

Halam News

January 2006

From the Editor: A very happy and peaceful New Year to you all! Thank you to Marie & Roy Turner who have kindly sponsored this month's news. If you would like to sponsor (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items of news included (deadline 25th – later submissions may be carried over) contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com

Roy & Marie Turner would like to thank friends and neighbours for all the support and kind offers of help during Roy's recent illness. It has been a great comfort to us both to know that any help we need is only a phone call away. Many thanks to each and every one of you!

Halam Millennium Photograph Archive



Photograph courtesy of K. Sharman

This picture from our archive shows the Rufford Hounds meeting in Halam outside the Old Plough on 11th January 1906 – exactly 100 years ago this month!



Parish Pump

- A warm welcome to Rebecca and Ian Dicks and their two children Isobel and Archie who moved into the new house on Grey Lane in December. We hope you will be very happy in your new home!
- I would like to thank all the children (and their patient parents!) who took part in the Christmas Eve service – either singing or playing instruments – you all did really well! I hope you will join in again at key services in 2006. Thank you all – Karin Davis
- A very happy 60th birthday Paul Oakley, on 10 January!
- 'Dance For Fun' will be starting again on Wednesdays 11th 18th & 25th January 5.30-6.30pm in Halam Village Hall. – Danielle Pepper

WHAT'S ON

Mozart Celebration Concert: Saturday 28th January in Southwell Methodist Church; featuring the **Highly Strung Quartet**, renowned Scottish classical guitarist **Matthew McAllister** & the **Ailing Agnew Flute Quartet**. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Penny at 'Music In the Yard'; Telephone 814411.

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Village Ventures: Dates for your diary - 'Circle of Stone' – Gaelic music from members of the Riverdance team on **Sunday 26 March** and **'The Newstead Abbey Singers'** **Saturday 29 April** – two concerts to raise funds towards very badly-needed interior replastering and painting of our Church. More details later. Please mark these on your calendar and support these events!



Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. next meets on Tuesday 3 January. We would love to welcome new members & guests to our first meeting of the year. Mr N. Croston will be giving a presentation on his hazardous journeys to the mountain summits of Kyrgyzstan in 2003. He will include slides showing the country and its people. This promises to be most interesting and fascinating talk!

Friends Of Southwell Trail

The inaugural Meeting of The Friends Of Southwell Trail will take place on 18th January 2006 at 7.00pm in Farnfield Village Centre, Upper Hall. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the Southwell Trail, including those concerned about wildlife conservation work, or those who use the trail for recreational activities. The purpose of the meeting is to formally constitute the group and to discuss further activities. – Rosamund McFarlane



St. Michael the Archangel: January Services

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| 1 January Naming And Circumcision Of Jesus | 8.00am Holy Communion Rev. R Perry (N.B. Extra to published services) |
| 8 January The Baptism of Christ | 11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev. R Perry |
| 15 January Epiphany 2 | 9.30 am Family Communion Rev. R Perry |
| 22 January Epiphany 3 | 11.00am Sung Eucharist Canon P Turner |
| 29 January Epiphany 4 | 9.30am Joint Service with Edingley at St Giles Rev. R Perry |

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening (Tel: 812593)

Parish Council Meeting: 15 December 2005

Present: S Bust, A Fraser, N Armstrong, G Herbert, A Paris, D Parrish & I Sharman

Matters Arising: 1) I. Sharman expressed support for Mrs Starkey's letter in Halam News re the right to roam and keeping to footpaths. 2) A. Fraser collected certificate and cheque for £50.00 for Halam as runner-up in 2005 Best Kept Village competition. Congratulations to all who helped the village win this - with extra effort next year Halam could perhaps win

Parish Plan: The Parish Working Group has 4 volunteers - N. Croston, S. Grayson, D. Joyce & J. Smith. Four members of the P.C. - SB, AF, AP & IS - will also sit on this committee - first meeting scheduled for 19 January.

AP reported that there has been no response to the note in this month's Halam News re updating contact information for neighbourhood watch scheme. Changes of residents or contact details - please let Andrew Paris know - 01636 815844 or halamwatch@yahoo.co.uk

Proposed Diversion of Halam Footpath 3: S. Bust declared an interest, and took no part in discussions. It was agreed to support the application to divert this footpath next to Strickland Farm to run round the edge of the field rather than across its middle.

Community Speed Watch: AP reported that John Whitaker is heading scheme. Initial training took place & the first 'live session' is scheduled for January. Speed gun shared between several villages will be loaned. All agreed no action to be taken on buying a speed gun for village until scheme has run for a while & PC can assess results. John Whitaker to be invited to update at January meeting.

Litter: The Clerk had no information on this - to be held over to the next meeting. Chris Mercer/Elaine Gathercole will be asked for more information

Appointment of new Clerk: No one has come forward for position of new clerk - those interested - contact Chairman S.Bust; this will be advertised on notice boards.

State of the Roads: Some patching has been done, but the Clerk was instructed to write to Highways expressing the Council's dissatisfaction with the work.

Letter also to express Parish Council's strong concerns that promised traffic calming measures on Halam Hill & Mansfield Road have not been started yet

Open Meeting: A parishioner stated that their request was for the full Parish Council accounts, not just the village hall accounts as wrongly stated last month

It was reported that the footpath up Halam Hill is obstructed by litter and undergrowth. NA will organise the District Council's "litter hit-squad" to clear this, and also litter under the tree on the corner of Holme Lane.

Correspondence: 1. CCTV cameras are to be trialled in Farnsfield. 2. Letter received regarding restructuring of Nottinghamshire police. 3. Friends of Southwell Trail - inaugural open meeting to be held at 7.00pm on 18th January at the Farnsfield Village Centre.

