

Halam News

July 2006

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St. Michael the Archangel: June Services

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| 2 July Trinity 3 | 8.00am Holy Communion: Canon P Turner 9.30am Family Communion: Canon Brown |
| 9 July Trinity 4 | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Very Rev D Leening A thanksgiving & celebratory service |
| 16 July Trinity 5 | 9.30am Family Communion: Canon M Brown |
| 23 July Trinity 6 | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev R Perry |
| 30 July Trinity 7 | 9.30am Joint Service(St Giles Edingley): Rev Shackley 6pm Cluster Service (Halam): Very Rd D Leening |

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

Celebratory Service & Halam Open Gardens: 9 July

On 9 July a service will be held in St Michael's Church at 11am to celebrate and give thanks for all those volunteers who help to make Halam such a special place to live by giving their time, skills and friendship in the community for the good of all. Many people make a wonderful effort for special events and fund-raising, but also we must give thanks for those who perform everyday acts of care and friendship. In particular we will remember Linda Bass, a devoted and practical member of the church and who was church warden for many years.

Many of Halam's gardens will be open to the public from 12.30pm on the same day. This event has attracted many visitors over the last 11 years and this year there will be teas served in 2 of the gardens, as well as plant and book stalls.

One of the 'gardens' will be St Michael's churchyard. Over the last 3 years a new management plan has been in operation; upkeep has been simplified by creating 3 zones. One area is left wild; one is regularly mown; the third is extensively planted with perennials to suppress weeds. Maintenance is easier and there has been a marked increase in numbers of villagers and visitors walking around the churchyard each day. Visitors also enter the church to view the mediaeval windows and comment on how loved our church must be. Once again the church is perceived as being at the heart of village life.

It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at the service of Sung Eucharist & Thanksgiving at 11am on July 9th. Open Gardens will take place 12.30pm - 6pm; Entry: £3 for adults, no charge for children. - **David Herbert**



WHAT'S ON

Southwell Choral Society summer concert with the Junior Choral will take place in Newark St Mary's Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 1 July and includes Jubilate: Bob Chilcott; Psalm 150: John Rutter and Mr Lear: Alan Bullard. Tickets: £5 from Music in the Yard.

Lincoln Mystery Plays in the Minster on Friday 7th July & Saturday 8th July at 7.30pm.

Saxophone Quartet: Music in the Great Hall series on Sunday 23 July at 8pm; ex-Halam school pupil Andrew Hill leads this group who will be playing a varied and eclectic programme of wind music. Free with a retiring collection.



Parish Pump

- **Best wishes for a very happy birthday** to Richard Winning who will be 50 on 18 July!
- **Happy 18th birthday Cate Davis** on 28 July!
- **Best wishes** to all those students who have been suffering the strain of exams - Alex Reid, Joe Hunt - GCSE; Tom Stoppard, Holly Fowler, Angus Perks, Beth Miller, Becky Paris have all done AS Level; Cate Davis, Jonathon Paris, Danielle Pepper have done A' levels - we hope all of you get the grades you need. (If I have missed anyone sincere apologies! - The Ed.).
- **Christian Aid:** A big thank-you to everyone who helped to collect and donate a total of £306.57. - Bev Perks (Churchwarden/PCC Sec)
- **Congratulations** to Jackie and John Thornewill who will be celebrating their silver wedding, - 25 years of marriage, on 4 July 2006! And very belated 50th birthday wishes to Jackie - 8 April!
- **Congratulations** to Ken and Wendy Miller who also celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in June.



Best Kept Village Competition

Halam has had successes over the last two years in this competition and we have entered once again. Judging usually takes place in July or at the beginning of August. It is really important to keep up the standards of past years - could everyone please make a real effort to make Halam really beautiful around this time, - it will be really appreciated!



Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 July and will be held in the garden of Mrs Carole Layfield's new home. Ideas for laying out her grounds will be the challenge for members! New members will be made most welcome. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

Church Study Group

The next meeting of the joint Halam and Edingley Churches Study Group will be held on Wednesday 19th July at The Scypen, Radley Road Halam, starting at 7.30pm. All welcome! - **Tony Andrews**

Parish Council Meeting: 8 June 2006

Present: S. Bust; A. Fraser; G. Herbert; N. Armstrong.

Apologies: A. Paris; D. Parrish; I. Sharman.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- 1) Churchyard – quotes needed for re-gilding & new memorial plaque.
- 2) Housing Survey – deferred to next meeting
- 3) Seat Belts on School buses – Cllr Stewart will continue to lobby for these.
- 4) Design Statement – awaiting response from sub-committee.
- 5) Interactive signs – Cllrs Stewart & Laughton reported that a decision would be made in near future and they would continue to put on pressure.
- 6) Entertainment Committee – PTA would like to see the bonfire back in Halam; Harvest Supper will be October, date to be confirmed; possible treasure hunt and fete; some of funds raised will go towards a new notice board.
- 7) State of Roads – Mrs Holmes from NCC has visited Radley Rd – worst parts to be repaired, but not substantially until new financial year.

Open Meeting: Mr R Dix (N&SDC) is leaving end of year.

Correspondence: 1) RCC AGM: deferred to next agenda.

2) Interim Parish Conference 21 June – A. Paris, D. Parrish; G. Herbert to attend.

Village Hall Car Park: G. Herbert will arrange for weeds to be cleared.

Planning: Holbeck Cottage, St Michael's Close: Erection of timber fence to Radley Road side of property and new planting; passed unanimously.

Finance: All agreed to pay village cleaners (2 bills)

Items for next agenda: 1) Harvest Supper 2) Memorial Tree Plaque 3) RCC AGM at Rolleston Village Hall 4) Speed Watch.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13 July at 7.30pm

Village Hall: A. Fraser explained the proposed site map of position of Village Hall and houses. Next meeting would be how to phrase wording of referendum.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Parish Council Meeting 15 June 2006 at 7.30pm

Apologies: I Sharman (pecuniary interest); A. Paris.

Single item agenda – Halam Village Hall Refendum:

Discussion took place on the wording of the referendum which will be going out to all villagers; agreed to meet briefly to scrutinise final draft on 22 June.

Parish Council Meeting 22 June 2006 at 7pm

Apologies: I Sharman (pecuniary interest); A. Paris

Single item agenda: **Village Hall Referendum** revised to Village Hall Referendum final version.

Mr Hallam attended the meeting to assist with distribution of the referendum; agreed to distribute by the 9 July at the latest and collect by the 20 July.

There was no further business; meeting closed at 8.15pm.



