

HALSALL NEWS

October 2022



Harvesting by Amy Wilkinson

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November 2022 MAGAZINE

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Tuesday 18th October 2022**

**Contributions by Email only to Chris Pyne
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Local Police Officers or PCSO's	01695 566444
Street Lighting Fault Reporting Line	0300 123 6701
Fire Safety Helpline	0800 169 1125

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, Christopher Hamill e-mail
847@lancashire.police.uk**

or alternatively Paul Austin who is the Community Beat Officer for Halsall at
1081@lancashire.police.uk (work mobile number 07966 580004)

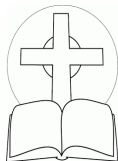
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HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

26th June	Oscar Alexander Lloyd Isabella Rose Kenyon Harriet Sophia Kenyon
10th July	Oliver Benjamin Johnson
11th September	Myla Bonnie Jackson Althea Victoria Adams

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Parish Surgery

Phone: 0151 526 2292 **Parish Mobile:** 07518 926086

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

Parish Surgery: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Parish Secretary to make an appointment. The office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm.

The Sick: This parish is committed to the care of the sick. Names of those in need of this ministry, either at home or in hospital, should be given to 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.

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 to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Elaine Ayre 07896 301322

A Prayer for our new King, Charles III

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together

so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness

flourish among us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Curate Writes

As I write this the summer is coming to an end as all things must. Today has been the funeral of our dear Queen Elizabeth a day of sadness but also of thankfulness for her life full of service and love for her people, in this country and throughout the commonwealth. A life too lived strong in the Christian faith and with a trust in her Heavenly Father that gave her the strength to move forward with confidence in a world that changed so dramatically during her 70-year-old reign.

Our world and circumstances are constantly changing, and this can be unsettling, change can make us anxious, and it can become only too easy to fear the future.

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 41:10 **'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'**

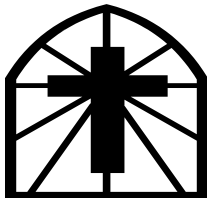
Change will always happen, and Queen Elizabeth saw more changes than most over her long life. She trusted in God, and we can follow her example and move forward with faith and confidence in His love and care for us.

After all, even the seasons change but ever the optimist I am hoping for a golden autumn full of crisp sunny days; well one can hope! What epitomizes autumn for me is the Harvest Festival Service. A service of joy and thanksgiving, a time to thank God for his goodness to us and an opportunity to share that bounty with others.

Harvest is a time we can use to say thank you to God; but more than that it can be a time to examine our own offerings to God. Do we give our best to God? Do we give of ourselves, do we take the time and effort to pray and study Gods' word; or to make space in our lives on Sunday to worship in Gods' House? We extend a very warm welcome for you all to join us to celebrate our Harvest Festival, hope to see you soon.

With every Blessing Glen

Reverend Glen Gardner
Curate United Benefice



Sunday Services in the
United Benefice for
October 2022

Sunday 2nd October

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist
9.30 am St Cuthbert's BCP and Church Without Walls
11.00 am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Sunday 9th October

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist
9.30 am St Cuthbert's Harvest Festival (No Eucharist)
lead by St Cuthberts CE Primary School
11.00 am St Thomas' Harvest Festival Family & Parade
followed by Coffee & Chat in the Millennium Centre

Sunday 16th October

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist
9.30 am St Cuthbert's CW and Messy Church
11.00 am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Sunday 23rd October

8.00 am St Thomas' BCP Eucharist
9.30 am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
11.00 am St Thomas' Family Service

Sunday 30th October

10:30 am United Benefice CW Eucharist at St Thomas'

Church Without Walls

is a new type of Sunday School for children and families which will be held outside on the 1st Sunday of the month (term time only). Please come suitably dressed for outdoor activities.

**A warm invitation is extended to everyone to join us at
any of our United Benefice Services.**

Harvest Supper

Please note that the Harvest Supper will be held on
Saturday 8th October at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

This will be the usual format Hotpot supper/Quiz/ Raffle and
entertainment.

Please advise if you have any dietary requirements.

Tickets will be £10 per Head. For ticket please phone or text
Elaine Ayre on 07896 301322

Halsall St Cuthbert's PTFA Bonfire Night and Fireworks Night Saturday 5th November

Lots of stalls

BBQ, HOT POT, CHILLI, CANDIFLOSS,
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TOFFEE APPLES, CANS ETC.

