

HALAM NEWS

January 2017



A very happy New Year to you all! Apologies for the lateness of this edition - editor has been under the weather!

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This month's edition of Halam News is sponsored by **Ruth Hodson**: 'In memory of Sam, and of my return to Halam a year ago.'

PARISH PUMP



Congratulations! - to James and Gemma Bust on the birth of their son, Alfred James Bust, on 1st December 2016, - 7lbs 7oz!

• Sadly we say goodbye this month to Peter and Marina Thompson and their sons Jack, Edd and Ben. They have been stalwart members of the community over a number of years and will be missed. They are hoping to stay locally and will be renting until they find somewhere.

• Happy birthday Eleanor Bust on 31st December!

DOG POO BAGS! ATTENTION!

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that people are disposing of their dog bags in Shaws' orchard on Radley Road! This is a cheek! Not only is it unhygienic and deeply unpleasant, if the offender is caught this could lead to a £1000 fine!

The Parish Council have been informed by the District Council that we are within our rights to name and shame if know definitely who is doing this. Not only are we willing to do this, but we will report offences to the police.

There is a dog bin 200 yards along the road, which has been provided by the Parish Council for the disposal of bags and it is emptied regularly. It is located at the bottom of Appledale Drive on Radley Road, - SO THERE IS NO EXCUSE!

Anyone with information - please let your Parish Councillor know!

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

1 January	9.30am: Joint Benefice All Age Service Anne Godfrey
8 January	10.30am: Morning Worship Chris Clay
15 January	9.30am: Family Communion Revd. David Moore
22 January	10.30am: Sung Eucharist Revd. David Moore
29 January	9,30am: Joint Benefice Morning Worship (At St Giles Edingley)

Halam Church

2016 has been a very eventful year. There has been a lot of sadness as so many people have endured losing family members and close friends and as others have struggled with ill health. I pray that all who grieve and all who are ill may find peace during 2017. There has also been much joy as we have celebrated weddings and baptisms and welcomed the School Children into Church. The children have been a delight and give us much hope for the future.

Very many people have contributed this year to the upkeep and running of the Church. I thank you all most sincerely for all that you have done and continue to do. It is very much appreciated.

I hope that 2017 is a peaceful and happy year. A very happy new year to you all. - **Anne Godfrey**

HALAM VILLAGE HALL

Yoga Classes recommence in Halam Village Hall on Thursday evenings at 6.45. All abilities are catered for - I would love to see you there! -

Lyndsey King

Celebrating the New Year

We are all familiar with the traditions of New Year - staying up till 12pm to 'see the new year in', usually with a glass of champagne, parties, often fireworks and church bells ringing out the old.

Singing 'Auld Lang Syne' is also traditional; this Scottish song, possibly written by Robert Burns, was first written down in the 1700's. It celebrates love and friendship in times gone by, and cements these in the present.

One old custom was to open the door of the house on the last stroke of midnight to let the old year out and the New Year in.

Some areas of Britain still practice the custom of 'first footing' - a dark haired visitor carrying a piece of coal, bread, money and some greenery, coming through your door after midnight was supposed to bring good luck.

And of course we make our New Year resolutions. On 31 December 1661 Samuel Pepys wrote his New Year resolution: 'I have newly taken a solemn oath about abstaining from plays and wine.' What's yours, and have you kept it?

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Halam Village Hall

Thursday 8th December 2016 at 8pm

Present:

Chairman: Mr Simon Bust; Mr Andrew Paris; Mrs Janet Simmonds; Mrs Sarah Godfrey; Mr Chris Bevans; Mrs Carolyn Todd; Clerk Mr Patrick Rickett.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

Village Hall:

Cleaners – it was agreed that Mrs Todd should contact the cleaners suggested by Councillors Rainbow for a 3 month trial. This will be reviewed after that period of time.

Grant: Mrs Godfrey bought the P.C. up to date: – the funding is through WREN, and we need to send a ballpark figure and be prepared to put 10% up front; the PC suggested that £1400 would be an appropriate working figure.

It was agreed to send out a **survey** to the village with Halam News, and also put this on the village Facebook page, to find out if parishioners agree with the Parish Council's proposals and to canvass any other ideas which members of the village might like to add for consideration.

The forms need to be ready at the January meeting for any finalising and will be sent out after the February meeting.

Roads and hedges

Mr Duckworth is working on several items on behalf of the village.

Dog poo bags are being thrown into Shaws' orchard. Cllrs Jackson informed the PC that it is their right if they know definitely who the culprit is, to name and shame them in the Village news. The PC may possibly post notices on lamp-posts, and it was agreed to put a strong message in the Village news as a separate item.

Defibrillator:

It has been suggested by a member of the public that a defibrillator in the village may be a good idea. The PC backs the idea, but would be unable to fund one. Mrs Carolyn Todd and the Parish Clerk will look into this suggestion further.

Planning:

Lime Tree House, Halam Hill – proposed erection of 1 new dwelling. This was passed: agreed 5, with 1 abstention.

Holly House Back Lane – the householder has made an application for the erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property; - this was passed unanimously.

Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 12th January 2017 at 8pm.

