

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family who have moved in to the Manor House, Radley Road. And goodbye and hello to William and Sarah Hill and family who have moved all the way from the Manor House to Littledale.

Mrs. Mary Marshall

By now everyone will have heard of the death of Mrs. Mary Marshall on June 9th. There was a beautiful service arranged by her brother, Jack Wakefield, conducted by Canon David Keene in Halam Church and assisted by the Rev. David Hull, vicar of St. Lawrence, Mansfield. Mary, who was in her 89th year moved from Mansfield to Halam many years ago with her husband, Bob and daughter, Jean. She was Post Mistress and owner of the village shop for a number of years and was a founder member of the Women's Institute as well as the Mothers' Union. Mary will be missed greatly by all who knew her and will be remembered for her love, kindness and generosity. Deepest sympathy goes to her grand daughters and families and her brother, Jack. It is proposed to offer a memorial gift to Halam Church. Any donations will be gratefully acknowledged. Please contact Jack Wakefield, 8, Warwick Drive, Mansfield, NG 18 3 AE, phone 01623 481110.

Dora Rylett.

New Funding Programme at Halam Church

The Parish Church Council is most grateful for the support resulting from the 1993 Parish Funding Programme. The Church has been able to pat its way but the 1993 Covenants and Pledges of support will soon expire. To cover increasing costs we are introducing a new Regular Giving Programme in November and everyone will be contacted. The Church is precious to each one of us in different ways - for services, weddings, baptisms, Christmas and Easter festivals or simply as a unique building which is part of our village heritage. All who value its presence must now consider its future needs. To launch this Programme a Parish Tea Wed. 28th Oct. and a Parish Supper Thurs. 29th Oct. will be held in the Village Hall. These will be enjoyable events where you can learn about the future needs/plans for our Church. Invitations will go out in early October but please make a note in your diaries now!

What's Going On At Halam School?

The Summer Term at Halam School has been, and is, very busy!

Recently, Halam children entered a Small Schools Sports Event and competed against ten other schools in the area. All the children performed extremely well in the field events, but three children managed to achieve the great results of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Clarissa Perks came 1st in the long jump, Daniel Atkinson came 2nd in the throwing and Paul Atkinson came 3rd in the long jump. Unfortunately, the track events had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Sticking with sports, Halam School is following the tradition of having the annual Sports' Day on Wednesday 15th July at 3.30pm. The children are practising hard and we hope that you will join us. Some of the Upper Primary Class have just come back from a Youth Hostelling trip with Bleasby and Kirklington Schools, in Conwy, Wales. While those children were away, the remaining Year 5 had a wonderful time with Mrs. Andrews and had their own field trip studying the Halam area.

The Summer Concert this year will involve the whole school in an adaptation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream", on Monday 20th July. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Once again we are approaching that time of year when we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, who will be moving on to The Minster School and Nottingham High. The Leavers' Service will be held in the church on Thursday 16th July.

Siobhan O'Malley, Hannah Atkinson and Samantha Rickett.

Waggon and Horses

Halam Summer Ball - any tickets not paid for by June 26th will be held until Kevin and Tracey's return from holiday on July 9th. They can then be collected. Any menus not returned by July 9th will not be guaranteed their selection. Orders have to be placed with butchers etc. on the 10th! 5s and 3s - July 14th. 50p per player entry. Winner takes all. 8 for 8.30pm.

Dogwalking Sunday - anyone interested in a group walk in aid of Caudwell House? Proposed date is July 26th. Please hand names in at the bar.

Volunteers Required - for a Tug - O - War, Cricket and Rounders Team to challenge our neighbouring hostelries. See Kevin or Tracey.

Village Pet Show - to be held on August 2nd. Entry forms from the Waggon and Horses.

Parish Council Meeting on June 4th

6 councillors were present. Apologies from R. Brown.

Planning - 1. Gray Lane Nursery - continuance of use without complying with Agricultural Occupancy. As the council voted before, 3 against, 2 for and 2 abstensions. This request will now go to appeal.

