

# HALAM NEWS



January 2018



## Bin Collections

Silver: **Tue 2<sup>nd</sup>**,  
15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
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### **Thanks from the Family - re Edith M. K. Brown (1920-2017)**

Richard and family thank all friends and the wider community for their support leading up to the death of Edith on 6th December 2017. The condolences following have been very much appreciated.

Edith, born July 1920 had lived in Halam since 1939 having taken on a housekeeper role firstly at Sow Bank Farm (now known as Low Bank Farm) for Mr Husk and then onto Norfolk House which she later acquired and lived in all her days.

Edith was well known in the community and was involved in setting up a Young Wives Group for Halam and Edingley, was a keen member of the Mothers Union and a member of the Women's Institute. She also attended, when able, the 'Tea at Two' in the Village Hall on Tuesdays. Older Villagers will remember her as the School Dinner Lady and Lolly-Pop Lady at Halam School, carefully watching the children leaving school to visit Mrs Marshall's and then Janet Arnold's shop. (now part of The Waggon). This was well recorded with photographs in a publication, 'Halam, The Story of a Nottinghamshire Village' by Katharine Ada Coulthard, published January 1972.

She will be remembered for her preserves and home-baking and at the last Village Harvest Supper in the Village Hall comments were heard, 'Are the pies Edith's'? .....her pastry was always good!

Edith was confined to her bed for the last few months of her life and was attended by a group of superb carers

from Carewatch who helped her maintain her dignity and sense of humour to her end.

Villagers, Carers and friends joined the family on 22nd December for a Service of Thanksgiving at the Church. Richard, Stephen and William would like to thank Anne Godfrey and Revd. David Moore for leading the lovely service. Thanks also to Simon Hall of DJ Hall Funeral Directors of Southwell as well as Ed and the staff at The Waggon for providing good food and the opportunity to share memories following the burial.

Richard has had the dreaded head and nose cold over Christmas as many of us have, so he has a stock of Stollen cakes and mince pies to be shared if anyone wants to call to see him!

### **Robert Simmonds (Bob) (1938-2017)**

Janet would like to thank Heather, Kirsty & Barbara for all of their love and support. She could not have got through this without them. Janet would also like to extend her appreciation to all of her friends and neighbours for all the cards of sympathy and support shown at this difficult time.

Bob & Janet have lived on St Michaels Close in Halam for the past 14 years and have made a lot of friends in that time.

Bob passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> December at Kings Mill Hospital and the funeral was held at Mansfield Crematorium on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December

### **Church Cleaning**

Mrs Herbert would like to hear from you if you are able to spare an hour every couple of months to assist towards keeping our beautiful church presentable and become a member of the existing team.

### **Carol Service**

A big thank you to everyone who came to the carol service at St Michael's on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. A special thank you to the people who helped swell the ranks of the choir and of course the children who stole the show. We raised £297.30 for Mansfield Night Shelter which I am sure will be really appreciated. Penny Wells.

<b>ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL</b>		
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14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30	Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey
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28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30	Sung Eucharist with Erika Kirk (Candle Mass)
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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 19.30**

**Halam WI – Film Night.** Calling all ladies! come along and enjoy a film

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 19.30**

**Parish Council Meeting** in the Village Hall

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### **A warm welcome to Richard and Elaine**

They have recently moved into Evergreen House on School Lane.

### **Halam Bake Off**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> December, The Waggon at Halam held their first ever “Halam Bake Off” and there was a great little atmosphere to accompany the evening. There were eight different entries judged by Michelle Spriddell from Southwell Scoop. The winners on the night where Tony Farrar (Adult Winner) and Sophie Bolwell (Junior Winner)



### **Bags 2 School**

Halam PTFA would like to thank everyone who donated a bag of clothes following last month's appeal. You helped to raise £163 for PTFA funds.

### **Halam WI**

Thinking about doing something new in 2018? Why not come along to the village WI to see what we're up to? We meet the first Tuesday of each month and have a variety of speakers and demonstrations booked for the year. We're starting the New Year with a film night and Loft Handmade from Edingley will be at our February meeting. If you want to find out more please email me at [halamvillagewi@gmail.com](mailto:halamvillagewi@gmail.com). Sara Subramanian

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm**

### **Present**

Chairman Mr Bust, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Bevans, clerk Mr Rickett

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

After the PC were informed of the deaths of former PCllr and Chairman Mr Richard Browns wife and current PCllr Mrs Janet Simmonds husband, it was agreed to send cards of condolence

### **Village Hall**

Mr Bevans is looking into running a charity games night in the near future

Work on the roof should start approx. the second week in February 2018

### **Roads and hedges**

The School lights on Halam Hill are still flashing at random times clerk to contact NCC

