

HALAM NEWS

July 2015



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PARISH PUMP

Congratulations to Sarah Denyer and Andy Hatton who were married in Tissington on Saturday 20th June. We wish them happiness in their married life together.

Congratulations to Beth McMurdo and Jeremy Levins who were married on Saturday 20th June at Belvoir Castle. We wish them happiness in their married life together.

Belated Congratulations to Alec and Penni Wells who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 29th May!

Every good wish to Elizabeth Fraser who will be climbing Kilimanjaro this month!

Churchyard Clearing: The planned churchyard day was cancelled because it was pouring with rain, but thank you if you had planned to turn out! Please feel free at any time to pull a few weeds or trim grass that can't be done with the big mower! The churchyard looks very good at the moment, with all David's blue geraniums making a great show.

Congratulations to Stephen Small (Radley Terrace) who has just completed the CardioPass Challenge as part of Axon's (the company he works for) 50th Anniversary - an 800km bike ride, 8-13 June, from Quimper to Montmirail-en-Brie. The purpose was to support the CardioPass association. The goal of the challenge is to make known the screening by ECG of hereditary heart diseases, saving lives and avoiding the appearance of severe disabilities.

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In aid of the Nottingham Albert Hall Organ

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

5 July	8am: Holy Communion: Canon John Smith
12 July	9.30am: All Age Worship: Anne Godfrey Animal Blessing Service - bring your pets!
19 July	9.30am: Parish Communion: Canon John Smith
26 July	10.30am: Sung Eucharist: Rev Peter Grimes

Date for your diary: On **Sunday 15th November** **Essentially Brass** will be giving a concert in St Michael's Church at 7.30pm as part of our Remembrance Day events, More details will follow later, but do mark this in your diaries and join us. Tickets will be on sale from September onwards.

HALAM & DISTRICT W.I.

The next meeting will be at the Scy whole at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th July. Debbie Kenyon will tell the meeting about her visit to Buckingham Palace and Glenys will report on the A.G.M at the Albert Hall. Plans will be made for meetings to come over the next W.I. year. All are welcome to attend. - Glenys

THURSDAY KNITTERS GROUP APPEAL

We have sent 8 crochet and knitted blankets, plus jumpers and knitted hats, to Nepal via the National Police Aid Convoys (NPAC) which Carolyn Todd has been involved with for a number of years.

We are still crocheting and knitting for emergency relief. If you have any left over wool from garments you have created to donate (preferably double knit, but finer wools can be used) please let members of the group or me have it. We will then be able to make more blankets! Thank you for your help.

Glenys Herbert

Photo below shows Carolyn Todd handing over blankets for Nepal, knitted in Halam!



Thank you to everyone who helped me with my fundraising for my trip to Tanzania through various little jobs. I will fly to Tanzania on 13th July, and then onwards, hopefully to make it up the summit of Kilimanjaro. Thank you again,

Elizabeth Fraser

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Present: Andrew Paris (in the Chair), Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Apologies: Simon Bust

Welcome: Carolyn Todd was welcomed as a new parish councillor.

Matters Arising:

Andrew Paris reported that the parish council details had now been sent to be uploaded to the N&S District Council website and that the Clerk could now send through all meeting minutes and agendas to comply with the recent Transparency Code.

Village Hall: A further village hall committee meeting is to be arranged. Air fresheners have been installed in both the toilets for a trial period.

Roads and Hedges: County Cllr Roger Jackson reported that the work on The Turnpike drains is scheduled for later in the year, and that Severn Trent Water and Highways are still working on the water problem at the top of Radley Road.

There are still many hedges in the village that need cutting back from pavements and footpaths. The Clerk was instructed to talk to specific householders/land owners to request them to cut back their hedges. If these requests are not actioned, County Council Highways will have to be involved,

Halam Parish Council Facebook page: Chris Bevans has now set up a Halam Village community group on Facebook. Villagers are invited to join the group where they can post village news, details of events, family milestones and anything else of interest to the residents of Halam.

Allotments: there are a couple of allotments currently available. Anyone interested in having extra space for growing flowers, fruit or vegetables should contact the Clerk: Tel. 813181.

Open Meeting: matters discussed:

1) Field opposite St. Helen's Croft/Littledate – a caravan, lorry and container are now in this field. Cllr Bruce Laughton will ask planning enforcement to look into this.

2) Scrap dealers – a van was seen in the village looking for scrap metal. Please report unlicensed scrap men to the police on 101. If possible get a registration number and a vehicle description.

3) Fiskerton tip – Cllr Bruce Laughton reported that he is campaigning to get this re-opened.

