

HALSALL NEWS

February 2022

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<u>Parish Surgery</u>: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Parish 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:

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<u>The Sick</u>: 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 the parish office on 07518 926086 or 0151 526 2292. 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.

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Club/Group Meetings		Contact
Scouts/Cubs Groups Boys & Girls age 6 to 14.	Halsall School Monday 6.30pm—8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Shirdley Hill Environment Group	Various projects on going around Shirdley Hill.	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
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
Jigsaw Library	Its free to join and free to borrow. We just ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow and return as many jigsaws as often as you like.	Sue Charnock https:// www.facebook.com/ groups/15262672108670 10

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

Susan 01704 897857 or susanroberts2805@aol.com



The Reader, David Walker, Writes:

I write this on a freezing cold January evening. My BBC Weather app tells me that it's 5oC outside with 20mph winds making it feel like 1oC! Overnight hail showers are predicted.

For many of us, the weather reflects our general mood. It can feel like we are being worn down by the pandemic. The latest Covid rates make gloomy reading. The silver lining is that the Omicron variant has to date resulted in a lower proportion of cases requiring hospital treatment and the vaccine has helped to prevent much higher rates of serious illness.

Although we may seem to be "stuck", much has changed. Exactly a year ago, on 2nd February 2021, reports first appeared in the Lancet showing that "Russia's Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine is deemed 91.6% effective", and a year ago the third covid vaccine was authorised for use.

I have the joy of being a vaccinator. The amount of energy, skill and people power that has gone into researching Covid, developing a vaccine and rolling it out has been inspirational. To be part of the huge machinery of nurses, doctors, dentists, pharmacists, health care assistants, stewards, administrators, fire fighters and the armed forces is to be very aware of the privilege of living in the UK. The NHS infra-structure has made it possible to quickly identify and contact people, enabling rapid rollout of the vaccine – free of charge. I have a friend in Ghana, where only about 8% of the population has been fully vaccinated.

Of course the pandemic has had a major impact on our sense of security and well-being. It's easy to feel helpless but there are things we can all do. Wash or sanitise our hands frequently, wear a mask when in enclosed spaces, test for covid before meeting with people you don't live or work with, keep your distance when indoors with people not in your household, and get vaccinated. These simple measures should be part of our Christian duty to care for others; to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Whilst the pandemic has been difficult for everyone, throughout we have also seen the very best of humanity. Individuals, organisations and communities like ours in Halsall have come together to help the most vulnerable and isolated. At a time of unprecedented demand at the Micah Foodbank, donations have risen to match the need.

So I take hope from the best of humanity as well as from the unfathomable love of God.

I leave you with a prayer (adapted from <u>an Ebola prayer</u> by Caritas, Guinea):

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father, be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love.

Amen.



Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm at St Thomas'



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for February 2022

Sunday 6th February

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's Communion Service (with Hey-O

group meeting.)

11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 13th February

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's. Communion Service.

11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 20th February

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's. Communion Service

11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 27th February

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's. Communion Service.

11.00 am St Thomas'. Family Service

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm at St Thomas'

Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

The website for St Cuthbert's Church can be viewed at

www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

This website 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. On the spot updates are also available via the St Cuthbert's Facebook page through which direct messages can also be sent. There are several ways in which you can support the Church:

Parish Giving Scheme

Regular giving can be set up very easily by searching:

www.parishgiving.org.uk

and look up St Cuthbert's Halsall (there is also a link on our website). You can choose how regularly, how much and whether your donation can be gift aided. Your gift will then be passed directly to St Cuthbert's.

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Donations can be made to our "friends" scheme and the form can be downloaded from our website (Friends link on the home page). All funds raised through this scheme are directed specifically towards the repair and maintenance of the Church and grounds. There is a minimum donation of £20 per year but you can choose how much and how regularly you would like to donate.

Ad hoc Donations

These can be made via the collection box in Church or by post.

Volunteer Support

If you have a little time to spare you may like to join our team of volunteers who help to keep the Church and its grounds tidy and clean. Please message via our Facebook page or e- mail us for further information on: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Thank you!

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 one of the wardens to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Lynda Bramwell 01704 840280 Elaine Ayre 07896 301322

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS February 2022



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
6th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Christine Jones Rebecca Ridley
13th	Elaine Ayre	Angela Webster	Elaine Ayre Philip banks
20th	Lynda Bramwell	Pam Carr	Eileen Houlgrave Gwen Williams
27th	Elaine Ayre	Colin Throp	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA February 2022



•	6th February	P Carr	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
	20th February	E Wroe	J Wroe J Stone	A Cushion S Richards	G Williams



Shirdley Hill Residents would like to thank Massams Supplies Ltd for the donation of a Christmas Tree for the Village green.