### **Speed Watch**

Mr Paris sent a message saying that a trial run had been held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There are 5 volunteers to be trained and PSCO Crowhurst will be the point of contact, a camera van may be sent out if a

significant number of vehicles are registered at 37mph and over

### **Dog/litter bin**

We are unable to put the dog bin on the footpath sign at Manor Fields as the landowner has refused permission

Clerk to find out if NSDC will empty the bin if it is put at the footpath entrance in The Waggon and Horses overflow car park

### **Correspondence**

Conference for Town and Parish Councils – Mr Paris to attend

### **Finance**

Agreed to pay the cleaners and for the defibrillator sign for the phone box

The Shaws at Halam House Farm have agreed the second defibrillator can go on the wall at the bottom of their yard, clerk to see the Hairdresser and see if we can get power from there

### **Planning decision**

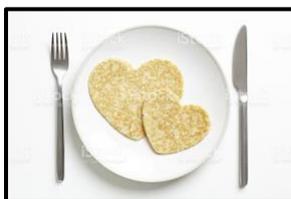
Erection of 4 dwellings, Halam House Farm – approved by NSDC

**Date of next meeting** Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 at 7.30pm

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### Church Cleaning

Rota has now been completed, Thank you to one extra volunteer, Welcome to the team.

### Church Scrap Book

We are proposing to start a photograph and cuttings scrapbook, if you have anything that you think may be of interest please contact Glenys or Penni (Church Wardens) Originals can be returned once copied.

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30	Sung Eucharist with Jackie Jones
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11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30	All Age Mothering Sunday with posies

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Monday Mornings 09.30 - Yoga Class – Halam Village Hall

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 19.30 - Halam WI – Halam Village Hall (Details on reverse)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 19.30 - Parish Council Meeting - Halam Village Hall

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Valentines Night at The Waggon

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 09.00 - Bags 2 School Collection – Halam School Reception



## PARISH PUMP!



### Happy Birthday

To Fergus Godfrey who turned 21 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January

### Borrowers Tree

A little fairy has whispered into the ear of the editor and hinted that the Borrowers tree is starting to look a little untidy, if not somewhat out of season. As I do not know who is responsible for the decorations, I thought I would quietly hint in here, I am happy to do this myself however did not want to risk offending anyone.

### Bags 2 School

Halam PTFA have organised another collection of all of your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. please ensure that your bags are outside school reception by 9am on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb if you would like yours collecting please contact the editor and this will be arranged for you.

### Charity Bike Ride (Newark to Skegness)



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March I (Chris Bevans) along with 9 colleagues and friends will be cycling from Newark to Skegness to raise money for

Macmillan Cancer support. Any money raised up to the value of £1000 will be matched by my employer PHS Group. I am doing this for my Nan who is living with the effects of cancer at the moment. Please show your support by making a donation online <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-bevans> or contact me on the details below and I will note down your sponsorship. Thank you very much in advance.

### A note from Victoria Starkey

Is there a Handyman in Halam who could replace the bent hinge on my stable door? Hill Farm House stables.

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## **Halam WI**

Our WI meeting this month is on Tuesday 6th Feb 7,30pm in the village hall. We will be listening to Martin Hubbard who will be talking about the stigma of mental illness. If you are interested in finding out about the WI and you would like to come to this, or any of our other meetings then please contact me at [halamvillagewi@gmail.com](mailto:halamvillagewi@gmail.com). Sara Subramanian

## **A note from Julie & Andrew Paris**

We would like to thank all our friends for their kindness and offers of help over Christmas and the New year with the loss of Julie's father and Andrew's illness and hospital stay. Julie made it back to Texas for her father's funeral which was a touching celebration of his long life (93 years). Andrew is home now and on the mend; it will be a bit of a journey back to full health, but he is doing well.

Your friendship and support are greatly appreciated, we feel so lucky to live in a village like Halam with such good friends. Thank you!

## **A note from Stephen Haddelsey**

As I think you know, for the last 3 years I have been walking all over the village picking up every scrap of litter I see. I've covered the entire area within the 30mph zone and many of the off-road footpaths. I'd really like to share the task with some other volunteers.

The arrangement doesn't need to be formal in any way or undertaken at set times - but it'd be great to have a few volunteers who will litter-pick in a selected area. For instance, I'm more than happy to continue to pick litter between the entry to Gray Lane and the junction with The Turnpike.

