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March 2014

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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.

Support Our Soldiers is a charity who send Shoe Boxes to our troops in Afghanistan and raise monies to help injured troops and their families.

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The Reader Writes

Like most of us, I love Spring. And here it is at last, after a very wet winter. January was the wettest month since 1767! But now it's Spring. And that means the birds are busy building their nests, plants in the garden are starting to grow. Even the grass will need a cut soon.

Every year as the plants start to die, the grass slows down and winter sets in, I find it hard to imagine that Spring will ever come again. But come it does and the cycle of life, death and re-birth continues.

One of my favourite hymns is all about this cycle of life, death and re-birth. It's called "Now the green blade rises". It compares the growth of grass and grain from dormant plants in spring to the resurrection of Jesus and all that means for us: that Love is come again. So as we become increasingly aware of the signs of Spring once more, may we be reminded of the evidence of God's love for us.

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

As we become increasingly aware of the signs of Spring once more, may we be reminded of the evidence of God's love for us.

David Walker

Second public access defibrillator (AED) for Halsall at the Memorial Hall

Cllrs Brian Young (Chairman) & David Corfield of Halsall Parish Council with Sue Murrin-Bailey, Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign & former Mayoress of West Lancashire.



A public access defibrillator (cPAD) for Halsall Memorial Hall has been donated from funds generated through the Mayoress of West Lancashire Charity 2011/12. This project now sees 20 similar public access defibrillator units across the Borough providing life-saving equipment during an emergency situation.

Sue Murrin-Bailey, former Mayoress and founder of the Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign commented that "as Halsall covers a wide area and is predominantly rural it was highlighted by North West Ambulance Service as a "hot-spot" area for sudden cardiac arrest. It was therefore vital that the Village had a public access unit, available 24 hours a day, that could be used by anyone helping at an emergency life threatening situation". The agreement, installation costs, registration and checking of the equipment at the Memorial Hall has been arranged through a partnership initiative between Halsall Parish Council, Memorial Hall and the North West Ambulance Service. A further public access defibrillator is sited at Shirdley Hill and St Cuthbert's School have one on the premises, both fundraised for by private donations. To find out more about getting a defibrillator donated through the Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign and/or potential funding opportunities, please contact Sue on lancsdefibs@justshocking.org.uk.

A **FREE** 2 hour training session on basic life support and how to use a defibrillator (AED) is planned for the community in Halsall during the last week in April at the Memorial Hall. To make enquiries for this training or to organise one for your community, please contact the Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign on **07677 795451**, lancsdefibs@justshocking.org.uk or use the Contact Form on www.justshocking.org.uk

What to do in an emergency situation?

These boxes are highly visible to enable the most rapid deployment of an **Automated External Defibrillator** (AED) in a cardiac arrest emergency. Anyone dialling for an ambulance with an incident of cardiac arrest within the vicinity of the unit, would be advised that a portable defibrillator, especially designed for people with no medical background, is available to assist the victim. The secure, vandal resistant box is opened on a key-pad code, which would be supplied to the caller by North West Ambulance Service.

What is a defib (AED)?

A defibrillator delivers an electrical current through the chest, which aims to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm allowing it to pump again, just as was used on Fabrice Muamba. Rapid response using automated technology can significantly improve the quality of life of a survivor. When applied to the victim, voice commands and screen messages will guide the user step-by-step through the process and its intelligent technology will only allow it to shock a 'shockable' heart rhythm. AED technology opens a window for the public to take on a key role to support emergency services. **It is important to be assured that the defibrillator will not shock someone who does not need defibrillating – it cannot deliver a shock to someone who is just unconscious and is still breathing.**

Public Awareness

Sue Murrin-Bailey of Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign works with the North West Ambulance Service Chain of Survival Scheme and the British Heart Foundation, and will be delivering the **free 2 hour** familiarisation session in Halsall to members of the public who wished to find out how defibrillators work to give them the confidence to use one should the need arise. The sessions cover all aspects of basic life support (also include CPR training) in an emergency situation. If you would like to take part in any of the training please contact Sue on lancsdefibs@justshocking.org.uk.

Let's get more!

Currently Halsall has three defibrillators that North West Ambulance Service are aware of, this new public access defibrillator at the Memorial Hall and privately owned equipment at Shirdley Hill and St Cuthbert's School. Community Resuscitation Manager at North West Ambulance Service, Mark Evans said: "Having defibrillators in communities and town centres helps save lives. When someone collapses due to cardiac arrest, the first few minutes are crucial. Chances of survival are significantly improved if action is taken quickly. The ambulance service would like to see defibrillators in all villages, towns and cities. Having these cPAD's in Halsall and others across West Lancashire* is a positive move and could, ultimately, save lives."