4) Burglaries in Kirklington – please be aware of any suspicious activity in the village and call 999 if you suspect a crime is taking place. Police number 101 should be used to report general incidents or unusual activity.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm in the village hall.



HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are having a 'Phil' the Bag fundraising collection!



Our 'Phil' the Bag Recycle Day is on:

**Wednesday
15th July**

Please drop items off at school reception by 9 am.

Thank you for your support!

- **Everyone** is welcome to take part.
- Please *fill* the bag with your unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, belts and handbags.
- We take items in **any** type of bag.
- The **more** we weigh, the more we **pay**.
- Thank you - but NO blankets, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, soft toys, off-cuts, any wet items, ripped or stained clothing!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR BAGS OF UNWANTED CLOTHING, BAGS & SHOES!

Halam's Sky at Night in July

On 1st July there will be a spectacular conjunction of Venus and Jupiter visible in the evening sky. These two planets, shining brightly in the west, have been moving closer together throughout June and will be extremely close on the 1st, appearing only 0.3 degrees apart. Look for this impressive union in the western sky just after sunset.

On July 2 there will be a full moon. Early Native American tribes called the July moon the 'Full Buck Moon' because deer begin to grow new antlers at this time. It is also known as the 'Full Thunder Moon' as the warmth of July can create storms. In England it is commonly known as the 'Full Hay Moon' because it's around this time that farmers harvest, bale and stow hay for the winter.

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PARISH PUMP



• Congratulations to **Lawrence Gramlick** and Chloe Simpkiss who were married at Swancar Farm, Trowell, Notts on 11 July. Lawrence's family moved to Halam when he was 5 and he attended Halam School and the Minster.



• Congratulations to **Anna Kunzlik** and Yann Helies who were married at Auberge Des Adrêts, Côte D'Azur on 10 July. Anna's family lived briefly in Halam before moving to Farnsfield, but Anna continued to attend Halam Primary School.

• And here are other recent weddings



Left:
Beth & Jeremy

Right:
James & Gemma



• Congratulations to **Emily Paris** who has graduated from Cardiff University with a BSc (Hons) degree in Psychology.

• Congratulations to **Jack Thompson** who has graduated from Cardiff University with an M.A. in Political Communication.

• Happy Birthday to **Edith Brown** who was 95 on the 13th of July. Love and congratulations!

(Please do let me have your news - births, weddings, big birthdays or anniversaries, new people moving in or people leaving, graduations, exam results etc. - The Ed.)

LITTER PATROL

Over recent months, an entirely voluntary 'litter patrol' has done much to eradicate litter along the roads, footpaths and hedgerows of Halam, but it's an ongoing job. Everyone can help just by picking up any litter that they find in the immediate vicinity of their front gates. Every little helps!

Stephen Haddelsey

HALAM VILLAGE HALL

Dates for your diary: Harvest Supper: 16 October
Race Night: 4 December - more details to follow.

For information or to book Halam Village Hall for your event contact: Tel: 01636 815576 or mobile: 07967 132014; email: info@halamvillagehall.org.uk

Information about activities may be found on Halam Village Hall's website: www.halamvillagehall.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to all helpers and generous supporters of the Christian Aid collection in Halam; the total contribution was £433.61. Many thanks again.

Beverley Perks (Churchwarden)

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

2 August	8am: Holy Communion: Canon John Smith
9 August	9.30am: All Age Worship: celebrating summer: Anne Godfrey (In Village Hall)
16 August	10.30am: Morning Service: Revd. Peter Graves & Anne Godfrey Baptism of Eliza Spencer
23 August	9.30am: Parish Communion: Canon John Smith
30 August	10.30am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Peter Graves
	9.30am: Joint Benefice service with Edingley, at St Giles Edingley: Anne Godfrey

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HALAM & DISTRICT W.I.

The next meeting is on 1 September (N.B. No August meeting); there will be a film shown: 'The Second Marigold Hotel', followed by bubbly and nibbles to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the W.I. Halam W.I. will also be hosting the Group Meeting at Southwell W.I. Hall on 23rd September at 2pm. The speaker will be our very own village expert Mr Arthur Deakin of Back Lane who will be giving a talk on 'Orchids and how to care for them.' He will give advice and re-pot ailing orchids.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

9th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Village Hall: A further village hall committee meeting has been arranged. The village hall kitchen has been inspected and given a 5/5 rating for food hygiene. Lettings have increased well over last year.

Roads and Hedges: Top of Radley Road – Severn Trent have done further investigations, now waiting for response from County Council Highways.

Drains on the Turnpike – Highways have carried out further tests, and a possible solution is being investigated.