Nature Notes: Butterflies

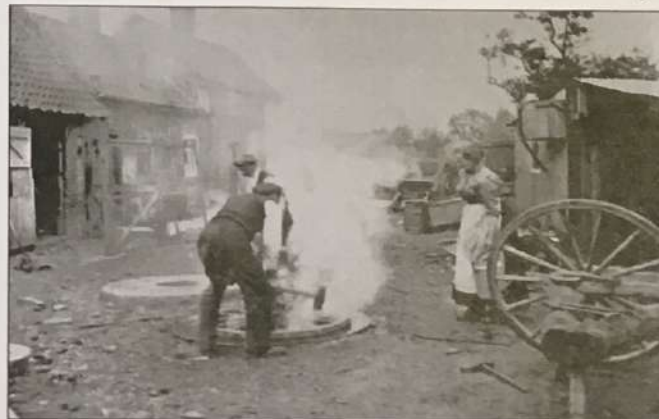
As we head into summer and hopefully better weather keep your eye open for the beautiful butterflies which are common in and around the village. You are probably familiar with Large, Small and Green Veined Whites, but have you noticed that there seem to be a lot of Orange Tip butterflies around already? You could well have seen the yellow Brimstone early in the year and there have also been Peacock butterflies around.

Others to look out for are Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, Speckled Wood, Small Tortoiseshells, Commas and Red Admirals. You could also see either Holly or Common Blues. When you start to notice the different types it is surprising just how many you can see throughout the summer. - **Elaine Gathercole**

Ancient Village Occupations and Crafts

Village occupations complemented farming practice in Halam. Wool, hemp and flax must have been grown locally as there are records of a large number of spinning wheels in the village from an early date. Wool cards were household items, and early inventories of household items include lengths of woollen and linen materials. In the 19th century there were framework knitters living in the village – the names of Hallam, Mitchell, Black and Adamson are recorded in the 1841 census. Another craftsman in the village was the cordwainer; the earliest named one was W. Gilby in 1763; J & H Glazebrook were cordwainers between 1832 and 1895. The making of rushlights was another skilled job for housewives; rushes cut from marshy areas of Halam were stripped and dipped in tallow.

Hops, fruit – especially apples, and willows were grown. The willows provided material for basket and chair-making. There were kiln houses and beer brewed. Bees were kept for honey production. There was a water mill and two windmills existed. Blacksmiths worked at different locations, and are recorded in at least one house name! There were at least two wheelwrights at work in Halam at any one time, the earliest recorded in the mid 16th century.



This is a wonderful photograph showing Halam village wheelwrights at work; I guess its date as about 1910 and think it was taken at Hill Farm. Can anyone say who gave this to the Millennium archive collection? If anyone has information about this picture please let the editor know!

Halam News

August 2006

From the Editor: This month's Halam News is sponsored by Glenys & Bernard Gallimore - thank you! Sponsors are urgently needed - I am refusing to allow people who have sponsored the news over the last 2 years to do so again in spite of several generously coming forward. There are 170 households in the village - enough to keep Halam News going for over 12 years if everyone offered once!

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Many thanks to those people who rang me to give information about last month's archive photograph which was in fact taken in the yard of Springfield Cottages, The Turnpike, and kindly given to the Millennium collection by Mr & Mrs Hazeldine who had a copy from John Hill. His grandparents, wheelwright Fred Barrett and his wife appear in the picture. Springfield Cottages have their own spring making it an ideal location for a wheelwright.

Halam School News

The summer term has been fun. Everyone in year 6 went to the Manor in Shropshire. They enjoyed the exciting activities like abseiling, canoeing and rock-climbing. They all came home wet and tired - even Mrs Brown!

The school plays this summer were The Tempest and Billy Goats Gruff. They were very, very good! Sports Day was a big success too, even though it was hot. Reds won!!

Finally we had an awards ceremony and a leavers' service for year 6. It was good but sad. I hope everyone has a good holiday. - **Eleanor Winning**

Thank you so much to Eleanor Winning who has been Halam News Junior Reporter this year, and has done such an excellent job! She is moving on to The Minster School in September, and so the post is vacant if anyone would like to apply. - **The Ed.**

Parish Pump

- Welcome to Tina Hussein and her son Harley who have moved into 2 Halam House Cottages. We hope you will be very happy living in Halam.
- Welcome to John Olivia & Isabella Leatt who have moved into Mill View, The Turnpike - we wish you every happiness in your new home.
- Thank you to all those people who opened their gardens on July 9th - the event was, as usual a great success and £1000 was raised for ongoing maintenance of the churchyard - well done everyone!
- Congratulations to Sarah Denyer who graduated from Leeds with a B.A. in July.



Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 August at 7pm and will be a guided walk through the paths and fields of Edingley, organised by Rita Marshall & Kath Stocks. It begins and ends at Moat View, Station Road. Those not wishing to walk are warmly invited to take tea at Rita Marshall's house afterwards. Do come! New members will be made most welcome. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.



W.I. Coffee Morning

Halam W.I. will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 16th September at 10am in Halam Village Hall in order to raise funds for the annual Over 50's party. Tickets cost £1 and include coffee/tea and biscuits, or alternatively you can pay on the door. Do join us and support a very worthy cause - everyone will be made most welcome!



St. Michael the Archangel: August Services

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| 6 August: Trinity 8 Transfiguration of our Lord Rev. Prof M Shackley | 9.30am Family Communion: 6pm Evensong Cluster Service: Holy Trinity |
| 13 August: Trinity 9 Rev. R Perry | 11.00am Sung Eucharist 3.15pm Cluster Service: The Minster |
| 20 August: Trinity 10 Rev. R Perry | 9.30am Family Communion 6pm Evensong Cluster Service: St Giles, Edingley |
| 27 August: Trinity 11 Rev. Prof M Shackley | 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6pm Evensong Cluster Service: St Nicholas, Hockerton |

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



The Very Reverend David Leening, Dean of The Minster, on his retirement as priest-in-charge of Halam at the special service of thanksgiving on Sunday 9th July; Churchwardens David Herbert and Beverley Perks are photographed with him.



Choir

Did you know that people who sing live longer and are happier than people who don't? It's true! From 5th September there will be a regular choir with practices on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm to be held in the church. If you would like to come and sing contact Alec Wells (813491) Karin Davis (815854) or simply turn up to practices - adults and teenagers will be most welcome.

Parish Council Meeting: 13 July 2006

Present: S. Bust, A. Fraser, N. Armstrong (arrived late), G. Herbert, A. Paris & D. Parrish

Apologies: I. Sharman
Matters Arising: S. Bust reported from Cllr. Stewart: wider consideration to other villages is being given re interactive speed signs. This may mean Halam Hill becomes less of a priority. A letter will be sent to Cllr. Smedley at Notts C.C. and also Susan Haywood (Accident Investigation).

Parish Plan: Action Plan generally progressing satisfactorily.

Design Statement: Further meeting needed urgently – Andrew Paris to progress

Events Committee: Nothing further to report.

Harvest Supper: Proposed date of a Saturday evening in early October to be confirmed with Events Committee

Memorial Tree Plaque: Agreed to have the plaque painted with gold paint in situ at a cost of £50

RCC AGM – Rolleston Village Hall: 18th November at 7.30pm. Decision to be made at September Parish Council

Speed Watch: Ongoing; Liaison with police has improved now Melissa Pickings has been appointed. There are still concerns about trucks through Halam from the Minster School building site. J. Whitaker will give the Clerk the statistics regarding speeding vehicles through the village for use in support of our application for the interactive speed sign.