Tap Dancing Classes

If you miss the tap dancing classes that used to take place in Halam Village Hall, or just fancy taking up a new hobby for the New year, teacher Hayley Clarke is starting a complete beginners' tap class (for adults, not children) starting Wednesday 4 January 8.15 - 9pm in the Arthur Radford Hall on Cooks Lane between Morton and Fiskerton. This costs £5 per lesson. Perhaps see you there?

New for 2017.

Dancing Classes

Egmonton Village Hall

Every Saturday

beginning from the 4th February 2017.

NATD and ISTD qualified

Ballroom, Latin and Salsa classes.

Under 7's- 9.30-10.30am

Over 7's- 10.30-12.30pm

Adult classes and private lessons also available.

For more information contact Jill: 07790601877

Laxton History Group

Booklet Launch

Friday 20th January

2 - 5pm, Laxton Village Hall

Come and hear about and see our three new booklets

- Laxton Stories: Village Folk
- Laxton Stories: Laxton Buildings
- Laxton Stories: The Variety of Village Life

Free tea and cakes served by Laxton WI

Everyone welcome.

For catering purposes please let Brenda (01777 870541) or Jean (01777 870276) know if you plan to come.

We hope to see you there.

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PARISH PUMP

· Many thanks to those volunteers that deliver Halam News every month (and have done this for years!): Richard Brown, Sarah Fowler, Don Reid, Glenys Herbert, Glenda Hutchinson, Kate Hill, Anne Godfrey, Tony Hallam and Helen Gittings. (I meant to put this in January but forgot! - Ed.)

· A very happy birthday to **Betty Godber**, who will be 90 on the 3rd of February! Many happy returns, and good wishes from all Halam Villagers.

· **Lizzy Lucas** volunteers her assistance with odd jobs, dog walking and babysitting, with all donations going toward the charity '**Think Pacific**'. Lizzy will complete an expedition with 'Think Pacific' in July - the charity works with the Fijian government to provide lasting educational support to the rural communities of Fiji. Please contact Lizzy on 07837310853 and she will be more than happy to help!

· Long-time Halam residents **Sheila and Phil Handley** moved from Kestrel Lodge at the Pumping Station on 16th December 2016. We wish them every happiness in their new home in Southwell.

· A warm welcome to new residents **Helen and Vince**, who have moved in to Kestrel Lodge, The Pumping Station. Helen teaches in Nottingham, and Vince is a member of the police force in Mansfield.

WANTED! Table Tennis table/Table football

If anyone has a table tennis table, or table football game which they no longer want I would be most grateful if they could get in touch with me.

A local charity supporting vulnerable and homeless people would really appreciate such items to enable residents in hostels to have the opportunity to be actively involved in worthwhile leisure activities. I would be happy to arrange collection and make a payment for it, as I know these are costly items.

Thank you: **Di Parrish** (Tel: 07831750430)

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

5 February	9.30am: All Age Service Anne Godfrey
12 February	10.30am: A service of readings and hymns celebrating marriage. Anne Godfrey
19 February	9.30am: Family Communion Rev. David Moore
26 February	10.30am: Sung Eucharist Rev. David Moore
February	9,30am: Joint Benefice Morning Worship (At St Giles Edingley)

New Church Boiler - this is currently being fitted and should be up and running for the All Age Service on the 5th February when the church should be lovely and warm! Hope to see you there.

Penni Wells (Churchwarden)

Attention! Halam Parish Council Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the survey so far. We have had a great response both online and from the forms delivered to Sarah Godfrey at Evergreen House in School Lane. If you haven't filled one in there is still time! Lots of you have offered to help with the work, - thank you. Even if we get the grant we will need 11% of the cost, which means that for every £1 donated we can try and raise an additional £9.09!

The form can be given to any members of the Parish Council who will collect prior to the meeting which will take place on 9th February.

Alternatively this may be filled in on the Village Facebook page, or online at:

<https://surveymonkey.com/r/XR9YP75>

Your support will help us towards securing the grant for the Village Hall. This is needed as the money that the Parish Council has mostly goes towards mortgage repayments and paying bills for running costs, to the detriment of the Hall. Thank you very much for helping us in this way.

CHARITY FUND-RAISER



Matthew Davis is doing a sponsored parachute jump on 8th April 2017 - and he is very afraid!

It's for a great charity - **War Child UK** that supports vulnerable children in war-torn areas, and aims to protect them from the ravages of war and help to rebuild their lives.

Proud of you son! - The Ed.

Donate here! <http://tinyurl.com/jej5qyj>

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Halam Village Hall Thursday 12 January 2017 at 8pm.

Present: Chairman: Simon Bust, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds, Sarah Godfrey, Chris Bevans, Carolyn Todd, Clerk: Patrick Rickett.

Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record after amending the item re grant wording by removing the last sentence.

Village hall:

The **cleaners** are to be taken on a 3-month trial, 2 people for 1 hour, once a month for 3 months; clerk to contact them and Mrs. Herbert to monitor. This was agreed 4 in favour, 2 abstentions.

