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## May 2019

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## THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, HALSALL

|                  |                        |               |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Rector           | The Revd Paul Robinson | 0151 526 0512 |
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## **THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL**

### **Rector**

The Revd Paul Robinson

The Rectory

Church Lane

Lydiate

L31 4HL

**Phone:** 0151 526 0512

**Parish Mobile:** 07518 926086

Email: paulrobinson407@gmail.com

**Parish Surgery:** Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Rector's Secretary to make an appointment. The phone number of the office is 0151 526 2292 and the office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm or you can email at:

stthomassteph@btinternet.com

**The Sick:** This parish is committed to the care of the sick. Names of those in need of this ministry, either at home or in hospital, should be given to Paul. The Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) is reserved in church and can be taken to the housebound or ill. Holy Oil is also kept for the anointing of the sick.

**The Dying:** Paul can be contacted at any time of the day or night in order to minister to the dying.

### **Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website**

The website for the St Cuthbert Church community can be viewed at  
[www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk](http://www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk)

The website contains information about services and events, archive material including school reports, Halsall Parish Magazines dating from now and back to the 1800's, information and other general news updates.

It also provides a link to *Virginmoneygiving.com* where it is possible to donate to us online. On the spot updates are also available via the Facebook page.

We would love to hear from anyone who may wish to suggest other content that would be relevant and of interest to the community.

General enquiries about the site can be directed by e-mail to:  
[info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk](mailto:info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk)

The Rector Writes:-

With the Easter celebrations behind us it is time to look forward to summer – hoping that it will be long and warm, not damp and miserable. The weather is getting a little warmer, and the flowers are out so it all looks promising.

Talking of promises – it is the promise that the risen Jesus made to us – that he would be with us always - that I want you to spend some time thinking about this month. Because it is by Jesus' rising from the dead, that this promise was fulfilled, and it was through this promise that the world was changed forever. And I think that Jesus' promise is an important thing for us, and all Christian people, to spend some time thinking about, and also, for us 2000 years on, to think about how we can play our part in changing the world so that God's Kingdom comes that little bit closer.

What can I do to change the world and brings God's Kingdom that little bit closer? You may ask yourself. Well! There are lots of things we can do in our everyday lives. But perhaps, rather than me tell you what they are, maybe it would be useful for each of us to stop and think about Jesus' promise, and think about what Jesus would do if he was in any of the situations we find ourselves in. And if we take this time to stop and think then maybe the answer to "What can I do?" will come to us – it's worth a try.

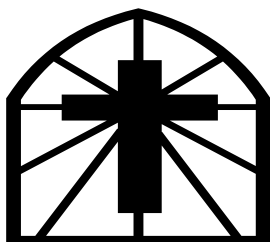
With best wishes

The Revd. Paul Robinson

## **St Cuthbert's Church Update**

**Following the drone survey organised by the insurers Church has been given the go ahead to do the repairs. The scaffolding will be going up as soon as possible**

**Once the top is stabilised the Church will be able to reopen.**



### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 3**

|         |                    |               |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.00am | Family Eucharist   | St Thomas'    |

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 4**

|         |                    |               |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | CW Sung Eucharist  | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.00am | Parade             | St Thomas'    |

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 5**

|         |                    |               |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.00am | CW Sung Eucharist  | St Thomas'    |

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6**

|         |                    |               |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | CW Sung Eucharist  | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.00am | CW Sung Eucharist  | St Thomas'    |

### **MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES**

|                                |         |            |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May  | 10.00am | St Thomas' |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May  | 10.00am | St Thomas' |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May | 10.00am | St Thomas' |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | 10.00am | St Thomas' |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May | 10.00am | St Thomas' |

## SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### MAY

1st Charles P Mansbridge (Birthday)  
 2nd Henry Eric Kenyon (Birthday)  
 2nd Florrie Pilling (Birthday)  
 4th Dennis Stanley Markham  
 4th Marion Chadwick (Birthday)  
 5th Mary Critchley  
 7th Henry Serjeant (Birthday)  
 8th Lucy Proctor (Birthday)  
 9th Ian Holcroft (Birthday)  
 9th George Henry Porter  
 11th Doreen Porter  
 12th William Prescott  
 15th Marian Austin (Birthday)  
 20th John & Cissie Morris  
 21st Harold Dean  
 21st Gerald Musker  
 24th Marian Austin  
 27th Margaret Balshaw  
 27th Annie Sumner  
 29th Joseph Huyton (Birthday)  
 31st John Johnson



### WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

May 2019



|      |                 |               |                              |
|------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 5th  | Stephen Henders | Anne Grimshaw | Bill Banks John Wroe         |
| 12th | Lynda Bramwell  |               | Beryl Sephton Rebecca Ridley |
| 19th | Stephen Henders | Elaine Ayre   | Anne Cushion Tara Kenyon     |
| 26th | Lynda Bramwell  | Colin Throp   | Elaine Ayre Philip Banks     |

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

May 2019



|          |                    |                          |                            |                    |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 12th May | <b>A Critchley</b> | P Waterworth<br>C Moss   | S Waterworth<br>E Robinson | K Twist<br>M Mills |
| 26th May | <b>P Carr</b>      | E Houlgrave<br>J Aynsley | E Carr                     | A Grimshaw         |

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING**

2019/0221/FUL - Memorial Playing Field, Halsall Road Proposal: Proposed new external wooden store

2019/0130/FUL - 42 Gregory Lane – Single storey rear extension

2019/0168/FUL - 91 Segars Lane - Two storey extension to side of dwelling

### **PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE**

Cars parking either side of Summerwood Lane at school times and when funerals and weddings are taking place at St Cuthbert's are causing an obstruction and prevent large vehicles, including the emergency services from passing through.

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.

### **PARKING ON NEW STREET NEAR TO THE JUNCTION WITH CARR MOSS LANE**

This is creating a dangerous situation for cars trying to turn out of Carr Moss Lane because their line of sight is obstructed and we would ask that people refrain from parking so close to the junction before a serious accident occurs.

### **PARKING ON CARR MOSS LANE NEAR TO THE JUNCTION WITH LINEKAR DRIVE**

Once again the Parish Council would ask people to use some common sense when parking their cars and not to park so close to the junction as to restrict residents of Linekar Drive from being able to see oncoming cars approaching from both directions when exiting the drive.

### **PARKING ALONG SEGARS LANE**

Cars double parking and parking on pavements are causing problems along Segars Lane. 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.

### **FLY TIPPING**

Please report any instances of fly tipping to Dave Bond (Parish Clerk)

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aiden's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall.

**Please note: If you wish to make audio or video recording, or take photographs of the meeting please phone Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email [davebondhpc@aol.com](mailto:davebondhpc@aol.com) in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruption.**

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

**The Parish Council Website [www.halsallparish.com](http://www.halsallparish.com) includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.**



**For information:**

**BUS SERVICE - 315 ROUTE DESCRIPTION**

From ORMSKIRK Bus Station via Moor Street, St Helens Road, Park Road, Aughton Street, Prescott Road, TOWN GREEN, Town Green Lane, Winifred Lane, AUGHTON, Turnpike Road, Formby Lane, Birches Brow, Broad Lane, DOWNHOLLAND CROSS, Delf Lane, Altcar Lane, Black-a-Moor Lane, School Lane, HASKAYNE, Wanishar Lane, Southport Road, BARTON, Hill Brow, New Street, HALSALL, Halsall Road, Renacres Lane, SHIRDLEY HILL, Heathey Lane, Birkdale Cop, Moss Road, SOUTHPORT, Bentham's Way, Town Lane, Scarisbrick New Road, Eastbank Street and Lord Street to SOUTHPORT Lord Street (Leicester Street Stop). Returning from SOUTHPORT Lord Street (Union Street Stop) via Lord Street, Eastbank Street, then outward route reversed to ORMSKIRK Bus Station.

\*Hail and Ride applies on these and all rural roads.

**USE IT OR LOSE IT**

**West Lancashire Footpath Group is a registered charity (No. 511764) whose aims are to organise rambles in West Lancashire and surrounding districts, and to monitor rights of way and to report on problems of access across the borough. We are a designated group for consultation with Lancashire County Council about building developments affecting rights of way.**

**The group organises rambles across West Lancashire and adjacent areas, and tries to cover all the parishes in a rolling programme. Walks in Halsall often start at Halsall Church or the Saracen's Head.. Further details of walks can be found on our website ([westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk](http://westlancsfootpathgroup.org.uk)).**

**We have recently drawn attention to problems with Halsall 8-9-FP12 which runs from The Runnel in Halsall to Green Kettle Farm. There is a broken sign near the beginning and two deteriorating bridges over the ditches which will eventually become unusable if not repaired. We have drawn this to the attention of Lancashire CC. If you are concerned about preserving the footpath network, please report such problems by email to Lancashire County Council.**