Village Hall: The Chairman acknowledged there had been problems with delivering Referendum Documents, but stated that parishioners had been made aware that they could bring any comments and questions to the P.C. at this meeting. The referendum count will be done publicly at next month's P.C. Meeting on 10th August.

Open Meeting: Matters raised - the village hall proposal – Mrs Croston circulated notes regarding the Referendum Documents; further questions were asked and views expressed.

Correspondence: 1. N&S Community Safety Meeting, Kelham Hall, 24th July at 7.00pm – A.P. to attend. 2. Mansfield-Southwell-Newark buses – 6.21am bus to Mansfield will no longer run. 3. HGV traffic through Halam from the Minster School site – letter received from Chair of Governors assuring traffic will be minimal. Residents should write to the Considerate Construction Scheme with any complaints at: Considerate Constructors Scheme, PO Box 75, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 0YX. Free phone: 08007831423 www.ccscheme.org.uk/enquiries@ccscheme.org.uk 4. An endurance horse ride will pass through the village on Sunday 23 July. 5. Fiskerton Household Waste & Recycling Centre – now in consultation period re the tip's closure. Individuals can express views at: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/pr/home/environment/recycling/recyclingcentres/hwrcviews/fiskertoninfo

Planning: 1. Strickland Farm, The Turnpike – Conversion of existing outbuildings to form annex to farmhouse (re-submission): Simon Bust declared an interest and left the meeting; Passed unanimously. 2. Machins Farm, Radley Rd – Proposed orangery (re-submission): passed unanimously. 3. Waggon & Horses, Turnpike – Formation

of overflow car park (re-submission): passed unanimously. 4. Grange Farm, Radley Rd – exterior/interior alterations (Listed Building Consent): passed unanimously. 5. Grange Farm, Radley Rd – Change of use of farm buildings for storage; Build new barn, stables & garage. Alterations to farmhouse: Concern expressed that not enough detail was given on application for "storage and distribution". Application was not supported (2 for support: 4 against) insufficient information about potential impact on the village and of possible increase in commercial/HGV traffic by creating a storage & distribution centre on Radley Road.

Finance: Resolved to pay: village hall cleaners; Copy Right Print Services – ARP declared an interest and took no part in the discussions; village hall wheelie-bin collection; S. Rose (Parish Paths Partnership), and Neighbourhood Watch subscription.

Next P.C. Meeting – Thursday 10 August 7.30pm



Friends of Southwell Trail: Hay Raking & Picnic

There will be Hay Raking and a Picnic on 2 September in Farnsfield meadow, near the Trail car park at Farnsfield. It will start at 10am, end at 4pm, with a picnic at 1pm.

Come all day, some of the day, or just picnic time. Rakes and equipment provided. You might find gardening gloves handy! Children are welcome to come & work with their parents. Bring your own picnic. Soft drinks will be provided.

Halam Tramp

The second Halam Tramp will take the form of a walking Treasure Hunt through the village and along parish footpaths on **Sunday 17th September** at 3pm and will be followed by tea for all participants. Everyone is welcome - more details to follow! - Andrew Fraser (815039) & Peter Thompson(814026).



'Cinderella': Rags to Riches in 2 ½ hours!

I have booked seats for the Nottingham Playhouse pantomime this year on **Thursday 21 December**. This is great fun for all the family – parents, children and grandparents. Tickets: Adults £15.50 & children: £13.50 (group discount rate). Let me know if you are interested - final confirmation and payment is on 31 October. Contact: Karin – Tel: 815854

From the archive



Apple-picking

This photo was taken early September 1972 in the Norwood Park orchard at the top of Halam Hill. Old Halamites will have no problem identifying the Halam-born picker and her son, but recent residents - Can you guess who is on the ladder?

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Apple-picking: The Halam-born picker in last month's picture was, of course, Olive Kitts (nee Sharman) who kindly gave permission to print the photograph.



Parish Pump

- **Congratulations** to all those who have done so well in exams: Cate Davis will be leaving us to go to the University of East Anglia to read English & Philosophy; Jonathon Paris has been accepted at Liverpool University to read Aerospace Engineering, but is taking a gap year and hopes to depart soon for Arizona where he will get his pilot's license; I have been unable to contact Danielle Pepper; Mark Layfield is taking a gap year and then will go to the University of Westminster to study Music. Well done and good luck to all of you! (Anyone missed off – please contact the editor.)
- **Congratulations** to Davina Wilson and Scott Gill on their engagement! Scott originally comes from Carlton-in-Lindrick, and they met at school. They are both living and working in London.
- **Congratulations** to John Hill of Springfield Cottages, Halam and his fiancée Shirley, who are getting married in Sunderland on 23 September. John is a Methodist minister and presently living in Sunderland. We wish them every happiness!

Conker Season!

September is exciting for children because of **CONKERS!** Children will, of course, want to knock the conkers down from the lovely chestnut tree in the churchyard and if they do I would be most grateful if parents would stress the following strongly to their children:

- Please do not use bricks or large stones- last year these were used and damaged the mower.
- If pieces of wood are used would the children please take them home with them.
- Last year over £50 of damage was done and this year I would ask children to please be careful to avoid damaging plants.
- Could parents ensure that the churchyard is left in good order when their children leave.

Have fun, but remember to be considerate!
Thank you! - David Herbert (Church warden)



Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm. The speaker, Mike Harris will be giving a talk entitled 'Saving Fuel', and the competition is 'Candle Power'. New members will be made most welcome. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.



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The Daniel Smith Blues Band is performing in Farnsfield Village Centre on Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm. They will be supported by Tom Bell (local Minster student) who played so brilliantly last time! Tickets cost £7 and are available from: Peter/Michele Atkinson (01623 883098) or Karin Davis (01636 815854).

An Early Evening Concert of Light Classical Music will take place on Sunday 8th October in the Great Hall, Southwell Minster in aid of Rampton Hospital League of Friends. Tickets are available from Glenys Herbert (812335) & Karin Davis (815854).

Minster School Cricket Fun Day: on Saturday 16th September from 1.30 pm at Thurgarton Cricket Club; Admission: £1 adults/50p children including a Teachers v. GP's match; competitions; a 7 a side Knockout competition for children. There will be music, stalls, games and a bouncy castle; a bar & food will be available – for further details Tel: 0115 8466902 or email: vtrent@rcap.org.uk



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Tony Andrews

Parish Council Meeting: 10 August 2006

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

Village Hall Referendum: 254 ballot papers received (out of approx. 316 potential voters). The results were 125 for the new proposed village hall scheme and 129 against.