Halam Hill potholes in road – these can be reported online or by phone to County Council Highways

Cuttings left under tree on Halam Hill – to be investigated further

Halam Facebook page: Chris Bevans has now set up a Halam group on Facebook – “Halam Village Community”; 57 people have joined so far. Villagers are invited to join the group, where they can post village news, details of events, family milestones and anything else of interest to the residents of Halam.

Allotments: a further enquiry has been received for an allotment, but there are a couple of allotments still available. Anyone interested in having extra space for growing flowers, fruit or vegetables should contact the Clerk on 813181.

Andrew Paris has been in touch with the **Prince's Countryside Trust** and it may be possible to get a grant to put in a water supply to the allotments. Grant applications open again in September and an application will be submitted at that time.

Field Opposite St Helens Croft: planning enforcement have been asked to investigate.

Code of Conduct Training: Mandy Rickett reported back on specific aspects of which the parish council need to be aware.

Open Meeting: matters discussed:

1) Cllr Bruce Laughton reported on the Electoral Boundary Commission proposals for changes to the constituencies for county councilors.

2) Parking at St Michael's Close – inconsiderate parking is to be investigated further.

3) Parking on School Lane – vehicles parked close to the junction; this is both dangerous and illegal. Further action will be investigated along with the school.

4) Street name sign on The Turnpike – to be considered further. Cllr Jackson gave funding previously for Radley Road/Church Lane sign

5) Older teenagers playing on the school field at evenings and weekends – these youths have been playing on the school equipment and moving around tables etc. Please be vigilant and report anyone seen doing this.

6) School extension to provide new toilets and changing rooms – a grant may be available to build these at the school. It would commit the school to making these available for community use. This was discussed and feedback given for the school.

Finance: the end of year internal audit return was reviewed and signed off.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th August. Please note later start for this meeting of 8.00pm. It will be held in the village hall as usual.

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HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's been another busy term at Halam Primary School culminating this month in activities leading up to the Leavers' Service in Halam Church as Year 6 move on to their secondary schools. Gala class visited Mansfield museum to learn about seaside holidays in the past. The Year 3/4 Football team enjoyed success in a tournament organised at Mansfield Town Football Club. Bramley and Braeburn classes took part in a joint schools' concert at the Minster School.

The Leavers' Assembly was a great success, and they have also enjoyed a Leavers' barbecue and activities including a bucking bronco! This was organised by the parents. Sports Day was much enjoyed by all with its usual array of activities and stalls organised by the PTA. The end of term school performance was: 'Shakespeare Rocks' following a Shakespeare themed week earlier in the term. All the children took part in acting, singing and Tudor dancing.

All the children enjoyed the end of term disco organised by the PTA.



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HALAM VILLAGE HALL

Date for your diary: Race Night: 4 December - more details to follow.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 27 September

We warmly welcome Canon David Keene back to Halam to take our Harvest Festival Service, which will take place on Sunday 27 September. All are welcome to come and sing favourite Harvest hymns - request forms may be obtained from the back of the church, or from the churchwardens. The service will be followed by a glass of wine and nibbles. Do come and join us!

ESSENTIALLY BRASS

Sunday 15th November

This well-known local semi-professional ensemble will be giving a concert in St Michael's Church at 7.30pm as part of our Remembrance Day events, Do mark this in your diaries and join us.

Tickets £8 will be on sale from September onwards: Contact Karin Lindley (Tel: 815854) Alec Wells (Tel: 81) Glenys Herbert (Tel: 812335)

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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13 September	10.30am: Morning worship: Anne Godfrey
20 September	9.30am: Parish Communion: Revd. Lucy Cleland
27 September	6pm: Harvest Festival Service: Canon David Keene

PARISH PUMP

- A belated, but very warm welcome to **Chris Akers** who moved into Chapel Cottage, Back Lane in April.
- Congratulations to **Elizabeth Fraser** who has successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro this summer.
- Well done to all those Halam students who have worked so hard at GCSE, AS and A' Level exams and college courses this year: **Emma Anderson** is taking a gap year and will be working part-time and studying towards her Personal Trainer Diploma (and playing lots of golf!); **Joe Holland** is going to Surrey University to study Engineering; **Joe Gittins** is going to Imperial London to study Maths; **Fergus Godfrey** is going to Bath Spa to study Drama; **Andrew McCracken** is looking at posts as a Youth Worker; **Tom Winning** is taking a gap year and will be working until Christmas to fund a trip to Australia; **Evie Hoggard** has deferred her place at Cardiff University and is working for **Oxford Innovations** supporting small business; **Josh Parmentor** will complete his second year at college; **Hamish Strathern**, **Elizabeth Fraser**, **Nicole Podmore**, **Ellie Copeland** and **Harriet Lucas** will complete their A' levels next year after negotiating AS Levels this summer. **James Anderson** and **Isobel Skarret** will go into the Minster 6th form to do A' Levels.