To find out more about getting a defibrillator donated and/or potential funding opportunities through the Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign, please contact Sue on lancsdefibs@justshocking.org.uk.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMORIAL HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

One of the trees near to the play equipment at the end of the Pharmacy was damaged during the recent high winds.

An officer at West Lancashire Borough Council has examined the remaining trees and recommended that the four trees nearest to the Pharmacy be taken down and 4 of the remaining trees along that stretch have the lower branches removed.

We are currently obtaining quotes and work will commence shortly.

It should be emphasised that there is no immediate danger from any of the remaining trees.

Dave Bond
Trust Secretary
Halsall War Memorial Hall and Playing Field Trust
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Sunday Services in the United Benefice for March

Sunday 2nd March – Next before Lent

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

Sunday 9th March – Lent 1

8.00am	BCP – Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist + Baptism	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 16th March – Lent 2

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

Sunday 23rd March – Lent 3

8.00am	BCP – Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Parade Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 30th March – Mothering Sunday

8.00am	BCP – Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	School Service	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Parade Service	St Thomas'

Mid-Week Services in the United Benefice for March

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Said Eucharist + Imposition of Ashes	St Cuthbert's
7.30pm	Sung Eucharist + Imposition of Ashes	St Thomas'

Wednesday 12th March 10.00am **St Thomas'**

Wednesday 19th March 10.00am **St Thomas'**

Wednesday 26th March 10.00am **St Thomas'**

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 5th March)

10.00am Said Eucharist St Cuthbert's, Halsall

7.30pm Sung Eucharist St Thomas', Lydiate

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.

It is traditional on Ash Wednesday 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.

Paul

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

MARCH 2014

11th	Sarah Prescott
11th	Amy Florence Williams
11th	Robert Heaton
12th	Sarah Critchley
14th	George Gaskell (Birthday)
15th	Alice Webster (Birthday)
16th	William Balshaw (Birthday)
17th	Frederick Moorcroft (Birthday)
17th	John Webster (Birthday)
19th	John Morris (Birthday)
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MARCH 2014



DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	
2nd	Brian Heaton	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
9th	Mike Hilton	Peter Aynsley	Anne Cushion
16th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks
23rd	Malcolm Serjeant	Christine Jones	Paul Goldstraw
30th	Brian Heaton	Bill Banks	John Wroe

Can you sew? Do you have a sewing machine? Do you have any spare material? Do you like making people smile? If so, you sound like a morsbagger!

I have been a morsbagger since 2007 and have been making reusable bags and giving them away for free to people in the hope they will use the recycled and lovingly hand made morsbags rather than a plastic bag. It'd be wonderful if even more people got involved in the local area.

Please go to <http://www.morsbags.com> to download the free pattern and/or watch the 'how to' and make morsbags from old curtains, duvet covers, tablecloths etc. or email me at sazziej@aol.com if you'd like me to give you a hand making your first morsbag, or give you a few of the labels we sew on to help spread the word.

Groups or 'pods' of morsbaggers are stitching worldwide and have made and given away over 140,000 morsbags to date – potentially replacing over 73 million plastic bags – but I'd like to concentrate on getting everyone in THIS village supplied with a free, strong, unique, reusable, washable morsbag – and this is where I hope you'll join in. Many hands make light work and as a morsbag only takes 20 minutes to make you'd be joining in making a lovely gift as a random act of kindness.



Please help spread the word about this non profit, community initiative in some way, or dust off your sewing machine, or email me, or donate material, or 'like' it on Facebook, or tell a local teacher/guide / scout leader about it... the list is endless, and so are the number of plastic bags masquerading as jelly fish in our oceans right now, ready for a whale to ingest.

Thanks, and Happy

Bagging!