Parish Plan: 1) Contact information for Halam's Beat Office to be published in Halam News & the Halam website – www.halam.org.uk; 2) Neighbourhood Watch – A.P. to investigate the possibility of circulating Farm Watch information; 3) Road Safety – interactive speed sign for Halam Hill: P Cllr. Andy Stewart reported that Halam was a high priority for this scheme due to the position of the school – the 'travel to school' plan will be useful in support. A report and statistics from the Community Speed Watch from John Whitaker was given to Cllr. Stewart to help support our case. 4) Hedges – hedge (bottom Halam Hill) is obstructing the view for traffic from School Lane.

Design Statement: A meeting was held 3 August with Andrew Paris in attendance. A series of information sheets will be released with Halam News over the next few months, leading to further consultation with Halam residents. Next meeting is scheduled for 11 September.

Events Committee: 1) A 2nd Halam Tramp (treasure hunt) will be held on Sunday 17th September. 2) Date of Harvest Supper (Fri/Sat, early October) to be confirmed.

Memorial Tree Plaque: completed in the next few weeks.

RCC AGM – Rolleston Village Hall: Weds 1 November at 7.30pm; Simon Bust + one to attend.

Speed Watch: Police to be approached for an "official" speed patrol can be organised to back up our efforts.

Open Meeting: Matters raised 1) Speed watch – is it possible to have a monitoring point to check cars coming in from the Edingley direction? A.P. to investigate with John Whitaker. 2) Are speed humps possible for The Turnpike? Cllr. Andy Stewart said this would not be possible. 3) Can anything that can be done about the increase in traffic using Radley Rd as a cut-through? The situation will be monitored, but it was felt little can be done. The view was expressed that any improvement to Radley Road could lead to an increase in the level of traffic.

Planning: Evergreen House, School Lane – Split plot to create two residential units with office/storage/training space: Some concern expressed re creation of a new dwelling, but the application was passed unanimously

Planning Decisions: 1. Holbeck Cottage, Radley Road – erect timber fence: Approved by D.C. 2. Strickland Farm, The Turnpike: Approved by D.C.

Finance: Resolved to pay: village hall cleaners

Village Hall: I. Sharman declared prejudicial interest & left. Proposal: the referendum results should be sent to the planning department at D.C. to ask if the figures are enough evidence of "strong support" in Halam to proceed. A.P. felt that, as the vote showed a majority against the scheme, the P.C. had no mandate to proceed, & this should be made clear to the D.C. while seeking their views. The amendment was not seconded & so fell; Proposal carried: 3 for; 1 against.

It was resolved to write to Mr & Mrs Sharman to thank them for their offer and let them know officially the referendum outcome. The P.C. will consider the future of the existing village hall; advice to be sought from R.C.C. & Kirklington P.C. (who have refurbished their village hall).

Items for Next Agenda: Harvest Supper date; Proposed purchase of existing Community Speed Watch camera.

Date of Next Meeting: - Thursday 14 September: 7.30pm

Halam's Beat Officer: PC 768 Lyndsay Whyke

Beat officers should not be contacted for emergencies - (when you should ring 999), or to report crime (when you should contact your local police station). They are there for community policing and general on-going police issues for the Parish. PC Whyke's contact details:- Tel: 07910 336893/ Email: southwell@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

St. Michael the Archangel: August Services

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| 3 September 12 th after Trinity | 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am: Family Communion Rev. Prof. Myra Shackley |
| 10 September 13 th after Trinity | 11.00am: Sung Eucharist Canon Peter Hill |
| 17 September 14 th after Trinity | 9.30am: Family Communion Canon Mark Brown |
| 24 September 15 th after Trinity | 11.00am: Sung Eucharist Canon R. Turner |

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Attention All Mums And Carers!

Children back at school? Hurrah!
Treat yourself to a well-deserved massage and pampering with £10 off normal price!

**The Beauty Lounge
With Emily**

Tel: 01636 812334
Mobile: 07791464702



Millennium Collection: Haymaking (Manor Farm?)



Photograph courtesy of David Stubbs who couldn't be contacted to ask permission, so I hope he doesn't mind! Hopefully we will have more information about this picture from David next month. – The Ed.



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Farewell (but not goodbye!) from the Hubbards!

We moved into our new house in August 1992, with Amy just 6 years old. Halam was then a village with two pubs, a shop, a village hall and a school just beginning to be confident of staying open!

We have enjoyed our years in Halam - the church, school, community events, but it's time for a different style of life; Not that different however, we are only going to Southwell. Our fourteen years in the village have been memorable and varied.

There are far too many events to list individually but our connection with the primary school will perhaps remain foremost in our memories. Jenny spent many happy hours as a dinner lady and volunteer classroom assistant. Martin is proud to have designed and helped raise funds for the school library and office, and Amy of course, had a wonderful primary school education; great sports' days, dumble-delving, youth hostel trips and leavers' services all spring to mind.

The connection to the church came via the school and of course Canon David Keene who had a very special way with both the children and adults, enticing us to family services and it was always a pleasure to attend.

Through other events and occasions we have met and made good friends with many villagers and we are thankful to all those people for enriching our lives.

Good luck to you all, and thank-you!
Martin Jenny & Amy Hubbard



Parish Pump

- Welcome to Natalie and Ed Copeland and their children Hannah and Ellie who have moved into Cedar Lea, Radley Lane. We wish you every happiness in your new home!
- Welcome to Martin, Janet and baby Lottie who have moved into Meadow Cottage Radley Road.
- Goodbye and good luck to Declan, Suzy and Alicia - who are all moving to Kirklington.
- Thank you to those who supported the WI Coffee morning raising funds for the over-sixties party.

Volunteers for Halam Kids Club Committee

Mums, dads, grandparents, writers, international business consultants, astronauts, administrative whizzos, farmers, financial experts, teachers! Halam Kids Club committee is a voluntary group responsible for overseeing the running of Halam's after-school club. It is important that the Club has the right blend of committee skills. We are looking for new volunteers to support the existing four-strong team. We are Ofsted regulated, employ two paid play staff and growing. In particular we're looking for people who can:

- help with financial oversight and budgets
- help with administrative and secretarial tasks
- join our stand-by rota of people able to staff the Club in the rare event of staff absence
- help boost the club's part in a thriving Halam community

Simple commitment and common sense are the most important things. If you are able to give time to Halam Kids Club then it is a really valuable way of giving something to the school and local community and will enrich your own lifestyle. You may have a connection with the school as a parent or relative of a pupil but, equally welcome, are people from the local area who just want to give some of their time to help.

Interested? Want to find out more? Give Dominic Byrne, Chairman of the Club, a ring for a chat on 01623 882577 (office) or 01623 883338 (home).



Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30pm in Halam village Hall. The speaker the Reverend Haydock will be give a talk entitled "It's better than working for a Living!" The competition is to decorate a biscuit for a Vicar's tea-party. New members will be made most welcome. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

What's On

Harvest Supper: This will take place on **Friday 13th October** at 7pm for 7.30pm. If anyone can help with this please contact Glenys (812335) or Marina (814026). Tickets cost: Adults £6/Children £2.50 & are available from Glenys Herbert (812335), Marina Thompson (814026), Elaine Gathercole (813760) Patricia Kells (814047).

