

Flag Flying Dates

6th – Coronation Day

Bin Collection Dates

Green: 6th & 20th

Brown: 10th & 24th

Silver: 13th & 27th

Teal (Glass): No

Collection this month



HALAM NEWS

May 2024

If you would like to contribute to a future edition of Halam News please send your article (as you would like it to be printed) using the details below by the 25th of the month for inclusion the following month.

The Waggon
AT HALAM

**Latest Menu
Attached**

Parish Pump

Olive Kitts (Nee Sharman) 15th October 1934 – 4th April 2024

Olive was born in and grew up in the village in various places but settling with her parents at New Holbeck Farm. She went to Halam School where she was taught to garden by Miss Wright the headmaster at the Old School House. She left the village temporarily when she married George Kitts and then got divorced and returned back to the village in 1974 to live at Old School House for the rest of her life so overall has lived in the village for nearly 70 years!

She was involved in the village throughout that time as a keen member of the WI as well as nit and natter and tea at 2.30. She worked for Starkeys originally in the fields then worked as a dinner lady at Halam School, then once she retired, she cleaned for Mrs Ewin in the village as well as at the Waggon.

She knew everyone and everyone knew and liked her!



Clive Godber

For those of you who will remember Clive, It is with great sadness to bring you the news of his passing following a motorcycle accident. I'm sure you will all spare a thought for his family at this sad time.

Halam WhatsApp Group

Well my little idea seems to be a hit after gathering 117 members in its first month and a lot of positive feedback received. Don't be out of the loop when it comes to important village announcements and security updates. If you haven't joined yet, just scan the QR code to do so.

The "chat" function has been disabled so that it doesn't become annoying for those who just want to receive the updates. If you would like to post anything to this group please message me privately and I will post on your behalf if appropriate.



Planned Road Closure

Between the hours of 08:00 until 17:00 on Wednesday 22nd May 2024, Church Lane (Radley Road) will be closed from the junction of Back Lane heading up towards the Church for about 55 metres, the closure is to allow the reappear to wastewater pipework. Diversions will be in place. Please remember that all businesses will be open as usual during this time.

D-Day 80

Please note the details in the Parish Council Notes, This will be a lovely event and it would be great to see as many villagers there as possible.

Halam WI

This month's WI meeting is on Tuesday 7th May at 7:30pm when we are delighted to welcome Rebecca Sargison from Bramley and White, the interiors and homeware store in Farnsfield, as our speaker. Rebecca will be talking to us about the fundamentals of interior design, and we are looking forward to hearing her tips and insights! As always, new members are very welcome to join our growing WI...follow us on Facebook or Instagram @HalamWI for our latest news and updates.

No Mow May

For all those of who keep the verges and lanes tidy please observe this national initiative and help to maintain the rural character of our lanes and verges by encouraging the natural wildflowers to grow and seed. Once May ends leaving the grass longer, by using a high mower setting, will keep the grass tidy but also support biodiversity in this beautiful place.

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Flood at Halam School

Unfortunately, over the Easter holidays one of our pipes burst, which caused us to have a huge flood throughout the school. Instead of going back to school on Monday and Tuesday, we had two days at home. When coming back on Wednesday, Cherry class had to go to Lowes Wong school as their classrooms, the hall and corridors were badly flooded. Sadly, most of the furniture, many books and resources have been ruined.

Football Match

On Monday the 22nd of April we played an away football match against Farnsfield school. Unfortunately, we lost 2-0. We all enjoyed it very much and hope we can play them again soon!

Cherry class to Lowes Wong

Cherry class have recently had to transfer over to Lowes Wong infants due to the flood at Halam. They have settled in very well and seem to be enjoying the new environment. Many have made new friends, some joined choir and joined in with whole school assemblies. They are looking forward to the after school meet up with the older children from Halam on Friday afternoons.
By Chloe, Scarlett and Alexa



St Michael the Archangel



A huge thank you to all those who helped to make the church look so lovely for Easter, especially the Easter Garden which is always a special addition throughout the Easter period. At the end of the Easter Day service the young, and the young at heart, enjoyed searching for the easter eggs hidden around the church.

Throughout Lent we do not have any floral arrangements in church but now if anyone would like to put an arrangement in church to commemorate a special event such as a birth, a marriage or baptism or in memory of a loved one, then please contact one of the church wardens. Do not feel you have to make an elaborate arrangement; a simple vase of just a few blooms looks beautiful.