Planning: 1. Meadow Cottage, Radley Road - erection of first floor extension; approved unanimously; 2. Machins

Farm - erection of orangery; approved unanimously.

Finance: 1. Budget for 2006/07 - approved unanimously
2. Precept - unanimously agreed - same as previous year £7,000. 3. External Auditor report - auditors have approved P.C. accounts and note we are working with our internal auditor to tighten up procedures in some areas.
4. Resolved to pay:- village hall cleaners; auditors' fees 2004/05; printing of village hall flyers (AP & IS declared an interest and took no part in discussions); bus shelter cleaners - agreed to give them Christmas bonus

Items for Next Agenda: Village Hall; Litter; Village Christmas Tree; Parish Working Group; State of the Roads; Village Notice Board; Community Speed Watch

Village Hall: I. Sharman declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. **Present hall:** mouse problem being investigated; thanks to Pat for sorting out heating electrics

Proposed new hall: 1) Planner from District Council to be invited to talk to Open Meeting - suggested dates 26/01/06 or 09/02/06, 2) Information from recent presentations to be condensed and circulated to all households in Halam as soon as possible, and 3) plan to have referendum before Easter 2006.

Next Parish Council Meeting: 12 January at 7.30pm

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From the Editor: Thank you to the **Campaign to Protect Rural England** (see attached leaflet) which has sponsored this month's news and are organising the talk by Robert Macfarlane. I would be grateful if you would read this carefully and consider making a donation or joining this organisation which fights to protect rural areas such as ours. If you would like to sponsor Halam News (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items included (deadline 25th – later submissions may be carried over) contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com

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St. Michael the Archangel: February Services

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| 12 February 3 rd Sunday before Lent | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. Perry |
| 19 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent | 9.30am Family Communion: Canon Turner |
| 26 February Sunday before Lent | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. Perry |

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'Wild Places in Rural England': Dr Robert Macfarlane

Halam celebrity author Robert Macfarlane will be giving a lecture: 'Wild Places in Rural England' in Southwell Minster Great Hall on **Thursday 30 March at 7.30pm**.

Robert lived in Halam from the age of 8 and was educated at Nottingham High School. He sang in Halam Church choir for a couple of years and left for university aged 18. A Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and an international speaker, he is now married with a daughter, Lily, and a second baby on the way.

His first book "Mountains of the Mind: A History of a Fascination" (Granta 2003) won the Guardian First Book Award & the Somerset Maugham Award. It has been translated into eleven languages & made into a BBC film. The Guardian described it as "one of the most accomplished books written around the experience of mountains in the past fifty years." It was described as "a riveting read" by Jeremy Paxman, & Benedict Allen commented, "He is the perfect mountain guide ... he's been up there and come back down through the foothills to offer us his thoughtful and gracious elegy". Robert also won the Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year award and was a Booker Prize judge in 2004.

He is now writing a book about the wild places of the British Isles. He asks if the idea of wild England is a paradox. His discussion will draw on his own experiences exploring fields, moors, rivers, & woods of England, as well as on the works of John Clare, Richard Jefferies, Gilbert White and other great English rural writers.

Tickets cost £8.00; Light refreshments on arrival at 7.30 are included. Please contact Rosamund Macfarlane, Middlebeck, Gray Lane, Halam (Tel: 812583) stating your requirements. Cheques are payable to CPRE (Notts).



Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. next meets on Tuesday 7 February at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. The speaker, Mr Cousins, will be talking about 'Newark Inns & Public Houses'. New members will be made most welcome.

Millennium Picture Archive:

This photo shows Bailey Rogers, who lived at Halam Mill, crossing the footbridge at Halam Splash, on a warm summer's day. Just the thing to cheer us up in February!



Photograph courtesy of G. Roe

Parish Council Meeting: 12 January 2006

Present: S.Bust; A.Fraser; G.Herbert; D.Parrish; A.Paris; I.Sharman. **Apologies:** N.Armstrong; C.Cllr A.Stewart.

Matters Arising: 1) Neighbourhood watch – will residents please circulate any information re incidents in the village, even if this hasn't come via the police Ringmaster system.

2) Poachers have been seen in the village – please be alert & report suspicions to farmers whose land is involved & the police. 3) Halam Hill pavement – cleaning has been done, but further clearing of mud/undergrowth needs to be carried out. N.Armstrong to action.

Parish Plan: D.Parrish and A.Paris to meet to discuss putting together a "village welcome pack".

Design Statement: The first meeting of the Parish Working Group is scheduled for Thursday 19 January

Litter: The insurance position regarding volunteers litter picking was raised; C.Mercer to be asked for information.

Christmas Tree: It was agreed that the village should have a Christmas tree with lights next year outside the church, subject to PCC agreement. D.Parrish to coordinate.

State of the Roads: Red tarmac for 'gating' will be put down in March. Sign near 'Norfolk House' will be reinstated imminently. Street lighting will be extended up Halam Hill and 30mph zone extension is progressing, and interactive signage is still likely. General state of roads was discussed and it was agreed to keep pressure on the County Council for further, more substantial repairs.

Clerk will speak to NCC Highways again regarding gulleys on Halam Hill. They need cleaning out.

Some unblocking of the Radley Road sewers was done over the New Year, the situation will now be monitored.

Notice Board: Waiting for feedback from "Building Better Communities" scheme.

Community Speed Watch: John Whitaker reported that the first 'live session' is scheduled for January; awaiting police speed signs and provision of 'hi-vis' jackets.

Thanks to John for buying a speed gun to use in Halam. Scheme needs to be registered with the P.C.s insurers – Clerk to speak to P.C. Brown and action as necessary.

Residents, please be aware all cars passing through the village will be monitored – including those of people who live here!

Open Meeting: It was reported that it was unlikely that a 20mph speed limit would be put in place past the school as the route is a major road.