It seems such a long time since our Christmas festivities.

Despite the fact that some of our Christmas services had to be cancelled or curtailed at short notice because of Covid rules, we hope we still managed to put a smile on people's faces with the Christmas Tree Festival, the beautiful Christmas tree lit up in the churchyard and of course our Giant Snowman at the church gates.

Thank you to all involved in helping make this happen.

Enid Banks on behalf of Halsall Church.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

NEW COUNCILLOR

Melissa Schofield was co-opted onto the Council at the meeting held on 8th December 2021.

The Council welcomes Melissa to the team and wishes her well.

2022/23 PRECEPT

The Council resolved at the meeting held on 12th January that the precept to be raised from the 2022/2023 Council Tax be set at £17,343 This represents a Band D Equivalent Tax Level of £19.53 (a decrease of 3.49% on the previous year.)

PLANNING

2021/1388/FUL - 34 Heathey Lane, Shirdley Hill - Proposed single storey extension to rear of dwelling, new velux roof windows to front and side, and internal alterations.

2021/1436/FUL - Turbury Farm, Heathey Lane, Shirdley Hill - Retrospective application for change of use from agricultural to commercial (Dog grooming and day care), retention of timber extension to building, and retention of show paddock.

2021/1472/FUL - 5 Chestnut Close - Single storey rear extension.

2021/1434/FUL - 202 Summerwood Lane - Single storey extension to side.

315 Bus Service

The passenger survey on 315 bus route is suspended until COVID restrictions on public transport are relaxed.

PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

Car 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.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL continued

PARKING ALONG MOSS ROAD

Cars parking on pavements are causing problems along Moss Road. 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.

PARKING ALONG SEGARS LANE AND NEW CUT LANE

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

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidan'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 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 includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings together with the final audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 and Governance and Accountability Statement

Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary School: February Update

Admissions

This year, to accommodate the rising demand for places, the school has increased its Admissions Number to 25. As the number of children in school has risen significantly, we have increased the number of classes from 5 to 6.

Our class structure is presently:

Class H Rec and Year 1

Class H Year 1 and Year 2

Class F Year 2 and Year 3

Class C Year 4

Class K Year 5

Class G Year 6

If there is anyone who is interested in their child attending Halsall St Cuthbert's, please ring the office to arrange a tour of the school. 01704 -840253

Covid Challenges

In the autumn months leading up to Christmas, covid presented enormous challenges to the school and its families. Through the effective covid procedures both in school and at home, through people being vigilant and considerate and with that a little bit of luck, we managed to fully stay open and had no need to send home bubbles of children. Under the circumstances, I feel that this was a massive achievement.

Despite covid, we did amazingly well to carry on as normal and give the children so many exciting and wonderful opportunities experiences through the term.

We've had trips to Chester Zoo and Lancaster Castle, a Harvest Service in church, we've organized a pyjama and a hot chocolate day, a pirate day, a parents' evening, a Spooky Disco, a cinema night, a dress-up day, a Family Fun Night BBQ, a brilliant night of fireworks, 2 beautiful nativities and 3 superb performances of the Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat. We also hosted the church Christmas Fair, a badminton club, a drama group, we've carried on with swimming, we've had a fabulous Christmas party and the children have also competed in a wide range of inter-school sports competitions. Staff are presently organizing PGL residentials for years 4 and 5 and an adventure week in North Wales for the year 6 in summer 2022.

This is partly what makes our school special. It's a massive thanks to the staff for all their hard work and commitment to giving the children the best possible time. They have been incredible.

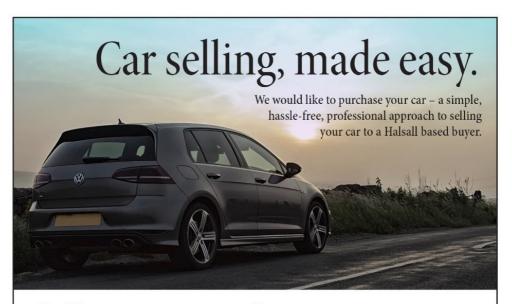
Christmas Concerts for Charity

The Christmas concerts (Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat and the reception and infant nativities) were a tremendous success. Altogether, from ticket sales, the raffle and donations, we raised nearly £3,400 for charity. Cheques have now been sent to both Alder Hey Hospital and Derian House. (please see photo)



Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)





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Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group

Spring is on the way. Hurrah!

So, our thoughts turn to plans for the coming year to help

keep our lovely village in good order.