Grant: Some questionnaires have been received, but more responses are needed. A reminder should be put in the Village News as a separate item – that villagers should please submit the survey, online at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/XR9YP75>, or fill in the forms provided in support of our grant application. This will help us to succeed with the grant. It should be outlined that most of our money goes towards the mortgage and bills for the Village Hall, so the hall is deteriorating due to lack of funds. It was suggested that our contribution would be £1300 towards the grant. This was agreed unanimously.

Roads and hedges:

Parking on School Lane during school hours has been raised again; it was agreed that the clerk should write to the Headmistress, asking that staff and parents park considerately and to point out that it is a traffic offence to park close to a junction i.e. the junction at School Lane and The Turnpike.

Defibrillator: Mrs. Todd and the clerk are liaising on this, approximate cost will be £1000- £1500.

Finance:

1) It was agreed to pay the **fire check** £38.80 - passed unanimously.

2) **Budget** – an up to date budget was circulated.

3) **Precept** – agreed to raise this to £8000 to cover rising costs - passed unanimously.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 9 February 2017 at 8pm.

Edingley Allotments

There are 3 half-plot allotments available in Edingley. If anyone is interested in taking one the rental is £6 per annum. Water is available at a small extra charge.

If you are interested please phone: **Ed Compton:** Telephone: 01623 883277.

BURNS SUPPER AT THE WAGGON



We had a most enjoyable evening of great food at the Waggon on 25th January, with traditional Scottish music and the piping in of the Haggis by Bernard and Jill Blackwell, plus readings of Robbie Burns' poems by Alan McCracken. Support your pub!

A STORY OF MISTS, MAGICIANS, MINERALS & MAYHEM

Turmoil in 1st Century Britain
An illustrated Talk

Victoria Starkey

Venue: The British Horological Society
Upton Hall
10th February 2017 at 2pm

Tickets: £5

Available from Victoria Starkey, Hill Farm House
Halam, Notts. NG22 8AD

Halam & District W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February. We are having a quiz evening organised by Debbie and Carol, and guests are most welcome to attend. The meeting will start at 7.30pm - do come along and give us a try!

Some members, who also meet at the Scypen on Thursday afternoons for craft sessions, have recently turned their attention to a request by Ganesh for 'Twiddle Muffs' - these are used on the Stroke Unit at the City Hospital for patients with dementia, but also for agitated patients. We have decorated them all sorts of interesting bits and pieces so our workbaskets and button tins have been raided! Apparently these are exactly what are needed and now we propose to continue making these for a while.

Any donations of wool - thick or thin - would be most gratefully accepted!

Glenys Herbert (Chair)

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PARISH PUMP

· A warm welcome to **Laura and Paul Rawson** and their children **James and Millie** who have moved into the Manor House, Radley Road. We wish you all happiness in your new home!

· It has been suggested that I run a small ads section in the news - if you have unwanted items - furniture, children's toys, bikes etc. I will be very happy to run adverts in return for a small donation.

· Well done **Emma Anderson!** She is a finalist in the category of 'Young Ambassador of the Year' - for her work and involvement in Nottinghamshire golf and the England Golf Youth panel, - at the England Golf Awards, and will be attending a glittering ceremony and dinner this month at Lord's cricket ground. Good luck and have a great evening, Emma!

· The on-going problem of dog poo on pavements and paths in the village continues! A very graphic photo was sent to me of dog poo left uncleared outside the church, and which someone had trodden in. This constitutes a health hazard and if dog owners do not clean up after their dogs they will be prosecuted. Please be a responsible dog owner! The bin for dog poo bags is located on Radley Road.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

5 March	9.30am: All Age Service Anne Godfrey
12 March	10.30am: Morning Worship Chris Clay
19 March	9.30am: Family Communion Rev. David Moore
26 March	10.30am: All Age Mothering Sunday Service Anne Godfrey
2 April	Sung Eucharist Rev. David Moore

Please Note: There are changes to the services on 26 March and 2 April.

Church Cleaning Rota

It would be really wonderful if more, (and younger!) people would volunteer to be on the church cleaning rota. You don't need to be religious, or go to church, or even do this every week - volunteering once a month would certainly help the very few ladies who currently do this! It is generally done in pairs and can be quite companionable, so if you and a friend feel you could help and spare a few hours do get in touch with either Elsie Milner or the churchwardens Glenys Herbert (Tel: 812335) or Penni Wells (Tel: 813491).

Even though you may not be a regular attendee at services it is good to remember that our church will be there when your children get married, or for baptisms and funerals. We need to keep it well-maintained and looking lovely! Thank you to those that already do so much to keep it in good shape.

Attention! Halam Parish Council Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the survey so far. If you haven't filled one in there is still time if you drop copy in to Sarah Godfrey on School Lane!

Halam & District W.I.

We had a splendid quiz at last month's meeting with local questions with an imaginative 'follow-on' to stop us all becoming complacent, = would you know what tool to use to open an oyster? So in a similar frame of mind we are tackling 'hats' - how to wear them to best effect - a session trying them on seems to be on the cards! Do come and join in the fun on Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall.

Glenys Herbert (Chair)

Paths

Sorry to nag at what, I hope, is the end of winter, but on my round to deliver the Village News - I have a large round inherited from David - I went flat on my back on someone's path! I have noticed that a lot of them are rather 'slick' especially where there are York stone slabs. I would be most grateful (and possibly your other visitors will be also!) if you could give them a good wash down for safety's sake! Personally I use vinegar and a little bleach so that callers can arrive and leave safely. This is the individual responsibility of householders.

