

Halsall News



July 2024

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Contributions by Email to halsallnews@gmail.com

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knowledge at the time of going to press.***

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

**Next meeting 7:30pm 10th July
at Memorial Hall, Halsall L39 8RN**

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Flooding - Highway	0300 123 6701
Police Contact (non urgent)	101 OR 01695 566058
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, 4110 Billy Matthews e-mail
Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk

or alternatively Neil Cronshaw who is the Community Beat Officer
for Halsall at 7176@lancashire.police.uk

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and 101 to report a crime and obtain a crime incident number.**
Local contacts are for local issues and consultations only.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chair	Mary Lyons	01704 840607
Vice Chair	Elizabeth Wright	07817 056145
Councillors	Raymond Brookfield	07771 798167
	Andy Timon	07979 768562
	Melissa Schofield	07512 584644
	Jimmy Ridley	07941 591937
	Keith Wright	07507 209674
	Noel McCarthy-Thomason	07485 151395
	Beth Roberts	07961 697064
	Julie Ferguson	07415 099652
Parish Clerk	Chris Pyne	Clerk@halsallparish.gov.uk
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		07738 680752
	Alexander Blundell	Cllr.Blundell@westlancs.gov.uk
County Councillor	Jane Marshall	Cllr.Marshall@westlancs.gov.uk
	David O'Toole	01695 421056

THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Rector	The Rev Susan Salt	07730 197656
Curate	The Rev Glen Gardner	0151 287 1686
Reader	David Walker	0151 520 2496
Church Wardens	Carol Ward	07522 206664
	Pamela Carr	01695 423817
	Sarah Mitchell	01704 889237
Verger		07808 064996
P.C.C. Secretary	Edward Carr	01695 423817
P.C.C. Treasurer	Colin Throp	01704 841281
Organist	Edward Carr	01695 423817



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.

Carol Ward 07522 206664

WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS

July 2024

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
July 7th	Carol Ward	Anne Grimshaw	Bill Banks John Wroe
July 14th	Pam Carr	Angela Webster	Angela Webster Gwyn Williams
July 21st	Carol Ward	John Wroe	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
July 28th	Pam Carr	Colin Throp	Beryl Sephton Len Davidson

Coffee morning

Tuesday 2nd July 10-11.30am

Why not bring your photos of the locality both old and new and talk about what they mean to you? Meet old friends and make some new ones and take the opportunity to have a quiet moment in church.

If you know someone who is lonely why not bring them along?

They will be assured of a warm welcome.

Important dates for your diary

Slavery and Repentance Exhibition

St Cuthbert's Halsall

Sunday 15th September to Sunday 29th September 2024

More details to follow in the August magazine.

We are hosting the exhibition that was first held in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral earlier this year with a showing of the powerful film

After the flood on Saturday

21st September in St Cuthbert's School Hall at 7pm.

Whilst this is a difficult topic it is an important one to think about and we hope you will come and both be challenged and inspired by what you read and see.

Wednesday 9th October 2024

Pearl of Africa choir

will be performing at St Cuthbert's Church in the evening.

Put the date in the diary. Times to be confirmed.

Don't miss this opportunity to see this amazing and inspirational choir of young people sing and dance.

The Rector Writes



If I had a pound for everyone who tells me, I only work Sundays I would be able to give a significant amount to the fundraising efforts for St Cuthbert's! Being a priest is an amazingly varied role. No two days are the same. I can go from taking a school assembly to visiting someone who cannot get to church. I can spend time sorting out the inevitable paperwork associated with running a church to the joy of a baptism visit or the sadness of a funeral visit.

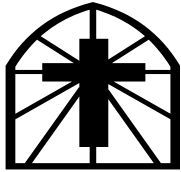
Then there are the unexpected and unplanned encounters with so many amazing and interesting people. All have a story to tell and information to give me about the village and its history. I still feel like I have much to learn, as I prayerfully spend time with you all.

