

# Halam News

July 2007

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## Parish Pump

**Welcome back Dennis Fox!** Dennis has returned home after a long spell in hospital - we all wish him a speedy recovery!

**Welcome to David & Jenny Spencer** who have moved into Hollycott, Radley Road. We wish them every happiness in their new home!

## LAXTON CHARITY SHOW GYMKHANA & DOG SHOW SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Trade Stands; Carriage Driving; Birds of Prey; Terrier Racing; Tug o' War Competition; Bar & Refreshments

**A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

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## St Michael the Archangel: July Services

1 July 4 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	8am Holy Communion: Rev. R Perry 9.30am: Family Communion: Rev. R Perry
8 July 5 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Canon Toy
15 July 6 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30am: Family Communion: Canon P Hill
22 July 7 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry
29 July 8 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30am Joint service at St Giles' Edingley: Rev R Perry 6pm Cluster Evensong at St Michael's Halam: Rev M Tanner

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).



## Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will be a barbecue on Tuesday 3 July at Ashdene, Radley Road at 7.30pm. We hope all will be well in spite of flooding! For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

## RESTORING THE CHURCH ORGAN IN ST MICHAEL'S

Our project is gathering momentum and people are coming forward with pledges and ideas! Thank you all for your interest and support! Organ pipes may be sponsored, but there will be opportunities for those wishing to make smaller donations. Next month a meeting is scheduled with Paul Hale, the Minster Cathedral organist who is in charge of such matters in the diocese, who will advise us and help us to obtain several quotations. When we have these we will apply for a Heritage Lottery grant and begin fund-raising in earnest. If you have ideas please: **Contact: Karin Davis (815854)**



## Halam School News

During the course of last week we had a Healthy Living writing topic - good tasting etc - and ended it with a skipping workshop and performance. We also had some people in called Pete and Sue. Sue specialised in Long Sword and Pete taught us some playground games and songs. We also did some Folk Festival associated things. Halam School took part in the Southwell Festival float parade and managed to make the front page of the Newark Advertiser! The float was decorated in a Ghana theme because of Mrs Brown's links with Asaago District Primary School. Proceeds from The Annual Duck Race on Sunday 22 July organised by Southwell and District Lions Club will go to Asaago District Primary School this year. Upper Primary had a trip to Clumber Park where they studied sustainability and orienteering and Lower Primary went to Papplewick Pumping station and very much enjoyed their day.

Year 4 and 5 took part in world Music Day in the Minster and had a very enjoyable evening.

We had a Children's Ball held in School and organised by the PTA and everyone dressed up smartly.

Mrs Webster is retiring after 18 years in the school! We are all going to miss her.

**Emma Anderson & Evie Hoggard**

## Halam School Events

- **5 July: Key Stage 1 Concert** at 2pm in the School Hall.
- **12 July: Key Stage 2 Concerts** at 2pm and 6.30pm in the School Hall.
- **18 July: Sports Day and Summer Fair.** Everyone welcome!
- **20 July: Leavers' Service** in Halam Church at 9.15am.
- **Anyone wishing to contribute to Mrs Webster's Leaving gift** may send cash in a sealed envelope to the school office by Friday 6 July.



### What's On Locally

- **Great Annual Duck Race:** Charity event organised by Southwell & District Lions Club; starts at 11am on Sunday 22 July, upstream from the Mill on Station Road Southwell; Ducks cost 50p each.
- **Music in the Great Hall: Matthew Halls:** Harpsichord plays Bach: Goldberg Variations on Sunday 8 July at 8.00pm.

**CHRISTIAN AID** - Thank you to all involved in collecting and giving to this very worthy appeal - a total of £372.16 was raised by Halam Village. - **Bev Perks (Co-ordinator)**

**HALAM OPEN GARDENS** - Just over £800 was raised for St Michael's church organ fund, and the rain held off! - Thank you all those who opened their gardens and helped out on the day! - **David Herbert**

**CHURCH STUDY GROUP:** The next meeting of the Church Study Group will be on Tuesday 17th July at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome. - **Tony Andrews**

### A Summer offering from David Herbert.....

I hear leaves drinking rain;  
I hear rich leaves on top  
Giving the poor beneath  
Drop after drop;  
'Tis a sweet noise to hear  
These green leaves drinking near.

And when the Sun comes out,  
After this rain shall stop,  
A wondrous light will fill  
Each dark, round drop;  
I hope the Sun shines bright;  
'Twill be a lovely sight.

**W H Davies**

### Parish Council Meeting: 14 June 2007

**Present:** S. Bust; A. Fraser; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; D. Parrish; M. Thompson.

**Village Hall:** The planning application has been passed by District Council. AF to gather required information for grant applications.; AF to contact WREN; MT to start initial work on village fund raising ideas.

**Parish Plan:** ARP circulated a draft version which was generally approved with some amendments. The budget for this leaflet is approx. £160 - there will be sponsorship opportunities (either corporate or individual). Anyone interested in sponsoring this leaflet should contact the Parish Council.

**Design Statement:** Draft letter and questionnaire circulated and generally approved. It will be circulated with the next Halam News and then collected by PWG and Parish Council representatives. The PWG was thanked for their input and work so far.

**Speed Watch:** It was agreed to write to County Council to request that the 30mph limit be extended towards the Edingley end of the village. There have been administration delays with the speed watch scheme, including the assessment for the second location (near the ford), as Melissa Pickance is currently on maternity leave. Our Beat Officer is currently being trained to use a speed gun so that he can act as an official back up to the volunteer team. MT will bring the children's feedback from the school travel plan to the next meeting. Temporary "duck signs" have been put up - situation to be monitored.

