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May 2017

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St Cuthbert's Church Spire update...

It has been very exciting to see two of the windows back in place after restoration work. The bells have undergone safety checks and maintenance, they are now ready and can be rung again. The clock has now finally been adjusted for summer time following the completion of the electrical work.

Check out the Facebook page for latest updates.

Work supported by The Heritage Lottery Fund.



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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

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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.



**Check out St Cuthbert's Church Halsall Facebook page to keep up to date with the spire and roof repairs.
Work supported by The Heritage Lottery Fund.**

Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

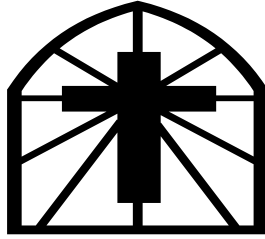
The website for Halsall's St Cuthbert Church community can be viewed at:

<http://www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk>

The aim of the site is to:

- Raise funds for the repair of St Cuthbert's Church spire – through volunteering and fundraising events
- Showcase archive church documents, school reports and the Halsall Parish Magazine/Halsall News which date back to 1800s and up to the present day
 - Church service times and other news

For more information please contact Colin Throp on 01704 841281 or email: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE FOR MAY

Sunday 7th May – Easter 4

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 14th May – Easter 5

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist & Baptism	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Parade	St Thomas'

Sunday 21st May – Easter 6

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's **
11.00am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

*** Halsall Parish Council Civic Service*

Sunday 28th May – Easter 7/Ascension Sunday

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesday 3 rd May	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 10 th May	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 17 th May	NO SERVICE	
Wednesday 24 th May	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 31 st May	NO SERVICE	

The Reader Writes...

As I am writing this in April, the days are becoming longer and the weather milder. So perhaps it shouldn't have come as such a shock when I realised that we are almost half way through the year. Time flies, and as you get older it seems to play tricks on you and speeds up even more! Do you ever feel as though life is a race? The bible tells us it is, it tells us not to grow weary or lose heart. In fact the bible also says: **"Let us run with endurance the race set before us"**

In my own Bible study I read about a race. It's a grueling 543 mile endurance race from Sydney to Melbourne, Australia – the world's longest and toughest ultra-marathon. In 1983, 150 world-class runners converged on Sydney for the event. On the day of the race, a toothless 61 year old potato farmer and shepherd named Cliff Young approached the registration table wearing overalls and galoshes over his work boots. At first, people thought he was there to watch the race, but to their surprise, Cliff Young declared his intention to run and requested a number. Cliff Young had grown up on a farm without the benefit of luxuries like horses and four wheel drives. When the storms rolled in, Cliff headed out to round up 2000 sheep over a 2000-acre farm. Sometimes he had to run them two or three days to complete the round up.

The incredulous staff issued Cliff no 64. As he mingled with the other runners at the starting line, spectators couldn't believe their eyes, and thought it was a joke. When the gun went off, bystanders snickered at Cliff, left behind in his galoshes and overalls as the other runners with their sculpted bodies and running gear briskly began the race. Snickers gave way to laughter when Cliff began to run, not like the other runners, but with what could only be described as a leisurely, odd, shuffle. All of Australia was riveted to the live telecast as they watched the scene unfold. Five days, 15 hours, and 4 minutes later, Cliff Young came shuffling across the finish line in Melbourne, winning the ultra-marathon! He didn't win by a few seconds, or even a few minutes. The nearest runner was 9 hours and 56 minutes behind.

Australians were stunned at this remarkable yet seemingly impossible victory. How did it happen? Everyone knew that to run the ultra-marathon, runners would run for 18 hours, then stop and sleep for six hours. This routine was repeated for five punishing days. But no one told Cliff Young. He just shuffled along, day and night, night and day, without stopping to sleep. Cliff broke the previous race record by nine hours and became overnight a national hero.

Victory in the Christian life comes through endurance. The Christian life is not a 100 yard dash. It is a marathon. In the short distance race, speed is important. In the long distance race, endurance is what leads to success. In the race of the Christian life, some things are standard for all believers. As Hebrews 12:1 says, the race is “set before us.” But each of us must run the race in our own special way with the gifts and talents God has given us; So **let us** run the Christian ultra-marathon with endurance, keeping our focus on Jesus. Life maybe a race but with Jesus as our guide, each of us can be assured of winning. Have a great summer and take time to enjoy every day of the race.

