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Mrs J Simmons of St Michaels Close

Happy New Year to all our readers!

Just a line to say that the 2013 Halam Poppy collection totalled £146.54. This is well above average for a village the size of Halam. The Southwell Branch of the British legion has raised over £10,000, more than for the whole of last year!

Chris & Richard Winning

RAISING MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Ben Thompson is raising money for the Children's Society by climbing Mt Kilimanjaro this coming June.

His target is to raise £3k and so far he has reached 25%

of his goal. Anyone who wishes to donate to this worthy cause can do so by

going to <http://www.justgiving.com/BenThompson95>

One fund raising event will be:



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Halam Village Hall

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FISKERTON TIP - THREAT OF CLOSURE

Fiskerton Tip is a well used Recycling Centre. Notts CC have earmarked it for closure to save £100,000 but will spend £2m building a new one in Mansfield! To save the tip please email the decision makers: cldr.alan.rhodes@nottsc.gov.uk and cldr.jim.creamer@nottsc.gov.uk. This campaign is being supported by the villages surrounding Southwell sponsored by Cllrs Sue Saddington and Roger Jackson.

Thank you! **Bruce Laughton**

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JANUARY 2014 SERVICES



Jan 5	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 12	9:30	Morning Prayer	Anne Godfrey
Jan 19	9:30	Parish Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 27	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
Feb 2	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev P Graves
	9:30	All-Age Worship - Candlemas	Anne Godfrey

PATCHWORK LIVES. A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

Well, maybe not quite the theatre - rather Egmanon Village Hall. 'Patchwork Lives' will be performed by Arletty Theatre, a Nottingham company formed in 2011, on Saturday 25th January, starting at 7pm. See www.arlettytheatre.co.uk for more information on the company and this production.

'Patchwork Lives' is a comic, moving play with music, made from stories of inspiring women collected from Nottinghamshire folk. Details of each story were written on a patch of fabric, and sewn in to a patchwork quilt, which forms the backdrop to the play. Over 250 people have taken part in the "Story-Gatherings". The production has received good reviews - the Fringe Guru at Buxton Fringe said 'Five stars. As beautiful a piece as I have seen in a long time' and audiences have been appreciative of the originality and entertainment.

Tickets from www.eventbrite.co.uk subject to a booking fee, or on the door.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 12TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: S Bust, A Paris, C Bevans, S Godfrey, G Herbert, J Simmonds **Apologies:** D Herbert

Village Hall: Review of Village Hall Committee – current set up seems to be working, bookings have increased slightly year-on-year; agreed to carry on with the present committee. The committee will meet next month (January) to plan for 2014.

Renaming of Radley Road: Mandy Rickett to contact District Council to progress this

Grit Bin: further to a meeting with County Council and a letter received from Mr Brierley, it was proposed that the grit bin for the “whale-bone” corner should be sited either half-way up the slope of under the street light by “Applegarth”. Andrew Paris will discuss with Mr & Mrs Stoppard and report back

Neighbourhood Watch: Andrew Paris will be circulating information about a replacement scheme at the January meeting

Halam website: Chris Bevans and Andrew Paris to discuss prior to the January meeting

Proposed improvements to water supply to Southwell: there will be an open meeting with Severn Trent & the contractors in early January (probably at the January parish council meeting)

Open Meeting: matters discussed –

1) Cllr Bruce Laughton reported that under the proposed electoral boundary changes, there will probably be individual councillors responsible for a ward rather than three councillors

2) Parking outside the school – still causing issues, especially some staff cars parked on School Lane near to the junction with The Turnpike

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th January in the village hall – **we are hoping to have Severn Trent present to discuss work on the new water main through the parish, including the closure of Radley Road for a period of time**

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD JANUARY 2014

Christmas is over for another year, and by the time you receive this copy of the village news, New Year festivities for 2014 will also have become a thing of the past. It is that time of the year when we take stock of ourselves and wonder if the time has come for a little ‘fine tuning’ in our habits, or to put it in another way, time to make a few new resolutions or revamp those made regularly every year, especially in relation to eating and drinking.

It is comforting to take refuge in some well-worn sayings such as ‘Moderation in all things’ which people often like to repeat to themselves, but the truth is that there is a phenomenon of ‘moderation creep’: the snifter of today is tomorrow’s ‘pick me up’, and next month’s bucketful!

William Blake wrote the words of that great hymn ‘Jerusalem’ but he wrote so many other things including ‘The Marriage of Heaven and Hell’, in which he wrote that the road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom. In other words you will never know what is enough until you know what is more than enough. Most of us however realise that knowing is only half the story, as keeping ourselves on track requires periodic reminders. Perhaps we need sessions in which gin, beer, red wine or even sherry take us unsteadily to the brink of Hades. We then peer over the edge and see that most terrifying of sights: a middle-aged man sitting comfortably on a sofa in front of the television with the third large glass of Rioja of the night in his hand. He says to himself all is well, all is fine; only his liver, silently raising the white flag another notch or two, knows the real score. We all know the phrase ‘little and often’ and we have no trouble sticking with the ‘often’ but it is the ‘little’ that proves tricky. Never mind responsible drinking, it is responsible thinking we have to concentrate on, and how are we going to do that with a permanently fuzzy brain?

