

EDITORIAL

This is the first of what we hope will be a monthly village news sheet. To that effect I have been scouting for news and articles and at the end of the day we have what I consider to be the beginnings of a very successful venture.

However, as in the case of any new periodical publication the first issue always takes an experimental form and is therefore open to comment and criticism from any reader. The editor consequently hopes to receive comment on this issue and indeed on forthcoming numbers.

News, views and advertisements (for which there will be a small charge) will be welcomed from anyone and contributions should be addressed (preferably in written form) to the address below before the end of the penultimate week of the month prior to publication.

REMEMBER, this is YOUR news sheet and without YOUR support and efforts the editor cannot publish the finished product.

Please address any articles and/or correspondence to the editor Steve Brown at: Norfolk House, Halam, Newark, Notts NG22 8AE (Telephone Southwell 813192).

HALAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

From Saturday 7th July to Saturday 14th Southwell Minster will be the hub of activities by children from seventeen schools in and around Southwell.

Exhibitions of children's work will be set up and a variety of entertainment and demonstrations are being organised. Children in all schools taking part will be given a programme of events before the actual week in question.

Halam School will be contributing in several ways. The school sports day on 7th July is an official part of the programme and we expect visitors from further afield.

Local people will, as usual, be most welcome, even if they have no direct connection with the school.

There will be an exhibition of work in the Chapter House at the Minster, part of which will be in conjunction with Bleasby School with whom we went on our weekend expedition to Hadrian's Wall.

Halam children will also be joining with others to form a massed choir for a children's service at 6.30p.m. on Sunday July 8th in the Minster.

May I invite you to go along to the Minster during the week from the 7th to the 14th July and I am sure that you will be most interested to see the variety of work which takes place in our schools at the present time.

J.A. Ferguson, Headmaster

DICK WHITTINGTON

At the school this year class 1 and the infants gave a very enjoyable performance of "Dick Whittington" which Mrs Howard, who produced it, described as a cross between instant musical comedy and pantomime.

Mrs Mee was responsible for the music and, as usual, gave generously of her time and energy. The older children played the main parts and the infants were mice, rats and kittens.

The leads were played by Richard Tinley - an uproarious cook, Tracy Grant - a charming principal boy, and two very feline cats - Kim French and Dianne Skillington.

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Pam Hoggard played the part of Mr Fitzwarren, Karen Pitchfork was Alice, and the King and Queen were played by Mark Kitts and Karen Tinley.

Scenery, costumes, play props etc. were all, as usual, produced by Mrs Howard who expresses gratitude to those parents who helped.

Dramatic productions give children self-confidence and practice in reading, painting, sewing and various other crafts as well as being a great deal of fun.

M.J.

THE 'NEW LOOK' DISTRICT COUNCIL 1979

On May 3rd, the electors in Newark District clearly decided that neither Labour nor Conservative members should be placed in such a position as to have absolute control of the District Council. The Independent members were quick to appreciate the position in which they were placed and realised the responsibility thrust upon them.

An attempt was made to try to have all sections of the council working together, but political dogma overruled commonsense and the two political groups were not prepared to co-operate with each other. As Independents now hold the balance, a decision had to be made and in coming to a decision the Independents recognised that the Conservative group are the largest single group on the council and if anyone were to be placed in an advantageous position, be it ever so small, they had a numerical right to that position.

In arriving at an informal agreement with the Conservatives, the Independents insisted that both they and Labour members should have proportional representation on all committees and other bodies, thus giving no one group an overall majority or a right to dictate policy.

It was essential that some agreement was reached so that committees could be appointed, chairmen elected and the work of the new council get under way.

But in coming to an agreement, Independent members have given no undertaking to support Conservative policies, but will judge each and every issue on its own merits and support or otherwise according to our own personal views..

Each Independent has given an undertaking to our respective electorates that we are free of all political ties and this undertaking we shall honour.

There will be occasions when some Independents will support one point of view and some another; there will also be occasions when we agree with each other and vote collectively, and again there will be occasions when some or all of us abstain.

This freedom of the individual we shall do our utmost to preserve and ask others to respect.

As Independent members we shall encourage all sections of the council to work for the benefit of the people we represent, the ratepayers.

Eric Bust

Leader of the Independents

Newark District Council

• HALAM PARISH CHURCH

It has been my privilege and joy to share in recent months (with Canon C. Bayes) in taking services at Halam Church.

The Provost has kindly invited me to do some parish visiting which I hope to start doing after I have been on holiday at the end of June.

Obviously, as I do not live in the parish, I shall have to depend upon people telling me where a visit is particularly needed and I do ask you to get in touch with me in such instances.

(Cont. overleaf)

My address is: 48, Springfield Road, Southwell and my telephone number is Southwell 814325.

Canon Ernest J. Weil

ENVELOPE SCHEME

We write on behalf of Halam Parochial Church Council to thank very warmly all who have joined the weekly Envelope Offering Scheme.

Your regular contributions have provided a stable and reliable income so that we can maintain our parish church in good order.

Thank You again.

Yours sincerely,

K.S.

JULY - CHURCH CLEANING

6th Mrs Roe, Mrs Coleman & Mrs Rothero.

13th Mrs Cressey & Mrs Brown.

20th Mrs Gardner, Mrs Walker & Mrs Robinson.

27th Mrs Catlow & Mrs Marshall.

AUGUST

3rd Mrs Donson.

MOTHER'S UNION

July 9th - By kind permission of Mrs Roe our meeting will be held at her home at 2.30p.m.

We shall be pleased to welcome Mrs Hilliand the Diocesan Secretary from Mansfield to address us.

HALAM W.I.

June 20th saw Halam W.I. taking their part in the National Flag Relay. Flags were to be received from Southwell and Oxtun and carried by Halam W.I. on to Kirklington.

The Southwell Town-Crier in full regalia and complete with bell was there to start off our contingent of cyclists, walkers, and the attractive Shetland pony and trap driven by Mrs Pam Savoury.

All the schoolchildren were out for the occasion and they and a good number of villagers made it a lively and colourful scene. Coffee and biscuits were provided by Mrs P. Kemp and her helpers at the Plough - much appreciated no doubt by the walkers from Oxtun and Southwell.

It was good to be part of this event which in Nottinghamshire alone has raised well over £2,000 for A.C.W.W. to provide a child-care unit in Botswana.

W.C.

CHURCH FLOWER LIST - JULY 1979

1st	Mrs S.A. Bass
8th	Mrs K. Rothero
15th	Mrs K. Shaw
22nd	Mrs J. Rickett
29th	Misses Chettle

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