Planning: 1. The Old Barn, The Turnpike – conversion of existing garage with extension to existing house: planning and Listed Building consent approved unanimously

Planning Decision: Meadow Cottage, Radley Road – erection of 1st floor extension: approved by D.C.

Finance: Agreed to donate £20 to the school for use of the computer projector for the village hall presentations.

Items for Next Agenda: Minor amendments to Standing Orders/Financial Regulations

Village Hall: Ian Sharman declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. Letter and information regarding the proposed new village hall to be circulated a.s.a.p.

Date of Next Meeting: - Thursday 9 February at 7.00pm

Please note – Mike Evans, Head of Planning, will be attending this meeting at 7.30pm to discuss the proposed new village hall and answer questions from residents. This is your opportunity to find out the District Council's view on the proposal.



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ATTENTION! - New Improved Bus Timetable – HOURLY SERVICE!

Service 29 & 29A Monday – Saturday: Newark – Mansfield (Please note: the 15.27 operates on Weds & Sat only during school holidays)

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| Newark | | 07.20* | | 08.55 | 10.00 | 10.55 | 12.00 | 12.55 | 14.00 | 14.55 | 16.00 | 17.10 | 18.00 | 18.55 | 19.45 | 22.45 |
| Southwell | 06.21* | 07.41 | 08.51* | 09.21 | 10.21 | 11.21 | 12.21 | 13.21 | 14.21^ | 15.21 | 16.21 | 17.36 | 18.21 | 19.21 | 20.11 | 23.11 |
| Halam | 06.27* | 07.47 | 08.57* | 09.27 | 10.27 | 11.27 | 12.27 | 13.27 | 14.27^ | 15.27+ | 16.27 | 17.42 | 18.27 | 19.27 | 20.17 | 23.17 |
| Mansfield | 07.10* | 08.25 | 09.31* | 10.04 | 11.04 | 12.04 | 13.04 | 14.04 | 15.04^ | 16.04+ | 17.04 | 18.19 | 19.04 | 20.04 | 20.51 | 23.45 |

*Not Saturday

+Weds & Sat only during school holidays

^terminates at Southwell on Weds during term time

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| Mansfield | 06.10* | 07.45 | 08.50 | 09.50 | 10.50 | 11.50 | 12.50 | 13.50 | 14.50 | 15.50 | 16.50 | 17.45 | 18.20 | 21.20 |
| Halam | 06.37* | 08.17 | 09.22 | 10.22 | 11.22 | 12.22 | 13.22 | 14.22 | 15.22 | 16.29 | 17.22 | 18.21 | 18.52 | 21.52 |
| Southwell | 06.45* | 08.25 | 09.30 | 10.30 | 11.30 | 12.30 | 13.30 | 14.30 | 15.30 | 16.37 | 17.30 | 18.29 | 19.00 | 22.00 |
| Newark | 07.10* | 08.46 | 09.55 | 10.51 | 11.55 | 12.51 | 13.55 | 14.51 | 15.55 | 16.58 | 17.55 | 18.50 | 19.25 | 22.25 |

Service 27A&B Sundays /Bank Holidays: Newark – Mansfield

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| Newark | 11.00 | 13.05 | 15.00 | 17.05 | 19.00 | 21.05 | |
| Southwell | 11.26 | 13.26 | 15.26 | 17.26 | 19.26 | 21.26 | 23.20 |
| Halam | 11.32 | 13.32 | 15.32 | 17.32 | 19.32 | 21.32 | 23.26 |
| Mansfield | 12.17 | 14.17 | 16.17 | 18.17 | 20.17 | 22.17 | 23.54 |

Service 27A & B Sundays/Bank Holidays: Mansfield -Newark

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| Mansfield | 09.25 | 11.25 | 13.25 | 15.25 | 17.25 | 19.25 | 22.25 |
| Halam | 10.06 | 12.06 | 14.06 | 16.05 | 18.06 | 20.06 | 23.06 |
| Southwell | 10.14 | 12.14 | 14.14 | 16.14 | 18.14 | 20.14 | 23.14 |
| Newark | 10.39 | 12.39 | 14.35 | 16.39 | 18.35 | 20.39 | |

All services stop at Edingley & Farnsfield and usual villages between Newark & Mansfield. Please see service 29/29A leaflet for full details.

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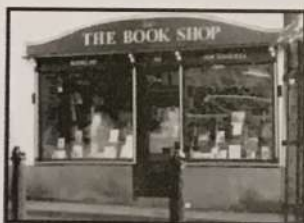


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24 June 1947- 27 January 2006

Lynda was born in Halam and attended the village school, then Edward Cludd, Southwell, & later the Business College in Nottingham. Her first job was with Allen's, Coal Merchants, and later she took a job as medical secretary at Southwell Health Centre. Always cheerful, efficient and reliable, she worked there for 32 years, until she retired due to ill-health.

As a girl she loved horses, and kept one of her own, and she also enjoyed horse-racing and hunting. Lynda was renowned for her catering skills – Harvest Suppers, Maundy Thursday meals & Bonfire parties – and her flowers for church, weddings & festivals were justifiably famous.

Lynda's involvement with Halam Church was life-long: She attended Sunday school and became a Sunday school Teacher in her teens; she served as Church Warden at different times from her twenties onwards, sharing the responsibility for organising services, and throughout her life she sang with, and was a mainstay of the choir. But in the end perhaps we should remember her care of people.

Her god-daughter Katie gave a wonderful tribute: "Auntie Lynda showed people how much she cared through her generosity, and in the time which she gave to others. She appreciated every little thing that was done for her, and thanked people for their kindness with gifts. She adored her niece China and god-daughter. Auntie Lynda made our wedding the success & wonder that it was, but in complete modesty, producing exquisite floral displays, bouquets & buttonholes, arranging organist, cake stand, and reading so beautifully in the service. The last year of Auntie Lynda's life was so hard for her, but also brought joy in the form of my daughter Olivia, to whom she was so generous."