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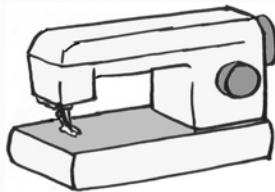
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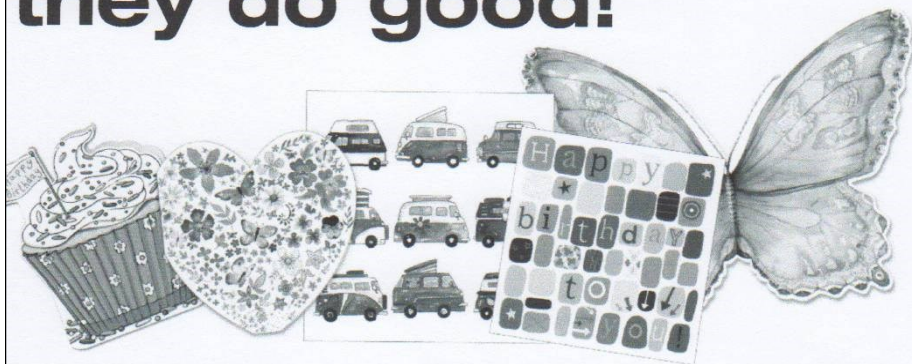


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St Cuthbert's Church Spire – the story so far.....

On the 25th November 2013, having discovered that the top of the church spire was moving alarmingly in the high winds, the church was forced to close. Public liability insurance had been withdrawn as the church and the churchyard were deemed unsafe.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) were aware of potential problems with the spire before this event but this now meant that we needed to take urgent remedial action.

Initial inspection suggested that in the short term an investment of around £15k would help secure the spire and get the church reopened in time for the Christmas period. This therefore formed the basis of an urgent appeal for funds from the congregation, the village and all who love St Cuthbert's from near and far.

To date, the fundraising for the urgent repairs has been brilliantly supported by one and all with the initial target now achieved. The donations received so far had paid for both the internal and external scaffolding, the removal of the weathervane and some of the stonework from the top of the spire. Having made the Church spire safe the insurance company were then happy for St Cuthbert's to re-open which was just in time for Christmas and for the wedding that was due to take place over the holiday period.

The first phase has included surveys by steeplejacks, structural engineers and insurance representatives as well as senior church colleagues responsible for building heritage issues.

It is due to conclude with the removal of both internal and external scaffolding and the capping, as a short term solution, of the spire top. Other actions will be taken internally within the spire to ensure that the stonework remains under compression.

The Church must now enter into the second phase which is to achieve a long term resolution to ensure that the spire and church is here for future generations. In carrying out the initial repairs the PCC were keen to understand the underlying issues that had caused the problems. It was found that the internal metal work structure that supports the spire was made of ferrous material. These iron braces / rods have over the years corroded and the expansion of all of these fixtures has caused the stonework to split and move. It is now incumbent on the PCC given the listed status of the building to ensure that the long term repairs comply with the heritage regulations.

In order to achieve this a specialist architect has been appointed as well as a structural engineer and quantity surveyor.

Over time an agreed schedule of works will be developed and tendered ensuring that the adopted solution both protects our lovely listed building and meets the requirements of both the Diocese and English Heritage.

These later stages will take some time and substantial resources so the Church will continue with its fundraising efforts. As part of this a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is in the process of being submitted. The tendering and grant application process will take some time.

So, although the village will see the removal of the scaffolding (in order to avoid long term hire charges) this is just one step along the way. In the meantime while we develop the plans for the permanent repair the Church continues to operate safely thanks to the efforts of all donors and those involved in fundraising.

As and when progress is made further updates will be provided through the newsletter.

Thank you to all who have so kindly donated.

Paul

If you would like to make a donation to the spire fund please send a cheque payable to St Cuthbert's of Halsall PCC. To, The Rectory, Church Lane, Lydiate, L31 4HL.

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MARCH / APRIL 2014**

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Halsall Community Shop Update

We would like to update you on what's been happening with the Community Shop project.

Surveys have been collected and processed and it's clear there is an overwhelming supportive response to Halsall having it's own Community Shop/Café.

A steering group has been formed comprising of 12 Halsall residents and they meet once a month. Anyone who is interested in the project is welcome to attend the meetings, please call the number below if you would like to come along.

We have received confirmation from the Plunkett Foundation that they will provide us with a Community Advisor to support us and the project.

Thank you
01704 841148

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

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TO THE
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Gardener`s Corner

March at-a-glance

Remember the old rhyme about March winds & April showers? – Adding, a sharp frost can still catch you out but, the sun often shines this month and when it does you can almost see the new gardening season gathering steam daily. Happy Gardening.

General Garden Tasks

Spring clean the garden – fork over the soil in borders, weed & mulch, & dig up & divide overcrowded perennials.

Remove weeds & moss on paths & drives.

Deal with worm casts & molehills.

Make the first lawn cut if dry enough.

Redefine lawn edges.

Lay turf before the end of the month if not done in autumn.

