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January 2020



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Church Cleaning Rota

The Church wardens would like to say thank you to all of the volunteers who dedicate some of their free time to clean the church, it is always commented on how well the church is looked after. If you can spare an hour every 2 or 3 months, please contact Mrs Herbert on 812335

Church Yard Clearing

The Church Wardens would also like to say thank you to all who have dedicated time to help keep the church yard tidy, watch this space for this year's dates.

Church Beneficiaries

Beaumont House and Framework have received an equal share of the money raised from the carol service and the crib service collection that totalled £666.60 each receiving a cheque for £333.30.

Halam WI

Happy New Year from Halam WI.

A quick reminder that there is no WI meeting in January. Our next meeting is Tuesday 4th February 7.30pm at the village hall. This meeting will be our AGM and voting on this years resolutions.

Sara Subramanian (halamvillagewi@gmail.com)

New Noticeboard

Ashleigh from Halam Salon has replaced the notice board that is attached to the side wall of the salon, she is going to be looking after it and will make sure that it is kept current and up to date. If anyone has anything that they would like to put in the notice board, please leave it at the salon and Ashleigh will look after it for you.

Halam Parish Council

Due to a clash of dates with the General Election the December meeting was cancelled, however there was a need to call an emergency meeting on the 16th Dec to discuss a planning application that needed discussing before the January meeting. This took place as a single item agenda and was supported unanimously. Full details to be included in next months official minutes. Next meeting is on Thurs 9th Jan at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Riddle of the Month.

How do you make the number 7 an even number without addition, subtraction, multiplication or division?

Last Month's Answer

A man rode out of town on Sunday, he stayed a whole night at a hotel and rode back to town the next day on Sunday. How is this possible? (The Man's Horse was called Sunday)

I had quite a few responses with the correct answer this time, well done to you all.

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St Michael The Archangel



January

Sun 5th 09.30 – Epiphany
Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey

Sun 12th 10.30 – Baptism of Christ/Plough Sunday
Parish Communion with Rev. Mary

Sun 19th 09.30 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
All Age Worship with Chris Clay

Sun 26th 10.30 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sung Eucharist with Rev. Mary

February

**Sun 2nd 09.30 – 4th Presentation of Christ in the
Temple (Candlemas)**
Morning Worship with Chris Clay

Guitar Lessons by Ty Garner

After a long career in the music industry, living, touring and performing all over Europe, Ty Garner has returned to the local area.

With a BA (Hons) in Jazz Studies from Leeds College of Music, he later completed his studies with a master's degree at the University of Nottingham.

Recently, Ty has decided to bring his talents to the local community to teach guitar and is now offering private tuition in Halam. The lessons are for children and adults. Suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced, they can be for fun or to achieve examination success.

For further details contact Tel: 07854519371

Email: info@tygarner.co.uk Website: www.tygarner.co.uk

Open 7am till 7pm



Leap Year Ball

This event is now just a few weeks away and although there is much buzz and interest surrounding this event the number who have actually put their names down is below the expected amount for this time, please get in touch with Chris Bevans on the details below asap if you are planning to come along, please don't wait until you have filled your table. Any discounts that will apply will be honoured. At this stage we just need to know that we have the numbers to make this work. Thank you.

HALAM EVENTS TEAM PRESENTS

Leap Year Ball

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2020

7 P.M. FOR 7.30 P.M.

THE SARACENS HEAD, SOUTHWELL

Includes three-course meal & welcome drink,
disco, auction of promises, charity raffle
& entertainment.

TICKETS £45 EACH

10% OFF FOR A TABLE OF 10

DRESS CODE- BLACK TIE

all proceeds to be donated to



**PROSTATE
CANCER UK**



To book tickets please contact Chris Bevans
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Leap Year Ball – Saracens Head – 29th February

We are over the moon that **60% of the tickets are already reserved** so if you have not yet declared your interest then please do so asap by contacting Chris Bevans using the details at the bottom of this page. If you have already reserved tickets, then the **payment deadline is Monday 10th February** as we need to confirm numbers with the venue. Please transfer your payment to A/C. 19539002 Sort Code. 01-01-78 and please use your surname as the reference.

Raffle/Auction Lot Donations

We have managed to source some lovely prizes for the raffle at the Leap Year Ball, but if you would like to support by donating a little something to the raffle or a lot for the Auction it will be very gratefully received. All profits from the night will be donated towards Prostate Cancer UK and Breast Cancer Now Charities.

Halam WI

This month's WI meeting is on Tuesday 4th February 7.30pm at the village hall. It's our AGM and we'll also be discussing this year's resolutions.

At March's meeting John Smith will be talking about the interesting subject of body language. Visitors are always welcome, we would love to see you.