With Christian Love Glen.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

MAY

1st	Charles P Mansbridge (Birthday)
2nd	Henry Eric Kenyon (Birthday)
2nd	Florrie Pilling (Birthday)
4th	Dennis Stanley Markham
4th	Marion Chadwick (Birthday)
5th	Mary Critchley
7th	Henry Serjeant (Birthday)
8th	Lucy Proctor (Birthday)
9th	Ian Holcroft (Birthday)
9th	George Henry Porter
11th	Doreen Porter
12th	William Prescott
15th	Marian Austin (Birthday)
20th	John & Cissie Morris
21st	Harold Dean
24th	Marian Austin
27th	Margaret Balshaw
27th	Annie Sumner
29th	Joseph Huyton (Birthday)
31st	John Johnson



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

2017/0246/FUL - 90 Segars Lane - Proposed rear extension, including loft conversion with dormers to front and rear. Detached garage.

2017/0238/FUL - Heather Farm Barn, Carr Moss Lane - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the property to form a large open plan kitchen area.

2017/0288/FUL - 88 Carr Moss Lane- Demolition of wc/store outbuilding. Single storey rear extension, ground floor alterations.

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.

PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

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

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.

Co-option

The council still has 2 vacancies.

Anyone interested in being co-opted and wishing to find out more about the work the council does and what their role would involve should contact Dave Bond (Parish Clerk) on 01704 534090

Email: davebondhpc@aol.com

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidans Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall.

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.

INVITATION TO
Halsall Parish Council's
CIVIC SERVICE

Sunday 21st May 2017 9.30 a.m.
At the church of St Cuthbert's.

**Parking is available at the Memorial
Hall.**

**Followed by refreshments at the
Memorial Hall, Halsall Road.**

Please join us in celebration.

Chalice Rota May 2017



7 th May	Ann Throp	Diane Comfort
14 th May	Beryl Sephton	Lynda Bramwell
21 st May	Colin Throp	Tara Kenyon
28 th May	Elaine Ayre	Ann Cushion

OPEN LETTER TO LANDOWNERS

March 2017

In June/July 2016 a company known as Tesla Exploration International Limited carried out a 3D seismic survey on behalf of Aurora Energy Resources Limited, the holders of PEDLs (Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences) 164 and 261. The areas covered by these PEDLs are shown on the attached official maps issued by the Oil & Gas Authority, from which it will be noted that bordering on PEDL 164 is PEDL 262, also licenced to Aurora and PEDL 165 licenced to Cuadrilla.

On their website, Aurora state:

"The North West has a long history of oil & gas exploration and production stretching back over 70 years. Many local residents will remember the oil wells near Formby. The recent recognition by the British Geological Survey of the potential for significant gas resources in northern England provides an opportunity to open a new chapter in the hydrocarbon story of the region."

and on their old website they said:

"The company's largely contiguous, 100% licence holding, puts Aurora in a strong position to play a leading role in the further appraisal of what is widely expected to be Europe's first commercially developed shale gas province."

In response to our enquiries Aurora's MD Ian Roche has now advised:

"As previously indicated, Aurora expect to bring forward proposals for future exploration at some point in 2017. Prior to any planning application being submitted, we will hold a public information event about the proposed development, the feedback from which will inform our application."

Therefore, their intention is clear that they plan to submit planning application(s) soon for exploratory drilling for shale gas ("fracking") within their PEDLs.

Once land has been acquired, UK law allows drilling to take place without requiring the landowner's consent. The Infrastructure Act 2015 removed the requirement for companies to obtain your permission to drill under your land/property at depths of 300 metres or more from the surface. In addition, mineral rights do not belong to landowners in UK, they belong to the State.

You will have seen in the press the events that are unfolding on the Fylde where Cuadrilla, holders of PEDL 165 (a much larger area directly to the north of PEDL 164). Despite legal challenges by the community against the Secretary of State's decision to allow their appeal, Cuadrilla is continuing to construct a well-pad.

There is growing evidence and information available about the consequences for communities subjected to fracking in the USA and Australia and other countries. We have attached a list of internet links to news articles and peer-reviewed studies for your attention. You may also wish to read this article from the Guardian relating to a farmer in Shropshire:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/jul/17/dont-allow-fracking-farmer-allowed-coal-methane-borehole>

You will note that Mr Hickson bitterly regrets signing an agreement to allow exploratory drilling on his land:

"I very much regret signing anything. I would never ever go into this kind of agreement again. As a farmer or landowner, you have the most to lose. I would say to anyone approached, please don't let anyone drill on your land [to extract coal bed methane and gas by fracking shale]."

Before a planning application can be submitted, it will be necessary for Aurora (or any company that acquires Aurora's interest in these PEDLs) to lease or buy land for their exploration. It is for this reason that we send this letter to you signed by groups of people who have done their own research and as a result of which they are totally opposed to fracking taking place anywhere, not just in Lancashire/Merseyside.