From time to time I fall joyously into the arms of Bacchus. By this I don’t mean mega drinking, rather I mean the sort of intake that merely puts you out of action for most of the next day. The units for this vary from person to person, but the benefits are huge - these begin late the next day when you are back in action but still becalmed, enjoying that wonderful lobotomised feeling that insulates you from the worries of everyday life. Then for the next few days you cannot look at a bottle of wine, leave alone drink one. You go to the pub with your friends and watch them poison themselves with booze whilst you feel virtuous with a soft drink, and may even feel like Gandhi. Then you realise that you really do need to control your drinking! Happy New Year!

David Herbert

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be on

Tuesday Jan 7th at 7:30pm in the
Village Hall.



The February meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th**.

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Jenny & David Spencer

It is with deep sadness that we report the sudden and untimely passing of David Herbert on Friday 24th January. David was a long time contributor to this publication and Karin Davis has written this months "Tales from the Churchyard" as a tribute to him. A full obituary will be published next month.



BURNS NIGHT

Thanks to all those who attended the very enjoyable Burns Night dinner in the village hall. Over £400 was raised for the Children's Society Mt Kilimanjaro Appeal



Anyone who wishes to donate to this worthy cause can do so by going to

<http://www.justgiving.com/BenThompson95>

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FEBRUARY 2014 SERVICES



Feb 2	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev P Graves
	9:30	All age Candlemas	Anne Godfrey
Feb 9	18:00	Evensong	Anne Godfrey
Feb 16	09:30	Parish communion	Rev D McCoulough
Feb 23	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD FEBRUARY 2014

February is the month of snowdrops. As I sit here writing this I can see through the window little clumps of delicate white bells appearing in the garden borders and coming up through the grass. David Herbert was frequently amused by my interest in their varieties and different markings. *Galanthus Nivalis* is the well-known common snowdrop found carpeting woodland, but I have a number of unusual ones collected over the years from specialist places such as Hodsock Priory, where the public may see a marvellous display of white under winter trees. If David had been around I might have suggested a run up there towards the end of the month and a nice lunch out. He always knew of some excellent place to eat.

Just yesterday I went back to Yorkshire with my sister, to see how the snowdrops were coming up at Hooper Stand, a folly on the Wentworth estate, which stands guard over the Dearne Valley where I grew up. My brothers and sister and I had planted them under the trees up there in memory of our dear Dad, who loved to walk all round the area, and knew everything there was to know about the history of Wentworth House and the Fitzwilliam family. We then went on to Jump churchyard to see the ones planted for our mother. From there is a wonderful view over the valley across to Hooper Stand. It was wild and cold, and we didn't stay long, but the snowdrops were all showing through. They made me think of Yorkshire poet Ted Hughes writing about the snowdrop's strength and power in the teeth of Winter: 'Brutal as the stars of this month,/Her pale head heavy as metal.'

There will be snowdrops coming up in Halam Churchyard as well, planted by David, our diligent churchwarden and keeper of the church grounds, and by others before him. These will be followed by spring flowers, when the churchyard always looks so lovely; his lasting legacy. I mean to plant some bulbs of my own in his churchyard this year.

I am going to deeply miss my cheerful friend David; he knew how to enjoy life, and he knew how to laugh at it too. Thank you for all the good times: Salute Boyo!

Karin Davis

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 9TH JANUARY AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: S Bust, A Paris, C Bevans, S Godfrey, G Herbert, J Simmonds **Apologies:** David Herbert

The Chair wished the members of council and the public present a very happy new year

Roads & Drains:

- 1) Water at the top end (Oxton Road) of Radley Road – investigation & work on this has been promised by County Council Highways for many months now. Clerk to call Mr Duckworth at Highways to progress
- 2) Hedges on School lane – some need cutting back opposite Pepperbox Cottage. Clerk to speak to the landowner(s)
- 3) Drains on the Turnpike are still not working properly – Mr. Duckworth to be informed and asked to sort as a matter of priority
- 4) Gulleys in the village – generally need cleaning. Highways to be requested to sort
- 5) Bank along Holme Lane – bank by the Beck is falling in. Chair/Clerk to chase with Drainage Board

Village Hall:

Review of Village Hall Committee – use of the hall has increased slightly 2014, both regular bookings and occasional, private use. Some maintenance issues need attention: 1) hall clock needs putting up, 2) drop-down bar in committee room needs a hinge & clip, 3) one of the storage heaters isn't working, 4) light in committee room not working, 5) tap in the gents needs replacing, 6) a blind needs attention, 7) kitchen hatch needs some work, and 8) the small red tables need disposing of. The issue of regular cleaning needs sorting – do we need to employ a cleaner? The full cost breakdown for the hall projector will be presented at the next meeting. **Provisional date for this year's Harvest Supper – Friday 10th October**

Renaming of Radley Road: County Cllr Jackson reported that this has now been paid for and that the sign should be in place by the end of January

Grit Bin: to be re-sited under the street light by "Applegarth"

Neighbourhood Watch: currently the old neighbourhood watch scheme is no longer working. There is an alternative system "Police Alert" – see further information in this newsletter

Halam website: Chris Bevans and Andrew Paris - ongoing

Local Bus Services Consultation: Glenys Herbert to respond to County Council

Validation of Planning Applications: Andrew Paris reported that this is a change to the paperwork required by County Council for major applications such as schools, quarries and sewerage works