The funeral service was held in Halam Church, with family flowers only and donations for the church which she loved so much. Over 150 people attended the service, - many were standing. Our small community will surely miss her in so very many ways. – **Linda Meakin**

Church Flowers

Lynda's many gifts, skills and time given so selflessly and generously to this village for decades will be greatly missed. We were dependant on her lovely flowers in Church, and for weddings, festivals and special occasions. The PCC have asked me to call for volunteers who might contribute their skills in flower arranging, adding to the beauty of our lovely church - perhaps on a rota basis or only occasionally. We are very grateful to those who helped & learned from Lynda, and given their time, talents and skills to produce some beautifully decorated windows in the past. If you feel you would like to help create a team or would merely like to decorate occasionally we would love to know. Please give me a ring if you are able to offer help or have suggestions.

Bev. Perks - Churchwarden (Tel: 812181)

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Present: S. Bust, A. Fraser, N. Armstrong, G. Herbert, A. Paris; D. Parrish. **Apologies:** I. Sharman.

Matters Arising: 1) Christmas Tree: the P.C.C. are unwilling to allow a Christmas tree in the churchyard but suggest lights could be put on existing yew trees; subject to be revisited at a later meeting. 2) State of the Roads/Traffic Calming – D.P. reported a conversation with Stella Smedley re Halam roads. Traffic calming measures to be in place end of March; application has been made to Central Government to move 30mph further up hill; Lack of money delays interactive sign for Halam Hill.

Planning: 1. New Holbeck Farm, Radley Rd - Retrospective planning permission for change of use of existing livestock building to form stables, and erection of new stable block: passed unanimously. 2. Thornholme, Gray Lane – erection of porch to rear: passed unanimously.

Parish Plan: Parish Working Group – initial meeting has been held; village to be consulted on important planning and development issues. Further meeting planned for 2 March. List of items for inclusion in "Welcome Pack" has been drawn up, with further work being done. **Litter:** Situation to be monitored. **Notice Board:** Waiting response from "Building Better Communities" scheme.

Community Speed Watch: Insurance issues to be checked (John Whitaker and Pat Rickett to liaise).

Crime Figures: ARP circulated figures for reported crimes for Halam with other villages and towns for comparison. Fortunately crime figures for the village are low, but they highlight the problem with thefts from parked cars. **All residents please note:** take care not to leave valuables in vehicles – even if parked on drives.

Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes – Farnsfield Ward: Clerk to write to Commission regarding proposed exclusion of Oxtan from Farnsfield Ward

Open Meeting: It was reported that it was unlikely that a 20mph speed limit would be put in place past the school as the route was too major a road.

Village Website– www.halam.org.uk funding/assistance may be available from D.C. – ARP to investigate.

Proposed New Village Hall: Mike Evans – Head of Planning Services, & Chris Elston – Planning Manager addressed the meeting re the District Council's policies on the new village hall proposal. They answered questions from the floor and detailed discussions took place. It was agreed to have further discussions with the D.C. to establish a site layout acceptable in terms of planning policies. A full business plan is also to be drawn up to investigate the financial viability of a new (larger) hall. ARP reported there are new National Lottery grants this year that are specifically aimed at new village halls & community buildings. There is also a series of funding meetings being held by the RCC.

Finance: Agreed to hold over amendments to Financial Regs and Standing Orders to next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9 March at 7.30pm.



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| 26 March: Lent 4 Mothering Sunday | 11.00am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. Perry 7.30pm: Concert: 'A Circle Of Stone' |

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: The Very Rev. David Leening: (812593).

LENT COURSE

There will be a series of study meetings during Lent led by Rev'd Russell Perry, on Tuesday 7, 14, 21, 28 March & 4 April. The theme will be "Where is God" and each will be introduced by an audio taped talk by leading Christian thinkers, followed by discussion.

The first meeting on Tuesday 7 March will be at The Scypen Radley Road (corner of Back Lane). The following meeting will be at the Old Rectory; venues of subsequent meetings to be arranged. All are very welcome. If you would like to come, it would be helpful to let Tony Andrews know but if you decide to come at the last minute it will not matter.

If you have not been to these meetings before and are not sure what to expect, they are very relaxed and friendly and Russell ensures they are not too long. We feel we learn a lot, - not least from each other! –**Tony Andrews (Tel: 815584)**

HALAM OPEN GARDENS 2006

The date **Sunday 9th July** has been set for Halam Open Gardens. It is hoped that many of you who opened your gardens for this event last year will do so again.

All those who kindly participated last year enjoyed the experience & it helps the village to work together. Money raised will go towards maintaining the churchyard.

Those who have only come to the village in last 12 months and wish to learn more about this open day please contact me. If you are thinking of sharing your garden with the public for this one day, ring **David Herbert: 01636 812335**.

Picture Archive: The Waggon & Horses with the Post Office & stores separate. It closed in 1984. The last proprietor was Janet Arnold. The pub was re-opened as it is now in December 1984.



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Richard & Edith Brown celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 10th March. They renewed their vows at a lovely service in Halam Church on Sunday 12th March to commemorate 50 wonderful years together.

SOUTHWELL FESTIVAL: Summer 2007

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Millennium Picture Archive: Every year on Palm Sunday there is a procession with a donkey. This picture, taken in the early 1980's, shows a youthful Canon Keene, retired Canon Weil, Lynda, Glenys, with Fiona on the right. Can anyone name everyone? (Photo reproduced courtesy of Canon David Keene)



WHAT'S ON

'The Newstead Abbey Singers' on **Saturday 29 April** in Halam Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 (including glass of wine) Funds raised will go towards very badly-needed interior replastering and painting of our Church.