The Daniel Smith Blues Band is performing in Farnsfield Village Centre on **Saturday 7th October** at 7.30pm. They will be supported by Tom Bell (local Minster student) who played so brilliantly last time! Tickets cost £7 and are available from: Peter/Michele Atkinson (01623 833098) or Karin Davis (01636 815854).

An Early Evening Concert of Light Classical Music will take place on **Sunday 8th October** in the Great Hall, Southwell Minster in aid of Rampton Hospital League of Friends and will raise money for much needed musical equipment for patients. Please support a really worthy cause. Tickets are available from Glenys Herbert (812335) & Karin Davis (815854) :£10 and include a glass of wine.

Parish Council Meeting: 14 September 2006

Present: S. Bust; G. Herbert; A. Paris; I. D. Parrish.

Apologies: N. Armstrong; A. Fraser; I. Sharman.

Matters Arising: Hedges: Clerk to contact owners of Halam House to request that their hedge is cut back. **As we approach Autumn hedge cutting season, could all property owners please ensure that their hedges do not obstruct pavements, footpaths or roadways.**

Cllr Andy Stewart was asked to find out what the ongoing situation is regarding the bridge and footpath by the ford, and also the banking at the Turnpike end of Holme Lane. Are further repairs/strengthening to be carried out?

Village Hall Referendum: Following discussions with Head of Planning at Kelham Hall, it was reported that the proposed new village hall scheme is no longer viable. Two letters from residents had been received questioning the P.C.'s approach to the District Council given that the referendum had resulted in a majority "no" vote. Di Parrish raised the question of confidence in the P.C. given this result. It was agreed unanimously that the scheme would not be pursued further. The Clerk will write to Mr & Mrs Sharman thanking them, & informing them of this decision.

Parish Plan: Street lighting problems: Tel: 0845 330 4256

Design Statement: A leaflet had been circulated with last month's Halam News which had reportedly caused some concern and misunderstanding. It was stated at the meeting that it should be made clear that the Parish Working Group is not a "stand-alone" or "break-away" group. The PWG has been set up to liaise with, and report to the Parish Council, and that there are Parish Council members who are also members of the PWG. Any suggestions or proposals made by the PWG will have to be fully endorsed and supported by the Parish Council if they are to be taken any further or implemented. The project of information circulation will continue over the next few months. **Anyone else wishing to be involved with the PWG should contact Simon Bust or Nevil Croston.**

Events Committee: A second Halam Tramp (walking treasure hunt) will be held on Sunday 17th September. The Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 13th October – raffle prizes and all offers of help very welcome: contact Glenys Herbert or Marina Thompson. Tickets will be limited so buy early to avoid disappointment. Discussions are taking place regarding having a bonfire night event in the village.

Memorial Tree Plaque: Work is imminent.

Speed Watch: 2 recent sessions had noted 11 speeding vehicles, including one doing nearly 50mph. A second location at the Edingley end of the village is to be investigated. It was proposed that the parish should reimburse John Whitaker for the speed gun being used for the scheme – passed 3 for with 1 abstention.

Open Meeting: Matters raised 1) Confidence was expressed in the parish council, 2) PWG - its relationship with the P.C. & the village, 3) Peter Thompson reported that all parents at the school have been reminded about parking safely and considerately at the school. 4) Letting

policy for the new school hall – waiting for County Council confirmation, 5) Over-provision of new housing in the area under the current District Council Local Plan

Planning: None this month

Finance: Resolved to pay: village hall cleaners, S. Rose – Parish Paths Partnership, Dog Waste Bin emptying.

Village Hall: Plans and funding for the present hall will be discussed at a **special parish council meeting on Monday 9th October at 8.00pm**

Date of Next Meeting: - Thursday October 12th at 7.30pm

St. Michael the Archangel: October Services

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| 1 October Trinity 16 | 8.00am: Holy Communion: Rev Myra Shackley 6.00pm: Harvest Service: Reader Alison Farnsworth |
| 8 October Trinity 17 | 11.00am: Sung Eucharist: Rev Myra Shackley |
| 15 October Trinity 18 | 9.30am: Family Communion Canon Michael Austen |
| 22 October Trinity 19 | 11.00am: Sung Eucharist Rev Myra Shackley |
| 29 October Bible Sunday | Joint service with Edingley at St Michael's Halam Canon Robin Turner |

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

Church Study Group

The next meeting of the joint Halam and Edingley Churches study group will be held on Wednesday 18th October at the Old Rectory, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome! - **Tony Andrews**

Millennium Picture Archive

This photograph shows some rather wonderful Halam ladies who belonged to the Methodist Church (now our village hall) which was built in 1898. I believe this was taken shortly after that date. Their names (from left to right) are: Mrs D. Hallam; Mrs French; Mrs Godber; Mrs W Hallam; Mrs Smith; Mrs Taylor. The photograph is reproduced by kind permission of Mr Cedric Hallam.



Halam News

November 2006

From the Editor: This month's Halam News is sponsored by Jeremy and Rachel Smith - thank you! If you would like to sponsor Halam News (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items included (deadline 25th - late submissions may be carried over to next month) contact: Karin Davis: Tel: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com



Parish Pump

- Belated 80th birthday wishes to Dennis Fox on 11th October! We all hope you had a great day!
- Happy Birthday to David Wilson who will be 60 on the 30th October.
- The Wilson family would like to thank their neighbours for their tolerance on the evening of India's 21st party.
- Congratulations to Tina Hussain and family on the birth of a daughter, Neesee on Tuesday 17th October.
- We all hope that Ken Grieve, who has been in hospital, is recovering well and feeling much better.



Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 November at 7.30pm in Halam village hall and our speaker Pam Littlewood will be giving a talk entitled 'Chance Fate & the Imagination'. The competition is: An interesting old book. We would like to open our meetings up to anyone who would like to attend - if you think our speaker may be of interest to you do feel free to join us - there will be no charge and we would be delighted to see you and make you most welcome. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

- **Southwell Choral Society** will be performing Mozart 'Vespers' as part of the Mozart anniversary celebrations this year, and Monteverdi 'Vespers' in Southwell Minster on **Saturday 25 November**. Tickets are: £12.50 (front nave) £10 (rear nave) and £8 (side aisles) and are available from Music in The Yard (Tel: 01636 814411) or via Glenys Herbert or Karin Davis.
- **The Renaissance Singers** will be coming to Halam Church once again this year to lead our carol service and entertain us on **Sunday 17th December** at 6.30pm. Be sure to mark this date in your diary!
- **Village Ventures: Brendan Power & Frank Kilkelly** the amazing harmonica player and singer of haunting Irish music is returning to Halam with a master guitarist on **Tuesday 6 January** at 7.30pm in Halam Church. Tickets: £7 are available from: Karin Lindley (815854); Bev Perks (812181); Glenys Herbert (812335).
- **NSPCC Vinyl Revival** 24 November in Oxtown Village Hall - Ring Matthew Strathern: 01636 816746.

