



Newsletter

August, September and

October 2023

Editorial

The Halton Parish Council is a small team of volunteers who strive to protect and improve our village life for the benefit of all. We currently have eight Parish Councillors who are supported by a part time Parish Clerk.

Over the coming months we expect to lose three of our long-serving councillors who have done sterling work to support our parish. We therefore seek three new volunteers to join the team to help to continue our momentum. We can do more when we have a full team!

If anybody is interested in knowing more and getting involved, then please contact me (jane.mackinnon@halton-pc.gov.uk) to arrange an informal chat.

The Parish Council met recently to plan our activities and priorities.

In the past couple of years, the Council has delivered one large-scale Community Event per annum: 2021 -The Post Covid Party and 2022 - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Fete and party. This year we had hoped to hold Open Gardens, an event traditionally run by a group of village residents. Sadly, there was insufficient active involvement to make the event happen.

Assuming that the Council may be a reduced team – and faces demanding challenges in the coming months (see below) - we have decided that

the Parish Council's role will be to deliver community events for national celebrations only. However, we will provide support to any residents who would like to deliver events open to all parishioners; please read Ann Jimson's article for more details.

The Council has prioritised the following core Parish issues as our focus for 2023/24:

Closure of RAF Halton: Continue to work with Buckinghamshire Council and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to deliver the best outcome for our Community.

Neighbourhood Plan: Continue our work to deliver a suitable Neighbourhood Plan for Halton Parish.

Communications: Deliver a new user friendly and informative community website that links with our social media platforms and to improve the quality of the information on our village notice boards.

Highways: Obtain funding and support from Buckinghamshire Council to make our roads safer – particularly Halton Lane and Perch Bridge. Support RAF Halton with its efforts to reduce the speed limit on the B4009 from Mansion Hill to Main Point.

Environment: Conduct a Street Lighting Review. Our lampposts are of variable quality and age, and we need a suitable policy to guide viable, environmentally sustainable replacements. We aim to save energy, whilst protecting night flying insects and improve safety for pedestrians. Work with Buckinghamshire Council to install an Electrical Vehicle Charging Point in the Village Hall car park, to support residents who may have, or wish to change to, electric vehicles.

Village Hall: Deliver various improvements to this core village facility. We want to increase community use of the Hall (see Ann Jimson's article). We will source a new Village Hall sign to commemorate the

Coronation (we have secured funding from the Community Board for this project). Obtain funding to make necessary repairs to the front of the Hall. Renovate the rear arched window to prevent further degradation. Redecorate the exterior of the building.

Jane MacKinnon
Chair

Parish Office

Fiona Richardson, our Parish Clerk, works on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – 3pm. If you would like to meet with the clerk at the Parish Office, Halton Village Hall, on any matter, please make an appointment on 01296 626073 or email clerk@halton-pc.org.uk

Highways Report

On 10 July there was another accident on the sharp bend by the tennis club exit in Halton Lane. Exactly what happened is unclear. A car and truck hit each other, resulting in both vehicles leaving the road. The police, RAF police and two ambulances attended. Luckily no one was seriously hurt. This brings the number of accidents in Halton Lane to six this year. The parish council has sent a full report of the accidents we are aware of since January 2022 to Buckinghamshire Council asking for them, once again, to look into what can be done to make this stretch of road safer.

Vegetation has grown very quickly this year. Please remember if vegetation from your land encroaches onto the pavement it is your responsibility to cut it back, this includes trees and bushes. A big ‘thank you’ to those of you who have already done this.

Our MVAS continue to provide data on traffic speeds and volumes. The average speed recorded on both signs is 34 mph. We still have speeders but not as many as in previous months.

Please remember you can use FixMyStreet to report any problems you see requiring attention: potholes, overhanging vegetation, damaged pavements, streetlights not working etc.

In the London boroughs it is illegal to park on the pavement, even with one wheel. Although it isn't illegal here yet, it is inconsiderate to park on the pavement. Not only does parking on the pavement make it difficult for people walking, especially if they have a pushchair or mobility issues, it also has the potential to damage the pavement. A damaged pavement is then a hazard to everyone. If you see visitors to the village parking on the pavement please politely ask them to consider others when they park. If you do park on the village roads please ensure you are not in a location which obscures the view of other drivers or makes passing you unsafe.

