

HALSALL NEWS



October 2014

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The Rector Writes:-

'He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray'. (Luke 11)

Time and time again we read in the Gospel's that Jesus prayed. Sometimes he took himself off to be on his own to pray and at other times he prayed with his disciples or with the people he was with at the time. Why? What is prayer? Why did Jesus feel the need to pray?

Well put very simply prayer is talking to and with God. Just as our friendships with our family and friends grow stronger the more we talk and spend time with them, so does our relationship with God. There is no magical formula, no right way, or right time to do it. Prayer is having a conversation with God about anything, everything, anytime, and anywhere.

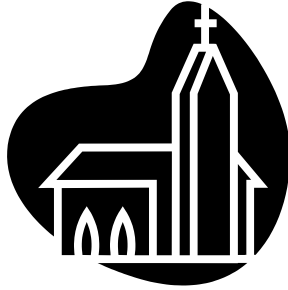
Some people like to get up early in the morning to pray, while others prefer night time. People enjoy talking to God while they take a walk, and others like to sit and meditate quietly reflecting on what God does in their lives. Many read Bible passages and turn them into prayers. When needs arise in the middle of our busy days, we can all whisper a short prayer and God will hear.

It is not of course all plain sailing and it would be true to say that some of us, if not all of us find prayer difficult at times. We seem to get a mental block, we can get disheartened, make excuses about life being too busy, and make up all kinds of excuses not to pray. But we should never give up we should keep persevering, because God never gives up on us. We are His children and he wants to hear from us and of that there is no doubt. We can, through prayer, take all our life to God. The good things we want to thank him for. The not so good things that we need help with. God will listen, and he will show us the way because he loves us so very much.

So please try and find some time each and everyday to spend with God. Talk to Him, listen to His still small voice, and if you've not spoken to him for a while renew your relationship with Him. He really does want to hear from you.

In Christian love

Paul



Sunday Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 5th October—Trinity 16

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

Sunday 12th October—Harvest

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	School Service	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Parade Service	St Thomas'
6.00pm	U/B Sung Evensong	St Cuthbert's

Sunday 19th October—Trinity 18

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
10.30am	1st Communion Service	St Cuthbert's
1.30pm	1st Communion Service	St Thomas'

Sunday 26th October—Last after Trinity

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

Mid-Week Eucharists in the United Benefice

Wednesday 1st Oct	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 8th Oct	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 15th Oct	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 22nd Oct	9.00am	St Thomas' School
Wednesday 22nd Oct	11.00am	Haskayne School
Thursday 23rd Oct	9.15am	St Cuthbert's School
Wednesday 29th Oct	10.00am	St Thomas' School

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World War One, The Dilemma for Farmers Sons

If you study the war memorial outside Halsall Church and look at the fallen from the Great War 1914-18 you will see few casualties in the years 1914 and 1915. However, the Ormskirk press reported on 15th September 1915 that Halsall had 45 recruits enlisted for service and this was before conscription became compulsory. George Marshall had been the first Halsall man to go to war. There were no deaths at this time but there were some lucky escapes. On 18th April 1914 David Oswald had been shot by a

German sniper but the bullet passed through his cap without injury. Sadly, the brave lad was to die later on in the war. Robert Parkin, of Plex Lane had been wounded with the Kings Liverpool Regiment and was withdrawn to a London hospital in September 1915 at the same time that Private T W Jump had become a prisoner of war after being captured by the enemy. Tom Ashcroft was the son of a Haskayne farmer and had volunteered from the outset of the war with the Army Service Corps, by Christmas he had been promoted to staff sergeant.

In a drive for recruitment a great march, starting at Manchester Road in Southport on 19th November 1914 saw 500 men of the Army Service Corps marching through Halsall, Barton and Lydiate ending up at Gore Houses where they took refreshments and marched back. A Halsall Parish Council meeting in the same month called for subscriptions to assist relief of distress caused by the war. Despite Halsall's brave record, dissenting voices criticised the lack of farmer's sons putting themselves forward to the conflict when men were making such sacrifices on the front. One writer stopped short of using the words 'cowards' but did say 'there was an appalling slackness to enlist because of the bucolic attitude'. The Rector of nearby Aughton church denounced the part drink played in keeping men from making the sacrifices that those abroad had to make.