Proposed Improvements to Water Supply to Southwell : Representatives from Severn Trent & the contractor will be at the February meeting to discuss and answer questions

Open Meeting: matters discussed – 1) Land slip and cones on Halam Hill – Cllr Jackson will investigate the situation with Highways
2) Parking outside the school – the school is very aware of the issues and is working to minimise the problems. Andrew Paris has arranged for a "surprise visit" at peak time from our local Police Community Support Officer to check out the situation
3) State of the village phone box and overhanging tree on the Turnpike – clerk to speak to the householder

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th February in the village hall – **Severn Trent will be present to discuss the work on the new water main through the parish, including the closure of Radley Road for a period of time PLEASE NOTE: our local MP Mark Spencer is intending to come to this meeting (diary permitting) to ensure we get the right cooperation from Severn Trent**

I am running children's dance classes in ballet, jazz, and tap in Halam Village Hall every Thursday

4:00-5:00pm age 3 to 6 year olds

5:00-6:00pm age 7 to 10 year olds

For more information please contact Lisa via the web-

site www.mansfielddanceschool.co.uk or call 07720 889941 Lisa Lee



Halam WI Christmas Party on 3rd December. This year we had our party at the lovely home of our President Glenys Herbert. We all brought along different dishes and had a great evening. Kurling in Halam Village Hall. Wendy Richardson kindly came along to show us how to 'kurl'. We borrowed the equipment from County House in Newark. We all had great fun. Our next meeting is: "An introduction to crochet, or tips for the more advanced". The evening is being organised by one of our own members, Carole Layfield and is being held in Halam Village Hall on the 4th February at 7.30pm. Sarah Godfrey

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Alec & Penny Wells

ADULT TAP DANCING LESSONS

Beginners 5 week course in Village Hall

Starts April 24th - 6pm to 6:45pm

Cost for course £20

Please register interest with Marina

on 01636 814026 or marina.koz@gmail.com



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MARCH 2014 SERVICES



Mar 2	8:00	Holy Communion
	9:30	All age Dragon Sunday
Mar 5	19:30	Ash Wednesday Holy Comm.
Mar 9	18:00	Evensong
Mar 16	09:30	Parish communion
Mar 23	11:00	Sung Eucharist
Mar 30	09:30	All age - Mothering Sunday

Rev D McCoulough
Rev D McCoulough
St Giles, Edingley
Anne Godfrey
Rev D McCoulough
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HALAM WI



Dates of next meetings:

- Tuesday 4th March
- Tuesday 1st April

Meetings held in Halam Village Hall

New members always welcome

LOCAL COMPANY EXPANDS INTO SAUDI ARABIA

Roodsafe, a local company with links to Halam, which specialises in the height safety market has scored a major win by securing a contract to help build the King Abdullah Football Stadium in Saudi Arabia. Roodsafe makes and installs specialist safety equipment to help prevent staff falling when working at height, and is currently installing in excess of 5Km of cable-based fall-restraint systems on the stadium in Jeddah. www.roodsafe.com



SOCHI 2014

Having been involved in the planning and creation of the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games for over 2 years, it was thrilling and at times emotional to be in Sochi during the games period. Lots of media sensationalism (most of which was exaggerated) did not stop this being an extremely successful Olympics, and somewhat of a cathartic experience for the Russians I have got to know whilst being based there and in Moscow. Sochi is an unusual place to hold a Winter Games being a seaside resort, and having watched it transform over 2 years, I do hope that a long term legacy ensues.

Peter Thompson



Opening ceremony



Olympic Park



Olympic Torch



Extreme Park

DAVID CHARLES HERBERT
30TH JANUARY 1938 - 24TH JANUARY 2013

David died suddenly at home on the morning of Friday 24th January, a few days before his 76th birthday. More than 400 people attended his funeral on Friday 7th February in Southwell Cathedral, a sure sign of the love and respect in which he was held.

David (Dai) was born into a family of strict Plymouth Brethren. He had a brother five years older and his mother wanted a daughter so she spent his first few years dressing David as a girl. Aged 4 he began to assert his masculinity by 'duffing up' his brother. At home he was subjected to daily Bible readings, and Brethren meetings twice on Sundays. He was not allowed to join school clubs, cubs or scouts, and was not allowed a wireless or non-Brethren books. In fact he made a little crystal set which he listened to in bed, and kept hidden in his room, and he managed to sneak in comics and books which he would read by torchlight. He was lucky to have an uncle and aunt who were not Brethren and who taught him about books, reading and how to paint and draw.

He had many school friends with whom he has always kept in touch and in spite of being severely dyslexic he passed his 11+, was awarded a place in Newport High School, and by the age of 16 had begun to question his Brethren upbringing.

When he was called up for national service the Brethren prayed that he would be given the strength to join a non-combatant corps, but he returned home proudly announcing that he had joined the Welsh Guards. He won a scholarship to read medicine at St Bart's and his national service was postponed. His parents did not approve of him going to university; it was frowned on by the Brethren, and he was sent to Portnockie in Scotland to work as a fisherman. He was there for a year but kept in touch with Bart's, and in the end set off for London to take up his place without telling his parents. Much pressure was put on him to give up his studies, but with much help from his alma mater he withstood the storm and continued his studies. He was withdrawn from the Brethren and pronounced dead to them, as was his mother for continuing to write to him and welcome him home. His father was withdrawn from the Brethren 2 years later for continuing to live with his wife. Despite all of this, David was never bitter and bore no grudges against the Brethren.

