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**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**

A new website for Halsall's St Cuthbert Church community has been launched and can be viewed at: <http://www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk>

The aim of the site is to:

- Raise funds for the repair of St Cuthbert's Church spire – through volunteering and fundraising events
- Showcase archive church documents, school reports and the Halsall Parish Magazine/Halsall News which date back to 1800s and up to the present day
  - Church service times and other news

For more information please contact Colin Throp 01704 841281 on or email: [info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk](mailto:info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk)

## The Reader Writes...

I write this at the end of the first full week in January. I (like many) have just finished my first “normal” week back at work after the Christmas and New Year holidays. This afternoon, we put the Christmas decorations back in the loft and the house looks tidy/bare.

“It’s all over for another year”! In the midst of the pre-Christmas chaos at work, I heard many people say things like, “It’s only like a Sunday roast dinner” – though that was usually men who didn’t have responsibility for producing the main meal of the year – or “All this for just one day”. I myself may even (provocatively) have said to people who had time to enjoy the countdown to Christmas while I was sinking under the weight of an ever-increasing workload, “This time next week it will be all over”.

So, in the words of Peggy Lee, “Is that all there is?” Was all that fuss over one or two days? If so, surely we (and I) have our priorities wrong?

So, how long was Christmas? Well, I Googled it and the answer is as follows:

*For secular people, Christmas lasts one or two days.*

*For some religious people, it lasts at least 12 days, from sundown on Christmas Eve until the first Sunday after 6<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany).*

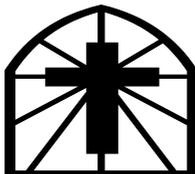
*For others, it doesn’t end until 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) – about 6 weeks.*

The SEASON of Christmas – whether 12 days or 6 weeks – is more reason for all the festivities. BUT the **legacy** of Christmas, that we can carry every day of every year, is that – in the words of a modern translation of St John’s gospel –

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

Now THAT is worth celebrating, but we don’t need turkey and trimmings to do so, just a thankful heart.

Best Wishes, David



## **Sunday Services in the United Benefice for February 2016**

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Next before Lent**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Lent 1**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Eucharist (& Baptisms)	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Parade Service	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Lent 2**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Lent 3**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Family Eucharist	St Thomas'

## **MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February      NO SERVICE

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am	St Cuthbert's Church
	7.30pm (Sung)	St Thomas' Church

The Imposition of Ash will be offered at both services

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February      NO SERVICE

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February      10.00am      St Thomas' Church



**10th FEBRUARY**

This is an important day in the Life of all Christians. Both the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship remind us that Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day - a day when all Christian people should gather to worship the Lord.

On Ash Wednesday there is the opportunity to receive the 'Imposition of Ashes' on your forehead.

What does this mean?

Well very simply at a point in the service - and it is optional - you are invited to come up to the altar rail and receive the cross - the sign of Jesus - on your forehead. This is a symbolic gesture that reminds us of certain things:-

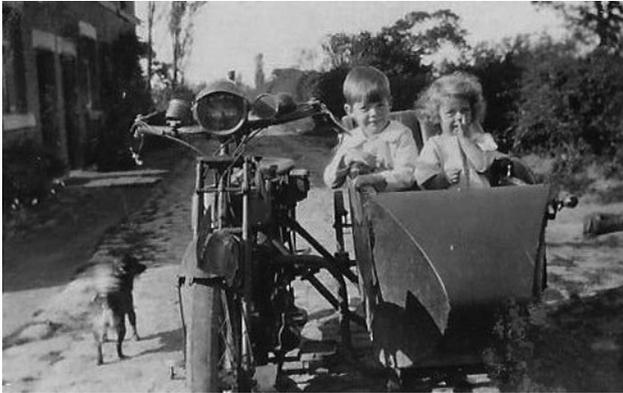
That we are sorry for our sins and wish to repent of them.

That through the cross we are sealed for Christ.

That through the cross we are redeemed and saved.

So at the start of Lent (Ash Wednesday) please join us in church as we start our journey towards Easter.

## Mr Harry Howard



You may remember reading Harry's lively articles in the magazine recently about village life in Halsall in the early 20th Century.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Harry on 16th November 2015 age 96.