Halam W.I. Fundraising Walk & Lunch: Thursday 20th April commencing at 10am from Halam Village Hall. Tickets from Rita Rippon (Tel: 01636 812390) or Glenys Herbert (812335). Cost £5 including lunch at 12.30pm. Non-walkers are welcome: Proceeds towards fund-raising for Halam W.I. 50th birthday celebrations.

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Parish Council Meeting, 9 March 2006

Present: S. Bust, A. Fraser, G. Herbert, A. Paris & I. Sharman. Apologies: N. Armstrong & D. Parrish.

Matters Arising: Parish Website www.halam.org.uk – ARP reported that there is no funding or assistance available from D.C. for villages who have already set up their own websites.

Parish Plan: AF reported that Parish Plans will carry weight in the future re local planning issues and possible funding for parish projects

Design Statement: Working Group meeting - 20 March.

Community Speed Watch: Clerk to write to J. Whitaker re strict adherence to police guidelines in running scheme, and to confirm insurance on P.C.'s policy.

Village Christmas Tree: To be discussed next month

Licensing for Village Hall: Agreed to apply for basic (free) premises licence (12 events per year not including private parties). Events organisers must apply for liquor licences. Grants/Funding: Mr. Grant, N&S District Council's Parks & Community Manager, addressed the meeting re possible grants available for new village hall/open space. Potential capital grants are available from the Lottery fund, landfill tax credit schemes, DEFRA, Charitable Trusts and the D.C. It is unlikely funds for maintenance or running costs of a new hall would be available. He recommended a hall trust with trustees & management committee was set up.

Open Meeting: Mrs Simmons reported that the C.C. have a scheme allowing Christmas tree lights to be run off a connection to the street lights - investigate further.

C.Cllr. Bruce Laughton gave the meeting information re **concessionary bus passes for Notts residents aged 60 or over on 1 April 2006, allowing free travel on buses, trains & trams. For further info contact the D.C. on 01636 655319**

Correspondence: ARP to attend an N&S Planning Seminar on 16 March at Calverton.

New Street Lighting at The Turnpike Crossroads – several options of proposed increased lighting will be presented to the P.C. at next meeting – 13 April 2006

Planning: 1. Hill Farm Barn, Halam Hill – Erection of single storey garden room – passed unanimously.

2. Briar Croft, School Lane – Erection of 2 storey & single storey side & rear extensions – passed unanimously.

3. Strickland Farm, The Turnpike – Conversion & extension of existing buildings to new dwelling – S. Bust declared an interest & withdrew; passed unanimously.

It was agreed to write to Planning Dept re materials and windows of extension at Holbeck Cottage, Radley Road.

Planning Decisions: Machins Farm – New orangery – application withdrawn

Finance: Halam Parish Partnerships (footpaths) – update and expenses claim received from E. Gathercole; passed unanimously; thanks expressed for work & progress.

Agreed to pay: NALC subscription; Hall cleaners; Clerk's wages; Increase in rate for cleaners noted & accepted.

Agreed to amend the Financial Regulations 17.1 – “from time to time” becomes “every four years”.

ARP reported sales of Halam calendar from D. Joyce and himself had raised £100 towards a new village notice board. Thanks to all who supported this venture.

Proposed New Village Hall: Details of location/size/layout of the project, plus an outline business plan should be presented to the parish prior to any referendum. NA to liaise with Mike Evans re planning matters; ARP & AF to progress figures with input from Peter Thompson and Tom Pulfrey. ARP to draft letter to Paddy Tipping MP re heavy redemption costs of current Public Works Loan Board mortgage.

Date of Next Meeting: - Please note: Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 6 April at 7.00pm followed by the April Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm. This is a week earlier than usual because of Maundy Thursday.



St. Michael the Archangel: April Services

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| 2 APRIL LENT 5 | 8AM HOLY COMMUNION: CANON N COATES 9.30AM FAMILY COMMUNION: REVD R PERRY |
| 9 April PALM SUNDAY | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Revd M Shackley (Meet in Pub car park 10.50) |
| 13 April MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7.00pm Maundy Supper in Village Hall, followed by church communion: Rev Perry |
| 14 April GOOD FRIDAY | 10.00am Morning Prayer: Revd Perry |
| 16 April EASTER DAY | 8.00am Holy communion: Canon Toy 9.30am Family Communion: Revd Perry |
| 23 April LOW SUNDAY | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Canon Turner |
| 29 April CONCERT | 7.30pm: Concert: Newstead Abbey Singers directed by Nick Thorpe |
| 30 April EASTER 3 | 9.30am Family Communion: Revd M Shackley (Joint with Edingley in Halam) |

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: The Very Rev. David Leening: (812593).

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting: This will take place on Monday 3 April at 7.00pm in Halam Village Hall – Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cluster Maundy Thursday Supper at 7pm in The Village Hall All are invited to attend. It will be followed by a candlelit procession for Communion in St. Michael's Church. List and details on Church Notice board or telephone Bev Perks (PCC Secretary/Churchwarden).



Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. next meets on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. The speaker, Mr Ramsey, will be giving a talk entitled 'The Crown Jewels'. The competition is 'A Bejewelled Item'. New members will be made most welcome. On the 9th May Halam & District W.I. will be holding a party to commemorate our 50th birthday! We would be delighted if any former members would contact Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335, in connection with this, which will be held in Halam Village Hall.

Halam News

May 2006

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Happy 50th Birthday Halam & District W.I.!

The Annual AGM of the W.I. will take place on Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. On 9 May Halam & District W.I. are hosting a party to commemorate our 50th birthday! We would be delighted if any former members would contact Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335, in connection with this, which will be held in Halam Village Hall. The archive picture below shows Halam W.I. in the late 1970's - spot those that you know!