Sara Subramanian (halamvillagewi@gmail.com)

Ganesh's Wine Tasting

On Saturday 28th March I will be hosting a wine tasting at Halam village hall to raise funds for The Flower Pod, Southwell. Tickets are £20 (minimum of £5 per ticket will go to the charity) and includes tasting wines and snacks. Please email me to book your ticket ganeshandsara@gmail.com

Tempting Fete 2020 - Save The Date

Work is about to commence on planning for this years Tempting Fete we have lots of new ideas to build onto the success of last years event. Please keep Saturday 4th July clear in your diary and we will confirm details along the way. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact Chris Bevans.

At The Waggon

14th Feb - Valentines Night - Don't forget to book your table for you and the one that you love.

4th March - Spring Gourmet Evening

10th March - Worlds Biggest Pub Quiz - in aid of Prostate Cancer UK

22nd March – Mothering Sunday

Every Wednesday – Steak Night

Woodfired Wednesdays

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with Rev. Mary Foden-Curry

Sun 16th 09.30 – All age service

Sun 23rd 10.30 – Sung Eucharist

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to include a Christening

March

Sun 1st 09.30 – Morning Worship

Open 7am till 7pm



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th December 2019 at 7.30pm

Apologies

Mr Bust, Mr Paris and Cllr Brock

Present

Mrs. Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian, Mrs Godfrey, clerk Mr Rickett, FO Mrs Rickett
Cllrs Laughton and Rainbow

As the chairman and vice chairman were unavailable Mrs Herbert was voted for unanimously to take the chair

Minutes of the previous meeting will be read at the next full meeting

Planning

Householder application for the replacement of existing roof with a new pitched roof and dormer windows to create a first floor, new front extensions, and associated works

Springfield Bungalow, The Turnpike - Supported unanimously - 5 for

Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

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Cllrs Rainbow and Brock 1 member of the public

Village Hall

The internet connection is in just needs connecting
Guttering has been looked at, needs monitoring

Roads and hedges

School Lane – potholes and surface need looking at - clerk to contact NCC
Flooding - the water pumping station is restarting, this may help
The fallen tree on windmill Lane has been cleared
Various hedges need looking at – clerk to ask Mr Keeling of NCC to come out
Interactive speed sign not working

Defibrillator

The one at the hairdressers has been connected
Mr Bevans to try and arrange another training session in March

Road signs

A design has been agreed and a price for 3 or 4 signs
Application to be filled in and sent to Cllr Laughton for his signature

VE Day 8th May 2020

Afternoon teas to be arranged and a competition for the children
Poppies are available for lampposts – number next meeting
A Silhouettes was suggested for the War Memorial

Open Meeting

Several road and pavement issues were raised including
The hairdresser's car has been keyed, and concerns of a caravan parked on the road with an electric cable running to the house
All items to be raised with Mr Keeling

Precept

Agreed to pay the cleaners and for the fire check
The precept has been set the same as last year, to allow a contingency reserve to built up and this will be reviewed next year

Planning

Installation of a UV kiosk within an existing operational borehole at the Pumping Station, Radley Road
Agreed unanimously 6 for

Planning decisions

No 3 Pumping Station
St Helens croft – both approved by NSDC

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PARISH PUMP

New Arrival

Edward Charles Bowling became Halams youngest resident on 14th Feb at 14.02
Welcome to our community Edward.



Jean Rogers

It is with great sadness that we must report the unexpected passing of Jean Rogers. Our thoughts and prayers are with David and his family at this sad time. No funeral arrangements had been confirmed at the time of printing.

Food Bank Donations

Unfortunately, there is increasing demand for food banks in the surrounding area to Halam. Halam Church will be collecting donations in the coming weeks, please look out for the notices and then please be as generous as you can.

Lead Theft

The Church have received communication that the theft of lead from properties is on the rise, therefore can they please ask you to stay vigilant to this possibility and report any suspicious behaviour and please act accordingly should the alarm sound. Don't just assume that it is pigeons that have triggered it.

Car Keying

There have now been several incidents of cars getting keyed in the village, mainly on school lane, but also on Radley road and some while parked on driveways. Please stay very vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the police on 101 who are taking this matter quite seriously.

General Gardener Needed.

Hedges bushes weeding tidying. Please contact Victoria Starkey on 07519265599.

Halam WI

The next meeting in on Tuesday 3rd March 7.30pm in the village hall. Our speaker will be John Smith. If you are interested in human behaviour, then you will enjoy John's talk on 'people watching and 'body language'. Visitors welcome.
Sara Subramanian (halamvillagewi@gmail.com)

Ganesh's Wine Tasting

Thank you to those of you who have already bought tickets. We have now sold all the tickets for event and are looking forward to a great evening for which we are raising funds for The Flower Pod in Southwell. We will hopefully be organising another wine tasting later in the year.
Ganesh

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(Mothering Sunday) with Rev. Mary Foden-Curry (Posies and Simnel cake for all attendees)
Sunday 29th 09.30 – Joint Benefice Communion with Rev. Mary Foden-Curry

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What must be broken before you can use it? (An Egg)

Lots of right answers came in this month, well done everyone



Halam Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 13th February 2020 in the village hall

Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend the parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is also always an opportunity to raise issues

Present

Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds

Apologies

Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mr Ganesh Subramanian

Matters arising from previous meeting

1. Notice Board – to be re-erected as soon as possible
2. Flood Training – a meeting has been arranged in Nottingham, but Halam was promised a meeting in the village if enough volunteers came forward – which they have now. The Chairman will contact the Training Officer again to arrange the local meeting.

