

# A Happy New Year to All

Carols around the Village

Many thanks to those who braved the weather on the night of Monday 21st December. The sum raised for the Rumanian Children's Hospice was £63. Thanks to everybody who was involved.

Waggon and Horses

Tracey & Kevin wish to thank the all those who have given them such wonderful support over the last few years and especially over the last difficult month. They are staying in the area and hope to see people from the village from time to time.

#### Parish Council

December 3rd - all members present

#### Finance:

1. It was agreed that we should complain about the cost of the audit (£237). Small councils have to pay the same costs as larger ones.

2. It was unanimously agreed that we join RINGMASTER - the early warning system for Neighbourhood Watch. This is a computer which warns areas of crime spates likely to affect them. It will cost £1 per household p.a. - 70p funds the Ringmaster and 30p funds the village concerned. The costs will be met by the council

No change in the precept this year - it remains at £7000.

#### Beware bad weather!

No gritting on Radley Road bends this year due to lack of funds. Only the main road and the top Oxton road will be gritted.

#### Planning:

- 1. Hill Farm House: Listed building and planning consent for alterations. 5 votes for, 2 abstentions for non pecuniary interests.
- Agricultural condition on Gray Lane nursery has been removed.
- 3. 106 agreement signed on land at the rear of Barn Cottage

#### Dates.

Open Gardens: Saturday June 27th Harvest Supper: Friday October 1st

#### Next Meetings:

Thursday January 14th 7.30pm Thursday March 18th 7.30pm

Thursday April 22nd 7.00pm - Annual Parish Meting followed by Council Meeting

Thursday May 13th 7.30pm - Annual Parish Council Meeting

Number to ring for street lights 73625

We would like to thank Harry and Margaret Rickett for making such a lovely job of decorating the hall for Christmas

#### Neighbourhood Watch

The Parish Council has agreed that Halam should be part of RINGMASTER. Head and/or Street Co-ordinators are appointed, given "beats" (sections of the village) and their names, addresses, telephone numbers and times when they can be contacted are put onto the Ringmaster computer. When there is a message of interest to be given out it is recorded into the computer. The Head/Street Co-ordinators to whom the message might be of interest are selected from the list. This is usually one

or two beat areas but it can be a whole town, a single village, a single street or everyone on the list. The Ringmaster computer automatically telephones the selected Co-ordinators and keeps trying until contact is made when it will play back the recorded message. The Co-ordinators can then alert householders in their beat to be on guard. This useful innovation should help to keep our village more secure.

#### Rare Bird at the top of Oxton Hill!

For those of you who are wondering why lots of people with telescopes are gathering in the lay-by at the top of Oxton Hill, it is because a relatively rare Rough Legged Buzzard has been around for the last couple of weeks. It is similar to a Common Buzzard but has a distinctive white tail with a black band at the tip. Be careful not to confuse it with a few Common Buzzards which are with it, one of which is a particularly pale bird. It migrates from Scandinavia to Southern & Eastern Europe for winter. Birds are occasionally seen on the east coast of the Britain but rarely so far inland as Halam. Usually less than 40 will visit Britain but occasionally as many as 100 will winter here It feeds on small animals such as mice but is particularly partial to lemmings in Scandinavia! Let's hope it likes us and stays for the winter.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday 3rd January: 11am. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10th January: 8am. Holy Communion

11am Family Service

Sunday 17th January: 11am. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24th January: 8am. Holy Communion

11am Family Service (Leprosy Sunday)

Sunday 21st January: 11am. Sung Eucharist

I would like to thank the happy band of Church cleaners once again for a job well done, some of whom have been on the rota for 20 years. I'm sure that needs a mention. Many thanks and a happy 1999 to you all.

May Robinson

Remember to let me know of any new arrivals to the village so we can welcome them and that contributions should be with me by the 26th of the month. Thank you. Edward Gathercole, Manor Stables, Radley Road. - 813760.

Thank you to the sponsor for this month's newsletter

We wish to offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dora Rylatt on the sad loss of her husband, Fred. Fred was a well known popular figure in the village and will be sadly missed.