Photo courtesy of Mrs Angela Shaw

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St. Michael the Archangel: April Services

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| 7 May 4 th Sunday of Easter | 8.00am Holy Communion: Rev Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Canon Brown |
| 14 May 5 th Sunday of Easter | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Perry |
| 21 May Rogation Sunday | 9.30am Family Communion: Rev Shackley |
| 25 May ASCENSION DAY | 7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Natal welcome in the Minster |
| 28 May Sunday after Ascension | 10.30am Cluster Service: Bishop George & Archbishop of Pieter- Maritzberg in the Minster |

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Church Services - please note

There will be only ONE morning service within the Southwell Cluster of Churches on 28th May at The Minster at 10.30am. The youngsters who serve from St. Michael's Church will be taking part. Bishop George may lead the service and/or preach - shared with The Archdeacon of Pieter-Martizberg in Natal (The Minster's Natal link). All are most welcome at this very special service, after which coffee/tea will be served.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed towards the glorious sight in Church on Easter Sunday, with a lovely Easter Garden and stunning Spring flowers so beautifully arranged. I hope that as many folk as possible have been able to visit and pay tribute to the skills of so many generous helping hands.

From Sunday 14th May is Christian Aid Week.

Bev Perks (Church Warden/Halam PCC)



Halam C. of E. Primary School News

Just before the Christmas holidays we had lots of fun & not much work! The whole school went to Newstead Abbey on a trip to enjoy a Victorian Christmas. Everyone had to dress up including the teachers. We also performed a play & had parties. This term we have been on another trip. Upper Primary went to Bestwood Park to have a Harry Potter Day. They all enjoyed it - especially the Broomstick Competition. Lots of other things have been happening. Here are some of them: all the children did a sponsored spell to help raise money for new dictionaries. The choir and some Year 6 musicians have been in a concert, and the school Tag Rugby team have done really well in their matches. The Middle Primary parents came into school to see what our Friday assemblies are like. We have also been busy designing tiles to put on the wall outside school; they had to be to do with nature. For World Book Day we had to dress as a character out of our favourite books. We had a lovely Easter concert in church and spent the rest of the day making Easter Gardens. So there has been a lot happening. Our School is collecting Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers. If anyone has some to donate just pass them to any school child. The big news is that Miss Mason was married on Good Friday. The whole school wishes her good luck! Also Year 2 and Year 6 are doing SATS so good luck to all of them too.

Eleanor Winning (Year 6)
Junior Reporter

Annual Parish Meeting, 9 March 2006

Present: S. Bust, A. Fraser, G. Herbert, A. Paris & I. Sharman, N. Armstrong & D. Parrish.

Chairman's Report: Simon Bust reviewed the past year – monthly P.C. meetings, special meetings and meetings relating to the village hall. Progress was made during the year with the community speed watch scheme & village gating. Interactive speed signs are still on the agenda with the C.C. & pressure is still being applied to Highways to improve Halam roads.

The Parish Paths Partnership has taken over maintenance of footpaths in the village & the first round of work is complete. This & ongoing maintenance is being funded by the C.C. Elaine Gathercole and her team were thanked for their hard work.

The Chairman reviewed planning applications & reported that P.C. views were supported by D.C. with one notable exception. Village events included Harvest Supper & Trafalgar Weekend celebrations – all involved were thanked.

Much time had been spent on considering the new village hall proposals with open meetings & circulation of information in the village. A full referendum was planned in the next few weeks.

The Chairman thanked the busy Parish Clerk, Pat Rickett and members of the Parish Council for their involvement over the year & also thanked all those villagers who had given support.

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:- 1) Pat Rickett to continue as Clerk, 2) WWII Memorial in the church needs re-gilding, 3) Plaque for the tree planted for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, still needed 4) For sale sign (end of School Lane) obstructs road visibility, 5) Many trees in the Parish are choked by ivy – Maurice Hinde to prepare list, 6) Village notice board – ongoing.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm 6th April 2006

Present: as above.

Matters Arising: 1) State of the Roads – I. Sharman believed better use of Council money would be to repair Radley Rd properly rather than continue 'bodging' repairs. A. Paris thought that at least the poor state keeps volume & speed of traffic down. One of the new 30mph signs (Halam Hill) is obscured by existing 'road narrows' sign. Red tarmac on Halam Hill thought not wide enough to be effective. Hopefully an interactive sign would soon be made available for the approach to the village. 2) **Lamp posts:** The C.C. representative was not at meeting, but the scheme had been put on hold pending review now that the gating and extended 30mph scheme were in place. 3) **Parish Plan:** Entertainments/events committee to be asked to report to the next meeting. 4) **Design Statement:** A further meeting has been held and a date needs to be set for the next meeting. 5) **Speed Watch:** 5 sessions have taken place with 8 volunteers. 36 speeding vehicles have been reported and will receive letters from the police. The fastest recorded speed was 43mph. 6) **Christmas Tree:** It was agreed (6 for: 1 against) to have a Christmas Tree outside the village hall for Christmas 2006.

Open Meeting: Matters raised 1) Support for the Christmas Tree, 2) Proposed new house at Bramley, Halam Hill – strong objections: not in keeping, loss of privacy, detracting from view of Church; contrary to D.C. policies 3) Proposed extension to pub car park – loss of amenity; inappropriate surface finish. **Planning Report:** A. Paris reported on a planning seminar he had attended. More emphasis will be placed on local involvement in future, & Parish Plans will play an important part in the Local Development Framework.

Halam Footpath Group: Parish Paths Partnership – application for work and the 2006/07 grant was approved unanimously. Thanks to the footpath group for all their efforts.

Correspondence: Endurance GB Nottinghamshire Group – social ride Sunday April 23: about 50 riders will come through Halam. Biodegradable lime and/or spray chalk will mark course.

