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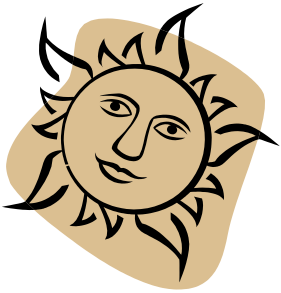

JULY & AUGUST 2014

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Friday 11th July 2014

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Prize Draw & Refreshments

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For more information please contact

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The Reader Writes

Over 400 years ago, William Congreve the poet, wrote that "music soothes the savage breast" (or more precisely he wrote "Music has Charms to soothe a savage breast"). I have to concede that this savage uses music to soothe his breast a lot. For me, the right piece of music can transform me from a very stressed state to being relaxed and mellow. I first stumbled across this in the run up to my undergraduate exams when I got VERY stressed. The period just before an exam when it was too late to do any more useful revision was terrible for me. I discovered that 6 minutes listening to Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" really calmed me down.

I've been putting in a lot of hours at work (late nights and weekends) recently and this inevitably means paperwork. The words "paperwork", "sink" and "battleship" have been used in the same sentence!! My iPod (for the less technical of us, think of it as a jukebox the size of a mobile phone) has been a life-saver. In the midst of hours of tedious paperwork, to have available many of my favourite pieces of music has made 12+hour days tolerable.

One such piece of music, which makes me smile WHATEVER is going on is "What a Wonderful World". I have 3 versions of it: Eva Cassidy, Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and, of course, Louis Armstrong. This record made Louis Armstrong the oldest male to have a UK number 1 hit (at 66 years old).

The words are very simple. The song was written during the Vietnam War and it was intended to present a more hopeful, optimistic view.

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

The colours of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, saying "How do you do?"
They're really saying "I love you"

I hear babies crying, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world

The song is not overtly Christian but optimism and hope for the future should be at the heart of our Christian faith. If we live day by day with an optimistic, hopeful outlook then, no matter what is going on around us, it WILL be a wonderful world.

Best Wishes, your Reader David

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Sunday 6th July – Trinity 3

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

Sunday 13th July – Trinity 4

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist + Baptisms	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Outdoor Parade	Parish Hall Field (Lydiate)

Sunday 20th July – Trinity 5

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

Sunday 27th July – Trinity 6

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

Sunday 3rd August – Trinity 7

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

Sunday 10th August – Trinity 8

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

Sunday 17th August – Trinity 9

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

Sunday 24th August – St Bartholomew

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

Sunday 31st August – Trinity 11

10.30am United Benefice
Sung Eucharist St Cuthbert's

MIDWEEK SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE

Wednesday 2nd July	NO SERVICE		
Tuesday 8th July	1.15pm	Eucharist	Haskayne School
Wednesday 9th July	9.00am	Eucharist	St Thomas' School
Thursday 10th July	9.15am	Eucharist	St Cuthbert's School
Wednesday 16th July	10.00am	Eucharist	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 23rd July	NO SERVICE		
Wednesday 30th July	NO SERVICE		

THERE ARE NO MIDWEEK SERVICES IN AUGUST

HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS
MAY 2014

BAPTISMS

25th May 2014
Poppy Ella Carter
James Oliveira

WEDDINGS

3rd May 2014
Luke Clague & Claire Louise Jones

31st May 2014
Michael James Nolan & Jenny Anne Barrett

FUNERALS

2nd May 2014
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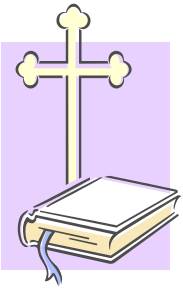

New Halsall Website

A new website is currently being developed for the benefit of residents in and around Halsall.

Due to a decision by Lancashire County Council to withdraw the hosting of the existing website at www.halsallparishcouncil.com a new website, which will retain some of the previous content including the agendas, minutes and planning applications will be available to view at www.halsallparish.com

4 Corners Design, who is managing and designing the website, would like to encourage the residents of Halsall to be involved in the new website in terms of providing news, information, events, photographs and other items that they think would benefit our local community. The company would also welcome any feedback on the design and how the website could be improved.

For further information please email enquiries@halsallparish.com

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PROJECTS

St Aiden's Refurbishment

New loft insulation to be installed at the end of June.