#### Carols For All Concert

After the success of Carols for All, John Sheppard, the Honorary Secretary of the Southwell Orchestral Society wrote to Glenys Herbert to thank all the villagers concerned:

"I didn't get a chance to thank you after Sunday's concert, so please pass on the thanks of all the organisers to all of your team (human and animal) for your wonderful contribution. If anything it was even better than last time and certainly has been the subject of many appreciative remarks to me.

I don't have all the figures yet but I am confident that the concert will raise at least £3000 for the chosen charity - 'Our Celebration'.

Can I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy new year? (And can I hope that the Dragon Club will be able to appear again at another concert - it is much too good to lose!)"

#### Waggon and Horses

As most people will be aware by now the Waggon is to become a tenancy. Tom Cobleigh which is owned by Rank will still own the pub but instead of having a manager they will install a tenant who will have to buy the fixtures, fittings and stock and then pay a rent. Also, the tenant will have a lot more power in deciding issues such as the type of food, beer and general ambience of the pub. Let's hope that they choose well.

#### Halam Village Mappers

Thanks to everyone who is busy sewing houses for the map! We will be having a meeting at 7.30 on Wednesday, 24th February in the Village Hall. It would be good if those who have started their sewing could set themselves a target of completing their houses by that date and either bring it along to the meeting or get it to Karin Lindley (Dovedale - 815854), Carol Layfield (Walnut Tree Cottage - 814058) or Elaine Gathercole (Manor Stables - 813760) by that date so we can review progress. Those who want to get started can be shown what to do & provided with materials at the meeting. Karin is also having "open house" sessions each Friday afternoon at Dovedale (up the lane to the left of the shop) in February from 1.00 - 3.00 to show anyone what is required and we are still contacting people individually as well. Please give it a go - variety of style and individual contributions are far more important than perfection.

Susie Anderson (813913) gave tremendous computer support for the photo exhibition. She is still able to produce copies of photographs or notelets for a small fee.

#### Parish Council

A meeting was held on the 14th January and all councillors were present.

- 1. Out of School Club the Club is now to be held in the afternoons only, between 3pm and 6pm. Also, on no more than two occasions each term, a Fun Day will be held, when up to 24 children could be accommodated. The rates are now to be £ 15 per day. passed unanimously.
- 2. Neighbourhood Watch there have been several incidents in the village recently. Please remember that if anything untoward occurs you should ring your watch co-ordinator. Each co-ordinator will be visiting homes to make themselves and their telephone numbers known.

- 3. The Millennium decisions as to how we celebrate this will be taken at the next meeting, as arrangements need to get under way.
- 4. Planning a) Land at the rear of Barn Cottage, Radley Road.

An application has been submitted to erect a house and garage but was refused with 4 votes against and 3 for. The reason for refusal was on design grounds. It was felt that the house would not be in keeping with the village and could be altered to be more sympathetic to its surroundings.

b) The Dovecote, Radley Road.

An application has been submitted to demolish a single storey lean-to, make alterations, extend and refurbish. This was passed unanimously.

#### 5. Dates to Remember

Open Gardens: Saturday June 27th Harvest Supper: Friday October 1st

#### 6. Next Meetings:

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St. Michael the Archangel: Funding Campaign

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On behalf of Halam Parochial Church Council we would like to thank the village and the wider community for their generosity with regard to the recent Funding Campaign. Our target was £13,5000 and we reached a figure of £13,309, but during the last couple of weeks further monies have come in so we can give ourselves a pat on the back and say "WELL DONE." Thank you all.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday: February 7th 11am. Sung Eucharist Canon Young

Sunday: February 14th 8am. Holy Communion Canon Hatter

11am Family Service Canon Hendy St. Valentine's Day

Wednesday: February 17th 7.30pm Sung Eucharist Canon Hatter ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday: 21st February 11am. Sung Eucharist Canon Young

Sunday: 28th February 8am. Holy Communion Canon Austin

11am Family Service Canon Hendy The Beginning of Lent

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Dora and Nick Rylatt, Louise, Peter, Christopher, and Lorna Mathers and Sam Lowe wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support in the loss of dear Fred. A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Many thanks also for the beautiful floral tributes, cards, letters and very generous donations to the R.N.L.I., and to Canon Keene for such a lovely service and to Mr. Eric Bust for the fineral arrangements which went so smoothly.