- Congratulations **Phil Jolley** (School Lane) who is officially an 'Outlaw' after completing a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2m run all within 17 hours for the Outlaw Triathlon on Sunday 26 July. He completed this extraordinary task in memory of his Dad, raising money for the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund. Visit Phil's 'Just Giving' page: justgiving.com/Philip-Jolley2 - we are all very proud of you Phil! - Love Kelly and the kids x
- Congratulations **Alice Fraser**, who has graduated in nursing; we wish her success in her first nursing post on the Haematology ward at University College hospital, London.
- Congratulations to **Catherine Todd** who has completed her Law conversion degree with distinctions and will be starting her training contract at Norton Rose Fulbright in London in September.
- Welcome to a new member of the Sharman family! Congratulations **Tom and Natalie**, on the birth of a daughter **Etta** born in August.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

9 July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Village Hall: An enquiry for a regular booking from a dance school in Southwell has been received. This would be for Thursdays starting in January. This would mean moving Parish Council meetings to a different night; Wednesday has been suggested: To be confirmed.

Grants may be available for window/glazing replacement – Andrew Paris to investigate further.

Roads and Hedges: Parking by St Michael's Close – residents are regularly parking on Radley Road close to the junction with St Michael's Close. This is making it difficult and dangerous for drivers coming out of the close. Residents are reminded that parking within 32 feet of any junction is not only inconsiderate it is also a traffic offence.

Water on the road at the top of Radley Road: we are waiting for Severn Trent to complete works.

Surface of Halam Hill: this is now very bad, particularly for cyclists – County Cllr Jackson to investigate further.

Drain gulleys throughout the village have been cleared by County Council Highways.

Cllr Jackson has donated £300 for a road sign for 'The Turnpike' – a suitable location now needs to be decided on. The Parish Council would welcome suggestions as to the best site for this sign.

Halam Facebook page: 'Halam Village Community' now has 60 members. Villagers are invited to join the group, where they can post village news, details of events, family milestones and anything else of interest to the residents of Halam.

Information required under the new 'Transparency' regulations is now being sent to N&S D.C. and appears on the Halam page of their website.

Allotments: provision of better access and a small off-road parking area is to be investigated and costed. It may be possible to fund this through a Prince's Countryside Trust grant. In the meantime some work is to be done to make the present access safe. Anyone interested in having extra space for growing flowers, fruit or vegetables should contact the Clerk: Tel: 813181.

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THURSDAY CRAFT GROUP

The Thursday afternoon sessions of sewing, knitting and crochet will continue to be held at The Scypen Radley Road. More blankets are being made for the Emergency Aid Police convoys. All are welcome to come and join us! - Glenys

ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Tea at Two Thirty: takes place every week on Tuesday afternoons. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for tea, biscuits and conversation.

Go Bake! Sessions for children take place on Monday afternoons at 4.10pm.

As we consider a site for our new 'Turnpike' sign:

DID YOU KNOW:

'The Turnpike' in Halam is part of the long road from Leadenham to Mansfield. It is one of the three major routes that cross the county from east to west. The road was made into a turnpike (a bar, gate or sometimes a revolving spike bar put across the road for toll collecting) by an act of Parliament in George II's reign 1758-59.

Julie Paris

BUZZARDS OVER HALAM HILL

Many of you will have noticed buzzards soaring, displaying and calling over Halam Hill this summer. Populations of these birds reached critical lows in the 1950's and 1960's due to persecution, but since the 1990's the buzzard has been increasing in numbers once again. The Common Buzzard is now the commonest and most widespread UK bird of prey. It is a protected species, and it is an offence to kill, injure, or interfere with their nests.

The buzzard is quite large with broad, rounded wings, and a short neck and tail. When gliding and soaring it will often hold its wings in a shallow 'V' and the tail is fanned. Birds are variable in colour from all dark brown to much paler variations. All have dark wingtips and a finely barred tail. Their plaintive mewing call could be mistaken for a cat



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HALAM CHURCH CHOIR

We are currently seeking new members for both the adult and the children's sections. If you or members of your family enjoy singing do come along on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm or contact Alec Wells: Tel: 813491 or Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335.

ESSENTIALLY BRASS

Letters From The Front

Sunday 15th November: 7.30pm

This well-known local professional ensemble will be giving a concert in St Michael's Church as part of our Remembrance Day events; The programme includes readings and music entitled 'Letters from the Front'. Do mark this in your diaries and join us!