Planning: 1. **Bramley, Halam Hill – demolition of existing bungalow & erection of house & attached double garage:** rejected unanimously. Grounds: 1) Contrary to Policy H31 – size/scale of replacement dwellings, 2) Loss of amenity 3) Over-intensification of site, 4) Building line, 5) Loss of mature trees, 6) Loss of a more-affordable property, 7) Detracts from views to Grade I Listed Halam church.

2. **Waggon & Horses Public House, The Turnpike – formation of overflow car park:** rejected unanimously. Grounds 1) impact on neighbouring properties, 2) inappropriate surface, 3) too large

Planning Decisions: **Thornholme, Grey Lane:** - approved

New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road: - approved

Finance: Resolved to pay: village hall waste bin; S P Rose (Halam Footpaths); fire check; Gill & Taylor (village hall heaters)

Items for next agenda: Events; roads; speed watch; ivy on trees

Village Hall: Ian Sharman declared an interest & left meeting. 1) Acceptable Planning: Chris Elston (N&S DC) wants to see business plan to discuss with Mike Evans before advising on optimum position for proposed hall. 2) Business Plan: work progressing.

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday May 11th at 7.30pm.



Friends Of Southwell Trail

The Friends of the Southwell Trail are holding a slide show by Chris Watkinson from the RSPB entitled 'Birds and Butterflies from the Trail'. It will be held at the Farnsfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 17th May. All are welcome. The entry fee is £1 for members of Friends of the Southwell Trail and £2 for non-members.

Church Study Group

Following the success of the Lent Course, it has been decided to continue with similar meetings each month for the rest of the year. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May at The Scypen Radley Road starting at 7.30pm. This meeting will discuss some of the issues arising from the Lent Course and the content of future meetings. The meetings are held jointly with Edingley. All are welcome. The content is such that it does not matter if you have not attended previous meetings. - **Tony Andrews**



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June 2006

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In Memory: John Parrish 1935 – 2006

Our thoughts are with Di and her daughters on the sad death of John last month. John and Di have lived in Halam for 9 years. John loved Bluebell Cottage and thought living in Halam was wonderful. He was a production engineer and then became principal lecturer at Trent University until retirement in 1998, after which he brushed up his cooking skills and worked as an NCVS volunteer. He will be much missed by a great many people. The funeral service took place in Halam Church on 3 May at 12 noon and afterwards at the Waggon & Horses. Donations in his memory are to the 'John Parrish Memorial Fund'.



St. Michael the Archangel: June Services

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| 4 June PENTECOST | 8.00am Holy Communion: Rev. R. Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. M. Shacklock |
| 11 June TRINITY SUNDAY | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Canon PR Turner |
| 18 June TRINITY 1 | 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. R. Perry |
| 25 June TRINITY 2 | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. R. Perry |

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Church Study Group

The next meeting of the joint Halam and Edingley Church Study Group will be held on Wednesday 14 June at the Old Vicarage, Halam Hill at 7.30pm; all welcome! - Tony Andrews



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Congratulations!



Katie Bust & Christopher Bevans were married in Winthorpe All Saints Church on 6 May at 12.00pm. They are honeymooning on a Mediterranean Cruise. We all wish them every joy and happiness in their future lives together!



Parish Pump

- A very happy 50th birthday to **Julie Paris** on 19th June!
- Many congratulations to **May Clarke** who celebrated her 100th birthday on 30th May. She lived most of her life in Halam at Littledale Cottage & at 2 The Cottages, The Turnpike. She is now at Ashlands Residential Home in Rainworth & a party was held in her honour.
- **Thank you to everyone** who helped with, and supported the two recent concerts in Halam Church. £578.53 was raised as a contribution towards ongoing restoration of our lovely Norman Church. - Karin Davis
- **Halam Open Gardens Day:** - 9th July, and will include a book stall - donations of books for this will be gratefully received. - David Herbert Tel: 812335
- **Thorney Abbey Farm**, Oxtown Road, Southwell - 'Farm Sunday' on 11 June, 10.30am - 4.30pm. Guided Walks will show how modern dairy farming exists alongside the birds, animals and wild flowers in the countryside. Why not bring a picnic? The event is free!

Open Farm Sunday: 11th June at Hill's Farm Shop Edingley 10am – 2.30pm

Don't lie in ... dig out your wellies ... come and join us on a real farm with your family and friends! There will be:

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Contact: John Hill: 07970 465513

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Farm Sunday is a national Open Farm Day co-ordinated by LEAF; www.leafuk.org



Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6 June when speaker Mr rostance will be talking about Egyptian Hieroglyphs. The competition is to create a hieroglyphic image for Halam W.I.! New members will be made most welcome.

Parish Council Meeting June 2006

Present: S. Bust, A. Fraser, G. Herbert, A. Paris & I. Sharman, N. Armstrong & D. Parrish.

Election: Chairman & Vice-Chairman: S. Bust – Chairman, A. Fraser – Vice-Chairman; elected unanimously.

Election of officers: all agreed unanimously:- Xmas Charities – S.B./A.P.; Press Officer – A.P.; Transport Officer – G.H.; NALC Reps – A.F./D.P.; Snow Warden – S.B.; Flag Officer – S.B.; Crime Prevention – A.P.; Financial Officer – P. Rickett; Internal Auditor – E. Gathercole unavailable– others to be asked. I.S. left meeting.

Matters Arising: 1. D.P. reported that she put sand on the footpath off Back Lane to get rid of woodlice problem. 2. Clerk to action plaque for Golden Jubilee tree in churchyard, and re-gilding of the WWII stone. 3. A.P. to attend Neighbourhood Watch AGM: 17 May. 4. A.P. reported letter from MP Paddy Tipping's office asking for further information re penalties on early redemption of village hall mortgages. A. Paris to make contact and to report back.