God bless you all.

Lorna Jayne Mathers, granddaughter of Fred has written a poem for her granddad and we felt that it was nice to include it.

You were young in heart and mind But your body grew out of time I sit alone, I shed a tear I wish that you could be near I hear a clock ticking past midnight I feel something isn't quite right I realise your soul has flown away I forget your not here to stay I breathe, I sigh, I ask myself why? I feel myself begin to cry

Your no longer going to sit in my chair I'm no longer going to ruffle your hair Your grumbles, your moans will not be there I'll no longer see your loving stare I ask you to be happy in all I do In everything I start anew I have always loved you from the start You will always be in my heart I know you're in a better place I can't wait to see your face

## Halam C. of E. Primary School

1. Admissions Notice - Do you expect your child to attend Halam Primary School during the next 3 or 4 years? If so, we would be very pleased to hear from you as soon as possible. We already have children registered for the year 2003! More accurate numbers, however, would help with our forward planning. Please telephone us on 813062, or call in to see us. You are welcome to make an appointment to look around the school, if you wish, before registering.

2. Book Tokens - the school is still collecting The Sun and Walkers Crisp book tokens. If you have

any of these please deposit them at the school or at the shop. Thank you.

### Waggon and Horses

Kevin and Tracey, ex of the Waggon have been in touch and have asked for this message to be included - "We would like to wish everyone in Halam a belated Happy New Year and to again thank you all for your overwhelming support and faith in us. The two and a half years spent at the Waggon were happy ones because of yourselves. We have finally come to terms with this unfortunate situation and are joining Kimberley Brewery. We move into the Griffin Inn at Plumtree at the beginning of March and that hope that some of you will be able to find the time to visit us; and we can assure you of a warm welcome as always.

#### The Village Shop

As most of you will know by now the shop has had slightly different opening times since the 8th of February, but for those who don't these are the revised times -

Saturday - 9am - 1pm. - shop only.

Sunday - Closed all day.

Mon. & Tues - 9am - 12.30pm. and 3pm - 5pm. - shop and post office.

Wednesday - 9am. - 12pm - half day closing - shop only.

Thurs & Fri - 9am. - 12.30pm. and 3pm - 5pm - shop and post office.

Steve is willing to take orders for goods which are not displayed in the shop, such as bulk buys of such things as washing powder or pet food. If you are interested please have a word with him. And remember to keep supporting your local shop as much as possible. It's important that we retain this useful amenity.

Village Map

Good progress is now being made. We will have another meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30 on Wednesday, 14th April to review progress. Those who have started please try to complete your work by then and bring it along. Those who want to get started can go along to Karin Lindley's (Dovedale - 815854) on Friday afternoons in March between 1.00 and 3.00pm.

#### Parish Council

These are the combined notes from the meetings held on the 28th January and the 18th February. All councillors were present at both.

1. A one minute silence was held for the late Mr. F. Rylatt.

2. Discussions were held about Gray Lane. The bridge is now finished and the lane above the allotments has been layered with soil and re-seeded.

3. Two council members attended a meeting to hear about the Parish Review, but it was apparent that Halam will not be affected.

4. A letter to the council queried Newark and Sherwood's method for informing residents of neighbouring planning applications. It was agreed that the present system is adequate.

5. Planning - a. Barn Cottage, Radley Road - amended plans for a house and garage to the rear of Barn Cottage were passed unanimously, on condition that the buildings present site line be put back by one metre.

b. Greenacres - an application to create a field access to land adjacent to Greenacres was carried by 6 votes to 1.

c. The Old Farmhouse, Back Lane - an application to erect a garage was carried by 4 votes to 2.

d. Goldhill Farm - Retrospective change of use for the outbuildings was approved unanimously, subject to the building being returned to its former exterior appearance, with particular reference to the removal of the roof lights.

6. Next Meetings - Thursday March 18th : 7.30pm

Thursday April 22nd : 7.00pm - Annual Parish Meting followed by Council Meeting.