Music and DJ on the school field.

Wear boots or wellies if wet.

Gates open 6-00pm, Bonfire 7-00pm, Fireworks 7-30pm

Adults £10 . Children Free

INVITATION

**Join Halsall Parish Council for refreshments
after the Remembrance Sunday Service**

Sunday 13th November 2022 circa 11.30 a.m. at

The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road.

Everyone attending the service is welcome to join us afterwards

Can all residents please use the Memorial Hall Car Park

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
16th	Anne-Marie Musker
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)

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSIONS

October 2022



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
2nd Oct.	Elaine Ayre	John Wroe	Eileen Houlgrave Gwyn Williams
9th Oct	Elaine Ayre	Colin Thorp	Beryl Sephton Len Davidson
16th Oct	Elaine Ayre	Angela Webster	Bill Banks John Wroe
23rd Oct	Elaine Ayre	Anne Webster	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks

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 or general enquiries on info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Thank you!



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

September 2022

2nd October	E Wroe	J Wroe G Williams	J Stone S Richards	S Kierrans
16th October	E Banks	M Banks L Wilkinson	S Roberts	M Cheetham
30th October	M Mills	K Twist C Moss	N Fish	R Fishlock

The Houghton Players proudly present

Our 70th Anniversary Concert

“The Sorcerer”

Friday, October 21st St Cuthbert’s Church, Halsall at 7.30pm

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In a sleepy English village, romance is in the air, as the Lord of the Manor’s son celebrates his engagement to the daughter of a very aristocratic lady. Meanwhile, some of the locals find it hard to declare their feeling to those they love. The bridegroom-to-be wishes everyone in the village could share in his loved-up state, and comes up with a radical plan, involving a firm of professional sorcerers and a magic love-potion. What could possibly go wrong?

In seeking an answer to that, prepare to visit an outdoor engagement party where the tea isn’t all it seems; encounter a lovelorn vicar; meet a few demons and see some unfortunate mismatches among the village’s upper-classes. When the Lord of the Manor falls for the church caretaker, and the bride-to-be looks like eloping with the Vicar, a terrible price must be paid, if normality is to be restored...

Come with us to the village of Ploverleigh, to see how WS Gilbert’s amazing plot twists work out through his witty lyrics, aided and abetted by Sullivan’s beautiful music. It isn’t “The Vicar of Dibley”; it isn’t “the Wicker Man”: *“The Sorcerer”* lies in a rural fantasy place where these two worlds could easily overlap...

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What's On!

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarisbrick Village Hall Monday 6.30-8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
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
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to borrow.	We ask for a dona- tion of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840980 Margaret 01704 840305

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.

Chris Pyne 01704 841467 or chrispyne@gmail.com



Update from Halsall School : October 2022

General

At present, we have 175 children on the school roll. This should hopefully provide a healthy school budget next April 2023 and help us to retain our present staffing levels. As we have a qualified teacher and 2 teaching assistants in each class, we are able to provide quality support for children's learning and cater for their individual needs (support for those struggling to reach the Expected Level and support the more able pupil who need extra challenge).

At school, we now have 6 classes and because of a burgeoning demand for places in the Early Years, we now have a straight reception class. This is a lovely class to work with.

Staffing

Staffing is the same as in the previous academic year. We have 7 teachers and 13 teaching assistants, 5 welfare staff, a cook and her assistant, 2 cleaners, a caretaker and a school bursar.

**We are actually looking for an extra welfare assistant. (£10 ph) If anyone is interested, please call us to arrange for a quick tour of the school. 12-00 noon to 1-00pm daily (or PT)
TERM-TIME ONLY Tel: 01704- 840253**

Harry Potter Week

We have an amazing event timetabled for after the half-term break. It's Harry Potter Week. As part of the week there'll be a talk all about owls and lots of different owls will be on-display. We've also a wonderful Quidditch Day planned, a day when everyone dresses up as a Harry potter character and a special lunch in the Great Hall. It should be fabulous for the children and hopefully it'll inspire them with their writing, with their art work and in drama.