Our thoughts are with his family.

Here is another snippet from his memories. Could this possibly be correct?

**' My father liked an occasional drink, although we only ever had rum for medicinal purposes in our house. During the War he wrote to me in Algeria to tell me that he had met Clark Gable at 'The Scarisbrick', the village pub opposite the church. The famous Hollywood film star had joined the US Air Force, and was initially based in Southport, presumably for action in Europe.'**

Well a quick check reveals that Clark Gable was indeed stationed at Altcar with the American Air Force during the second world war.

## Halsall From the Registers

### BAPTISMS

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Faye Elizabeth Whittle

Beatrix Gladys Cunningham

### FUNERALS

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

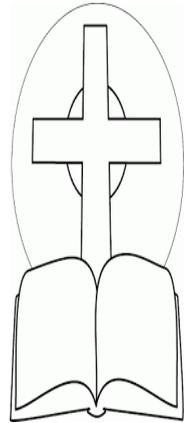
Sheila Ashcroft

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Jacqui Derby

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

Clifford Kenyon



### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR February 2016



14th February	B Knowles E Wroe	J Quinn	K Mudd	S Jessop
28th February	E Banks N Harbinson	M Webster L Wilkinson	C Meehan D Backhouse	E Parry

### Chalice Rota

### February 2016



7 <sup>th</sup> February	Mike Hilton	Lynda Bramwell
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Diane Comfort	Malcolm Sergeant
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Beryl Sephton	David Jessop
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Sarah Mitchell	Elaine Ayre

## Halsall Sunshine Club

Due to diminishing support for the Sunshine Club, it has been decided to suspend further Bingo sessions until further notice.

However, we plan to go ahead and organise a Summer Trip on 28th June 2016 to Llandudno.  
Further details to follow.

## Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School



**The next meeting of the Sunday school will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, with our Family service on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. In March there will be only one Sunday school session on the 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The six young people who lead our New Star Nativity, Erin, Lucy, Issy, Harriet, Sam and Harrison did an amazing job. Acting as narrators, an Old Star told younger New Stars all about the First Christmas, and how Jesus Christ is the true reason we celebrate Christmas. Also we must not forget our Sunday school children who enriched the performance as angels, kings and sheep.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

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## **Report from Halsall School**



### **Christmas Concerts 2015**

The Annie concerts and the school nativity were massive hits with the parents, families and friends. Altogether we raised £2,311 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. What a brilliant effort. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and came along to watch the children, to those who donated goods for the hampers, made mince pies or helped with the organisation. It was a very tiring last couple of weeks but certainly worthwhile!

### **Standards**

Last year's Key Stage 2 SATS results were extremely pleasing and this was confirmed with Halsall's placing in both the National and LEA school league tables.

We also recently received a letter of congratulations from the Minister of State for Schools, MP Nick Gibb, who praised our school for its attainment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Halsall St Cuthbert's was actually one of only 187 schools (from about 17,000) in the whole country where 100% of pupils attained Level 4b+. This is a really wonderful achievement and just reward for the incredible effort of staff, parents and children.

### **Admissions September 2016**

Parents will need to have completed application forms for their child's admission to reception in September 2016. It is likely to be a very popular year.

Please refer specifically to the school's Admissions Criteria linked to faith commitment : Qualification under this criteria is judged as regular church attendance, at least monthly, for the 12 months prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

### **PTFA**

A big, big thank you to the many PTFA volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes at each of the Christmas shows. The PTFA also helped a great deal with organising the children's Christmas Party and with the special Father Christmas Grotto in the outdoor classroom. It was sight to behold and a real treat for the little ones. As well as that, the PTFA also recently provided financial support for the Christmas Party (presents, food, etc) for new Computing equipment, for the school library and for the reception class sand pit.

In addition, the PTFA generously funds the many educational school trips that we plan throughout the year. (usually 2 per class) What a fabulous saving for all of our families with the average cost of trip at £10-£15.

