



HALAM NEWS JANUARY 2003

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

Welcome to Jason and Joanne Barlow, Greenwood View, School Lane. Also, a belated welcome to Paul, Helen and Joseph Gittins, Hill Farm Barn and an even more belated welcome to Kevin Donald of Hill Farm House, both of School Lane.

Neighbourhood Watch

There have been several reports of suspicious persons and vehicles in the village recently. One in particular involved four youths in Grey Lane, near the bridge at 1.50am. on the morning of Sunday, 15th this month. It is thought that they are about 14 - 18 years of age and they were wearing coats with hoods, three of the hoods were blue and one was white. Infact, they were seen a couple of months before in the same area, again in the early hours of the morning. On the same night as this recent sighting of the youths a car was found burnt out on Radley Road, just past Sharman's farm but it is not known if the two incidents are linked. There has also been reports of bogus meter readers in the village. Please keep a watch out for anything suspicious.

Halam : The Last Hundred Years

Don't forget - copies of this book are still available to buy for £5 a copy. How about making sure those who have moved away from the village in recent years know about it and buy a copy? Copies are available from Glenys Herbert on 812335, Sue and Ian Anderson on 813913, Tony Denyer on 814708, the village shop and the Southwell book shop.

Village Hall Cleaner

A vacancy has arisen for the position of Village Hall cleaner. This is a paid position and involves a few hours of cleaning each week. Anyone interested should contact the Pat Rickett, the clerk to the Council on 813181.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 12th December, 2002

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mr Bust, Mrs Gathercole, Mrs Davis, Mrs Armstrong
Freedom of Information Plan : The Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Council to produce a publication scheme allowing information to be made routinely available to the public. A model publication scheme was reviewed. It was unanimously agreed to adopt a scheme based on making available the core classes of information indicated in the model scheme. The clerk was asked to source some of this information for the next meeting to ensure it was to hand in case of requests for it (4 for, 3 abstentions). It was unanimously agreed to publicise the chosen scheme in the Halam News early in the New Year with a donation of £20 being made to Halam News to cover costs.

Standing Orders: A revised version of the Council's standing orders was accepted unanimously

Village Hall: A variety of options for work to improve the Village Hall had been passed to councillors by Martin Hubbard. It was agreed to hold an informal meeting to review these plans in more detail before seeking the views of the village.

Village Hall Cleaner: This position has become vacant. It was agreed to advertise it in the Halam News for January and February before considering other options.

Road Safety: A meeting will be held in January with those responsible for Notts. road safety to see what improvements could be made. Don't forget to let a parish councillor know of any accidents in the village.

Planning

1. **Ashbrook House, The Turnpike - proposed extension** Agreed unanimously.

Finance: It was agreed to hold the precept to £7,000 again for 2003/04.

It was agreed to pay the Ordnance Survey fees of £55 in connection with the Halam Village book out of the £460 which has been made so far from sales of the book.

Date of next meeting: *Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm.*

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday Jan. 5th ; Epiphany	9.30am. Family Service 11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday Jan. 12th : Baptism of Christ	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion.
Sunday Jan. 19th : Epiphany 2	11am. Sung Eucharist.
Sunday Jan. 26th : Epiphany 3	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday Feb 2nd. : Candlemas	6pm. Festal Liturgy

Information to Edward Gathercole (01636 813760) by the **26th** for next month's newsletter.
Please remember to let me know of anyone who moves in to the village so we can welcome them.

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HALAM NEWS FEBRUARY 2003

Sadly the village has lost two great characters in one week -

Harry Kemp - Harry was born and went to school in Halam and after he married Ruth, a Lincolnshire lass, continued to live in the village he loved. He served on the first parish council and became Parish Clerk, a position he served for over 25 years. Blessed with a formidable memory, he was a fount of all knowledge in village matters and worked closely with Eric Bust with the aim of keeping the village as a village whilst accepting that a certain amount of growth was both necessary and inevitable. We shall miss seeing him sitting on the bench in warm weather and receiving a cheery wave and word. He was an enthusiastic allotment holder and always seemed to be able to shoot a rabbit to go with his vegetables. Almost the last member of a large village family, we extend our deepest sympathy to his daughter, Susan and brother, Cyril, as we remember with affection a true old fashioned country gentleman.