Christmas Concerts

We're presently busy thinking about our Christmas shows and what format they are going to take. Hopefully there'll be 2 nativities and a main concert. Again, we'll be raising money for charity and the School Council will be considering the options in the next few weeks.

Admissions for September 2023

The application deadline for admissions to the reception class next September 2023, is in early January 2023. If any prospective parents would like a tour of the school and a closer look at the reception facilities prior to making an application, please contact the office to arrange an appointment. 01704-840253

Wrap Around Childcare

At Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary, we have a Breakfast Club from 7-30am and an After-School Club (Kidz Club) from 3-30pm – 5-30pm. Both are very popular and well managed and they provide excellent childcare options for working parents.

Dates for the Diary

Wed 5 th Oct	Fire Safety Talk
Sat 8 th Oct	Harvest Supper (school)
Sun 9 th Oct	Harvest Service (church)
Wed 19 th Oct	Governors' Meeting
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Oct	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 31 st Oct – Fri 4 th Nov	Harry Potter Week
Sat 5 th Nov	Bonfire and Fireworks Display
Wed 9 th Nov	Parent Consultations
Fri 25 th Nov	Christmas Fair (school hall)
Mon 5 th Dec – Fri 9 th Dec	Concert and Nativity Week
Mon 12 th Dec	Talent Show
Wed 14 th Dec	Christmas Party
Fri 16 th Dec	Break-Up for Christmas.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Planning

2022/0796/FUL - 104 Renacres Lane

- Removal of Condition No 2 of Planning Permission 1980/1354 relating to occupancy restriction

2022/0811/FUL – Warehouse to rear of 94 Summerwood Lane

- Variation of Condition No 2 of Planning Permission 2021/0378/FUL

- to vary approved plans relating to parking

Road Safety Issues

PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE & CARR MOSS LANE

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

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.

PARKING ALONG MOSS ROAD AND ALL OUR NARROW LANES.

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.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

There were two traffic accidents on 4th and 6th Sept in the village. The Council received complaints from local residents concerned about poor visibility at the cross roads of Morris Lane/Renacres Lane/Gorsuch Lane/A5174 where the junctions signs are, on occasion, obscured by overgrown vegetation. The Chair has written to our County Councillor O'Toole as Lancashire County Council is the Highways Authority asking him to escalate our concerns and provide a remedy.

A similar complaint was received about the difficulty of coming out of North Moor Lane, trying to turn right on to Gorsuch Lane, because of the blind bend and the height of the hedge on the right. Thanks from the Parish Council to whoever has lowered the hedge at the junction of North Moor Lane.

BISHOP'S WALK WALL

The Council was informed that a tractor with a trailer damaged the wall at Bishop's Walk at 8.45 am on 13th Sept. The Parish Clerk, Dave Bond, has informed Lancashire County Council, and the Chair has posted a notice in Halsall Village Community Forum to inform residents.

HEAVY LORRIES SERVICING THE KEW DEVELOPMENT

Complaints have been received by the Parish Council about heavy lorries using Moss Road, New Cut Lane, Heathey Lane and Renacres Lane to access the housing development, deviating from the agreed route. Many representations have been made over the years, by Halsall Parish Council, action groups and residents to Sefton Council and to the developers explaining the unsuitability of our roads and the fears of further damage to them.

TRAFFIC ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

Your Council is forming a working group to tackle the many traffic safety issues which confront us. Any resident who might be able to contribute to finding solutions is welcome to contact the Parish Council and if desired to join the Working Group.

Noise from Dog Barking

The Council have received complaints about dog barking. Please remember that not everyone works 9 until 5 and we would respectfully ask that you keep excessive barking under control.

Thank You

Cllr Ray Brookfield and Dave Bond for initiating and arranging for a clean-up and refreshing of the lettering on the War Memorial Plaques on the War Memorial Gates, prior to Remembrance Day.

Cllr Ray Brookfield for undertaking to raise the flag at half-mast in mourning for HM the Queen's death.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall. A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

The Parish Council Website

Halsallparish.org.uk includes agendas & minutes of previous meetings.