PLANNING APPLICATION

2014/0339/FUL - New Moss Farm, Heathey Lane - Erection of portal frame building to provide hay storage barn.
2014/0359/FUL - Church View Halsall Hill, Mere Lane - Single storey rear extension.
2014/0463/FUL - Land To Rear Of 114 Summerwood Lane - Variation of condition no. 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/0994/FUL to allow Plots 1-2 to be moved forward (south) by 1.5m to match the same 1.5m building line offset between semis and Plots 3-8. A minimum 21m interface distance is to be maintained between Plots 1-2 and the side of the neighbouring rear out-building at No. 116. Plots 8 & 9 to have facing brick to the rear elevations, in lieu of render - the street scene will remain unchanged (as per approved Dwg. 555_102).
2014/0340/FUL - Longacres Farm, Benthams Way - Erection of portal frame building comprising of farm shop and cafe.
2014/0341/ADV - Longacres Farm, Benthams Way - Display of 2 no. non illuminated fascia signs.
2014/0472/FUL - Land Opposite 3, Willow Brook - Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/1220/FUL to read:"The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with details shown on the following plans:- Plan reference 104 Rev C; 105 Rev E; 106 Rev E; 107 Rev E; 108 Rev E; 109 Rev E; and 110 Rev E received by the Local Planning Authority on 7th May 2014".

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

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL Continued

REPORT ATTEMPTED CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

A number of thefts have been reported recently.
The police have asked the Council to remind residents to report attempted crimes, even if this results in no loss to anyone.
If you observe anyone acting suspiciously (including possible bogus callers) or if you are uncertain as to whether you should be reporting something dial 101 to let them know so that the police can take preventative action if necessary.

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.

Flood Risk Management/Surface Water/Sewerage and Drainage Group

The Council are looking to establish a Working Group to undertake research in the above area
The group would do the research and report back to the Parish Council with the information and possibly recommendations of how to proceed so that the Council can make informed decisions.
Please contact the Clerk to volunteer.

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.
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.

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.

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

UPDATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUR RESPONSE REALLY MATTERS

HALSALL RESIDENTS' SURVEY

HAVE YOU HEARD OF FRACKING PRIOR TO THIS SURVEY:

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

DO YOU AGREE THAT FRACKING IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY:

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

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

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

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

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

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

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

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

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NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL Continued

Letter from the Chairman

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all residents to write to their MP (Rosie Cooper) to protest against the decision by Arriva to change the route of the 300 bus service to bypass Shirdley Hill and ask her to table a question in the House of Commons to ask whether the Government supports this decision which leaves old and vulnerable people
isolated, with no access to public transport and call for the decision to be reversed.

Contact details as follows:
Write: Suite 108, Malthouse Business Centre, 48 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1QR
Email: rosie@rosiecooper.net

The Parish Council have been working hard to try to persuade Arriva to change their mind but to no avail and have also been lobbying
Lancashire County Council to ask them to lend their support without success.

Joint meetings have been held with Haskayne and Downholland who are also affected by the change of route and they too are asking residents to write in protest.

It may be that the weight of public opinion may succeed where everything else has failed and I urge you to lend your support to this campaign and write to protest.

You may think that such decisions don't affect you but what next?

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

13th July	A Critchley K Twist	P Waterworth K Orrit	S Waterworth	
27th July	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd	
10th August	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn	
24th August	E Banks L Wilkinson	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse	E Parry
7th Sept	A Critchley K Twist	P Waterworth K Orrit	S Waterworth	

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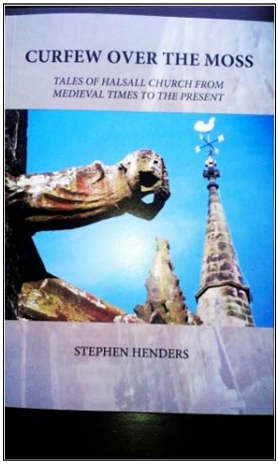
Halsall Environment Group

The judging of the **Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition** is well under way and will continue until August. Judging takes place in secret, so we have no idea when the judges will be here. They visit us at least 4 times and look all around the village, and take into account private properties and gardens, as well as business premises and communal areas.

We would ask you all to make a special effort to keep all areas in our village looking tidy, litter free and attractive. If each one of us does a little bit, however small, it would make a big difference.

If you can offer any help such as watering the planters and baskets, or looking after a particular area over the summer, then please let us know.