Halam Arts

Halam Arts has been operating for a number of years now - we were initially set up for Millennium projects such as the village map and the Halam archive photograph collection and exhibition. We regularly put on concerts in the village hall and church which are wonderfully well-supported. Thank you all - this has, and continues to, generate a community fund. If you have a particular project which you feel is worthy of a grant please feel free to approach a member of the committee.

There will be a short open meeting on Tuesday 14th November at 7pm in Halam Village Hall to accept a constitution, elect a committee, establish signatories on the account and formalise our arrangements with a view to applying for full charitable status. Even if you do not wish to take an active part on our committee but have any comments we would be happy to take these on board.



St Michael the Archangel: November Services

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| 5 November 4 th before ADVENT | 8.00am: Holy Communion: 9.30am: Family Communion Both services: Canon Peter Hill |
| 12 November 3 rd before ADVENT | 11.00am: Sung Eucharist Rev. Russell Perry |
| 19 November 2 nd before ADVENT | 9.30am: Family Communion Canon Peter Hill |
| 26 November CHRIST THE KING | 11.00am: Sung Eucharist Rev. Russell Perry |

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

Church Cleaning

It's time again to thank all our willing helpers who do the church cleaning - many thanks for a job well done! I would be grateful if those on the rota would let me know if they are willing to do the same again in 2007 and I would also welcome any new volunteers. Very many thanks to you all!

Elsie Milner (Tel: 814460)

Church Study Group

The next meeting of the joint Halam and Edingley Churches study group will be held on Thursday 23 November at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome! - **Tony Andrews**

Halam Millennium Picture Archives



This photo shows the Old Rectory, built in 1908 in the Dutch style, on a piece of land given at the time of enclosure in lieu of tithes. The Rev. Hubert Bell Lester was priest-in-charge at the time. (Owner of photo is unknown).

Parish Council Meeting: 9 October 2006

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

Village Hall: Three options considered: (i) Sell current hall & reducing precept on parish, (ii) Bring hall up to disability standards with minimum expenditure (iii) Investigate schemes to improve current facilities to best possible to make the hall more attractive to potential users and make it an asset for the village. This last would clearly be the most expensive, but probably the only way to ensure the hall was used more in the future.

After much discussion the latter option was unanimously agreed upon, subject to availability of grant funding. Draft plans for possible schemes should be drawn up for consideration leading to a planning application. In the meantime possible sources of funding would be explored. Once planning permission is granted, funding applications can be made. It was agreed to approach John Thornewill to ask if he would be prepared to help with the scheme.

Parish Council Meeting: 12 October 2006

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

Matters Arising: 1) Christmas Tree – held over to next meeting 2) Village Noticeboard – Cllr Laughton reported that funding is available from the Community Fund. With this and money already given, it was agreed to investigate the prices of noticeboards again, including having one made locally as Hoveringham have done. Clerk to contact local manufacturer. 3) Roads – Cracking on the bridge on the Tumpike and erosion of the bank on Holme Lane; Highways Area Manager is aware and will be investigating. 4) Regional Spatial Strategy – Cllr Laughton urged that P.C. give this detailed attention & make comments a.s.a.p.

Village Hall: John Thornewill has indicated that he will help with this; agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

Parish Plan: Nothing further to report as this stage.

Design Statement: A further meeting is urgently required – Andrew Paris to progress. **Anyone else wishing to be involved with the Parish Working Group should contact Simon Bust or Nevil Croston.**

Events: A successful Halam Tramp was held Sunday 17th September. Comment was made re good condition of footpaths – Parish Paths Partnership is clearly a benefit to the village. Harvest Supper will be held Friday 13 October.

Speed Watch: Cllr Stewart reported that Halam Hill will get an interactive speed sign. Work is scheduled to be complete end of November/beginning of December.

Open Meeting: Matters raised 1) Volunteers to help with village hall refurbishments, 2) Possible village hall extensions and loss of car parking, 3) Future use of hall, 4) Village hall memorial clock – needs refurbishment, 5) Over-provision of new housing in the area under current D.C. Local Plan, 6) Village hall cleaning – volunteers to reduce current cost 7) Neighbourhood Watch – more detail needed in circulated alerts please.

Correspondence: Parish Conference – 13 Nov.: A. Paris to attend; Code of Conduct Training – 30 Oct.: D. Paris to be asked if she would attend; NRCC AGM – 1 November.

Planning: A.P. reported that planning permission was granted for an extension to Norwood Park golf course with no consultation with the P.C. despite it being in Halam. It may have been possible to raise the Halam Hill footpath issue again. The Clerk was asked to write to Newark & Sherwood D.C. to express concern at lack of consultation.

Planning Decision: Evergreen House, School Lane – Barn Conversion to residential unit with office/storage/training space; Approved by the District Council.

Finance: Resolved to pay the village hall cleaners

Items for Next Agenda: Christmas tree; Village Notice Board; Regional Spatial Strategy.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12 November: 7.00pm to allow for village hall discussions with John Thornewill.

Noah and the Ark (a modern parable)

Contributed by David Herbert

In 2006, the Lord spoke unto Noah, who was now living in Halam & said: "The earth is wicked and overpopulated once more. Build another ark and save two of every living thing, along with a few good humans." He instructed his servant Martin Hubbard to draw up plans and pass them to Noah. Then He said: "Gird up your loins and build the Ark - in 6 months it will rain continually for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later He looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard. He roared "Noah! I am about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me Lord, but things have changed. I need Building Regulation Approval - the Ark is over 30m squared. I've argued with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim I should have planning permission to build the Ark in the garden as it is site development, although I believe it is just a temporary structure. I await a decision from the Secretary of State. The Local Area Access Group complained my ramp would be too steep, and the Ark was not fully accessible. The Department of Transport demanded a bond be posted for future costs of moving power lines & other overhead obstructions, in order to clear a passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

Getting the wood was another problem. All the trees have Preservation Orders on them and we in Halam live in a quasi Conservation area close to a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up to preserve and protect birds and plants that Halam footpath group think important. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood in order to save these species - but no go!

"Then I started gathering animals but the RSPCA sued me. They insisted it was confining wild animals against their will, arguing the accommodation was far too restrictive, & it was cruel and inhumane to put animals in such a confined space. The County Council, Environment Agency, and the Rivers Authority ruled I could not build the Ark without an Environmental Impact Study, and the village's opinion should be obtained in a searching questionnaire.

I am still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission on how many BME's I should hire for my building team. The Trade Unions say I can't use my sons - They insist I hire CSCS accredited workers with Ark building experience. Worst of all Customs and Excise seized all my assets, claiming I intend to leave the country illegally with endangered species. Forgive me, Lord, - it will take at least 10 years for me to finish the Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," He said, "Your national and local government have already beaten me to it."

Halam News

December 2006

From the Editor: May I take this opportunity to wish you peace and every joy and happiness this Christmas time!