7. Advance reminders - Open Gardens is on June 27th and the Harvest Supper is on October 1st. 8. Number to ring for faulty street lights is 73625.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday: 7th March: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon D. Hatter - Lent 3

Sunday: 14th March: 8am. Holy Communion - Rev. B. Barnes - Mothering Sunday
11am Family Service - Canon G. Hendy

Sunday: 21st March: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon M. Austin - Passion Sunday

Sunday: 28th March: 8am. Holy Communion - Rev. B. Barnes - Palm Sunday
11am Family Service - Canon G.Hendy

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#### HOLY WEEK ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

#### PALM SUNDAY (28th March)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. As in previous years, there will be a procession with the "donkey" from the Waggon and Horses to the Church for a Family Service which will include the distribution of Palm Crosses

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY (1st April)

7.30 p.m. As last year, a celebration of the Lord's Supper. The evening begins with a meal at three venues (providing there are sufficient numbers) Ashdene, The Old Vicarage and Barnholm which follows the Ministry of the Word. Everyone then processes to the Church by torchlight, a reminder of the disciples accompanying Jesus along the Kidron Valley. The Holy Communion is concluded with a token vigil at the Garden of Gethsemane. We use the "Lent, Holy Week, Easter" book. Cost of the meal will be £3.00, payable in advance to Glenys Herbert, Beverly Perks or Lynda Bass.

### GOOD FRIDAY (2nd April)

11.00 a.m. A traditional service from the Prayer Book - Morning Prayer and Litany.

4.00 p.m. As in previous years at the Minster, a children's service walking the Way of the Cross.

#### EASTER DAY (4rd April)

8.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

11.00 a.m. Family Service with Baptism and Holy Communion

Farewell to Susan Ross of 1, The Coach House, Radley Road who is soon to leave the village.

A warm welcome to Karen Promosfo who has recently moved in to 1, Radley Terrace and to her fiancé, Marco Migliore who will be joining her later.

Mrs. Dora Rylatt would like to thank all those who contributed to the RNLI in memory of her husband, Fred. A total of £500 will be received by this worthy charity.

#### Southwell Choral Society

The Southwell Choral Society will be presenting, on Saturday 8th May at 7.30pm, J. S. Bach's Mass in B Minor in Southwell Minster. The singers will be assisted by The Ensemble of Southwell and the conductor/musical director is Nicolas Thorpe. Tickets are priced at £12 for the Nave and £7 for the Side Aisle. They are available from Music in the Yard, The Minster Shop, The Tourist Information Centre, Newark and any Society Member - Tony Denyer.

#### Waggon and Horses

The issue of getting a tenant to take over the Waggon is still not resolved but there should be a new temporary manager taking over on the 6th April. The present managers, Kevin and Aleysha, are to take over The Gimcrack in York. We wish them well in their new pub.

#### Village Map

Over 50 embroideries of houses for the map are now completed and around a further 50 are underway, leaving about 50 still to get started. We will have another meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. on Wednesday, 14th April to review progress. We will have the work to date on display, so everyone is welcome to attend, even if you just want to see whether your own house is complete yet! Those who have started please try to complete your work by then and bring it along and once again we can use the time to get others started. Karin will also be pleased to see anyone who wants to get started on Friday afternoons between 1 and 3, but please ring beforehand to make sure it is convenient. Also, does anyone have an accurate record of the types of common wild flowers which we have in the parish and where they are found? If so, we'd like to see it so we can include them in appropriate places on the map. If you can help in any way, phone one of Karin Davies (815854), Carole Layfield (814058) or Elaine Gathercole (813760).

#### Parish Council

A meeting was held on March 18th. All councillors were present.

Roads - It was decided to invite a County Council representative to the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss the state of the roads.

The Millennium - A unanimous decision was taken to purchase a 20 foot flagpole, to be erected by the front wall pillar at the Village Hall. Also, enquiries are being made regarding tree planting and the placing of plant troughs beneath the Halam road signs at the four entrances to the village.

**Planning** - 1. An application to extend a kitchen, convert a garage to a playroom and erect a garage at New Hall Farm, Edingley was passed unanimously.