Please contact either Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216
elliwroe@hotmail.com or Enid Banks 01704 567654



Stephen Henders, a resident of Barton and parishioner of St Cuthbert's church writes regularly for Halsall News.
Now he has written and published a book entitled **'Curfew over the Moss'** . It is a series of short articles and stories covering the history of the church and village and is a project to help raise funds for the church spire. The title refers to the Sanctus bell which has hung above the church roof since medieval times. The bell sounded to mark time when there were no clocks and also at the end of the day and to warn of fog and pending storm. Stephen, who helps in the churchyard says "it is often when I am tending the churchyard that people pass a little time in conversation and give me ideas to write tales and legends which are part of Halsall's legacy, this is a locally inspired book".

The book is published by Countyvise of Birkenhead and costs £5.95. it is available in local book shops or at the church. You can also obtain a copy by e mailing

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Halsall Summer Carnival

This year our theme is Under the Sea!

Halsall St Cuthbert's School
5th July 2014
Parade 12 noon
school field

Come and join us for a great family day out !

Bouncy Castles, Beat the Goalie, Craft stalls, Beer Tent, Plate Smash, Win Build-a-Bears, Coconut Shy, BBQ, Ice- cream, Tombola, Donkey Rides, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac, Traditional Games, Refreshments… and lots more!!

Arena Events

12:00 Procession & Parade
12:30 Children's Show
13:00 Carnival Opening
13:30 Arena events
15:00 Raffle Draw winners

Do you have any old crockery for the plate smash stall?
Please drop any old plates, cups, dishes etc off at school.
If you are interested in a stall please call **Sarah on 07713 629307**

Gardeners Corner

July at-a-glance

July is peak flowering time for most gardens. The garden is a paint box of summer colour, herbaceous borders zing with colour, bedding plants are blooming fit to bust & hanging baskets are full to the brim & in full swing. Summer is here – enjoy. Happy gardening.

General Garden Tasks

Raise the cutting height of the lawn mower blades during hot dry spells.
Avoid watering the lawn, except a new lawn in long dry spells.
Prune & deadhead roses.
Prune philadelphus & wisteria.
Clip privet & other fast-growing hedges.
Continue taking softwood cuttings of shrubs.
Cut lavender for drying.
Keep on top of deadheading plants & perennials.
Divide old clumps of bearded irises & replant.
Plant autumn flowering bulbs.
Sow maincrop carrots, early peas, turnips, lettuce, radishes & spring cabbages.
`Stop` outdoor tomatoes.
Cut & dry or freeze herbs.
Tidy strawberry beds & grow spare plants from runners.
Harvest raspberries, redcurrants, blackcurrants & gooseberries.
Train a standard fuchsia.
Water & feed greenhouse plants more often now the weather is hotter & the containers are filling up with roots.
Provide more oxygen in ponds if necessary by thinning waterweeds or running a fountain.
Divide water iris.

Watch out for

Cabbage white butterflies laying eggs on brassica plants.
Potato blight on potatoes & tomatoes.

Plants in their Prime

Cornus Kousa. Cytisus. Deutzia. Phygelius. Spiraea. Yucca.
Agapanthus. Lilium regale. Crocosmia. Penstemon. Lavender. Fuchsia.
Cleome. Passionflower. Hebe. Buddleia. Hydrangeas. Ceanothus. Solanum.
Clematis. Roses.
Santolina. Plomis. Campanula. Delphinium. Dianthus. Hardy geranium. Salvia.
Hemerocallis.
Heuchera. Geum. Potentilla. Rudbeckia. Veronica. Verbascum. Thalictrum.
Liatris.

Tina Lloyd

SANCTUARY LIGHTS
JULY & AUGUST

JULY

1st	Norman Rhodes (Birthday)
3rd	Vivian Osmond Weights (Birthday)
3rd	Catherine Bullough
3rd	James Edward Cheetham (Birthday
5th	Walter Herbert Bullough
6th	Nancy Ainscough (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)
25th	Mrs E Tesseyman

AUGUST

4th	John Rees Howel
11th	John Harold Grimshaw (Birthday)
18th	Edith Elizabeth Welch (Birthday)
18th	Ernest Serjeant
21st	Gladys Mary Morris (Birthday)
22nd	Sarah Critchley
25th	James Balshaw
25th	Dennis Knowles
26th	James Hilton (Birthday)
27th	Ernest Serjeant (Birthday)
29th	Robert James Critchley (Birthday)

