

HALSALL NEWS

Happy
Easter!



APRIL 2014

Halsall Easter Painting Competition

4-5 year olds

Winner: Rachel



Runner-up: Izzy



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Rector

The Revd Paul Robinson

The Rectory

Church Lane

Lydiate

L31 4HL

Phone: 0151 526 0512

Email: frpaul.robinson@btinternet.com

Parish Surgery: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Rector's Secretary to make an appointment. The phone number of the office is 0151 526 2292 and the office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm or you can email at:

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Note from the Editor

A simple 'Thank you' to...

...all the children of Halsall who painted some wonderful pictures for the Halsall Painting Competition's theme of Easter.

...all the teachers at Halsall St. Cuthbert's Primary School who helped to nurture the children's artistic talents.

...Susan Roberts, Sarah Park, Doug Scholes and The Revd. Paul Robinson for helping to judge all of the children's paintings.

Painting Competition Display

Hopefully there will be a display of all of the Halsall children's painting in St. Cuthbert's Church over the Easter period.

And finally...

Congratulations to the winners and runners up. See pages 2, 39 and 40.

Chris Birks, Editor, Halsall News

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The Rector Writes:

'We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God'.

These words come from St Paul's 2nd Letter to the people of Corinth and have so far this Lent been a challenge to me! How do I in my daily ministry be an *'Ambassador for Christ'*? *How do I be a person who reconciles people to God?* Because this is what God is asking me to do! To literally be a person who *'stands up for The Lord - who promotes Him, who talks about Him, who tells others about Him and who protects Him'*. In much the same way as an Ambassador for a country will do for that country wherever they are sent in the world.

In a very real sense these words from St Paul should be a challenge to all Christian people. All Christians are called to be Ambassadors - to promote The Lord, to share the Good News of what He has done for us. We are also called to be people of reconciliation - people who bring people together in a common cause - and our cause is The Lord Jesus Christ.

So as we continue on our journey towards Easter and the greatest act of Reconciliation that has ever taken place I ask you to reflect on these words from St Paul, and think about, pray about, how **You** can be an Ambassador for Christ and a person of reconciliation.

'We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God'.

With Christian Love

Paul



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE FOR APRIL 2014

Sunday 6th April – 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist And Blessing of Palms	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist And Blessing of Palms	St Thomas'

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist (including The Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal promises)	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW – Sung Eucharist (including The Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal promises)	St Thomas'

Sunday 27th April – Easter 2 and APCM Sunday

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.00am	Eucharist + APCM	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Eucharist + APCM	St Thomas'

Mid-Week Services in The United Benefice

Be an Ambassador for Christ and support our School Eucharist's

Tuesday 1 st April	1.15pm	Eucharist	Haskayne School
Wednesday 2 nd April	9.00am	Eucharist	St Thomas' School
Thursday 3 rd April	9.15am	Eucharist	St Cuthbert's School
Wednesday 9 th April	10.00am	Eucharist	St Cuthbert's Church

**Monday 14th – Saturday 19th April is Holy Week – please see advert for times
and places of Services**

Wednesday 23 rd April	10.00am	Eucharist	St Cuthbert's Church
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3rd	Keith Styling (Birthday)
3rd	Margaret Heaton (Birthday)
5th	Les Marshall (Birthday)
7th	Roger Baldwin (Birthday)
8th	Nellie Edwards (Birthday)
10th	Vera Styling (Birthday)
11th	John Banks (Birthday)
12th	Thomas Balshaw
13th	Joan Halsall
13th	Maureen Ainscough
14th	Jack Williams (Birthday)
17th	Angela Pilkington
17th	Brenda Helen Rhodes
17th	Edward Sumner
19th	Florrie Pilling (Anniversary)
21st	Catherine Bullough
23rd	Lawrence Baldwin (Anniversary)
27th	Gladys May Core (Birthday)
29th	Harriet Louise Rimmer (Birthday)



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HOLY WEEK 13TH - 20TH APRIL
SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
AT ST CUTHBERT'S and ST THOMAS'

*Please make sure that you note the times and places of
Services - especially the Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday*

PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion - St Thomas'
- 9.30am - Eucharist and Baptism - St Cuthbert's
(including The Blessing of Palms)
- 11.15am - CW Sung Eucharist - St Thomas'
(including The Blessing of Palms)

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 9.00am - Eucharist - St Cuthbert's
- 11.00am - Diocesan Eucharist - Liverpool Cathedral
(Including the Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows)

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 10.00am - Eucharist - St Cuthbert's