Thank you to Scott and Elaine Miller of Gray Lane, who have kindly sponsored and advertised in this month's news, and to Dora Rylatt, who has sponsored the news in memory of her daughter Melanie. If you would like to sponsor Halam News, advertise, make a donation, or have items included (deadline 25th) contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com. I have a list of people who, for various reasons are interested in what happens in Halam and receive Halam News by email; if you know anyone who would like to receive the news in this way do let me know.



WHAT'S ON

• **Village Ventures: Brendan Power and Frank Kilkenny**

This amazing harmonica and guitar duo, are performing in Halam Church on **16 January 2007**. Tickets £7 each include a glass of wine and are available from: Karin Davis (815854) Bev Perks (812181) & Glenys Herbert (812335).

- **Carols for All** will take place in the Minster on Saturday 16 December. Tickets are available from Penny at 'Music in The Yard' Bull yard Southwell (Tel: 01636 814411) or from the Minster Shop on Church Street.



St. Michael the Archangel: December Services

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| 3 December ADVENT | 8.00am Holy Communion: Canon R. Turner 9.30am: Family Communion |
| 10 December ADVENT | 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry |
| 17 December ADVENT | 9.30am: Family Communion: Canon Austin 6.30pm: Carols & Lessons: Sister Barbara |
| 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE | 11.00am Said Eucharist: Rev. R Perry 5pm: Crib Service: Sister Barbara 11.15 pm Midnight Mass: Rev. R Perry |
| 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY | 9.30am: Family Communion: Canon Peter Hill |
| 31 December | 9.30am: Family Communion: Joint with Edingley at St Giles: Rev. R Perry |

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (812335); Canon Nigel Coates (817296).



The Renaissance Singers:

Carol Service Sunday 17 December

Once again this year Halam is privileged to have the Renaissance Singers to entertain us and lead our carol service on **Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm**. Do mark this date in your diary and come along and enjoy some lovely singing, readings and carols.

In Memory of Kathleen Shaw

14th March 1925 – 15th November 2006



Kathleen Shaw came to the village in 1972 when she and her family moved to Rose Cottage from Nuttall. She was a kind and caring member of the village community and an active community worker being a commissioner in the Girl Guide movement. She was an active member of the Church family in Halam and worked hard to make the Church relevant in the life of the village; she went out of her way always to greet newcomers and visited them within a short time of them arriving in the village. She and her husband moved to Farnsfield in 1995 after 22 years of living in Halam, but returned here often to take gentle walks around the village. In the last 10 years she became too infirm to visit Halam any more.

Her funeral took place in St Patrick's Church, Nuttall on Wednesday the 22nd of November, and a number of those villagers who knew her attended. A maple leaf from her favourite tree was given with the service sheet to those who attended, and the wonderful passage on the subject of charity from Corinthians Chapter 13 verses 4-13 was read. She was a quiet, kind person. When we think of her we remember William Wordsworth's lines: "That best portion of a woman's life, her little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."

David Herbert

'YOU AND THE ENVIRONMENT': Derek Clark

There will be an interesting and stimulating talk by Derek Clark, organised by the Notts Branch of the **Campaign for the Protection of Rural England**, covering climate change, energy consumption and improving your 'ecological footprint'. It will take place in Southwell Minster Great Hall on **1 February 2007 at 7.30 for 8pm**.

Derek Clark (BA, MSc, CEng, MRAs) has a very impressive C.V. including Head of Control at RAF Cranwell, international lecturer and Open University tutor on the subject of 'The Environment and Sustainable Energy'. Tickets cost £7.50 and include a glass of wine. Send a S.A.E. to Middlebeck, Gray Lane Halam Newark Notts NG22 8AL stating your requirements and enclosing a cheque payable to CPRE (Notts).



Carol Singing in The Village

Enjoy festive carol singing on Friday 22nd December; we will meet in the Waggon & Horses car park at 6.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies to follow!



Parish Council Meeting: 9 November 2006

Present: A. Fraser (Chair), N. Armstrong, G. Herbert, A. Paris, D/ Parish & I. Sharman; **Apologies:** S. Bust

Village Hall Refurbishment: Ian Sharman wished it to be recorded that he felt any significant expenditure on the present village hall would be a waste of money due to the limitations of the current building and its site. Discussions took place with Mr John Thornewill regarding work on the existing village hall. He agreed to produce some sketch drawings for the next meeting.

Matters Arising: Roads – 1) Cracking on the bridge (The Turnpike); erosion of bank on Holme Lane; Highways Area Manager has inspected and remedial work is programmed. 2) Draft Regional Spatial Strategy – A. Paris to report back for discussion at next meeting. 3) Government White Paper regarding Local Councils – C.Cllr. Stewart recommended the P.C. should look at this as it concerns Parish Councils.

Village Hall: Village Hall Cleaning – further discussion is needed with Tony Denyer.

Loan Sanction – A. Paris reported on a letter received from Paddy Tipping MP indicating that we are very unlikely to resolve the problems of the current mortgages.

Parish Plan: Actions up to date.

Design Statement: Next meeting: Monday 13 November. All information will be passed to the P.C before publication.

Harvest Supper: A very successful Harvest Supper was held on Friday 13 October. £297.02 was raised. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the evening.

Xmas Tree: To be erected outside the Village Hall; agreed to fund this to a maximum of £200, D. Parish to organise after investigating the health & safety/legal implications.

Noticeboard: District Cllrs. Nora Armstrong & Bruce Laughton have secured £500 funding for this from Newark & Sherwood District Council; a letter of thanks will be sent. Further investigation will be made into having a noticeboard made for the village.

Open Meeting: Matters raised 1) Objections to the planning application at Bramley, Halam Hill, 2) Village hall refurbishment, 3) Objections to planning application at Grange Farm, Radley Road

Correspondence: NALC AGM – 15th November; S. Bust to attend 'Future of Sherwood' – no action to be taken

Planning: 1. Fairfield House, School Lane – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two-storey extension: supported unanimously; 2. Grange Farm, Radley Road – Change of use farm buildings for B8 (storage) & B1 (light industrial) use. Build new barn, stables & garage, and alterations to farmhouse (re-submission): Ian Sharman declared an interest and took no part in discussions. Planning Application – supported 3 for: 1 against: 1 abstention. Listed Building Consent – supported unanimously. 3. Bramley, Halam Hill – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two-storey dwelling with double garage (re-submission): rejected unanimously. Grounds (same as previously) 1) contrary to Policy H31 – size/scale of replacement dwellings, 2) loss of amenity for neighbours, 3) over-intensification of site, 4) building line,

5) loss of mature trees, 6) loss of a more-affordable property, 7) detracts from the views to and from Grade I Listed Building (Halam church).

Finance: Resolved to pay the village hall cleaners

End of Year Accounts – Internal auditor's report was discussed in detail. Action points were noted, including agenda item re accounts/budget to be raised every quarter. A. Paris agreed to look at the P.C's Risk Assessment documents and to discuss the Clerk's salary with E. Gathercole (with clerk's input). Many thanks to Elaine for her auditing and input over the past three years.