2. An application to build a two storey side extension and do internal alterations at The Forge. Gray Lane was passed with 2 for, 1 against and 4 abstentions. The application was passed with the understanding that if any amendments are to be made to the plans, the parish council would

wish to be informed and to see them. There were doubts expressed about the symmetry of the present cottages being lost.

Future dates - The Open Gardens' Day will be on the 27th June and the Harvest Supper on the 1st October.

Street Lights - if there are any faulty street lights, please ring 73625.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 22nd at 7pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and it will be followed by a normal Council Meeting.

St Michael the Archangel

Friday: 2nd April: 11am. Traditional Service, Morning Prayer and Litany - Good Friday

Sunday: 4th April: 8am. Holy Communion with hymns - Rev. B. Barnes - Easter Day

11am. Family Service with baptism - Canon Hendy

Sunday: 11th April: 8am. Holy Communion - the Provost, the Very Reverend D. Leaning.

11am. Family Service - Canon Hendy

Sunday: 18th April: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon Hendy

Sunday: 25th April: 8am. Holy Communion - Canon Hatter

11am. Family Service - Canon Hendy

The AGM of St. Michael the Archangel Parochial Church Council will be held on the 28th April, 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

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# **David Wheatcroft**

Home & Garden Maintenance
Painting, Decorating, Wall and Floor Tiling
Chain saw work undertaken
N.P.T.C. and C.D.M. Certificate Holder

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| Southwell  |  | Sunday We  | Sunday Worship - Normal pattern of Services  | of Services   |  |
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| Communication of the Communica | 1st Sunday   | 2 <sup>in</sup> Sunday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday   | 4" Sunday   | Sunday   |
| St Giles'<br>Edingley  | 6.00pm Evensong  | 9.00am Holy Communion  | 6.00pm Evensong  | 9.00am Holy Communion   | 9.00am Holy Communion  |
| St Michael's<br>Halam  | 11.00am Eucharist (Sung)   | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>11.00am Family Service  | 11.00em Eucharist (Sung)   | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>11.00am Family Service   | 11.00am Eucharist (Sung)   |
| St Nicholas'<br>Hockerton  | 9.45am Morning Prayer  | 9.45am Holy Communion  | 9.45am Morning Prayer  | 9.45am Holy Communion   | No Service   |
| Holy Trinity<br>Southwell  | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.30am All Age Worship<br>6.30pm Evening Worship             | 10.30am Holy Communion<br>6.30pm Evening Worship   | 9.00am Holy Communion<br>10.30am Morning Prayer<br>6.30pm Evening Worship              | 10.30am Holy Communion<br>6.30pm Evening Worship  | 10.30am Morning Prayer<br>6.30pm Evening Worship                                       |
| Southwell  | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>9.30am Parish Communion<br>11.00am Mattins<br>3.15pm Evensong | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>9.30am Parish Communion<br>(All Age Service)<br>11.00am Sung Eucharist<br>3.15pm Evensong | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>9.30am Parish Communion<br>11.00am Mattins<br>3.15pm Evensong | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>9.30am Parish Communion<br>11.00am Sung Eucharist<br>3.15pm Evensong | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>9.30am Parish Communion<br>11.00am Mattins<br>3.15pm Evensong |

# Cluster News

#### What is a Cluster?

It's not a delicious hazelnut chocolate produced by Cadbury's. Shame! This is a different sort of Cluster. And the good news is you are part of this cluster! So you need to know all about it. Read on!

The Southwell Cluster is a group of parishes which have been grouped together but it's not a group. Are you with me so far? (Just keep nodding) This group which is not a group but a cluster has been clustered so that parishes can work together and support each others ministry but each parish will retain it's own separate identity.

Clustering is part of Developing Ministry 2, a Diocesan initiative to maintain ministry in the Deanery in the years to come in the face of reductions in clergy numbers and financial resources.

Our Cluster consists of the parishes of Edingley, Halam, Hockerton, Southwell Minster and Holy Trinity. Plenty of variety there! Another link with chocolates perhaps? Are we Celebrations! or Quality Street. Both, I hope.

So what is happening so far? A Steering Group has been formed which has two representatives from each parish. This meets to explore ways in which we can work together and to encourage us all to do things together.

