# HALSALL NEWS



Harry Skelton & Resident Will Sadler

September 2023

## HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL WE MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

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#### October 2023 MAGAZINE

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#### **Parish Surgery:**

Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Parish Secretary to make an appointment.

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

#### 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 the parish office on 0151 526 2292.

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.



#### WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS SEPTEMBER 2023

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
Sept 3rd	Elaine Ayre	Anne Grimshaw	Angela Webster Pam Carr
Sept 10th	Pam Carr	Colin Thorp	Sarah Mitchell Jacob Mitchell
Sept 17th	Elaine Ayre	John Wroe	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
Sept 24th	Pam Carr	Angela Webster	Carol Ward Rebecca Ridley

#### The Rector Writes



I can hardly believe that I have now been Rector of Lydiate and Downholland and Halsall for six months. Where has the time gone? I have been warmly welcomed by the communities I have been called to serve, for which I am very grateful. As part of settling in I have been pondering how we help communities to flourish. How can we help people feel they belong, in an age where there are relatively few opportunities to meet others beyond our own family and social circle?

There are well documented benefits of being part of a flourishing community, from improved physical and mental health to reduction in anti-social behaviour. Being part of such a community means finding things in common, having a shared story and being able to contribute to that story. For a community to be sustainable it needs to find ways to gather and tell and re-tell stories as well as make new ones to pass on.

The local parish church is an important part of building up and maintaining community. It is one of the few place that enable people across generations and backgrounds to meet together. Through prayer and worship, and social action relationships are built up and stories shared. Those stories are not just of faith but also the unique stories each person and of the locality.

Jesus knew how important it was to work with and be part of local communities. Jesus recognised the importance of community as a way of enabling mutual flourishing, and growth. The challenge is that we must make a positive choice to belong and commit to working at building up relationships across generations and between people who are different from us.

St Peter, one of Jesus' disciples and a key member of the early church wrote this,

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (I Peter 4:10)

So let us work together to build community where we can. Do say hello if you see me around the village. I would love to hear your stories. Elsewhere in this edition of the magazine are a couple of things you might want to get involved in from a monthly coffee morning to a group exploring how to enable the churchyard to be a haven for wildlife. Everyone is welcome.

Prayers and blessings

Susan

# Service in the United Benefice for September 2023

A chance to create a bit of space in our busy lives to reflect on faith. As we move into ordinary time in the Church's year what acts of kindness and generosity can we share with each other?

#### **Sunday 3rd September Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

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

11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Said Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 10th September Education Sunday

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Family Eucharist with school bag blessing &

prayers for school

11.00am St Thomas' CW Holy Communion with school bag blessing &

prayers for the schools

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Said Morning Prayer

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

healing

Sunday 17th September Fifteenth Sunday of trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

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

11am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

9.15am Said Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist

11am St Thomas' Family Eucharist with crafts and fun for all

#### Wednesday 27th September

11am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Said Morning Prayer

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

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





#### **COFFEE MORNING**

#### Come and have a drink and a natter.

Meet old friends and make some new ones. Take the opportunity to have a quiet moment in our beautiful church.

#### First Tuesday of every month

St Cuthbert's Church, choir vestry

#### First gathering 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

9.30am -12midday

All are welcome.

There will be no charge, but we would welcome a donation towards the running costs if you were able to do so.



# CHURCH CLEANING ROTA September 2023

10th September	E Wroe	J Wroe G Williams	J Stone S Richards	S Kierans
24th September	E Banks	M Webster M Cheetham	L Wilkinson	S Roberts

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**



#### **SEPTEMBER**

3rd Annie Smith (Birthday)

3rd Ron Tillett

4th Lawrence Baldwin (Birthday)

4th Mary Baldwin (Birthday)

7th Angela Hilton

14th Margery Smith

16th Raymond Lewis

16th Annie Sutton

18th Jennifer Kitching (Anniversary)

18th Mary Baldwin (Anniversary)

19th Joe Balmer

19th Alan Georgeson (Anniversary)

20th James Hilton (Remembrance)21st James Rimmer (Birthday)

21st James Rimmer (Birthday)22nd Harry Core (Birthday)

29th John Rynhart



#### **Christian Chatter**

Come along and explore the Christian faith in a fun and friendly way.

Bring yourself, your friends, and your questions.