In 1916 everything changed. Following the battle of Loos September 1915 and the Somme July 1916 there was a tremendous increase in the number of deaths. The local roll of war dead began to lengthen. Corporal Richard Gibbons who was a teamster for J Pilkington of Watson House, Halsall and Private Edward Culshaw, a railway worker from Plex Lane were slain by the same shell. This and similar stories turned public opinion against able-bodied young men who were still at home. Letters to the local Ormskirk press, accused them of profiteering from the jobs left vacant by husbands and sons on the front. Another denounced 'laggards' who played football and even those who watched, declaring it '*a waste of time, while those men could be doing something more worthwhile*'. Farmers were essential workers and there was a drive for more land to be cultivated because of the growing threat of starvation posed by German U boats destroying food convoys. However, the climate was uncomfortable for farmer's sons. They were usually strong, strapping lads, capable of hard work and with crucial knowledge of machinery and terrain. It was normal after a hard day's work for them to want to relax with a pint in the local pub without whispers in corners.

It was also a normal reaction for a parent to want to protect their sons and keep them away from the carnage in France, the details of which were becoming more graphic in the press and on news reels, despite the efforts of propagandists to play down the bloodshed.

Some farmer's sons had joined up straight away like Thomas Ashcroft of Haskayne and they were held up as examples. The drive for recruitment in 1916 led to conscription and tribunals were set up to consider the merits of individual cases of exemption. On December 6th 1916 at the West Lancs Rural Tribunal, Barton farmer, Thomas Rainford of Barton House made an application to keep his son, James, a teamster aged 23 and two other sons, Tom 21 and John 19. Thomas argued that he had 200 acres, 30 cattle and 7 working horses, he had had to plough over another 23 acres of meadowland because of the war office demand for food. Lt Col Hopgood made the case for recruitment but Thomas Rainford argued that he had no land girls this year to assist him. Mr Pimbley on the committee thought he ought to send one of his sons to do his bit because other farmers were in the same predicament. Others argued that land workers were being pulled back from France because of essential need. The committee ruled for Thomas Ashcroft and his three sons stayed at home influenced by the fact that the County War Executive Committee had previously granted an exemption, but they left Mr Rainford with no doubt that they felt he should send one of his sons.

Meanwhile, those who had avoided call up, under the Military Service Act 1916, were named and shamed in the Ormskirk press on 31st August 1916. Information on the non enlisters was sought and was to be reported to the recruitment officer at the Corn Exchange Ormskirk. One man from this area was Patrick Toolis of Bangors Green, he may well have been an Irish seasonal worker and would therefore have a case for exemption. Certainly, such cases discouraged Irish workers from travelling over to England and taking up their usual seasonal work on Lancashire farms, leaving farmers more desperate. The Irish, however, played their part in the war and the Halsall memorial contains the name of John Hyland from Knock County Mayo who gave his life. He had come over as a seasonal worker but found regular employment and stayed in Halsall whilst sending a good part of his money home to his family in Ireland.

A tribunal on April 20th 1916 saw James Bond of Ivy Farm, Barton pleading the case for his four sons, James 33, Thomas 32, Henry 23 and William 19. He had 48 acres, his two eldest were exempted but the two younger lads had to go. It soon became expected that when a farmer had more than two sons then the others should go to war. At the same tribunal James Crane 36 a roadman and market gardener from Barton, was exempted. The appeals increased in number in the middle of 1916, John Grimshaw of Gorsuch Hall gained temporary exemption for his son Job but by September he had to go.

It was a dilemma for farmers who had sons but also a dilemma for the War Office to balance the need for provisions at home against the need for able bodied men at the front. When conscription included married men and was extended to men up to 51 years of age, the pressure increased. The years 1917 and 1918 saw the majority of casualties in the Halsall area.

Stephen Henders

EXPLORATORY DRILLING/FRACKING FOR SHALE OIL AND/OR GAS IN HALSALL

UPDATE

The Parish Council has been advised by Tesla that the proposed seismic survey in PEDL 164 has been postponed until 2015. However Aurora Exploration (UK) Ltd. have applied to Lancashire County Council for an extension of planning permission (LCC/2014/0095) at Norris Farm, Downholland Moss Lane, Formby until May 2016, where exploratory drilling has already taken place in the green belt.