Plant pot-grown shrubs, roses & climbers.

Prune modern bush roses, vigorous climbing roses, dogwoods & willows.

Tidy up patio roses, ground cover roses & shrub roses.

Moves deciduous trees & shrubs & plant new bare-root plants.

Renovate overgrown climbers.

Tidy up rock garden, alpine screes & sink gardens.

Sow wildflowers & hardy annuals.

Divide snowdrops `in the green`.

Scrub or pressure-wash patio slabs.

Prepare soil, then sow lettuce, rocket, radishes, spring onions, leeks, broad beans & peas.

Plant onion sets & shallots.

Plant early potatoes grown in pots undercover; plant outdoors at the end of the month.

Sow hardy herbs & plant & divide perennial herbs.

Plant rhubarb, pot-grown fruit trees & bushes & strawberry plants.

Prune standard apple & pear trees before the buds burst into growth.

Hand-pollinate peaches, nectarines & apricots & protect early blossom with fleece.

Sow tomatoes, chillies, sweet-peppers, aubergines & half-hardy annuals under glass.

Watch out for

Slugs, snails, woodlice & greenfly under glass.

Mice in sheds & greenhouses.

On cold nights cover vulnerable plants with fleece.

Plants in there Prime

Daffodils. Crocus. Lily-of-the-valley. Tulips. Magnolia stellata. Chaenomeles. Forsythia. Camellias. Amelanchier lamarckii. Aubrieta. Primula. Wallflowers. Cornus. Azara. Spirea. Skimmia japonica. Viburnum tinus. Jasmine. Scilla. Garrya. Clematis `Freckles`. Malus.



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NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PROJECTS

St Aiden's Hall

Work to improve the loft insulation to commence shortly.

War Memorials

The Council is currently applying for grants to clean and repair the War Memorial and repair the walls either side of the Memorial Gates

New Cut Lane Notice Board

The board is soon to be replaced.

PLANNING

Planning Applications: 2013/1179/FUL – 3 Gettern Farm, Plex Moss Lane - First floor extension to rear and erection of outbuilding to rear garden.

2013/1343/FUL – Watson House Farm, 137 Summerwood Lane - Access track for agricultural machinery and equipment

2013/1361/FUL - 78 Moss Road - New roof to side extension.

2013/1381/COU - Bristow Farm, Gregory Lane - Change of use of existing agricultural building to form a vegetable processing and packaging plant (Use Class B1).

Decisions: 2013/1288/FUL – North Moor Barn, Halsall Road - Ground floor extension to the side elevation of the dwelling - Planning Permission Granted.

Amendments – 2013/1220/FUL - Land Opposite 3, Willow Brook - Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with detached garage and potting shed - Significant design alterations to the proposed dwelling and garage

<http://www.westlancsdc.gov.uk/planning.aspx>

P.A.C.T. (Police And Communities Together) Meetings

Meetings are held in Haskayne Village Hall 109 School Lane with public participation.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at the earlier time of 6 p.m. for one month only to ensure a police representative at the meeting.

For information and the latest news visit:

<http://www.lancashire.police.uk/neighbourhood/halsall>

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL Continued

REPORT ATTEMPTED CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

The police have asked the Council to remind residents to report attempted crimes, even if this results in no loss to anyone.

If you observe anyone acting suspiciously (including possible bogus callers) or if you are uncertain as to whether you should be reporting something dial 101 to let them know so that the police can take preventative action if necessary.

PARKING

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements. Pedestrians with prams and wheelchair users need to be able to use the pavement and you should allow enough room when parking to enable them to do so.

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road..

Please note that no audio, video recording or photographs of the meeting are allowed without the express approval of the Council.

Contact Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email davebondhpc@aol.com in advance of the meeting to seek permission.

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

The Parish Council Website www.halsallparishcouncil.com includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

Notification of a geophysical survey to be undertaken by Aurora Energy Resources Ltd

The Council have been informed that Aurora Energy Resources Ltd will be carrying out exploratory tests within the Halsall area.

Aurora will ensure there is a continued point of contact for residents and will provide sufficient opportunity for comment and feedback on initial plans, listen to concerns and respond appropriately and promptly.

WHAT'S ON AT HALSALL SCHOOL ?



New National Curriculum

The school is responding to the changes and the challenges in the New National Curriculum. There's so much to do.

Members of staff are busy attending in-service training and adapting the school's planning. They're devising lots of exciting activities to keep the children enthused and eager to learn.