### **School Library**

In recent months, we have invested heavily in our school library to make it more bright, clean, user-friendly and interesting for the children. We now have new shelving, a new index system, new tables, more soft seating, rugs and lots of new and exciting texts for the children to read. It looks great (even though it's not finished yet) and the children think it's fantastic.

### **Lollipop Man (Mr Jim)**

Due to ill-health, Mr Jim Halligan has now retired from his post as caretaker at the school and as our lollipop man (road safety officer)

Mr Jim had worked at Halsall St Cuthbert's for over 15 years and in that time was a dedicated and hard-working member of the staff team. He's kept us all entertained with his cheerful disposition and witty banter. He'll certainly be missed. We wish him all the very best for the future. Mrs Kewn has now taken over the daily road safety duties and we wish her well in this new challenge.

### **Kidz Club**

Mrs Hannah Massam our Kidz Club manager, will be starting her maternity leave in the next few months.

We are therefore on the look-out for someone to take over her position on a temporary basis until her return.

Please contact school if you are interested, need more information or want an application form.

(01704-840253)12 hours per week at £12 per hour. Term-Time only.

### **Welfare Staff**

We are looking for a couple of welfare staff to provide supervision during the lunch breaks. If you are interested in working at the school and providing this extremely valuable and rewarding service, please get in touch. We will arrange a DBS check and provide all necessary training etc.

### **Playground and Car Park**

The playground has now been re-lined and it looks fantastic. We've got a chess board, a snakes and ladders board, bean bag target game, 100 square, an alphabet snake, compass directions, a bicycle route and a football pitch etc.

The car park has also had most of its lines recovered. It looks much neater and clearer.

### **Dog Mess**

We are still finding dog mess on the school premises and this is extremely upsetting for children when they get it on their shoes, clothes and hands.

Please let us know if you see anyone exercising their dog on the playground or on the field so that we can contact the authorities and push for a prosecution. Thank you.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)

## WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

February 2016



DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	
7th	Malcolm Serjeant	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
14th	Lynda Bramwell	Sarah Jessop	Anne Cushion
21st	Malcolm Serjeant	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks
28th	Lynda Bramwell	Christine Jones	Rebecca Trecarich



Nicholas Blundell

## Weather in Halsall 1700-1899

The 18<sup>th</sup> century opened with the worst ever recorded storm in England in 1703. The wind blew the roof off Westminster Abbey and the newly built Eddystone Lighthouse was destroyed. The North West fared moderately better than the South during this event. The opening years of the century were relatively dry, but what storms there were encroached upon the land at Formby; eroding the coast as far up the river

Alt at Altcar. We are fortunate to have notes from the diarist Nicholas Blundell, who lived across the Moss in Little Crosby. In 1715 he describes a terrible windstorm which began on February 1<sup>st</sup> 1715.

“There was a most prodigious wind it blew down barns and did more damage in this town than has ever been done by wind here. I had a brick barn blown down and John Davy was blown off his house and very ill hurt. The seawater was carried with the wind to Upholland near Wigan and all plants in my garden were covered with sea water”

On 6<sup>th</sup> October 1717 he reports

“There were very great cracks of thunder, unusual for these parts, about 10 o'clock at night and lightning with rain. I got up at midnight and went with Thomas Sayer to see if the mill was still standing.”

In 1719 he writes

“Hot for February and extraordinary southern winds” The year ended very wet in Lancashire with more inundations by the sea upon the moss.”

In 1720 a violent storm in December caused the sea to inundate the land as far as Ince Blundell and 6,600 acres were flooded. Nicholas Blundell wrote, “The Churchwardens were a begging because of the great losses sustained in Lancashire by the violent overflowing of the sea. Over 157 houses had been swept away and 200 more damaged.”

In that year the floodgates broke on the river Alt and this episode was repeated in 1736. No doubt some of the cottages worst affected were in lower lying areas like Barton and Downholland and properties lying to the south of Halsall church. The floods lapped up against our parish church wall. It is significant that, at the eastern end of the church, masons have made carvings of boats and a man sitting in each praying, aware that the sea was a constant threat, by flooding the land and spoiling crops with salt spray.

Villagers supplemented their meagre diets by fishing on the meres and sometimes as far as the seashore when floods allowed them to venture there by boat. The winters of 1725 and 1728 were severe and 1731 repeated a pattern of dry summers and this was also the era of great pea soup fogs in London.