Ernest Nettleship - Ernie was a great character who came to live in the village some fifty years ago. He was born in Farnsfield and attended the Wesleyan School there. After he married he lived for many years in Westhorpe but then came to Halam to live in Walnut Tree Cottage and later on moved to Cedar Lea. Here he kept a Jersey cow and had an immaculate vegetable garden. So, if you found a cabbage or swede on the doorstep it was very likely to have come from Ernie. A big hearted lovely man with a passion for steam engines and his beasts, he retired to Mablethorpe with Gladys, his companion for the past fourteen years, to whom with his sons we extend our deepest sympathy.

Congratulations to **Keely Lofthouse and Steve Evans** of Radley Terrace on the occasion of their wedding on Sunday 29th December at Halam Parish Church.

PTA Quiz Night

On Friday 7th February (7.45pm) in the Village Hall the PTA will be holding a General Knowledge Quiz night. Make up a team of 4-6 people and come and join the fun. £5 per person to include supper. Refreshments available. Get an entry form from Janet Strathern on 816746.

Village Hall Cleaner

A vacancy has arisen for the position of Village Hall cleaner. This is a paid position and involves a few hours of cleaning each week. Please see Pat Rickett, the Clerk to the Council on 813181.

Village Ventures

Children and parents alike had a wonderful time at the November performances of "Starlight" and "Hearthside Tales." Thank you Janet, Suzi and Margaret for your help. £75 was raised for the P.T.A.

The Lempen Puppet Theatre will be performing the "Really Wild Puppet Show" in the Village Hall on Sunday 6 April at 3pm. Tickets will cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. Family tickets (for those with more than two children) will be £10. The Ruskin Ensemble will be performing on the 1st May in Halam Church. The classical duo of guitar and violin will perform and explain music that spans four centuries and six countries. Tickets are £5 each. Please support live events in our village! NB. no refunds given - you wouldn't get them from the Theatre Royal!

Allotment One allotment (£10 rent) is empty on Gray Lane. Please see Pat Rickett, the Clerk.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 9th January.

Present: Mrs. Herbert, Mr. Brown, Mr. Rickett, Mr. Bust, Mrs. Gathercole, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Armstrong

Freedom of Information Plan: The Clerk produced a copy of the Periodic Electoral Review and the Financial Regulations. He had undertaken risk assessments of assets owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed to put notices up about the danger of hot water in the Village Hall kitchen, to prohibit access to the kitchen for unsupervised children, to fit toughened glass to the bus shelter and to arrange for a hedge to be trimmed at the allotments. A draft job description and terms and conditions for the Clerk were produced for discussion at the next meeting.

Village Hall: An informal, closed meeting of the Parish Council will be held to discuss plans for the Village Hall before seeking the views of the village.

Footpath on Halam Hill: Letter to go to the Planning Officer and Chair of the Planning Committee.

Neighbourhood Watch: It was agreed to pay up to £150 to join the Ringmaster scheme. Let a Parish Councillor know if you have problems getting in touch with the Police as difficulties have been experienced by callers being passed from person to person before having their call properly handled.

Planning:

1. Footpath at Manor Fields : The official line currently cuts across the garden of Manor Farm Cottages. It was agreed unanimously that there was no objection to this short stretch being re-routed to the top section of Manor Fields road.

2. No.2 Back Lane Cottages - 2 storey rear extension : Agreed unanimously

Finance : The Parish Council thanked "Tea at Two Thirty" for their kind donation of £30. It was also noted that they had sent £95 to the Air Ambulance. It was agreed to pay the bill for the fire extinguisher check and to buy a new flag for the Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm. Wednesday 22nd January

All councillors present. This meeting was called due to late receipt of a planning application.

Road Safety: A meeting was held between councillors, the School and the authorities to discuss road safety. A School Safety Plan may result in improved safety features such as an island in the road to help children crossing. It may also be possible to have flashing lights to warn about the school. Village Hall: It was agreed unanimously to ask Martin Hubbard to work up costings for one of his options for the hall: moving the entrance, installing disabled toilet facilities and extending it to the depth of the existing porch. Once this is done, there will be a village meeting to discuss the plans.