We ask for your kind consideration of this letter should you be approached by Aurora, or any company on their behalf, to acquire or lease your land.

Signed:

Halsall Against Fracking
Frack Free Formby
Frack Free Burscough
Frack Free Southport
New Frack Free Skelmersdale
Frack Free Wigan, Leigh & Makerfield
Frack Free Lancashire

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

May 2017



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides Persons
7th	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	David Jessop Anne Cushion
14th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
21st	Stephen Henders	David Jessop	Bill Banks John Wroe
28th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Beryl Sephton Bill White

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Halsall Village Proud and Tidy Group

Lots of jobs have been done in March and April and with the help of our schoolchildren and our very willing local workers the village is looking well cared for. The Scarecrow Displays should be in place by 1st June so this will be a good chance to make sure all areas are litter free before locals and visitors start to take a closer look all around our beautiful village.

The Lancashire Best Kept Village judges will also be visiting us at the beginning of June so there is plenty to be done before then.

We especially ask everyone who has residential or commercial property in the village to take a look at the front of their properties to ensure things are in good order.

Thank You

Please contact either

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Enid Banks 01704 567654 enidbanks@aol.com

or Massam's 01704 840265 jomassam@hotmail.com

if you would like to know more

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Halsall Scarecrow Festival

June 1st to July 1st 2017



This year we invite everyone from Halsall, Haskayne, Barton and Shirdley Hill to join in our Community Event and to please have their Scarecrows in place by June 1st!!

It's just for fun - It's not a competition

Please display your scarecrow/s in your front garden or at the front of your business premises so people can see them from the roadside

If you live on the outskirts of the area, your scarecrows can be displayed along the fence at Halsall school

If you would like to do a bigger scarecrow using straw bales etc you can display it on the land opposite Bishops Walk

Lots of ideas if you Google "Scarecrow Festival"

Scarecrow Scavenger and Treasure Hunt



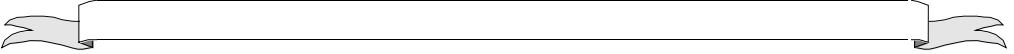
We are adding to the fun this year with a chance to win a bumper prize. It will take place during the Heritage Weekend on Saturday 10th June 10am to 4pm and Sunday 11th June 1pm to 4pm

Entry forms will be available in Church and the answers will all be found within walking distance. All completed entries will get a small prize and will be entered into a prize draw with a chance of winning the bumper prize!

Join in the fun for £3 per family.

All proceeds will go to the Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group

Any questions please email Eleanor - elliwroe@hotmail.com



St Cuthbert's Church Heritage Weekend

**You are warmly welcomed to join us to
celebrate the completion of restoration work
on the spire and roof**

Friday, 9th June, 7.30 pm

Musical evening: including Aughton U3A Choir and local soloists, with invited guest Rosie Cooper MP

Saturday, 10th June, 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

History and Heritage of Halsall church and village, a chance to look at archive material and photos of many village institutions and events over the years. The Mayor of West Lancashire Cllr Neil Furey will be visiting us on Saturday afternoon.

Sunday, 11th June, 10 am

Sunday service with the Bishop of Liverpool, followed by refreshments in the church

This weekend many interesting artefacts and documents will be on display at the church as well as a round of last year's scarecrows.

As a token of appreciation to all those in the community who have supported our efforts over the years all events over the weekend will be free of charge.

Keep up with all the news on the St Cuthbert's facebook page and website

If you wish your organisation to be represented in the church display please contact Eleanor Wroe, any member of St Cuthbert's social committee or the parish office on 0151 526 2292. Photographic displays of sports teams, Rose Queens, family weddings through the ages, school photos etc will all be welcome but must be ready mounted on A1 card or board and ready for display.



Shirdley Hill Village Green 2017.

A group of 5 residents have met each Tuesday and Friday mornings for the last couple of months to refurbish the Wildlife Pond, Sensory Garden and Wildlife path also cutting down a number of trees that had taken over the Wild Flower area.

The Pond had a large number of Bull Rushes with massive root systems clogging it up the gang had to dig them out by hand working up to their waist in the pond, then removing and composting about 10 Tonne's of roots. The work was completed just in time for the Moor Hens to nest, also a large amount of Frog spawn has arrived.

Sensory Garden has been weeded, pruned, planted out, Forest Bark was spread over the surface, and some of the retaining posts have rotted so we are in the process of carrying out repairs.

Woodland path has been cleared and Forest Bark applied.

