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# **HALAM NEWS**



## **January 2024**

*The  
Waggon*  
AT HALAM

**Latest Menu  
Attached**

 **Flag Flying Dates**   
9<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of the Princess of Wales  
20<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of the Duchess of  
Edinburgh

If you would like to contribute to a future edition of Halam News please send your article as you would like it to be printed using the details below by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion the following month. Please do let me know of any big birthdays, weddings or reasons to celebrate the achievements of residents. Interesting contributions are always welcome. Please note your article will not be edited & it will be printed as you send it.

 **Green: Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> &  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**   
**Silver: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> & Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Brown: 19<sup>th</sup>**



### **Leap Year Ball – Saracens Head – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Halam Events Team are busy once again working on our next event, Tickets will soon be on sale, Full details will be released in February's Newsletter.

### **Halam WI**

A very happy new year from Halam WI! As usual we will not have a meeting in January, but we are very much looking forward to our first meeting of 2024 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We will be hosting Andy Harris and his drumming circle "The Power of Drums" - new members are always very welcome and we will be sharing the full programme of 2024 speakers at this meeting.



### **St Michael the Archangel**



A very Happy New Year from clergy, readers, and PCC to everyone who lives or worships in Halam. Thank you to all those who donated to the Great Notts Toy Appeal.

A reminder that everyone is welcome at all services and for the younger members of the congregation there is an area set aside for them to do colouring and drawings. Currently there are children who take an active part in services, it would be lovely if more wished to become involved; for more information contact one of the churchwardens or ask at one of the services.

**7<sup>th</sup> January**    **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Epiphany** 11.00a.m.    Morning Worship  
**14<sup>th</sup> January**    **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany** 11.00a.m.    Holy Communion  
**21<sup>st</sup> January**    **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany** 11.00a.m.    Informal Service (followed by refreshments)  
**28<sup>th</sup> January**    **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany** 11.00a.m.    Sung Eucharist

**Contacts:** Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens - Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 – Penni Wells 01636 813491

**Food Bank:** There is a collection point in the Church porch. Very many thanks to all who contribute during these very difficult times.

### **Message from Rev. Mary**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Welcome to 2024. A time to make New Year Resolutions. As I write the sun is shining bringing that light and hope for a new beginning. May our eyes open to the wonder of creation as the nation's resolve to protect our planet.

Our church's calendar focuses on Epiphany – when the kings or wise men came to worship Jesus. They represent all nations coming to the Christ Child.

The special prayer bids us pray, 'Creator of the heavens who led the wise men by a star to worship the Christ-Child, guide and sustain us that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Then the week beginning January 18<sup>th</sup> we have the week when we pray for Christian unity. Jesus prayed that we 'might be one as He and the Father were one.'

January 25<sup>th</sup> celebrates the conversion of St. Paul. A man who witnessed Christ on the Damascus Road and became a writer and missionary.

Thank you for all you do to support each other in our villages and donating to our food banks. These winter months will be hard for many.

Thank you to Hills Farm for allowing us to sing carols by candlelight!

So, continue to hope – to dream dreams as you reach out into the future.

Every blessing, Rev. Mary

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# **Notes from Halam PC meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**



**Present** - Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Bevans, Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Wright, clerk Mr Rickett, FO Mrs Rickett Cllrs Laughton, Rainbow and 2 members of the public

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

## **Meeting adjourned.**

The subject of a flood meeting being held by Edingley PC was raised; the 2 members of the public would be attending as arranged by Cllr Laughton. Mrs Denyer to liaise with Mr Ross and Cllr Laughton to arrange for someone to attend a Halam PC meeting.

Cllrs Laughton and Rainbow gave their reports – spoke about Staythorpe Battery Plant, Muskham Solar farm and the pot line hot line being set up.

## **Village Hall**

- The prices for the wall would be discussed at the end of the meeting when members of the public would be asked to leave.
- PAT this had been carried out.
- Electricity renewal – the FO outlined the figures between the company we are with and a new firm, both were for British Gas, for 2 years the only real difference being the new firm had a cheaper standing charge - agreed to go with them – unanimous – FO to arrange.

## **Grant application**

A letter has been put together to explain what the PC wishes to do and this will be circulated to every property

## **Noticeboard**

Agreed to order.

## **Allotment registration**

A letter was received from a solicitor in the Village offering help in doing this.

## **Roads and hedges**

Letters were received about the state of School Lane and overhanging hedges in general. The Chairman reminded the PC that it is the householder's responsibility to maintain their hedges.

## **Correspondence**

A letter was received from St Michael's Church, requesting a donation towards roof repairs. Agreed unanimously to give them one.

## **Planning**

1 Manor Farm Cottage – single storey side and rear extensions - Agreed to support unanimously 5 for

Pepperbox Cottage – variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 20/00311/FUL to amend the approved plans for the additional boundary red brick walls constructed to the vehicular and pedestrian access (retrospective) - Subject to it being agreed by Highways Halam PC have no objection.

## **Finance**

Agreed to pay – Cleaners.

Cable cover

Precept budget was handed round for the Cllrs to look at and make a decision at the January meeting

Local Services pay Agreement 2023 – to be looked at after the public have left.