If a few volunteers will concentrate their individual efforts in an area no more than 100yds in length, the whole village will very soon be covered

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm**

### **Present**

Chairman Mr Bust, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Bevans, Clerk Mr Rickett, Cllrs Laughton and Rainbow

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

### **Village Hall**

Sound baffling – Mrs Godfrey told the PC that it could cost between £500 and £5000 depending on what needed doing. Agreed to wait until after the roof had been done

Roof – a start has been made on the drains – still looks to be towards the end of February for the roof

### **Roads and hedges**

Water is running down Mansfield Road between Littledale and Norfolk House

There are pot holes appearing on Holme Lane and Radley Road

The School lights are still not up at the Edingley side

The hedge on School Lane needs cutting back adj. the golf course

All these are being passed to Mike Keeling of Highways

### **Finance**

Agreed to pay the cleaners £31.00

Precept - proposed to raise to £8200.00 – 3 for 2 against

### **Planning**

#### **Halam Lodge, The Turnpike**

Householder application for proposed extension and alteration to existing dwelling, with new detached swimming pool and pool house and new detached cart shed

Support 3 for 1 abstention 1 against

#### **The Old Barn, The Turnpike**

Householder application for single storey rear extension

Rejected unanimously - added comments, excessive height and should there be a listed building application

#### **Halam House Farm, Radley Road**

Proposed new farm access road. Supported unanimously – added comments, ensure adequate drainage to prevent run off on to Radley Road

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm

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March 2018



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### Church Scrap Book

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### Mothering Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> March)

Come and join us for Mothering Sunday. We will have little posies for the children to take home for Mum and we will all share a traditional Simnel cake.

### Palm Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> March)

We will be meeting at The Waggon car park at approx. 10.10am and we will follow our 'Donkey' with our palm branches up to the church. Do come along and join in with our services.

### Easter Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> April)

Come and see all of the lovely decorations that will be displayed in church provided by the flower ladies and the children from Halam school.

### An Appeal from the Church

Unfortunately, the Church clock is not working. The electric power surge/cut off two weeks ago has upset the mechanism and we are waiting for the clock repairman to come and deal with it.

We have had a lot of expense recently, a new boiler and pipework, following leaks in the old cast iron pipework. It became apparent when we took the floor up that the pipes had been leaking for years.

The lead roof on the south side of the church is now becoming a major concern each time it rains, we get a great deal of water coming in. This will be a major expense running into thousands of pounds, so we would appreciate any fundraising ideas.

Over the past few years we have received help from Holy Trinity Church in Southwell to pay our precept (This is money each Church pays towards running the Diocese) Contrary to popular beliefs the church in Halam has no major reserve funds.

Many people over the years have contributed by standing order and gift aid.

Anyone wishing to help in this manner towards the running of the church and the preservation of this wonderful Grade 1 listed building, Gift Aid / Direct Debit forms are available on request.

Thank you for reading this,

Glenys & Penni (Church Wardens)

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30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TBC	Good Friday (Service TBC)
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	09.30	Easter Sunday Parish Communion
10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.30	Morning Worship

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Monday Mornings 09.30 - Yoga Class** – Old School Room, Edingley (Temporary Venue)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 19.30 - Halam WI** – The Scypen (Details Below)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 19.30 - Parish Council Meeting** – Venue TBC

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Mother's Day at The Waggon

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### **Halam WI**

This month the WI are meeting on Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm at The Scypen.

Our guest this month is Hayley Schofield from Maythorne who will be showing us some of her gluten free products. I am sure there will be some tasty treats for us to try as well.

Next month Loft Handmade will be visiting us.

If you are wondering what the WI is all about why not come along and join us for the evening.

### **Bags 2 School**

Halam PTFA would like to thank everyone who donated towards our collection, your support is appreciated.

### **Charity Bike Ride (Newark to Skegness) POSTPONED**



I would like to thank everyone who has already pledged a donation towards my charity bike ride. You really are very generous.

The difficult decision has been made to postpone this event due to the "Beast from the East" I was not going to risk safety. The new date has now been set for the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 providing us with more time to train and to raise extra sponsorship.

I along with 7 colleagues and friends will be cycling from Newark to Skegness to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Any money raised up to the value of £1000 will be matched by my employer, PHS Group. I am doing this for my Nan who is living with the effects of cancer at the moment. Please show your support by making a donation online <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-bevans> or contact me on the details below and I will note down your sponsorship. Thank you very much in advance.

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## **Report from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm**

### **Present**

Mr Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

### **Matters Arising**

Conservation Area – Andrew Paris has contacted Oliver Scott, Senior Conservation Officer at N&S DC who is provisionally scheduled to attend the March parish council meeting.

### **Village Hall**

Work has now started on replacing the roof. Scaffolding has been erected, but the fire exit needs to be made accessible. After the private party on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February the hall will be closed for all functions until the work has been completed. Clerk to talk to the contractor about access to the inside of the hall, and protection of any contents (especially the tapestries) and hall floor during works. The hall cleaners will be cancelled until after renovation has finished.