The present government is openly committed to fracking and, to assist it, they are proposing to change the law of trespass to allow the exploration companies to carry out horizontal drilling under your home without your permission. There is an official government consultation on the subject online at:

<https://econsultation.decc.gov.uk/decc-policy/consultation-on-underground-drilling-access>

The governments' stance is that extraction of shale oil and gas will be up and running by the end of this year. They maintain that it is for the good of the country and that it will bring money to local neighbourhoods. David Cameron has said:

"Companies have agreed to pay £100,000 to every community situated near an exploratory well where they're looking to see if shale gas exists. If gas is then extracted, 1 per cent of the revenue – perhaps as much as £10 million – will go straight back to residents who live nearby. This is money that could be used for a variety of purposes – from reductions in council-tax bills to investment in neighbourhood schools. It's important that local people share in the wealth generated by fracking."

It should be noted that residents in New York State opposed fracking even though they were offered 12.5%. The reason for this was due to the low yield of oil from fracking (less than 100th of conventional wells) which meant very little benefits to the community to offset the risk of environmental/structural damage even though the US government had not withdrawn the rights to individual compensation.

Your Parish Council would like to collate residents' views before the seismic survey takes place next year and a very short survey is overleaf. Please can you tear out the page and drop it off at Halsall Garage or the Pharmacy.

Alternatively If you would like it to be collected please call Maureen on 07542688744.

YOUR RESPONSE REALLY MATTERS

HALSALL RESIDENTS' SURVEY

HAVE YOU HEARD OF FRACKING PRIOR TO THIS SURVEY:

Yes

No

DO YOU AGREE THAT FRACKING IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY:

Yes

No

DO YOU WANT TO SEE EXPLORATORY DRILLING/FRACKING IN HALSALL:

Yes

No

DO YOU CONSIDER THAT THE CASH OFFERED WOULD MAKE UP FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRILLING/FRACKING AND THE DAMAGE TO THE LANDSCAPE OF HALSALL:

Yes

No

WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE SETTING UP OF A GROUP AGAINST EXPLORATORY DRILLING/FRACKING IN HALSALL:

Yes

No

IF YOU WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS PLEASE LEAVE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW:

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HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

August 2014

Baptisms

8th June

Lana Denise Shalliker
 Lacey May Wright
 Lillie Eliza Wright

13th July

Ben Thomas James Maitland
 Isla Harriet Maitland
 Aoife Elain Hunt
 Emilia Elizabeth Priestley
 Benjamin Morgan Priestley

10th August

Jensen William Bonner
 Betsy Jessica Davies
 Eve Madeleine Rainbow

Weddings

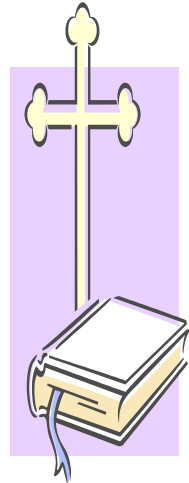
30th August

Helen Claire Roberts & Gary Crowe

Funerals

13th August

Brian Leech



WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

OCTOBER 2014



DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	
5th	Malcolm Serjeant	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton
12th	Brian Heaton	Bill Banks	John Wroe
19th	Marilyn Westley	Peter Aynsley	Anne Cushion
26th	Lynda Bramwell	Elain Ayre	Philip Banks

Press Release

St Cuthberts Church welcomes Aughton Male Voice Choir

As part of a varied programme of events to raise funds for the repairs to the Spire and roof of St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall we are delighted to be welcoming the Aughton Male Voice Choir who are to celebrate their 40th anniversary year by performing a concert at St Cuthberts Church on the evening of 24th October at 7pm.

The Choir, under the Chairmanship of Mr Doug Bonner and the Musical Direction of Andrew Lord has had a successful recruitment drive in their anniversary year and have themselves welcomed new voices and developed an updated repertoire.

St Cuthbert's Church are delighted to have been chosen as a venue and beneficiary of the event.

Ticket prices £7.50 and can be obtained by contacting Pam Carr on 01695 423817

Notes for editors

Mr Doug Bonner is chairman of Aughton Male Voice Choir and was previously the Head Teacher of St Cuthberts School, Halsall for over 20 years.

St Cuthberts Church has gained provisional approval from the Heritage Lottery Fund for grant aid of £240,000 and as part of this approval has accepted that it will raise further funds locally to complete the scheme of repairs.