 Amended plans for the Plough - demolish single storey extension, erect two storey extension and create parking provision. Passed unanimously.

Parking - complaints have been received about parking in front of the terrace on Radley Road, particularly when vehicles are too close to the corner. May we appeal to people's common sense and try to solve the problem without having to make it an official matter by contacting the police.

Road Signs - we are pleased to note that at long last there are advance junction signs on the Oxton road indicating Radley Road.

Best Kept Village - please remember that we have entered. There is still hope!

Correction - the result of voting on the proposal for a trial period of a Pre/After school playgroup should have read unanimously for, not 6 to 1.

The next meeting will be on July 9th at 8.00pm.

St.Michael the Archangel

Sunday 5th July : Sung Eucharist - 11am. Sunday 12th July : Holy Communion - 8am.

Family Service - 11am.

Sunday 19th July : Sung Eucharist - 11am. Sunday 26th July : Holy Communion - 8am.

Family Service - 11am.

REMINDERS - Saturday 4th July : Summer Concert: Renaissance Singers-Halam Church - 7.15pm Saturday 22nd Aug. : Garden Party/ BBQ : Ashdene, Radley Rd. - 3pm.

The BBQ will start at 6pm. Usual stalls will be there.

For the August Newsletter please get information to me by the 24th July - Edward Gathercole, Manor Stables, Radley Road, phone 813760.

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Congratulations to Andrew and Sandra Fraser on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Kate. Andrew and Sandra would like to thank all their friends for the cards and presents.

Thanks to the person who kindly sprayed the churchyard paths the other month (David?).

The Village Hall tea towels have mysteriously disappeared. If anyone has taken them (to wash?) would they please return them to the Hall or to Mandy Rickett? Thank you.

Halam Village Mappers

Please make one last effort to look out both old and new photos of the village and get them to Karin Davies (Dovedale) on 815854 or Susie Anderson (Sunningdale, Radley Road) for copying by the end of August. We plan to hold the photographic exhibition in the Village Hall around October half term. Can anyone who has any interesting historical artefacts which could be displayed at the same time in the Village Hall please also let us know?

Women's Institute

There will be a Cheese and Wine Evening on September 15th at Ashdene, Radley Road, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert. It starts at 7.30pm., tickets cost £3 per head and can be purhased from any member of the Women's Institute. And you are allowed to bring your husbands, boyfriends, etc.

Waggon and Horses

1. Halam Summer Charity Ball - a big thank you to everyone who came along to the Ball. The total raised for Caudwell House is £515. And our thanks go out to everyone who came and helped us set up and clear down the marquee. Every pair of hands was gratefully appreciated.

2. Cleaner Required - a cleaner is required at the Waggon for six mornings per week. 5 days between 9 - 11am. and 1 day between 8.30 - 11am. £3.50 per hour. Please contact Tracey on

813109.

- 3. Italian Night this will be on August 11th with fancy dress and themed menu.
- 4. Village Pet Show to be held on August 2nd.
- 5. Treasure Hunt the searching starts on August 27th. More details of this and the Pet Show from Tracey and Kevin at the pub.

Parish Council

A meeting was held on July 9th. 6 councillors were present and apologies were accepted from Mr. H. Rickett.

Following the accident on the bend on Edingley Hill, the Highways Department have promised to cut the grass at least twice a year and erect two new bend signs in an effort to make it safer. Verges have been cut and cleared, and our thanks go to Glenys for tidying up the Hall car park and to David Stubbs for planting up the box.

1. Highways - advance warning of road closures to allow tree cutting on Halam Hill and Edingley Hill. Halam Hill - closed on Monday August 3rd for three days between 8.30am. and 7pm. Edingley Hill - closed on Thursday August 6th for three days between 8.30am. and 7pm.

2. Hall Charges - as the Village Hall is losing money on lettings, the charge has had to be reviewed. From August 1st. the fee will be £6 per hour. The voting for the increase was 4 for and 2 against.