In his final years at Bart's he was sent to Bristol where he met Glenys who was the first person to call him by his proper name - David. They married in 1961. Alison was born in Bristol in 1963 and Fiona in Birmingham in 1965. After many moves the family arrived in Liverpool in 1973 where David had been appointed a senior registrar.

Over the years David became an avid collector of antiques and books and his car could find its own way to most of the antique shops in the country. He became an expert on early English porcelain pottery and teapots, and over the years built up a wonderful collection.

During their time in Liverpool David and Glenys bought and renovated a cottage in Pembrokeshire at Rhosillanog, where they would spend many happy holidays. At that time David took to wearing a fisherman's smock which later became the official uniform of a certain group of friends in the Southwell area.

The family moved to Halam in 1978 by which time, due to the politics in the NHS, David had decided to work in the private sector as a cosmetic surgeon. He worked all over the country as well as abroad in Germany, Austria and Turkey. He became fluent in German and also would spend hours with a cassette machine learning French whilst we were all on holidays in France together. In later years he started to learn Italian and was having lessons up until his death.

Soon after moving to Halam he became a founder member of the 'naughty boy's club' which masqueraded as a fishing and shooting syndicate. Many happy hours were spent round Ballantrae, New Luce and Stranraer. Few salmon were caught but David always persevered until he caught one. Much whisky was imbibed in the evenings and we made many like-minded Scottish friends and were regularly invited to share in the Burn's Suppers in New Luce during our January expeditions.

David had dabbled in watercolours for many years, and in retirement progressed to painting in oils as well as putting great effort into the garden at Ashdene. As if this were not enough he started to cultivate the churchyard, turning it into a haven for butterflies, birds and insects, with many flowers and shrubs planted specifically to attract them; this led him to write 'Tales from the Churchyard' (stories from God's Garden) which were published monthly in Halam News.

He was a steward at the Minster but his tendency to enlarge on the facts precluded him from conducting tours latterly, as what he didn't know he would very convincingly make up!

He was a generous supporter of the arts, sponsoring the Buxton Music Festival, Southwell Minster and Southwell Choral society amongst others.

He became a churchwarden at St. Michael's and performed his duties with diligence, even if in his own inimitable way. He was a loyal member of the church choir and was on the organising committee for concerts and events. Along with Karin Davis and myself, he helped make the new organ project a huge success.

He and Glenys were extremely generous hosts, and many people will have happy memories of parties, dinners and other occasions at Ashdene, and latterly at The Scypen, memorably after the last Carol Service. He was justifiably delighted with the changes they had made to their new home and it is a great sadness that he did not live longer to enjoy it.

He had many watering holes around the district, and although he joked that many people hid behind the settee when they saw him coming, he had a host of good friends and he will be sorely missed by us all.

He was larger than life in every way, and it is perhaps worth heeding his last 'sermon' delivered in Halam News in January warning of the evils of drink and extolling the virtues of moderation and abstinence – perhaps a look back to his early upbringing.

May he now rest in peace in the delightful and tranquil garden which he so lovingly create

Alec Wells



A big "Thank You" to everyone who has visited, telephoned or sent cards following David's untimely passing - it has been most reassuring to know that everyone held him in such high regard, and your kind thoughts have helped me immensely to get through this difficult period. *Glenys Herbert.*

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 13TH FEB AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Simon Bust **In attendance:** Mark Spencer MP

Condolences were expressed to Mrs Herbert & family on the death of Mr David Herbert, and a minute's silence was observed

Proposed Improvements to Water Supply to Southwell : the new water pipe through Halam was discussed with representatives from Severn Trent Water, Laing O'Rourke (the contractors), and Savills (land agents). Members of the public asked questions and the various routes were explained. It was agreed that contact details for both Severn Trent and O'Rourke would be made available to the village, and that representatives would attend future parish council meetings ongoing. Work is expected to start at the end of February.

Roads & Drains: 1) Water at the top end (Oxton Road) of Radley Road – culverts will be cleaned out to see if this cures the problem 2) Hedges on School lane – hedges have been cut, but the cuttings have not been cleared up and some have been left on the road. Clerk to speak to the landowner(s) 3) Hedges along School Lane; golf club side – these have become very tall and straggly. Clerk to speak to the landowner 4) **Potholes – these can be reported via the Nottinghamshire County Council's website, or by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0300 500 80 80**

Village Hall: The recommendation from the village hall committee was that a stand-alone video projector should be bought at a cost of £350. This will be confirmed and actioned. **Provisional date for Harvest Supper – Friday 10th October**

Renaming of Radley Road: New sign now in place

Police Alert: see section in this Halam News. **Residents are reminded to report ANY suspicious activity in the village – it helps the police build up a complete picture of issues locally and can help to increase police patrols in the parish.**

Halam website: Chris Bevans and Andrew Paris – ongoing

Open Meeting: matters discussed: 1) Notice board latches are broken – Clerk to sort 2) Southwell Neighbourhood Plan – parish council to keep a watching brief and get involved if and when necessary 3) Flood warden – could the role and responsibilities of the flood warden be clarified please?