The coldest October on record in 1740 followed the bitter winter of 1739 when streets were blocked for 8 weeks with snow. The second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century was typified by cold winters especially in the 1760's when frost fairs were held every year on the Thames. It was also in the 1760's that Edward Segar a farmer from Barton House started a process of land drainage by stripping the peat and burning it and digging ditches to drain the land.

In 1764 a church was destroyed by lightning which started a fire and this hastened the installation of lightning conductors on churches including our own. The frost was so acute in 1767/8 that evergreens suffered severe damage. The 1780's were affected by an eruption of an Icelandic volcano which made the winters bitterly cold and sunshine of a premium. There was great distress to farmers in 1785 when spring planting failed. On Sept 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 1786 a major storm was experienced all over Britain.

On Christmas Eve in 1794 Halsall parishioners on their way to the midnight service commented on the sudden cold snap which brought icy winds all day. They were still grumbling about the same cold snap in March the following year. Paradoxically the summer was warm and the warmest September on record followed by a mild winter. The century ended with rain; only 11 days between June and November 1799 stayed dry all day.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century weather would probably take more of a toll on our church's stonework and sculptures than all the frosts, blizzards and storms of the previous five centuries. The Industrial Revolution and burning of coal blackened many a fine building and smogs and rain, laden with carbon sailed on the wind across the Lancashire plain, from the mills and factories in towns and cities. The church stonework today still carries the black blemishes of polluted air from these times.

After 1809 the next ten years were a cold decade. In 1813, ships navigating the Mersey, had problems with drifting ice. The same year frost fairs took place, on the Thames; this was for the last time because improvements on the river bank, increased the tidal flow into London. 1816 was called the year without summer and nature to balance it out provided the driest warmest summer on record in 1818. Extremes continued to be the pattern in 1819 when temperatures of minus 11 were experienced in nearby Ormskirk and in 1823 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February a great snowstorm was the fate of Northern England. Snow was also the theme with 1830 and 1836 both having a white Christmas, with some drifts over 25 feet on the pennines. A record cold spring started 1837 and snow was lying late into the spring.

The year 1839 began with gales and there occurred in January the night of the Big Wind; deaths in Liverpool on land and sea amounted to 115. The sea water once again lapped up against the wall of the parish church, despite the increased efforts to drain the moss and channel the water by ditch digging. More tragedy was to follow after a dry year in 1844. A warm, damp late summer and early autumn were ideal conditions for the potato blight which came to Lancashire and to Ireland with catastrophic consequences.

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In Lancashire many a farmer was ruined but in Ireland 1 million souls died of hunger. How and why this should happen in a country which was connected to the richest country on Earth is still a source of debate today. The crisis meant that 1,000's of refugees came to the north west, through Liverpool from Dublin, in a desperate plight for food, work and shelter.

In 1852 a violent storm tore the tiles off Halsall church and the rain poured in. The sea wall was destroyed at Southport and the winds persisted until the 27<sup>th</sup>. After a period of hydrological drought in the 1850's the sea again burst through the walls at Hesketh Bank in 1866. This was a wind driven tidal surge which flooded Martin mere and the flat farmlands and the drainage ditches. Even as far away as Halsall ditches and brooks overflowed and ran in torrents. In 1870 observers in Halsall were treated to amazing sunsets of various colours in May. This was due to raging bush fires in Canada which coloured the sunrise and sunsets.

The eruption of volcano Krakatoa in Indonesia on 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August 1883 led to suppression in the world's temperature by 0.5 of a degree, which gave cold winters. However the final decades of the 1800's were notable for their lack of rainfall and long periods of dry weather in summer and winter. Conversely on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1893, nearby Preston suffered the most intense rainfall in a short period ever recorded.