May services everyone is welcome.

5th May - 11.00a.m.	6th Sunday of Easter - Morning Worship
9th May - 10.00a.m.	Ascension Day - St. Giles, Edingley
12th May - 11.00a.m.	7th Sunday of Easter - Holy Communion
19th May - 11.00a.m.	Pentecost - Informal Service
26th May - 11.00a.m.	Trinity Sunday - Sung Eucharist

Contacts: Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens - Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 – Penni Wells 01636 813491

Food Bank: There is a collection point in the Church porch. Very many thanks to all who contribute during these very difficult times.

Message from Rev. Mary

In spite of the wind and rain my broad beans are bravely trying to grow.

May 6th sees Rogationtide when we ask God to bless the seed. Part of the prayers asks God ‘to bless the labours of those who work on land and sea; grant us a good harvest and the grace to always rejoice in your fatherly care.’ So, we think of our farmers, allotment holders and our gardens.

May 9th is Ascension Day – ‘coronation day’ for Jesus who ascended into heaven. There will be a service at 10.00a.m. in St. Giles on that day.

On May 10th we celebrate the marriage of Sam and Lauren. We pray for them in their new life together.

May 19th is Pentecost – the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit on Jesus’ disciples and on us today. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us – is our helper – the power to enable us in our daily life; ‘revive your Church with the breath of love and renew the face of the earth.’

We remember the family of Olive Kitts in their loss and hold them in our prayers.

St. Michael’s church is **fully supportive** of the D-Day 80th Anniversary on 6th June. We are ringing the church bells and including special prayers in our services.

Thank you for your ministry to one another. Every blessing, Rev. Mary

Church Yard Clearing

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with the churchyard clearing on Saturday 20th April. It has really made a difference.

We will be having another morning on Saturday May 11th to continue up the south side of the churchyard. Any help would be greatly appreciated, drinks and cake will of course be provided.

Glenys and Penni



Report for Halam News: Halam Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 11th April 2024 in Halam Village Hall

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Present

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Chairman's Report

The Chairman stated that last year's Annual Parish Meeting was the last meeting of the previous parish council. He welcomed the parish councillors who took office last May and thanked them for their efforts and contributions over the past year.

After a 50% reduction of the parish precept, it had now been returned to the level that it was three years ago. This year's precept will only just cover the parish council's running costs – we have experienced increased in the cost of insurance, a rise in utility costs, and adjustment to the Clerk's wages. Despite these increases, the parish precept is now still the same as it was when set in 2021.

The King's coronation has been commemorated with a new parish council notice board, and now all four decorative village gateway signs have been put in place.

A grant application to allow the Parish Council to buy the field behind the council houses for parish use was unsuccessful. It was hoped that this land could be used to relocate the allotments and to provide a mixture of open space for village use and some conservation areas. To aid future grant applications, the Parish Council will need to demonstrate support from the village for the purchase of community land. A survey is being sent out to ask if there is support for such an idea.

Roads and hedges in the parish have been a continual bugbear, and the parish council has continued to lobby the County Council, both directly and through our County Councillor, Bruce Laughton. The worse potholes have now been marked up for repair, and the parish council has had some successes with very urgent repairs.

The trees and hedges have been cut back on School Lane, and the 30mph sign can now be seen. Some trimming has been carried out to the hedge at the bottom of Halam Hill, which has helped a bit with the width of the road.

Since October there has been an unprecedented amount of rain which has caused issues with flooding in the village. County Council Principal Officer (Flood Risk Management), Mr Marshal was due to attend this meeting but has had to postpone to a later date t.b.c.

County Council Highways have been contacted regarding the flooding round the ford in Halam to see what further improvements can be done to the drains. And some County Council money has been allocated to improve the drains running from Edingley Hill, down into Halam, along Mansfield Road.

The sewer overloading problems are ongoing (pumping station on the corner of Holme Lane), but solutions are being investigated. Severn Trent and the Drainage Board, along with the Environmental Agency, are looking into the possibility of diverting storm water directly into Halam Beck. There has been a camera survey and some sleeving has been carried out on the drains running under Radley Road. The Parish Council are involved in all these discussions and are working with all the other organisations to improve the situation. The Parish Council has tried to address as many critical areas as possible.

The parish Council has considered and commented on a number of planning applications over the past year. Generally, the District Council's decisions have been in agreement with the parish council's views. Recent changes to planning at District Council means that there can be greater consultation with planning applications that go before the D.C. planning committee.