Planning:

1. Land north of Culterforth - Extension of building to form barn and stables: rejected 5 to 2 on grounds of scale and materials

2. Ashbrook, The Turnpike - proposed extension: Accepted 4 for, 2 against, 1 abstention

3. Notification: The council is concerned over plans being received late and whether neighbours are being notified. Concerns will be expressed to the District Council and the Parish Council will use best endeavours to notify neighbours itself - but cannot always guarantee to do so.

Finance: Agreed to pay £175 for expenses for the Halam book. Sales are now around £1000.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm.**

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday Feb.2nd : Candlemass	6pm. Festal Liturgy
Sunday Feb. 9th : 4 before Lent	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion.
Sunday Feb. 16th : 3 before Lent	11am. Sung Eucharist.
Sunday Feb. 23rd : 2 before Lent	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday March 2nd. : 1 before Lent	9.30am Family Service 11am. Sung Eucharist

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WHAT ARE YOUR LIKES, DISLIKES AND CONCERNS REGARDING HALAM?

Halam Parish Plan Committee would like to gather the views of the Halam residents in order to tailor the Village Appraisal Questionnaire, and also plan Village meetings with independent experts to look at the specific topics that you identify.

Questionnaire Categories.

Transport
Schooling
The Church
Planning
Working life in the village

Village Hall
Public facilities
Law & Order
Environment
Community Services

On the tear-off slip below, please could you indicate the positive aspects for you of living in the village of Halam, as well as any specific concerns (ideally related to the Appraisal Questionnaire categories above)

Positive aspects of living in Halam

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Areas of specific concern

1.....

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Please return this slip by 14.Feb.03 to Maurice Hinde, Marina Thompson, Karin Davis, David Herbert, Andrew Paris, Tony Hallam, Andrew Fraser, Chris Mercer, Declan Joyce or to the Halam Village Post Office.

Any additional comments may be made on the reverse of this tear-off slip



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In view of the vandalism and theft at the Minster would everyone keep an eye on the Church and check on anything or anyone who arouses suspicion.

Halam Web Site

Halam now has its very own web site at www.halam.org.uk. Why not have a look to see what's there and suggest more content to keep it fresh? If you've lost your copy of the newsletter, or the dog has chewed it up, you can find it on the web site, sometimes even before you receive your hand delivered copy.

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Present: Mrs. Herbert, Mr. Brown, Mr. Rickett, Mrs. Davis

Apologies from Mr Bust, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Gathercole

Open Gardens: The date has been set for **22nd June 2003** with proceeds going to the Church and the Village Hall.

Dr Jackson's Book: A copy is to be given to Halam School. Further copies are still available for sale - £5 each.

CCTV Van: It has been confirmed that the mobile CCTV surveillance unit is not compatible with the village street lights. A letter is to be sent to Notts. County Council.

Road Safety: No response has been provided so far to the issues raised with the relevant authorities. Andy Stewart, the local County Councillor, is following this up. The flashing lights may be reinstated. The Clerk was asked to request that all signs in the village, including the Neighbourhood Watch signs, should be cleaned.

Village Hall Cleaner: No applicants have been found. Contract cleaning will now be investigated.

The Allotment: This has now been let.

Planning:

1. Ashcroft House, Gray Lane - application to alter dwelling to two storey Passed, 2 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.
2. Manor Fields - application for certificate of lawfulness for proposals to part demolish out building and construct new enclosure with gate. Unanimously agreed to send comments to Newark and Sherwood Planning Department re. loss of amenities, change of access, believed to be in the curtilage of listed building.
3. Notification: A letter is to be sent to the District Council Planning Department regarding individual planning notices not being sent out prior to the planning discussion at the Parish Council. The Parish Council will use best endeavours to notify neighbours itself - but cannot always guarantee to do so.

Finances: Agreed to pay NALC subscription

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm.**

St. Michael's APCM Meeting

The Vestry Meeting of the Church is on the **25th March** starting at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. This is an open meeting for the whole village and everyone is welcome to express concerns and wishes as to this building (which has had a prominent role in village life for 800 years) and the services that take place within it, such as Sunday School provision and times of services. Details of nominations for PCC membership etc. are on the Church notice board.

Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper

The Supper will be in the Village Hall at 7pm. on the **17th April** and this will be followed by Communion in the Church. Please ring Beverley Perks on 812181 if interested.