3. After/Pre School Club - discussions are underway but have not been finalised.

4. Open Gardens - a very successful day! We raised £1163.30, which gives us £1000 to be split equally between the Hall and the Church. We would like to thank everyone involved for their splendid efforts.

5. Parking - complaints have been received about parking on footpaths making it difficult for pedestrians and pushchairs to pass. <u>Please</u> park sensibly and on the road.

6. Hedges - some hedges are encroaching on to footpaths and pavements. Please remember that footpaths must be kept clear of obstructions and dog mess!

7. Planning - a. Manor Farm Cottages, Radley Road - renewal of extension plans were passed unanimously.

b. Littledale, Mansfield Road - extensions and alterations were passed unanimously.

c. Roseneath, Mansfield Road - extensions were passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on September 3rd at 8pm.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday 2nd August : Sung Eucharist - 11am. Sunday 9th August : Holy Communion - 8am.

Family Service - 11am.

Sunday 16th August: Sung Eucharist - 11am. Sunday 23rd August: Holy Communion - 8am.

Family Service - 11am.

Sunday 30th August : Sung Eucharist - 11am.

Summer Concert by the Renaissance Singers - on July 4th raised £455 in aid of the floodlighting fund for the church.

Church Garden Party - There will be a Garden Party in aid of the Church on the 22nd August. This will be held at Ashdene, Radley Road, commencing at 3pm. and will be followed by a barbeque beginning at 6.30pm. Tickets for the Garden Party cost £1 and for the BBQ £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. They can be purchased from Linda Bass, Beverley Perks or Glenys Herbert.

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Halam Village Mappers

Thanks to everyone who has donated photographs for the Village Photo Exhibition which is planned for the weekend of 30th October. This is the last call for photos of the village, past and present. Please get them to Susie Anderson, Sunningdale, Radley Road by the 16th Sept. We are having another village meeting at 7.30pm. on Wed. 16th Sept. to organise the exhibition and to get the bulk of the work started on the map itself. All are welcome. Thanks also to those who have done the village survey - can those who have not completed their section please try to finish it by the 16th Sept?

Churchyard Day

On Saturday 19th Sept. there will be a Churchyard tidying day to which you are all invited to come along to do your bit for the village. Jobs which need doing include - pruning of the yew bushes in front of the church, cutting and removal of some already sprayed nettles, weeding of the memorial garden. Please do come along, bring some tools and meet in the churchyard at 10am. or any time after.

Southwell Choral Society

Forget television and make the most of your winter Monday evenings by singing with the Southwell Choral Society. The first rehearsal of the new season will be on 7th September in the Main Hall of the Minster School, Nottingham Road at 7.30pm. Works to be performed this season include - Te Deum by Carter, Magnificat by Rutter, Jubilate by Schutz and B Minor Mass by Bach.

Neighbourhood Watch

Please be aware that thieves are targeting the village. Recently, all four wheels were stolen from a car parked just off Radley Road. If you have a garage it is much safer to use it. Although this theft was at night, please keep an eye out for any strange vehicles (take the registration) or strangers you may see. You can report anything suspicious to David Stubbs, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator on 816378.

Parish Council

An extra meeting was held on July 30th and all councillors were present.

1. Goldhill - some progress has been made, and some work done. The Conservation Dept. are

continuing to monitor the situation.

2. Pre School Club - the club will go ahead for the coming term and the arrangements will be reviewed after three months. To accommodate this Tea - at - Three will now take place on Tuesdays between 2.30 and 3.30pm., starting at the beginning of the new term.

3. Village Hall - the kitchen has been given some very smart new units. We hope to have then

installed as soon as possible.

4. Halam Hill - another attempt is to be made to get improved pedestrian safety up the hill.

5. Windmill Lane - a letter has been sent to the County Council regarding the poor condition of the

6. Harvest Supper - this will be held on Friday, Oct. 2nd. Will anyone willing to donate tombola prizes please contact Ken Grieve, the Clerk or any other member of the council.