## **Roads and Hedges**

The hedge at the bottom of Halam Hill has been cut back. Mike Keeling from County Council Highways has been out on several occasions and states that all the speed reduction measures that are in place currently is about as far as the County is prepared to go. The neighbourhood speed watch may well help the situation, but this has been suspended for road safety reasons due to the bad weather.

The fir tree outside the Old Plough is overhanging the footpath and obscuring the street lamp making the pavement very dark. Clerk to speak to the householder.

There is a pot hole or missing drain cover on the road between Edingley & Halam. This was marked by a traffic cone, but the cone seems to have been removed or fallen over – to be reported to Notts. CC.

There is a water running down the road outside Littledale – Highways are aware of this and are dealing with it. The parish council will monitor the situation.

## **Defibrillator**

The phone box signage has now been done. The second kit is to be mounted outside Halam Salon (the old village shop).

## **Dog Bin**

The new dog bin is to be sited by the field gate near the Waggon pub.

## **Open meeting**

Matters raised by a member of the public were: -

- 1) Speeding on Halam Hill – could we have speed bumps?
- 2) 30mph sign on School Lane is overgrown – needs to be made more visible or moved
- 3) The “Borrowers’ Tree” – can the decorations be collected and stored for next year?
- 4) Tree on School Lane (opposite Pepper Box Cottage) is covered with ivy and leaning over – could fall on the road
- 5) School Lane is in a poor state – could a vehicle size/weight restriction be placed on this road?

All these issues will be reported to Nottinghamshire County Council.

**Please note: - all highways issues – potholes, condition of roadside furniture, street lights etc. – can be reported directly on the County Council website - [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) – or by calling the council on 0300 500 80 80. The more people that complain about an issue, the more likely the problem is likely to get resolved.**

6) The mowing and maintenance of the church yard is becoming an issue. It was suggested that the parish council could contribute financially to its upkeep. It was agreed that the council have no money available for this and that it was really a church issue.

## **Correspondence**

WW1 Centenary Roll of Honour Memorial Project – Andrew Paris to make contact and investigate further

## **Finance**

Unanimously agreed to pay for monthly cleaning of the village hall, and the annual NALC subscription.

## **Planning**

Evergreen Barn – householder application for entrance and garage with store over: unanimously agreed to support application.

## **Planning Decision**

Land Adjacent to Cedar Lea Radley Road - proposed erection of 2 No. (2-bed) bungalows and creation of new access to highway: this had been refused by N&S District Council, but the applicant has now go to Appeal.

## **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

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8 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey
10 <sup>th</sup> April	10.45	Memorial Service at the Bomber Memorial (75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
15 <sup>th</sup> April	09.30	Parish Communion with Father Matthew Askey
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30	Sung Eucharist with Erika Kirk
29 <sup>th</sup> April	09.30	Joint Benefice Communion (Halam) with Rev Alison Millbank
6 <sup>th</sup> May	09.30	Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey
13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	All age animal blessing service (Bring your pets along)

### Easter Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> April)

Come and see all of the lovely decorations that will be displayed in church provided by the flower ladies and the children from Halam school.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 19.30** - Halam WI (Details Below)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 19.00** - Parish Council Meeting (Annual Parish Meeting)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Charity Bike ride to Skegness (Chris Bevans)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – St Georges Day Gourmet Night at The Waggon

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Halam Gardens Open Day



### Village Hall Refurbishment

Halam Parish Council would like to thank those of you who may have been inconvenienced by the delayed refurbishment of the Village Hall for your patience, The Weather has somewhat hampered the schedule.

### The Borrowers Tree

You will be pleased to know that the borrowers have been out in force and been doing a spot of spring cleaning and have even had an upgrade here and there. They realise that things got a little out of hand with all the lovely gifts that have been left. They have asked me to politely request that no more gifts be left, because while they appreciate the thought, they are really starting to run out of room to store them all. They would like to also extend thanks to all of you who lent a hand. You know who you are.

### Paranormal Evening

Lady Starkey is doing a talk to Lowdham WI on the subject of the paranormal if anyone has any interesting stories on the subject please be sure to let her know.

### Halam WI

This month the WI are meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd April at Loft Handmade in Edingley for a sewing demonstration.

May's meeting is the AGM and in June we will be having an Indian themed evening. Visitors are always welcome.

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# **Report from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm**

## **Present**

Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

## **Matters Arising**

Conservation Area – Andrew Paris arranged with Oliver Scott, Senior Conservation Officer at N&S DC to attend the April annual parish meeting.

Tree at the Old Plough – this is shading the street lamp making the pavement & road very dark: Andrew Paris to speak with the householder.