Village Hall

Payment has been received for the General Election in December. Another one of the infrared heaters has failed. A quote will be obtained for two new replacement heaters. One of the storage heaters also needs attention – replacement switch? – Clerk to organise. The water heater in the kitchen has stopped working – Clerk to investigate. Internet is still awaiting final connection.

Village Events & Fund Raising

Ganesh Subramanian is hosting a wine tasting on Saturday 28th March in Halam village hall to raise funds for The Flower Pod, Southwell.

VE Day Anniversary (8th May 2020) – it was agreed that a village celebration tea will be held in the village hall with a 1940s theme and village archives being shown. The W.I. have volunteered to help with teas etc.

It is planned to have a further quiz night sometime in March or April.

Roads and Hedges

Hedges have been cut on Gray Lane and clippings left in the ditches. Some work has been done on School Lane but it is in a poor state, especially the road edges and verges.

Holme Lane is also in very poor condition.

Further representation will be made to County Council – Cllr Bruce Laughton – at further meeting(s).

County Council Officer responsible for roadside hedges is satisfied that the hedge at the bottom of Halam Hill at the School Lane junction has been cut back satisfactorily. Unless the householder can be persuaded to cut this back even further or to remove the hedge completely, nothing further can be done.

The beech hedge outside Halam Lodge will be cut back shortly.

The pumping of excess surface water will continue at the Mansfield Road pumping station for the foreseeable future. The situation may be improved once work has been finished at the pumping station on Radley Road.

Footpaths – a fallen tree is obstructing Windmill Lane (behind Applegarth)

Some of the village footpaths are in a poor state, especially gates and stiles, County Footpath Officer has walked the village footpaths and is aware. Letters have been sent out to landowners whose land such

with the parish council at the meeting during the “Open” part of the meeting.

footpaths cross. She made a suggestion to remove the stile on School Lane, but it was thought that this could encourage use by bikes, horses and even motorbikes so was not taken any further.

Defibrillators

New pads have been purchased. The electrical connection at the Halam Salon has now been completed.

Best Kept Village

Thank you to Carolyn Todd for attending to the bus shelter notice board during the recent storms.

The bus shelter needs some attention including gutter and roof work. An estimate of cost will be obtained. The possibility of some grant funding will be investigated.

A quote for upgrading the two notice boards (W.I. and parish council) is to be obtained.

Village Signs

Application has been submitted.

Open Meeting

1. A number of cars have been “keyed” – scratched – on School Lane and Radley Road. **Please report all such damage to the police on 101** – this is becoming a serious problem and reporting them will help build up a picture of this criminal damage.

District Councillor Penny Rainbow reported the following:-

2. The large caravan on Radley Road – the local police officer is aware
3. Garden Waste bins – a new company is now operating this scheme
4. Council graffiti policy – the council will react and clean up any reported graffiti
5. Christmas tree collection service – the collection scheme for “used” Christmas trees was very successful
6. Holme Lane – accumulation of material and use of the field (in Edingley) is being monitored

County Cllr Bruce Laughton sent a message encouraging all residents to look at and download the County Council's new app – MyNotts.

Correspondence

N & S Parish Councils – Armed Forces Covenant: Andrew Paris to investigate further

Finance

Unanimously agreed to pay the village hall cleaners and to allocate £60 for the purchase of Remembrance poppies for the village lamp posts.

Planning

1. Kirby's Orchard, The Turnpike: householder application for new timber-framed garage – unanimously agreed to support

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Except in extraordinary circumstances, parish council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

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From the Editor

I feel the need to say a few words regarding the unprecedented global situation that we now find ourselves in. Over the past couple of weeks, all of our lives have changed dramatically, as we now face the greatest ever restrictions to our freedom in peacetime.

As worrying as these times are, I am always one to look on the bright side and I am humbled by the community spirit that is circulating around our little village. I'm sure that as the coming weeks roll by that there will be highs and lows. Moments of calm and moments of need. Please rest assured that in those moments of need, there will be someone on hand to help you out. If you need anything at all, from shopping or just someone to talk to, please call me on the number below and if I cannot help myself, I will make sure that someone can. Please stay safe and look out for your neighbours.

I have tried to summarise an update on how life has changed in the village below.

Waste Collection – Green bins will still be collected as per schedule (fortnightly) however the grey bins will not be collected until further notice, please put your recycling in with your general waste for now.