**([ProwReports@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:ProwReports@lancashire.gov.uk)).**

**Individual complaints from residents may carry more weight than those from interest groups such as ours or the Ramblers. If you have any concerns about other rights of way in the parish please let us know.**

**FROM YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:**

**WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICT AND  
POLLING PLACES CHANGES**

**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

The Borough Council is consulting on proposed changes that affect Halsall and the closing date is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. There is no local election in Halsall this year but proposed changes, particularly to polling places in Segars Lane, Moss Lane and New Cut Lane areas may affect you in future. The Halsall specific proposals can be found online:

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/media/544799/halsall.pdf>

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/media/544771/2019-review-hla-hle.pdf>

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/media/544750/halsall-proposal.pdf>

The Council has stated that where changes are suggested to proposed arrangements, representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as Polling Places. I understand that consideration may be given to places in Sefton, if suggested.

**This will no doubt be an important issue to many Halsall residents so please don't miss this opportunity to respond and express your views.**

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/review-of-polling-districts-2019.aspx>

## Halsall Football Club 1919 -2019



This year Halsall Football Club celebrate their centenary and are celebrating this with a special occasion on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**All are welcome to come along and join us at the Memorial Field, Halsall from 1pm.**

There will be a football match followed by refreshments where people can catch up with old footie team mates and family, look at photos etc. and hopefully past trophies will be there to view.

If you have any photos or football memorabilia to share, please bring them with you on the day or call numbers below to arrange getting them.

Please contact Ian Goldstraw 07817250526 or Paul Williams on 07810448136 if you're interested or would like more info.

# Halsall St Cuthbert's Update : May

## Admissions

Parents will be informed whether their child has a place at Halsall St Cuthbert's in the next few weeks. Some parents may wish to go to appeal through the LEA. If anyone has not been allocated a place for their child in September and they would like to go to appeal through the LEA, please contact school as soon as possible for procedural information and advice. This will be of considerable help.

## Classes in September 2019.

We'll be setting our classes for next September after the Easter break. If anyone is interested in starting their child in the reception class at Halsall St Cuthbert's (see above), or in any other year groups, please ring school on 01704-840253.

## Summer Carnival (Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July)

The theme this year is **HOLIDAYS**. It should be great fun. Classes will be performing a range songs and dances and there should be some amazing bright and sunny outfits. Let's start praying for some lovely weather.

## Attendance

Our Attendance Target is 98%. This is a challenging target but we do set our sights high

We try and discourage parents from taking holidays in term-time as this can often have a serious detrimental impact upon a child's progress and attainment. A week away is 5 days' learning lost. Often the child will have missed important instruction, the opportunity to complete tasks and ask questions and absorb any further explanation to strengthen their understanding. Children often struggle on their return to school and can become upset as they see their peers completing tasks more quickly and accurately.

## Gymnastics Glory

Our gymnasts (*Isabel Thomas, Ava Kirkham, Serafina Campolucci-Bordi, Finlay Roach and Jaspa Moss-Langridge*) competed in the district championships at Ormskirk High School this week and won the team **GOLD**. What a fabulous achievement against 10 other local schools, many much larger than Halsall St Cuthbert's. Isabel won the overall girls' **Gold** and Jaspa the overall boys' **Bronze**. What stars they are. Thanks to Mrs Green for helping coach the children and giving them this brilliant opportunity to do well.



### **Y2 Dance Success - Amazing**

Congratulations to our Year 2 dance team. The girls won the West Lancashire Level 2 Dance Competition. Competing against so many other schools, this is a major achievement. They'll will now represent **West Lancashire** in the big Lancashire Finals event on 1st May. The dance team perform "It's A Hard Knock Life" from the musical Annie, at the Charter Theatre in Preston. It should be a great experience for them and a great day out.

Well done to Mrs Floweth, Mrs Green and all the girls. Good luck to them on Finals Day.

### **Kenyon Shields**

The winners this half-term were :

**Reception : Jack Gillingham**

**Year 1 : Eva Daisy Thomas**

**Year 2 : Miley Potter**

**Year 3 : Bobb Dodd**

**Year 4 : Serafina Campolucci-Bordi**

**Year 5 : Laken Potter**

**Year 6 : Luke Dunning**

Well done to them all. They've worked so hard and have been so good around school.



### **Mr Bedwell's Expedition Around Iceland**

Mr Andrew Bedwell is one of our parents and he is hoping to sail solo around Iceland in the early summer. It should take him about 3 weeks weather permitting. We hope to track his progress across the ocean and seas and we wish him God's speed.