Correspondence: 1) Invitation to NSDC's Civic Service 16th March – Chairman to attend 2) Better broadband for Nottinghamshire – "digital champions" needed to help more people get online. Carolyn Todd and Chris Bevans proposed

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm in the village hall

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ALERT

Now that our local Neighbourhood Watch/Ringmaster system is no longer operational, there is an alternative scheme – Nottinghamshire Alert – that you can sign up to so that you can receive messages from the police and other crime reduction/community safety organisations. To get these alerts you need to register at:

www.nottinghamshirealert.co.uk

It's a fairly straightforward process, just click on "Register now" and then scroll down to select the "Sherwood Nottinghamshire" option. After that you simply click "Join here" and follow the instructions. Until we get a new (Newark & Southwell based) neighbourhood scheme going, click "Skip" when asked "Are you involved in Neighbourhood or Home Watch". After registering you will receive a confirmation email which you have to click on to activate your account

If you have any problems getting registered you can contact me and I will try to help. If you are not online we may be able to organise a neighbour who is online to pass on alerts to you (like the old neighbourhood watch scheme); if you don't have access to email but would like to receive alerts then please let me know and I'll see what can be sorted out

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April 6	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30	All age - Grand National	Rev D McCoulough
April 13	09:15	Palm Sunday procession from Waggon & Horses car park	
	09:30	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer	Anne Godfrey
April 18	10:30	Good Friday Devotions	Anne Godfrey
April 20	09:30	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
April 27	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev M Askey

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 13TH MARCH AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

New water main - Michael Starkey advised that Severn Trent are no longer using his land for a compound for their machinery. He believes that they intend to use the reservoir. The parish council were concerned that this will create a much higher volume of traffic through the village. Sarah Godfrey to write and ask Severn Trent to seek assurances that this is not the case.. The letter will also pass on the quote for insulation to the hall as per Severn Trent's' offer of compensation to the village for the disruption caused by them.

Tree and hedge trimming under power line on School Lane - Part of school lane has been cut back very neatly, but not the section from the junction at the Turnpike to The Firs. Sarah Godfrey agreed to speak to Western Power and find out when the remaining section is to be done.

Roads - The roads in the village are in a very bad condition. Also the two gullies by the ford. Tarmac now have the contract to carry out any repairs and clean the gullies. Unfortunately they have eight weeks lead time: four weeks from Nottinghamshire County Council highways department informing them and the drawing up a schedule of works; then a further four weeks to get the job done. The parish council feel that this is an unacceptable length of time. Councillor Roger Jackson listened to our complaints and will try and speed up the process.

Drainage - The drainage board are intending to clear out the build up of silt and stone in the gully under the road bridge at the Turnpike. They have requested our permission to allow them to take the hedge down to enable their digger to get access. They will then plant a hedge that will be kept much lower so that their machinery will be able to operate over the hedge in future. The parish council do not have any objections to this proposal.

Dog Bin - Some villagers have requested a second bin as the one on Radley Road is often full. We pay £1.75 for the bin to be emptied each week and a further £150 for a new bin. It was agreed that the clerk will keep a regular check of the bin and if it is often full then we will get a second one. Please can we have suggestions from the village as to where it should be sited.

Fiskerton Tip - We have confirmation that Fiskerton tip is to be closed.

Traffic - The 7.5 ton weight limit for the triangle of roads (A612, A617, and A614) around Halam is now in place for all lorries.

Village Hall Projector - It was agreed that we will buy a projector for the hall from funds raised by the village hall committee and a donation from Halam WI. This will be available for hire in the hall.

Best Kept Village - We have entered the best kept village competition.

Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 10th April at 7 pm (before parish council). Severn Trent are to attend to answer any questions about the water main project.

Next Meeting - Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm.

A TALK BY SOPHIE WELLS MBE

Laxton WI invites you to an evening with
Sophie Wells MBE

2012 Paralympian gold and silver medallist
with a talk entitled 'My Story'

at Egmanton Village Hall on Friday 16th May 2014, at 7.30pm

Tickets £8 per person inc. wine and supper

Please purchase tickets from Brenda 01777 870541 / Joyce 01777 872826

This is an open meeting and everyone is invited



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NEWARK COMMUNITY FIRST AID

Newark Community First Aid is a charity aiming to help event organisers ensure they provide adequate medical and first aid cover, whatever the size of their event. They provide first aid training and safe, reliable and high quality care at events in this area. The charity was set up to ensure that all events could afford to have quality first aid care whether the event was charitable, community or commercial. They do not charge for their services but gratefully accept donations.

NCFCA membership includes NHS trained staff such as doctors, paramedics, ambulance service emergency care assistants and community first responders. A large number of very experienced lay members have all been first aiders and advanced first aiders for many years, providing first aid in the workplace and at events.

All first aiders are qualified in First Aid at Work, paediatric first aid, defibrillation and event first aid. Advanced first aiders are trained to a higher level which complies with practices laid down by the Joint Royal College Ambulance Liaison Committee Clinical Practice Guidelines 2013.