HARVEST SUPPER

& Entertainment by Tara Kenyon

Saturday 11th October

In St Cuthbert's CE

School Hall, Halsall

7.30pm

in aid of the Church Spire Appeal

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HALSALL VILLAGE COMMUNITY

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at the

HALSALL MEMORIAL HALL

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Drop in from 6.30pm

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

For further details look out for posters around the village

Or contact Louise Chapman

Phone: 07734452323

Email: louise.chapman1978@btinternet.com

Dear friends

By the time you read this article, we will be starting a new life in Australia with our family.

When Audrey and I arrived in Halsall 11 years ago we did not know anyone. We were invited to the Christmas Party at the school, where everyone made us very welcome and since then we have been stalwart members of the Sunshine and White Heather Club and supported the Shirdley Hill and Haskayne luncheon clubs. We have been regular attenders at the church, where I enjoyed being in the choir, and made many friends there (not forgetting Paul in the pulpit and Edward at the organ). Will miss your friendship and kindness.

A special thanks to all our neighbours and friends in Halsall, Shirdley Hill and Haskayne for the wonderful send-offs you gave us. Each one came as a lovely surprise and we take with us some very happy memories (including 2 extra stone in weight) from all the cakes and spreads which were laid on for us.

We wish you all good health and happiness for the future. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome.

Audrey & Ken Tinnion

HALSALL VILLAGE COMMUNITY

Next Meeting: Icebreaker

Tuesday 14th October 7.30

at

Saracens Head

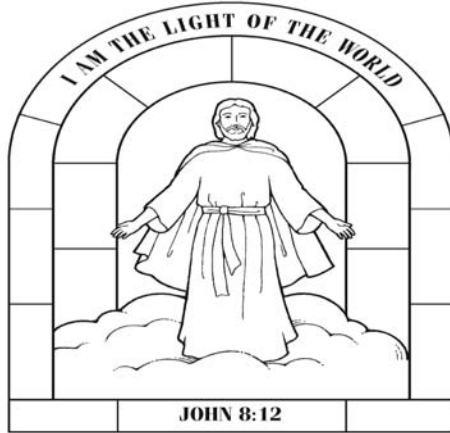
An "Icebreaker" meeting is planned for residents to get to know each other over a drink, and or, curry, (Saracens Head are running a buffet curry night for £10 per head). Please contact Louise for further details and to give numbers attending.

Phone: 07734452323

Email: louise.chapman1978@btinternet.com

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

OCTOBER



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

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Sunday 5th October 2.30pm *Lucy Rhiannon Acoustic Set*
New 4-course Sunday roast menu for
£19.95

Free Entry [events indoors due to our English weather!]

Church Flower Rota List

Our volunteers on the church flower list have depleted somewhat over the last couple of years for one reason and another. Seeing that this could become quite a problem we have decided since Easter to have 2 small vases on the altar and 2 small troughs of flowers/plants on the chancel wall. This replaces the large pedestal in the chancel area that for some is quite a daunting task to arrange and also very expensive in this day and age. Instead we have 3 silk arrangements dotted around the church and at first glance they are difficult to distinguish from fresh flowers. These are pleasant to the eye when you walk into church. So, the new style fresh flower



arrangements on the altar, as you can see from the picture, are very simple to do. Flowers can be from your garden, wildflowers or shop bought whatever you wish and there is plenty of greenery in the churchyard if need be. The flowers can be arranged just before the service on a Sunday morning (the service starts at 9.30am) or you can collect a key by prior arrangement at any time to suit you. If you are interested in helping, either to commemorate an anniversary or just to do a bit for church life, then please contact us.

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HALSALL VILLAGE COMMUNITY

My name is Louise and I live in Halsall village I decided to set up a Facebook group last year called Halsall Village Community as I felt there was no social network link to the village. Having children myself I felt it would be a good way to connect to people and also try to arrange annual events within the village.

The page has proved invaluable bringing people together who would never have communicated if it wasn't for the ideas events that are on the Facebook page. This has also helped to notify residents of suspicious activity within the village and has got the village actually talking to one another. Please if you feel you could lend a hand you will be made more than welcome I assure you.