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 10.00am - Eucharist - St Cuthbert's

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7.30pm - CW Sung Eucharist, Stripping of the Altars - St Thomas'
(followed by a vigil of prayer until 10.00pm)

GOOD FRIDAY

- 9.00am - Morning Prayer and BCP Litany - St Thomas'
- 11.00am - Stations of the Cross starting at Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church
with a Walk of Witness to St Thomas'
- 2.00pm - Good Friday Service - St Cuthbert's
(IT WILL BE WARM IN CHURCH - I PROMISE)

HOLY SATURDAY

- Morning and Evening Prayer
(See next page for time)

EASTER DAY

8.00am - BCP Holy Communion - St Thomas'

9.30am - CW Sung Eucharist - St Cuthbert's
(including The Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal promises)

11.15am - CW - Sung Eucharist - St Thomas'
(including The Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal promises)

Throughout Holy Week (Including Saturday) MORNING PRAYER will be
said at 8.00am (Except Good Friday) and EVENING PRAYER at 6.30pm
everyday at St Thomas' Church

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLY WEEK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEK IN
THE CHRISTIAN YEAR. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO WORSHIP DAILY, IN
PREPARATION FOR THE NEW LIFE OF EASTER THAT OUR LORD OFFERS TO
ALL.

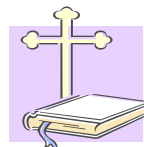
HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

February 2014

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7th February 2014

Edna Marshall



WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

APRIL 2014



DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	
6TH	Mike Hilton	Bill White	Beryl Sephton
13th	Lynda Bramwell	Eileen Houlgrave	Anne Critchley
20th	Malcolm Serjeant	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton
27th	Brian Heaton	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson

HOLY WEEK AT ST CUTHBERT'S AND ST THOMAS'

Holy Week is, or should be, the most important week in the year for any Christian. It is a time when we think about the journey that Jesus made for us. A journey that would change the course of history for ever.

On **Palm Sunday** we remember that people welcomed Jesus: they shouted Hosanna! To the Son of David; and waved palm branches in welcome. The people were glad to meet him, and that is how it should be for us as Christians today – we should be glad to meet Jesus in our worship. We should be glad to know the person who loves us so very much. Our life should be one of gladness in meeting Jesus.

On **Maundy Thursday** we remember that Jesus had a meal with his friends, and through that meal, he told us that whenever we eat bread together and drink wine, he will be with us in a very special way. It is also the day that Jesus shows us what it is to be a servant to other people. That it doesn't matter how important we think we are, as Christians, we should always be ready to help other people. Jesus was the greatest – the Son of God – and yet he washed his disciples feet, thus setting an example for us all.

On **Good Friday** we remember that because he loved us so much, Jesus was nailed to a cross. He was put to death by people who didn't like him and who didn't understand him. And we still nail Jesus to the cross today, we still put him to death. We do it every time we say or think something nasty and horrible about someone else. Because when we do this, we let God down, we let other people down and we let ourselves down, and it means that Jesus died for nothing. Yet Jesus loves us so very much that he was prepared to die for us, and therefore, we should do our best in keeping him alive by the things we do and say.

On **Easter Day** we remember that Jesus rose gloriously from the dead, and by rising from the dead he shows us that all he had ever said was true. The light that had come into the world could never be extinguished – and that light is Jesus. And when he told the women in the garden to go and tell other people about what happened, he was also telling us to do the same. All of us are called to tell the story of Jesus and we are called to tell it by what we say and do, and by how we live our lives.

So as you get ready for **Holy Week** (and you will find details of the services we have planned in this magazine) remember what Jesus has done for you – remember the journey that he made for you, and come along and share that journey with others. **Holy Week** is the most important week in the Christian Year. It is a time when we remember that the history of the world was changed forever, and it was done by someone who loves us and who desperately wants us to journey towards him.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER



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Halsall School Report : April 14

Admissions

- The school governors had 36 applications for reception places starting in September 2014. All applications have now been ranked according to the Admissions Criteria and the data returned to the LEA.

At present we have 150 children on the school roll. We have a limited number of spaces remaining but if you are interested in bringing your child to Halsall, please let us know. Class structures change annually depending upon numbers in each cohort, so there may well be opportunities.

School Budget

The school has a healthy budget and is determined to maintain the present level of educational provision. It's commitment to high quality teaching assistants, providing effective classroom support to individuals and small groups, remains very strong. This continues to have significant impact upon the progress and achievement of pupils.

