking at ways to make this event less disruptive to the local community so with that in mind, our PTFA are willing to make a donation to anyone who may have a field we can use as additional parking, or to a club or charity willing to help with traffic management.

Please contact school on 01704 840253 if you can help.

### **Enrichment**

Year 6 experienced everyday life as Vikings on their recent trip to 'Tata's Tun' at Tatton Park. They learned how to weave, thresh and grind corn, discovered some of the many the uses of a reindeer and even explored battle formations!



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