July is a time when many of us think about taking a break. School will break up for the long summer vacation and say goodbye to our longstanding headmaster Mr Scholes. He will be sorely missed. I know plans are already underway to find a new head. That is one of the amazing things about village life, each of us is a temporary custodian of the place and its stories and it is our role to hold them gently and pass them on when we move on. Mr Scholes will pass on a successful well loved and well resourced school to his successor in due course.

I have been reading about St Cuthbert over the last few months. He lived in the seventh century, a time of great upheaval and uncertainty, not that dissimilar to today. After having a vision at around the age of 15, he committed himself wholeheartedly to praying for the world he knew in the north of England and the South of Scotland and to bringing hope to everyone he met both rich and poor. He was not interested in building his own legacy but rather encouraging others to grow in faith. I will share a bit more of his life in the coming months or you can find more by following the new trail in church.

Whatever you are doing over the next few months, make time to pause and notice what is around you and enjoy the rich history of the place you live and the different people who have made this their home, at least for the moment.

God Bless
Susan



Service in the United Benefice for July 2024

As we approach a general election, enjoy the Olympics and hopefully enjoy a little bit of warmth what are your hopes for the coming weeks and months? You are welcome to join any of our services and spend some time pondering how faith fits into those hopes.

Wednesday 3rd July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW holy Communion

Thursday 4th July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 7th July sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Church without walls)

11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist and celebration of St Thomas' Day

Monday 8th July

9.15am Morning prayer on zoom

Wednesday 10th July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 11th July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 14th July seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Holy Communion

11.00am Outdoor Church Parade on the Parish field followed by family fun for all

Monday 15th July

9.15am Morning Prayer on zoom

Wednesday 17th July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW holy Communion

Thursday 18th July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 21st July eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)

11am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Monday 22nd July

9.15am Morning Prayer on zoom

Wednesday 24th July

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 25th July

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 28th July ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist

11am St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

Monday 29th July

9.15am Morning prayer on zoom

Wednesday 31st July

11.00am St Thomas' said CW holy Communion

Thursday 1st August

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

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

All a welcome whether you are a life-long Anglican or simply a little curious.

Use this QR code below to join in Morning prayer on zoom. It will take you to the zoom room.



URGENT- DELIVER NEEDED

We need someone to deliver the Halsall Newsletter in the Barton area.

There are 61 copies each month to be delivered 10 times within the year.

The copies would be delivered to you home address the last Friday of the month.

If you can help or want more information, please contact Pam Carr on 01695 423817

or email edward.pamela176@gmail.com.

Unfortunately if a volunteer does not come forward there will be no more deliveries after the July/August issue.

YOUR CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, HALSALL

For enquiries about baptisms or weddings or service information

Phone: 0151 526 2292

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

The office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm.

Our website, **www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk** 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.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Prayer and worship is at the heart of all we do.

It is only with the generosity of our community that we can sustain our wonderful church and keep our clergy.

St Cuthbert's is responsible for funding everything we do as a church. Despite what some people think none of our activities are directly funded by the Diocese or the National Church.

You can use the Parish Giving Scheme to make one off donations by scanning this QR code.



FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S

You can also support St Cuthbert's by becoming "a friend".

All the funds raised through this scheme are directed to the maintenance and repair of the church building and grounds.

There is a minimum donation of £20 per year to join, but you can then choose how much and how regularly you donate.

For further information please contact info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk

Thank you for supporting us.

Without you we cannot be the church we aspire to be.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS



JULY

1st Norman Rhodes (Birthday)
 3rd Vivian Osmond Weights (Birthday)
 3rd Catherine Bullough
 3rd James Edward Cheetham (Birthday)
 5th Walter Herbert Bullough
 6th Nancy Alnsough (Anniversary)
 6th John Prescott (Birthday)
 7th Annie Marshall (Birthday)
 7th John Huyton
 12th Jane Walsh (Birthday)
 12th Clarice Hall
 14th Michael James Yule (Birthday)
 16th David John Cruikshank
 18th Mary Serjeant (Birthday)
 18th George Henry Porter
 19th Jack Williams
 19th Sarah Ann Heaton (Birthday)
 24th Carole Tatar (Bailey) (Anniversary)
 25th Mrs E Tesseyman



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

July 2024

7th July	E Wroe	G Williams	S Richards	
21st July	E Banks	M Webster	L Wilkinson S Roberts	M Cheetham

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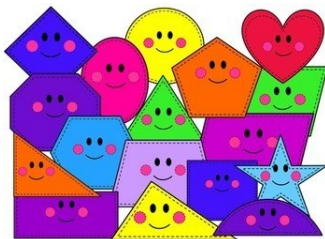
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June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, July 2nd, 9th.