## **Items that exclude the members of the public**

Village hall wall – 3 quotes have been received 1 from Nottingham and 2 local - After much discussion it was agreed to leave to the next meeting and maybe look at cheaper alternatives.

Clerks wage increase - information had been received that the Government had raised the minimum level and these had to be raised as from now

## **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm

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# District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for December 2023

## **Full Council Dec 12**

The Community Plan 2023 - 2027 was agreed the Full Council. There are 8 key objectives for the Council following the Residents' Surveys and other engagement that Keith, Karen and I have had with residents in conversations and at our regular monthly Surgery on the Southwell Market Square on the first Saturday of every month. There will be some Key performance Indicators on these objectives, and these will be monitored by us and regular intervals; one new significant objective is to 'reduce the impact of climate change' with 15 key points to achieve this. The full Plan is available from us, in the library or on the N&SDC's website.

One major concern is the increase of the Internal Drainage Board's levy, paid in the main by the District Council with contributions from landowners. The levy is increasing by nearly 25% next year to over £950k. This will have an impact on all our council tax bills.

The Amended Development Plan was agreed There have been some amendments, but the deletion of a gypsy and traveller site in Winthorpe due to noise from the A1 which was unacceptable was agreed. The number of places required by the Government [a much higher number than other Districts] will still be acceptable so no new sites are being sought,

## **Cabinet**

Work at Southwell Leisure Centre - the essential works that are required to the dry and wet side facilities at the Leisure Centre reported last month - is progressing. However, there will be a key meeting on Wednesday after this newsletter was published - where options on the swimming pool will have to be discussed.

The Learner Pool remains open during this period. A budget of £740,000 from the Capital Programme, to carry out the fire safety and general repairs to the dry side facility. has been identified. The Cabinet repeated its undertaking to make every effort to phase the works to keep the Leisure Centre operational, including providing a long-term solution to the leaking swimming pool. However, N&SDC and Active for Today warn that there is a possibility that the Leisure Centre may have to close for a period of time in order for the works to be carried out safely, effectively and efficiently. We will report back.

As pointed out last month the Community Grant Scheme is now open for applications with a maximum grant of £20k to allow for larger, transformational projects. Applications close on 22 December 2023

**There are no meetings until the New Year so Cllr Keith Melton, Trent Ward, Cllr Karen Roberts and Cllr Peter Harris, Southwell Ward wish you a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024.**

**Dingbats** – Last month's answers were "Skating on thin ice" & "Banana Split"

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**Two Courses £22 Three Courses £25**

### **Starters**

Bowl of Soup & Homemade Bread

Warm Jerusalem Artichoke, Blood Orange & Feta Salad

Smoked Bacon BBQ Beans & Poached Egg on Toast

Smoked Haddock & Salmon Fishcake, Thai Red Curry Sauce & Asian Slaw

Crispy Fried Cauliflower, Ginger, Chilli & Coriander

### **Mains**

Maple Glazed Ham Hock, Leek Mash, Pickled Red Cabbage, Cheddar Cheese & Mustard Sauce

Garlic & Herb Cream Cheese Stuffed Chicken, Boulangère Potatoes, Buttered Spinach

Red Wine & Shallot Gravy

Fresh Homemade Tagliatelle, Portobello Mushroom, Chilli, Garlic, Lemon Olive Oil & Parmesan

Stoppard's Hangar Steak, Mushrooms & Onions, Skinny Fries, Peas & Pepper Sauce

(Steak £2 Supplement)

Shin Beef, Real Ale & Chestnut Mushroom Pie, Chunky Chips, Peas & Gravy

Waggon's Steak or Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Slaw, Dill Pickles

Barbecue Sauce & Fries (Add Bacon & Cheese £1)

Seared Salmon, Mash Potatoes, Crushed Peas, Citrus & Dill Butter Sauce

(£2.00 Fish Supplement)

Twice Baked Cheddar Cheese Soufflé, Creamy Spinach Sauce, Fries & Salad

Beer Battered Haddock & Hand Cut Chips, Chunky Tartar Sauce & Minted Mushy Peas

### **Side Orders**

Mixed Seasonal Vegetables £3.00 · Beer Battered Onion Rings £3.50

Hand Cut Chunky Chips £3.50 · House Dressed Salad £3.00 · Fries £3.00

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Warm Profiteroles, Honeycomb Ice Cream & Dark Chocolate Sauce

Chocolate Orange Steamed Pudding & Vanilla Custard

Caramelised Apple Crème Brûlée & Brandy Snap Biscuit

A Selection of Thaymar's Luxury Ice Creams

Wedge of Cheddar or Stilton, Balsamic Onions & Homemade Bread

### **To Accompany**

**Château Loupiac Gaudiet 75ml £5.50**

Taylors LBV Port - 50ml £3.95

### **To Finish**

Americano £2.90

Espresso £2.50

Cappuccino £2.90

Double Espresso £3.00

Liqueur Coffee £6.00

Latte £2.90

Hot Chocolate £2.95

English Breakfast Tea, Earl Grey, Peppermint, Chamomile, Green Tea,  
All £2.50 Each

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