Lent Course at Ashdene, Halam

This is entitled "God, Faith, the Lord" and commences on Thursday **13th March**, 7.30 - 9pm. If interested please contact Rev. R. L. Perry on 815813.

Southwell Cluster Course

This is entitled "Understanding Stress : A Christian Perspective" and will be in the Minster for five Wednesday evenings, between 7.30 and 9pm, commencing the **12th March**. The course includes discussion groups and costs £2. Tickets are available from the Minster Shop.

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday March 2nd : Sunday before Lent	9.30am Family Service 11am Sung Eucharist
Wednesday March 5th : Ash Wednesday	7pm Cluster Service at Edingley
Sunday March 9th : Lent 1	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday March 16th : Lent 2	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday March 23rd : Lent 3	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday March 30th : Mothering Sunday	9.30am Festal Liturgy 6.30pm Cluster Service at Holy Trinity

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VILLAGE OPEN MEETING

Thursday 3 April 2003

7.30 –8.30pm

Residents of Halam will know that a steering committee was set up to look into the possibility of forming, and perhaps implementing, a village plan. A large majority of people in Halam voted in favour of the development of a Village Plan. As a result of this vote the Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the Parish Plan.

The steering committee has arranged for an open meeting to take place on 3 April 2003. This meeting will be led by Susan Hackett from the Rural Community Council, who will give information on the background of such a plan, and will explain how this can be of help to us in Halam.

The Parish Council applied for a grant on behalf of the steering committee, and this application was successful, so we are now in a position to go ahead. Anyone who would like to serve on the committee, or could offer help in other ways would be welcomed. The findings of the steering committee will be reported back to the Parish Council in due course.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting – the Parish Plan is about your village and the issues that directly affect all villagers!

Halam now has its own website – w.w.w.halam.org.uk



HALAM NEWS APRIL 2003

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May Elections

Please note that District and Parish Council elections will take place in Halam Village Hall on Thursday, May 1st. Please remember to exert your democratic rights.

Road Works in Southwell

The work on reorganising the road network in Southwell will start on April 14th. Transco are also laying a new main from Westgate to Queen Street via Market Place, starting on the same day and lasting two weeks.

The Village Shop

Please remember that the Village Shop still needs your support. Organic vegetables are now available and will people note that benefits and pensions can still be collected at the Post Office. Trade has been a bit sluggish of late so please can we make a special effort to use the shop and so maintain its viability.

Kerbside Recycling Scheme

The District Council operates this recycling scheme. Collections of waste paper are on the same day as bin collection but every two weeks. The next collections should take place on the 1st and then the 15th April. Please place your bags (untied) next to your bin. The Council will collect newspapers, junk mail, catalogues, telephone directories, brochures, envelopes (remove plastic windows), comics and textiles, shoes and belts (in a separate bag, to be kept dry). However, cardboard, Yellow Pages, brown envelopes, dyed or coloured paper should not be put out for collection.

Victim Support

More volunteers are urgently required for this valuable service. Anyone can apply. Ideal qualities are good listeners with an understanding manner who can get on with people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. All volunteers are given training before they help victims. The amount of time spent volunteering and the timing of it can be tailored to suit the individual. If you are interested contact Sally Potter on 0190 950 0455 or e-mail north@vsnotts.org. Also see www.vsnotts.org

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 13th March

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mr Bust, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Davis, Mrs Gathercole
Parish Plan: The five pages of results of the recent questionnaire attached to the Village News were provided for review. They will be displayed in the village notice boards. In summary, good aspects of the village included the School, Church, community spirit, friendliness, events in the Pub and Village Hall, countryside, shop, working life in the village, proximity to work/city, unspoilt nature. Areas of concern included risks of over development, lack of affordable housing, car parking, danger from cars, lack of footpath up Halam Hill, poor bus service, fear of burglary, lack of Parish Priest, no employment prospects.

Clerk's Contract: It was agreed unanimously to set the Clerk's job description and contract according to the model contract provided by NALC. The salary was set in accordance with the appropriate Local Council Scale, but will be phased in over two years.

Water Quality: Some villagers have commented about the poor water quality in Halam. The situation will be monitored to see if more people raise this as an issue.

Victim Support Mr Brown had attended a meeting which raised the need for more volunteers.