Thursday 7.30pm – 8.45pm

St Thomas' Millenium Centre

June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, July 4th, 11th.

Six sessions using videos, small group discussions, and personal reflection exploring who we are as people of faith.

There is a workbook that accompanies the course so it is not a problem if you cannot make all the sessions.

To sign up, fill in the form at the back of either church.

For more information speak to Susan 07730197656

rectorhalsallandydiate@gmail.com

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Contact John Ferguson on 07935 657880

HalsallTrust@gmail.com

HALSALL ST CUTHBERT'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Tuesday Evenings from 6pm or Saturday.

Contact Mr Scholes at School Tel; 01704 840253

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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 Village Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to bor- row.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Bees & Butterflies Brigade	Meeting once a month See article for details	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
Yoga	St.Cuthbert's School Wednesdays from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440

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

halsallnews@gmail.com

NEWS FROM HASALL PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Applications

2024/0452/FUL, 9 Summerwood Lane, new 2 storey extension and refurbishment of house, barn and annexe.

2024/0400/FUL, 165 Carr Moss Lane, demolish workshop and replace with gym and storage.

Recent decisions – granted

2024/0231/Holly Farm buildings; revise internal layout.

Recent decisions - refused

2024/013/FUL, Sycamore Lodge, New Cut Lane, changes to dormer windows.

2023/0888/PNP, New Cut Lane, new agricultural building.

Plex Lane Bus Stop Shelter

Council reviewed the decision on the bus shelter following confirmation that there is a lease until 2030. The roof has been repaired, the frame strengthened, and the outside been repainted. Thank you to everyone who commented on Facebook in support of retaining the bus stop shelter.

St Aidan's Hall

The kitchen at St Aidan's Hall was recently inspected by West Lancs Environmental Health department and retains its 5-star category. The training, processes and facilities provided by Shirdley Hill Community Association in supporting the regular Luncheon Club were also inspected and successfully passed. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you want to hire St Aidans. Only £10 per hour with a discount for regular bookings.

Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group

Councillors are continuing with a phased approach to reporting all outstanding potholes and damaged signs on a street by street basis. Several repairs were reported for Renacres / Heathey Lane area and majority of these have been resolved. Anyone can report potholes or damaged signs via the LoveCleanStreets app on your mobile phone.

Accounts and Auditing

The Council is required to display a summary of its accounts on the website and all 5 noticeboards. Residents have the right to inspect the detailed accounts between 3rd June and 12th July by arrangement with the Parish Clerk. See page 22.

Local Grants

The Parish Council can award grants to local voluntary groups. Details are available from the Parish Clerk. Friends of Shirdley Hill Village Green asked for £45 for their garden waste bin service. The Bees and Butterflies Brigade asked for £500 for this year's planting and developments in the Memorial Garden at St Cuthbert's.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7:30pm Wednesday 10th July 2024 at Memorial Hall, Recreation Ground, Halsall Road. A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found towards the front of this magazine or use Clerk@Halsallparish.gov.uk.

The Parish Council Website

includes agendas and minutes of meetings

<https://halsallparish.org.uk/>

Upcoming events and news are posted on Facebook Halsall Village Community Forum

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703>

also on Facebook Shirdley Hill Hub

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874>

Mary Lyons, (Council Chair) and Chris Pyne (Parish Clerk)

Halsall War Memorial Field and Hall (Charity 521111)

The recreation ground and hall is managed by this charity, independent of the Council, although councillors are also Trustees of the charity.