We are taking our cue from the Lancashire Best Kept Village Judges reports from last year (published in the Dec/Jan newsletter). There were many very positive things they said about the village and also some suggestions for areas within the village centre which could do with improvement as follows -

- The old corrugated building at the playing fields (snooker hut) was criticised for being run down with neglected windows etc. We put forward a detailed costed plan for refurbishment, but this was rejected as the Parish Council are considering plans for a longer term solution. That's very good news and we look forward to hearing about progress on the project.
- Benches It was noted that some of the benches both in the Churchyard and around the village need attention.
- Telephone Box Although it was credited for being well kept and clean, it was empty with no books, no phone and no information about its current use. Has anybody any ideas of what it could be used for - book swop, jigsaw swop, plant and seed exchange, pictorial museum of Halsall history etc, and, most importantly, is there anyone willing to set it up and look after it?
- Bishops Walk Fencing The blue wicket fencing around the picnic areas needs mending and/or replacing. The new panels in the centre of the area were damaged by falling trees in the strong winds in the autumn and there are already plans to mend these, but the two areas at the school end are rotting and falling apart in places. Maybe these can be fixed to get by for another year but they will need to be replaced soon. It is a big outlay in both money and volunteer labour and will need to be planned for carefully.

- Both sets of judges remarked on one of our commercial premises needing attention to their forecourt, but as this is privately owned we have no control over what improvements could be made.
- Litter bins a number of litter bins are looking in need of attention so we have sent photographs to WLBC and asked if they will replace them.

So, there are plenty of jobs to be done, besides the never ending litter picking chores.

We also need to raise funds for our work. One way of doing this is by organising the annual Scarecrow Trail, so taking part in that would be a great help with our finances.

There are many different people in the village already doing their bit around and about to make our village worthy winners of the Best Kept Large Village in Lancashire last year. Thank you to one and all!!

If there are more people in the village, newcomers or long term residents, who would like to help out in any way, then please let us know. Jobs can be done in groups, or by individuals at times to suit yourselves.

If you would like to know more about our Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group please contact

Eleanor Wroe (elliwroe@hotmail.com or 01704 841216)

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The Halsall Heraldry



The Halsall family were the Lords of the manor of Halsall in medieval times, they have had two different coats of arms. The Ancient coat of arms is an early shield argent (silver), two bars azure (blue) within a sable (black) border dating from



circa 1300. The only known representations of this are on the tomb of Sir Henry Halsall in the chancel of the church, and on the medieval brass on the north wall which shows both coats of arms.

The second coat of arms dates from the era of Sir Henry from early 15th century, it comprises an argent (silver) shield with three dragon heads in azure (blue) erased (ragged edged). The dragon heads have sometimes been depicted as snake heads and this is so on the medieval brass. The Halsall heraldry can be found in other churches of the same era such as Ormskirk and Standish near Wigan. The coat of arms was modified by Thomas Halsall son of Henry Halsall later in the 16th century to snake heads on a background of argent and these hang in Shire Hall Lancaster Castle. The arms were further modified by Cuthbert Halsall illegitimate son of Henry Halsall he was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1601 and he put stork heads instead of dragons on his arms and a background of or (gold) later after he was knighted he became Sheriff again in 1612 and changed the colour of the stork heads from blue to black.



The crest on the tomb to Sir Henry has a gold background and this is therefore an error as are the shield to the Bold family (the Griffin), the Tempest family (six blackbirds) and the Stanley crest of 3 stags heads which also have erroneously golden backgrounds which should be silver. The tombs had no



markings or colours during the renovations of 1876 so they are a fairly recent addition. This may explain how the mistakes were made.

Stephen Henders



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	(Anniversary)
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18th	William Stopforth (Birthday)
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Its free to join and free to borrow. We just ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow and return as many jigsaws as often as you like. I have done over 60 jigsaws since lockdown began so it has saved many of us a lot of money. I have attached the link below.

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Sue Charnock

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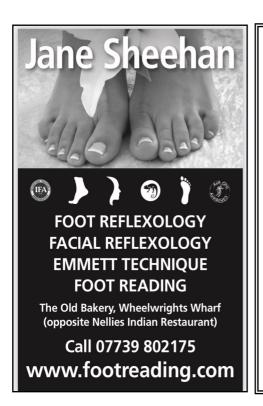
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February at-a-glance.

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 wintery 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 o 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, Hamamellis, Viburnum, Mahonia japonica, Sarcococca, Skimmia japonica 'Rubella, Clematis 'Freckles', Jasmine, winter-flowering pansies, Saxifraga apiculata, Daphne mezereum, Abeliophyllum distichum (white forsythia), Sempervivums

Bulbs – Iris riticulata, Crocus, Narcissus (varieties) scilla, Anemone blanda

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