The highly qualified training team comprises 9 members who deliver and assess their courses. All of members are assessed annually in their first aider or advanced first aider roles.

NCFCA are fully insured and all members have undertaken enhanced criminal record checks

Once they have confirmed they are free to attend, they take details of the event and aim to provide suitable equipment and resources to provide quality care on site. At small events they always try to send two members and if possible one will be an advanced first aider.

They are used to providing event cover over a period of days including 24 hour cover for larger events and liaise with the NHS Ambulance Service and other services as needed.

Resources are tailored to the type of event - equestrian, athletics, rugby, cricket, charity events, school fairs, village fetes, agricultural shows, country fairs, ceremonial events, firework displays and church events. Medical emergencies can occur at any event and members are trained and equipped to manage them until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

To discuss your event requirements or to make a booking: Tel: 07790 300435 Email: chris.paknoham@ntlworld.com

LANCASTER ANNIVERSARY

10th April 2014 will mark the 71st anniversary of the date when the Avro Lancaster ED823 crashed, with 7 young airman giving their lives in the course of freedom

There will be a short remembrance service at 11am on Thursday 10th April at the Memorial site on School Lane. All are welcome

"Lest we Forget"

HALAM WI

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LAXTON WALKS

On **May 1st**, Stuart Rose is joined by Lynda Milner from Notts Wildlife Trust for the very popular 'Dawn Chorus' walk. The walk leaves Laxton Castle at around 6.30am to visit all three open fields and identify the birds from their song.

If you think 6.30am sounds early, you will be even more amazed to learn that the event actually begins at around 5.00am when people who are unfamiliar with the route up to

Laxton Castle meet Stuart at the Visitor Centre beside the Dovecote Inn. For many years now

Retford's Rattlejag Morris dancers have been coming to Laxton to dance in the May on the castle. Rattlejag provide a BBQ breakfast and hot drinks or even a drink from a barrel of

beer. Members of the public are invited to join in a dance around the top of the castle at the end of the festivities. When the dancing is over the walkers set off across the fields.

This is the longest walk of the year, but there are shortcuts back for those who need to get home for work or school. If you hope to complete the full walk, expect to be back in the

village for between 9.30 and 10am.

On the **15th May**, Stuart is again joined by Lynda to guide walkers round South Field looking

at the ancient grassland and studying the wildlife and plants. The sykes (pronounced "six") are unique areas within this unique farming system where modern practice preserves the wild heritage. These areas were traditionally either very wet land or where the plough was

turned around – a practice which continues today. The walk leaves The Dovecote at 7.00pm,

returning between 9.00pm and 9.30pm.

Everyone is welcome on these free walks. Please note that beyond the village all walks are through fields, on farm roads and on tracks. Robust footwear is necessary, as is suitable wet

or warm outer wear depending on the weather.

Please phone Stuart 07939 228353 for more information

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May 4	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev Frank Beech
	09:30	All age - Springtime service	Anne Godfrey
May 11	18:00	Evensong	Rev D McCoulough
May 18	09:30	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
May 25	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough

TABLE TOP SALE

Halam Village Hall

Saturday 7th June

10:30 - 13:00

Call Marina on 814026

to book a table



NEW BABY

Congratulations to Katie & Chris Bevens on the birth of Amelia Jane on 1st February weighing 6lbs, a new sister for Jack



LADIES DARTS TEAM



The Ladies darts team played their last match representing the Waggon & Horses at the end of April. Angie Shaw won the proceeds of the "fine" tin (for scores less than 20!) by guessing closest to the total it contained (£26.60)

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THE WAGGON AT HALAM

Fabulous new country bar and kitchen opening at the end of May!

Complete refurbishment starts 1st week of May.

Follow "The Waggon at Halam" on Facebook for updates and competitions!

SPOTLIGHT: HAROLD & LAURA KNIGHT

Nottingham Castle, Castle Place, Nottingham. NG1 6EL

Saturday 3 May – Sunday 6 July 2014 from 10am – 5pm

This display examines the relationship between these two individually renowned Nottingham-based artists, intrinsically entwined through their work and their married lives.

Nottingham Castle has an extensive collection of their watercolours, oils and prints, from drawings completed as students at Nottingham School of Art to later work from the 1950s


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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES — 10TH APRIL AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Matters Arising: Southwell Town Plan – will be monitored as this could have an effect on the village

Proposed Improvements to Water Supply to Southwell : Severn Trent Water have been asked for financial assistance with improving the insulation of the village hall. This is in compensation for the general disruption that will be caused in the village by the new pipeline to Southwell

Village Hall: Booking system seems to be working well with increased use of the hall. A microwave provided by Chris Bevans needs to be PAT tested – Sarah Godfrey to organise. There are some slipped slates on the roof that need attention – Clerk to investigate. The area at the front of the hall needs tidying up – weeds killed and the redundant planter box to be removed – Clerk to sort

Roads & Hedges: 1) Hedges on School lane – hedges have been cut, but more work needs to be completed 2) Halam Hill – land slip to be sorted by Highways 3) **Potholes – these can be reported via the Nottinghamshire County Council's website, or by calling 0300 500 80 80**