Standards

Standards at the school remain high in comparison to both all schools nationally and similar schools nationally.

Hopefully, this year's top class will rise to the challenge and perform their very best in the 2014 SATS. There's still lots of hard work to be done and lots of revision over the Easter holidays needed.

Easter Competition

The children have been busy drawing and painting for the Easter competition. Hopefully, there'll be lots of lovely work to display in both the school and church.

There'll be winners for several categories : under 5s, 5-8, 9-11 and 12+. Well done to everyone who has taken part.

Special Days in School

The other week we held a special Artist's Day in school. The children learned all about patterns and animal structures. It was a fabulous experience for everyone. Many thanks to the PTFA for supporting this wonderful, learning opportunity.

- We've also held a book fair in school and raised over £250 to spend on new classroom literature. (fiction and non-fiction) That'll keep the children busy!

- In a couple of weeks, we are having a special MATHEMATICS PUZZLE DAY. The children will learn all about how to solve mental and physical puzzles and it should be another really memorable day. It should really get everyone thinking!

Parish Centre

The school is now managing the centre on behalf of the PCC.

We are hoping to renovate the parish centre's wooden flooring and carry out some painting work over the next few weeks and the Easter holidays.

We are also looking for a cleaner who can come into school early to clean the area before school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. (2 hrs PW, £7 PH)

If you are interested, please let us know.

If you would like to book the centre for either a one-off event or regular activity, please contact school to discuss details.

Sports Relief

To support Sports Relief, the children have completed a stroll around the village accompanied by staff and parents/carers. It was a lovely day and an occasion to remember.

The PTFA kindly served refreshments in the Parish Centre, as the adults rested their weary legs in the afternoon.

D Scholes : Head Teacher



Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School

**Happy
Easter**

Please note our Sunday school will only be held once in April on the 13th at 9.30am since our second date clashes with a shortened service followed by the PCC Annual meeting. Both Tara and I are members of the PCC and will be attending this meeting.

In May our Sunday school will be on the 11th and the 25th at 9.30am.

Our next Family Service is on 22nd June.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

Did You Know?

If you wish to access a reception place for your child at Halsall St Cuthbert's, it may be useful to familiarise yourself with the School Admissions Criteria.

To increase the chances of gaining a place at the school, parents/carers can become involved in the worship and mission of The United Benefice of Ss. Cuthbert and Thomas, Halsall, Lydiate and Downholland.
(Please refer to the criteria on the website)

For admission in
September 2015

Parents/carers may wish to consider initiating and then developing church involvement for the 12 month period prior to the Admissions Committee meeting in the Spring Term 2015. That time starts now!



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The 1st team are also through to the Final of The Liverpool FA Sunday Cup, which is played for by all Sunday League teams under the Liverpool FA banner – one of the most important games in the club's history!!!

The final will be played on Sunday 27th April at The Liverpool FA Centre at Walton Hall Park, Liverpool. 11.00am kick off.

Our Under 18's team have 3 games left to go of their season, after which the lads will mostly be going off to university to continue their studies.

The club are always looking for new people to join whether in a managerial role; adult or junior, helping fund-raising, registering as a player or joining the committee. If interested please ring our club secretary Sid Williams on 01695 573872.

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Yours in football,
Paul Williams



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR APRIL/MAY 2014

6th April	P Carr E Carr	E Houlgrave J Showering	A Grimshaw S Lloyd
20th April	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn
4th May	E Banks L Wilkinson C Parry	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse
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April at-a-glance

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General Garden Tasks

Spring clean borders, keep on top of weeding & hoeing.

Feed roses, borders, hedges, trees & shrubs with a general-purpose fertiliser.

Treat moss & weeds & re-seed bare patches.

Plant or move evergreen shrubs.

Feed acid loving plants.

Prune winter jasmine and hydrangea; tie in shoots of rambling roses & clematis.

Wait for six weeks (if you can) after flowers of spring bulbs are over before cutting foliage down.

Towards the end of the month, plant dormant dahlia tubers outside.

Plant new alpine & top up scree beds or troughs with gravel.

Continue to sow hardy annuals outside.

Pot up cuttings of tender perennials taken last year.

Tidy up hedges & clip if necessary.

Plant first early, second early & maincrop potatoes.

Plant asparagus crowns & globe artichokes.

Harvest the first overwintered spring onions.

Sow hardy herbs (parsley, chervil, coriander, fennel, dill & marjoram).

Plant strawberries.

Plant & tie-in a new grapevine.

