



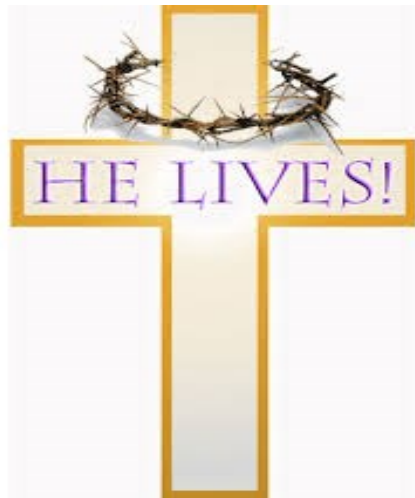
Halsall News

April 2015

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The Rectory

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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:

stthomassteph@btinternet.com

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 Paul. 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.

The Dying: Paul can be contacted at any time of the day or night in order to minister to the dying.

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

APRIL 2015



DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSION	
5th	Marilyn Westley	Peter Aynsley	Anne Cushion
12th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks
19th	Malcolm Serjeant	Christine Jones	
26th	Brian Heaton	Bill Banks	John Wroe

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The Reader Writes...

I am writing this today to the sounds of hammering and drilling with the occasional muffled thump. We are having new windows fitted to the front of our house, a job that has been needed for sometime; but this routine job has been turned into a real building project due to the fact that our main downstairs window has no lintel; and so it appears that the whole weight from the front of the house has been taken on the window frame! This of course explains why however many times Alan plastered the cracks they soon reappeared!

Watching the builders reminded me that our lives as well as buildings need to be well built and strongly supported: and while it may seem strange to compare our lives to a building project, it has already been done before, and by Jesus. He told us the parable of the foolish man who built his house upon the sand and when the floods came the house fell down. He contrasted it with the wise man who built his house upon a rock so that when the floods came the house remained unshaken.

What sort of foundation I wonder has each of us built our lives upon? They will be different for each; to some a solid foundation for life will be financial security for others, family friends or material possessions, nice homes, new cars or good holidays. None of which I hasten to add are bad things at all; as long as they are not the foundation on which we build our lives. For if they are, just like my windows without a lintel, cracks will soon begin to form and when troubles, anxieties or ill health occur to disturb our happiness, the foundations of our lives can begin to crumble.

Jesus is the only sure foundation and we are reminded this Easter of how safe our foundations will be if we build our lives on him. For love of us He steadfastly set his face toward Jerusalem and certain death on the cross, securing our lives in this world and the next. He conquered death for us at Easter, rising from the dead that we might have new life in him. Faith in Jesus is the only safe foundation on which to build a life; and you know I can't think of a better time to start a building project than at Easter.

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter,

Glen.

HOLY WEEK 29th March - 5th 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 – CW Eucharist – St Cuthbert's
(including The Blessing of Palms)
- 11.15am – CW Sung Eucharist – St Thomas'
(including The Blessing of Palms)

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 10.00am – 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

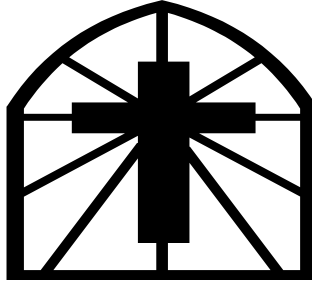
- Morning and Evening Prayer
(See below for time)

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 6.00pm 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.**



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for April 2015

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Eucharist & Easter Ceremonies	St Cuthbert's
11.15amCW	Eucharist & Easter Ceremonies	St Thomas'

Sunday 12th April – Easter 2

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist & Baptism	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Parade Service	St Thomas'

Sunday 19th April – Easter 3

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

Sunday 26th April – Easter 4

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Family Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Family Eucharist	St Thomas'

Mid-Week Services in the United Benefice for April 2015

Wednesday 1st April	10.00am	St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 8 th April	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 15 th April	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 22 nd April	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 29 th April	10.00am	St Thomas' Church

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2015/0095/LDC - Ambrose Farm, Carr Moss Lane - Certificate of Lawfulness - Use of site as a dwelling house

2015/0084/FUL - Aughton Cliffs Farm, Narrow Lane - Erection of two storey rear extension

2015/0106/FUL - Land Adjacent To, 110 Renacres Lane - Alterations to fenestration of existing barn conversion, partial conversion of existing garage and store into living accommodation. Addition of a modern glass & white rendered block work link structure between the detached garage and barn conversion covering approx. 30sqm

2015/0191/FUL – 139 Moss Road – Single storey extension to rear.

For further information visit <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.

Speed Indicators

Please be advised that speed indicators deployed around Halsall only have a battery life of 3-4 days depending upon the amount of traffic.