Church Flower Rota List

Our volunteers on the church flower list have depleted somewhat over the last couple of years for one reason and another. Seeing that this could become quite a problem we have decided since Easter to have 2 small vases on the altar and 2 small troughs of flowers/plants on the chancel wall. This replaces the large pedestal in the chancel area that for some is quite a daunting task to arrange and also very expensive in this day and age. Instead we have 3 silk arrangements dotted around the church and at first glance they are difficult to distinguish from fresh flowers. These are pleasant to the eye when you walk into church. So, the new style fresh flower arrangements on the altar, as you can see from the picture, are very simple to do. Flowers can be from your garden, wildflowers or shop bought whatever you wish and there is plenty of greenery in the churchyard if need be. The flowers can be arranged just before the service on a Sunday morning (the service starts at 9.30am) or you can collect a key by prior arrangement at any time to suit you. If you are interested in helping, either to commemorate an anniversary or just to do a bit for church life, then please contact us.

Enid Banks 01704567654 07977920956 or enidbanks@aol.com

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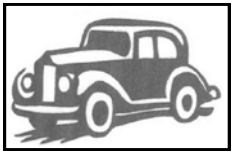

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Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School

Our last Sunday school before the summer break will take place on the 13th July. Weather permitting we hope to have a picnic either in the gardens or at the playing field.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

Report from Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary

Admissions

As you may be aware, there was an article within the Champion Newspaper recently which voiced a potential parent's concern regarding the school's admissions policy and the frustration of not gaining a place for his child at Halsall St Cuthbert's.

In response the governors would like to reiterate that we are a voluntary-aided, church school. The school has an agreed admissions number of 20. Both the LEA and the Liverpool Diocese consider that there is nothing unlawful about the Admissions Policy. Initially, the policy gives priority to children in public care (this is what all admissions have to do by law), then to children with siblings at the school, then to parents who show a faith commitment and then children who have identified Special Needs. Under each individual admissions criteria, applicants are ordered depending upon the proximity of their home to school. (a straight line measurement is used)

The governing body is very sympathetic to Mr X who could not access a place for his child in September 2013 and would certainly not wish to cause him or his family any distress. Unfortunately however, of the applicants during that admissions round, who had a confirmed faith reference, he lived the furthest away and he was 21 on the list. Mr X resides in Southport within the authority of Sefton.

As he had the right to do, Mr X followed the official, Appeals Process organised through the LEA and an independent three-man panel rejected his case. Feeling that he had been unfairly treated, then decided to take his case to the Ombudsman.

The governors of Halsall St Cuthbert's are committed to providing a high quality, Christian-enriched education in partnership with St Cuthbert's Church. Demand for places is high and sometimes regrettably, parents/carers are unsuccessful with their applications.

Mrs Mentha's Birthday (60th)

Mrs Mentha reached the magic age of 60 recently and to celebrate in school, we held a fabulous, surprise party. All the children came dressed in their rock-n-roll gear (GREASE!) and we had a wonderful picnic on the playground.

Our thanks must go to the members of the PTFA and to all the volunteers who came along to organise the event. Mrs Mentha was "Over the Moon" and had no idea about the celebration party. Everyone had kept a great secret!

As you will know, Mrs Mentha is retiring after over 30 years at Halsall St Cuthbert's. She will be sorely missed as a friend and colleague by all staff. We wish her all the very, very best in her retirement and we hope that she enjoys many happy and healthy times in the years to come.

We still need a few more anecdotes and pictures about Mrs Mentha for the special retirement card that we hope to present to her at the leaving assembly at the end of the summer term. At the moment, we don't have very much. If you have anything that may be useful, please contact us or send it in to school as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Building Works : Great News!

Staffroom

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to secure funding from the diocese to develop our rather cramped and antiquated school staff room.

We plan to extend the present room and modernise the toilets and kitchen facilities. It should be much more comfortable for staff and visitors and should then be able to host (in a little more comfort) any Governing Body and PTFA meetings. It should be fantastic when it's completed. We expect work to commence at sometime in the autumn term.

Playground

We are hoping to use the Sports Grant money to redevelop part of the playground and install a series of aerobic fitness machines. These should be really popular with the children.

Hall and Parish Centre

The hall and parish centre floors have now been stripped and varnished and they look fabulous. All the walls have been repainted and now look bright and clean, the hall has new, stylish curtains and there is a newly-fitted, modern kitchen in the parish centre.