Prune stone fruit trees if necessary.

Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days but close it early to retain the heat at night.

Top-dress & take cuttings from big old plants.

Spring clean the pond.

Divide overgrown plants & put in new water plants.

Towards the end of the month start feeding your fish.

Watch out for

Slugs & snails on newly emerged perennials & vegetable seedlings.

Plants in their Prime

Flowering cherries. Prunus. Crab apples. Magnolia. Spiraea. Ribes. Doronicum.

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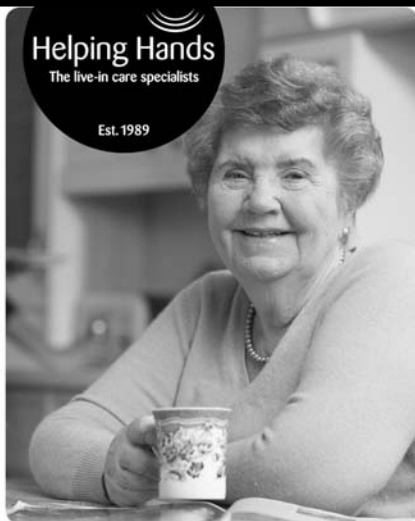
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Barton before the First World War



In the Summer of 1914 England knew nothing of the turmoil and heartbreak which the next 4 years would bring. The way of life would change dramatically with the onset of the Great War touching deep even into sleepy rural villages like Barton.

Barton today gives the appearance of a residential backwater containing houses, a few farms and a nature conservation area. However, within recent memory Barton had a mission church, a chip shop, a bank, a smithy and a pub. The Barton Rose queen fete came to an end in the 1960's and the mission was destroyed by a fire in 1965. Barton wasn't always so tranquil, in my published history of Barton (Lancashire History Quarterly vol 9, 2005) I narrate how the Industrial Revolution cut two huge scars in the Barton landscape, one to the east and one to the west. Firstly there was the digging of the canal in 1790 and secondly the cutting for the railway in the early 19th century. There must have been much hustle and bustle and to-ing and fro-ing as crowds of navvies, mainly Irish made their way along the rural lanes to work. They satisfied their thirst in the local pub and spent their money in the local businesses. The presence of the Irish was relatively peaceful but a little local difficulty resulted in one Irishman, Seamus Henson being followed up Station Road by 3 farm workers, 2 of whom were from out of town. One of them picked up a brick to cause the Irishman harm at which point his son intervened, he was six foot tall and almost as wide across the shoulders, which caused the farm workers to turn tail and run.

By the end of the 19th century life had become quieter in Barton again. The train ran a few times a day for passengers but mostly for freight. There was still the traffic of horses and hand carts making the journey up Smithy Lane to the wharf, on the canal side, to collect night soil from barges and ferrying it fresh to the fields, from the middens of Liverpool. There was new build in Station Road moving the population away from the original heart of the village around Barton House and Rock Farm. The Countess of Casteja owned most of the land, which she leased to tenant farmers but now she was allowing parcels of land to be leased for building. William and Robert Haslam built two houses near to the railway. The countess also leased land for the building of a mission church in 1895.

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Before 1914 and the outbreak of war the biggest problem in Barton was the flooding of the fields. Farmers had to take oil filled pumps onto the moss to keep water from ruining crops. The blacksmith was kept very busy and William Melling was the man at the anvil. He had taken over from John Cave. James Bolt had a grocers and Thomas Shacklady a little shop on Station Road. Henry Sutton was the licensee at the Bluebell Pub and Edward Leadbetter was the station master. Among the farmers were Elizabeth Blundell, Richard Haslam, Thomas Rainford, Thomas Rimmer, James Sephton with his son also James, and there was Thomas Sumner and Richard Wright. Many of these men were exempt from the call up to war because they were vital to the food industry. Others however felt it was their duty to go. The ladies had proved even before the arrival of land girls that the farms could be run by women. Thus we had Elizabeth Bond and Alice Fazackerley running farms in 1899 and Elizabeth Stopforth also registered as a farmer in 1905. Mary Ackers continued to run the farm which had been registered by Betty Ackers in 1854

The first impact of the war on Barton was the increased need for food production, the pressure was increased on Farms and farmers to maximise production. Several local men were eligible for call up, one was George Charles who was the son of John and Mary Charles he was 25 in 1914. He worked as a railway porter at Barton station and he joined The Kings Liverpool Regiment in 1914. Sadly he was badly wounded and though he was ferried back to Dover he died on 21st December 1917. He had attained the rank of Lance Corporal and he is buried in Halsall churchyard. Richard Rimmer was a farm labourer, he was the grandson of Richard Winstanley and Mary who practised as tailors on Southport Road, Barton. He lived in Barton for a short time in 1911 with his grandparents because there was seasonal work. His mother and father lived in Liverpool. Richard was 18 when the war started and he joined the Kings Liverpool Regiment, First Battalion. On 8th August 1916 at the tender age of 20 he was killed at the Somme and is buried in France at Theipval. The news was relayed firstly to his mother and father, Richard and Ann Rimmer who lived in Lowood St in Liverpool.