Unfortunately mains/solar power indicators are not possible due to cost and locations as they have to be moved around 17 sites.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL Continued

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th April 2015 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.

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

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

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

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 in St Aidans Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence.
2. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 26th March 2014.
3. Chairman of the Parish Council's report.
4. Parish Council Financial Statement 2014 – 2015.
5. Reports from organisations.
6. Report from County Councillor David O'Toole.
7. Report from District Councillor Doreen Stephenson.
8. Open forum.
9. Date and time of the next meeting.

Volunteers Invited for Car Scheme

Did you know? West Lancashire Dial a Ride runs a volunteer Community Car scheme in addition to its familiar red and white accessible minibuses. The Community Car scheme works by local car owners volunteering their time to drive elderly or isolated residents to appointments or to the shops. Volunteer car schemes are a more efficient alternative to minibuses in rural areas; they have proved very popular with residents in West Lancashire where we have been piloting the scheme over the last year.

We need more car drivers. Would you consider volunteering? Volunteers can choose how much time they are willing to offer and we pay a generous rate for the mileage they cover on the scheme. No special driving licence or insurance is required. Applicants must undergo a driving assessment and security check. If you would like to know more speak to you Parish Council or ring Dial a Ride direct on 01704 893373.

Halsall War Memorial and Playing Field and Hall Trust

A meeting of the trust was held on 11th March 2015. It was reported that two small children had been knocked over by a large dog.

The Trust would like to ask people visiting the memorial Playing Fields to make sure that their dogs are kept under control at all times.

Ian Davis

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at Halsall Garage or the Pharmacy.**

Or call Maureen on 07542688744 for collection

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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Please can you tear out the completed page and drop it off at Halsall Garage or the Pharmacy.

Memories

The memories of Halsall resident Mr Harry Howard age 96.

Told in his own words.

From 1925-31 I attended the village C of E Primary School which was well managed. School was taken very seriously. Woe betide if, for any reason, we should play truant from school. The school authorities had a truant master and the deputy lady head was the scourge of many a malcontent school boy or girl. She knew where we all lived and we knew the grapevine would be at work almost before the offence had been committed.

The headmaster, Mr Battersby, was a gentleman, strict but always fair. Upon reflection I wonder why he ever wished to make a career in a small rural community, but so he did. He had a son, Colin, about my age, who went away to boarding school but was encouraged to join the village children during holiday times, and we enjoyed his company as I am sure he enjoyed ours. The village mourned with Mr and Mrs Battersby when Colin was one of the few local boys killed during WW2.

My main memories of Halsall School, include the out-of-classroom periods when the boys received woodwork instruction and kitchen garden tuition, there was a well-equipped woodwork room, and a large fruit and vegetable garden adjoining the playground which perhaps taught us little we had not learned at home under our fathers' tuition. I do not recall ever having it suggested that my efforts with chisel, saw and hammer were worthy of display on open days, or of even being taken home for family admiration! For the girls great store was set upon a social science class, plain wholesome cooking, millinery and needlework, with hopscotch and skipping being their equivalents of the boys' pursuits.

Religion was included in the school programme, as the school was a church endowed school, and we had occasional talks from both rector and his curate.

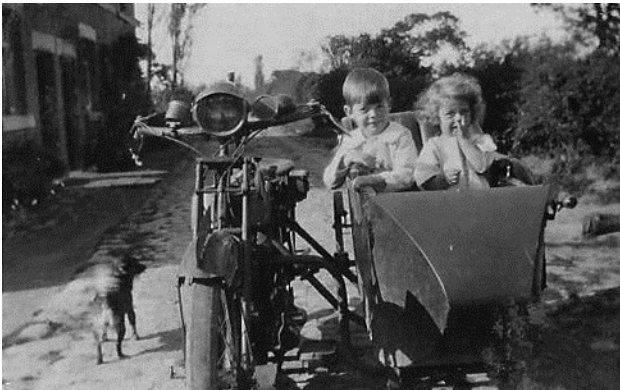
Scholarships to one or other of the two nearby town grammar schools were at a premium and for many at the village school their education ended at the age of fourteen years. Some would become apprenticed. There might be a local builder in the parish willing to take on a pupil who had shown a particular flair in the woodwork class. Or he might need to increase his bricklaying staff. The village garage would have a busy workshop and with a growing increase in farm mechanisation, apprentices were needed. Even the blacksmith was changing from shoeing horses as tractors replaced them, to welding and other tasks involving his forge. But agriculture was the mainstay of employment for most.