Halam website: Chris Bevans and Andrew Paris – ongoing

Additional Dog Bin: the need for a second dog bin in being considered. **Residents are reminded that it is an offence if you don't clean up after your dog if it has fouled in a public place. YOU CAN BE FINED £1,000. There seems to be a spate of little plastic bags of dog mess being left on verges and in hedges – PLEASE BIN IT! This law applies to almost all areas in the open air to which the public have access including ALL PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND GRASS VERGES. Please do not leave your dog mess in farmer's fields; it is unpleasant and can be a health risk to cattle and other animals**

Phone box & Bus Shelter: the parish council is looking for volunteers to keep these areas around them clean & tidy. A small allowance to cover cleaning materials etc is available

Councillor Vacancy: there has been no request for an election for this position so the parish can now co-opt a replacement councillor to fill this vacancy. This would be for the next 12 months until the scheduled parish council elections in May 2015

Open Meeting: matters discussed: 1) Boundary Commission – Cllr Bruce Lawson reported that the current proposal is for Halam to be in the same ward as Southwell, which will remain a three-councillor ward 2) 7.5 tonne weight restriction – there is now a weight limit on all roads through Halam (agricultural vehicles are exempt and it doesn't apply to vehicles requiring access)

3) Best kept Village – Halam has been entered into this competition and we would like to be well placed this year; **could all householders please make an effort to tidy up their property's frontage, including pavements and any weeds at the edges of pavements, in the gutters etc.**

Correspondence: 1) Signing of cheques – unanimously agreed to retain present “two-signature” system 2) Transparency Code for Parish Councils – Andrew Paris to reply on behalf of the parish council 3) closure of Fiskerton Recycling Centre – it was agreed that this was a poor short-sighted policy by Nottinghamshire County Council and would probably lead to more fly-tipping. **Illegal dumping of waste can be reported on-line at the Newark & Sherwood District Council website, or by phoning the district council on 01636 650 000**

Finance: It was unanimously agreed to pay for the following – 1) emptying of dog bin, 2) emptying of the village hall wheelie-bin, 3) parish council insurance for the coming year

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm in the village hall. The appointment of parish council officers will take place at this meeting

HALAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING — 10TH APRIL 2014 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Severn Trent Water & Laing O'Rourke Report from Laing O'Rourke representative (Brett): Outstanding issues with a landowner mean that STW will be going to court to apply for a warrant to allow them to take the proposed pipeline through the landowner's land. Work on the Radley Road to Southwell section is due to start imminently and deliveries of materials & equipment is due to start on Friday 11th April.

Laing O'Rourke hope to have a representative at each parish council meeting during the ongoing pipeline work.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that there had been a parish council every month over the past year. Planning applications in the parish had been at an all time low over that period. Issues had been experienced over the past years with roads & drains and flooding; the parish council have lobbied Highways both directly and through the County Councillor and much work has been done. However problems are still ongoing and Highways are being pressured to come up with an improved scheme to solve these.

The village hall has seen further increases in lettings, and the online booking system seems to be helping. Many thanks to the village hall committee for improving the hall and for keeping on top of the hall maintenance.

The improved water supply to Southwell requiring a new pipeline through Halam has been a major issue for the parish council over the last five months. The parish council has raised the village's concerns with STW with support from our County Councillor and local MP. The situation will be monitored closely as work starts.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish Council – Andrew Paris for dealing with planning documents from N&S DC, Marina Thompson for auditing the accounts, the parish clerk and our Finance Office Mandy Rickett, and all those who had helped the parish council over the past year.

The village event “Tempting Fete” had been a great success and the Chairman thanked all those who had helped organise it. Unfortunately the Harvest Supper had to be cancelled due to a lack of response from the village, but one is planned for October this year.

The Chairman reported the sad losses this past year of County Councillor Andy Stewart, District Councillor Nora Armstrong and Parish Councillor David Herbert. They will all be greatly missed and all that they did for the parish was much appreciated.

Open Meeting: Thanks were expressed from the public for getting the village culverts cleaned out; problems still exist with the drains and it was hoped that Highways will sort these out as soon as possible.

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GARDEN FIRES

Villagers are encouraged to only have garden bonfires at times when they will not cause a nuisance to neighbours (e.g. have them at dusk, or when wind does not blow the smoke across neighbouring gardens). Thanks!



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THE WAGGON AT HALAM

As most of you will have seen, work is well under way on the refurbishment of the Waggon & Horses which will be re-christened "The Waggon at Halam" when it re-opens on the 30th May.

New landlords and local residents Richard and Jo Vickerstaff have a vision to create a country bar and kitchen, designed to be a venue that villagers and others from further afield, can feel comfortable coming to for a meal, for casual dining, for an Iily coffee or just to drink (the good news on that front is there will be guest ales from local breweries from day 1, starting with Harvest Pale Ale).

The new Head Chef will be Ed Hackland, who was Head Chef at the Dovecote in Laxton for the last 4 years, and he is creating new menus based around produce freshly sourced from local suppliers (including our very own John Stoppard). There are likely to be 7 – 8 main courses on the dining menu which will be refreshed regularly and a separate lunchtime (& Sunday lunch) menu.