7. Council Minutes - a copy of these is to be kept posted in the Hall for public perusal.

The next meeting will be held on September 3rd at 8pm.

The 1998 Parish Funding Programme In last July's Newsletter we introduced our new Parish Funding Programme. Invitations to the Parish Tea and Supper on the 28th and 29th October will be delivered early that month. We have tried to include everyone, but mistakes do happen and if you would like to attend the evening please see one of the Churchwardens. Do please come along - these meals are always very enjoyable occasions. During the three weeks after October 29th, when everyone has had time to consider their response, they will be visited and invited to join our new Regular Giving Programme. We hope that many new people will want to join those who already support the Church on a regular basis. Over the next few weeks we shall all have the opportunity to respond to the essential needs of Halam Parish Church. Our Village Church certainly needs increased funding and if we all play our part then the finances of St. Michael the Archangel Parish Church can be placed on a secure footing for the future.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday 6th Sept. 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon Young Sunday 13th Sept. 8am. Holy Communion - Rev. Wardle 11am. Family Service - Canon Hendy

Sunday 20th Sept. 11am. Sung Eucharist - Canon Hendy

Sunday 27th Sept. Harvest/Patronal Festival

11am. Family Service: Holy Communion

5pm. Evensong - Canon Hendy

Note: the Choir of King's College, Cambridge are singing in the Minster on the 27th Sept. at 7.30pm., hence the early time for our Harvest Evensong, as people may wish to attend both.

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Churchyard Day

Thanks to everyone who turned out to help with the churchyard on 16th September. The weather was glorious, there was a good response, a great deal of work was done and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Halam Village Mappers - "A Century of Halam"

As the first event in Halam's millennium celebrations there will be an exhibition of photos of Halam and its people selected from the last hundred years in the Village Hall on Sat. Oct 31st and Sun. Nov 1st between 10am and 12pm and 1pm and 4pm. Entrance will be free but donations welcome. All villagers are encouraged to come along as there will be something of interest for everyone. Refreshments will be on sale. If you can help by adding information on dates, names etc. we would love to hear from you. Thanks for the tremendous response from villagers who have donated pictures. Eric Bust has also kindly agreed to allow visitors to view his collection of old agricultural implements and tractors at Strickland Farm, just along from the Village Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a few reports of security lights coming on in the early hours of the morning accompanied by the sound of footsteps and cars being driven away. It may be that burglars are sizing up the situation on several properties so please take extra care with your security arrangements.

Children's Society Annual Box Collection

The total raised this year was £108. Thank you to everyone concerned - Tony Denyer.

Waggon & Horses

1. Mexican Night - 21st October 8 for 8.30pm. Eat what you can for £12 per head. Quiz included

- 2. Waggon Golf Day to be held at Ramsdale Golf Club on 29th October. It will include coffee and bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf and a meal back at the Waggon. £20 per person. Cash pot prize. Further details and to book your place contact Kevin at the Waggon. Final date for bookings strictly 22nd October.
- 3. Halloween prizes for all the children who visit the Waggon in fancy dress on Halloween Night, 31st October.
- 4. Bonfire & Firework Display to be held on November 5th in the field adjacent to the Waggon. Tickets £1 per family of four. BBQ available on field. All proceeds to be shared between Halam Primary School and the Church Millennium Fund. Any firewood to be brought to the field at your convenience and placed in the centre via the gates in the Waggon car park. Please remove glass and metal fittings prior to placing on the bonfire. We look forward to seeing you and have a safe and dry evening.
- 5. Guy Fawkes Competition any children wishing to enter should make a Guy and bring it to the Waggon on November 5th for 6.30pm for judging on the patio. 1st place prize plus pride of place for Guy on top of bonfire. Runners up prize and Guys sat around base of the bonfire.
- 6. Live Music Big Jimmy Martin will be playing Country and Western and Easy Listening on 11th November. Join us for a singalong or just to listen.
- 7. Murder Mystery Night Country and Western style night of whodunit on 18th November so pop your jeans on and mosey on down to figure our who's the culprit!