**Stephen Henders**

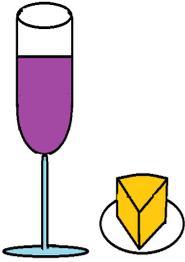
## SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### FEBRUARY

- 1st Marion Chadwick
- 4th Peter Bradshaw
- 5th Margaret Dutton (Birthday)
- 7th Rose Mary Bailey (Birthday)
- 11th Alice Jane Ryding (Birthday)
- 12th D A Simpkin
- 12th Dorothy Cheetham (Anniversary)
- 13th Maureen Bailey (Birthday)
- 13th Joseph Haldane
- 15th John Pilling
- 15th John Henry Moorcroft
- 16th Anne Louise Moorcroft
- 16th Les Marshall (Remembrance)
- 17th Robert Heaton (Birthday)
- 18th William Stopforth (Birthday)
- 19th Lillian Dennett (Birthday)
- 21st Nancy Ainscough (Birthday)
- 25th Joseph Balmer
- 25th Mary Kenyon (Birthday)
- 27th Maureen Ainscough (Birthday)



ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH SPIRE  
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# FLOOD ALERT

## CLOSURE OF PUMPING STATIONS WILL AFFECT ALL HALSALL RESIDENTS

The environment agency report (Alt, Crossens catchment withdrawal from pumping operations report) which classifies 5 stations at category 4 (low economic benefit) states Rufford Causeway, Claybrow Banks Marsh, Kew and Boundary Brook will be closed due to lack of funding.

These pumping stations are due to cease operating at the end of September 2017 and if they do it will result in flooding of homes and agricultural land in the affected areas as well as causing disruption to transport links.

West Lancashire Borough Council need to find a solution to this by playing a leading role in setting up an Independent Drainage Board and Halsall Parish Council would ask all residents to write to their Borough Councillor and County Councillor as well as the leader of West Lancashire Borough Council to urge them to do everything in their power (including approving funding) to achieve this and thus avoid the closures.

Contact details are as follows:

### **Doreen Stephenson (Borough Councillor)**

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Write to: Cllr. D Stephenson, West Lancashire Borough Council,  
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### **David O'Toole (County Councillor)**

E Mail [David.O'Toole@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:David.O'Toole@lancashire.gov.uk)

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### **Cllr. Ian Moran (Leader of WLBC)**

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## **PUBLIC MEETING**

### **Re Closure of Pumping Stations**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road,**  
**Halsall**

Halsall Parish Council wishes to invite members of the public and other interested parties to this meeting to discuss the closure of the 5 Alt Crossens satellite pumping stations scheduled to be turned off in summer 2017 and allow you the opportunity to ask your representatives what they are doing to stop this.

If the closures go ahead it will result in flooding of homes and agricultural land on a major scale. Travelling could also prove to be difficult in times of flooding.

Please do not think that this will not affect you. It will affect all residents of Halsall and surrounding areas and we would encourage you to attend this meeting and make your voice heard.

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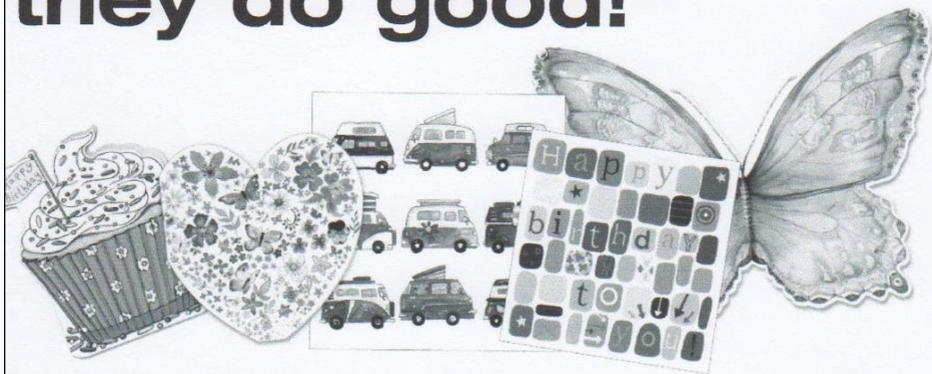
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The first signs of spring are starting to appear if you don't mind going out to look for them! February is a subtle month with catkins and the first bulbs cautiously pushing their heads above the wintry earth, while keen gardeners desperately look for some real gardening to do. Happy gardening.