Mr Bedwell is keen to help raise money for the school and we have identified a target purchase of a train engine and carriages. It should be a fabulous resource for the little ones and be brilliant for their role play. We hope to have it in in school by the end of the summer term. Good luck to Mr Bedwell.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

### **CHALICE ROTA**

**May 2019**



|                      |               |                |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> May  | Angela Banks  | Lynda Bramwell |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May | Ann Throp     | Diane Comfort  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Beryl Sephton | Lynda Bramwell |
| 26th May             | Colin Throp   | Tara Kenyon    |

## **The Diocese in Europe**

I must admit that I had never heard of the Diocese in Europe until 2014. When my wife and I moved our main home to France that year it became apparent that it would be a bit too far to travel to St. Cuthbert's, Halsall, each Sunday. It was Church House in Liverpool which made me aware of this Anglican diocese which covers more than 40 countries.

Within this diocese, France is an archdeaconry (population approximately 66 million people). In essence, this diocese serves the needs of Christians from an Anglican tradition who are English speaking. When in France I attend the Christ Church in the Manche. In this context, 'the Manche' refers to the local government area (or département) of 'La Manche' which borders the English Channel (or La Manche as it is known in France). Our worship actually takes place at two Roman Catholic churches each Sunday, which our fellow Christians are happy to let us use.

Morning services are held at 11h00 in the church at Gratot-Homméel, and at 17h00 at Virey. Whilst British expats constitute the majority of the congregations, there are also some Americans who are resident locally and who take advantage of the opportunity to attend worship in English. The fact that we are allowed to use Roman Catholic church buildings indicates that ecumenical relationships locally are very good. Overall, the position of Christianity, and indeed religion as a whole, in French society is very different to that in the UK. When in France, I remember the worship of our united benefice in my prayers, and when in the UK I do the same with regard to the worship at Christ Church in the Manche. If ever you feel like joining me in forming a bridge of prayer between our congregations, please feel free to do so.

For further information:

<https://europe.anglican.org/>

<http://www.manche-church.net/>

Philip Murphy

## Scarecrow Treasure Hunt 22nd & 23rd June

In June our fabulous Scarecrows will be on parade once again. Everyone is invited to make a Scarecrow and display it outside their house or in one of the public areas around the village. It's not a competition, it's just for fun!



If you need help on how to build your scarecrow the following videos would be a good place to start. Most of these videos use straw, but it works just as well if you use shredded paper or screwed up newspaper stuffed in waterproof bin bags.

[www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/Activities/activities/make-a-scarecrow](http://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/Activities/activities/make-a-scarecrow)

[www.pinterest.co.uk/MarikaAngelina/build-a-scarecrow/?lp=true](http://www.pinterest.co.uk/MarikaAngelina/build-a-scarecrow/?lp=true)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-DZ-YhG27k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-DZ-YhG27k)

On 22nd & 23rd June from 1pm to 4pm you will be able to join in our Scarecrow Treasure Hunt. It's a great family activity and has been enjoyed by many little ones in the past two years. The £4 entry fee raises money for the Halsall Proud & Tidy Group. Details to follow in next month's newsletter.



For further information and ideas see our Facebook page -  
Halsall Scarecrows  
or contact Eleanor Wroe -elliwroe@hotmail.com  
or 01704 841216

## Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School

In May we meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

Weather permitting, we should be able to get out and about during these occasions. It would be good to see you enjoying our very informal and friendly sessions.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion



## Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group

Thank you to the three volunteers who came to help tidy up around the Memorial Hall. We made a big difference in a short time.

Our next get-together will be on Tuesday 28th June . Please meet at 6.30pm outside the Church. There are a few small areas around the village which need a bit of attention ready for The Best Kept Village Judging which starts on 8th June. Hope we get a few more volunteers who can spare just an hour of their time to make a difference.

If you can't make it but would like to help, please get in touch as we have a few jobs which could be done at a time to suit you. These include -Painting 3 lamp posts - Cleaning & staining a bench - Power washing - Cleaning the tables in Bishops Walk or Washing and staining the notice board in Summerwood Lane car park .

We're proud of our village! Let's all do the best we can!