Whenever there is heavy rain it causes flooding on the B4009 making the footpath between Rosemead/Mansion Hill and Chestnut Avenue impassable without getting soaked by passing traffic. We have asked Buckinghamshire Council to address the flooding issue before the autumn. Our Local Area Technician has promised to send a team to clear all the drains and investigate the system by mid-August. We will update you when the work has been completed.

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the RAF Halton Estate allocated in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VALP)

Following on from the article in our May newsletter, the Parish Council (as a statutory consultee) attended a meeting with the Buckinghamshire Council SPD Team and our Buckinghamshire Councillors, Peter Strachan, Richard Newcombe and Steve Bowles. The SPD Team briefed us on their progress, which confirmed that the preferred proposed site for the new (second) combined school, will be on the current site of the Sergeant's Mess. The school will not go beyond the current footprint of the Sergeant's Mess and it will be single storey to reduce the impact on the historic parkland.

The proposal for Kermode Hall is a mix of apartments (possibly a retirement complex), and a parade of shops, incorporating a Supermarket Express, and Pharmacy all adjacent to St George's Church, which will be retained as a community space. This will put the local amenities in the heart of the Parish between the village and the new development.

There will be a public consultation beginning sometime in September. When we have the details we will publish them on the Halton Hub, and we will send a notice to every household. Please take part in the consultation. It is important, and it is your chance to have your say on shaping the future of our Parish. The Buckinghamshire SPD Team is keen to hear your thoughts and ideas. They will evaluate and act on your feedback to complete the SPD, which will form the Masterplan that guides future Developers.

Just to remind you that the SPD consultation covers the area allocated in the VALP— the last Local Plan— and addressed one thousand homes which aligned to the existing building footprint and volume, as it is all located in the Green Belt. Consequently, the future of the airfield is not covered by this consultation.

Jane MacKinnon—Chair



The poster features the Pace logo at the top right. The main title 'Charity Golf day' is in purple. Below it, the date '22 SEPTEMBER 2023' and venue 'BUCKINGHAM GOLF CLUB' are listed. A list of inclusions for £240 per team of 4 includes coffee, a bacon bap, green fees, and a buffet dinner. A circular image shows a golf ball on a green. At the bottom, there are social media icons and a sign-up link: 'Sign up today at thepacecentre.org/event/charity-golf-day'. The footer contains contact information for Kelly Houghton and the Pace Centre's registered office details.

Charity Golf day

22 SEPTEMBER 2023
BUCKINGHAM GOLF CLUB

£240 per team of 4 Includes:

- Coffee
- Bacon bap
- Green fees
- Buffet dinner

Sign up today at
[thepacecentre.org/
event/
charity-golf-day](https://thepacecentre.org/event/charity-golf-day)

Email kellyhoughton@thepacecentre.org | thepacecentre.org | [f](https://www.facebook.com/thepacecentre) [i](https://www.instagram.com/thepacecentre) [@thepacecentre](https://www.linkedin.com/company/thepacecentre)

Registered office: The Pace Centre Ltd, The Bradbury Campus, 156 Wendover Rd, Aylesbury, MK22 9TE | Company number 2707807 | Registered Charity No. 121833

What is a Village Hall?

...a community facility that is available to the public in a particular area for community-related recreational activities...



You probably know that we have a village hall in Halton, owned and run as a mostly self sustaining building, by the Parish Council. At the turn of the twentieth century it was the village school, (seen on the left side of the black and white photo above) catering for the children of the estate workers living on the Halton Rothschild estate. When the estate was sold off in the early 1900s it came into the ownership of the parish council who later converted it into a hall to be used by the villagers for recreational activities

Over the years it has been updated, refurbished and modernised whilst preserving many of the original features.



Currently the hall is used at least twice on each weekday for activities such as yoga, pilates, personal training, art, model making, Kung Fu, Sewing and educational tuition.

In the future, the management committee is hoping that some of the social activities which used to be organised by local residents could be revived to help rebuild our community vibe. There are so many new families in the village giving the opportunity for new friendships to be made.

The hall is available free of charge for events which are open to all villagers, their friends and families.

Perhaps you and a few friends would consider organising an event in the hall? Some ideas might be a quiz, a wine tasting evening, craft days (practical or displays), performances, tea parties, pub night, a games evening, a race night, fun for children, etc.

I'm sure there is lots of talent out there, so why not join with friends and get your thinking caps on. I'm very happy to be contacted for information about what is available in the hall or anything else you may be concerned about, and more than happy to discuss any ideas.

So let's see if we could use our hall for some new community-related recreational activities!