#### **Starting Tuesday September 26th 2023**

and then the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December and August)

Millenium Centre, Church Lane, Lydiate, L31 4HL From 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Want to know more?

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

#### Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

Our website, www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk, contains information about services and events, archive material including historic school records, up to date Parish Magazines as well as those dating back to the 1800's. The website provides links to the Parish Giving Scheme, the Friends of St Cuthbert's Scheme and how to contact us.

#### How to Donate

Regular donations and "one off" donations can now both be made via our Parish Giving Scheme. You can choose how regularly, how much and whether your donation can be gift aided. Your gift will then be passed directly to St Cuthbert's. You can scan the following QR code to make a donation or search using the following web address.

#### Scan to access the Parish Giving Scheme



Donations can also be made in Church either on the plate during our services or by using our "Goodbox" electronic payment system which is located close to the entrance (opposite the font).

Or www.parishgiving.org.uk

#### Friends of St Cuthbert's

If you would like to join our friends scheme there is a link to the forms on our website home page. All funds raised through the scheme are directed specifically towards the repair and maintenance of the Church and grounds. There is a minimum donation of £20 per year but you can choose how much and how regularly you would like to donate.

Further information can be obtained by contacting us via our e mail address: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Thank you so much for your support.

#### **Encouraging wildlife at St Cuthbert's**



Have you ever stopped to ponder what an incredible green space the graveyard and woodland areas at St Cuthbert's are? Here are a few of the congregation enjoying a well earned rest after an afternoon of clearing, weeding, and pruning.

Some of the members of the congregation recently met with Clare Edwards to explore how we could work together to respond to the rapid decline in the number of pollinating insects. We know there is a lot to do!

Are you interested in enabling the churchyard to become a place for birds and bees, butterflies, and moths to flourish? Come along on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm meet in the graveyard, by the boundary ditch. Bring your gardening gloves, spades and forks, secateurs and trowels, but above all bring yourselves and your enthusiasm and let us share with you, our ideas. Working together and with many hands I think we will be amazed what is possible. See you there!

#### Thank you.

Thank you to all those who shared their ideas and thoughts about what you value about St Cuthbert's and what you would like to see in the future.

We are committed to serving the community and to welcome all, but to do so we need everyone's help. There is no secret stash of money or access to a national pot of money for historic churches. Like every parish church we have to raise the money we need to keep the doors open as well as care for this beautiful building.

St Cuthbert's is an amazing and special place, but it is on the at risk register of historic churches. Among the many things that are needed to secure its future is a new roof. Some of you may have noticed that the west window needs to be rebuilt and we know we need to create better access for all. This all costs money. We need your support whether you attend church regularly, occasionally or have not crossed the threshold (as of yet). We can only ensure St Cuthbert's future with your help. In the coming months we will be sharing our vision for the next 5 years and how you can help. Watch this space.

## Advance Notice Save the date and get your thinking caps on....

Why not celebrate harvest and all our blessings.....

### All are welcome to any or all of the following events to celebrate harvest



#### **Harvest Supper**

Saturday October 2023 St Cuthbert's School Hall Tickets will be on sale soon (entry by ticket only)

#### Harvest Festival with the school

9.30am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### **Harvest Songs of Praise**

6pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October Let us know your favourite harvest hymn by email or leaving a note at the back of church and we will sing it!

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October
St Cuthbert's will be open
Come and see the amazing harvest decorations
And find Cuthbert bear....
Details to follow

#### **Shirdley Hill Lunchtime Café**

Starting on Wednesday 20th September 2023

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Meal, hot drink and cake £5.00 Come and meet old friends and make new ones Book and jigsaw swap



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#### Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group



The results of the first round of The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition judging are in and it seems we have not earned a place in the second round. We are somewhat disappointed that we fell at the first hurdle but we have to remember we are in the Champions Class.

We were very proud to have won the Large Village Class in 2021, but that automatically elevated us into the Champions Class for four years so we are competing against the "best of the best" that Lancashire has to offer.

It will be interesting to read the judges reports when they are sent to us later in the year to see what they liked and what they think needs improving. The Champion villages which did get through to the second round are Blacko, Bretherton, Elswick and West Bradford. Tough competition indeed!

However, all is not lost. As well as being judged for the village as a whole we also entered some individual outstanding features in six specific categories. This year we entered in the Best Kept School, Pub, Village Hall, Café, Cricket Grounds and Plaque & Statue by the canal in Summerwood Lane.