Mrs Nikki Cressey and Mrs Beverley Perks have been appointed to represent Halam on the Steering Group. If you have any questions or suggestion please talk to them. It's very early days yet but the possibilities are exciting. At the moment the best thing we can do is try to get to know each other. For this reason we have produced a table of the regular services of all the churches. (See left, don't damage your neck, just turn the sheet clockwise) If you visit one of our Cluster partners introduce yourself and explain why you are visiting. You should get a warm welcome.

More Cluster news when there is any. In the meantime please include our Cluster partner churches in your prayers.



Village Shop

Welcome to Barbara & Richard Evans who are taking over the shop from Steve. Post Office opening times are likely to be extended, especially on a Wednesday. Full details will be given once things are finalised. Sunday papers can also be ordered from now on - please leave orders at the shop.

Please use our local village shop. Only a small proportion on households actually buy from the shop on a regular basis. Remember that it is very useful, especially for some people, and the village will be all the worse if we don't have one.

#### Southwell Choral Society

The Southwell Choral Society - Saturday 8th May at 7.30pm - J. S. Bach's Mass in B Minor in Southwell Minster. Assisted by The Ensemble of Southwell. Conductor/musical director is Nicolas Thorpe. Tickets are £12 for the Nave, £7 for the Side Aisle. Available from Music in the Yard, The Minster Shop, The Tourist Information Centre, Newark and any Society Member - Tony Denyer.

#### Village Map

Our next meeting will be in early June - date and time in next month's newsletter. If anyone who has started the embroidery of their house for the map needs help or wants to get started, please contact one of Karin Davies (815854), Carole Layfield (814058) or Elaine Gathercole (813760). We are targeting end June to have all the houses complete so we can begin sewing them on to the map.

#### Annual Parish Meeting - April 22nd 7.00pm

6 Councillors present. Apologies from Richard Brown.

#### Chairman's Report for the Past Year

The Parish Council held 13 meetings during the last year. The extra ones were basically to discuss planning applications, the decisions made being in general supported by the planners. The state of the roads has been an ongoing problem due to lack of funds in the county coffers, but some success has been achieved, and the new bridge & re-instatement of Gray Lane completed.

The Open Gardens Day was very successful - raising just over £1000, the Harvest Supper £225 and the Out of School club is working well and boosting lettings. There has been no increase in either Parish or District Precept, so the incoming council will be working from a strong financial position. The Millennium arrangements are on course - the flagpole & flag have been ordered, and plans for

tree planting & flower troughs at the entrances to the village are underway.

The Chairman thanked everyone who has helped to make the year a success - Council Members, all who have worked on events held - Open Gardens, Harvest Supper, Millennium Map projects, cleaning, maintaining & decorating the village hall & bus shelter, and the many other tasks which have been undertaken. The hard work and co-operation was greatly appreciated and he wished the village success in the coming year. Mr Harry Rickett proposed the vote of thanks to the Chairman.

#### Parish Council Meeting - April 22nd

Apologies from Richard Brown

The Millennium - Re the plans for planting trees on the village approaches. If anyone has a corner of a field or a patch they would agree to have planted up - please contact the Parish Clerk.

Open Gardens - Will anyone willing to open up their gardens on June 27th - or indeed help in an other way - please contact Ken Grieve

Roads & Footpaths - The county representative was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. If anyone has a complaint please put it in writing to the Parish Clerk and it will be passed on.

Goldhill - Mr Meagher is to appeal again on July 13th.

St Helen's Lane - The sign for the lane has now been re-instated.

Planning 1) Bridge House, Mansfield Road - 2 storey rear extension & single storey side extension with sun lounge - passed unanimously with 6 votes. 2) Littledale, The Turnpike - Erect garage & out buildings - passed unanimously with 6 votes. 3) The Dovecote, Radley Road - Demolish single storey lean to, alterations to extension & refurbishment to Dovecote - Subject to length of link being reduced to the size of the previous plan - proposal with shortened link passed - 3 votes for, 2 against, 1 abstention (pecuniary interest).