The Waggon – Closed but hoping to announce a takeaway service very soon.

Halam Church – Please see message below.

Halam Salon – Closed until further notice.

The Village Hall – Closed until further notice.

Parish Council – will only meet for urgent matters and this will be via email, phone or other electronic means.

Halam WI – No Meetings until further notice.

Ganesh's Wine Tasting – Cancelled.

Best Kept Village competition – Cancelled for this year.

Tempting Fete – Planning on hold for now, but stays under constant review.

Woodfired Wednesdays – Cancelled until further notice.

The Milk Shed – Open for business but with minor restrictions.

Hoggard's Fresh Veg – Open for business but please respect social distancing.

10th April 1943



Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial

Due to the current Coronavirus situation there will not be a remembrance service at the Bomber Memorial this year.

Individuals are most welcome to visit the memorial privately and to lay wreaths

"... we will remember them"

St Michael The Archangel

Because of the Coronavirus all public services are suspended until further notice and the Church is closed.

We will continue to worship and pray in our own homes. Rev. Mary will be praying and lighting candles for all in the village and Church congregation.

There are a number of online resources available. Southwell Minster has a web site which includes prayers for saying in our homes. Holy Trinity, Southwell also have material on their website, and it is understood that there will be some religious broadcasting on local radio.

All weddings and baptisms have been cancelled but we can still hold funerals, though under very strict criteria. If you have an enquiry about a funeral, please contact Anne Godfrey on 01636 814391.

It is good to hear all our Community is doing to support each other in this difficult time. Thank you very much to everyone for all you are doing. We pray that all who are isolated and vulnerable may feel supported. We pray for all those whose livelihoods are affected by the action. We pray too that all in the community who are helping their neighbours may each receive the support they in turn may need.

We pray:

May the Lord bless us and keep us, make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us and give us peace.

Rev. Mary Foden Currie

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Rat infestation in our garden at Halam Grange, The Turnpike, Halam

I am sorry to inform you that we have a rats' nest in our garden at Halam Grange – in our compost heap. Consequently, we have had to take action and call on the professional services of Rentokil.

They have put down two types of rat poison – one contains Bromadiolone, the other contains 1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one – in four bait-boxes around our garden. I can assure you that the openings of the bait boxes are too small for any cat, rabbit or puppy to enter – so there is no chance of your pet eating the rat poison directly from the bait-boxes in our garden.

However, once the rats eat enough of the poison to feel unwell, (so Rentokil tells me), the rats often wander off elsewhere to die. This is where your pet – cat or dog – may come across the dead rat while out roaming or out on a walk and might try to eat it. As the rat is poisoned, your pet may suffer some adverse effects.

So, in the next few weeks, please keep a watchful eye on the behaviour of your pet, especially if they are free to roam around Halam, as who know where our poisoned rats will be dying.

If your pet is at all poorly – and in particular drowsy, vomiting or bleeding through their nose – please take them to the vet straight away. If you mention the names of the two rat poisons - Bromadiolone and 1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one - the vet will know what medicine to administer to restore your pet back to full health.

I want to keep your pets safe, particularly at this challenging time! Best wishes, Purba (Choudhury)

From your Avon Lady,

Due to the current situation and increasing work commitments, I have decided to scale back my operations with regards to my Avon business. From now on I will no longer be delivering brochures around the village. However, I have an online store should you still wish to make a purchase. Please visit www.avon.uk.com/store/halamvillage which will offer you safe delivery direct to your home. If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to call me on 07717408008. Thank you, Katie Bevans.



Quiz Night

Thank you to all who attended the charity quiz night on 10th March in the Waggon. £100 was raised for Prostate Cancer UK and a good night was had by all. I'm sure that another will be planned once current restrictions are lifted.

Leap Year Ball

Thank you to everyone who supported what turned out to be an amazing evening. The feedback that was received was really positive and we managed to raise £800 on the night and then I received a donation of £200 after the event. The money raised was split between Breast Cancer Now and Prostate Cancer UK. We do intend on making this an annual event for the village. Watch this space for details. Special thanks also to Gemma Bust and Claire Wright, without their hard work this would never have happened.

Gardener for Hire

I am a recent new resident to Halam, I am setting up my own business as a local gardener. I can assist with lawn mowing, hedge cutting, weeding or general garden tidying. No job is too small.

If you or any of your families require services locally please give me a call on 01636 919001 or 07983500675 or you can email me on Brendonjames1@tiscali.co.uk.

Thank you, Brendon Hunt

Bottle Banks

For some reason the white bottle bank was not emptied last time please remember that you can mix the glass colour in the different bins so please do not leave bottles next to the bank if they will fit in one of the others. If you notice that they are getting full and are in need of emptying can you please contact the editor and I will sort.