## **Village Hall**

Work on replacing the roof is underway. It has been checked that the builders are not making a mess or causing damage to the inside of the hall. It was discussed whether a booked Christening reception could take place in the hall – Clerk to check situation with insurance. This and the state of the hall will dictate whether the booking can go ahead. Invoice for a staged payment has been received from the contractor – this needs correction and further details need supplying.

## **Roads and Hedges**

All outstanding matters have been reported to County Council Highways. The County Council have been out to inspect School Lane. The railings on the Turnpike by Halam Beck have been damaged by a car – the matter will be progressed with Mike Keeling of Highways.

## **Defibrillator**

The phone box signage has now been connected to the electricity supply. The second kit is to be mounted outside Halam Salon (the old village shop) as soon as the electricity supply has been worked out.

## **Dog Bin**

The new dog bin is seeing a lot of use and will be emptied regularly. There is still a lot of dog mess around the village and surrounding countryside. **All dog owners are reminded that it is an offence not to clear up after your dog, even on grass verges and by foot paths. Anyone caught not cleaning up after their dog can be fined up to £1,000.**

## **Open Meeting**

A member of the public questioned the recent rise in the village precept. It was explained that this was due in main to the rising cost of running and maintaining the village hall, particularly the mortgage interest of the hall currently.

It was further asked if the parish council should take a greater lead in organising village events such as bulb planting, and fund raisers. It was pointed out that the parish council already organise some events – games nights, and harvest suppers. It was also stated that if there was strong support for other types of community activities then the parish council would certainly look at supporting or organising such activities.

## **Finance**

Unanimously agreed to pay:

Clerk's wages

Defibrillator connection

Dog bin (this will be reclaimed from our District Councillor)

VAT on hall roof (this will be claimed back at the end of the quarter)

Best Kept Village Competition entry – **as the weather improves into Spring, it would be appreciated if all in the village could tidy up the frontages to their properties ready for the judging.**

## **Planning**

Blonds Hairdressers, The Turnpike – Change of use from Use Class A1 to Use Class C3 – extensions and alterations of existing building to form a single dwelling: unanimously agreed to support application.

Land adj. The Old Vicarage, Halam Hill – Erection of a new dwelling and access arrangements: unanimously agreed to support application.

## **Planning Decision**

Halam House Farm, Radley Road – Proposed new farm access: this had been approved by N&S District Council.

## **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at **7.00pm** in the village hall.

**Please note earlier start – this will be the Annual Parish Meeting and will start with a presentation about Conservation Areas from the District Council.**

**\*\*\* Please note that the open letter being distributed along with this month's Halam News has been self-funded and should be received independently from this publication.**

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# HALAM NEWS

May 2018



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The sponsor of this month's Halam News wishes to remain anonymous but thank you all the same!

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### A Plea for Help!

A working party will be needed this Saturday morning from 9am to help to clean the church following more pipework being replaced. The pipework that has been replaced was not in as poor condition as the previous work carried out last year but needed to be replaced all the same. The header tank has been leaking and has left a long stain on the outside of the tower, so this will also be replaced at the same time.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL		
6 <sup>th</sup> May	09.30	Morning Worship with Anne Godfrey
13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	All age animal blessing service (Bring your pets along)
20 <sup>th</sup> May	09.30	Parish Communion with Rev. David Moore (Pentecost)
27 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Sung Eucharist with Rev. Jacqui Jones
1 <sup>st</sup> June	09.30	Morning Worship with Chris Clay

### Another Plea for Help!

The churchyard grass is growing at an alarming rate Mrs Herbert has made a start but would like some assistance in tackling this issue. A suggested time for this would be Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. However, if you can help anytime this would be appreciated.

Please speak to Mrs Herbert if you are able to help with either of these please

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 19.30** - Halam WI AGM – Halam Village Hall (Details Below)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 09.00** - Working Party for the Church Cleaning (Details Above)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 19.30** - Parish Council Meeting – Halam Village Hall

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Royal Wedding Party at The Waggon (More details to follow)

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 09.00** - Working Party for the Church Yard (Details Above)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Charity Race Night at The Waggon in Aid of Prostate Cancer UK

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Wine Tasting Evening (Details Below)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Halam Gardens Open Day



## PARISH PUMP



### Charity Bike Ride to Skegness for Macmillan

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 five of us set off from Newark and after four punctures and lots of refreshment stops we achieved our goal later than we planned but we did it as a team and that's the important thing. The money is still being collected but we should have raised well in excess of £2,500. Thank you all for your support.

Chris Bevans

### London Marathon

Congratulations & well done to Mel Coles from The Dials, Grey Lane who ran in the London Marathon.