D Scholes Head Teacher

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JULY/AUGUST 2014

DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	
July			
6th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks
13th	Malcolm Serjeant	Christine Jones	Paul Goldstraw
20th	Brian Heaton	Bill Banks	John Wroe
27th	Marilyn Westley	Beryl Sephton	Bill White
August			
3rd	Lynda Bramwell	Eileen Houlgrave	Ann Critchley
10th	Malcolm Serjeant	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton
17th	Brian Heaton	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
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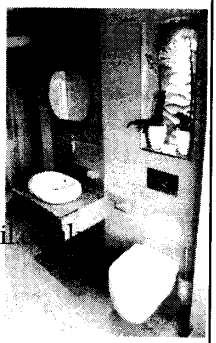

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Acknowledgement Notice

The Late Edna May Marshall - Nee Sharrock

28th April 1921 to 27th January 2014

A celebration of a lovely-kind and caring ladies life, loved and missed by all her nieces, nephew and their children, sister Betty and cousin Margaret.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to friends, neighbours, members of The White heather Club, Sunshine Club, and former pupils from St Cuthbert's School for their kind messages, cards of sympathy and generous donations to Edna's chosen charities. Namely The White Heather Club, The Sunshine Club and the Spire Fund at St Cuthbert's.
Special thanks to Reverend Harry Ross for his excellent, moving but happy service at the funeral and verger Brian Heaton for the committal of the ashes service and his professional help.
Many thanks to Hunters Funeral Directors in Ormskirk for their kind and caring arrangements. Lastly grateful thanks to Southport Hospital and the excellent palliative care team that allowed Edna's last wish to end her life at home to see family and neighbours one last time. Special thanks to Fran and Tony Robinson for their relentless care and love.

Hoping the flowers are growing in Heaven eternally. Missed but with happy, cherished memories.
Love Christine, Eileen, Carole, Colin and their families.
Sister Betty and cousin Margaret Howard.

A Poem for Edna Marshall
by Christine Lawson

We once walked with an angel
Who never wore angel wings
But wore a pinny, skirt and jumper
And just enjoyed ordinary things

She never had a halo
Glowing above her head
And always shunned the limelight
Putting us and others there instead

She didn't fly above us
But was really down to earth
She never judged anyone and thus
Never knew her worth

She taught us all that we know now
That the best in life is free
She nursed our Gran in pain and feeling low
Harry too, and to her heart he had the key

She never sought any gratitude
Or to be spoiled and adored
Just watching us as we thrived and grew
She was proud and said that was her reward

In later years she would feel her cross and chain
Especially when poorly and worried
She'd phone the Robinson's and quickly they came
Then to us-a long drive away but we hurried

She was cared and guided from above
We always felt warm from her angel powers
To us, friends and neighbours she gave her love
And we would return it with jobs and flowers

We took care and love for granted
Then one day it was gone...
Not knowing she had been an angel
We just called her our 'Second Mum...'

"HALSALL HUB - THE VISION"

The steering group would like to address the apparent misunderstanding that has arisen as regards the proposed community venture which was the subject of the questionnaire distributed with the November edition of the Halsall News. It was never the intention that the "Halsall Hub", as it is now named, would be in direct competition with local businesses and/or bring about the demise of any. This is a long-term project, which requires community support, young and old. The vision is a place, staffed by local volunteers, where community spirit is the by-word. As well as fostering community spirit one positive outcome would be to alleviate the sense of isolation, especially for those without a car. The lack of access to good public transport is an important issue for some residents of Halsall. However a Hub in the community could do so much more. It is envisioned that the Halsall Hub would be a place where residents could buy local seasonal produce, art and crafts. Other ideas are an outlet for residents' surplus seeds, produce and plants and perhaps group bulk-buying of local produce to cut down on weekly shopping bills. Any ideas would be very welcome!

The need for a project like this has already been identified in the current Parish Plan questionnaires.

The Steering Group has met 4 times and has had time now to scrutinise all the feedback so far and listen to ideas brought up from the survey. The opportunity to give up some time to the benefit of the community has been welcomed and over 20 people have already indicated they would be prepared to volunteer to staff such a project. More volunteers are always very welcome as are more completed questionnaires (if you would like another questionnaire please contact us, see below).

Briefly, the results of the questionnaire:

To the question - If a new shop/café was opened in Halsall would you or any of your household use it?