Bramley Newspaper

I have been approached by the Bramley Newspaper and they have asked me to let you know that during the current restrictions, they are not going to be delivering to every household as they would normally. Instead they will be leaving copies of their April release in three different places in the village, The Bus Shelter, The Church Porch and also in the Milk Shed. Please feel free to help yourself to a free copy.

Riddle of the Month

What would you be doing to discover that today comes before Yesterday?

Last Month's Answer

How can you take 2 from 5 and leave 4? (If you take 2 Letters away F&E you are left with IV)

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm

Present

Chairman Mr Bust, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian, Mrs Godfrey, Clerk Mr Rickett, FO Mrs Rickett
Cllrs Laughton, Rainbow and Brock 3 members of public

Minutes of the previous meeting signed as a true and correct record

Village Hall

Waiting prices for a: hot water unit in kitchen and b: storage heater. Clerk given permission to spend up to £150 on new water unit
Clerk to get samples of overhead heaters
Look into possible grant for heating
Clerk to look into STWA scheme for compensation for sewerage problem
Clerk to find out about the Lambs Trust at Edingley
No charge will be made for cancellations for hall hiring

Roads and hedges

Beech hedge, some councillors think it needs cutting back further, clerk to contact owner 5 for 1 against
Streetlight on the crossroads, trees needs cutting back to let out more light, clerk to contact owners on both sides 5 for 1 against

Cllr Laughton and Mr Keeling of Highways are chasing STWA over the flooding, the PC criticised STWA for not doing enough

The Chairman opened the meeting to allow members of the public to speak

Members of the public complained about the flooding and why NCC are not sorting their system out, there are problems with the sewer in the road and manholes are lifting. Damage is being caused to 2 properties by constantly being sprayed as vehicles go through the floods, there seems to be no communication between STWA sewerage and water supply, Clerk to contact NCC highways

Open Meeting

A member of the public criticised the pothole patching on School Lane

The pavements have been inspected by NCC and they see no problems with them

Cllr Rainbow informed the PC that the enforcement officer is aware of the work on Holme Lane and the local PCSO is aware of the car keying problem

Finance

Agreed to pay the following unanimously

Clerks wages, Village Hall supplies, cleaners, website, NALC subs and the poppies for lamp posts

Planning

Householder application, erection of 2 storey extension, single storey projection at back. New main entrance porch. Relocate drive, and extend single garage to double
Pepperbox Cottage School Lane, Support unanimously 6 for

Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th April at 7pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by ordinary meeting

We have since received notification that Parish Councils will only meet for urgent matters and this will be via email, phone or other electronic means

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Following my message in last month's edition, I was so pleased that some of you felt able to take me up on the offer of help, I was only too pleased to be of service. I just wanted to remind you in this month's edition that the offer still stands. As I am still working and travelling to Newark and back every day. If you need anything collecting it really isn't a lot of trouble.

Dora Rylett

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Dora Rylett. Dora passed away following a very short stay at Highfields Care Home in Edingley, following an admission into Kings Mill Hospital. She was certainly one of Halam's most loved residents and she will be sorely missed.

Halam Parish Council

During the coronavirus crisis and times of social distancing, the parish council was unable to hold its usual monthly meeting in April. However, we are still looking after our statutory duties and responsibilities, and it is hoped that we will be able to meet in May in some form, possibly using social media technology.

Any urgent issues can still be dealt with by phone or email, and if you need to get in touch with the parish council with any queries or comments then please contact the Clerk, Pat Rickett - rickett@live.co.uk or 813181.

There is also a lot of useful information on the District Council website including a list of the sources of assistance available for vulnerable or isolated residents who need help: www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/covidhelp or If you are unable to access the internet please call 0300 500 8080.

It has been very encouraging to see how Halam has responded positively during these challenging times with friends and neighbours looking out for one another, and the response to the Thursday evening "Clap for the NHS" has been most heart-warming. We will get through this together; in the meantime, stay safe, stay well.

Clapping for the NHS and Key Workers

It has been quite something to see and hear so many of you showing your appreciation to those on the front line. Please keep this going throughout the lockdown period every Thursday at 8pm

Halam Scarecrows

As I'm sure you will be aware, there were great plans to have a village celebration next Friday for the 75th anniversary of VE day. These plans have now unfortunately had to be put on hold; however, part of the plans was to encourage households to create a scarecrow. We thought that this part of the celebrations could still go ahead whilst sticking to government guidelines and to spread some cheer for those walking around our village. So please join in and create a scarecrow and place him/her at the end of your driveway for all to see by Friday 8th May in tribute to the NHS and all the key workers.

The New Headteacher at Halam School

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Erica McGinley and I am the new Head Teacher at Halam C of E Primary School. I started my role in April and was able to spend some time getting to know the staff and some children before schools were closed. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children, their families and local community when schools reopen. Although school is closed, we are all working from home to ensure that children are safe and well, as well as providing home learning. We are also providing care for the children of key workers at The Minster School. Please do not be alarmed if you see some work going on at school, we are still carrying out essential maintenance and the regular health and safety checks and routines in school.