### Happy Birthday!

to Katie Bowling from School Lane who turns 40 on the 13<sup>th</sup> May.



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### **Welcome to The Davies Family**

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Sam, John & their children Henry & Jasmine who moved into Halam last month.

### **Village Hall Refurbishment**

Halam Parish Council would like to thank those of you who may have been inconvenienced by the delayed refurbishment of the Village Hall for your patience, the weather has somewhat hampered the schedule.

### **Halam WI**

This month's WI meeting is on Tuesday 1st May 7.30pm at the village hall and is our AGM. June's meeting is on Tuesday 5th June and will be an Indian themed evening including a brief talk about my visits to India as well as having the opportunity to try on Indian saris. Don't forget to take a look at the Halam WI website which lists all our monthly talks and activities.

Sara Subramanian

### **Charity Race Night**

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### **Wine Tasting**

On Saturday 9th June Ganesh will be hosting another wine tasting for charity at Ivy Cottage. This event will raise funds for Nottingham University Hospital charity and as usual its £15 a ticket. Please contact Ganesh on ganeshandsara@gmail.com to book a place.

## **A Letter to the Editor**

Walking around the village the last few days, as the weather has been much better, I cannot help but notice what a mess a lot of it is.

Untidy pavements, weeds everywhere, bushes and plants from people's gardens and other private property hanging over walls and hedges causing pedestrians in some areas to have to walk into the road to avoid them. Church Lane and Radley Road in particular.

In addition, overgrown hedges, where again, it means you have to walk out into or nearly into the road to avoid them.

Can a general message be put in the Halam News to ask people to take a pride in the appearance of the areas directly in front of their properties and generally have a tidy up as the impression it gives, both to residents and visitors, is really poor.

We recently had friends stay with us from the South, who loved the area where we live and the village but both commented, on separate occasions, how untidy in was.

Let's try and make this a decent looking village again as when I moved in 2006, it has continued, in my opinion to gradually go downhill in terms of this...

Regards, Martyn Leadbeater (Meadow Cottage)

## **Report from the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

### **Present**

Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

### **Apologies**

Mr Chris Bevans

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Simon Bust reported that the main concern of the parish council over the past year has been the upkeep and costs of the village hall. The hall is a village asset which the majority of the parish have wishes to see maintained, and much of the parish council's discussions have focused on the hall. We have been very fortunate this year to secure a grant from WREN which, along with many pledges from parishioners, has enabled us to replace the roof on the hall and to fit replacement windows. Many thanks to Sarah Godfrey for her efforts in obtaining this grant for the village.

A number of planning applications have been presented to the parish council for its consideration and recommendations. The decisions of the District Council planning department have usually been in line with the parish council's recommendations.

The County Council have supported the village within the limited funds available. County Cllr Bruce Laughton has lobbied on our behalf and has helped with modest grants where possible. Halam Hill has been resurfaced in part with some other pothole work having also been done, and the excess signage at the Turnpike crossroads has been tidied up. The parish council will continue to put as much pressure as possible of the County Council to get road and hedge's work completed as needed in the village.

A second dog-waste bin has been erected (with a grant from Cllr Laughton) and two defibrillators have been obtained for the village.

Over the past twelve months parishioners have brought various issues to the parish council and the council has done its best to deal with and sort out all matters raised. Parishioners are always welcome to attend the parish council meetings and to raise any issues with the council. The council welcomes all input from the village as the council is here to represent the people who live in Halam.

The Chairman thanked the parish councillors for their input and support of the past year and commented that it was good to see the councillors working together as a parish council. He also expressed thanks to our County Councillor and District Councillor for their support and thanked them for their attendance at as many parish councils as they could manage with their busy diaries. The Clerk, Patrick Rickett and the Financial Officer, Mandy Rickett were thanked for their support and efforts over the past year.

### **Matters Arising**

Railings alongside the Beck – these have now been repaired and it is hoped that further maintenance work will be carried out shortly by the County Council.

Recent flooding – the drains along the Turnpike still seem to be working well, but the sheer quantity of rain had simply overwhelmed the system.

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### Apologies

Mr Chris Bevans

### Presentation – Conservation Area

Oliver Scott, Senior Conservation Officer gave a presentation about conservation areas and what having such a designation would mean for Halam. He outlined how a conservation area would help protect the heritage of Halam by restricting demolition and work on trees but would not prevent development in the village. Mr Scott described how a conservation area would help manage future change in the village.

The District Council would consider Halam for a conservation area if there was a strong indication of support from the village. The issue will be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

### Village Hall

Work is in progress – there have been some issues with the scaffolding that have been now resolved. Delays in payment have been experienced due to confusion over the registration and administration of the system with WREN

### Fund Raising

The official opening of the hall could be a village event, maybe a village tea with village archive material on display. A date of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July was suggested.