For further information please post on our Facebook site (Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group), or contact Eleanor Wroe ([elliwroe@hotmail.com](mailto:elliwroe@hotmail.com) or 01704 841216) or Enid Banks ([enidbanks@aol.com](mailto:enidbanks@aol.com) or 01704 567654)





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**SHIRDLEY HILL RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION**

# **ST AIDAN'S LUNCHEON CLUB**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. 12.30 pm.**

**3 COURSE MEAL AND 6 GAMES OF BINGO £5.**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**To book ring Sylvia on 01704 840705**



**A few vacancies left please ring Sylvia**



## **SHREW SHIRDLEY HILL RESIDENTS ENVIRONMENT WORKERS**

### **Best Kept Village Competition 2019**

Can you help us keep on top of litter, ask if you wish to borrow gloves, bags and litter pickers otherwise be careful when you pick it up and please put it in your own bin or give me a call if there is too much Thanks.

The work has now been completed on the new sensory garden we are getting ready to plant out with recommended sensory plants.  
We are very happy with the sturdy construction work.

The rest of the Green is looking great thanks to the hard work carried out by the Tuesday / Friday gang.

Enquiries ring Dave on 840705

## Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2019



The entry form has been sent in and we expect judges to visit us four times between 8th June and 21st July. Please do your bit by checking that the front of your property, including the roadside, is in good order. Thank you!

The judges look at every part of the village in detail including private housing, business premises, community buildings, play areas, waterways and notice boards. These are all awarded marks which are added up to give us our position for the overall award of Lancashire Best Kept Village.

This year we have also entered some areas for special attention, and hopefully, some special awards!! They are the school, the Church, the Saracens Head, the Cricket Grounds and the Village Bakehouse. On the other hand we are allowed to highlight some areas which can be ignored by the judges because they are in poor condition, but they can only be exempt for one year, and we have to give a good reason for them to be discounted in the overall marks.

Our "exclusion zones" this year are :-

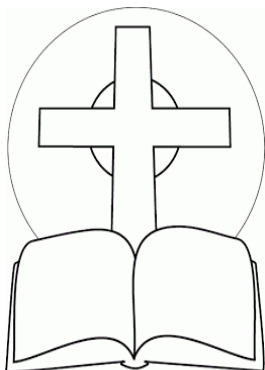
- 1 The housing development in progress near the top of Carr Moss Lane
- 2 The redundant brick building being renovated on New Street (next to what was Blundell & Rimmers)
- 3 The disused haulage yard by the canal bridge in Summerwood Lane (formerly Gaskells)
- 4 The canal bridge railings in Summerwood Lane

Hopefully all these will be up-to-scratch before next year's entry is submitted.

The latest news on the canal bridge railings is that the Canal & River Trust need to arrange a road closure to be able to mend the stonework and continue the bridge painting which may take some time to arrange. It is also low on their list of priorities in their budget at the moment.

Fingers crossed that we do well this year!

## HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS



### **BAPTISMS**

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### May at-a-glance

May is, for me, one of the most exciting & loveliest months of the year in the garden, because you can see new flowers opening every time you step outdoors & the best of the year is still to come. Longer evenings and warmer weather brings out the gardener in all of us. Happy gardening.

### General garden Tasks

Prepare the soil for bedding plants.

Keep on top of weeding & hoeing –its endless I know!

Watch out for and deal with pests using biological controls & organic remedies.

Feed established lawns if not done in April.

Pinch out any green shoots appearing on variegated trees & shrubs.

Tie in new growth of climbers & wall shrubs.

Clip beech, hornbeam, box & Leyland cypress late this month or early next. Cut privet.

Support perennials.

Divide clumps of primroses & polyanthus after flowering.

Continue deadheading & feeding spring-flowering bulbs.

Plant & train sweet peas. Plant tubs, troughs, window boxes & hanging baskets in the middle of this month at the earliest.

Sow swede, beetroot, maincrop carrots, peas, raddish & spring onion.

Direct-sow frost-tender vegetables, e.g. French & runner beans, sweetcorn & courgettes.

Plant out leeks.

Harvest overwintered onions.

Water soft fruit bushes with swelling fruit & newly planted fruit trees.

Protect strawberries from birds.

Continue to prick out seedlings, young plants & cuttings.

Continue hardening off bedding plants ready for end of month outdoor planting.

Plant tomatoes in early may & sweet peppers, chillies, melons & cucumbers late May.

Harvest baby potatoes.

Divide overgrown waterlilies in the pond.

Introduce new fish to the water garden now the weather is warmer.

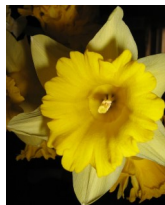
### Watch out for

Late frosts – protect with fleece.

Pests in the greenhouse & containers.

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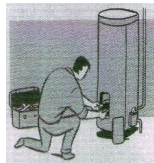
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