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you in the future, if you have any questions, concerns or thoughts that you would like to share please feel free to contact me at Office@Halam.notts.sch.uk

Erica McGinley

Waste Collection

Following the completion of April's edition of Halam News the council reversed its decision to reduce its waste collection service, so please continue to leave your silver bins out as per schedule.

Open 7am till 7pm



The Burning of Garden Waste

To protect the vulnerable and those with respiratory symptoms, please don't burn your garden waste or other materials in your garden. Covid 19 can cause significant respiratory problems and those managing their symptoms at home may need to have their windows open to help improve their breathing. Smoke coming from a fire could cause their breathing difficulties to become even worse.

By choosing not to burn waste, not only will you help the health and well-being of those at home who may be ill, but it will also significantly reduce the chances of a fire getting out of control and spreading to neighbouring properties, which creates extra pressure on the already busy emergency services.

The Housing Development on Radley Road

I was quite surprised to see action on the site on Radley Road. Okay, the 'For Sale' notice had disappeared, but after fourteen plus years of clinging hopefully to the wall I assumed it had given up and quietly taken itself off with the wind or some such! How wrong I was. At long last, the site had been bought and four new houses were to be erected in the heart of the village. The half-eaten bungalow was demolished, the ground levelled. and we were off! A bit of excitement was quite welcome in our locked down, going nowhere world!

It occurred to me that for many villagers who had come to live in the village over the past few years, there would be no knowledge of all the time that had elapsed since planning permission was sought. None would know of the row of poplar trees that once stood proudly parallel to the wall (itself probably at least two hundred years old), nor would they be aware of the initial proposals for the development – eight, then five and finally four houses, and the conversion of the adjacent barn into three properties. I remember the prospect of the latter causing some excitement particularly among villagers who were ready to 'downsize' and those who had youngsters who really wanted to stay in Halam but couldn't afford to do so.

Then, as the years slipped by, all that initial excitement and questioning faded away. Villagers came and went, so did potential enquiries, I assume, and gradually we all became used to the open space in the middle of the village, though some questions were sometimes asked about the ruined bungalow...

Now, all has changed. Finally, the diggers have moved in, and so have the builders. Halam is on the move – new houses, a barn converted and an exciting prospect for some lucky people – a beautiful village with a school, a pub/ restaurant, a fine Norman church and lovely countryside, and a community of helpful, kindly people. It's been a long time coming... (Di Parrish)

Let's Create a Map of Halam's Homes!

In these lock-down times, it seems more essential than ever that a vital delivery of medicines or food finds its correct destination – or worst-case scenario, that a 999 ambulance finds the right house.

Can you help create a map of Halam's homes, using the "**what3words**" app? My suggestion is that you download the app from <https://what3words.com/about-us/> onto your smartphone (if you have one). Then, when you are on your daily walk around Halam, please take your phone out with you and record the three-word-location at the gatepost or letter box of a property and the name of the home. There is no need to touch anything (other than your phone!) or to open a gate or to trespass into someone's garden! There is also no need to know the name of the people who live there, or the postcode of the property, or any other information apart from the name of the house and its three-word-location.

If you can email me with the **house names** that you have collected on your walk, along with their **three-word-locations**, I will compile a map of Halam's homes for us all to share. I will place laminated copies of the map with the two defibrillators (inside the red telephone box and next to the Halam Salon), and any other community locations that you suggest. My email address is: purba@choudhury.u-net.com

To give you an example: I live at **Halam Grange**, and its three-word-location on what3words is: **zoos.meals.obviously** Can you find me? Go on, have a try!

Looking forward to receiving your emails, best wishes Purba (Choudhury)

Increase in Dog Mess

Firstly, a big thank you to all the caring, responsible dog owners who pick up their dogs' mess and in so doing help to keep our lovely village and surrounding lanes and footpaths a safe and pleasant environment in which to live. However, unfortunately there are still a small minority of irresponsible dog owners who for some unknown reason think that it is acceptable to leave their dogs mess for someone else to clear up. Clearing up your dogs' mess is not optional; it is mandatory and an integral part of being a responsible and caring dog owner. Not clearing up your dogs' mess is an illegal, selfish and uncaring act which is unpleasant for all the community and particularly dangerous to children and reflects badly on the village as a whole. We are all very fortunate to live in Halam village and its beautiful surrounding countryside. So to the minority who think that clearing up their dogs mess for some reason does not apply to them – PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING, OBEY THE LAW AND PICK UP YOUR DOGS MESS – not to do so would show a total disrespect for the village and your fellow village residents.

Phil & Ruth Goode (Gray Lane)

Riddle of the Month

What is lighter than air but cannot be lifted by the world's strongest person?