A quiz night in the pub with a pie and pea supper was proposed as a “bring your neighbours” event. A date in May could be possible; Andrew Paris to see about setting a quiz.

A race night is also scheduled, and any further event suggestions would be very welcome.

### Roads and Hedges

The pavement by the phone box (defibrillator) needs the moss clearing away – this will be reported to County Councils.

#### **Any volunteers to keep the phone box and surrounding area clean please?**

The pothole by St Michael's Close has been repaired but has cracked up again – the County Council are investigating the standard of pothole repairs by contractors. **Please note: - all highways issues – potholes, condition of roadside furniture, street lights etc – can be reported directly on the County Council website - [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) – or by calling the council on 0300 500 80 80. The more people that complain about an issue, the more likely the problem is likely to get resolved.**

Car parking on School Lane is causing issues again, especially at school drop-off and pick-up times. The school to be contacted about this.

The street lighting on the Turnpike – between the pub and the crossroads – is very dark. Andrew Paris to investigate and liaise with householders regarding overhanging trees.

### Open meeting

A member of the public raised the issue of the condition of School Lane – muddy and potholed – and asked if the road could be widened and resurfaced. The funds for such work would not be available from County Council and the parish council stated that they were not in support of widening the road as it could increase traffic and traffic speeds.

### Finance

Unanimously agreed to pay for the emptying of the dog bin and the VAT payment for the village hall roof – the VAT will be claimed back on the council's next VAT return

### Planning

Land adjacent Lime Tree House, Halam Hill – Erection of new dwelling and detached garage: resolved not to support the application (5 votes, with 1 abstention)

### Date of next meeting

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at **7.30 pm** in the village hall. **Please note this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

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June 2018



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### Christian Aid Envelopes

Thank you to Bev Perks for delivering the envelopes for Mrs Herbert, who is not yet well enough to be out and about, if you still have a full envelope please drop it into The Scypen at your convenience.

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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Wine Tasting Evening (Details Below)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Italian Gourmet Night at The Waggon

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Father's Day at The Waggon

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 19.30** - Parish Council Meeting – Halam Village Hall

**Every Tuesday** – It's Steak night at The Waggon



### A Thank You.

Mrs Herbert would like to express her gratitude to all those who have sent cards, popped in to see her and have provided lots of wonderful soup for her to enjoy. The hospital prescribed slops for 6 weeks, but she is getting Cordon Bluer Slops.

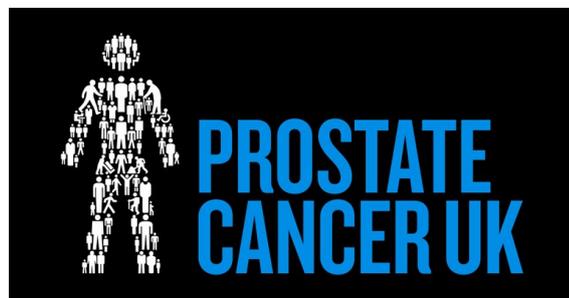
Mrs Herbert would like to ask for help with dog walking duties, if you are able to assist please contact her directly.

### The Royal Wedding

Thank you very much to Mr & Mrs Paris for all of their efforts in getting the village together yet again for the Royal wedding, also to Ed and the team at the waggon for hosting and to every one of you for supporting. It is lovely to see these events supported in the village in the way that they are.

### Charity Race Night at The Waggon

In the early part of this year my dad was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer, he has now had an operation to remove his prostate completely. The future for my dad is now looking very positive, but I still feel the need to do my bit to raise awareness of this condition and to do some fundraising for Prostate Cancer UK, so on the 1<sup>st</sup> June I will be running a Charity Race Night at the Waggon please come along and support this event. Thank you, Chris Bevans.



### Ride London 2018

I will be taking part in the Ride London Event in support of Prostate Cancer UK on the 29<sup>th</sup> July. While I don't want to take advantage of your generosity, if you would like to support my 100-mile bike ride around the streets of London please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-bevans1> or contact me directly. Thank you again Chris Bevans.

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### **Stolen Vehicle.**

It has been reported to the editor that a vehicle was taken from a driveway on Radley Rd last month, although we are lucky to live in a relatively low crime area, this proves that we cannot be complacent about what can happen. If you think you saw anything suspicious please contact the editor and this will be passed on to the relevant parties.

### **Village Hall Refurbishment**

Halam Parish Council are very pleased to say that the refurbishment work is now complete, the hall is now in a lettable condition. It will be deep cleaned on the inside on 12<sup>th</sup> June so please bear with us until then. would like to thank those of you who may have been inconvenienced by the delayed refurbishment of the Village Hall for your patience, the weather has somewhat hampered the schedule.