Date of Next Meeting: - Thursday 14 November at 7.30pm



Halam School Autumn Term News Report

We started off the term with a trip to Twycross Zoo. There we learned all about animals. We did writing and modelling to show what we thought about Twycross.

On the 14th of November Middle Primary and Upper Primary went to Nottingham Castle Museum to learn about the Romans. Also we are now learning our plays: Key Stage 2 are doing 'The Snow Queen' and Key Stage 1 are doing 'The Bossy King'.

We wish Mrs Brown a very safe return because she is coming back from Ghana on the 2nd of December. Halam School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Evie Hoggard (Junior Reporter)

As our Christmas fundraiser Halam School are buying goats to send to Africa. To raise the money we are selling stamps £1 for 5 to send to each other in school. If you want to give a contribution to this please give your money to a Halam School parent.

At the Lions sponsored swim we have raised over £200 so far. The book fair raised £928.66 which means each class will have £130 of new books in their classrooms!

Last year's girls' football team won the Newark area competition and came 3rd overall in the Nottinghamshire sports final.

On Tuesday 5th of December new children will be visiting the school.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2nd December: School Christmas Fair 2pm

Thursday 7th December: Christmas performances 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 14th December: Carol Service in Halam Church

Emma Anderson (Junior Reporter)



PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 2nd December: 2pm – 4pm
In Halam School**

Donations will be gratefully received for the Children's tombola and the Home Produce stall.

Millennium Picture Archive:

Laying the Foundation Stone of Halam Village Hall



Mr Cedric Hallam has contributed this photograph and the following article:

'The photograph in the October edition of Halam News showing the Methodist Chapel (now the village hall) at the end of the 19th century prompted me to re-read the account of its being built:

"At a meeting on 8th May 1896 it was decided to invite tenders to build a new chapel. On 23rd May a tender from John Pogson of Farnsfield was accepted on condition that it should be completed within 3 months! This tight schedule was met, the stone-laying taking place on 18th June and the opening ceremony on the 17th September, and by the end of the year all the funds had been raised."

This information is taken from a book containing the Minutes of Trustees' Meetings for a period of over 80 years. This document is now deposited at the County Records Office in Nottingham, but I have photocopies of all the pages and would be happy to show them to anyone on request.'



Parish Pump

- **House to house collection 2006:** Many thanks to all those who so generously donated to the MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE envelope collection. The total amount raised was £61.30. – **Tony Denyer**
- **Hallowe'en** – There were a few problems with gangs of unsupervised older children this year creating an unwelcome disturbance in residents' gardens. This is a very dubious imported American tradition and can be extremely threatening for older or more vulnerable people in the village. **Please ensure that your children are supervised and only go to people's houses who are happy to receive them.** I have been asked by several householders to put this in the News. – **The Ed.**
- **Poppy Collection:** Thank you to everyone who bought poppies for Remembrance Day. A magnificent £162.33 was given by villagers. – **Dora Rylatt**

Halam Kids' Club Play Worker Needed!

£6 per hour

Hours of work: 2pm – 6pm

Job share possible

We are looking for a committed, reliable and enthusiastic person to replace or job-share with Maria Gaskell, our current play-worker. The club operates Monday – Friday from 3.25 – 5.50pm. The start date will be 3 January 2007. We are Ofsted regulated. NVQ qualifications are desirable but not essential. The most important thing is that you can help deliver a fun and interesting programme for the children. Full details can be obtained from the school office or call in and chat to Tina Hopewell the Play leader.

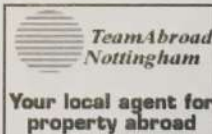


Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. annual over 60's Christmas party will take place on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall and we hope that many of you will join us to celebrate the festive season with good food, entertainment and carols. Everyone really enjoys this annual event.

Halam and Edingley Women's Institute meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm. We begin the evening dealing with business and then go on to the main part of the evening. We have an interesting programme of speakers and demonstrations lined up for 2007 and hope that you will consider joining us in the New Year. Feel free to come and try us out before joining – you will be made most welcome, or if you are simply interested in one particular speaker do come – men as well as women are invited. For further information about meetings and events please contact:

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1st Halam & Edingley Guides (photo circa 1967/8)

It would have been Melanie Rylatt's 50th birthday on the 29th December. Dora Rylatt is sponsoring the second page in Halam News in her memory and has asked that the photograph below be included in this month's edition.



The photograph shows the guides cleaning the church. Dora supplied me with the following information but did not know one name – can anyone supply this?

Front row: Mrs Betty Godper; Linda Smith; Simone Roberts; Bryony Godper; Melanie Rylatt.

Back row: Sharon Widdowson; ?; Louise Rylatt. Clive Godper is in the front of the picture.

Church Children's Choir

I am hoping once again to be able to put together a small children's choir to take part in our annual Crib service on Christmas Eve. If you would like your child to take part please attend a short rehearsal to be arranged - I will give details, or you can contact me. We will do pieces which they already know. If any of them would like to bring small percussion instruments that would be great. - **Karin Davis**

Recipe For A Very Merry Christmas...

Dry Martini (makes 4 glasses): 8fl oz dry gin; 4fl oz dry vermouth; ice cubes; 4 strips lemon rind. Impale an olive on a cocktail stick. Pour gin & vermouth into a jug with a handful of ice and stir gently. Strain into glasses. Twist a strip of lemon rind over each glass to release the oils then drape over the edge of the glass.

Buck's Fizz (makes 8 glasses): 8fl oz fresh chilled orange juice; 1 bottle chilled champagne. Pour juice into a large glass jug & add champagne; pour into glasses.

White Lady (makes 4 glasses): 4fl oz gin; 2fl oz cointreau; 2fl oz fresh lemon juice; white of an egg (optional); 4 maraschino cherries; 4 orange slices; ice cubes. Put ice & all ingredients in a cocktail shaker, shake, then strain into glasses.

And don't forget to invite the neighbours!

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Halam Church Fabric

There are several projects in progress at the moment to preserve and improve the fabric of the church. The first is to install a handrail at the side of the chancel steps and this will be dedicated to Lynda Bass and include an inscribed brass plaque in her memory.

Secondly conservation work is in progress to the historic Donations Board which hangs on the wall of the tower near to the heating boiler.

Finally work is due to start in January on redecoration of the internal walls of the tower and this is to be followed later by work on the remainder of the church.

The cost of work to the Donations Board is to be partly met by a grant of £300 provided by Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) who distribute the Landfill Tax Credits of Waste Recycling Group Plc. The allocation and distribution of the grant has been made by the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Simon Settle of WREN says "We are very pleased to be able to help finance this project which will ensure that a bit of Nottinghamshire's rich church heritage is preserved for generations to come."

Also the generous contributions from Halam Arts towards the cost of the fabric work are gratefully acknowledged and contributions from other sources towards these projects would be very welcome. - **Tony Hallam**

And finally a little topical humour from Pooch...