Dates - Next meeting May 13th 7.30pm. Open Gardens 27th June. Harvest Supper 1st October.

Street Lights - if there are any faulty street lights, please ring 73625.

#### St Michael the Archangel

Sunday: 9th May: 8am. Holy Communion - Canon Hatter

11am. Family Service - Canon Hendy

Thursday: 13th May: 7.30pm. Ascension Day - Canon Hendy Sunday: 16th May: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon Hendy

Sunday: 23rd May: 8am. Holy Communion - Canon Hatter Pentecost 11am. Family Service - Canon Hendy Sunday: 30th May: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon Hendy

Special Notice - Sunday 23rd May - Pentecost - Family Service. At this service we shall be dedicating the new Paschal Candle given in memory of Mary Marshall by donations received at the funeral and since. Do come and join Mary's family & friends.

Christian Aid Week - 9-15th May 1999. Please find envelope attached to this month's newsletter - return before 15th May to either the Village Shop, my letter box (Lynda Bass, "Barnholm", Gray Lane) or any member of the Church Council would be very welcome.

Elections at the AGM of St Michael's Parish Church Council

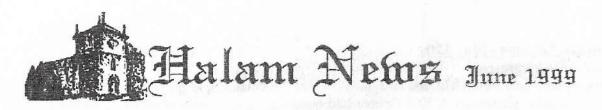
Wardens - Miss Lynda Bass (01636 812740) & Mrs Beverley Perks (01636 812181) both of whom may be contacted with regard to Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals, also if you know of anyone who may need Clergy visiting.

Secretary - Mrs Nicola Cressey, Deanery Synod Representative - Mrs Glenys Herbert, Treasurer - Mr Cedric Hallam, Covenant Secretary - Mr Henry Cressey

Parochial Church Council: In addition to the above the following were elected to the Council: Penni Wells, Briony Dickinson, Lesley Spence, Marina Thompson.

Church Yard - Yew Tree. The Yew Tree will shortly be coming down and the wood removed. Villagers are invited to purchase directly from the wood turner, Mr Forde, Church Wardens will furnish details to anyone interested. We are hoping to commission a carrying cross for the Lady Altar, also one for the School, depending on the condition of the tree (it is thought to be hollow inside). When the date is known it will be posted on the Church Gate.

Remember to let me know of any new arrivals to the village so we can welcome them and that contributions should be with me by the 26th of the month. Thank you. Edward Gathercole, Manor Stables, Radley Road. - 813760.



Our deepest sympathy goes to Mr. & Mrs. McKewan on the death of Tim's mother, Celia. Welcome and good luck to William White and Rebecca Hodson who have taken over the tenancy of the Waggon and Horses.

There will be a churchyard tidying day on the **19th June**. Volunteers needed please, from 10am. Children's Society Annual Boxes - to Tony Denyer this month please.

#### Kosovo Appeal

Bill Kemp is helping to organise a collection of goods for the refugees. Such things as clothes, blankets, duvets, shoes, pillows, toiletries, anything you think that they will need. If you can help, would you please give him a ring on 814895 and he can organise collection?

#### Southwell Mobile Library

Did you know that the Mobile Library visits Halam every fortnight on a Friday? It arrives at the Crossroads at 10.40, at the Shop at 10.55 and at Grange Farm at 11.20. The vehicle carries about 3000 items (books and sound recordings) but it also gives access to the whole of the County Library stock which can be supplied to you on request. Large print books are carried as well. Joining the mobile library is simple and free - all you need to do is bring proof of your name and address, so why not join when it is next in the village? The next visit is on the 11th June.

#### Southwell Choral Society

The Southwell Choral Society and the Minster School Band will be presenting "Summer Lightning", a feast of light classics in Southwell Leisure Centre on Saturday 26th June at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5, available from Music in the Yard, the Minster Shop, the Leisure Centre or Society Members.

#### Halam School P.T.A.

The school will be having its annual Sports' Day on Tuesday, 6th July (weather permitting). If the weather is inclement it will be staged the following day, Wednesday 7th. All villagers are welcome. Also, the school is still on the lookout for a crossing warden. Crossing the road at the bottom of Halam Hill can be dangerous so it would be good if someone could take on the job. Please contact the school.