The Wild Flower banking has had the overgrown self seeded Alder saplings these have been cut down and the prunings are awaiting WLBC to clear. This is so more wild flowers can be planted.

SHREW would appreciate any donations to help with the cost of the ongoing work. We would also welcome any help, as you can imagine with council cutbacks this asset is falling into disrepair.

Again Shirdley Hill has been entered into the Best Kept Village (Hamlet Class) so all areas need to be kept tidy if you see any rubbish near your home please pick it up and put it in your bin.

The cutting of the main grassed area and the hedge are the responsibility of West Lancs Borough Council, with cutbacks the grass cutting will be less frequent and the hedge will only be done once a year apart from the corner that may get an extra cut when it becomes a danger to the line of sight for pedestrians and traffic.



The gang at work.

If you can help either by donation or work please contact Dave Corfield 01704 840705.

Halsall Sunshine Club

Please note the date of the final Sunshine Club Lunch Party at Briars Hall has been changed to Tuesday 7th November.

The party costs £15.95 per head and anyone Interested in going will be asked to contribute between £5 and £10 to cover the cost. The exact amount will depend on how many people are interested in attending.

Further details to follow later in the year.



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Halsall St Cuthbert's Update

Admissions

If you are interested in accessing a place for your child in the reception class in September 2018, please refer to the Admissions Criteria. It cannot be stressed enough, the importance of long-term, regular church attendance (by one or both of the parents). A book is available at the back of the church to register parents' attendance and commitment.

If anyone is considering sending their child to Halsall St Cuthbert's, please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment.

Staffing

Mrs Floweth has now returned to school after her maternity leave.

A big thanks is due to Mrs Kendal who has taught her class for the past 2 terms in her absence. She has really enjoyed the challenge and the children have made excellent progress.

Mrs Kendall will now revert to her duties as a teaching assistant.

Premises

In recent weeks we've further improved our environment :

- installed new fencing
- painted fencing around the school
- revamped the fruit/vegetable garden
- replaced fire doors
- overhauled the school roof
- improved our security lighting
- applied preservative to the activity trail equipment
- installed new weather resistant benches



Future Events :

Strawberry Teas Afternoon :	Thursday 25 th	May 2-00pm
Race for Life :	Friday 9 th	June 9-00am
Summer Carnival :	Saturday 1 st	July 12-00noon
Family Fun Night :	Friday 7 th	July 6-00pm
Sports Day :	Wednesday 12 th	July 1-15pm
School Eucharist :	Thursday 13 th	July 9-15am
Leavers' Service :	Wednesday 19 th	July 2-00pm

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Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School



In May we will be meeting on the 14th and the 28th at 9.30am in St Cuthbert's Church. It is hoped that the weather will be fine enough for us to go into the fields for Rogation Sunday. Our June date for Sunday school will be 11th at 10.00am (Heritage Weekend) and then again at the Family service on 25th June at 9.15- 9.30am for pre-service refreshments. Our last meeting before summer will be on the 9th July at 9.30am.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

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May at-a-glance

May is, for me, one of the most exciting & loveliest months of the year in the garden, because you can see new flowers opening every time you step outdoors & the best of the year is still to come. Longer evenings and warmer weather brings out the gardener in all of us. Happy gardening.

General garden Tasks

Prepare the soil for bedding plants.

Keep on top of weeding & hoeing –its endless I know!

Watch out for and deal with pests using biological controls & organic remedies.

Feed established lawns if not done in April.

Pinch out any green shoots appearing on variegated trees & shrubs.

Tie in new growth of climbers & wall shrubs.

Clip beech, hornbeam, box & Leyland cypress late this month or early next. Cut privet.

Support perennials.

Divide clumps of primroses & polyanthus after flowering.

Continue deadheading & feeding spring-flowering bulbs.

Plant & train sweet peas. Plant tubs, troughs, window boxes & hanging baskets in the middle of this month at the earliest.

Sow swede, beetroot, maincrop carrots, peas, radish & spring onion.

Direct-sow frost-tender vegetables, e.g. French & runner beans, sweetcorn & courgettes.

Harvest overwintered onions.

Water soft fruit bushes with swelling fruit & newly planted fruit trees.

Protect strawberries from birds.

Continue hardening off bedding plants ready for end of month outdoor planting.

Plant tomatoes in early may & sweet peppers, chillies, melons & cucumbers late May.

Harvest baby potatoes.

Divide overgrown water lilies in the pond.

Watch out for

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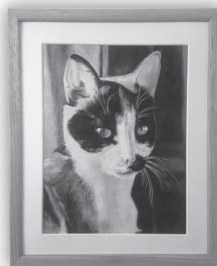
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