In the Waggon there will be a parlour area reserved for diners (seating 24), a more casual dining area and an area primarily for those popping in for a pint, along with a newly created outside patio area for dining and drinking. Food will be served as follows:

- ◆ Monday – Saturday lunchtime menu from noon to 5pm
- ◆ Monday – Saturday dinner menu from 5pm to 9/9:30
- ◆ Sunday lunch from noon to 5pm

Dining reservations are now being taken on 01636 813109

We wish Richard and Jo well with this new venture and will publish a follow up article, having sampled the new menu, in the July edition of Halam News.

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	09:30	All age service - Blessing of animals	Rev D McCoulough
June 8	10:30	Evensong	Anne Godfrey
June 15	09:30	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
June 22	10:30	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
June 29	09:30	Joint Benefice Holy Communion celebrating McCoulough's 25 years since ordination	Rev David

NB: Please note change in time for services on 2nd and 4th Sundays

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 8TH MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman Chairman – Simon Bust Vice-chair – Andrew Paris

Severn Trent – water pipeline to Southwell Brent Eastell from Laing O'Rourke reported that work had started on this both at the Halam Reservoir end and at The Saversick Lane end. Progress on the middle section had not started yet due to issues to be sorted with the landowners along the proposed route. Until these were resolved he was unable to say when Radley Road would be closed for works.

Election of other officers

Christmas charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris

Press officer – Andrew Paris

Transport officer – Sarah Godfrey

NALC Representatives – Janet Simmonds & Sarah Godfrey

Snow/flood warden – Simon Bust

Flag officer – Simon Bust

Crime reduction – Andrew Paris & Sarah Godfrey

Internal auditor – Marina Thompson

Financial officer – Mandy Rickett

Village Hall: The projector has now been bought and the screen will be put in place shortly. Gill Taylor to do the PAT testing required and to sort out the non-functioning storage heater.

Roads: Some patching has been carried out on Holme Lane. The problems with water at the top (Oxton Road) end of Radley Road are ongoing but Highways are well aware of the issue and it should be sorted. The Turnpike is still experiencing flooding problems. The new drain put in a year ago does not seem to be doing the job as planned – Cllr Roger Jackson will raise this again with Highways. Stones and silt have been removed from under the Turnpike bridge

Halam website: Chris Bevans and Andrew Paris – ongoing

Phone box & Bus Shelter: Finlay Strathern & Alex Podmore have volunteered to keep the bus shelter, the phone box and the area by the crossroad's bench clean and tidy. Andrew Paris to contact BT about the state of the paintwork of the phone box

Open Meeting: matters discussed: 1) Radio Newark 87.7 fm – Chris Bevans has a Saturday afternoon spot on Radio Newark and is happy to mention any community or charitable events taking place 2) Cllr Roger Jackson reported that the County Electoral Boundaries are to be reviewed 3) Best kept Village – the pavements in Halam are in a poor state (dirty and overgrown); **it would be appreciated if householders could clean up outside their properties.** Andrew Paris to contact District Council to see if these can be swept/cleaned by the council

Correspondence: 1) Making Localism Work Conferences 2014 – no action 2) Newark & Sherwood Housing Survey – Andrew Paris to reply on behalf of the parish council. Random households will be contacted by the District Council to complete this survey 3) Southwell Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs Simmonds & Mrs Herbert to attend the meeting 7.30pm on 14th May

Planning: 1) Ashcroft House, Gray Lane – householder application for construction of two-storey and single-storey extension to form improved kitchen and bedroom accommodation and inclusion of new ground floor WC – agreed unanimously to support this application 2) New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road – steel portal framed building for the housing of livestock and straw – agreed unanimously to support this application

Date of Next Meetings: **NOTE CHANGED SCHEDULE** - Thursday 26th June at 7.30pm, then Thursday 14th August in the village hall at a **later time of 8pm**

DO IT FOR FRAMEWORK DAY

Homelessness charity Framework is urging members of the public to pool their goodwill and support on a single day of fundraising fun at the end of this month.

“Do it for Framework Day,” on **Friday, June 27th**, will give community groups, schools, businesses and individuals the chance to do a special something to raise money for homeless and vulnerable people.

From sponsored football matches and cake bakes to sleep-ins and even a dare-devil fire-walk, hundreds of people are expected to take part in dozens of fun-filled activities in aid of a very serious cause.

Do it for Framework day organiser Sarah Cross, Framework's events and activities officer, explained: “We are lucky to enjoy such great support from across all sections of the communities we serve – from school children to older and retired people.

“Do it for Framework Day is the one day of the year where all of our supporters can come together on a single day to show their support for homeless and vulnerable people in their communities. If you want to host an event email events@frameworkha.org. Visit www.frameworkha.org/doiitforframeworkday.

HALAM SCHOOL - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14th July - School Performance 2pm & 6pm

Wednesday 16th July - Sports day & PTA BBQ 2pm

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Schubert - Piano Quintet in A (The Trout)

Rossini - String Sonata No. 6

Turina - Piano Quartet in A Minor

Saturday 21st June 2:45pm

Halam Court, Back Lane, Halam, NG22 8AG

Tickets £12.50 including interval refreshments from

David Butterworth - dsbutterworth@halam.myzen.co.uk

Steven Halls - stevenhalls@hotmail.com

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Happy 50th Birthday to Suzi Anderson for May 11th

Don't forget to let the editor know about any major birthdays etc