Glenys Herbert

* **The Editor** would like to second this appeal! It can be quite daunting, especially if you are elderly, or have walking problems (as I do!) to negotiate some paths in the village. I would like to ensure the safety of all those that very kindly distribute Halam News around the village. I'm sure the postman would be grateful too!

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting held: Thursday 9th February 2017 at 8pm in Halam Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Mr. Simon Bust, Mrs. Glenys Herbert; Mrs. Sarah Godfrey; Mr. Chris Bevans; Mrs. Carolyn Todd; Clerk Mr. Patrick Rickett.

Minutes of the 2 previous meetings: were signed as correct records.

Roads and hedges: The headmistress from Halam School sent a reply re parking, with a copy of the letter circulated to parents and staff; Parish council will continue to monitor the situation.

Cllr Laughton will look into several items including: the state of Halam Hill; the flashing lights which seem to flash at random times - this seems to be a problem with most lights; the accumulation of water outside Littledale House. He will speak to Mr. Duckworth about this and request a gulley sucker for Radley Road.

Open Meeting:

- 1) The light in the phone box is going to be repaired.
- 2) The bus shelter windows have been painted.

Defibrillator: Two free units have been obtained from the British Heart Foundation. One will probably be located in the phone box. A location for the second is needed. A training course will be held and volunteers are needed to look after the boxes,.

This will only take 5 - 10 minutes each week. Training courses will be set up when everything has been received.

Village Hall:

Village Hall bookings are good –Natter at 9 is back, Bettercare have made a group booking. The Hall is booked for May 4th for elections by the County Council.

The cleaning seems to be going well. Chris Bevans has found three websites that the Hall can be advertised on for free – a new enquiry has already come from this.

Grant application: Mrs Godfrey informed the PC that the application is almost ready to go. She gave the PC a breakdown of the cost of the work to be done. A total of £720 in donations have been received so far, and 5 more have been offered.

The PC are putting £1300 towards the cost and it was agreed that another £500 could be made available, giving funds of £2520. With this extra available, replacement windows could be added in - this was agreed unanimously.

The PC agreed that Mrs Godfrey would be the main signatory and Mr Paris would be the 2nd contact – this was agreed unanimously.

Finance: Agreed to pay – cleaners £31.00.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th March 2017 at 8pm

Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held on Tuesday 14th March from 9.15am until 11am at the W.I. Hall, Shepherd's Row Southwell, to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. Entry will be £2.50 and includes coffee, tea and cake. Please do come along and join us - we would be delighted to see you and have your support.

Laxton History Group Booklets

In January Laxton History Group members launched three more booklets based on their research into Laxton in 1900 – 1920. The work was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. In June the first four booklets in the series were launched and copies were given to people who attended our event then.

The print run of the new booklets was sufficient for everyone who had the original four to have the new ones as well and we invite anyone who would like copies to make contact on 01777 871506 or email info@laxtonhistorygroup.org.uk.

HALAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mad Hair Day: One of the Year 6 children, Poppy, is having her whole ponytail cut off in support of 'Little Princess Trust'! Her hair will be used to make a wig for children who have lost their hair through illness, such as cancer. Halam School wanted to support her fundraising endeavours, and so children will go into school on Thursday 9th March with 'interesting hair!' They may wear a wig, giant hair bows, hats, coloured hair, messy hair - anything goes! Children don't have to bring in money but may like to support this cause and bring in a contribution on the day.

To Halam Residents: *This seemed to me such a heart-warming story that perhaps people in the village might also like to support this event by dropping in a contribution to school. This little girl's parents must be so very proud of her! Alternatively donate online at: <https://www.gofundme.com/poppys-hairraising-challenge> - The Editor*

World Book Day is on the 2nd of March and parents are invited in to school to read their favourite children's books with the children.

Red Nose Day is on Friday 25th March and the children will be involved in fundraising activities.

School Easter Church Service will take place on the 30th of March at 9.15 in Halam Church.

Egg Day: - an eggciting, eggstraordinary day ... We will be having an 'egg day' on the last day of the Spring term with various competitions in school. There will be an Easter bonnet competition and a buggy-racing competition - children will make buggies that can transport a raw egg in a distance race. There will be different categories of buggies ranging from ones made of lego or Knex to totally home-made ones, and even electronically controlled cars. There will also be a decorated egg competition. It will be an 'eggcellent' day!

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PARISH PUMP

• Happy birthday to **Lesley Gramlick** who turned 60 on 21 March! Still looking fabulous, Lesley!

• **Anne & David Norris** moved in to Orchard House on the Turnpike at the end of October 2015 - I don't think I ever welcomed them in the news, so I must put that right now! Welcome!

• Another belated welcome to **Mike Isbell** who moved into Jonmarine on Back Lane a year ago!

N.B. If new people move in please do let me know by emailing Halam.news@hotmail.co.uk if you are a neighbour! Grateful thanks for everyone's help. - **The Editor**

• Congratulations to **Emma Anderson** for winning 'Young Ambassador of the Year' at the England Golf Awards!