**Gray Lane:** Gray Lane is to be resurfaced in June. The slipped bank has been inspected and not deemed to be a problem for the bridge or the roadway.

**Hedges & Branches:** Could all residents please check that their hedges and trees are not obstructing pavements or public footpaths.

**Fund Raising from Recycling:** MT circulated information regarding recycling empty printer cartridges and old mobile phones, to raise money for the village; MT to research further as money raised could be put towards the village hall extension/refurbishment. A Halam Buy@ page to raise money through internet shopping will also be investigated.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: 1. Funding for the work on the village hall. 2. PWG information sheets - some residents complained that they hadn't received copies. 3. Over-hanging trees obstructing interactive 30mph sign on Halam Hill. 4. School children being let out from parents' cars on the road side rather than the pavement side of the vehicle. 5. Neighbourhood Watch - recent problems caused by system problems and staff shortages at Worksop HQ should be alleviated over the coming weeks as a new computer is being installed and a new staff member has been recruited. 6. Role of the Parish Council in forming policies for the village. 7. Safe crossing point outside the school/pedestrian refuge.

**Correspondence:** 1. Maurice Hine - raising issues of "brown-field" site definition and the Government directive of a minimum housing density requirement of 30 dwellings per hectare. 2. New Councillor Training - Monday 2nd July at Southwell - ARP & MT to attend if possible. 3. Code of Conduct Training - Wednesday 27th June at Kelham Hall - ARP to attend.

**Planning Decision:** District Council have approved our application to extend the village hall

**Finance:** Agreed to pay; dog bin emptying and Parish Council insurance.

**Date of Next Meeting:** - Thursday July 12th at 7.30pm.

**Dog Owners Please Note:-** It has been reported that some people are scooping up and bagging their dogs' messes, but they are then dumping the bags on verges or in hedge bottoms - some have even been found hanging on the branches of trees! Please dispose of your bagged dog mess responsibly and considerately - we are paying for a dog bin - please use it!



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## Parish Pump

**Congratulations to Rhys Fowler** who has graduated this summer in Media and Communications with a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours degree from Aberystwyth University! Well done!



## SCENES OF FLOODING AT THE BRIDGE IN HALAM!

Above in about 1975? Photo courtesy of Dora Rylatt



And again in June 2007: Photograph courtesy of Sarah Fowler



## HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be a summer walk over John & Margaret Hill's land, weather permitting, on Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm beginning outside their farm shop. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 812335.

## CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 September at Bankwood Farm off the Oxton Road (past Hollybeck Nurseries) starting at 7.30pm. All welcome! -Tony Andrews

## HALAM ORGAN FUND LAUNCH

### INDIAN SUMMER EVENING

1 September 2007: 7.00pm

In the garden of Ashdene

Tickets: £10 (includes supper & glass of wine)

From: Karin Davis Tel: 815854

Alec Wells: Tel: 81

David Herbert: Tel: 812335

## HALAM ORGAN FUND APPEAL LAUNCH

After 123 years it's time to play a different tune in St Michael's Church Halam! The P.C.C. and Halam Arts are launching, as a joint initiative, a major fund-raising programme of events in order to rebuild St Michael's Church organ. Why do we need this?

"The Bevington organ plays hymns (badly!) and a very limited amount of organ music written for one manual (keyboard). It is inadequate for playing wedding music or to accompany a choir. The manual is shorter than normal by 7 notes; the pedals have only 24 notes (there should be 32!) and are not independent of the manual, as. The pedals are much closer together than a standard pedal board making playing difficult and rendering them utterly useless for playing most organ music. The vast majority of organ music should be played on two separate manuals with each pedal having a distinct sound so that different parts of the music stand out. This is just not possible on the current instrument!" - Alec Wells.

The present organ, a very basic 'Chancel Model C', built by Bevington of London, was probably installed during major restoration work in 1884 by the architect Ewan Christian who was at the time working on Southwell Minster. It was cleaned and worn parts were replaced in 1981. It now desperately needs completely renewing. Weddings and baptisms are popular events in our lovely Grade 1 listed Norman Church. We have a thriving small choir and a loyal congregation. In addition the church is used for services by Halam C of E Primary School. The Church is often used as a venue for concerts and a rebuilt organ will enhance this - music is, surely, as important as the building!

We hope to gain the support of all sections of the community and businesses in this initiative, as well as those who may not live here but have lasting associations with the village. Please buy tickets for our launch appeal - it promises to be a lovely evening in beautiful grounds!

We will be selling **Halam Calendars for 2008** at £7, with photographs by Rosamund Mcfarlane, featuring Halam Trees, to raise funds - please don't buy one from anywhere else - send me your orders, and if you can sell some to friends please let me know!

**Contact: Karin Davis (815854) if you would like to help!**  
Or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com) for tickets.



### Parish Council Meeting: 12 July 2007

**Present:** S. Bust; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; D. Parrish; M. Thompson. **Apologies:** Mr Andrew Fraser

**PCSO Martin Kendle:** The PCSO for our area explained his role in policing Halam & district. He answered questions from Councillors and members of the public

**Village Hall:** AF has contacted WREN who have confirmed funds are available and that potentially we are eligible. Application will be made when costings exist.

MT reported that a Halam Buy@ page to raise money through internet shopping has been set up and that she was investigating fund-raising recycling schemes.