I held a meeting on the 9th of September at the Saracens Head and it was clear there was a real want and need for issues, changes and events to happen within the village this can only happen if people support, encourage and drive a community group forward and I feel there are enough residents in Halsall young and old that could offer skills to do this.

It could be you couldn't commit to a permanent role yet perhaps could pop to meetings and offer an hour of help it really doesn't matter my aim is to include as many people as we can and get a sense of a community spirit and look forward to things in the future no offer of help would be refused.

There has been talks of setting up a new sewing clubs, a bridge night, wine tasting events with various residents and I am in the process of arranging some great events for the whole village to enjoy and take part in. We are keen to bring Father Christmas back to Halsall for our children and we have endless ideas.

Not everyone has social media but what I do know is everyone receives the Halsall News so this is why we have started to arrange some events already to enable it to be published in the Halsall News on time all future events will be updated monthly.

We are holding meetings the first Tuesday of the month starting again on November 4th at 7.30 in the Saracens Head pub the manager has kindly offered to provide us with warm bar snacks which is very kind and greatly appreciated.

It was suggested an ice breaker evening would be a good way for people to get to know each other that may never of even met before and try to bring people young and old together this is going to be held in the Saracens Head pub on the Tuesday 14th October at 7.30 pm. It is also curry week and even if you pop in for your tea and just say hi and offer a helping hand in the future that's all we are hoping for. The curry night is ticket based at £10 a head which will also include a beer or glass of house wine or a soft drink please rsvp myself for further information regarding tickets so I have an idea on numbers and if you require tickets i can possibly drop them off.

Our next event is Halsall village community Halloween night to be held in the memorial hall on Friday October 31st from 6.30 pm young and old welcome this will be a fabulous night there will be posters with more details around the village shortly if you need any further information on events. Please don't hesitate to call me on 07734452323 or email direct to louise.chapman1978@btinternet.com or join the Halsall community village Facebook page for regular updates.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PROJECTS

Repairs to War Memorial bollards carried out in September

Work on repair of walls either side of Memorial Gates to commence soon

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2014/0655/FUL - 92-94 Summerwood Lane - Conversion of 2 houses to 1 including two storey rear extension, front porch and internal and external alterations.

2014/0659/FUL - Halsall St Cuthberts C Of E Primary School - Single storey extension to staffroom

2014/0677/FUL - 4 Summerwood Lane - Single storey side extension to form a granny annexe. Insertion of additional window and door to rear elevation.

2014/0785/FUL - Plex Brow Farm - Removal of Condition No.3 imposed on planning permission 2009/0237/FUL to allow the normal permitted development rights to be available to Plex Brow Farm

2014/0642/FUL - Plex Brow Farm - Proposed building to provide stabling for two horses/machinery store/workshop

2014/0661/FUL - 32 Heathey Lane - Extension of original conservatory

2014/0843/FUL - Park View Cottage, North Moor Lane - Demolition of rear conservatory and part of garage/utility room and erection of two storey rear extension with no increase in overall total area of the dwelling

<http://www.westlancs.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. For information and the latest news visit:

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

PARKING

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements or park in bus lay-bys. 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.

REPORT ATTEMPTED CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

A number of thefts have been reported recently.

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.

HGV Traffic using the Moss Roads

Please note that following complaints and enquiries from members of the public about increased volumes of heavy goods vehicles using the moss roads the Parish Council in conjunction with your local Borough and County Councillor are investigating the problem and will be trying to ensure that restrictions are placed upon the movement of HGVs to force them to use main roads.

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, 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.

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October at-a-glance

One big benefit of autumn is that it is the start of a brand new season with a all of its own. We have the rich tapestry of autumn colours and late flowers to look forward to - low orange colour of an Indian summer and refreshing evenings with a nip in the air. Happy gardening.

General garden tasks.

Tidy borders lightly, clear weeds & cut down flower stems

Compost all green rubbish

Make a new lawn by laying turf

Reduce mowing

Carry out autumn lawn care

Plant container grown trees & shrubs, climbers & roses

Plant bare-root plants at the end of the month, providing the ground is ready

Check tree ties in windy weather

Prune late flowering climbing roses & repeat –flowering old-fashioned roses

Take hardwood cuttings of roses towards the end of the month

Pot up cuttings taken in the summer

Trim privet hedges

Remove fallen leaves from the crowns of plants to prevent rotting

Lift tender perennials & bulbs

Once the veg patch is cleared, carry out winter digging

Cut down asparagus foliage

Plant spring cabbage & over wintering onion sets

Plant garlic towards the end of the month or next month

Pot up herbs for winter use

Pick apples & pears for storing mid-month

Prepare for new fruit trees & plant if conditions allow

Have a good clear out of the greenhouse & prepare for the cold weather

Reduce the amount of water given to greenhouse plants as the nights get colder

Have a pond clear out: cut down any dead & decaying leaves.