We will not know how we have done until the awards ceremony in October.











Once again – fingers crossed.



Sue Beacon of Rainbag Cottage in Carr Moss Lane is opening her garden again for visitors on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10.30am to 4pm. We will be providing tea coffee and homemade cakes for sale and she is donating some of the profits made on the day to our group to help boost funds. People who visited on her first open day in May were amazed at the work that has gone in to creating such a wonderful and diverse garden in such a short time.

Development of different areas is still ongoing and there will be plenty to see once again. Ample nearby parking will be available on the day.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about what we do.

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#### Canon Bullough Rector 1959-1989

Walter Herbert Bullough was born in Bryn Gates, Ashton in Makerfield in 1915. He turned down the opportunity to study law and instead entered King's College in the University of London to study Theology. He was made a Deacon in 1939 and served at Widnes Parish Church of St Mary. The next year he was ordained and had charge of the parish because the vicar enlisted to be an army chaplain during the Second World War. He married his wife Joan in 1943 at St Nathaniel's, Platt Bridge. He was at this time still in his curacy, so when he was offered his own church and parish at St Matthew Highfield near Wigan by Major Cuthbert Blundell the patron, he was delighted. It was a timely appointment for the 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee of the church. His induction took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1944. He first came to Halsall church as a visitor for the funeral of Major Cuthbert Blundell-Hollinshead -Blundell who was patron of both St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's in 1947. He had many a happy time at St Matthew's and In 1951 his son John was born in the vicarage.

Bert, which was his preferred name, was a man of vision and persuasion. It was said in warning to his visitors. 'Be careful he will have a paint brush in your hand before you know where you are'. He used the voluntary talents of labouring men to build a much needed parish hall which was opened in 1956. He put great effort into arranging the 'Grand Bazaar' which raised funds annually for church coffers. In 1959 he announced to the PCC that he was leaving St Matthew's to become Rector of Halsall but before he left a new organ was installed; the result of 10 years of effort and motivation.

Bert Bullough arrived in Halsall in the Autumn of 1959 bringing his motivational skills and fund raising prowess with him. Halsall soon had a Grand Bazaar and he harnessed many a volunteer to help in caring for the church and grounds especially the farmers. Many a procession around the farms with full choir and mounted cross was led by Rector Bullough on Rogation Sunday. He was appointed rural Dean of Ormskirk in 1959 and made a Canon in 1971. He was also chair of the Northwest Regional Heath authority.

Bert was forthright and scathing of practices which he predicted would weaken the Church of England. He opposed the campaign for having women priests and for an alternative service book other than the Book of Common Prayer. He was vehement that Halsall should not be merged with another church and parish. Big hearted and not scared to have his hands dirty, he led projects from the front especially in cleaning the parish church and mowing the churchyard. He sang lustily and supported the choir and choral music in the church. The church was always open. He was not scared to promote in the parish magazine, his own political preferences and roundly condemned the miners strikes against pit closures in 1984 and the Dock strike. He singled out young women of the parish for not attending the Parish church. He served St Cuthbert's for 31 years celebrating his 50 years in service before retiring in 1991.

In 1984 he published a guide book to the church which has been a source of inspiration for historians and genealogists. Canon Bullough retired to Churchtown near Southport where he died in 2000 and was buried in the churchyard of St Cuthbert's in Churchtown.

Stephen Henders



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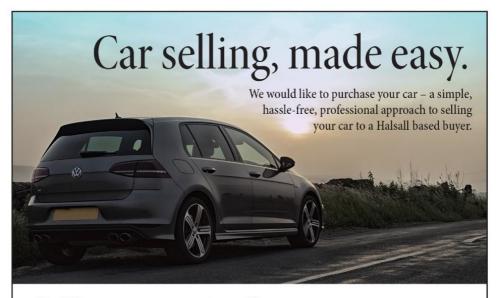
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Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club  Various. contact Lynda for details.		Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
Ormskirk & District Lions Club	Charity supporting local causes. Looking for new members.	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
St Cuthbert's Church	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Village Green 9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays		01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to borrow.  We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.		Sue Charnock <u>Facebook Page</u>
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305

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

halsallnews@gmail.com

#### NEWS FROM HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

#### **Planning Applications**

2023/0506/FUL 58 New Street, Listed consent for a replacement roof 2023/0474/LDC Malt Kiln Barn, Increasing residential curtilage Full details are on Westlancs.gov.uk Planning Portal

#### Parish Council Meetings

The Council does not meet in August and the Halsall News is not published in August so this news is from the meeting in July.