**Parish Plan:** ARP will approach potential sponsors. C. Cllr. Stewart offered funding if sponsorship is not forthcoming

**Design Statement:** Questionnaire has been sent out with Halam News. These will be gathered in by 16th July.

**Speed Watch:** Waiting for response from C.C. re request that 30mph limit be extended at Edingley end of village. Our Beat Officer has been trained to use a speed gun and can act as an official back up to the volunteer team.

MT reviewed children's feedback from school travel plan.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: 1. Flooding during recent heavy rain 2. Planning application at "Bramley". 3. Planning application for boundary wall at "Halam Lodge".

**Correspondence:** New date for Councillor Training – Monday 23 July at Kelham Hall – ARP & MT to attend.

**Planning:** 1. Halam Lodge, The Turnpike – Erection of extension and front boundary wall: rejected unanimously – house extension wasn't seen as a difficulty, but the new boundary wall was felt to be inappropriate due to negative impact on street scene and a major loss of rural character

2. Bramley, Halam Hill – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new dwelling with double garage: rejected unanimously – application has not addressed problems of previous proposal: height & scale too great, creating negative impact on neighbouring property. Proposed house now closer to adjoining property; loss of privacy and amenity; a lower property (dormer type) - more acceptable.

**Flooding:** The recent problems of flooding following the exceptionally heavy rain were in detail. Action points:-

1. Flooding and Flood Risk Assessment will be on the next agenda for further discussion at the next meeting. 2. Clerk will write to Internal Drainage Board, C.C. and D.C. for their help during flooding and request advice and recommendations to prevent further problems. They will be invited to attend a P.C. meeting. 3. The P.C. will monitor Beck maintenance to ensure it flows freely. 4. Faster & more effective road closure will be considered. 5. Does a Flood Officer need to be appointed? 6. Advice to home owners – in case of problems the D.C. emergency flood team are available via main switchboard number (650000). Bag of garden peat/bark chippings can act as sandbags. 7. Parish footpaths will be checked for flood damage.

**Finance:** Agreed to pay; Parish Path Partnership bill (Council funded) and Parish Council election costs (to the District Council)

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Thursday 9 August at 8.00pm.

**N.B. Later start!**

**Dog Owners Please Note:-** Dog bags are being dumped on verges or in hedges – some have been found hanging from branches! Please dispose of bagged dog mess responsibly and considerately – use the dog bin provided!



### St Michael the Archangel: August Services

5 August Trinity 9	8am Holy Communion: Canon M Tanner 9.30am Family Communion: Canon Tanner
12 August Trinity 10	11am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry 3.15pm Cluster Service: Southwell Minster
19 August Trinity 11	9.30am: Family Communion: Rev. R Perry 6pm: Cluster Service; St Giles Edingley
26 August Trinity 12	11am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry 6pm Cluster Service: St Nicholas Hockerton

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### **CARE + COMFORT COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Independence at Home**

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**Care + Comfort Community Services** is a new Charity delivering 'Low Level Support Services' to older people in the Newark & Sherwood area. The main aim of **Care + Comfort Community Services** is to enable older people to remain safe and independent at home for as long as possible, support the older person's position in the community and personalise the level of support required, therefore improving health, wellbeing and quality of life.

Some of the Home Support Services we offer are: Befriending/Advocacy/Visiting • Telephone Support Service • Basic Meal Preparation/Light Housework • Home Safety Advice • Grocery Shopping/General Errands • Light Laundry/Washing/Ironing • Help with organising mail/junk mail/bills • Furniture moving(in rooms that are lived in) • Telephone Support Service. **Care + Comfort are also operating a Grass and Hedge Cutting Service from April until October.**

There may be a charge for these services varying, and depending on what is required and the client's income. Our Community Outreach Advisor working across the Newark & Sherwood area offers information, advice, and service provision. The Advisor will signpost people aged 50 plus onto services that meet their needs and requirements.

The Outreach Advisor will visit all referrals made to determine what support and service is required. This is a **FREE & CONFIDENTIAL** Service, supported by Notts County Council and funded through The Department of Work and Pensions.

For further details or to make a referral contact the office:

**Lis Lawrence** Community Outreach Advisor

**01623 882562/ Mobile 07976 309964**

**Sam Williams: 01623 464548/Mobile 07807 659357**



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## Parish Pump

**Congratulations** on your success in A' Levels to Angus Perks, who is going to study Engineering at Newcastle University; I believe Beth Miller is doing a gap year - more details when I have the correct information; Holly Fowler is going on to Reading University to study English Language.

Alex Reid, Joe Hunt, Mike Brown, Anthony Barrowcliffe, Camilla Parkinson, Poppy O'Shea and Laura Leonard-Jones have all passed AS Levels; Stephanie McCracken, Laura Oakley, Ross Pepper, Natasha Hoggard and Emily Cruz who have all passed GCSE exams.

**Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday** to Matthew Davis on 12 September!



## HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 September at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall for a 'Homespun' Evening. For information contact Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335.