Watch out for

First frosts

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What's On at Halsall School : October 14

General

At present, we have 150 children on-roll and there are about 30 children registered with the Learning Tree Nursery.

Overall, the children have settled down in school and are enjoying all the wonderful and exciting learning opportunities. We have a fabulous site here at Halsall and we're making the most of it.

Miss Leggett, our new reception class teacher, is working well and is relishing the challenge in the Early Years. They're a really bright bunch!

Staffroom Extension

We have now received planning permission for the building work and the project should start in the autumn term.

There should be new toilets and a kitchen, staff work bases and seating for both relaxation and formal meetings.

Standards

Most of the year 6 pupils performed fantastically well in the SATS last summer and we were very proud of them.

The school's attainment in both reading and mathematics was well above the national average. Well done and congratulations to Mrs Galley, Mrs King, Mrs Kendall and Miss Hampson. They worked wonders! Attainment by both the end of the reception year and the end of Key Stage 1, was very strong compared to national averages.

Sports Opportunities

This term we have timetabled lots of sport in both curriculum time and after school. Activities covered include tag rugby, football, dance/drama, invasion games, cross country and multi-sills.

We've also got a Wild Wednesday Club to help maintain and improve our school environment.

Bonfire and Fireworks Night (Wednesday 5th)

The PTFA is looking for a couple of local fields to use for parking on Bonfire Night in November. If anyone knows someone who could possibly help, please let us know.

School Residential Holidays

We've 3 residential holidays booked for 2015.

The year 4 children are going for a weekend at the PGL Camp Winmarleigh Hall

The year 5 children are going on a weekday holiday to the PGL Camp at Winmarleigh Hall.

The year 6 children are going on an adventure holiday (Monday – Friday) to Aberystwyth in North Wales.

They should be great fun and hopefully all the children will benefit by developing more independence, better teamwork skills and a more secure confidence in their own ability.

Africa Week

We're got a special Africa Week planed for late September. The children will be attending African drumming workshops, listening to African tales, doing African art and raising money for the poor in Africa, through a Wellie Walk around the village. We pray for some nice weather.

Harvest : Sunday October 12th

Our harvest theme this year will be Africa. Please come along and celebrate with the children. The service starts at 9-30am.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)

Fracking in Halsall – Your views needed

Halsall Parish Council has been advised by Tesla that the proposed seismic survey in PEDL 164 has been postponed until 2015. However Aurora Exploration (UK) Ltd. have applied to Lancashire County Council for an extension of planning permission (LCC/2014/0095) at Norris Farm, Downholland Moss Lane, Formby until May 2016, where exploratory drilling has already taken place in the green belt.

We, the parish council, would like to hear your views on fracking and would appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes of your time and visit the Halsall Parish website and fill in the survey which can found at: http://halsallparish.com/news_fracking_survey.html

Thank you for your help and we will publish our findings later in the year/ beginning of 2015.

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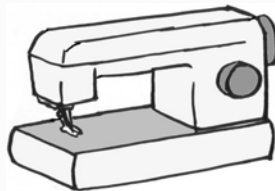
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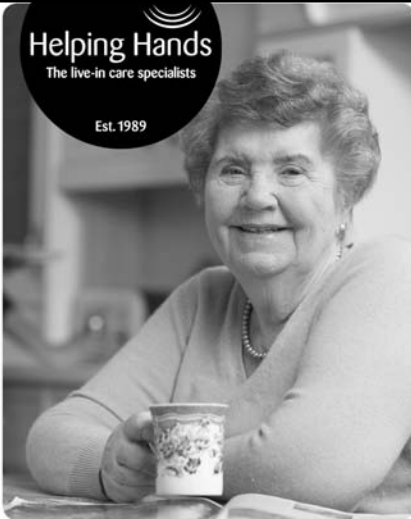


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