A contractor has been found to refresh all the lines in the car park. This will involve closing the car park one morning and the date will be published on Facebook.

An extension to the car park is being investigated but it will be difficult to achieve due to the recreation ground being in a conservation area.

Some of the flags on the middle steps leading to the hall are loose. The steps have been cordoned off for safety and repairs are due to take place.

Mary Lyons (Trust Chair) & John Ferguson (Trust Secretary)

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	
1. Balances brought forward	34,285	24,203	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	17,343	32,783	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	14,550	19,286	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	12,591	9,476	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	29,384	30,510	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	24,203	36,286	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	24,203	36,286	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	219,607	191,542	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	✓			The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	✓			The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YYYY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

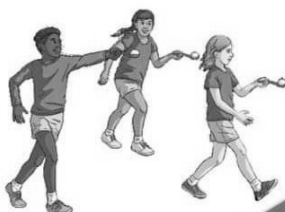
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and many more
games



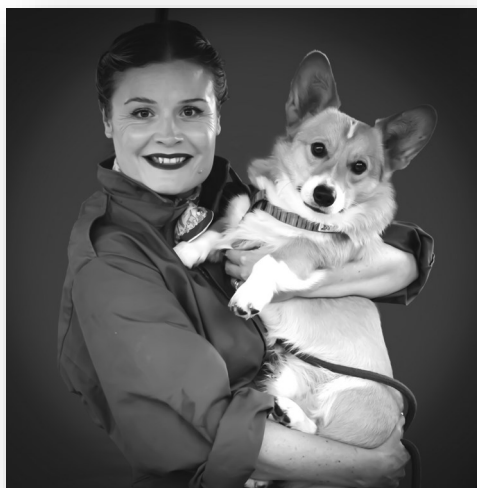
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JULY

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Halsall St Cuthbert's **July Report**

Admissions

The demand for school places at Halsall continues to be strong. We hope to welcome 27 new children into the reception class.
Our estimated Number on Roll (NOR) in September is 175.

Strawberry Teas

The children performed superbly well at the Strawberry Teas Afternoon and kept everyone entertained. It was lovely to see the individual performances and see all the children showing such amazing confidence and joy with their singing and dancing. Thanks to the PTFA for the funding and the organising the refreshments. These events would not go ahead without your hard work and commitment so it's much, much appreciated.

Summer Carnival : Saturday 6th July.

The theme this year is favourite book characters. The children will be dressing-up as normal, they'll be singing and dancing and it should be another fantastic occasion. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

School Outing

The children have been having a fabulous time on their school trips recently. Staff have organised visits to Jungle Park in Warrington, Martin Mere, Knowsley Safari Park, Eureka, Farmer Teds and Liverpool Cathedral.

Important Dates

Leavers' Service is on Thursday 18th July 2-00pm
School closes for summer on Friday 19th July 2-00pm
School reopens in the autumn on Wednesday 4th September

Impending Retirement

As most people will probably be aware, I shall be retiring at the end of the summer term. I have been the headteacher at Halsall St Cuthbert's now, for over 24 years and it has been such a massive part of my life. Time has flown so quickly and you can't imagine how much I am going to miss it.

It has been a wonderful privilege to manage such a fabulous school. I've worked with so many amazing and committed members of staff, I've met so many wonderful parents and so many special children, and they have just brightened up each and every day. Many, many thanks for all your support over the years, it's been much appreciated. It's been such a fabulous journey and I'll treasure the memories for many years to come.

I leave the school in a strong financial position. Halsall remains an integral part of both the local community and the church community. It is a very popular school and has an excellent reputation within both West Lancashire within the County. Halsall has excellent grounds, it is extremely well-resourced and it has a body of staff that is second to none. I wish my successor, whoever it may be, all the very best in the years ahead.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)



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12th June 2024

Schools Governors Update

Dear All,

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to advise you all, that after 24 years of dedicated service to our lovely school, Mr Scholes has decided to stand down from the end of the school year and enjoy a well-earned retirement.