Planning:

1. 3 Manor Fields - insertion of 2 Velux windows Passed unanimously.
2. Land West of Evergreen House - outline application for residential development Four parishioners wrote objecting to the application. The application was rejected (4 for rejection, 3 for the application) on the grounds that it breached all 3 elements of Policy HR23 on backland development (inappropriate in the location, impact on neighbouring properties, accessibility)

Finances: The Council is now required to advertise publicly that it has an entertainment license for the Village Hall. It was agreed to advertise this in the Bramley for £55.

Date of next meetings: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at **7pm on Thursday 10th April**, followed by the normal Parish Council meeting at 7.30. The following meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Thursday, 8th May** and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. As it will be held after the **election on 1st May**, it will be the first meeting of the new Parish Council.

Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper

The Supper will be in the Village Hall at 7pm. on the **17th April** and this will be followed by Communion in the Church. Please ring Beverley Perks on 812181 if interested.

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 6th April : Lent 5	9.30am Family Service 11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13th April : Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Thursday 17th April : Maundy Thursday	7pm Supper and Festal Liturgy Cluster
Friday 18th April : Good Friday	11am MP
Sunday 20th April : Easter Day	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 27th April : Easter 2	11am Sung Eucharist

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HALAM NEWS MAY 2003

Welcome to Patricia and Chris Kells who have moved in to Greenwood View on School Lane and to Mr & Mrs Holdcroft who have moved in to Sunnycroft on Back Lane.

Halam Open Gardens - 22nd June

Yes it's Open Gardens' time again! Please consider opening your garden between 1pm and 6pm on June 22nd to raise money for village activities. In addition we always need helpers for the village hall teas, bric-a-brac stall, parking etc. If you can help in any way, please call Peter Thompson on 814026 or Glenys Herbert on 812335.

Village Hall Cleaner

Would anyone who knows of a reliable cleaner or contract cleaning firm who would be prepared to clean the Village Hall for 1-2 hours a week please let a Parish Councillor or the Clerk know. Please phone 813181.

Parish Plan Meeting

A well attended open meeting of around 50 people was held on Thursday, 3rd April to discuss the Parish Plan. Maurice Hinde, the Chairman of the Parish Plan committee, clarified a few points initially, such as the fact that the committee was fully endorsed by the Parish Council and that grant funding had been obtained through the Parish Council. Susan Hackett from the Rural Community Council outlined what was involved and how the existence of a plan would increasingly be required to obtain grant funding for village initiatives. The results of the recent brief survey of good points of living in Halam and areas of concern were presented and an opportunity was given to add further issues to the list. These will be more fully explored in an independent questionnaire which is being drawn up by the RCC for use in the village to help shape the plan. More volunteers were welcomed to either sit on the committee, contribute to specific aspects of the plan, provide help for open days on specific issues or help in many other ways. Please contact Maurice on 812874 if you can help.

Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm, Thursday, 10th April

The meeting was well attended with around 35 villagers present. There was some discussion regarding recycling as a matter arising from the last meeting. Information on paper recycling was publicised in the last newsletter. Mrs Herbert gave the Chairman's Report. She outlined some of the new obligations on councillors in the past year including the new Code of Conduct, Financial Auditing procedures and Freedom of Information legislation, all of which the Council has adhered to. Planning applications are on the increase, perhaps in advance of changes which may occur as a result of the Parish Plan. The District Council has not always informed neighbours of planning applications so the Parish Council is endeavouring to do more to assist in this. The Chairman thanked Richard Brown and Harry Rickett who are standing down from the Council this year and have between them 70 years of service in a role which is unpaid, often unthanked and unacknowledged. Richard was one of the first councillors, has held the role of Chairman and Vice Chairman in the past and has given good service as Road Safety Officer. Richard was awarded a long service award by NALC at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party last summer. Harry's father was one of the first councillors and Harry followed in his footsteps. Noteworthy events in the year were the publication of "A Living History of Halam Village 1900-2000" by Dr Jackson (copies still available for £5), the Jubilee celebrations and Harvest Supper. The Chairman closed her report by thanking everyone for their contribution. Issues raised were the possibility of a plaque for the Jubilee Tree, problems with parking for the Pub, the one way system in Southwell, the need for Dog Bins, the fact that footpaths weren't being swept and the ongoing issue with the lack of a footpath up Halam Hill. The meeting closed at 7.30pm. Where appropriate, these will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 10th April