Tickets £8:

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Or email: karinlindley@hotmail.com

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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11 October	9am: Messy Church in Edingley Old School Room - Ann Tyler 10.30am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Peter Graves
18 October	9.30am: Parish Communion: Revd. Reg Walton
25 October	10.30am: Morning Worship: Anne Godfrey

Promise Programme

A very big thank you to all who have considered and responded to our recent Promise Programme. This has helped St Michael's Church overcome the difficulties funding the continuing opening and maintaining our beautiful village building. We very much value your contribution. Although the campaign did not attain our total we have staved off, for the next couple of years an almost certain shortfall. Very many thanks again.'

If anyone in the village is interested in helping any further please do not hesitate to telephone either Anne Godfrey, Reader in Charge (814391) or Beverley Perks, Churchwarden (812181).

PARISH PUMP



Congratulations to Holly Fowler and Phil Long who were married in Halam Church on Saturday 5th September. The reception was held at Norwood Park. Holly's family moved to Halam 18 years ago, and Holly attended Halam Primary School and then the Minster School. We wish them every happiness in their future life together!

• **Found** - outside the church on 2 September, a Yale-type house key and key-ring loop. To recover, please call Stephen on 01636 814257.

• **Speeding cars** on Radley Road: Please remember the speed limit and slow right down! There are small children about, and people have much-loved pets. Some cars have been specifically identified (let me have number plates of offending vehicles), and I will name and shame if complaints continue! - The Ed.

• **Congratulations** to Angus Perks who graduated this summer from King's College London in Medicine. In August he began working in Dartford, part of the London group of hospitals. We wish him success!

• **Congratulations** to Victoria Starkey who won the category for the best plate of blackberries, at the Southwell Ploughing Match on Saturday.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 10th September 2015, 7.30pm

Apologies: A. Paris, S. Godfrey, Cllr Rainbow.

Present: Chairman: S. Bust, G. Herbert, J. Simmonds, C. Bevans, C. Todd, Clerk P. Rickett, Cllrs Jackson and Laughton

Village Hall:

Harvest Supper – October 16th

Race Night: being arranged.

Roads and hedges:

- 1) New drains have been installed from Strickland Farm to the Beck.
- 2) The verge has been cut along School Lane and the junction with Kirklington Road has better visibility.
- 3) A new sign will be ordered for The Turnpike/ Mansfield Road to make it easier for people to find.

Allotments: A new entrance has been made to the site which is safer to use.

Open meeting:

- 1) Cllr Laughton informed the PC that wind turbines now needed the support of local people.
- 2) Libraries will be going 'live'.

Correspondence

Annual Parish Conference – 5 October, Kelham Hall – A. Paris and C. Todd to attend; NALC AGM - 18 November, Epperstone, – G. Herbert, J. Simmonds and C. Todd to attend; C. Simmonds was nominated for Executive Committee; 30 years service – Glenys Herbert.

Planning: Householder application for removal of existing window replacing with smaller window and fill in brickwork, replace existing doors to porch and replace existing window to utility with sash type window - Ashdene, Radley Road – passed: 4 in favour with 1 abstention.

Finance: Speaker for projector – C. Bevans was given permission to spend up to £250

Clerk to purchase a new minute book at best price.

Date of next meeting: The P.C. has agreed that meetings until Christmas will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Future dates are: 14 October; 11 November; 9 December; NOTE: all at the later time of 7.45pm.

BUZZARDS AND RAVENS OVER HALAM



In the last edition there was an article about the buzzards to be seen wheeling over Halam, but the keen-eyed (and eared) may also have observed a pair of ravens joining the buzzards in aerial combat over the village during the late August Bank Holiday weekend.

Like buzzards and red kites, ravens are gradually returning to mainland Britain, and contrary to popular misconception, can now be seen in many places other than the Tower of London! Time will tell if the huge success of the re-introduction of raptors and corvids has a detrimental effect on the populations of other native birds. - **Paul Oakley**



HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lots of activities have already taken place this term with lots more planned. During September there has been a sponsored Reading Week; School council elections; a Queen Elizabeth II themed week and open morning; and of course our traditional Harvest Service in Halam Church, which has been beautifully decorated by members of the community and Halam School students.

October will be another busy month with school photographs taking place, participation in Southwell Lions Swimathon, and Parents' evenings.

CHURCHYARD CLEARING DAY

There will be a working party in the churchyard on **Saturday 17 October**. Hopefully the weather will be kinder than on previous scheduled dates, both cancelled because of bad weather. If you can spare a couple of hours it will be really appreciated!