Sports Success

Our athletics team (a boy and a girl from each year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 +6) team competed against 12 other local schools recently and they all did brilliantly well.

The girls won their competition, the boys won their competition and the school won the overall trophy. This was another great triumph. Well done to everyone who took part and to Mrs Crane and Miss Hampson who gave them the opportunity to compete.

Summer Exams (SATS)

The year 6 children are preparing to sit their End of Key Stage 2 SATS. This year, more than in any other, is a big, big challenge for both staff and children. Hopefully everyone can do their very best, achieve well and establish that firm foundation ready for secondary school.

Mothering Sunday Service

Please come along to the service on Sunday 30th March at 9-30am. It's a fabulous opportunity to celebrate all that our mums do for us, to say thank you and to pray for them.

Dogs and Trespassing

It has been reported that people have been walking their dogs on the school field and playground and that children (usually teenagers) are often on the school site.

Dog faeces are often left and there is also a problem with litter and sometimes vandalism.

Please contact school if you have any further information. We want to keep our children safe.

Building Improvements

The refurbishing of the school hall and parish centre wooden floors is timetabled for the Easter holidays. They'll look fabulous when the work is completed.

Hopefully by then, the hall will have been repainted and will have its new, red curtains.

PTFA Events

There's a PTFA Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 14th March in the school hall. (arrive from 7-00pm) Bring your own drinks. (nibbles etc provided on the tables!)

Lots of fantastic prizes and a good laugh guaranteed!

Tickets are £7-50 and are available from school. If you've got a good general knowledge, if you can get a team together and you want a good night out, please come along. You are very welcome.

Sports Relief Village Walk

To raise funds for Sports Relief, we hoping to take a stroll through the village during the week beginning 17th March. It'll probably be on the Thursday, weather permitting.

Charity Coffee Afternoon

To raise extra funds for Sports Relief Week, we're holding a special Charity Coffee Afternoon on Friday 21st March from 2-00pm. There'll be tea, coffee, biscuits and a good selection of cakes. This will take place in the Parish Centre and the fenced section outside the reception class will be available for little ones to play. Please come along if you can.

Easter Painting Competition

The children will be busy designing and painting their Easter pictures over the next few weeks. Hopefully, lots of the work will be displayed in the church so please keep a look out.

Easter Holidays

The school breaks up for Easter on Friday 4th April and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April.

Eucharist in School

There will be a Eucharist Service in the school hall on Thursday 24th April. Please feel free to pop along and join the children and staff with their songs and prayers. It's always a lovely occasion.

The service starts at 9-15am and there are free refreshments afterwards if you want to sit, chat and relax. We'll see you there.

Holidays 2014

- The party of year 4 and year 5 children are off to Derbyshire on an Outdoor Pursuits Adventure Weekend (Friday 9th May – Sunday 11th May)
- The party of year 5 and year 6 children are off to Skegness on the Lincolnshire coast during the week 9th - 13th June.

D Scholes : Head Teacher

Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School



In March we will be meeting on the 9th and the 23rd at 9.30am in St Cuthbert's Church. It is hoped that the weather will be fine enough for us to go outside to explore the signs of spring around the village. Our April dates for Sunday school are the 13th and the 27th at 9.30am.

Halsall News Painting Competition

Open to the children of Halsall. The theme is:

Easter

There will be prizes for the best work in the
age categories:

4yrs - 7yrs • 8yrs - 11yrs • 12yrs - 15yrs

All paintings will hopefully be displayed in St. Cuthbert's
Church in time for Easter. Winners will also have their
artwork featured in the Easter edition of the Halsall
Newsletter.

**Children who attend Halsall St. Cuthbert's C.E Primary
School will be involved in the competition through
school.**

If your child does not attend the school, please post their
artwork, with their name and a contact telephone number on
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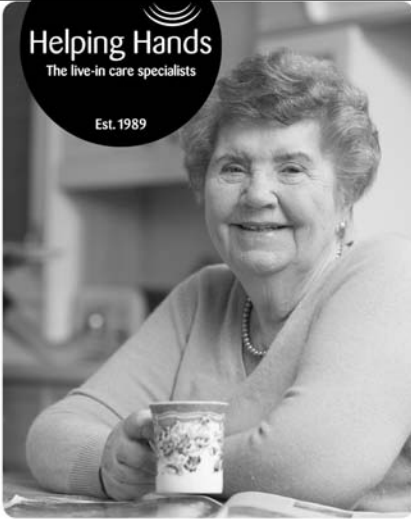
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