Last Month's Answer

What would you be doing to discover that today comes before Yesterday? (Looking in your dictionary)

St Michael The Archangel

From the Church and the PCC

In April we would normally have had our Annual General Meeting and in May we would have had a service where we thank everyone for all they do for the Church. We are not able to do these at the moment. We would like, through Halam News, to say a very big thank you to everyone who contributes to the life of the Church and the maintenance of the building. We are very blessed that so many people help in so many different ways, from cleaning, maintaining the churchyard, doing maintenance jobs in the Church, giving money, serving on the PCC, attending services and contributing to the worship of the Church.

We are very conscious that the present time is very difficult for many. With Rev. Mary we pray for all in the village and prayers are being posted at the Church. If anyone feels lonely and would just like someone to chat to (sorry we are not able to offer counselling, more to chat as a friend) then please ring any one of us listed, (the list is in alphabetical order): Briony Dickinson 01636 812569, Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838, Anne Godfrey 07717140705, Di Parrish 07831750430

From Rev. Mary Foden Currie

Although I cannot be with you physically walking around the village you are never far from my thoughts and prayers. Each Sunday at 9 30 a. m. I celebrate Holy Communion in my chapel at home and pray for you all. At 5 30 p m each evening the clergy along with Bishop Paul and Sarah light a candle and pray. Do send me any prayer requests or reflections or light a candle and pray with us. My e-mail is: revmaryfodencurrie@gmail.com or ring 01623 479838. I have an answer phone if I am in the garden or walking.

These are strange dark times, but I thank God for the touches of hope and community spirit. As old Tom said: The sun will shine again. So, keep safe. Keep Faith for we will meet again. Every blessing. My love to you all. Rev. Mary

A Prayer for The Village.

Lord. We thank you for the community of this village and for all the many acts of kindness there have been and words of comfort and support which have been offered. We pray that at this difficult time all who live and work here may be kept safe. We pray that our families and friends whom we cannot see are kept safe. We pray for any known to us who have the coronavirus and any known to us who are in difficulties because of the lock down. We pray particularly for all those who find the current situation deeply distressing that they may find strength and peace.

May this village truly reflect your love in the lives of all who live and work here. **Amen**

There is also a prayer in the frame hanging below the large church notice board just inside the church gate to the right. A different prayer will be posted regularly and replaces the usual notice of church services for the time being. Hopefully you will pause to read it as you walk by.

Food bank collections.

There is a box in the porch of the church for you to drop of any donations that you can spare for those less fortunate. Please donate what you can. Thank you.

Christian Aid Week 10-16th May 2020

If every family gave £2.....

Every May in Christian Aid Week, over 100 volunteers from Southwell and the villages of Edingley, Fiskerton, Halam, Morton, Normanton and Upton collect door to door to support Christian Aid's work in 37 countries across the world. Last year with your support Southwell Christian Aid Committee raised over £8120 to support Christian Aid.

This Christian Aid Week due to the Coronavirus Pandemic there will be no door to door collection. This is going to have an enormous impact on fundraising for this year. Consequently, we have set up a Just Giving page for our Supporters to donate. **Look for Southwell Christian Aid Committee amongst the Teams** at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CAWeek2020>

Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's single-most important fundraiser, and the volunteers wish to thank everyone locally for their previous and continuing generosity, which helps families, like those living in the refugee camps of Cox's Bazar. If every family in Edingley, Fiskerton, Halam, Morton, Normanton, Southwell and Upton donated £2, we could offer our usual support to the world's most vulnerable peoples who have no access to our standard of healthcare.

Please donate £2 or more today via **Southwell Christian Aid Committee amongst the Teams** at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CAWeek2020>

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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. Please do let me know of any big birthdays, weddings or reasons to celebrate the achievements of residents. Interesting contributions are always welcome. Please note your article will not be edited & it will be printed as you send it.

Thank you

I would like to extend my thanks to my Halam friends for your support after the recent loss of my mother. Although, because of the lockdown, I was unable to travel to Texas to be with my family at the funeral, your many kind and caring expressions of friendship made me feel as though I were surrounded by family. (Julie Paris)

Halam Scarecrows

Well done and thank you to everyone who created and displayed a scarecrow in dedication to our key workers, they looked fab, although this was not a competition there was one scarecrow that received a lot of attention and I think you will agree was a clear favourite, well done Jackie Thornewill for her "Rob the Postman" design.

Clapping for the NHS and Key Workers

It has been quite something to see and hear so many of you showing your appreciation to those on the front line. There has been a call to bring this to an end now from the lady who started it. Please feel free to keep this going if it's what you would like to do.

Tempting Fete Update.

It is with regret that the Committee have taken the unfortunate but inevitable decision to cancel this year's event due to the current restrictions, we were hopeful that it may just be postponed and not cancelled, but we now feel that time is against us for this year. Please pencil Saturday 3rd July 2021 in your diaries for next year's event.