The chairman thanked the parish councillors for their efforts and support this year. Thanks also to the Clerk and the Financial Officer for their essential guidance in procedural and financial matters. A special thanks to Chris Bevans for the village hall administration. Many thanks to District Cllr Penny Rainbow for her involvement, especially with planning issues, and thanks too to County Cllr Bruce Laughton for support at County level.

Open Meeting

A parishioner highlighted the problems experienced last October with flooding over the bridge at the bottom of Cutlersforth. The council are aware of these issues, and hopefully this is a very rare occurrence.

Next Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, 10th April 2025



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Village Hall

1. A request had been received to use the hall for a wake for a long-standing resident of the village who had died recently. It was proposed that all such requests for similar use for long-standing parishioners would not be charged for i.e. free use of the village hall. Agreed: 6 for with 1 abstention.
2. Chris Bevans proposed a change in method of payment for use of the hall, from PayPal to Sum Up. Agreed unanimously.
3. It was agreed to purchase a wi-fi extender so that the bar area can have wi-fi.

Grant Application

A survey letter has been prepared and will now be circulated, one to each household in the parish.

D-Day 80th Anniversary

6th June 2024

As reported last month, the initial proposal is for the church bells to be rung at 6.30 p.m. The parish church has declined to hold any church service to commemorate the event. It was stated that villagers could attend the service being held at Southwell Minster if they wished.

A village “bring your own” supper is proposed in a marquee in the field by the Waggon from 7.30p.m. Ed at the pub has been asked if they would like to provide a bar and maybe some food – details t.b.c. – but Ed is receptive to the idea. 1940s music (and maybe some singing) may be arranged. A beacon will be lit at 9.15 p.m.

Commemorative Mugs

There are still a few Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and Kings Coronation mugs available. There is also a handful of Queen’s Golden Jubilee (2002) mugs spare. Please contact the editor, Chris Bevans if you or your family would like another mug.

Allotments

Registration of Title – still in progress. A date to be arranged for the Clerk to speak to the solicitor regarding the letting’s history of the allotments. Andrew Paris was authorised to sign the land Registry paperwork.

Roads & Hedges

1. Some potholes have been marked up on School Lane.
2. The trees and hedges have been cut back on School Lane opposite Pepperbox Cottage. Thanks to the organisers/contractors for leaving the road open on 10th April to allow access for the Lancaster Memorial Service.

3. Holme Lane is in a terrible state, and the parish council continues to put pressure of the county council.

Please report major potholes to the County Council either online or by phone – the more complaints the C.C. receive, the more likely action may be taken.

4. Railings along the Beck on the Turnpike – Clerk to contact Matt Duckworth at County Council Highways to progress.

5. The hedge at the bottom of Halam Hill – Andrew Paris to re-send photographs to County Cllr Bruce Laughton showing the narrowing of the road at this section.

Best Kept Village Competition

Halam will be entered into the competition this year. Judging is likely to take place in June, so please keep paths and property frontages looking neat and tidy. The competition allows areas of the village to be excluded from the judging; it was agreed to exclude the Turnpike from the ford, along the railings, up to and including the sewage pumping station.

Plaque for Village Hall Flagpole

This has been bought and Andrew Paris will put this in place as soon as possible.

Biodiversity Training

Due to organisers’ technical difficulties Chris Denyer was unable to log into the meeting.

Correspondence

Code of Conduct Training – Finance Office to attend.

Planning

None this month

Planning Decisions

The Waggon at Halam, The Turnpike: Replacement signage on listed building

Approved by Newark & Sherwood D.C.

Finance

1. Unanimously agreed to pay for the village hall cleaners
2. Biodiversity training course – held until organisers have been contacted about the issues with logging on

Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th May in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the various roles within the parish council are elected.

Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend any parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is an opportunity to raise issues with the parish council at the meeting during the open part of the meeting.

District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for April 2024

Full documentation for each of these meetings are on the Council's website - see The Council-Calendar of Meetings for links to each of the papers and reports.