In 1918 when the war had ended Barton had lost two lads who had association with the village. There were 10 or more men who were eligible for war service. However, ironically sixty per cent of records were lost during the Second World War when a Luftwaffe direct hit destroyed many of the First World War records. In 1918 at the end of the war the only obvious change in personnel was that now Fred Baxter was the stationmaster. Most of the farmers were still in 'situ' but the faces of many of the farm labourers had changed for ever.

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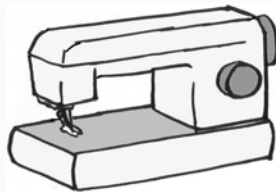
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Spring has sprung so it's time to get going with jobs around the village!! We will have already had some very welcome help from our Sunday School children and their parents who have been Spring cleaning by clearing fallen twigs etc around the Churchyard. Thank you for taking part!

This year we are having our Community Clean Ups mostly on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm so we hope to get more volunteers along to help.

Here are our dates for April -

Tuesday 1st April or Wednesday 2nd April

(depending on the weather)

in Bishop's Walk from 1.10pm onwards

Our schoolchildren will be coming along to help us to collect litter, pile up broken branches, brush the seating areas, spread some seeds and clean the tables ready for use in the warmer weather.

Mums Dads Grandparents etc are all invited to come along and lend a hand - even half an hour would be a good help!

Wednesday 23rd April

at the Memorial Playing Fields from 1.30pm

We will be having a spring clean around the play areas and hall

and also - on the same day

at Bishop's Walk from 1.30pm

We will be starting to mend the wooden fences

This is going to be a big job and if there are any extra volunteers who could lend a hand at any time to suit them, then please get in touch.

We do hope some of you will come and support us on one of these dates and so help to make our village an attractive place to live .

Last year we won the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition for medium sized villages and this year we are entered in the Champions Class. Maybe with your help we can do well again in 2014!

If you would like to know more about our group and what we do then please contact either

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PLANNING

Planning Applications: 2014/0096/FUL – Ollery Cottage, Carr Moss Lane – Single storey side extension.

2014/0198/WL3 – Land adjacent to 11-39 Linekar Drive – Change of use from grassed open space to car parking. Laying of kerbs, stone base tarmacadam road surfaces and footpaths.

Proposal: 18 hectare solar panel farm on New Cut Lane.

Amendment: 2013/1381/COU – Bristow Farm, Gregory Lane - Change of use of existing building to form a vegetable processing and packaging plant (Use Class B1) and creation of a new vehicular access.

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

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 9th April 2014 at 7.30 pm at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane.

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.

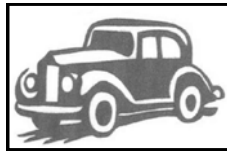
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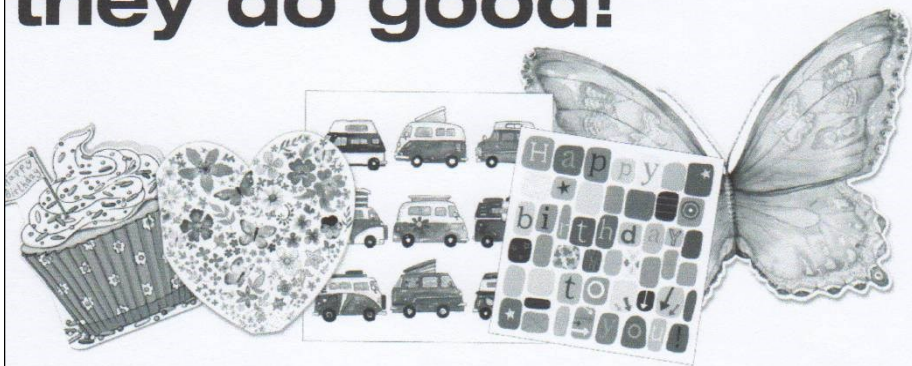
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