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Davis, Mrs Gathercole
Apologies: Mr Bust

Planning:

1. Manor Farm, Radley Road - Certificate of Lawfulness for alteration to outbuilding: Notification had been received from the District Council that this had not been granted as the proposed alteration was within the curtilage of a listed building. Reasons for this conclusion were given.
2. Manor Farm, Radley Road - proposed alteration to outbuilding, part demolition and construction of new enclosure: This was deferred to the next meeting as the full plan had not been received from the District Council. Three letters of objection were read out.
3. Ford House, The Turnpike - proposed 1st floor extension to new dwelling being built behind Ford House: Accepted 5 for, 1 against
4. Halam Lodge, The Turnpike - proposed 1st floor extension and conversion of garage: Two letters of objection were read out. Rejected unanimously on the grounds of infringement of privacy, loss of amenity and scale of the extension.
5. Manor House, Radley Road - listed building consent for proposed internal alterations: Accepted 5 for, 1 abstention
6. Barn Cottage, Radley Road - listed building and planning consent for proposed conversion of outbuilding into granny annexe: One letter of objection was read out. Rejected using Chairman's casting vote 3 for, 3 against on the grounds that the design wasn't appropriate

Parish Plan: Agreed to give £1,000 from the grant which had been received on account to the Parish Plan Committee on condition that any monies spent were fully accounted for in line with Parish Council standards.

Finance: A number of bills were approved for payment including the electrical check for the Village Hall, the Clerk's salary, the Audit fee and the cost of a new flag for the Village Hall flagpole.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Flag Officer, plaque for tree, dog bins, parking.

Next Meeting: Thursday **15th May** at 7.30pm, Annual Parish Council Meeting

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 4th May : Easter 3	9.30am Family Service 11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 11th May : Easter 4	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 18th May : Easter 5	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 25th May : Easter 6	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Thursday 29th May : Ascension Day	7.30pm Holy Communion

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Halam Open Gardens - 22nd June

It's not too late to open your garden or volunteer to help with this annual village event. At the time of writing we have fewer gardens than normal opening, so if you feel you would be able to support this event by opening your garden on the day, then please let us know. Car parking and Village Hall helpers also required! Glenys Herbert 812335 or Peter Thompson 814026.

Village Ventures

Recently we had two very successful events, "Puppets In The Wild" - proceeds to Halam School PTA, and "The Ruskin Ensemble" which supported the church and improvements for the Village Hall. Thank you to all who supported these, and especial thanks to Janet, Suzi, Marina, Bev, Mandy and Pat. Watch this space for the next live event! **Karin Lindley.**

Maundy Thursday Cluster Supper

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the organisation and cooking and attended. This was a highly successful evening. **Beverley Perks**

Warning

Two scams are operating in the area. One is where women in particular are phoned and asked to confirm their postcode by the "Post Office". They are told that they are eligible for gift vouchers and are asked to give their address. 90% of the women who have provided this information have been burgled, as it is assumed their homes are empty during working hours. The Post Office are not conducting any surveys. The other is when an "AT&T service technician" phones asking to test your phone line. They ask you to dial 90 then the hash key. This gives them full access to your line and allows them to place long distance, international and chat line calls which will be billed to your account. Police believe that many of these calls come from local prisons. Do not press 90 for anyone.

Council Elections

District: N Armstrong (Con) 1050, B Laughton (Con) 978, J Moore (Lib Dem) 427, C Bower (Lab) 366. N Armstrong and B Laughton elected. Parish: I Sharman 118, S Bust 112, G Herbert 110, K Lindley 105, N Armstrong 102, A Paris 89, A Fraser 87, E Gathercole 86. First seven elected.

Annual Parish Council Meeting - Thursday, 15th May at 7.30pm.

Present: G Herbert, S Bust, N Armstrong, K Lindley, I Sharman, A Paris, A Fraser.

Election of Officers: Chairman: G Herbert, Vice Chair: Simon Bust, Xmas Charities: S Bust & A Paris, Press Officer: A Paris, Transport: G Herbert, NALC reps: K Lindley & A Fraser, Snow Warden: S Bust, Parish Liaison Committee: G Herbert.