Ann Jimson

Chair Village Hall committee



Coronation Competition

To commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and to have a bit of community fun, the Parish Council organised a competition for the best dressed house. Thank you to everyone who entered and decorated their houses to celebrate the event. The village looked very jolly despite the rain, a very British tradition!

The winners were Alwyn and Jos from Canal View. The judges were particularly impressed with the newly painted crown on the top of their pergola! They were presented with a hamper of locally sourced produce and a commemorative blue plaque, which can be seen on the front of their house.



Music in Quiet Places

On Saturday 12 August we will be having our second Music in Quiet Places concert at St Michael's in Halton. The event will start with a short walk around the village at 6.30pm for about 30 minutes. This allows time to enjoy a drink and canapé and socialise before the concert starts at 7.30pm.

The musicians will be Lisa Nelsen – Flute, Gillian Secret – Violin, Robert Secret – Viola and Jenny Broome – Harp. They will be playing a variety of musical pieces including: SAINT-SAENS: Romance Op37, GLINKA: Three Russian Lieder, JOHN THOMAS: Watching the Wheat, FRANK HOVAT: Music for Self Isolation, BEETHOVEN: Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola in D major Op. 25, HASSELMANS: La Source Op. 44 and HAMILTON HARTY: In Ireland

There will be an interval and a donation bar will be running. As with the other concerts, money raised by the church will contribute to our Tower restoration project. However, this concert is not just about fundraising but it is also a social event where people can enjoy lovely music. Hope you can make it.

The cost of tickets is £10 per person and can be obtained from the 'Just' shop on Wendover High Street or from Brian Thompson at Ivy Cottage (07894210423).

Village Diary

12 August	Walk 6:30 pm Concert 7:30 pm	Music in Quiet Places	St Michael and all Angels
27 September	7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Wildflower Verges

The wildflower verges that we planted up last autumn, have started to be appreciated by the local insect population. Several of the plants have bloomed this year. The others will take longer to establish themselves. Most noticeable has been the profusion of yellow rattle which, being parasitic on grasses, should inhibit their growth, allowing the other plants to flower and increase in number.

In the verge where it is most evident, in front of Red Roof, the yellow rattle has already reduced the height of the grasses when compared to their height by the bus shelter.

The verges still have a few plants that are flowering but once they have all dropped their seed they will be strimmed and the cuttings removed to prevent enriching the soil. The less nutritious the soil, the less grass growth will occur, enabling the wildflowers to spread.

Thanks again to all the residents who helped to plant up the verges. We will be adding further wildflower seed and, especially yellow rattle, to them all in the autumn and look forward to witnessing how they develop during the next few years.



Recycling Dates

Green Waste Bin	Blue Recycling Bin and Garden Waste	Food Waste Bin
	Wednesday 2 August	Wednesday 2 August
Wednesday 9 August		Wednesday 9 August
	Wednesday 16 August	Wednesday 16 August
Wednesday 23 August		Wednesday 23 August
	Thursday 31 August	Thursday 31 August
Wednesday 6 September		Wednesday 6 September
	Wednesday 13 September	Wednesday 13 September
Wednesday 20 September		Wednesday 20 September
	Wednesday 27 September	Wednesday 27 September
Wednesday 4 October		Wednesday 4 October
	Wednesday 11 October	Wednesday 11 October
Wednesday 18 October		Wednesday 18 October
	Wednesday 25 October	Wednesday 25 October

Residents on the Wendover side of Perch Bridge have different collection days and dates, one day later on Thursday each week.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Clerk to the Parish Council – Fiona Richardson	01296 626073
Village Hall Booking Clerk—Sarah Stobbs	07565 797049
Guard Room – Main Point	01296 656211/656503
Wendover Police Office (Wendover Library) - Tues & Fri 10am-12pm	01296 621916
Police Non-Emergency Number	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Electricity Emergency	0800 316 3105
Fly Tipping Hotline	0845 330 1856
Potholes notification	08452 380882
Wendover Health Centre	01296 623452
WHC Friends Desk	01296 622565
Halton Community Combined School-Halton	01296 622264
John Hampden Infant School-Wendover	01296 622629
Wendover CE Junior School	01296 669822
John Colet Secondary School	01296 623348
Church Warden-Linda Kynaston	01296 431009

Next Issue

If you have anything for inclusion in the next Halton Village News-
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01296 624458 before 21 October 2023.

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ly the views of The Halton Village Newsletter.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sep-
tember 27th, 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.