The playground was mostly asphalt covered, but there was an earthen bank which, in its season, was used for 'ollies', as we called them. Most playtime games were strictly confined to seasons of the year. Kicking a ball about was likely at any time, but marbles, tops and hoops came and went as of course did conkers. I had a champion chestnut for about a week, before it succumbed to an adversary, but I never excelled at games at junior school. Cricket was my favourite game and to see Lancashire play produced boyish admiration for the county stars in the 20s and early 30s. In fact my nickname was Charlie, hopefully for no other reason than because my favourite player was Charles Hallows, a Lancashire opening batsman. The girls too, had their specialist lessons, chief of which were cookery and millinery, with hopscotch and skipping being their equivalents of the boys' pursuits

The school was also greatly involved in the annual Rose Queen festival. The Rose Queen was crowned in the Rectory grounds after a triumphant drive around the village. At first this was on the back of a farm lorry or a horse-drawn cart bedecked with flowers, but both were too large to negotiate the Rectory's garden paths and eventually a smaller vehicle was used, rather like a cart. I had the pleasure when I was about 8, dressed in frilly white shirt and long pants, of pulling this bedecked cart along with my friend John Sefton from Barton and in negotiating one ninety degree turn too fast, we so upset the Queen's balance that her crown fell off and she with it. I never lived that one down amongst my village contemporaries.

The Silver Prize Band, from the nearby small town of Formby, always led the procession through the village to the Rectory Garden, and I have never forgotten the band conductor's exhortation to one of his members as the procession started off - "Three bangs on the big drum, Jack - and off we go"

There is a photograph somewhere, not of the accident, but of me on one such occasion, partnering a local girl called Doreen Waite, when we were doing the Sir Roger de Coverley or some such country dance that we learned at Halsall School.



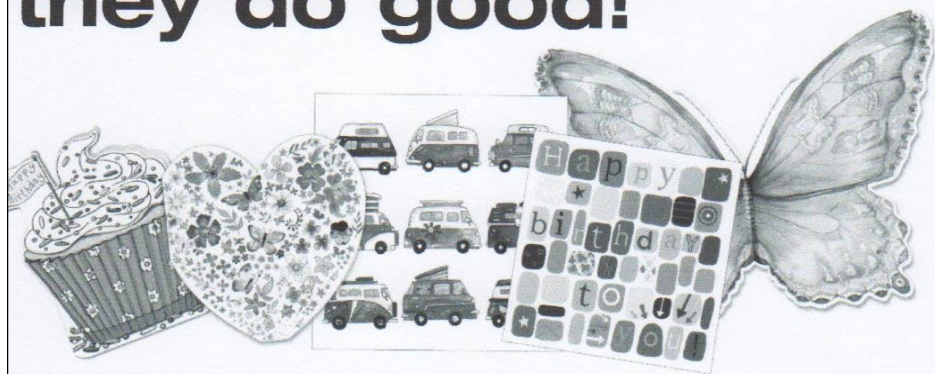
Harry and his sister Margaret in their early childhood.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR APRIL /MAY 2015

12th April	A Critchley K Twist	P Waterworth K Orritt	S Waterworth
26th April	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd
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ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2015 IN THE PARISH CHURCH
AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE AT 9.00AM**

**It would appear that many people in the community of Halsall are
under the impression that the repairs to St Cuthbert's Church have been
completed.**

**This is not true. The major work is unlikely to commence before
January 2016.**

**If you are interested and want to know what the future holds please come
along to the meeting when the Church Conservation Architect Mr. Andrew
Kepczyk will give a short presentation on the essential
remedial works and answer any questions regarding the project.**

What's On

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
Archery Club	Sunday 2-4pm St Cuthbert's School Winter months.	Andy Yarnell 01704 870143
Badminton Club Over 16's	Thursday 7.30pm St Cuthbert's School	
Bootcamp	Monday 6.30-7.15 Wednesday 6.30-7.15 Halsall Memorial Hall	Rachel Pimblett 07875 483733
Halsall Community Group	Various	Louise 07734452323 Facebook. The Official Halsall Village Community
Halsall West End Cricket Club Junior Coaching Boys and Girls Year 3 to Year 6	Sundays in February & March 4pm and 5pm St Bede's High School Ormskirk	John Kershaw (Junior Players Coordinator) 07718433492
Crown Green Bowling Club	Saracen's Head Halsall	
Halsall Environment Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Shirdley Hill Roadside Environment Workers SHREW	Various See page 34	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
Halsall Football Club	Memorial Playing Field Halsall	Paul Williams

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
Karate 7 years and over	Monday 6pm-8pm St Aiden's Hall Shirdley Hill	Graham Parsons 0151 531 7598
Luncheon Club	St Aiden's Hall Shirdley Hill	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
Meditation Monthly Meetings	Sunday St Aiden's Shirdley Hill	Jenny Pearce 01704 840117
Pilates	Monday 7.30-8.30pm Halsall Memorial Hall	Rachel Pimblett 07875 483733
Shirdley Hill Residents Association	Various See Halsall News	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
	Scouting	
Beavers	Tuesday 6.30-7,30pm St Cuthbert's School	Barbara Threlfall 07817 382221
Cub Scouts	Monday 6-7.30pm St Cuthbert's School	Tracy Berkley 07531 603290
Scouts	Monday 7-8,30pm St Cuthbert's School	Jane Coventry 07887 685219
Snooker Club	Halsall Memorial Hall Playing Field	Gerald Neale 01704 841275 Or Jason Neale 07968228173
Sunshine Club Over 60's	Various See Halsall News for Details. Page 34	Eleanor Wroe 01704841216 Betty Knowles 01704840611

This list is for guidance only please contact the organisers for more detailed information.