Parish Council

A meeting was held on Sepember 3rd. All councillors were present except for Ken Grieve from whom apologies were accepted.

- 1. Harvest Supper This will be held on Friday, October 2nd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. David Brown will be the speaker and Terry Pickering will provide entertainment for the children. Tickets are on sale at the shop adults £4, children £2. Will anyone willing to make apple pies please contact Glenys on 812335 or Glenda 813749. Any gifts for the tombola to be left with Harry Rickett or any council member.
- 2. Halam Hill Footpath still awaiting reply

3. Gray Lane Bridge - cancelled for the foreseeable future

4. Planning - a) erection of house on land adjacent to Mardale Cottage, Back Lane was refused unanimously. b) application by Gray Lane Nursery for lifting of agricultural occupancy went to appeal but was refused

5. Parking - there are still complaints about parking on Radley Road. Appeals do not seem to have worked so, reluctantly, the matter has now been referred to the police.

6. Street Lights - a number of street lights have been out recently. If anyone notices one please ring directly through to 01636 73625

Next meeting will be held on October 8th at 7.30pm.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday 11th Oct. 8am. Holy Communion

11am. Family Service

Sunday 18th Oct. 11am. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 25th Oct. 8am. Holy Communion

11am. Family Service

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We are now looking for people who would like to sponsor the Newsletter each month. A maximum of only 12 are needed each year and the cost is £10 per month. With about 145 houses in the village this is a small number of people to find. If anyone would like an advert printed, the cost is the same. The money is needed if the Newsletter is to continue, so please contact me (E. Gathercole) on 813760 if you feel that you can help.

Waggon & Horses

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for Guy on top of bonfire. Runners up - prize and Guys sat around base of the bonfire.

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4. Murder Mystery Night - Country and Western style night of whodunit on 18th November - so pop

your jeans on and mosey on down to figure our who's the culprit! 9 for 9.30pm. start.

5. Vacancies - are you aged between 18 and 80? Fancy a few hours of work each week? There are a number of vacancies at the Waggon, mainly during the early evening. The rates are £3.50 per hour with a uniform provided. (Kitchen assistants are also required)

6. Photographs - sorry for the delays, but at last ... any orders that were placed for the Summer Ball photos may now be collected! They are now presented in an album in the pub for your enjoyment and

can still be ordered.

7. Live Music - Sandra Lloyd will be singing and entertaining from 9pm. Join us for the fun.

If anyone would like to socialise and so, perhaps get to know more people in the village why not come along to your local village pub. A small number of villagers meet up there regularly, mostly after the diners have left, round about 9.30pm. onwards. Unfortunately, it is a small group, with sometimes only a handful of locals present. Probably, only about 10 to 15 households use their local as a meeting place on a regular basis. It would be nice if there were a few more. This is not an advert for the pub but an attempt to help people socialise with one another a little more in a village which has, other than the Church and Village Hall, few meeting places. Why not come along?

Southwell Choral Society

On Saturday 28th November at 7.30pm. the Southwell Choral Society presents "Canticles" in the Minster. This will include Magnificat by John Rutter, Te Deum by Andrew Carter (with Lowes Wong School Choir) and St. Paul's Suite by Gustav Holst. Tickets are £10 and £8.50 for the Nave and £6.50 for the Side Aisle, available from Minster Shop, Classic CD, Nottingham, Music in the Yard and any Society member.

Parish Council

A meeting was held on the 22nd. October. All councillors were present.

!. Harvest Supper - thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the supper a successful night. It was good to see so many young people there. The profit made was £225.84.

2. Rural Ambulance Service - the Clerk is replying to a questionnaire on any concerns we may have about this service. If anyone has a special comment to make please contact him for inclusion in the reply, or an address to which to write.