A new St Aidan's Hall Management committee will meet periodically, in public, to discuss the details of running the Hall. The committee is 4 parish councillors and 4 local residents. First meeting was on 3rd July and approved expenditure on the refurbishment of the Hall which has been funded by a grant and income from hiring the Hall. Meeting dates will be published on the noticeboards.

#### Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group

Questions were asked about Birkdale Cop in relation to the new housing. Lancashire County Council (LCC) have replied that they are transferring a decision on a potential speed limit change to 30mph to Sefton Council as they approved the housing.

LCC published plans for new road markings and illuminated traffic signs at Four Lane Ends. Initially scheduled for completion by end of August but we have been informed that completion will be delayed.

#### **Parish Council Grants**

Halsall has a small grants scheme available to local charities and voluntary organisations that "bring direct benefit to the area or to some or all of its inhabitants" (S137 Grant). Applications forms are available from halsallparishclerk@gmail.com

#### **MP Surgeries**

The Council has invited the new local MP Ashley Dalton to hold surgeries at Memorial Hall.

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7:30pm Wednesday 13th September at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane.

Cllr Elizabeth Wright, Chair Halsall Parish Council 07817 056145 Chris Pyne – Halsall Parish Clerk 01704 841467

#### HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD & HALL

The Trust is an independent self-funding charity that manages the Memorial Hall and Playing Field.

The Memorial Hall hosted an event to celebrate the King's Coronation and a raffle of generously donated prizes raised £366 for the Trust.

A new Coffee Morning event will start on Thursday 14th Sept. Two dates for Craft Fairs have been agreed; Saturday 14th Oct & 9th Dec.

Halsall FC do not have a team this year for Sunday morning football. The new team will be Orme FC. Saturday football, children's and youth teams, may be returning to the playing field.

The Trust has applied for planning permission to park additional cars on the field to increase capacity for sporting events. Please park responsibly so as not to obstruct residents' access to Cross Lane.

The new noticeboard in Hall window has a weekly list of events.

Chris Pyne Liz Wright Secretary Chair 01704 841467 07817 056145



Thursday 14th September 11:00am - 1:00pm Halsall Memorial Hall Everyone welcome!

Come along for a hot drink & cake. There will be games, jigsaws, books & children's toys. We would love to see you there! Give your feedback on how often we should meet & share your ideas.

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### HALSALL HOBBIES

#### **Horse Riding**

Hi, my name is Will Sadler. I am 9 years old and my hobby is horse riding.

I have liked horses since I was 2 years old. I first sat on a horse when I was 3 or 4, in Ireland.

As a birthday treat, my mum and dad booked me a surprise horse riding lesson as a one off. As I got older, I started having horse riding lessons every weekend, which I really enjoyed.

I also like to watch the horse racing on television as well as in person. The racecourses I have been to are Haydock, Aintree and I am hoping to go to Chester. My favourite jockey is Harry Skelton - I have met him - this is him in the photograph with me. I have also got a share in two race horses called Bling On The Music and Quaresome. The horse in the photo is Bling On The Music.

If you want to have a go at horse riding, it is a great hobby. One day I hope to ride at the pony racing events and be a jockey when I am older.





### <u>Halsall St Cuthbert's</u> September Report

#### Summer Carnival: Everything 80s

The school hosted a fabulous summer carnival in early July. The weather was kind to us and we managed to complete the float procession and children's performances, well before the rain arrived later in the afternoon. A massive thanks to the PTFA and to everyone who gave up their time or donated goods. It was most appreciated. And a big thanks to all the staff and children for dressing up in their 80s gear. There were some amazing outfits.