There is a charge to attend some groups or clubs.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS



APRIL

1st	Rose Serjeant
1st	Nellie Balshaw Edwards
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
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21st	Catherine Bullough
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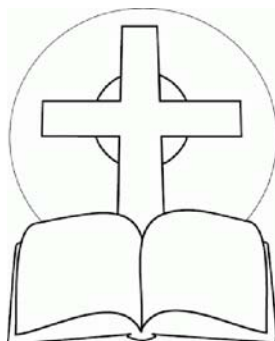
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Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary School

April Update 2015



School Inspection

The school received a Section 5 Ofsted Inspection in early February.

I am very pleased to announce that the report was extremely positive and that the school retained its OUTSTANDING status.

This was richly deserved and recognition for all the wonderful work that the school does.

The school was highly praised for its strong and committed staff, its high levels of attainment and progress, the broad and rich curriculum, its outstanding teaching, its fabulous Early Years provision, excellent safeguarding and behaviour and the strong links with both the church and local community.

I would like to say a great, big thanks to all the staff at St Cuthbert's, who work so hard, year after year and put in so much time and effort to do the very best they can for the children. Their enthusiasm and dedication is incredible and it really matters to each one of them, that the children are safe and happy and they achieve well. This makes all the difference. The full report can be found on the school website. www.halsall.lancs.sch.uk

Liverpool Cathedral Visit

The whole school visited the Anglican Cathedral the other week and had a brilliant time. The children learned about the cathedral's history and there were workshops involving the Easter Story, vestments, stained glass windows, The Bishop's Procession, etc.

They certainly experienced the awe and wonder of such a magnificent building (the 5th biggest cathedral in the world) and it's something that they'll remember for a long time.

Many thanks to the staff who looked after the children so well and made it such a lovely school occasion.

And many thanks to the school's PTFA who very kindly provided funding for the trip.

Admissions

The admissions applications have been ranked using the agreed Admissions Criteria and the information has been returned to the LEA.

If there are any parents/carers who have not been offered a place and would like to follow a process of appeal, please contact the school as soon as possible.

I am confident that the governing body will be sympathetic towards any parents/carers taking this option.

Pyjama Day

As part of the recent World Book Week, we had a special Pyjama Day when the children brought in their favourite books. The children had a fabulous time and we had lots of "volunteer dads" visit school, to read some wonderful stories to the children. Hopefully, we may have inspired a few more of our boys to read at home and develop that love of books and stories.

The PTFA served hot chocolate and biscuits in the afternoon to round off what was, a really special day.

Mothering Sunday Service

The children did us proud once again.

The school would like to say a big thanks to everyone who came along to support.

It's always nice to acknowledge the importance of **mums** and to celebrate all that they do.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)

HALSALL NEWSLETTER

MOSS ROAD, BIRKDALE AREA

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Miss I Walsh who has delivered the Moss Road Area for many years has unfortunately had to give up due to health reasons.

The Parochial Church Council wish to record their thanks to Miss Walsh for her hard work and wish her improved health in the future.

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With Spring nearly upon us, we have had a browse around the village to see which areas need a bit of TLC. Although the village on the whole looks in good order, there are a few places which need attention, so we are summoning the troops to come along on the following dates to lend a hand.

Tuesday 14th April from 1.30pm

Bishops Walk

We will be joined by some of our schoolchildren to collect fallen twigs and branches, mend fences and collect litter

Tuesday 21st April 1.30 pm

Litter picking

Meet by the Church

We will supply bags and litter pickers

We do hope some of you will come and support us on one of these dates and so help keep our village looking attractive.

Last year we came third out of 16 villages in the prestigious Champion Class Section of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

Let's hope we can work together to keep up this high standard.

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

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April at-a-glance

April is the month when the blossom is out in force with everything from flowering cherries to garden fruit trees all making a beautiful show. Mild April weather can make you think summer is here but sharp frosts can still catch you out. Be careful not to plant out tender plants yet unless you can cover with fleece. Enjoy mild sunny days – spring is just around the corner. Happy Gardening.

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 alpines & 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 & main crop 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

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