- 3. Closure of The Old Vicarage and Muskham Prebend it was agreed that the council should write a letter opposing these closures. If closure goes ahead the nearest home will be in Ollerton. Anyone else feeling strongly should write to Newark Council.
- 4. Out of School Club the Club requested a renewal of the agreement in good time in order to plan for next term, more storage space, and a reduction in the cost of hiring the Hall. It was agreed unanimously to extend the agreement to July 23rd 1999, to set up a feasibility study of outside storage and to keep the charges as they are at present.

5. Planning

a. Manor Farm - the 106 Agreement was signed on the 26th Sept.

b. Back lane - went to appeal and the parish council was overruled. Planning is to be allowed for one dwelling, but development rights removed on the back piece of land.

c. Goldhill - Mr. Marr has now agreed to meet officers on site for discussions.

d. Walnut Tree Cottage - application for Planning and Listed Building Consent for change of use and conversion of barn into additional accommodation, new garage block, porch and link to house. 6 votes for and 1 abstention, declaring a pecuniary interest.

e. Cedar Lea, Radley Road - extensions and alterations to dwelling and erect a new garage block. Agreed unanimously.

f. Gray Lane Nursery - continuance of use without complying with agricultural occupancy. Agreed unanimously. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to change their original decision. It was agreed that conditions on Gray Lane have changed during the last year and that the considerable reduction in traffic is a good thing. Also, it was recognised that other properties in the area have had these restrictions lifted. However, we asked that no type of future business should be conducted without applying for planning consent.

g. Finance - the annual audit has been completed. The charge was £202.30.

h. Lighting - any faulty street lights, phone 01636 73625.

The next meeting will be on December 3rd at 7.30pm.

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday 1st November: All Saints' Day - 11am: Sung Eucharist - Canon Hendy Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday - 8am. Holy Communion - C.J. Young

11am Family Service - Canon Hendy

Sunday 15th November: 2nd before Advent - 11am Sung Eucharist - Canon Hendy Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King - 8am Holy Communion - D.G.Hatter 11am Family Service - Canon Hendy

Sunday 29th November: Advent Sunday - 11am Sung Eucharist - Canon Hendy

Funding Programme at Halam Church

The Parish Church Council is grateful for the support given resulting from the 1993 Funding Programme. These Covenants and Pledges will soon expire. Visitors will call during the first three weeks of November to invite both existing supporters and others to join our new Regular Giving Programme. Please give your support. The Church is precious to us in many ways - for services, weddings, baptisms, Christmas and Easter festivals or simply as a unique building which is part of our village heritage.

Because some people may want to put events which occur during the first few days of the month in the Newsletter, it is necessary to have it written up and printed by the last few days of the preceding month. This means that we can post the News on time. It's probably better to advertise an early event in the preceding Newsletter ie. a month earlier, but it's not always possible to do this. To be fair to everyone the last day for entry will be the 26th of each month. From now on anybody giving information after that date will be too late.

Remember to let me know of any new arrivals to the village so we can welcome them. Thank you. Edward Gathercole, Manor Stables, Radley Road. - 813760.



Thank you to Phil Handley Electrical for sponsoring the Newsletter for such a long time.

Thanks to all those who have put their name down to sponsor the Newsletter for a month and just to let the person know, I have safely received your generous, anonymous donation, thank you.

A warm welcome to Helen Cranswick who has just moved in to Rose Cottage, Radley Terrace.

Waggon and Horses

Everyone will be shocked and disappointed by Tom Cobleigh's decision to replace Kevin and Tracey at the Waggon. The most essential feature of a good local is the quality of the people behind the bar. It is they who create the right atmosphere in the pub. And who could have done a better job than the two people we have got at the moment? They run a successful pub and have done a great deal for the village over the last two to three years, raising considerable funds for the school and the church and have brought villagers together with their never ending events such as the Halam Summer Ball, car rally, golf days and skittles matches, to name just a few. A more popular and friendly two will be very difficult to find. They would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support that they have received over the last week. However, could they please request that no more correspondence is sent to Tom Cobleigh head offices at the present time as this could cause some difficulty for them in future negotiations? Needless to say, we wish them all the best in the future.