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

2 April	9.30am: Sung Eucharist Rev. David Moore
9 April	10.30am: Palm Sunday morning worship processing from the Waggon car park. Anne Godfrey
16 April	10am: Good Friday Devotions Anne Godfrey
18 April	9.30am: Easter Sunday Parish Communion Father Matthew Askey
23 April	10.30am: Sung Eucharist Rev. David Moore
30 April	9.30am: Joint Benefice Morning worship Anne Godfrey

A very happy Easter to everyone! - Anne Godfrey

Halam & District W.I.

We had great fun with hats last month, and it was a great confidence-builder with the wedding season coming up!

The next meeting will take place on 4 April at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. This month the theme is 'brooches' - so we are hoping for another really interesting evening. Do come and try us out - we would love to see you.

Glenys Herbert (Chair)

Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial 10th April 2017



To mark the anniversary of the WWII plane crash in the village, we will be holding a short Service of Remembrance at the Lancaster Bomber Memorial, School Lane on Monday 10th April at 10.45am. Prayers, the laying of wreaths, and a bugler playing the Last Post will be followed by a minute silence. All are welcome to attend.

Twiddlemuffs & Fiddlemuffs!

I am most grateful to everyone in Halam and Edingley who has made Twiddlemuffs/Fiddlemuffs for the stroke unit in Nottingham. In particular (but not exclusively) I would like to thank the ladies from W.I., those from 'Loft Handmade', Olive Kitts (from Old School House), Olive Sharman and Tracy (from Church Cottage). I can guarantee they are being put to very good use, helping a lot of very confused people post-stroke to calm down, - not only the patients but also the family members (as it is very distressing to see loved ones in a state of agitation).

Ganesh

Halam Churchyard

The whole churchyard is looking so good with primroses and daffodils popping up everywhere!

I have started grass-cutting, and will be trimming edges and weeding when I have a spare hour or so. If anyone feels they can help with grass-cutting that would be so very welcome - an hour here and there would be a great help.

I have burned a mammoth pile of trimmings and hedge-cuttings - another job completed - but again an hour or so of help would be very much appreciated. Any offer at a time to suit yourself - weeding, general tidying, mowing during the growing season would really ease the burden!

Glenys Herbert

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday 9th March 2017 at 8pm in Halam Village Hall

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds, Carolyn Todd.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting: Andrew Paris asked if there was any further information re the activities on the land opposite the entrance to St Helen's Croft. The Chairman stated that the planning department at N&S District Council is monitoring the situation, and that the owner of the land was well aware of this and had been informed of the restrictions on planning and use.

Village Hall: Chris Bevans reported that bookings were going well, including a new enquiry from a potential regular-use class. Glenys Herbert stated that some users were not leaving the hall in an acceptably clean state. The situation will be monitored and further action taken if necessary

Grant for Village Hall: An application has been made for a grant of around £26,000 for essential repairs and improvements. The outcome of this application should be known by the middle of May.

Roads and Hedges: The roads have been swept recently by the District Council. County Cllr Jackson was asked to progress the cleaning out of the gulleys in the village.

Cllr Jackson was asked about resurfacing on Halam Hill – no funding is currently available, but money may be available from the new budget in May.

The road surface on the Turnpike has sunk in places where drainage work was completed two years ago (outside Strickland Farm) – Cllr Jackson to report to Highways.

Parking at the school still continues to be an issue. The new Head is aware of this and is working to alleviate the situation. The pub will be approached to see if some school staff parking could be available during the day.

A new flashing school sign is to be located by the village hall. Mrs Herbert complained that the flashing orange school lights are operating at inappropriate times – any malfunctioning of the lights should be reported to the County Council via their website or on 0300 500 80 80.

Defibrillator: The Parish Council has obtained two defibrillators for the use of the village. It is proposed to mount one in the old phone box, but a location for the second one is needed. Please give suggestions to Chris Bevans or other members of the parish council. Training will be needed for anyone wishing to use the equipment, this will be discussed further at next month's parish council meeting – please contact Chris Bevans or Mandy Rickett (813181) if you would like to volunteer to be trained.

Open meeting: With the changes of boundary from May onwards, County Cllr Jackson will no longer be Halam's representative at County level. The Chairman thanked Cllr Jackson for his help and

input over the past years and wished him well in the forthcoming elections

Finance:

1) Unanimously agreed to pay for the village hall cleaners, and the NALC subscription. Unanimously agreed to set up direct debits to pay N&S District Council bills (they no longer accept cheques).

2) The parish council's Standing Orders were reviewed and adopted.

3) The parish council's Financial Regulations were reviewed and adopted.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7pm (note earlier start) in the village hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Defibrillator Training!

This training will take place in Halam Village Hall on **Tuesday 18th April at 7pm**. A number of people have already signed up to do this, and if you would like to attend do come along!

Mandy Rickett

HALAM OPEN GARDENS

Halam Parochial Church Council is hoping to hold an open garden event in the village this summer. Of course this relies on villagers being willing to open their gardens and also to help out on the day. In the past this event has raised substantial funds, and it is hoped that we will be able to boost the fund for a new church roof, which has become a priority for the PCC. All offers of help to organise and run this event will be most gratefully received. Glenys is on her way round to try and persuade villagers to open - so look out! Remember - it doesn't matter how large or small your garden is - all gardens are of interest to our visitors. Please offer your help to the church wardens - either Glenys Herbert or Penni Wells - and watch this space!

HALAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

Use of school field and playground out of hours and weekends:

Unfortunately, we cannot allow the use of the school field or playground out of hours. I know that it is sometimes used by families from within school and outside of school but County have insisted that the site is not used, both for insurance and health & safety reasons. The majority of schools in the country have high fencing to preclude access but our perimeter fencing is low and the site is therefore accessible at present. We do ask that you respect this notice and do not let your children back onto the premises once school is shut. Many thanks.

Mrs. Aldrich – Head Teacher

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PARISH PUMP

- Welcome to **Charlie and Claire Wright** and their children **Henry, Eddie and Emilia** who moved into Briarcroft, School Lane. I don't think I welcomed them when they arrived so I am putting that right now! We all hope you enjoy living in Halam.
- Congratulations to **Charlie and Claire** also on the birth of their baby, **Emilia Rose** on 25th March 2017, weighing in at 7lbs 12oz; a lovely new sister for **Henry and Eddie**.
- Best wishes to **Ruth Hodson** for speedy recovery! All our good wishes!
- Sadly **Ray Thurlow** of Back Lane died in hospital on 26th April. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family.

Halam Village Hall

LOCAL ELECTIONS: 4th MAY

Voting will be taking place for County Councillors in Halam village hall from 7am until 10pm. Do remember to exercise your democratic right and use your hard-won vote!

JUNE 8th GENERAL ELECTION

Voting takes place in June in Halam village hall to elect your Member of Parliament for the Sherwood constituency.

Yoga For All: Takes place in Halam Village Hall at 9.30am on Monday mornings and 8pm on Thursday evenings, (subject to elections, holidays etc!) Tel: Lyndsey on 812402 or 07919561916 for information.

Tea @ 2.30 takes place in Halam Village Hall every Tuesday afternoon - Everyone welcome!

Natter at 9 takes place in Halam Village Hall at 9am during term times on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Refreshments, (including cake!) are available. It's open to everyone - come and chat and make new friends! There are toys for babies and pre-schoolers.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

7 May	9.30am: All Age Service Anne Godfrey
14 May	10.30: Morning Worship Anne Godfrey
21 May	9.30am: Parish Communion Rev. David Moore
28 May	10.30am: Sung Eucharist Rev. David Moore
4 June	9.30am: All Age Service: Anne Godfrey

Halam Church & Churchyard

Easter Flowers: First of all many thanks to all who helped put on such a lovely display of flowers in the church for Easter, and a special thank you to Caroline and Stephen Haddelsey and especially young George, for the Easter Garden. It was very beautifully done and was much admired.

Churchwardens: Last week at the Annual Parish Meeting Penni Wells and Glenys Herbert were re-elected as Churchwardens, and many other posts were also filled. We receive so many lovely comments about how well looked after and obviously loved our church always appears.

Churchyard and Grass Cutting: There have been quite a few offers of help with grass cutting, and I would like to particularly thank Simon Fowler who helped just before Easter to give most of the areas of the churchyard a good cut. My thanks also go to Paul Ackroyd, bonfire man-in-chief who does such sterling work. However if this year is not to be the year of the dandelion we must work hard and need as much help as possible! The yellow flowers are popping up and will soon be seeding in every direction.

Open Church Weekend & Open Gardens: We propose to join the Open Church Weekend on the 8th and 9th of July with some village gardens open to encourage more visitors and make it interesting. Any offers to open your garden, or help in any way - including volunteering to help with teas, stewarding the church, or general stewarding - would be gratefully received. Please contact Glenys or Penni. Proceeds will go towards funding the church roof - an important project! July can be a tricky time for flowering plants in the garden - but I am sure we can all be imaginative!

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Thank you to all those people who attended this training session. There was more than twenty people - so a great turn-out! Siting of the defibrillators is still to be decided. Thank you also to the First-Responders who patiently ran the meeting. Some people were unable to attend due to other commitments - there may be future training dates.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Halam Village Hall on 13th April 2017 at 7pm.

Apologies: Mr Andrew Paris, Mrs Sarah Godfrey and Cllr. Bruce Laughton.

Present: Mr Simon Bust, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Carolyn Todd; Parish clerk Mr Patrick Rickett, Cllr. Rainbow.

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

Matters arising from the previous meeting: 1) Mrs Todd was co-opted as a Parish Councillor. 2) The water pressure is no better than last year and in some cases has got worse, – clerk to write to STWA.

Chairman's report:

It was decided to disband the Village Hall Committee and return this responsibility to the P.C. as it was not working as envisaged. Mr Bevans has put a lot of work into the Village Hall website and lettings. Mrs Herbert is keeping a check on the Hall; thanks to both were recorded. The P.C. is satisfied with the cleaners and lettings are increasing. Again we have applied for a grant for the roof – thanks to Mrs Godfrey and all those who helped with the application.