Dave Bond Parish Clerk

Liz Wright Chair

Halsall Parish Council

Regular Events at Memorial Hall & Playing Fields

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Mon	12.00 13.00	Advanced Dog Training	Andrea Little 07854 592371
Mon	19.00 20.00	Belly Dancing Class	Lynn Campbell 07764 635550
Wed	13.45 14.45	Dog Training	No vacancies
Wed	18.00 19.00	Puppy/Beginner Dog Training Advanced Dog Training	Andrea Little 07854 592371
Thur	13.30 14.30	SweatyMama Pre/Post Natal Mother & Child Exercise	Lucy Jewell 07708 917934
Thur	19.15 21.15	Maghull Dog Training Society	Ken Wyatt 0151 287 5600
Sun	11.00	Halsall F.C.	Paul Williams 07810 448136
Sun	14.00	Southport W.F.C.	Noel Warham 07939 726286

Please contact the organiser if you are interested in these events.

There is a calendar in the noticeboard on the field that shows weekly bookings including one-off events, updated every Monday.

If you want to enquire about hiring the Hall or Playing Field then please contact Chris Pyne, 01704 841467 chrisjpyne@gmail.com.

Normal Hall rate is £12 per hour, discount available to £10 per hour for long-term block bookings.

Saturdays are now available for bookings and Sundays after 5pm. Howard at Bakehouse Café would be happy to provide your catering. Call in or email hsmithdevlt@icloud.com Tel . 01704 840916

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL & PLAYING FIELDS TRUST

The Trust is an independent self-funding charity and Halsall Parish Council, as a corporate body, is the sole Trustee.

The cricket fixtures have finished for 2022 and the football teams are starting their 2022/23 fixtures. Halsall FC play at 11:00 and Southport WFC play at 14:00, both on Sunday, so for home matches the car park will be busy.

Special thanks :-

- To the cricket teams' groundsmen for their superb grounds' maintenance throughout the year.
- To the cricket teams proposed initiative to collect rainwater from their storage hut to use for wicket watering in place of using the Hall's water.
- To the Snooker Players for their voluntary undertaking to replace the windows in the Snooker Hut
- To Dean Tiplady for voluntarily undertaking to resurface part of the car park on 24th Sept 2022, and to Eleanor Wroe from Halsall Proud and Tidy in helping to organise this.

Going forward :-

- The Trust is also investigating a rainwater harvesting system, collecting water from the Memorial Hall roof, to use for the Bakehouse's current and Trust's future flower displays
- The Trust is considering the installation of 'hedgehogs' in the guttering, to prevent debris falling from overhanging trees blocking gutters, overflowing and drenching Hall users and finding its way into water disposal systems.
- Howard and Cathy Smith, the Bakehouse proprietors, have stated to the Trust that they are more than happy to quote for catering for any bookings for functions in the Hall.

Chris Pyne Secretary

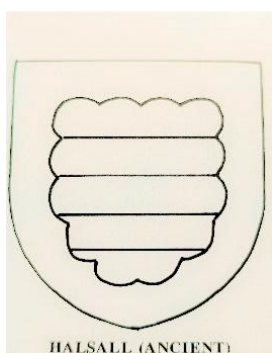
Liz Wright Chair

Halsall War Memorial Trust

A Tongue in Cheek History of the Halsall's of Halsall

If you were standing in Halsall in 10,000 BC you could not see the coast because it stretched beyond the Isle of Man. Another 5000 years later after the ice age you would be scrambling to get up Clieves Hill because the sea would have been up to your neck. Ice is a heavy substance so when it melted the land rose and the new coast formed at Formby and Ainsdale.

Halsall was formed with an edge. To the west were sloppy marshes and sea channels, to the east scrub and bush; land dry enough for crops and animals.



Every child has heard of 1066 and for most adults it is the only bit of history that they remember. William The Conqueror gave rewards to his nobles after this date for winning the Battle at Hastings. Chetel, Villers and Poitou received parts of Heleshale (Halsall) which means 'a nook of land' They employed monks from the Fylde to show methods of draining the land. Soon a manor was established and the first Halsall was Allan de Lydiate. Allan had a penchant (they were French! It means liking) for the name Gilbert and there was a surfeit of Gilbert's up to the reign of Henry III in 1272 when Richard de Halsall held the manor. He called his son Gilbert. In 1346

another Gilbert made an agreement with Henry de Atherton to the marriage of his son Otes to Henry's sister Margaret and settled upon this son and his wife lands in Halsall and Barton. There was also liaison with the copycat Parrs of St Helens who curiously had the same coat of arms as the ancient arms of Halsall. Gifts came from Robert de Parr of land in Halsall and Downholland; also Birkdale and a place called Argarmeols, which was promptly swallowed by the sea and no longer exists, (bad gift).