- 57% ticked Yes
- 20% ticked No
- 20% ticked Unsure but then gave positive comments.

Of the 57%

- 60% would like to see a shop and café be developed.
- 36% would specifically like to see the project develop a shop.
- 4% of people would like to see a café only developed.

As things progress, it is hoped that there will also be opportunities to introduce a range of stimulating activities

- Photography
- Crafts
- Cookery classes, e.g. bread/cake making
- Supporting the existing environmental groups
- Groups for younger residents
- History groups

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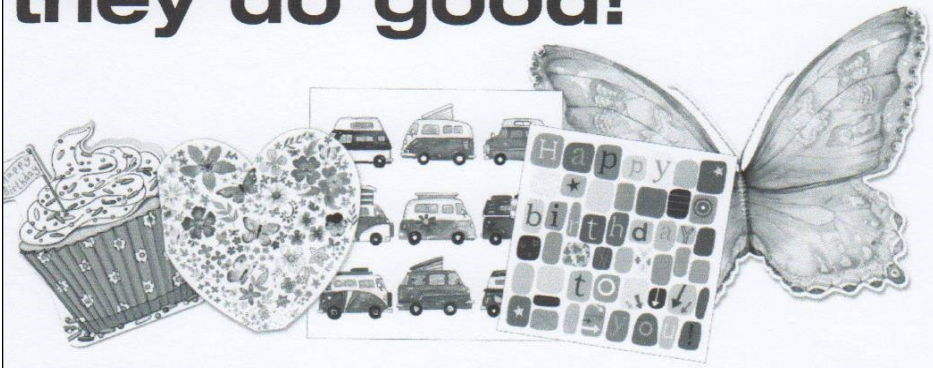

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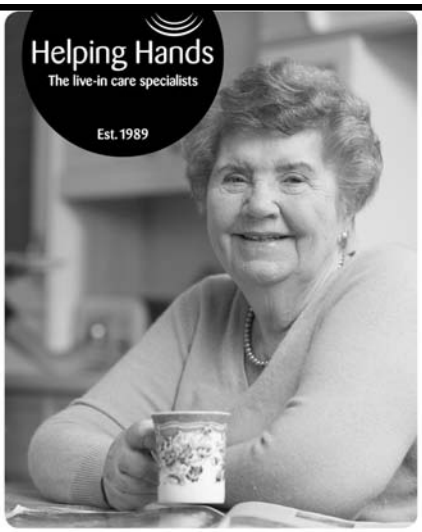

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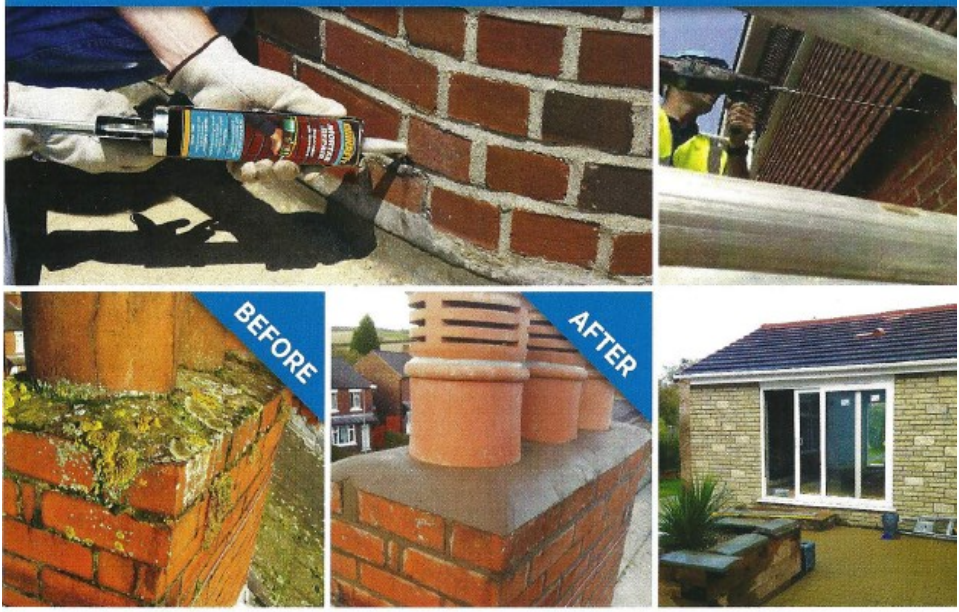

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