The allotments are not doing well - only 2 are let – this item to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Support from the District and County Councillors has been good; things are getting done as we flag them up; it will be possibly 4 years before Halam Hill is sorted however; – thanks given to the Councillors Radley Road is better condition than it has been.

Planning applications are fewer than before, and NSDC seem more in tune with the P.C.

Thanks were also given to the Clerk, Mrs Rickett and Financial Officer Mrs Thompson, Internal Auditor and all Parish Councillors for their work and commitment.

Finally the PC assumes as no parishioners attended they were happy with the last year.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm and the ordinary Parish Council meeting commenced.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in Halam Village Hall on 13th April 2017 following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.20pm.

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

Village Hall: 1) Two wall heaters are not working; it was agreed that the clerk get them fixed and give the cost at the next meeting.

2) The Clerk will ask the cleaners to continue working until April 2018, when this will be reviewed.
3) Harvest Supper will be organised this year by Mrs Herbert and Mrs Todd in a more traditional format with a speaker.

4) A games night will be run by Mr Bevans at Easter 2018.

Roads and hedges: 1) The P.C. were informed that the free school bus to the Minster School may be ending. 2) It was reported that the footbridge on St Helen's Lane has no handrail and the footpath beside the Beck on Grey Lane is overgrown; – clerk to report.

Defibrillator: A meeting is set for Tuesday 18th April at 7pm in the Village Hall. Mr Bevans informed the P.C. that there had been about 17 people enquiring about this. Several suggestions were made as to where the defibrillators might be sited; some need investigation as they are on private property; a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Open meeting: The only item raised was that Edingley Hill would be closed on the 20th April for tree cutting. – Cllr Rainbow.

Finance: Item paid: 1) Clerk's wages 2) Cleaners. 3) Village Hall and dog bin.

Planning: Kestrel Lodge, Pumping Station, Radley Road: Household's application for removal of rear conservatory and construction of extensions to sides, front and rear of property and new roof tile covering. This was supported unanimously.

Planning decision: Field R/O St Michael's Close, portal frame building, agricultural - approved by NSDC.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th May at 7pm – Annual General Parish Council meeting.

Halam & District W.I.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 May. This month is the AGM when we will be electing a new committee, (and encouraging another year from some members) and a new president. I have been president for about 37 years and a fresh new look is needed as we have a great many new, enthusiastic and younger members with lots of good ideas. The W.I. traditional birthday party will take place the following week.

The sub-committee responsible for booking speakers and working out the monthly schedule have been very busy and have an interesting year's programme planned. Do come and join us!

Glenys Herbert

Registering to Vote

If you have not registered to vote and you want to vote in the June 8th General Election you need to register by 22 May. It takes about 5 minutes to do this online at: www.gov.uk

registertovote.service.gov.uk

You have to be 18 or over on Election Day. You will need your National Insurance number or your passport number in order to register. If you aren't registered you can't vote - so it's really important that you do this!

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• Congratulations to **Charlotte and Nabeil Naaman** on the birth of their daughter Aurelia Etro Rodely on 23 April 2017 and a sister for Vesper Elizabeth Rodely. Charlotte, who is the daughter of Maureen and Tony Hallam, grew up in Halam with her sister Elizabeth and both attended the village school. Also Charlotte and Nabeil were married at Halam Church.

• A magnificent sum of £600 was raised at 'The Concert for Syria' (Hands Up Foundation) held at Halam Court on 19th March! David Butterworth would like to thank all those from the village that supported this event.

SOUTHWELL POETRY FESTIVAL

11 - 16 July 2017

A rich array of events will be taking place in Southwell Library, including festival highlight poet **LEMN SISSAY**. Bookings can be made online, by phone or in person at the library. Call into the library now for leaflets outlining this year's festival or access through the link:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/113996/southwell-library-poetry-festival-programme-2016-final.pdf>

JUNE 8th GENERAL ELECTION

Voting takes place in Halam Village Hall between 7am and 10pm to elect your MP for the Sherwood constituency. Do remember to cast your vote!

Did you know? Election Day in the UK is by tradition held on Thursdays. It has been suggested this tradition arose due to many circumstances: Friday pay-packets might lead to more drunken voters (!) on Fridays & weekends; Sunday elections might reduce the influence of Sunday sermons; many towns held markets on Thursdays, thus many people might travel to town that day anyway. Most other European countries hold elections on Sundays.

**'June brings tulips, lilies, roses,
Fills the children's hands with posies.'**

The meteorological start of summer begins on the 1st of June and ends on the last day of August, dividing our year neatly into four seasons of three months each. This year the astronomical summer began on 20th June 2016 and ends on 22nd September 2016. The Summer solstice, or the longest day, marks its beginning. Whichever way you look at it the warmer weather is most welcome!

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

4 June	9.30am: All Age Service Anne Godfrey
11 June	10.30: Morning Worship Anne Godfrey
18 June	9.30am: Parish Communion Rev. David Moore
25 June	10.30am: Sung Eucharist Rev. David Moore

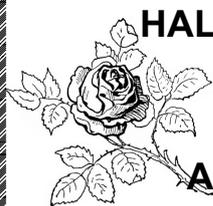
The Parochial Church Council would like to say a big thank you to **Elsie Milner** for her wonderful contribution to the PCC. Elsie recently stepped down after more years than she can recall as a member! - **Anne Godfrey**

Open Church Weekend & Open Gardens

As part of the 'Open Churches Weekend' on the 8th and 9th of July some village gardens will be open on **SUNDAY 9th JULY**. Halam Church will be open on both days from 9.30am.