#### Year 6 Leavers' Prize Winners 2023

Christian Character: Aaron Edney
Governors Shield: Charlie Williams
Staff Prize: Josh Howard
Whole School Achievement: Jet Dodd
Reading Prize: Kaelan Greenough

Sports Prize: Liam Murphy
Adam Dunning Friendship Award: Charlie Williams (voted by the year 6 pupils)

Well done to all our year 6 and good luck in High School

#### Year 6 SATS Results 2023

School NA Greater Depth

 Reading
 82%
 74%
 45%

 Grammar
 86%
 72%
 36%

 Writing
 70%
 69%
 22%

 Maths
 86%
 71%
 55%

Very well done to the children and a massive thanks to Mrs Galley, Mrs Dunne and Miss Schumacher for helping the children do so well. A fabulous achievement.

#### Key Stage 1 SATS : Achieving the Expected Level

School NA

Reading 80% 67% Maths 90% 68% Writing 60% 59%

Well done to Mrs Floweth and Miss Hampson and all the TAs for all their hard work this year. These are excellent results

#### Kenyon Shield Winners: Summer 2

Rec: Rosa Moffitt Year 1: Isaac Murphy Year 2: Ruby Blundell Year 3: Owen Edney Year 4: Jack Gillingham

Year 5: Sofia Barrett A massive congratulations to the winners and well done.

#### Beach Trip and Carnival

The children had an amazing time on the last Wednesday. Some classes spent the day at Ainsdale beach, digging in the sand, paddling and playing games. Other classes were treated to a mini carnival on the school field with bouncy castles, face painting, dance music, field games and a visit from the ice cream van. A big thanks to the staff for making this such a lovely and memorable day for the children. They absolutely loved it. What a great way to end the year.

**Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)** 

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#### Gardener's Corner

#### September at-a-glance

Not so long ago, September was the end of the season – time to put the garden to bed- but not anymore. Mild autumns allow us to continue growing plants that slot into the summer border to give you another month or two of colour & interest. Happy Gardening.

#### **General Tasks**

Keep watering, feeding & deadheading – it's time consuming but it does pay off!

Cut back any perennial stems that have finished flowering –like Iris Sibiricato tidy garden.

Get the compost going – clearing generates a huge amount of waste.

Repair broken lawn edges, bumps & hollows.

Make new lawns from seed but delay laying turf till October.

Plant or move evergreens so the roots can establish before the first frosts.

Clip hornbeam, beech, Leyland cypress & thuja hedges before the middle of the month.

Cut slow growing yew & box hedges now if you only want to do the job once each year.

Plant spring flowering bulbs.

Replace summer bedding as it comes to an end with plants for winter & spring interest.

Deadhead & protect dahlias- but allow them to blacken with the first frost before lifting.

Collect seed from perennials.

Walk round the garden & move any perennials or shrubs that need a different position.

Watch out for early frosts & move any tender plants under cover.

Plant spring cabbage.

Cut down asparagus foliage once it has turned yellow or buff (it may occur next month)

Pot up herbs such as chives, mint, basil, coriander & parsley.

Continue harvesting blackberries, early apple varieties – pears at the end of the month.

Reduce the watering & feeding of all greenhouse plants.

Continue to feed fish until the weather breaks.

Give a final light thinning-out of oxygenating plants, but only if necessary.

#### Plants in their Prime

Liriope Muscari. Kniphophias. Solidago. Actacea. Perennial grasses. Aster. Clematis varieties. Physalis. Schizostylis. Cyclamen Hederifolium. Callicara. Zauschneria. Tricytis. Hydrangea. Pervoskia. Cistus. Hebe. Osmanthus. Hypericum. Tamarix. Solanum. Agapanthus. Anemone. Dianthus. Chrysanthemum. Helenium. Monarda. Nepeta. Phlox. Hemerocallis. Penstemon. Rudbeckia. Salvia. Sedum. Canna. Galatoina. Campanula. Gladiolus. Dahlia.

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09:30 (Lord St)	09:48	09:58	10:04	10:23
11:30 (Lord St)	11:48	11:58	12:09	12:23
13:30 (Lord St)	13:48	13:58	14:09	14:23
17:15 (Lord St)	17:33	17:43	17:49	18:08
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12:25	12:44	12:50	13:00	13:20 (Lord St)
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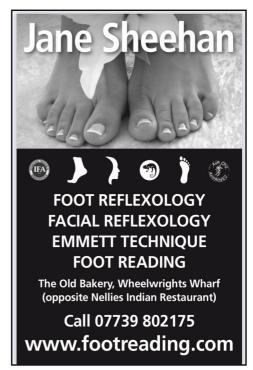


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