Cabinet Mar 26

- The Council has closed their previous loan Scheme to local companies introduced in 2012. Loans of >£1m have been distributed with most of the capital and interest received back but there have been £100,000 defaults, now written off.
- The Jubilee Bridge over the canalised Trent in Newark requires refurbishment. The bridge was not adopted by NCC and is, therefore, not a footpath. The cost will be over £333,000 and a decision to refloor the bridge was deferred
- Empty for two years, a vacant shop in Newark Market Place owned by N&SDC is to be refurbished and relet with a 2.11% return and payback in 52 years.
- There will be a formal consultation on whether public speaking at Planning Committee should be introduced - with a maximum of 1 supporter and 1 opponent allowed to speak whilst retaining the Town or Parish Council and Ward Cllr representation to be made too.
- Ollerton and Clipstone: money from the Government will be used to purchase empty commercial buildings to bring them back into use and develop a 'transport hub' in Ollerton. A new Sports Facility could be developed along with the Miners Welfare Trust
- CCTV monitoring will be brought back into Castle House from the monitoring currently done elsewhere
- Peter is following up individual planning issues on Halloughton Road and Landseer Close and at The Vineries

Planning Committee Mar 4

- An N&SDC proposal at Kings Court for the conversion of the 4 bed flat to two single bed flats and making three new parking spaces was approved
- Government proposes to have an Accelerated Planning Service (APS) initially applying to applications for major commercial development which create 1,000 sqm or more of new or additional employment floorspace. For Newark and Sherwood, this relates to an average of 40 applications per annum. There would be penalties if timescales are not adhered to
- The appeal for the refusal for a 3 double garage at Woodside Cottage, Newark Road, Hockerton, has been dismissed.

Audit and Governance Committee next meeting Apr 24

April 2024

Dingbats – Last month's answers were "I Understand" & "Walk in the Park"

TEI+AM

Talk



Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday Closed

Wednesday to Saturday 12 till 11pm (Food Served: 12 till 8.30pm)

Sunday 12-4pm (Food Served: 12-3pm)

Two Courses £23 Three Courses £26

Starters

Bowl of Soup & Homemade Bread

Sweet Potato & Feta Croquette, Yoghurt & Herb Dip

Smoked Haddock & Salmon Fishcake, Crushed Minted Peas & Lemon Butter Sauce

Chicken & Black Pudding Terrine & Homemade Piccalilli

Asparagus, Boiled Egg & Jersey Royal Caesar Salad

Mains

Crispy Breaded Pork Collar, Leek Mash, Spring Greens, Cider & Apple Compote

Grilled Layered Aubergine, Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella, Parmesan & Basil, Salad & Garlic Bread

Roast Chicken Supreme, Fondant Potato, Tender Stem Broccoli, Peas & Gravy

Stoppard's 7oz Rump Steak, Skinny Fries, Slow Roast Tomato, Watercress & Pepper Sauce
(Steak £2.50 Supplement)

Shin Beef, Real Ale & Chestnut Mushroom Pie, Homemade Flaky Pasrty, Chunky Chips, Peas & Gravy

Waggons Steak or Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Slaw, Dill Pickles
Barbecue Sauce & Fries (Add Bacon & Cheese £1)

Pan Fried Saffron Infused Cod, Braised Chickpeas, Chorizo, Tomato & Red Pepper, Aioli Sauce
(£2.00 Fish Supplement)

Twice Baked Cheddar Cheese Soufflé, Creamy Spinach Sauce, Fries & Salad

Beer Battered Haddock & Hand Cut Chips, Chunky Tartar Sauce & Minted Mushy Peas

Side Orders

Mixed Seasonal Vegetables £3.50 · Beer Battered Onion Rings £3.50

Hand Cut Chunky Chips £3.50 · House Dressed Salad £3.50 · Fries £3.00

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Desserts

Salted Caramel Chocolate Brownie & Vanilla Ice Cream

Warm Profiteroles, Honeycomb Ice Cream & Dark Chocolate Sauce

Lemon Pannacotta, Fresh Raspberry & Raspberry Sorbet

Strawberry Pavlova, Chantilly Cream & Vanilla Ice Cream

A Selection of Thaymar's Luxury Ice Creams

Wedge of Cheddar or Stilton, Balsamic Onions & Homemade Bread

To Accompany

Château Loupiac Gaudiet 75ml £5.50

Taylors LBV Port - 50ml £3.95

To Finish

Americano £2.90

Espresso £2.50

Cappuccino £2.90

Double Espresso £3.00

Liqueur Coffee £6.00

Latte £2.90

Hot Chocolate £2.95

English Breakfast Tea, Earl Grey, Peppermint, Chamomile, Green Tea,
All £2.50 Each

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