Volunteers needed!

Any offers to open your garden, or help in any way, - including volunteering to help with teas, stewarding the church, or general stewarding, - would be gratefully received. Please contact Glenys or Penni (Church Wardens). Proceeds will go towards funding the church roof - an important project!



HALAM OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 9th July
1pm - 5pm

Adult admission: £3
Children free

**Admission points: The Church, The Rectory
& The Scypen (by stickers!)**

Teas will be available at the Scypen

Halam St Michael's Church will be decorated and open from 9.30am on both 8th and 9th of July as part of the 'Open Churches' weekend.

All proceeds and donations will go towards funding a new church roof.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 8pm

Present: Simon Bust; Andrew Paris; Chris Bevans; Glenys Herbert; Janet Simmonds.

Apologies: Sarah Godfrey; Carolyn Todd

Election of Chair & Vice-Chair: Chair – Simon Bust, Vice-Chair – Andrew Paris; agreed unanimously.

Election of Other Officers: The following appointments were agreed unanimously: Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris; Press Officer – Andrew Paris; Transport – Glenys Herbert; NALC Representative – Janet Simmonds & Carolyn Todd; Snow/Flood Warden – Simon Bust; Flag Officer – Simon Bust; Crime Reduction Officer – Andrew Paris; Internal Auditor – Marina Thompson (to be confirmed); Financial Officer – Mandy Rickett

Village Hall: 1) The professional cleaners will continue with monthly cleans. 2) Two heaters are to be repaired. 3) Mr Bevans reported that bookings continue to be steady, and that the two elections this year will help boost funds. 4) The yoga class will not be held on the evenings of PC meetings so these will revert to their usual time. 5) Grant for Village Hall - awaiting further news.

Defibrillators: It was unanimously agreed to site one defibrillator in the (redundant) phone box, and the other at the entrance to Manor Fields. Further training will be arranged at some time in the future for interested parishioners.

Roads and Hedges: 1) Some pot-holes have been filed, but a parishioner complained about the general poor state of the local roads. 2) Comment was also made about verge cutting – the grass is cut four times a year, but deeper strips are now left to help preserve wildlife and wild flowers. Grass by junctions should receive special attention. Any particular problem areas should be reported to Highways at the County Council. 3) The flashing lights at the school seem to be functioning at the wrong times – County Cllr Bruce Laughton will be asked to get this corrected. 4) A skip was recently parked in the village, which caused a few traffic issues. All skips on the highway have to be approved and licenced by County Council, - householders needing a skip are asked to be considerate in the placing of skips on the roadway. 5) Cars parked on School Lane during school hours are still causing problems. The issue has been highlighted in the school newsletter, and it was agreed that the description and registration numbers of any vehicles parked inconsiderately will be noted for further action.

Allotments: There are still some allotments available – please contact the Clerk, Pat Rickett (813181) if you are interested in taking one. In the meantime the Clerk will keep the allotments clear and tidy.

Parish Council Laptop: This has been bought and receipts now need to be submitted to NALC who have financed this purchase.

Open meeting: 1) Fiskerton Tip – County Cllr Roger Jackson is trying to get this re-opened. 2) Halam Community Facebook page – Chris Bevans was thanked for keeping the village informed of any suspicious activity in the area. This seems to be working as an “improved Neighbourhood Watch”. 2) Affordable Homes – the Parish Council has been contacted to discuss the possibility of building six affordable homes in the village. A representative of the scheme will be invited to the next meeting

Planning: Land adjacent Cedar Lea, Radley Road: proposed erection of two 2-bed bungalows and creation of new access to highway – after much discussion the parish council were unable to come to a majority decision. It was agreed to report back to N&S District Council that the vote was split 2 in favour, 2 against (with one abstention).

Finance: Unanimously agreed to pay for 1) monthly cleaning. 2) Village hall insurance. 3) VAT on previously purchased road salt (VIA invoice – this VAT will be claimed back).

Date of next meeting: Thursday 29th June 2017 at 7.30 pm (**NB:** date change and earlier start) in the village hall. The proposal concerning six affordable homes will be discussed at this meeting – a representative of the scheme has been invited to attend.

Development of Affordable Homes in Halam?

Following on from Housing Needs Survey conducted in 2012, Newark & Sherwood District Council have identified the need for affordable homes in Halam and Edingley.

NSDC have identified a potential site in Halam which would be suitable for six or seven affordable homes. Preference would be given to local residents to live in these houses.

A representative of the scheme, Jill Sanderson from Newark & Sherwood will be coming to the next Parish Council meeting to outline the potential scheme – all members of the public are most welcome to attend.

The meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 29th June in the village hall.

Low Water Pressure

The Parish Council have received a number of complaints about low water pressure in the village. Severn Trent Water have checked and cannot find a problem. They have given a number for individuals who would like their pressure checked:
Tel: 0800 783 4444

Halam & District W.I.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. New members always welcome!