HALAM & DISTRICT W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th October. A representative from Hollybeck Nursery will give a talk and expert advice on bulb planting. - **Glenys Herbert** (Tel: 812335)



Halam Church celebrated its Patronal Festival at the end of September, The Feast of St Michael (Michaelmas). **DID YOU KNOW:**

The size of the base of the tower at St. Michael's church suggests that it was originally intended to have a third storey. Also a peculiarity of Halam church is that, rather than being aligned along an East-West axis, it actually lies on a Southeast-Northwest line. This may be due to an error by the original builders, a local idiosyncrasy or because it was aligned with an earlier, probably pagan, building. - **Julie Paris**

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GEOFFREY JOHN ROGERS

25 June 1934 - 9 September 2015



Generations of the Rogers family have lived and worked in Halam, and Geoff was born and raised at the Mill in Halam. His uncle and his father before him farmed there, and as children Geoff and his older brother Alec helped on the farm - keeping birds out of the cherry orchard was a very important job!

Geoff attended Halam School and then went on to the grammar school in Southwell. When he left school he did his National Service in the RAF but was too young to fly; in 1955 he re-joined the family business.

Geoff married Jean in 1959 in Holy Trinity Church Southwell, and they lived together in Southwell for a few years. Their son David was born in 1962 and the following year they exchanged homes with Geoff's parents and went to live at Halam Mill. The three men worked together in the family business and when their father died the two sons took over.

Geoff, like most farmers, never really retired, - he was working on his tractor right up to being admitted to hospital with his last illness. Geoff was an outdoor man, but also a family man maintaining close family ties. Geoff and Jean attended Edingley Chapel when farm work permitted and Harvest services marked important and meaningful links to their working lives, and so it was not surprising when the Harvest hymn: 'We plough the fields and scatter' concluded his funeral service in Halam Church last month.

LAXTON HISTORY GROUP CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 21st November

Laxton Village Hall: 11.30am - 3.30pm

Lunch/Crafts/Cake stalls

Admission £1 includes your first cup of tea.

ESSENTIALLY BRASS

'Letters From The Front'

Sunday 15th November: 7.30pm

This well-known local professional ensemble will be giving a concert in St Michael's Church as part of our Remembrance Day events; The programme includes readings and music entitled 'Letters from the Front'. Do mark this in your diaries and join us!

Tickets £8:

Contact Karin Lindley (Tel: 815854) Alec Wells (Tel: 813491) Glenys Herbert (Tel: 812335)
Or email: karinlindley@hotmail.com

PARISH PUMP



Belated Congratulations to Robert Parkinson (Evergreen, School Lane, Halam) and Rachael Win Yung Tsang (Normanton) who were married on the 8th August this year. They both attended Lowes Wong Primary School and the Minster School, and now live in Walthamstow, London. We wish them every happiness.

• **Attention Halam School pupils!** I am looking for a **Junior Reporter**, (preferably year 6) who would like to submit a regular short piece about Halam School events and activities to put in Halam News. This need not be every month - but particularly the end of each term a report could be submitted. - The Ed.

• Thank you to everyone who helped to make the **Harvest Supper** such a success. - **Chris Bevans**

• **Race Night:** more details to follow - date changed and to be confirmed later. Information re activities taking place in Halam Village Hall may be found on the website: www.halamvillagehall.org.uk

• Thank you everyone who helped with **churchyard clearing day**: November notice date on gate! - G.H.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

1 November	8am: Holy Communion: Revd. David Milner 9.30am: All Age: Village Hall: 'All Saints': Anne Godfrey/Glenys Herbert
8 November	10.30am: Remembrance Service (Church) & act of remembrance at 11am at WW1 Memorial (School): A.G.
Wednesday 11 November	10.50am: Service of remembrance at Lancaster Bomber Memorial: last post, laying wreaths, & minute's silence.
15 November	9.30am: Parish Communion: Canon John Smith
22 November	10.30am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Peter Graves
29 November	9.30am: Joint Benefice Advent Carol Service: Anne Godfrey

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

14th October 2015 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

Present: S. Bust, A. Paris, C. Bevans, S. Godfrey, G. Herbert, J. Simmonds, C. Todd

Matters Arising: Village noticeboard awaiting repair.

Village Hall: 1) Harvest Supper – all tickets sold.

2) Awaiting confirmation from Southwell dance school re regular booking of village hall in the New Year. 3) Village Hall Committee have begun work on a grant application for possible window/glazing replacement and other works – Supporting Local Communities Fund'. 4) A loudspeaker for the hall has now been purchased. 5) The storage heaters will be made 'tamper proof' to stop them being turned off due to signs of the hall floor lifting again.

Roads: Drains along the Turnpike (Strickland Farm to the Beck) have been rebuilt and appear to be working; gulleys throughout the village have been cleared by N.C.C.