Food bank collections.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the food bank so far. There is a box in the porch of the church for you to drop of any donations that you can spare for those less fortunate. Please donate what you can. Thank you.

For Sale

4 garden chairs and matching parasol. Grossfilex - white plastic chairs with green / white striped cushions. £25 to go towards Church funds. Tel: Howard Godfrey 01636 814391

Riddle of the Month

They have not flesh, nor feathers, nor scales, nor bone. Yet they have fingers and thumbs of their own. What are they?

Last Month's Answer

What is lighter than air but cannot be lifted by the world's strongest person? (A Bubble)

St Michael The Archangel

Services, streamed, on the BBC and by telephone

The Diocese, the Minster and a number of Churches in the Diocese are streaming services and reflections. These can be found via the following websites: www.southwell.anglican.org www.southwellminster.org The Church of England has services on its web site: www.churchofengland.org and also, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers for those who cannot access the web. 0800 804 8044.

The BBC has regular services:

Sunday BBC1 Sunday Worship and Songs of Praise

Sunday Radio 4 8.10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Monday to Friday Radio 4 Long Wave 9.45 a.m. Daily Service



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A message from Rev. Mary

Dear friends May is the season of Rogationtide which comes from the Latin verb rogare meaning to ask. Traditionally the church in procession walked round the parish and we asked God to bless the crops. This year we could not do that and so Chris and I at a distance blessed the fields and allotments for our two parishes and thanked God for our farming community.

Rogation leads us to Ascension Day when we recall Jesus blessing the disciples and returning to heaven and leaving his friends with a mission to spread the good news as empowered by His Holy Spirit, we pray thy kingdom come.

As we continue through these challenging times thank you for the touches of love which you show by fetching shopping, prescriptions, giving for our food bank phoning and e-mailing and Anne's ministry to the bereaved.

Hopefully soon our churches may be open for private prayer as we follow the distancing measures.

So, continue to keep safe keep Faith keep lighting a candle.

Every blessing Rev Mary. 01623479838

God's power working in us does more than we can imagine as we minister to each other.

Message from Anne. For those who have had a bereavement.

During the last few weeks I have spoken with and heard of many people who have suffered bereavements. Bereavements are emotionally traumatic at any time. Losing someone we care for is devastating. But the current circumstances add to that trauma, including the restrictions on how we can hold funerals. We are still holding funerals and although few people are present, they can be as meaningful and comforting for the immediate family as those with large numbers. Nevertheless, the limitations imposed, the lack of opportunity for physical contact with family and friends afterwards and the inability to meet up after the service all adds to the trauma.

When we are able, we will be looking to find various ways in which we can remember those who have died during this period. We will hold memorial services for those who would like us to hold one and a service later in the year for those who have been bereaved. When the churches are open again please do contact me if you would like someone to be remembered with a memorial service.

On behalf of all at St Michael's I send all who have been bereaved our very sincere sympathies. Please do telephone me if you feel you would like someone to talk to. 01636 814391

A Prayer

Lord, when the darkness is everywhere and almost beyond bearing, come to us in your mercy and give us light and hope. **Amen**

Halam Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 27th May 2020 **held via Zoom due to Social-Distancing restrictions**

Present

Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mr Ganesh Subramanian

Allotment Rental Agreement

A rental agreement for the village allotments (circulated previously) was discussed. Andrew Paris requested that the agreement should include clearing the allotment(s) of all items and rubbish and returning the allotment to its original state when a tenant vacates the allotment. With the addition of this clause the Agreement was approved.

Finance

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

- 1) Village hall cleaners (February bill)
- 2) Dog bin charges for six months emptying
- 3) Parish council insurance annual premium

Planning

1. Halam House Farm, Radley Road: application for the change of use of an agricultural building to form an extension to existing dwelling

– agreed to support: 6 for with 1 abstention

2. The Manor House, Radley Road: householder application for a single-storey lean-to extension – unanimously agreed to support

3. Lime Tree House – Land Adjacent, Halam Hill: application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 18/00501/FUL to increase the length of the building by approximately 700mm and minor variations to certain window details as identified on revised drawing 2017/08/03/Rev A – application NOT supported: 3 councillors in support with 4 against. Comment made that there were concerns about the impact the proposal could have on the privacy of neighbouring properties.

Other Matters

- 1) County Councillor Bruce Laughton reported that a schedule of works on the drains in Halam has been agreed and work is planned soon.
- 2) Cllr Bruce stated that it was planned to open county libraries as soon as possible once the Coronavirus regulations allow.
- 3) District Councillor Penny Rainbow reported that our local PCSO Keith Crowhurst is being relocated. Once his successor has been appointed, they will be asked to attend a parish council meeting to introduce themselves and for any questions parishioners may wish to ask.

Date of next meeting

Under these exceptional circumstances no future meeting is yet scheduled. The parish will be informed once any future meeting is decided upon.

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