The Governors are working behind the scenes to start the search for an inspirational head teacher to lead our school going forward.

In the meantime, the school will be led by Miss Hampson as acting head teacher, supported by Mrs Galley as acting deputy head teacher.

I am sure you will all join us in thanking Mr Scholes for his long service and dedication in helping to make the school what it is today.
His experience and guidance will be missed, and we wish him a very long and happy retirement.

Kind Regards

Angela Christian-Pye

Chair of Governors

Coffee Morning

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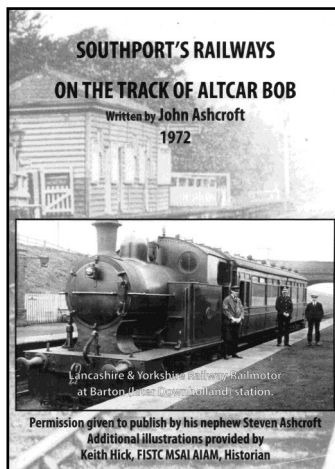
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Speak to Susan Salt — rectorhalsallandlydiate@gmail.com
or David Walker — davidfwalker@btinternet.com



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The Bees and Butterflies Brigade (July 2024)

Thank you to all of you who have been inspired by our meetings to include extra plants for pollinators in your own garden – you are amazing people and your gardens are more important than ever in the fight to save our wild bees. Whilst native wildflowers in the right location are undoubtedly fantastic for bees, we must not forget that our pollinating friends are equally grateful for the food that garden plant varieties afford.

In my garden, certain plants stand out as powerful bee-magnets in the summer months. Sea hollies (Eryngium), Cone flowers (Echinacea), African lilies (Agapanthus) and Beardtongue (Penstemon) all attract pollinators to feast on the nectar whilst providing a border full of colour, too. Purple top vervain (Verbena bonariensis) and Globe thistles (Echinops) will heave with bees and attract other beautiful insects such as butterflies and moths too. All these plants thrive in a sunny, partly-sheltered border on moist but well-drained soil; they are alive with sound and movement on a sunny day and bring me so much pleasure.

Whilst it is fantastic to plant for pollinators in your garden, the way you look after your plants can have a positive impact on their ability to support insects. If a plant is thirsty and stressed by summer heat, it will put its resources into surviving rather than reproducing. This means it will produce less flowers than usual and therefore less pollen and nectar, leaving pollinators hungry. By keeping your pots and borders well-watered through the summer months, you will be helping your plants to provide as much food as possible for our pollinators. Add a dose of water-soluble plant food, too, and you will receive an abundance of colour as a reward!

Dead-heading certain plants is a great way to maximise flowering. By taking off the spent flowers, you can prompt the plant to respond with another flush of blooms. In my garden, July is the time to dead head plants such as perennial salvias and veronica, which are covered with bees in June. If I dead head them now, they re-flower by the end of August and into September, which is a real bonus for me and the bees. I also cut my catmint and hardy geraniums quite hard after they have flowered, removing much of the foliage down to shoots of new growth – with a water and a feed they re-grow fresh foliage and re-flower later in the summer.

Where shrubs are concerned, summer pruning can be useful to shape them and help them cope with periods of drought. It can also help certain shrubs flower prolifically in the following year, however, maximizing the plant's potential to help pollinators. I have a beautiful Mock Orange in my garden (Philadelphus) which I trim back with secateurs every July, after it has flowered. The trimming reduces it in size, keeping it manageable, but I also remove about a third of the main stems right to the ground. I'm rewarded each summer by fresh, strong growth, beautiful scented flowers and my insect friends.

If you'd like to find out more about the maintenance of flowering plants, or you just want to ask about a specific plant you have in your garden, do come along to our next meeting and have a chat with us. Whether you are an experienced gardener or just a beginner, we'd love to meet you. Join us on Saturday 20th July at 10am for a maintenance session at Bridge 25 near The Saracens Head – we'll be learning about the new planting there and what it needs to establish and thrive. In the meantime, enjoy your garden.

Clare Edwards
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