Highways: County Cllr Jackson was asked to look into the filling of potholes on Halam Hill – the road has been marked up, and work should begin shortly.

Some hedges in the village still obstruct pavements.

Road Safety – The Turnpike: Cllr Jackson advised that a 20mph speed limit (advisory) will be introduced outside the school. The P.C. asked why they had not heard about this, and why the village wasn't consulted. Traffic calming down Halam Hill and along the Turnpike was discussed and Cllr Jackson was asked to investigate possible measures such as road markings and rumble strips. Cllr Jackson was asked to see if the police would conduct 'speed-traps' on the Turnpike.

Allotments: Applications to the Prince's Countryside Trust for grants are now closed. An application will be made in March when they re-open.

Correspondence: Village Hall Events – info to be passed to K. Lindley for possible use by Halam Arts. Newark & Sherwood Plan Review – Andrew Paris to review and respond on behalf of the P.C. Supporting Local Communities Fund – application for village hall being prepared

Planning: Back Lane Farm, Back Lane: extension and conversion of garage to provide ancillary accommodation to main dwelling house: – agreed to support unanimously, with the comment that the parish council felt that this should be passed subject to a restriction that the conversion should not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as The Old Farmhouse.

Planning Decision: Ivy Cottage, School Lane: Householder application for extension of existing utility room to form additional storage and first floor bedroom, increase width of entrance gates and drive – planning application granted by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 25 November at 7.45pm in the village hall.

GIANT VEGETABLES FOR SHOWING!



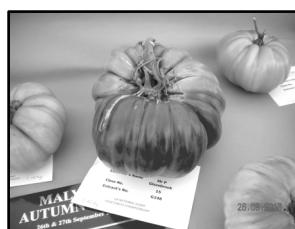
Many of you will have noticed recent press coverage of Halam's local celebrity vegetable growers Mary and Peter Glazebrook. Their large greenhouses and tunnels at Milholm house their 'Giant Vegetables' for showing, where they make the most of good Halam soil to produce prize-winning vegetables. Described by them as their 'hobby' they write:

'Over the last 30 years we have had success with many kinds of vegetables, gaining 15 world records and 12 being lost over the years! We are currently holding: Heaviest Potato 5kg (11lb); Carrot 9.1kg (20lb); Cauliflower 27.5kg (60lb).

It is a year-round hobby with only a few weeks between the last show and starting again with Leeks and Onions in November.

We have staged exhibits at 7 shows this season around the UK during Aug/Sept/Oct. with mixed results, (you can always blame the weather!), but it has been enjoyable meeting up with other gardeners who have a similar interest, and some reward for all the work involved.

The photo at Malvern Autumn Show gives a glimpse of the giant vegetables and the friendly competition; Nowadays contact is maintained throughout the year via a 'facebook' giant veg. group.



Perhaps showing our heaviest Tomato: 2.45kg (5.4lb) was the highlight of this year's efforts, but as we say with the giants you can always hope to grow them larger next season!

Mary and Peter

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SEASON'S GREETINGS! Best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

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PARISH PUMP

- **A warm welcome** to Claire & Charlie Wright and their children Henry & Eddie, who have moved into Briar Croft on School Lane.
- **Congratulations** to John & Lesley Stoppard who have retired from the shop in Farnsfield but John will continue to source the meat for the new proprietor.

Christmas Carol Service 20th December: 6 pm

There will be lots of popular carols to sing, followed by wine and refreshments at the Scypen. We will be taking a collection for local children's charities so do come and join us!

Anyone who would like to join the choir on this occasion as a 'one off' will be made very welcome. Rehearsals will take place each Wednesday from Wed 25th November at 6.30 pm. - **Alec Wells**

Halam Church Cleaning

Thank you to all those who have turned up on the rota and helped to keep the church looking so well-loved and cared for. However some volunteers are getting older and need to stand down and therefore this is a plea for volunteers to replace them. The duties involved are not heavy and only involve doing five or six sessions per year, working in pairs. If you have time please do volunteer and help make it easier for all of us.

Please contact: **Elsie Milner**: Tel: 814460, for further information or to be added to the rota.

Churchyard Maintenance

Thanks also go to Kevin Milner for all his hard work grass cutting and trimming in the churchyard and also to the wonderful volunteers who have helped make our churchyard look so well cared for, making 'God's Acre' look as it should!

Glenys Herbert

Church Choir

Would anyone like to join the choir on an 'ad hoc' basis for major church seasons and occasional weddings? There is no obligation for more regular attendance, but all voices would be welcome - bass, tenor, alto, and soprano. Ring Alec Tel: 813491 if you feel able to help out.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

For December services please see the attached sheet. N.B. Christmas Eve service is at **10.45pm**.



HALAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTFA WINTER FAYRE

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

3.30pm - 5.30pm

**Stalls, Refreshments, Raffle
Crafts & Hot Food**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Halam C of E School Governors

Halam Primary School, is seeking to co-opt members of the local community to join its Governing body. Expressions of interest are invited from prospective individuals who are interested in becoming a governor.

The role of a governor is both challenging and rewarding and offers the opportunity to work alongside teaching staff, parents and children at the School. School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education.

For further information and to have a chat on becoming a Primary School governor please make contact with either Caroline Haddelsey (Governor) or Sam Bradbury (Head Teacher) at Halam C of E Primary School.

Halam School December Events

Friday 4 December: PTFA Winter Fayre: 3 - 5pm

Monday 7 December: School Performances 'The Nativity': Two performances at 2pm & 6pm. The main parts will be Key Stage 1 children with the older children supporting. Everyone welcome!

NB. Please do not park in the Waggon car park!

Monday 14 December: School Service in St. Michael's at 9.30am.

Tuesday 15 December: Whole school trip to the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Palace Theatre Newark.

Wednesday 16 December: Carols & Mince Pies for senior citizens. Senior members of the community cordially invited and welcome – please let the school office know if you are attending.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

14th October 2015 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds.

Apologies: Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Carolyn Todd.

Village Hall: Harvest Supper: this was a most enjoyable and successful evening, which raised over £300 for village hall funds. Many thanks to all who helped make the event go so well, especially Chris Bevans, Stoppard's Butchers, The Old Reindeer at Edingley, and all the ladies who made apple pies.

A Village Race Night is scheduled for 13th February – more information to follow.

Some aspects of the heating are not working properly – the Clerk to arrange for an electrician to fix these.

We are still awaiting confirmation from the dance school from Southwell as to whether they require the hall for a regular booking in the New Year.

Some hirers are still leaving the hall in a dirty and/or untidy state – Chris Bevans will be asked to speak with those responsible.

Village Hall Committee are working on a grant application for possible window/glazing replacement and other works - this needs written support from people/organisations who use the hall, or have used the hall in the past. Chris Bevans to contact these.

Role of the Village Hall Committee - Marina Thompson will be invited to the next P.C. meeting so that all the committee will be present. The committee's role and function will then be discussed.

Roads and Hedges:

- 1) County Cllr Jackson confirmed that the 20mph (advisory) limit outside the school will be implemented shortly with additional speed limit signs.
- 2) Most of the major potholes on Halam Hill have now been patched.
- 3) Water at the top of Radley Road is still a problem. Local landowners have dug/cleared ditches as requested but there is still water running across the road. Waiting for further Highways work – Cllr Jackson will investigate and get this progressed.

Open Meeting:

1) Notts & Derbys 'Regional Devolution' – it is likely that this will go ahead with an elected mayor for the region. It was proposed that a guest speaker be invited to a future meeting to tell us more about this and the implications for parish councils and planning in the village.

2) Gulley on School Lane seems to be blocked – Clerk to look into it

3) Christmas Tree – agreed to have this outside the village hall in early December as usual. Simon Bust and the Clerk to arrange.

4) Halam Charities – the Charities Committee met in early November. Funds received this year were similar to last year and these will be used to distribute Christmas parcels as usual to the senior residents in the parish. The current Charities Committee clerk/administrator is looking to retire and

we are looking for a replacement. The duties are not onerous but require some minute taking and minor accounts work. We are also looking for villagers to help with the committee work, particularly those with longstanding knowledge of the parish and its residents. Anyone interested in either role should please contact Simon Bust.

Correspondence:

- 1) NALC Membership 2015/17 – agreed to renew membership
- 2) Southwell Neighbourhood – Mrs Glenys Herbert to keep a watching brief
- 3) Local Government Boundary Committee Review – Halam now falls into County Council district of Muskham & Farnsfield with one county councillor to represent the area.

Planning:

Appledale, Radley Road: first floor extension to form bathroom, plus conservatory to rear – agreed to support unanimously.

Date of next meeting: WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER at 7.45pm in the village hall.

Southwell Theatre Club

We've had a great season this year at Southwell Theatre Club. Before 2015 finally draws to a close we have one last performance for you: a seasonal offering in the time-honoured tradition of telling ghost tales at Christmas. Come and join us at Southwell library on **Saturday 12th December at 7.00pm** for an evening of Ghost Stories to start the festive season with a frisson of the supernatural. We will be performing some old favourites and some new, some fictional and some true!

Tickets are £7, include a light supper and are available from Southwell Library: Tel: 01636 812148.

The wine may be mulled, but the strange and mysterious tales of ghosts and spectres are chilling.

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