Parish Plan: 1. Action Plan - progressing satisfactorily. 2. G.H. reported some footpath stiles need attention. Footpath problems - report to E. Gathercole & Parish Paths Partnership. 3. Dog Fouling – see news item; Ongoing problems - report to D.C. Tel: 01636 655606. 4. Litter bin – to be mounted on new bus stop sign at school. Clerk to contact Bus Company to progress. 5. Proposed closure Fiskerton tip – contact C.C. to express dissatisfaction.

Entertainments Committee: M. Thompson to arrange meeting. Halam PTA would like to bring bonfire back into village. Suggested events : village fête; strawberry event; harvest supper; village tramp. Notice Board: Halam will not receive funding from 'Building Better Communities'. Money to be raised ourselves. (Around £1,400).

State of the Roads: awaiting information from C.Clr. Stewart

Speed Watch: About 6 to 10 speeding vehicles are being reported twice weekly. Lack of police feedback - disappointing – Clerk to liaise with John Whitaker & contact police coordinator for more info. Trucks are coming through Halam from Minster School building site - appears to be against planning conditions; N.A. to find out.

Ivy on Trees: Waiting for information from Maurice Hinde

Design Statement: Chairman N. Croston to arrange next meeting

School bus seat belts: A. Fraser reported tenders for school buses for the C.C. do not require buses to be fitted with seat belts, nor specify any environmental factors. All agreed that it was poor that no safety or environmental specifications are included. N.A. will raise this with our County Councillors.

Interactive sign/street lighting: - final decision re interactive speed sign for Halam Hill to be made in the next 3 weeks. Halam is 'likely to get one' - this will affect plans for improved street lighting at crossroads. Sue Haydon from the C.C. will conduct further surveys

Open Meeting: Matters raised 1) End of year accounts for P.C. were requested 2. Interactive sign - probably a more simple version will be provided. 3) A petition was suggested to support installation of speed sign 4) M Thompson reported possible sources of funding for proposed new village hall. Information to be passed to A. Fraser

Correspondence: 1. Best kept village competition – Judging will take place later in the summer – efforts to keep Halam looking tidy and well cared for would be appreciated. 2. Community Safety Liaison: 24 July – A.P. to attend. 3. C.C. Civic Service – 16 July, Southwell Minster at 11.00am. 4. Minster School – fund-raising: all parishes in catchment area are being asked to contribute. Agreed unanimously to sponsor Year 7 prize in school photo competition (up to £50)

Planning Decisions: Briar Croft School Lane–approved; Hill Farm Barn, Halam Hill–approved; Strickland Farm– withdrawn; Waggon & Horses – withdrawn; Bramley, Halam Hill – refused.

Finance: Resolved to pay: hall cleaners; P.C. insurance premium. All outstanding debts from 'Kids Club' - now settled.

Items for next agenda: Events; notice board; ivy on trees.

Village Hall: Draft business plan figures circulated for consideration. N.A. had initial discussion with adjoining landowner re possible access across their field to Gray Lane. Meeting to be held to discuss further & format referendum.

Date of Next Meeting:- P.C. Meeting – **single subject: proposed new village hall:** Thursday 25 May at 7.30pm. Normal P. C. Meeting: Thursday 8 June at 7.30pm

Future Parish Council Meetings – 13 July and 10 August

Dog Fouling – You can now be fined!

A reminder from the P.C. – please remember to clean up after your dog! D.C. website states: "Dog dirt is unpleasant, smelly & may carry diseases and parasites. Many complaints are received about owners who allow their animals to foul in places. **THIS IS AN OFFENCE: anyone not cleaning up after their dog can be fined up to £1,000.**

You can buy purpose-made 'poop-scoops' to pick up your dog's mess, but a supermarket carrier bag will do just as well. Dog Bins are provided in many parks and road verges. Otherwise use a litter bin or your wheelie bin at home. This law applies to almost all areas in the open air to which the public have access.

Our Dog Wardens are giving offenders Fixed-Penalty Fines: **MAKE SURE THAT YOU AREN'T ONE OF THEM!"**

Any incidences of owners not cleaning up their dog's mess can now be reported to D.C. for further action – **Tel: 01636 655606.**

Fiskerton Tip – Scheduled for Closure

C.C. decided last year to close the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Fiskerton. Our District Council has managed to secure a "stay of execution" while consultation takes place. The nearest alternative tip is Bilsthorpe. Closing the Fiskerton tip will mean longer journeys, greater inconvenience and an increased threat from fly-tipping in the Southwell area. The Parish Council is writing to the County Council to campaign against this closure. If you would like to make your views known, write to:- Fiskerton HWRC c/o Environment, Nottinghamshire County Council, Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6BJ.

Springwatch and Bioblitz!

Looking for something to do in June and interested in Nature? Why not visit one or both of these events?

BBC East Midlands: Springwatch Event, Sunday, 4 June 11am to 5pm at Newstead Abbey. 15 events are being held around the country linked to the Springwatch BBC TV series. Entertaining and informative for all the family, it will include hands-on activities for children, "behind the scenes" talks, expert guides, workshops and wildlife film screenings. Entry is free but vehicle parking is £3.

Another June event is **'Bioblitz'** at Colwick Country Park, 24 - 25 June. Part wildlife festival, part educational event and part scientific endeavour, it will bring experts together in a race against time to count as many species as possible in a 24 hour survey. You can take part on Sunday, 25 June between 12pm and 4pm, observing and interacting with experts surveying the site. Counting all sorts of birds, butterflies, bugs and blooms will demonstrate the diversity of organisms living in your own neighbourhood. Various groups and societies from across the county participating will be keen to involve you in what they are counting.