### General Garden Tasks

Make new beds and borders

Finish off winter digging

Order plug plants

Prune certain types of clematis – refer to a good gardening book for exact advice

Renewal – prune old shrubs, deciduous hedges and climbers

Brush snow off conifers, large evergreens and hedges to avoid splaying or breaking

Move deciduous trees and shrubs (ideally do this in November or early March)

Plant lily-of-the-valley crowns

Keep deadheading any winter flowering pansies or polyanthus in tubs and hanging baskets

Water and top-dress plants in year-round tubs and container grown herbs

Prepare soil ready for sowing, covering it with polythene sheeting to warm it up for early vegetables

Plan shallots and Jerusalem artichokes.

Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries now, and plant new canes between now and mid-march

Protect strawberries with horticultural fleece

Finish winter-pruning standard apple and pear trees

Ventilate the greenhouse at every opportunity, but water as little as you can get away with

Pot up stored dahlia tubers and lily bulbs

Spray fuchsias with water on fine days to start them back into growth

Chit potatoes if you didn't get chance last month

Take precautions to make sure your pond never freezes over entirely

### Get-a-head

Prepare the greenhouse before the season gets fully underway –clean water storage barrels, watering cans, pots and seed trays, propagator and greenhouse glass

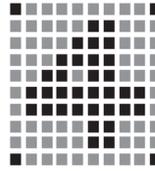
### Plants in their Prime

Hellebores, Hamamelis, Viburnum, Mahonia japonica, Sarcococca, Skimmia japonica `Rubella, Clematis `Freckles`, Jasmine, winter- flowering pansies, Saxifraga apiculata, Daphne mezereum, Abeliophyllum distichum (white forsythia), Sempervivums

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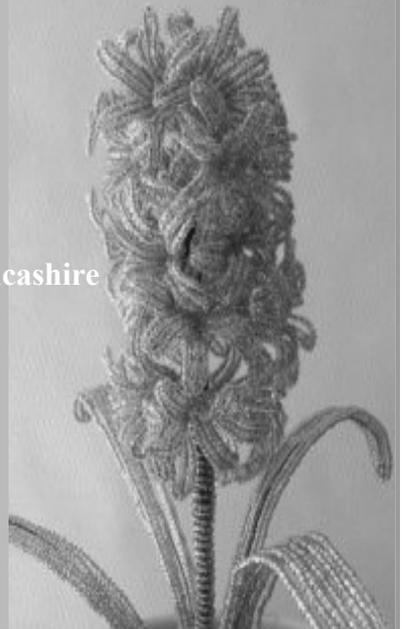
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<b>Bootcamp</b>	Monday 6.30-7.15 Wednesday 6.30-7.15 Halsall Memorial Hall	Rachel Pimblett 07875 483733
<b>Halsall Community Group</b>	Various	Louise 07734452323 Facebook. The Official Halsall Village Community
<b>Halsall West End Cricket Club</b> Junior Coaching Boys and Girls Year 3 to Year 6		John Kershaw (Junior Players Coordinator) 07718433492
<b>Crown Green Bowling Club</b>	Saracen's Head Halsall	Carole Toal 01695 577920 Charles Nason 01695 574073
<b>Halsall Environment Group</b>	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
<b>Shirdley Hill Roadside Environment Workers SHREW</b>	Various	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
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<b>Shirdley Hill Residents Association</b>	Various See Halsall News	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
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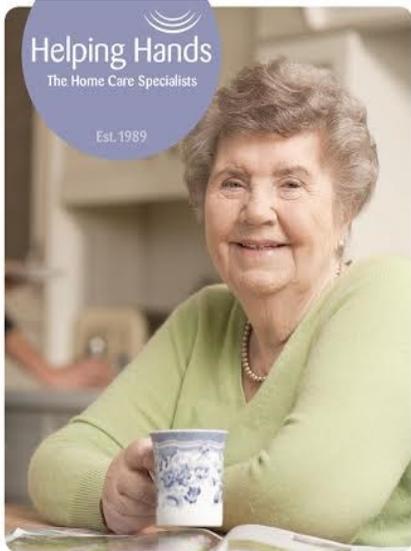
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