#### Village Map

Our next meeting will be 16th June at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. If anyone wants to start the embroidery of their house or needs help, please contact Karin Davies (815854), Carole Layfield (814058) or Elaine Gathercole (813760). We are targeting end June to have all the houses complete.

#### Open Gardens' Day 27th June

Ken Grieve is organising the Open Gardens' Day again this year. Please give him every support by volunteering to man the Village Hall & the car parks and open your gardens for the day. We also need cakes both to sell and for the teas and bric a brac for stalls. Please see Mandy Rickett or Elsie Milner. The **Southwell Renaissance Singers**, who were unable to be with us last Christmas due to the death of their leader, David Machintosh, will be giving a recital from 3.30pm. until 4.15pm..., an opportunity to rest the legs! We look forward to seeing you. Let's make it a really successful community event which raises lots of money for the village.

#### **Best Kept Village Competition**

Halam is entering the competition again this year. Let's make a concerted effort to tidy up the village in preparation. If we all make a big effort to make sure our own area is up to scratch and do our bit to ensure the communal areas of the village are looking good too, then we might just win it!

#### District & Parish Council Elections - May 6th

There was a 65% turn out in Halam. Eric Bust and Nora Armstrong were re-elected to the District Council with 1167 and 873 votes respectively. The following were elected as Parish Councillors on May 6th (number of votes shown in brackets): Eric Bust (129), Simon Bust (118), Elaine Gathercole (107), Glenys Herbert (97), Richard Brown (95), Harry Rickett (92), Nora Armstrong (90).

#### Parish Council Meeting - May 13th

All councillors were present.

The Chairman welcomed both old and new members of the council and paid tribute to all the hard work which Glenda Hutchinson & Ken Grieve had done during their term of office. Ken has kindly agreed to continue to organise the Open Gardens day this year. Mr Bust also presented the council with an aerial photograph of the Village Hall which he has recently acquired for display in the Hall.

Election of Office Holders - The following were elected unanimously: Eric Bust - Chairman, Richard Brown - Vice-Chairman, Harry Rickett & Eric Bust - responsible for Halam Christmas Charities, Elaine Gathercole - Press Officer, Glenys Herbert - Transport Officer, Simon Bust & Richard Brown - NALC Representatives and Simon Bust - Snow Warden.

Goldhill - Eric Bust will attend Mr Meagher's planning appeal on Tues, July 13th

The Millennium - More investigation is required to find low maintenance flower troughs for the entrances to the village and to check if permission is required. Flagpole to be erected & Union Jack flown on Jan 1st 2000. It was decided not to have a Village Party on Jan 1st. Villagers are encouraged to attend next meeting on June 17th to discuss a Summer Event instead. Representatives from the PTA & Church are to be specifically invited to the meeting to explore the joint initiative.

Gray Lane - The Clerk has notified the Environment Officer of the problem with the manure pile & is awaiting the outcome of their inspection.

Best Kept Village - it was decided to enter again this year. A letter is to be written to the owner of the Plough, believed to be Rank Organisation, to ask them to tidy it up.

Waggon & Horses - Acknowledged change of licensee to Rebecca Hodson.

Planning - 1) Holbeck Farm, Radley Road - Detailed permission to erect dwelling & garage on lane off Radley Road towards Holbeck Farm - passed 5 for, 1 abstention. 2) Goldhill Farm, Edingley - Permission to change building from original condition to facilitate change to office use - rejected unanimously - particular reference to the undesirability of roof lights.

Dates - Next meetings 7.30 pm. on the 17/6 & 29/7. Open Gardens 27/6. Harvest Supper 1/10.

Street Lights - if there are any faulty street lights, please ring 73625.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday 6th June: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon Hatter: 1st after Trinity

Sunday 13th June: 8am. Holy Communion - Rev. B. Barnes: 2nd after Trinity

11am. Family Service with Communion - Canon G. Hendy

Sunday 20th June: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Rev. B. Barnes: 3rd after Trinity Sunday 27th June: 8am Holy Communion - Canon D. Hatter: 4th after Trinity

11am. Family Service - Canon G. Hendy

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