Road Safety: County Council to be asked for views on extending yellow zig zag lines. It has been requested that overhanging hedges in School Lane be cut back in Autumn - to be monitored then.

Dog Mess and Stray Dogs: The problem of dog mess was highlighted as being caused by dogs left to roam loose. This is also a road safety hazard. Agreed that at least one dog mess bin in the Parish would be an improvement. Clerk to find out more about designs available for a bin on Gray Lane.

Village Hall Cleaner: The Hall is being left in a poor state after some bookings. Mrs Herbert to speak to a possible new cleaning firm.

Best Kept Village: Agreed to enter this year

Planning:

1. Manor Farm, Radley Road - proposed alteration to outbuilding to include part demolition and subsequent construction of new enclosure: Rejected 4 against, 2 abstentions on grounds of loss of amenities of neighbouring properties and road safety. Mrs Armstrong will also investigate the access situation regarding the unadopted road.
2. Chartwell, Edingley (also known as Goldhill, Kirklington Road) - proposed conversion of offices, stables and stores to 6 dwellings: Accepted unanimously

3. Gables Cottage, The Turnpike - proposed extension to form kitchen at the rear ground floor and first floor extension to form en-suite bathroom at front: Accepted 5 for, 1 abstention
4. Mardale Cottage, Back Lane - proposed garage with annexe accommodation over: Accepted 4 for, 2 abstentions
5. Blonds, The Turnpike - proposed chain link fence with timber posts around the car park: Accepted unanimously

Finance: Insurance policy due for renewal 1st June. A. Paris to obtain alternative quote. Clerk and Chairman authorised to renew current policy unless deemed appropriate to change insurers.

Other Business: Fly-tipping and illegal dumping is on the increase - see item below.

Next Meeting: Thursday, **12th June** at 7.30pm

Hedges and Overhanging Branches

Householders are reminded that they are responsible for their own roadside hedges and trees - please ensure that overgrown hedges or overhanging branches do not obstruct the footpath or road.

Note to all Dog Owners in Halam

Please remember your legal and social responsibilities. Stray dogs may be picked up by the Dog Wardens (65000 ext 5568), in which case you will be charged £48 to have your dog released. Not only is it anti-social and a health risk to allow your dog to foul the streets (or other people's gardens!), it is also an offence for which you can be fined £1,000. Please clean up after your dog!

Fly-tipping and Illegal Rubbish Dumping

This is perceived to be on the increase in Halam, especially on Holme Lane, past the mill. Especially worrying are the reports of syringes being found amongst this rubbish. Please phone the hot line on 0845 3000 630 if you see such rubbish and the council will come and remove it for free if it is on public or council land such as verges. If it is on private land, it is the owner's responsibility to remove it, however, the council will do so for a charge. In the case of syringes, Newark and Sherwood recommend that you do not try to clear these up yourself, but that you use their phone in service on 655600 which operates 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week for syringe collection and disposal. Any suspicion of illegal drug related activities should be reported to the police.

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Sunday 8th June : Pentecost	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 15th June : Trinity Sunday	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 22nd June : Trinity 1	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 29th June : St. Peter and St. Paul	11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Cluster Service at Hockerton
Sunday 6th July : Trinity 3	9.30am Family Service 11am Sung Eucharist

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The Parish of St Michael HALAM

In 1998 the parish church held its last major Parish Funding Programme. With the regular support for the church that was generated at that time and with careful financial management, the church has been able to pay its bills and ensure its continued ministry to the people in Halam. For this support and for the careful management the Church Council is very grateful. However the covenants and pledges taken out at that time will soon be running out and if we do not take action the income will simply stop!

It is for that reason that the church council has decided to organize another funding campaign.. This is know as a "Promise"programme. It's object is to renew and increase the covenants and pledges wherever possible and to try and ensure sound finances for the church into the 21st century. Whether we attend church regularly or infrequently the church in Halam is for us all and we are confident that everyone will be as generous as they can be. Our church is a fine legacy from the past and we must pass it on to future generations in good order both structurally and financially.

In order to explain all this the PCC is planning a "Funding Lunch" on Sunday 12th October. We hope that as many as possible will come along so that they can hear at first hand about the financial challenge facing the church. Invitations to the Lunch will be going out in September, which must seem a very long way away. All the same,