These lands descended to Henry de Halsall, as son and heir of Sir Gilbert, son of Otes. Henry de Halsall, the heir, began an ecclesiastical career, and was in 1395 presented by his father to the rectory of Halsall, which in 1413 he exchanged for the archdeaconry of Chester. The building of the present parish church, in stone, started about 1290. Legend suggests the Lindisfarne monks brought the body of St Cuthbert this far south to escape Viking hordes in the 9th century. The church was originally in wood but was replaced in stone and took some time to build. It had been badly affected by the Black Death in 1349 when building stopped for 60 years.

Next in line Richard, married Grace daughter of Sir John Tempest in 1448. His son Hugh was lord of Halsall in 1483 and his son Henry, was made a knight by the weirdly named Lord Strange (a Stanley) in the border wars in Scotland in the autumn of 1497.

The Stanleys were the big cheeses because they were the 'kingmakers' of Henry VII at the Battle of Bosworth which started the Tudor dynasty. Henry Halsall married Margaret Stanley, daughter of James Stanley and it is this Sir Henry, who has the tomb in the parish church with his wife Margaret. On the opposite side is his brother Richard who was tonsured. A tonsure means a bald patch in the middle of the head neatly shaved to show that you were a monk. Sir Henry died in June 1522 but Richard the Rector lived until 1567.

Of Henry's sons, Thomas the eldest succeeded him; he was knighted in 1533 at the coronation of Anne Boleyn (another Halsall currying favour from a Tudor monarch this time Henry VIII.) His wife was Jane Stanley, daughter and co heir of John Stanley. A settlement was made of this great estate in the spring of 1572, to Edward Halsall, bastard son of Sir Henry Halsall, for life and to Cuthbert Halsall, bastard son of Richard, and his lawful male issue. In those days the word 'bastard' merely meant illegitimate or born out of marriage and was therefore a term of endearment.

Edward Halsall built the Grammar school attached to the church. This is now a choir vestry. He was a talented man who held various jobs. He was treated with suspicion because he stayed very close to Catholicism and did not order Protestant bibles for the school. After Edward's death Cuthbert Halsall succeeded. He was made a knight in 1599 and Sheriff of Lancaster in 1601 and 1612. He remained loyal to Catholicism and became known as 'Bad Sir Cuthbert' but not because of his religious leanings. He earned his notoriety through brawling with villagers and having a whore, just two of the lawsuits brought against him. He was also a gambler and gambled away his inheritance over 30 years and in 1631 ended up in debtor's prison. Halsall was sold in 1625 to the nearest bidder and that was the Blundells of Ince. The advowson which was the patronage of the church and church lands, was sold to Sir Charles Gerard, grandson of Sir Gilbert, who was Master of the Rolls in Queen Elizabeth's time and called by Elizabeth her 'golden ass' because he was so rich.

Apart from the tombs of the Halsalls in the chancel of the church the only other lasting reminder we have of the Halsalls is a fragment of brass on the wall in the chancel. It was dedicated to another Henry Halsall and probably adorned his tombstone in 1589. The surname Halsall has been numerous and widespread throughout the centuries, not direct descendants of the manorial family but having the name because of association with the village.

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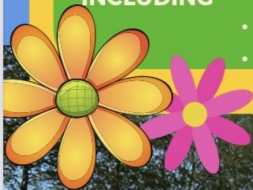
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One big benefit of autumn is that it is the start of a brand new season with a pattern all of its own. We have the rich tapestry of autumn colours and late flowers to look forward to - low orange colour of an Indian summer and refreshing evenings with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

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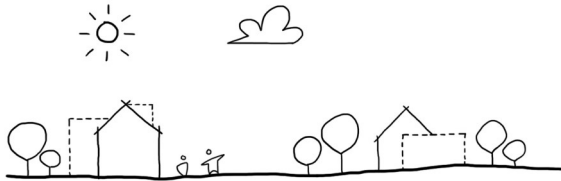


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