Halam Parish Paths

It is the intention of Nottinghamshire County Council to have all paths in all parishes of the county "open and available" by the year 2000. The probability of this happening is nil but Halam has done its bit. All the paths were surveyed during the spring and repairs carried out by volunteers. The preliminary work involved walking all the paths and noting down any problems. The actual repair work included waymarking, cutting back of vegetation, replacing/repairing stiles, ditchboards and bridges, erection of waymarking posts and the replacement of the kissing gate to the rear of the church. Thanks to all the landowners/farmers for their assistance and support in getting the work done. If you notice any remaining problems please contact me, Edward Gathercole on 813760.

Halam Village Mappers

Thanks to everyone who contributed photos, helped with and visited the Halam Village Photo Exhibition. There was a tremendous turnout on both days and nearly £200 was collected from refreshments and donations, which will go towards the cost of archiving the information and the Village Map. The intention is to ensure that this historically important record is preserved in both County archives and within the village. A particular thank you goes to Suzi Anderson for all the effort in scanning and printing all the photos. The focus now switches to the Map itself. Twenty houses are already complete which leaves about 120 to go! Those who have started please keep sewing and those who have not please get in touch. Men need not feel excluded, if you are not skilled at sewing, you can help by offering to do simple sketches of houses for transfer to fabric. Please contact Karin Davies, Carol Layfield, or Elaine Gathercole.

The Village Shop

Thank you to all my customers for their support and continued support throughout this year. May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Steve Bell

Prayer Request Book

We now have a Prayer Request book. It is on the table at the back of the Church. It is there for anyone who would like to write their prayer requests for loved ones who are ill or in trouble, for concerns or worries and for any situation where prayer would be helpful.

Canon Hendy's Christmas Message

As I write we have been mixing up the Pudding on "Stir Up" Sunday. Advent comes and then Christmas. Last December we moved into Southwell, but keeping some Christmas Services with you at Halam will complete my first cycle. I look forward to sharing with you on Christmas Eve at the First Communion of Christmas, and also on Christmas Day at 11am. which is, I gather, packed out. I am conscious how many people I do not still know, in spite of having visited almost everyone on the Church list, and we are still unsure about the future re. Halam and the Minster.

Soon it will be one year only to the Count Down to the Year 2000. It is a good time to take stock and

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for when Christ comes again in glory.

A blessed Christmas to you all.

Graham Hendy

St Michael the Archangel

Sunday 6th December: 11am. Sung Eucharist - Rev. B. Barnes

6.30pm. Service of Carols and Readings for Advent with SOUTHWELL RENAISSANCE SINGERS

Sunday 13th December: 8am. Holy Communion

Canon D. Hatter

11am Family Service

Canon G. Hendy

Sunday 20th December: 11am. Sung Eucharist

Canon D. Hatter

24th December: 11.15pm. Christmas Eve Communion

Canon G. Hendy

25th December: 8am. Christmas Day Holy Communion Rev. B. Barnes

11am Family Service of Bethlehem

Canon G. Hendy

Sunday 27th December: 11am. Sung Eucharist

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Southwell Renaissance Singers

We are again delighted to welcome our old friends, a little earlier this year, for a Service of Carols and Readings for Advent. There are indeed some beautiful Advent Carols so come and join in to sing some you may not have heard for a while. The Service starts at 6.30pm on Sunday, 6th December.

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

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A Happy Christmas to eberyone

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

A Service of Carols and Readings for Advent with the SOUTHWELL RENAISSANCE SINGERS 6.30 p.m.

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

Service for St. Lucia's Day with St. Lucy Family Service 11.00 a.m.

THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER

Halam C. of E. School - end of term Service 9.15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th DECEMBER

First Communion of Christmas 11.15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th DECEMBER

Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

Family Service of Bethlehem 11.00 a.m. With carols and Holy Communion