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**Tony Andrews**

## BRACKENHURST WILDLIFE WATCH GROUP

For children interested in nature exploration and discovery

### FUN GAMES & PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

£1 per meeting per child

Under 8's to be accompanied by an adult

**At the Schools Unit, Brackenhurst (next to the glasshouses), meeting on the first Saturday of every month 9.30 - 11.30am**

1 September: WILLOW CRAFT

6 October: IN THE ANIMAL CARE UNIT

3 November: HIBERNATING HEDGEHOGS

1 December: NATIONAL TREE DRESSING WEEK

**Further Information from:**  
**Lynn Victor (Notts Watch Co-ordinator)**  
**Telephone: 01159 588242**

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9 September 14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry
16 September 15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30am: Family Communion: Rt. Rev. R. Milner
23 September 16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Venerable Peter Hill
30 September 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6pm: Harvest/Patronal Festival: Miss Barbara Tittensor & Mrs Alison Farnsworth

**For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).**

## Dog Fouling on Gray Lane

The perennial problem of dogs fouling paths, especially in the vicinity of Gray Lane has once again been brought to my attention. There have been complaints by residents who have asked me to remind all dog owners that it is an offence to allow your dog to foul footpaths punishable by heavy fines. We have a dog bin situated on Radley Road - please clear up after your dog and make use of it! Unhappy residents are becoming so fed up they will be forced to report those irresponsible dog owners - BE WARNED! -

**The Editor**

## HALAM MILLENNIUM PICTURE ARCHIVE



The photograph above shows Gray Lane looking down towards Halam Beck, and is one of three on a postcard. I am not sure of the date or who gave this to the archive - if anyone can give information I would be grateful.



## **Parish Council Meeting: 9 August 2007**

**Present:** S. Bust; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; M. Thompson; A. Fraser **Apologies:** D Parrish

**Matters Arising:** 1) Hedges – County Council have been asked to cut back the over-hanging branches in front of the interactive speed sign. The over-hanging hedge by the dog bin will be cut back imminently.

**Village Hall:** Further research to be carried out re grants and funding. A business plan in support of grant applications will be needed. Agreed to meet to discuss further on Thursday 16 August at 8.00pm. A hog roast/barn dance has been suggested to launch fund raising.

**Parish Plan:** Village contact booklet - sponsorship is being finalised prior to printing

**Design Statement:** Nevil Croston has the collected questionnaires for analysis. A PWG meeting will be held shortly, ARP/SB to attend.

**Speed Watch:** Still waiting for response from County Council regarding request that the 30mph limit be extended towards the Edingley end of the village.

The situation regarding the regularity of the speed watch sessions and the volunteer rota will be reviewed – John Whitaker to be consulted.

**Flooding:** A meeting was held on site with local residents, County Council and the Internal Drainage Board. The Beck by the Turnpike will be widened and the silt and debris removed from under the road bridge. The retaining wall is currently under repair.

**There is a small amount of money available to help local flood victims for the District Council: phone 01636 655591**

It was reported that some of the footpaths over streams had been damaged by the floods – these will be investigated further. Please report any footpath problems to the Clerk or Marina Thompson.

It was resolved to appoint Simon Bust as the parish's Flood Warden.

**Footpaths:** Much work on gates and sign has been recently completed. Please report any footpath problems to the Clerk or Marina Thompson.

**Signpost:** The fingerpost at the cross-roads is missing a board (Radley Road direction). County Council will be asked to replace it. Sign should list Oxton as a destination, but not Nottingham.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised:

1. Funding of the Internal Drainage Board (through Community Charge)
2. Sewage problems during flooding – County Council has been informed
3. Tar drum left at top of Gray Lane after roadworks – Clerk will phone Council if it isn't taken away

**Correspondence:** 1. Rosamund McFarlane – cc. of letter of thanks to County Council regarding work on Gray Lane  
2. Planning Aid "Crash Course on Planning" Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm-9pm at Norwell village hall

**Planning:** 1. Machins Farm, Radley Road – Erection of 2 storey side extension and ancillary buildings to rear of farmhouse: passed unanimously

**Finance:** Parish Paths Partnership – invoice and cancellation of cheque not received – agreed and signed. Agreed to pay trade waste and renewal of contract, and auditor's invoice 2005-06

Year end return and auditors report for 2005-06 – agreed and signed

**Date of Next Meeting:** - Thursday August 16th at 8.00pm

## **Parish Council Meeting, 8pm Thursday 16 August 2007**

**Present:** S. Bust; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; M. Thompson; A. Fraser **Apologies:** D Parrish

### **Village Hall Extension/Refurbishment Funding:**

Funding requirements and opportunities were discussed. The Wren Grant Application Form was reviewed.

Community Support – a petition will be raised and letters of support sought from local organisations.

Business Plan – Andrew Fraser to formulate draft.

Costings – architect's estimates to be obtained.

Other sources of funding will be investigated – lottery, local government and business sponsorship/donation.

**Date of Next Meeting:** - Monday 24 September at 7.30pm (please note date and also the return to usual start time).

**Dog Walking, Cat Feeding and General Errands  
Responsible 12 year old girl needs work; Reasonable  
rates. Please telephone Eleanor on 01636 815361**



### **IN MEMORY: DR CHARLES WALKER**



Many people in the village will be sad to learn of the death of Dr Charles Allen Walker. He and his wife lived in Halam for some 30 years at "Norwood Hill" at the top of Halam Hill, having moved here from Zambia. He was a lecturer at Brackenhurst and he was an expert in daffodils and narcissi. He and his wife were strong supporters of the Church in Halam. The garden that they kept was renowned as one to visit in the spring and they opened their garden for a great many years in February, March and April.

He would have been an excellent candidate for the well-known Radio show "Just a Minute" as he could talk for a very great length of time about spring bulbs without any fear of repetition! Another feature of his garden in Halam was the 'Yew Church', a wonderful piece of topiary measuring 40 feet in length, with a nave and chancel and a tower! Sadly though, this gradually became overgrown as Dr Walker could no longer keep the 'church' in good order through regular pruning.

Dr and Mrs Walker retired to the Cotswolds and lived near Broadway where they became staunch supporters of the Longborough Opera house.

Dr Walker died aged 92 on 12 July 2007.

**David Herbert**



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**Congratulations** on your success in A' Levels to Becky Paris who is taking a gap year before she goes on to study History at university; to Kim Hoggard who is taking a year out and is working at the Children's House. She will be going on to university next autumn. Beth Miller is also taking a gap year travelling round the world - lucky girl! & she will go on to university next year - still to be decided.

**Congratulations** to Nicky Hoggard who has graduated with honours from Lincoln University in Arts and Criminology. She is going on to teach. Well done!



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28 October Bible Sunday	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Canon J. Toy

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

## Service of Induction of Our New Parish Priest

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November the induction of Rev David McCoulough will take place in St Michael's, Halam at 7.00pm - everyone is invited to attend; afterwards there will be a reception in the Village Hall and a chance to meet David.

## AN EVENING OF JAZZ

Aliah Saxophone Quartet  
led by Andrew Hill

Sunday 18 November  
Halam St Michaels  
7.30pm

Tickets: £8

(includes an interval glass of wine)

Available from: Karin Davis (815854); Alec Wells  
(8) David Herbert (812335)  
Bev Perks (812181)

IN AID OF THE ORGAN FUND

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## Daylight Robbery

In the last few weeks several churches in the area have had much lead stolen from their roofs - in one case the theft occurred and then, when more lead was brought to the church to replace the loss, that lead was stolen too before it could be put in place!

Halam Church is the only grade 1 listed property in the village and I would ask all inhabitants to be vigilant in case our church is targeted by these rogues - they are hardly 'light fingered' if they are after lead, and hopefully not heavy-handed as much incidental damage can also occur in removing the lead! Another target might be the copper lightening conductor; Eakring had their church lightning conductor stolen four weeks ago.

Please everyone - be vigilant. The church is overlooked by many properties, and at night it is flood-lit so we may think that theft is unlikely to take place - BUT if you see any thing suspicious ring David Herbert or Bev Perks, take the registration number of any vehicle and try and get a description of the felons. Thank you - David Herbert

## Conker Time

We are now in the conker season - children are welcome to the conkers in the churchyard but please would they bear in mind the following: Please don't use stones to bring down conkers - if pieces of wood are used then take the wood home with the conkers and try not trample on the plants that are growing to improve the appearance of the churchyard. - Thank you - David Herbert

## Can Anyone Help?

Can anyone offer a 17 year old male student a lift to Nottingham on Tues, Thurs and Fri. to be there for 9.00am; willing to pay travel costs. Please contact: Ruth Goode or Tom Goode on 01636 815591.



## Parish Council Meeting: 24 September 2007

**Present:** S. Bust; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; M. Thompson; **Apologies:** D Parrish; A. Fraser

**Matters Arising:** 1) Fingerpost at crossroads – County Council have been asked to repair. 2) Travel Plan – Notts. County Council are looking at stopping free travel to school for under 16s. A consultation document has been circulated – pupils have been given a copy for parents. **This is an important document and you are urged to read it and complete it for return.**

**Village Hall:** The application form completed so far was reviewed and discussed and further points for action noted. The form should be submitted before the deadline.

Future fund raising activities were discussed; it was agreed that it was important there should be communication and co-ordination between the Parish Council raising money for the village hall and the organ restoration fund raisers.

The possibility of a hog roast and barn dance and/or village bonfire night was discussed.

**Parish Plan:** Sponsors for the Village Contacts leaflet have now been obtained and final proofing is underway. The leaflet should be circulated in the coming month.

**Design Statement:** A PWG meeting has been held to discuss the results of the village-wide survey. A report is awaited from Nevil Croston.

**Speed Watch:** County Council have stated that a review of all village speed limits will be completed by 2010; our request to extend the 30mph limit at the Edingley end of the village has been noted. County Cllr Stewart will ensure that Highways are fully aware of the number of accidents that have occurred coming into the village from Edingley.

**Flooding:** County Council and the Internal Drainage Board and undertaking work to reduce the risks of further flooding. A meeting is being held at Kelham Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> October to discuss further the problems of the summer flooding – Simon Bust and Andrew Paris to attend.

**Footpaths:** Please report any footpath problems to the Clerk or Marina Thompson. The Parish Paths Partnership scheme is now in its third year. A decision has to be made whether to extend its duration – this will depend upon finding a suitable co-ordinator in the village as Elaine Gathercole is unable to continue in this role.

**Road "Dressing":** The Parish Council expressed its dissatisfaction with the recent road dressing in the village. Cllr Andy Stewart was told about the poor co-ordination of the project in terms of communication of the timescale and vehicle removal, and the poor quality of the finished job.

**Street Lights:** It has been noted that there are street lights in the village that are not working. **Please report any defective lights to County Council on 0845 330 4256.**

**Planning:** Ashleigh, Radley Road – 2 storey side and single storey rear extension: passed unanimously, but with the request that no additional windows should be allowed in the elevation overlooking the neighbouring property without a further full planning application.

**Planning Decisions:** Machins Farm, Radley Road – Erection of 2 storey side extension and ancillary buildings to rear of farmhouse: planning granted by District Council

**Finance:** Parish Paths Partnership – 2 invoices approved for payment.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday October 11th at 7.30pm

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### **Welcome to Our Village Web Shop!**

In July 2007 a web shop was set up by Halam Parish Council allowing villagers who normally shop using the internet to raise money specifically for village projects identified by the P.C. at no extra cost to you – the shopper.

Over the coming year any money generated from the Halam Village Web shop will be earmarked to help with the refurbishment of the current village hall. So your shopping, at no extra cost to you, will help our community.

It's a great way to get some fantastic online bargains, find cheaper gas and electricity services and even book a holiday. Remember, anything you buy through the village web shop will help towards our village fundraising.

So go on, - top up your CD/DVD collection, think of the Christmas shopping or, if you're making business purchases, why not make them through our web shop? For example, you can buy computer equipment, great value broadband or stationery from Eurooffice. There are also plenty of offers on DIY products, clothing and lots more from big high street names. Use the search facility to compare a product name (e.g. kettle) with all of our retailers to help you find the best price.

Many well known retailers participate in this scheme i.e.: John Lewis, Amazon, Tesco, Game, HMV, M&S and Waterstones to name just a few.

If you already shop on line at any of these retailers please consider using the Web shop link – just one click at no cost to you can generate much needed funds!

Please remember that you must use the link:

**[www.buy.at/Halam](http://www.buy.at/Halam)**

In order for the commission to be given to Halam Parish Council - going direct to the shop website will not count.

### **From the Millennium Archive**



This vintage Fordson tractor was in the collection of the late Mr Eric Bust of Strickland Farm.



# Halam News

November 2007

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## St Michael the Archangel: November Services

4 November	8.00am Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> before Advent	9.30am Family Communion
5 November	7.00pm Induction of priest
11 November	11.00am Sung Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent	Remembrance Service
18 November	9.30am Family Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	
25 November	11.00am Sung Eucharist
Christ the King	

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

## SERVICE OF INDUCTION OF NEW PARISH PRIEST

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November the induction of our new priest the Reverend David McCoulough will take place in St Michael's, Halam at 7.00pm - everyone is invited to attend; afterwards there will be a reception in the Village Hall and a chance to meet David.

## THE RENAISSANCE SINGERS: CAROL SERVICE

Once again this year we are lucky to have the Renaissance Singers leading our carol service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 6.30pm. Do come and join us!

## CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Church Study group will be held at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Tony Andrews

## GAMES NIGHT WITH SUPPER

Halam Parish Council would invites all parishioners

### Games Night with Supper

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

in Halam Village Hall

£5 per person (includes entrance and supper)

Games with prizes - £1 a go

Tickets limited to 60 places:

Contact Marina Thompson: Tel: 01636 814026

or email: [marina.koz@gmail.com](mailto:marina.koz@gmail.com)

Donations of Apple Pies gratefully received!

## AN EVENING OF JAZZ

Aliah Saxophone Quartet

led by Andrew Hill

Sunday 18 November

Halam St Michaels 7.30pm

Tickets: £8

(includes an interval glass of wine)

Available from: Karin Davis (815854); Alec Wells (813491) David Herbert (812335) Bev Perks (812181)

IN AID OF THE ORGAN FUND



## HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 November at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall; Mrs Rampley will be the speaker on the subject of 'Candles, Quotes and girl Talk.' The competition is a Fancy Candle. For information contact Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335

*Halam & District W.I.*

*Coffee Morning*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 10.30am

At Spindlewood (Olive Sharman's bungalow, Radley Lane)

Entry: £1 includes tea/coffee biscuits etc

*RATTLE / CAKES / PRESERVES*

## THE HALAM CALENDAR 2008

We will be selling Halam Calendars at £7, with stunning photographs by Rosamund Mcfarlane featuring Halam's Trees, to raise funds for the Organ Restoration & new digital piano. Please don't buy one from anywhere else - send me your orders, and if you can sell some to friends please let me know! Thank you for your support!

Contact: Karin Davis (815854) or ask Rosamund Mcfarlane, Alec Wells or David Herbert  
Or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com)

## SOUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY

J S Bach: *Christmas Oratorio*

Malcolm Arnold: *Song Of Simeon*

Saturday 1 December

Southwell Minster

Tickets £12.50/£10/£8

Music in the Yard Tel: 01636 814411

The Minster Shop: Tel: 01636 812933



## **Parish Council Meeting: 11 October 2007**

**Present:** S. Bust; A. Fraser; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; M. Thompson. **Apologies:** D. Parrish

**Matters Arising:** 1. Flood Meeting – Simon Bust reported on the meeting at Kelham Hall; The District Council will help Parish Councils to have more local contingencies, e.g. a local store of sandbags, checking on dykes, and will be organising a survey of all dykes and ditches where there was flooding. 2. Parish Working Group – Nevil Croston reviewed a report from the PWG re the recent village questionnaire. The P.C. thanked Nevil Croston and other members of the PWG for all their work and valuable input. The issue of a Village Design Statement will be put on the next Parish Council agenda. 3. Harvest Supper – the church are now not in a position to organise this. The P.C. will organise an event in November - a community event rather than a fund raiser, but any profit will be split 50/50 between the P.C. and Church organ fund.

**Village Hall:** Having reviewed projected costings from John Thornewill, it was agreed that the P.C. was not in the position to apply for WREN funding in time for the deadline. Various possible options regarding a community meeting place/village hall were discussed at length. It was agreed that, at the very minimum, basic maintenance and redecoration should be carried out to the village hall, but if full funding could be obtained, then the proposed extension and re-modelling should be done. Andrew Fraser is to look at the possibility of getting a larger lottery grant.

**Highways:** Gray Lane – a meeting will be held with County Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Problems with the recently dressed road surface will also be discussed at this meeting

**Flooding:** A map of all manholes and gullies in the village is to be drawn up. This can then be marked up and sent to the District Council showing areas that need attention.

**Footpaths:** It was reported that some of the footpath bridges have been undermined by the recent storms. These will be checked. **Please report any footpath problems to the Parish Council.**

**Open Meeting:** A question was asked about the precept charged by the Parish Council on the Community Charge for Halam. The point was made that the village hall mortgage costs about 50p per week per household.

**Planning:** It was reported that the D.C. are to have further discussions with the owners of Bramley, Halam Hill, regarding the proposed new dwelling for the site.

**Correspondence:** 1. A letter was read out from Mrs G. Starkey re parking problems at the Turnpike/Radley Road junction. **Please note: it is illegal for vehicles to park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of road junctions.** The clerk will write to the local Beat Officer about these problems and future persistent offenders will be reported.

2. Annual Parish Council Conference at Kelham Hall will now be 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

3. A request has been received from the Church organ fund raisers asking if the P.C. would like to sponsor a new organ pipe. It was agreed that while it was felt that the PC should not take up this offer, the PC was prepared to help by donating part of the profits raised from some future events.

**Finance:** Agreed to pay the invoice from JMT Design  
**Date of Next Meeting:** - Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm

**Village Hall Dessert Spoons:** It seems that we are short of dessert spoons in the village hall. If any one has borrowed these, could they please return them as soon as possible – thank you.

**Halam E-mail Address:** Please note that it is possible to contact the P.C. by e-mail on [mail@www.halam.org.uk](mailto:mail@www.halam.org.uk)



## **TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2 – 4pm  
At Halam Primary

Gift Stalls, Home Produce,  
Christmas Trees, Carols & Cake  
New 12 days of Christmas Raffle

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### **DIG IT! - SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!!**

Halam Primary School PTA have launched a new fundraising campaign for the forthcoming academic year, in order to raise money to revamp the tired Millennium Garden and generate an interactive, outdoor learning zone in the school grounds – both designed to encourage children into the Great Outdoors!

Village schools, such as Halam, rely on the support of the community to guarantee their success in these challenging and changing times. So....please make a date in your diary to attend the exciting programme of events in the coming weeks; all are welcome.....

1 December 2007: **Traditional Christmas Fair**, 2–4pm

15 December: **Carols for Everyone** in the Minster 7pm

17 December: **Reindeer Drive** – Evening at School

18 December: **Carols & Mince Pies for Senior Citizens**

11 January 2008 - **Gentleman's Evening** at Tom Brown's Gunthorpe - 3 course meal & Coffee; Willie Thorne of World Class snooker and Strictly Come Dancing fame as guest speaker; Top & Tail Raffle and Sports Memorabilia Auction. Tickets are £50 per head.

### **Donate for FREE:**

Plus you can donate for free if you shop online at John Lewis, M & S, Tesco & many more through by going through [www.buy.at/HalamSchool](http://www.buy.at/HalamSchool) - all goods can be home delivered and your school benefits from every purchase, but it won't cost you one extra penny!

**Halam & Edingley PTA**

## **FOR SALE**

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# Halam News

December 2007

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## **REFLECTIONS AT CHRISTMAS**

I am grateful to the Editor for giving me this opportunity to write a few words as we approach Christmas. A big thank you to all who have welcomed me as your new parish priest in these first few weeks. I look forward to getting to know many more of you in the weeks and months ahead and at our Christmas services.

I wonder where people are up to with Christmas this year. Planning, shopping, posting, wrapping, and partying in the busy weeks building up to Christmas will for many be as much part of life as usual, but perhaps in recent years there is something else around - something more fragile, something more uncertain.

At the heart of Christmas is a birth of a baby boy - a vulnerable new life born into an occupied country. Whatever Christmas means for us - light in the darkness, a hope for peace and goodwill for all humanity, catching up with family and friends, the joy of a belief in a God who is with us in the mess and muddle of life, presents and cards - most people respond warmly to the birth of Jesus.

Christmas is a time of celebration and hope but there are also those facing Christmas alone, perhaps for the first time, due to bereavement, separation or misunderstanding, and there are others with uncertainties about health or career. Most of us will do our share of celebrating, and having fun, but we still have our vulnerabilities.

What matters to most of us is that we matter to somebody else and that there are others who are special for us. The message at the heart of Christmas is that each of us matters. Each of us is special, unique and loved by God whatever is going on in our lives.

May we all have a Christmas filled with peace and hope.

**David McCoulough**

### **Church Cleaning**

Thank you very much to our willing group of ladies for a job well done over the past year. I would welcome any new volunteers for the very important task - again many thanks.

**Elsie Milner: Tel: 01636 814460**

### **Church Study Group**

The next meeting of the Church Study Group will be on Thursday, 6th December in The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam at 7.30pm. All are welcome. - **Tony Andrews**

## **IN MEMORY OF DENNIS FOX (1926-2007)**

Many in the village were saddened by the death of Dennis who died on 15 November 2007 aged 81. He had lived in the village since 1951. He was born in Newark and worked at first with Ransome and Marle the engineering company before moving to Partners the printers in Newark. It was whilst he was at Ransomes that he met Kath Bass and he married her in January 1951. It was natural that they came to live in Halam - Kath's brother Bill lived here with his wife and children - their youngest child was Linda. Denis and Kath forged very close ties with Bill and his family and were next door neighbours - separated only by Gray Lane.

Dennis retired from work with the Printers in the late 1970's and thereafter would often be seen helping with farm work or in neighbour's gardens. His life entered a very quiet phase after Kath's death and he became notable for his constant presence and smile in the local village shop. No matter when one went into the shop Denis was always there - smiling and quietly listening; - he seemed part of the shop furnishing - no matter who owned it.

Always quietly unassuming he nevertheless contributed greatly to village life - polishing the church brass and copper, sometimes undertaking duties on the church cleaning rota and supporting those less fortunate than he in the village. Of particular note was the love, care and support he gave his niece Linda in her last illness.

He had a great love of life and was transformed when talking of his life in the Services. He was a great supporter of the library van and always borrowed several books when they paid a fortnightly visit to Halam. The librarians would trawl through their stocks to look out a supply of Westerns especially for him. In summary Denis had a quiet dignity which affected all who met him. As John Betjeman wrote:

"A gentle guest, a willing host,

Affection deeply planted -

It's strange that those we miss the most

Are those we take for granted"

**David Herbert**

### **SOUTHWELL**

### **RENAISSANCE SINGERS**

**will be joining together for the Service of  
Lessons and Carols**

**ST MICHAELS CHURCH HALAM**

**16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 6.30PM**

**Do come and join us!**

**Listen to some traditional and new carols**

**Join in with some old favourites**

**Enjoy a glass of wine!**

**Retiring Collection for the new Organ Fund**

### **HALAM SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

15 December: **Carols for Everyone** in the Minster 7pm

17 December: **Reindeer Drive** - Evening at School

18 December: **Carols & Mince Pies for Senior Citizens**



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### St Michael the Archangel: December Services

2 December Advent 1	8.00am: Holy Communion: Revd David McCoulough 9.30am: Family Communion: Rev R Perry 6.30pm: Advent Service in The Minster
9 December Advent 2	11am: Sung Eucharist: Revd R Perry 6pm: Advent Service in St Giles Edingley
16 December Advent 3	9.30am: Family communion: Revd David McCoulough 6.30pm: Carol Service
22 December	Wedding: Peter Cartwright/Lyndsey Booth
24 December Christmas Eve	5pm: Crib service: Revd D McCoulough 11.15pm: Midnight Mass: Revd R Perry
25 December Christmas Day	9.30: Family Communion: Revd David McCoulough 
30 December	Joint Service at St Giles Edingley

**For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) & Revd. David McCoulough (Tel: 07714614645)**

### HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On the 4<sup>th</sup> December the W.I. will be holding the Over 60's Christmas Party with entertainment. For information contact Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335.

### THE HALAM CALENDAR 2008

There are still a few Halam Calendars at £7 featuring Halam's Trees, – send me your orders, and if you can sell some to friends please let me know! Thank you for your support!

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## BURNS NIGHT

**Saturday 27 January  
In Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Four course dinner  
with a glass of wine included**

**Tickets: £15 from: Margaret McCracken (814917)  
Karin Davis (815854) Ann Reid (816411)**

**Limited places – book early to avoid  
disappointment!**

### Parish Council Meeting: 8 November 2007

**Present:** A. Fraser (in the Chair) D. Herbert, G. Herbert; A. Paris; M. Thompson **Apologies:** S. Bust D. Parrish

**Matters Arising:** 1. Flooding – Mr Edwin Kite from Edingley wishes to contact Halam Parish Council to discuss sewage problems in the two villages – contact details to be passed on to Simon Bust. 2. 'Caution Ducks' signs for Halam – Clerk to contact County Council to request these. 3. Gray Lane overgrown – Highways Dept, County Council is sorting this out

**Village Hall:** Refurbishment – project discussions ongoing – held over for next meeting. **There are no plans to close the hall – the Parish Council is committed to keeping this Parish facility open.** Funding – Marina Thompson will fill in WREN application form. Andrew Paris reported conversations with Kneesall Parish Council. They had raised grants to create a Parish Space within the church, but lottery funding available was much larger 2-3 years ago

**Design Statement:** Examples of other design statements had been circulated. The Wymeswold example was agreed to be very good; discuss further at the next meeting.

**PC email address:** It was agreed that the P.C. should set up its own email address on a six month's trial basis so that parishioners can contact it via email if required.

**Dessert Spoons:** These are still missing from the village hall. If you have borrowed these, please can you return them as soon as possible.

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed:- 1. Christmas tree – to be put up at the start of December. 2. Estimated costs of the village hall refurbishment. 3. Parking close to, or opposite road junctions on Radley Road. **The local police are now monitoring the situation and will take action if required.** 4. Speed of traffic through the village.

**Correspondence:** Pathfinder Consultation and Free School Transport – due to the large response to this, the County Council have decided not to charge for school transport. Many thanks to Councillors Andy Stewart and Bruce Laughton for their assistance with this.

**Planning Decision:** Bramley, Halam Hill: demolition and erection of new dwelling – refused by District Council (policies H13 & H21) due to impact on neighbours because of the proposed dwellings height and position.

**Planning:** Halam House Farm, Radley Road: demolition of existing building and build 3 new dwellings & associated garages/access roads – rejected unanimously. Reasons: 1. new proposal does not have a mix of houses the previous one had, and does away with the agreed semi-detached, smaller properties; 2. Proposed new houses - too large and too tall; 3. Loss of the existing old wall; 4. Blue tiled roofs out of keeping with the rest of the village; 5. possible creation of drainage/flooding problems; 6. archaeological investigation of site required; 7. Protection from further development of the land further up the hill required.

**Finance:** The budget for the current year was reviewed. The precept for next year was agreed.

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Thursday December 13th at 7.30pm.