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### **The Bookaholics.**

The Bookaholics, a Halam book club, celebrated its 10th anniversary on 2 May. Commemorative pens were given to each member and a personalised book was presented to the founder, Jenny Spencer.

Members from left to right are:

Standing: Deborah Woods, Glenys Herbert, Chris Winning, Marge Wilson, Caroline Haddelsey

Seated: Victoria Starkey, Penni Wells, Jenny Spencer, Julie Paris, Sarah Fowler

Not pictured: Sam Jones



### **Halam WI**

Last month, to celebrate Halam WI's 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday we went to Woodberry café in Farnsfield where we were treated to a lovely spread of sandwiches, scones and an amazing Victoria sponge cake. We also had a wonderful birthday cake kindly made by Glenys Herbert which Dora (a member of Halam WI for 57 years) and myself cut and shared amongst the ladies. During the evening we also thanked Cath Stocks for her time and commitment to many years of service on the committee.

This month's meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm at the village hall. It's an Indian themed evening where I will be talking about my trips to India to visit my in-laws and the travelling we have done around the South of India. We will also have the chance to try on some saris with the help of Mel Patel.

Halam WI are actively seeking new members as we would like to see it continue for another 62 years. Have a look at our Facebook page to see what we've been doing and drop into one of our meetings to find out more.

Sara Subramanian (President)

### **Garden Maintenance**

I am free to do any gardening work or garden maintenance work that anyone needs doing. I am looking for some extra money preparing for the next year of expenditures as I have now finished up with university and into the real world!

Again, I have a large amount of equipment at my disposal as I live on a farm and will have almost any tool that a maintenance job will require. If there is anything that you would like me to do over the summer period, please feel free to send me a message.

I have completed work in the village last year and can pass on information for reference. I work hard and enjoy doing it!

Many thanks Sam Elliott

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# Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm

**Present** - Mr Bust, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Bevans, Mrs Todd, clerk Mr Rickett

**Apologies** - Mr Paris

## **Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman**

Mr Bust and Mr Paris were re-elected unanimously, Chairman and Vice-chairman respectively

## **Election of other officers**

Christmas Charities	Mr Bust and Mr Paris
Press	Mr Paris
Transport	Mrs Herbert
NALC Representatives	Mrs Simmonds and Mrs Todd
Snow/flood warden	Mr Bust
Flag	Mr Bust
Crime reduction	Mr Paris
Internal auditor	Mrs Millward
Financial officer	Mrs Rickett

Declaration of offices were signed

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

## **Village Hall**

Agreed to start re-letting the Hall  
Mrs Godfrey to contact those who volunteered to help decorate  
Agreed to restart the cleaners as soon as possible and to ask them to do an extra hour on the first clean

## **Fund raising**

Mr Bevans is running a race night at The Waggon 1<sup>st</sup> June for prostate cancer  
The quiz night will be Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, subject to speaking to the Waggon and tickets will be £10 per head. It was suggested that we put them on sale at the Hall reopening

## **Roads and hedges**

There are more potholes on Radley Road and School Lane, it was suggested that we put a note in the Village News asking people to ring the Pot Hole Hot Line as this has more effect than the PC contacting them  
It has been noted that 30MPH signs have been put on lamp posts at the start of the 20MPH School signs  
We will ask if Speed Watch can be restarted

## **Allotments**

There is only 1 being used, Mr Paris to see if we can use the allotments as Village ground, grass over and plant trees. Allotments could be reopened if required

## **Planning**

**Kestrel Lodge, 6 Pumping Station, Radley Road**  
Householder application for removal of rear conservatory and construction of extensions to sides, front and rear of the property and new roof tile covering with solar panels (resubmission)

## **Blonds, The Turnpike,**

Extension and alterations of existing building to form a single detached dwelling (LBC)

## **Chantry Cottage, 1 Manor Fields,**

Householder application for proposed conservatory

All the above were supported unanimously by the PC 6 for

## **Planning decisions**

Land adj. The Old Vicarage, Halam Hill (outline) – approved NSDC  
Blonds, The Turnpike – approved NSDC

## **Finance**

Village Hall Insurance – as the present company has stopped doing PC insurance a new one is needed

The clerk circulated quotes from 3 insurers

Zurich	£623.40
BHIB	£658.90
Norris Fisher	£552.57

After discussion the PC agreed to go with Norris Fisher subject to them doing slander and libel cover and protected no claims – clerk to check with them and find out the new cost with this cover, if they do not do it then we will go with Zurich

**Date of next meeting** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm