

# Halam News

Special 25th Anniversary Edition  
1 July 2004

**From the Editor:** This month marks 25 years of Halam News! The late Miss Ida Glazebrook kindly loaned me the first ever edition which was compiled and edited by Steven Brown in July 1979. I believe she kept every edition of Halam News since its conception, comprising a wonderful archive of village events and concerns over the last 25 years. Miss Glazebrook will be sadly missed.

The first ever edition included an article from John Ferguson, headmaster of Halam School, who outlined activities such as a weekend expedition to Hadrian's Wall, participation in a children's choir and an exhibition of children's work in Southwell Minster, a performance of Dick Whittington by the infants, and Sports Day on 7 July. The late Mr Eric Bust wrote an article about the 'new look' District Council, following the elections of 3 May 1979. A number of articles concerning the church were included. At that time Halam had a thriving Mother's Union as well as Halam W.I. which took part in the National Flag Relay and raised £2000 to help provide a child care unit in Botswana. If anyone would like to see or copy the original let me know.

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## Miss Ida Glazebrook



Sadly Miss Ida Glazebrook of The Old Oak, Radley Road died on Tuesday 1 June after a short illness. The funeral service, led by members of Southwell Baptist Church, was held in Halam Church on Wednesday 10 June. Miss Glazebrook was 90 years old. Members of the family have contributed the following tribute:

'Ida was the youngest member of a family of eight children and was born and brought up in Halam. She attended Halam School and helped in the family Market Gardening business. In 1944, as a mature student, she attended the Bible Training Institute in Glasgow for two years and went on to be a teacher, specialising in R.E., English and Natural History. This was followed by teaching posts at Eversfield Preparatory School, Solihull, and Bramcote Preparatory School in Nottinghamshire. Past pupils testify to her caring and inspirational teaching, and several 'Old Boys' remained in touch.

Ida was brought up as a Methodist but in later life she became a member of the Baptist Church and this was both her joy and way of life.

She was a kind and caring daughter, sister, aunt and great-aunt, and a good friend and neighbour to many. Although in many ways a private and independent person, her great motivation was her faith and her love for her church and family - not forgetting her garden and orchard which occupied many hours of both time and energy up until the last few days of her life.'



## St Michael the Archangel: July Services

4 JULY 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
11 JULY 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Sung Eucharist
18 July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Communion
25 July James the Apostle	11.00am Sung Eucharist

For information contact Church wardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)



**Ofsted Praises Halam School:** The recent Ofsted inspection at Halam School confirmed that standards of teaching have been maintained since the inspectors last visit (6 years ago), that the pastoral care of the children is very good, that there is a clear vision from the school leadership and that governance is strong.

In addition the lead Inspector was asked specifically to review the strategic vision for Halam School, to give an independent assessment of the 'new journey' which the school has embarked on. The 'new journey' being spearheaded by Head Teacher Mrs Kate Brown is one of maintaining and building on the school's high standards whilst developing a curriculum which is more innovative and inclusive, and it was pleasing to see the Inspection team thought that this was indeed the right approach for a school such as Halam.

Well done to the staff, the children, and the wider school community on such a good report!

**New 'Buddy Bench':** Halam School has received £500 from the will of former teacher Miss Ruby Hucknall who died recently. This money was combined with the proceeds from the children's stall at last year's Christmas Fair and has been used to purchase a 'buddy bench'. This has recently been placed in the school grounds and provides some useful extra outdoor seating for the children in a shaded area.

**New Investment:** The LEA recently confirmed that they have allocated up to £100,000 towards the cost of creating a proper school hall for Halam School. This is something that the school community and others have been campaigning for in the last 6 years, and is a big vote of confidence in the school. It is hoped that the building work can be completed in this financial year, subject to planning and LEA workload considerations.

**Peter Thompson (Chairman of Governors)**

### Halam & Edingley W.I.

The W.I. meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm. On Tuesday 6 July the meeting will take place in the garden of Mrs Debbie Kenyon at 7.30pm. New members will be made most welcome. Contact Mrs Glenys Herbert (telephone 812335) for details.

### Parish Council By-Election

I am just taking this opportunity to thank all the villagers who were kind enough to turn out to give me their supporting vote on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2004. – Ken Grieve

## Halam Kids Club

There will be a fund-raising second hand toy and book stall at the Halam School Sports Day on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Any contributions for the stall will be gratefully received. Please contact Suzi Anderson on 813913, or leave contributions at Sunningdale, Radley Road, in the children's playhouse just through the gate which will keep them dry! This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and all support is very much appreciated.



Many Thanks Suzi



### Committee Members Needed

The treasurer of Halam Kids Club, (the after school club) is standing down at the end of this term and we are now looking for a new treasurer and any other people who would like to help on the committee. We normally meet once every couple of months.

Please contact Suzi Anderson (813913), Helen Stowers or Sarah Godfrey if you are interested in helping.



### Parish Pump

- New Residents! A warm welcome to Sue & Simon Parker and their children Emily and Finley who have moved into Halam Lodge, The Turnpike. Also to Sarah & Andrew Godfrey who have moved into Evergreen House, School Lane with their children Robert, Henry, Camilla & Fergus.
- Congratulations and good wishes to Katherine Jane Bust (Katy) on her engagement to Christopher John Bevans.
- Congratulations to Emily-Jane Thornewill who has a new job at 'Lakeside' in Arnold. Mum, Dad, Simon & Chris are all very proud of you!
- Congratulations: To Di McMurdo who has been awarded a BSc in Food & Hygiene.
- At the end of this month we must say goodbye to the Kirby family who are moving to Oxfordshire. Carolyn & Paul have lived in the village for 15 years and they and their children Grace & Eliza will be much missed. We wish them every happiness in their new home, new schools, and new jobs!

## Parish Council Meeting 10 June 2004

**Present:** G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong (arrived later), A. Fraser, A. Paris. Apologies: I. Sharman.

**Matters Arising:** 1) **Village Hall Questionnaire:** The Chairman reported that District Council would be unable to support the proposed project in the light of the number objections raised through the questionnaire. It was resolved that there was no point in the Parish Council pursuing this matter further. It was agreed to request this information from the District Council in writing. The existing village hall should be brought up to standard re disabled access requirements. The Clerk to report back next month regarding this and any other pressing maintenance needed.

2) **Parish Plan:** The RCC are currently preparing a draft flyer regarding the issues raised by the parish questionnaire. This will be circulated as soon as it has been seen and agreed by the Parish Council. Following that there will be an open meeting to gather further input from the parish on these main issues.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to all those who have volunteered help and assistance through the questionnaire.

3) **Financial Risk Assessment:** A report from the Clerk was circulated which highlighted some potential risks. It was agreed that all these were covered by the Parish Council's financial procedures adopted last year.

4) **Budget:** The Clerk circulated a report updating the Council's financial performance against budget for the year to date. It was agreed that the figures were broadly in line with budget.

### Open Meeting:

- 1) The reoccurrence of youths gathering on Holme Lane with resulting nuisance and litter was highlighted.
- 2) It was reported that Highways had been seen measuring up the road for red tarmac by the 30mph signs at the entrance of the village on Radley Road. The need and suitability of such 'urbanisation' was questioned.
- 3) The issue of lack of vision when emerging from School Lane was raised again. It was stated that this was an ongoing problem.

### Planning:

It was reported that the application for the extension at Holbeck Cottage, Radley Road was going before the District Council planning committee. It was agreed to request a site meeting and that Di Parish would represent the Parish Council at the committee meeting.

### Finance:

It was agreed to pay the village hall cleaners and the Parish Council's annual insurance premium.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.



## Maintenance of the Churchyard



Halam is a delightful village in which to live. At the centre of the village is the church with its surrounding churchyard, and it is hoped that the churchyard will become a place where village people can walk or sit and enjoy the peace and quiet which is often missing in our busy everyday lives.

For almost 15 years my wife and I kept Jacob Sheep there for 3-4 months each year, and it was an amusing sight to see Glenys striding off to the churchyard with the matriarch of the flock in a head-collar, leading a procession of some 10 ewes and their lambs. Foot and Mouth put an end to this, mostly because of the excessive paperwork associated with flock movements.

Edward Gathercole kept the front of the churchyard and much of the new burial ground in great order for many years, but this was an enormous task. When Ed reluctantly relinquished this role a new strategy for churchyard maintenance had to be worked out. The churchyard is still open for burials, and no part is exempt from this, so a strategy was developed, one first put into effect in Bolton Percy in Yorkshire. Parts of the churchyard were designated 'natural' – these areas would be left unattended to allow natural flora and fauna to flourish. A mown path would allow visitors to view the wild grasses and flowers. Other areas would be mown regularly, and finally, those areas difficult to trim or mow would be treated with glyphosphate and then planted with weed-suppressing plants of different types to deter the spread of weeds such as couch grass and nettles.

Rebecca at the Waggon & Horses generously supplied food and drink for working parties, and the churchyard returned to some degree of order. Subsequently I have started a mowing and planting programme and its effects can now be seen. We have been approached by the National Garden Scheme which would like to include Halam Churchyard to their list of open gardens in 2006.

In the recent village questionnaire 24 people stated that they have regularly helped in the churchyard, and a further 24 offered their services. A regular individual commitment would be of great help, and those who volunteered should contact me so that a small regular task can be allotted either on a weekly or fortnightly basis. The task need only take 30 minutes but with many volunteers doing a regular stint the churchyard could become a source of community pride.



**David Herbert (Ashdene: Telephone 01636 812335)**

## Nature Notes



The more observant amongst us will have noticed the aerial displays of Swallows, Swifts and House Martins over our village. The first Swallow arrived in Halam around the 13<sup>th</sup> April (first arrival in Notts recorded on 17<sup>th</sup> March) probably from the Natal region of South Africa although increasing numbers are now wintering in Southern Spain. House Martins arrived soon after and the first Swift was seen on the 17<sup>th</sup> May (early April in Notts). Swifts generally arrive later than Swallows and leave earlier, some of them in July. It is hard to believe that Swifts rarely land. A young bird born here in Halam may well migrate to its wintering grounds in Africa, then return the next year and never set foot on branch, building or ground until they nest. That's nearly a year. They do everything on the wing, eat, copulate and even sleep.

Ed Gathercole

### What's On Locally

#### In Southwell Minster:

- 'Music in Quiet Places' presents 'Mediva' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at 7.30 p.m.
- Nottingham Symphony Orchestra: 'Music by Woods, Parry, Elgar and Vaughan' on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 at 7.30 p.m.
- Lincoln Mystery Plays: Performance each evening, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at 7.30 p.m.
- Music in Quiet Places presents 'Acoustic Triangle' on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2004 at 7.30 p.m. (Acoustic Jazz)

### ? ? ? Children's Puzzle Corner ? ? ?

Answer to last month's puzzle: Fill the 5 litre container and pour 3 litres from it into the 3 litre container leaving 2 litres. Empty the 3 litre container and pour in the 2 litres. Fill the 5 litre container and fill up the 3 litre container with the extra litre it needs, and this will leave you with 4 litres in the 5 litre container.

This month's puzzle: Three people check into a hotel. They pay £30 to the manager (£10 each) and go to their room. The manager finds out that the room rate is £25 and gives £5 to the bellboy to return. On the way to the room the bellboy reasons that £5 would be difficult to share among three people so he pockets £2 and gives £1 to each person. Now each person paid £10 and got back £1. So they paid £9 each, totalling £27. The bellboy has £2, totalling £29. Where is the remaining pound?

## Christian Aid

Thank you to all those who contributed and collected throughout the village, - a total of £341.58 was given.

Bev Perks

### Notts Historic Churches Trust

#### Cycle/Walk/Drive

Saturday 11 September

Once again it is that time of year when the Notts Historic Churches Trust ask people to ride, walk, drive etc. and/or sponsor each other to visit as many churches as possible, choosing your own routes with the aid of a numbered map.

Most of us will attend a church at some time and when we do we like the building to be as dry and warm as possible. The Trust gives grants to churches of all denominations to help keep them weatherproof. We are grateful that St Michael's was fortunate to have been given a grant by NHCT for part of Phase 1 of the restoration programme two years ago.

This year I have pledged to ride and would invite everyone to consider the valuable work done by the Trust. All monies raised will be divided between the NCHT and a church nominated by the cyclist, walker etc. - my nominated church is St. Michael's, Halam.

Anyone who would like more information on riding, walking, sponsoring, or giving an hour of their time manning the church on 11 September to welcome visitors should contact Bev Perks (tel.: 812181) or myself in the evening (tel.: 812569 or at [briony@brionyd.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:briony@brionyd.fsnet.co.uk))

Thank you. Briony Dickinson

And finally a little topical humour from 'Pooch'.....





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**From the Editor:** Thank you to those people who have made donations and especially to Nora & Brian Armstrong, the sponsors of this month's newsletter. If you would like to sponsor the newsletter (Costs £10 to print one month's edition), make your yearly donation (£3 per household), or have any items to include contact me by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month, but please note that if the newsletter is already full late submissions cannot be included. If you know of anyone who would like to have a copy of Halam News by email please ask them to let me know and I will put them on my list. - Karin Davis tel:815854 or karinlindley@hotmail.com

### Lost Kitten!

We have lost our black and white kitten, aged about 20 weeks, in the area of Grey Lane. He answers to the name of Stanley. If anyone can help we would be very grateful. Please contact Si, Darcy & Raif Holmes, The Old Forge, Grey Lane: telephone 815889

### Village Ventures: Sheena Davis Jazz Band

The Sheena Davis Jazz Band will perform in Halam Village Hall on **Friday 17 September** at 7.30pm. Tickets: £6 adults & £5 children & concessions from Karin Davis (Tel: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail), Margaret McCracken, Marina Thompson, Suzi Anderson or Elaine Gathercole.

### Nature Notes

Some of you may well have noticed the increasing occurrences of Common Buzzards this year. 2-3 have been seen regularly since early March, suggesting they are breeding. They are most often seen soaring over the land south of Radley Road towards the Oxton Road, and to a lesser extent over the wooded areas adjacent to School Lane. These birds used to be found mainly in the west of Britain but have been making steady eastward progress in the last 20-30 years, possibly as a result of stricter legislation which brought in harsher punishments for the persecution of birds of prey. - Ed Gathercole



### Parish Pump

A warm welcome to new residents Rachel & David Fisher who have moved into Radley Terrace; Roy & Denise Edwards who have moved into Beck View Radley Road, and Tom Palfreyman, Vicki Haywood & their children Ffion and Nancy, who have moved into Hollycott. We wish them every happiness in their new homes.

**From the Kirbys:** We would like to say farewell to all our lovely friends and neighbours in Halam. Thank you so much for your friendship over the past 15 years. We hope the new owners of Hollycott, Tom, Vicki and their girls will enjoy Halam life as much as we have done. Best wishes to you all. We will miss you! - Carolyn, Paul, Grace and Eliza.



### Harvest Supper

This will take place on **Saturday 9 October**, 7pm for 7.30pm, in Halam Village Hall. More details next month. Volunteers are needed to bake apple pies and potatoes and make stews. Contact Halam Parish Council or Julie Paris (815844) or Marina Thompson (814026).



### St Michael the Archangel: August Services

1 August 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm (Cluster Service in St Michael's, Halam)
8 August 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Sung Eucharist 3.15pm Evensong (Cluster service in Southwell Minster)
15 August The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Family Communion 6.00pm (Cluster service in St Giles, Edingley)
22 August 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm (Cluster service in St Nicholas, Hockerton)
29 August 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am (Service at St Giles Edingley, with Halam) 6.00pm (Cluster Service in Holy Trinity, Southwell)

For information contact Church wardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)

### Halam & District W.I.

The W.I. meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm. On Tuesday 3 August there will be a walk around Halam starting and finishing at Ashdene, Radley Road, and ending with a Faith Supper (bring a contribution). All are welcome - new members, spouses, children. For further details contact Glenys Herbert (Telephone 812335).

### Puzzle Corner

**Answer to last month's puzzle:** This is an addition problem; when the £3 has been returned the total paid out is £27 which includes the room rate AND the bellboy's £2. The bellboy's £2 should be subtracted from £27, not added to it! Sorry no room for a puzzle this month.

## Parish Council Meeting 10 June 2004

**Present:** All councillors present; Apologies to Di Parrish who was missed off last month's attendance list.

**Matters Arising:** 1) Village Hall:- agreed to investigate further the costs of bringing hall up to standard re disabled access requirements & carry out essential maintenance; Chairman and Clerk to discuss with Martin Hubbard and report next month. Once a costed schedule of works has been formulated grant/funding options will be explored.

2) Parish Plan: Findings Summary approved for circulation to the Parish. RCC will be asked to destroy all completed questionnaires now that statistics have been gathered.

3) Harvest Supper: To be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, & used as fund-raising to help pay for village hall improvements.

4) Village Newsletter: Congrats to Karin for excellent 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary issue of the newsletter. Thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter's success over past 25 years. **Please note: the newsletter needs funds - £3 per household would be a great help!**

5) Traffic Calming: County Cllr A. Stewart reported that Halam is still high priority for a shared flashing 30mph speed sign. Meanwhile the gating system (red tarmac, larger signs) will be progressed, keeping our 'place in the queue' in case the signs are not forthcoming.

6) Neighbourhood Watch: Following open meeting, the scheme is progressing; co-ordinators are being organised prior to the Ring Master system being re-vitalised.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: Planning application - Holbeck Cottage - objections; New school hall - disabled facilities for children only; Hedge at bottom of Halam Hill - hazard to traffic emerging from School Lane (Clerk to speak to owner); Youths on Holme Lane - nuisance & litter (situation to be monitored); Village Hall alcohol licence - may be restrictions in use imposed at purchase from Methodists; Village letterbox - is it always emptied on time/daily? (Clerk to write to Postmaster). Thanks to Tim Farr for trimming the hedges opposite Chimney Cottage on School Lane.

**Correspondence:** 1) Health & Safety meeting, 29 July at 7.30, Walesby village hall - Clerk to attend. 2) Safety Liaison Group meeting, 26 July at 7.00, Kelham Hall - ARP to attend. 3) Tea at 2.30 Club - many thanks for £40 donation to Village Hall funds.

### **Planning:**

District Council planning committee have rejected the application for the extension at Holbeck Cottage, Radley Road.

1. Holbeck Cottage, St. Michael's Close - extension to rear; porch to front (revised plans): Rejected unanimously due to detrimental effect on amenities of neighbours (Policy H24)

2. The Old Barn, Manor Fields - new front door, alterations to entrance hall, new conservation roof lights; other internal alterations: Approved unanimously.

**Finance:** It was agreed to pay the village hall cleaners.

The Parish Council thanks David and Diane Stubbs for the planters and flowers in front of the village hall.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August - PLEASE NOTE time: 8.30pm.

### **Can you look after a lucky black cat for a year?**

House trained, neutered male needs a home for a year from the end of July 2004. Will pay for food & lodgings, care, vet, etc. Please contact Nora: 812654.



### **The Rock 'n' Blues Barn Bash**

Halam meets Glastonbury in an end of summer shindig at the Miller's barn. Up and coming young (ok I lied), talent prepare to demonstrate their musical abilities in a Rock n' Blues spectacular. Ken and Wendy Miller have kindly agreed to allow use of their barn and surrounding courtyard area to host the event.

The event will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 7:00pm until late, and will be all ticket. The cost per person will be approximately £15 with food included in the ticket price, (final cost still to be calculated). After discussion the organisers decided the event will not be suitable for children under 12. A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. Contact either John or Jackie Thornewill on 01636 812334. Get your tickets early, before you come back from holiday, or you may find they're sold out! The outside bar will sell drinks at normal prices.

There will be 4 one hour sets, with music supplied by local musicians and guests. The theme will be rock and blues based, - if you remember Fleetwood Mac, Led Zeppelin and Free you won't be disappointed. Hey, we're even playing a Beatles medley! There are some car parking facilities at the Miller's house, but if people could try and park elsewhere it would help.

We hope to see as many locals, and their guests, as possible and let's keep our fingers crossed for a lovely dry evening!

Alan McCracken

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September 2004

**From the Editor:** I hope you have all had a lovely summer, in spite of the weather! There are a number of quality events taking place in Halam in the next few weeks. Many people who have worked hard behind the scenes would really appreciate local support. Ticket sales are more difficult without the local shop, so please telephone the appropriate contact. Thank you to Rosemary & John Macfarlane who have kindly sponsored this month's newsletter. If you wish to sponsor (£10 per edition), make a donation, or have items included in Halam News please contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com

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26 September 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Michaelmas/Harvest	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Songs of Praise (At Halam with Edingley)

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**Harvest Festival** will be held in St Michael's Halam at 6.p.m.on Sunday the 26th of September. We are privileged to have 7 working farms in the parish. With this in mind Harvest Festival will be celebrated with traditional harvest hymns and both bible and secular readings. Hopefully members of Halam farming families, as well as other villagers, will be represented and help us to celebrate this important festival in the farming calendar.

## Halam & Edingley W.I.

We have an interesting programme ahead. Join us on 7 September at 7.30pm in the village hall for a talk on Fabric Sculptures. On Saturday 11 September there will be a Coffee morning in the hall to raise funds for the over 60's Party in December. At the same time we will sign cards and offer refreshment to cyclists raising funds for the Historic Churches Trust. Please support Briony Dickinson who will represent Halam Village and hopes to visit 20 Churches- sponsor forms are in the church porch. In the afternoon the WI volunteers will move from the village hall to the church and provide refreshments there.

## What's On Locally:

Saturday 4 September: Halam Music Festival: takes place at Greenacres, (including supper) tickets £15 from John/Jackie Thomewill (812334); Alan McCracken (814917).

Friday 17 September: Sheena Davis Jazz Band in Halam Village Hall at 7.30; tickets £6 & £5 from Karin Davis (815854), Marina Thompson, Elaine Gathercole, Suzi Anderson, Margaret McCracken, Maurice Hinde.

9 October: Harvest Supper: Traditional event in the village hall. Tickets (£5 adults; £2.50 children under 16) including supper, bar and raffle, are available from Marina Thompson (814026) Julie Paris (815844) Elaine Gathercole (813760) Patricia Kells (814047). Tickets limited so book early. Offers of help gratefully received - contact Marina or Julie.



## Parish Pump

Congratulations to Ron & Cynthia Atkins who celebrated their **Golden** Wedding Anniversary on 7 August!

Welcome to David Foster and Jennifer Montgomery who have moved into No. 2 The Cottages, The Turnpike. We wish them every happiness in their new home!

Congratulations to Rhys Fowler who has won a place at Aberystwyth University and to Amy Hubbard who has won a place at Huddersfield University. We wish them every success in the future.

The wedding of Katie Meakin & Tony Morgan took place in Halam Church on 7 August. The bride looked lovely, as can be seen in the photo, and the sun shone! The reception was held at the Red House, Kelham, and the honeymoon couple went to Thailand. We all wish them joy and happiness in their life together.



Congratulations!

## Parish Council Meeting August 2004

**Present:** S. Bust, G. Herbert, A. Paris, D. Parrish, I. Sharman. **Apologies:** N. Armstrong, A. Fraser,

**Matters Arising:** 1) Village Hall:- agreed to obtain two further tenders for the work in addition to that from Martin Hubbard. The yoga classes no longer wish to use the hall. 2) A letter from the District Council planning department was read out re the previous proposal for a new village hall. It was made clear that such a project would require a consensus of parishioners. 3) The clerk confirmed there are no restrictions in the deeds of the hall regarding private alcohol licences. 4) Parish Plan: The Findings Summary has now been circulated. Further information re the church will be sent out with the newsletter. Parish plan committee and Parish Council to liaise re open meetings in September. 5) Harvest Supper (9 Oct): this will have a traditional format and be fund raising. An expense budget of £350 was agreed. 6) Neighbourhood Watch: Contact information gathering forms are being circulated in order to set up the coordinator/ringmaster scheme. 7) Hedges: the one at the bottom of Halam Hill has been cut. Further work will be done at the appropriate season.

**Chairmanship:** subject held over to next meeting.

**Safety Liaison Meeting:** Community Speed Watch – information to be included in newsletter. Crime figures for area, - the official statistics, show a significant fall.

**Flooding:** Problems on Gray Lane and at Halam House were reported. The general opinion was that these had been caused by the freak rains and that they are being attended to by Severn Trent.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: 1) Traffic calming – need for red tarmac on minor road entrances to Halam questioned. C.C. Stewart said parishioners will be consulted before any work is undertaken.

2) Councillor Stewart commented on a letter he had received regarding the new hall at Halam school.

**Correspondence:** 1) Letter re extension of Halam School was read out and it was resolved to put the matter on next month's agenda and invite the Chairman of the Governors to the next parish council meeting. 2) Letter re closure of Back Lane (23 – 27 August)- the clerk will check any work will be co-ordinated by the utility companies.

**Planning:**- It was reported that the revised application for the extension at Holbeck Cottage, Radley Road had been PASSED by the District Council planning committee.

Ashcroft House, Gray Lane – new triple garage: Passed unanimously; but a comment to be added questioning need for 5 garages at new property.

**Finance:** End of year accounts and accompanying Internal Auditors report were discussed in detail. The accounts were passed unanimously.

It was agreed to pay:- village hall cleaners; wheelie bin charges; annual subscription Neighbourhood Watch; District Council's bill for Halam Parish Council Election.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 9 September 7.30pm.

### Street Lighting

Some street lights are not working in the village – please report any lamps out to the Highways Department on 01636 – 673625 (office hours) or out of hours on 0845 603 0548.

### Parish Plan

The summary circulated last month omitted the survey findings section concerning Halam church. The Parish Questionnaire results were:-

- most respondents view the church as important as an historic building
- about 75% of the respondents wish to use it for weddings/funerals/baptisms etc., but only 30% of those that completed the questionnaire use it for worship – many of whom will attend only for school and Christmas Crib services.
- about 12% of those who responded would like to take part in churchyard maintenance
- about 16% of respondents would like to see the church used for drama and musical events
- 41 people indicated the desire for a prayer group

The church wardens have accepted that: "on the basis of the questionnaire, the Church is not important to the majority of Halam residents for worship."

"The majority of people are not interested in supporting the Church through worship and faith; therefore, we must try to open up the opportunities for villagers to become more involved through offers of churchyard maintenance, musical events and other similar social activities."

There will be the chance to discuss the church and its role in Halam and to pass on your views to the Parish Plan Committee on this and the other issues raised by the questionnaires at the Open Meetings to be held in September.

### National Blind Children's Society

Chris Oxley thanks those who contributed to the collection he took in the Tumpike, raising £27.32.



# Halam News

October 2004

## Halam Parish Plan

It's your village .....and it's time to come and talk about the results!

Join us at one of the open meetings on:

- **Tuesday 28 September** – 1 - 2.30pm (followed by Tea at 2.30) in Village Hall
- **Sunday 3 October** – 12 noon – 4pm (Village Hall)
- **Thursday 7 October** – 6pm – 9pm (Village Hall)

174 residents responded to the first questionnaire and 154 to the second. A brief overview of the results was issued recently with the Village News & the full results will be on display at the above meetings. Five areas have been identified for further input from all villagers who wish to be involved. They are:-

- **Village Life** – including Village Events; Church; School; Adult Education
- **Environment** – including Footpaths; Dog Fouling; Recycling; Litter.
- **Security & Safety** – to include Village Policing; Neighbourhood Watch; Parking & Road Safety; Speeding.
- **Planning**
- **The Young People of Halam**

For the Parish Plan process to conclude open meeting consultation with the village must take place. An Action Plan identifying issues close to residents hearts, with actions to be taken, when and by whom, will be drafted. Four copies of the printed Parish Plan must be lodged with the Countryside Agency. Our target is to agree the action plan and draw up the draft Parish Plan by the end of December. **Join us for light refreshments as well as further information** on traffic calming, neighbourhood watch, Church and much more. We need your help.

On display will be: Photographs of Halam; Maps of Halam; Information regarding the key areas. This is your chance to contribute your ideas on problem solving, share your concerns and help focus activities on the areas which most need attention.

**Please make a huge effort to attend!**

**From the Editor:** Thank you to the Reid family who have generously sponsored this month's issue. If you wish to sponsor (£10 per edition), make a donation, or have items included in Halam News (deadline 24<sup>th</sup> each month and please note if the newsletter is full it may not be possible to include late submissions) please contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com)



### 'Prayer Group' – Halam

In response to interest shown on the Village Plan questionnaires it would be helpful if those who indicated they would be keen to attend a prayer group/or similar, please telephone either Bev Perks or David Herbert, with their preferences in regard to time of day/evening, length etc. This has been discussed with The Dean, who is keen that we organise something to suit as many folk as possible. Many thanks.

Bev Perks - Churchwarden/PCC Sec.



### St Michael the Archangel October Services

3 October 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after TRINITY	8.00am Holy Communion 09.30am Family Communion
10 October 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after TRINITY	11.00am Sung Eucharist
17 October 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after TRINITY	09.30am Family Communion
24 October Last Sunday after TRINITY	11.00am Sung Eucharist
31 October ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	9.30am (At St Michael's, Halam, with Edingley) 6.00pm Evening Worship (At St Giles Church, Edingley)

For information contact Church wardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)

### What's On Locally:

**Halam Harvest Supper:** Saturday 9 October in the village hall at 7 for 7.30pm. This traditional village event will include supper, bar auction, prize draw and fun competition. The speaker will be our own Mike Todd. Tickets are limited so book early. Tickets cost: £5 adults; £2.50 children under 16, and are available from Marina(814026), Julie(815844) Elaine(813760), or Patricia (814047). Offers of help will be gratefully received - contact Marina or Julie.

**Tea at 2.30:** takes place in the village hall, every Tuesday afternoon.

**Quiz Night:** Halam School PTA is holding a general knowledge quiz in the Village Hall on Friday 15 October at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 & include a Cheese & Pate buffet. Wine, beer & soft drinks will be available. Why not form a team of 6 and come along? Tickets from Janet Strathern: Tel: 816746

### Halam & District Women's Institute

Guest speaker Mrs Graham will be giving a short history and demonstration of Silk Painting at this month's meeting, on Tuesday 5 October at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. Visitors will be made most welcome.

Also, the W.I. would like to thank those who attended the recent coffee morning to finance the Senior Villager's Christmas party

## Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, 9 September 2004

**Present:** S. Bust, G. Herbert, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, A. Paris; **Apologies:** Mrs. Di Parrish & Mr. Ian Sharman

**Matters Arising:** 1)**Chairmanship:** The suggestion of limiting the number of consecutive terms the P.C. Chairman can serve was discussed. It was agreed to find out more about the practices of other P.C.s and to give this further consideration. 2)**Re-siting of pole on School Lane:** Clerk to write to BT to request a less obstructive position.

3)**Neighbourhood Watch:** Scheme is progressing with contact details now being gathered for all houses in the village (which want to be part of the scheme). It is proposed to use e-mail as a main way of spreading the information for NW. 4) **Community Speed Watch:** Some interest has been shown in this, but it requires at least six **definite** volunteers to go ahead. Names to Andrew Paris (815844) please. 5)**Village Hall:** Awaiting third quote for consideration for proposed building work. 6)**Parish Plan:** Marina Thompson reported that there is to be a series of open meetings for further village input. The Parish Plan steering group recommended payment of the Notts RCC consultancy invoice. 7)**Flooding:** The recent flooding in the village was discussed. Parishioners wishing the PC to consider specific problems should write officially to the Clerk. 8)**School Extension:** Following correspondence received last month, the Chairman of the School Governors was invited to address the meeting, outline the current new school hall plans and to answer points previously raised.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised:- **New School Hall** – possible increase in parking problems. **School pupil intake** – village vs. out-of-catchment; **Footpath up Halam Hill** – Sir John Starkey is appealing against enforcement; County Councillor A. Stewart – a **flashing 30mph sign** on Halam Hill is now 'a priority' - some small funds available for schemes falling under 'Building Better Communities'

**Correspondence:** 1)NALC AGM – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. SB to attend. Clerk to ask D.P. if she would be interested in becoming an elected member. 2) Funding Road Show – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Sept at Kelham Hall. AF to attend

**Planning:** 1) The owners of **Holbeck Cottage** are now appealing to be granted planning for the original, larger extension previously rejected by District Council. It was resolved unanimously to write to emphasise the Parish Councils objections to the plans on grounds of negative impact on the (elderly) neighbours' amenities. 2) The triple garage application at **Ashcroft**, Gray Lane had been rejected by District Council. 3) Application for a cottage to the rear of **Barnholme**, Gray Lane had been rejected at Appeal. 4) **Beckside Cottage** –Extension & re-modelling: Accepted unanimously; use of sympathetic materials requested. 5) **Halam School** - New classroom to allow better use of school hall: Comments requested from P.C.

by County Council – accepted unanimously, but comment to be added that existing parking problems are not addressed by the proposals.

**Finance:** It was agreed to pay the village hall cleaners, the contribution to the new spotlights for Halam Arts, and the Notts RCC invoice for Parish Plan consultancy.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm.



### Nature Notes - Phenology



The Woodland Trust and the Centre for Hydrology and Ecology are currently encouraging people to join in their Phenology recording initiative. Phenology is the science of recording natural, regularly occurring events such as hearing the first cuckoo or seeing the first snowdrop of spring or the last swallow or first leaf fall of autumn. The information recorded will help us understand the effect of climate change on nature. If you want to find out more, look at the following website: [www.phenology.org.uk](http://www.phenology.org.uk).

I am also helping by typing in the information from historical diaries containing such information. I have just completed a diary covering 1856 to 1898 and am currently working through 40 years of data from a lady in Ipswich who started recording information in 1941. If you know of anyone in Halam or anywhere in Britain who kept such diaries in the past for 10 or more years, please let me know and I will pass the information on to the organisers of the study who would be very grateful to have access to them.



Elaine Gathercole



### Who to phone with a problem

The person in charge of footpaths maintenance in the Southwell/Newark area is Mr Andy Gee, Tel: 0115 9774965. Complaints need to be well founded.

Until recently there has been little you can do if disturbed by exceptionally loud music or noisy neighbours in the middle of the night as noise pollution is an environmental health matter and not a police matter. It seems that Newark and Sherwood now have an emergency number that you can ring: 01636 655473.



### Parish Pump

**Congratulations** to Steve Miller who has won a place at Stirling University. He is taking a gap year to work in Australia. Well done!

**Twins Evelyn Peta & Joseph Peter** were born to Rebecca & William White of the Waggon & Horses at 5.00am on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations to the proud parents!



# Halam News

November 2004

**From the Editor:** Are you aware that Halam has its own website? It can be found at [www.halam.org.uk](http://www.halam.org.uk) It contains much interesting information about Halam, useful links and a copy of this monthly newsletter. Take a look!

Last month Halam Arts, the group which organises Village Ventures, and the Parish Council jointly purchased a portable lighting stand with four cans and flashing disco facility suitable for village events and parties. Ask for details when you book the hall for your event.

Thank you to Maureen Spear who has generously sponsored this month's newsletter. If you wish to sponsor (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items of news included in Halam News (deadline 24<sup>th</sup> each month, - please note if the newsletter is full it may not be possible to include late submissions) please contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com)

## Parish Pump

- A belated, but nonetheless warm welcome to David and Annette Goodman and their two daughters Sam and Holly who moved into Chimney Pot Cottage on Back Lane recently.
- Thank you to all those who donated so generously to the RNLI recently. A total of £130.24 was collected from Halam Villagers. - B.Perks & M.Wilson
- Many thanks to everyone who attended the Harvest Supper. We managed to squeeze in over 70 people and everyone seemed to have a good time. Special thanks to Mike Todd who entertained us so well. Without him and those who cooked, baked, donated prizes, helped on the night, washed up, etc., the evening wouldn't have been the success it was. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised almost £600 for Village Hall funds. We appreciate everyone making our traditional village event a success. Marina & Julie
- A big thank you to everyone who helped raise a fantastic £273.09 at the coffee morning on Friday, 24 September as part of Macmillan Cancer Relief's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. We were delighted with the turnout and were touched that even those who couldn't attend donated generously. Thank you everyone for giving to a worthy cause. Margaret, Jane & Julie

### Margaret Thurlow

Sadly Margaret Thurlow, wife of Ray, of Back Lane, died recently. Ray and the family thank all those villagers for their kind thoughts and letters, and cards of sympathy.

## Lost Cat!

A lovely friendly tabby cat with a purple collar has been wandering the village in the area of Radley Terraces and the lower end of Radley Road. If anyone has lost a cat or knows anything about this one can please contact Bill & Elsie Milner or David & Rachel Fisher, Radley Terrace.

## What's On Locally

**Tea at 2.30:** takes place in Halam village hall, every Tuesday afternoon.

**Just Sew of Farnsfield** are holding their Annual Patchwork & Quilting Exhibition on 27 November (10am-4pm) and 28 November (10am-2pm) in Farnsfield Village Upper Hall on New Hill. Entrance is free, and sales are in aid of Macmillan Nurses. Tel: 01636 883330 for details.

**Southwell Choral Society** will be performing their Autumn concert in Southwell Minster on Saturday 27 November at 7.30pm. The programme includes Brahms German Requiem, Robert Steadman's Tehillim for Anne (In memory of Anne Frank), and the orchestra will perform Brahms Festival Overture. Tickets are available from: Tony Denyer; or Music in the Yard and the Minster Shop in Southwell.

**Christmas Fayre:** Saturday 4 December 1-3pm in Halam School. Come and enjoy coffee, mince pies, and leisurely shopping. Stalls include crafts, toys, cards, cakes and hand-made chocolates. Have fun with games and try your luck on the tombola!

**Anne Frank Exhibition** is on display in the Minster until 5 November.



## St Michael the Archangel: November Services

7 November 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
14 November 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	11.00 Sung Eucharist
21 November CHRIST the KING	9.30am Family Communion
28 November ADVENT 1	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Advent Carol Service - in Southwell Minster

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening; (Tel: 812593)

## Confirmation

St. Michael's Church, Halam put forward 7 candidates for Confirmation recently, at a special youth service held in The Minster and presided over by Bishop George. Congratulations to them all: Jack and George Cressey Clarissa, Angus and Henry Perks, David Kunzlik, and Matthew Spence. - Bev Perks (Churchwarden)

## Parish Council Meeting: 14 October 2004

**Present:** S.Bust, G.Herbert, N.Armstrong, A.Fraser, A.Paris, D.Parrish, I.Sharman

**Matters Arising:** 1) **Chairmanship:** Limiting the number of terms P.C. Chairman serves was further discussed - resolved to continue as at present (5 for; 2 abstentions). 2) **Village Hall:** Received 3<sup>rd</sup> quote; additional closed Parish Council meeting (20 Oct. 7.30) arranged to discuss further. 3) **Parish Plan:** M. Thompson reported open meetings had gone well. Draft action plan to be circulated at start of November. 4) **Neighbourhood Watch:** Target: to have scheme running by end of November. 5) **Community Speed Watch:** 8-9 have volunteered to man the scheme. ARP to find a lead co-ordinator, then contact P.C. Bill Brown to implement training. 6) **Road Safety:** Dangers for children crossing road at Strickland Farm reported, & possibility of extending pavement(s) discussed. 7) **Building Better Communities:** Agreed Clerk request funding for new village notice board for a footpath map of the parish. 8) **Licensing Act:** - agreed to await further cost details before applying for village hall licence. 8) **Harvest Supper:** Chairman thanked all involved in making this a great success, particularly Marina & Julie for their hard work organising. Total amount raised not yet finalised. 9) **Holbeck Cottage:** Ian Sharman requested his support for P.C. decision not to support application and object at Appeal be noted. 10) **Halam Hill Footpath:** Still under consideration at appeal.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised:- 1) **Halam Hill footpath** - comments from Parish Plan to be forwarded to Planning Inspectorate. 2) **Village Hall car park** is sometimes used by visitors to village, making parking for hall users difficult; Agreed to put up sign stating car park is for hall use and parking is at owner's risk. 3) **Holbeck Cottage** - A parishioner felt some comments made at last month's meeting had not accorded with the views of St. Michael's Close residents. Written response sent to planning had made clear the Parish Council's objections. 4) **County Council buses with no seat belts** taking children to swimming - Cllr Andy Stewart stated this is due to lack of suitable coaches in county. 5) **Drains problem, Radley Road** discussed. 6) **Halam House Farm development** was discussed at length, with numerous objections

**Correspondence:** 1) **Parish Council Conference** - N.A. & A.P. & possibly D.P. to attend. 2) **Holbeck Cottage** - Mrs. Simmons wrote with concerns re comments made at last month's meeting. Chairman made clear that P.C. had objected v. strongly to all applications for Holbeck Cottage.

**Planning:** 1) **Chartwell House** (Goldhill) conservatory at rear: accepted unanimously. 2) **Halam House Farm** - barn conversion (3 dwellings); demolish existing bungalow and farm buildings, erect 5 new dwellings and garages, and change of use (8 dwellings in total): Architect's supporting letter and 10 letters of objection were read. Proposals were discussed in detail. After careful consideration it was resolved to reject the application (6 for with 1 abstention) on following grounds: 1) Insufficient parking for barn conversions, 2) Too many houses, 3) Size and composition of houses should be reduced 4) Boundary wall with Radley Road should be preserved 5) Extra strain on already problematic drains in village to be addressed. 6) Legal agreement preventing any further development should be secured. These comments will be passed on to the District Council's planning department.

**Finance:** It was agreed to pay the audit costs, village hall cleaners, and the bus shelter cleaners.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 11 November 7.30pm.



### Who to phone with a problem

0800 7834444 - Drainage Problems  
01636 673625 - Street Lighting/Road  
Maintenance/Potholes  
01636 650000 - Newark & Sherwood District  
Council  
(www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)  
01636 605999 - Southwell/Newark Police  
01636 655606 - Dog Warden

### Parish Plan Open Meetings

63 villagers attended the open meetings held recently - about 1 in 4 residents, which was a pleasing response. The committee welcomes any contributions to the Action Plan for Halam, which is currently being formulated. There are a number of issues which villagers identified as being really important but in order to get things moving volunteers are needed. If you can help with Adult Education, Youth groups, Social Events etc., feel strongly about improving services such as Public Transport, or care about the Environment please get involved. Don't leave it to someone else - do your bit! - Karin Davis

### Halam & District Women's Institute

On Tuesday 2 November the speaker is Mr Tomlinson on the subject of 'Name Dropping' as featured on Radio Nottingham's Brian Tansley Show. Visitors and new members will be made most welcome. In December the W.I. will hold its traditional party for the over 60's.



### Nature Notes

40 bird species are now on what is known as the Red List. These are species of high conservation concern. Some of the birds do occur in Halam but in ever decreasing numbers. Skylark, Song Thrush, Marsh and Willow Tit, Tree Sparrow, Linnet, Yellow Hammer, Bullfinch, Grey Partridge, Spotted Flycatcher and even Starling and House Sparrow can all be seen in our village and are all on this list. Research is going on to find out why they are declining, as the number and distribution of birds is a good indicator of the state of our environment. An easy thing we can do to help is not to be too neat and tidy in our gardens and on our land. Nature does not like neat and tidy. If you have a large enough garden why not create a small wilderness area? Don't spray all of your paddocks, - leave some areas for weeds and insects. Scrubby areas, brambles and unimproved pasture are so important today. Let's help to our bit in the village to reduce the number of species on the Red List.

Elaine Gathercole



# Halam News

## Season's Greetings!

December 2004

**From the Editor:** Best wishes to you all for the Christmas season of peace and goodwill. All the pictures in this month's Halam News suggest well-known Christmas songs & carols (except the cartoon). For readers under 14 the Christmas Competition is to name them all, in order. The first correct entry to be drawn out of a hat will win a small prize (don't get excited!). Answers by email or on paper by 21 December. Thank you to Eleanor Bust who has generously sponsored this month's newsletter. If you wish to sponsor (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items of news included (deadline 24<sup>th</sup> - if the newsletter is full it may not be possible to include late submissions) please contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com)

### Poppy Collection

Altogether £166.09 was raised for the annual Poppy Day Appeal. Many thanks to all those villagers who donated so generously. - Dora Rylatt

### Jo Weston

Those villagers who knew Jo Weston of Littleturncroft Farm, Edingley would like to extend their sympathy to Alan, Susan, Michael & the family on her death recently. Jo loaned their donkey for Halam's Palm Sunday services for many years.

**Tasting Day**  
4 December  
10am-2pm

# HILLS

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**Home-grown Christmas Trees & Holly Wreaths**  
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**Hampers from £3 upwards - make great presents!**

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Christmas opening: Sunday 19 December: 10am-1pm

Thursday 23 December: 8.30am-6pm

Christmas Eve: 8.30am-1pm

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Open for fresh-cut produce: Thurs. 30 December 9am-5pm  
& New Year's Eve 9am-5pm

Resume normal opening Tuesday 4 January

**Season's Greetings & Thanks to all our loyal customers!**



### St Michael the Archangel: December Services

5 December ADVENT 2	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30 Family Communion
12 December ADVENT 3	11.00am Sung Eucharist
19 December ADVENT 4	9.30am Family Communion 6.00pm Carol Service
24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	5.00pm Crib Service 11.15pm Midnight Mass
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY 	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
26 December ST STEPHEN, MARTYR	No Services

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)

**The Southwell Renaissance Singers** will be here again for the carol service in Halam Church on Sunday 19 December at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. The collection will be for the Southwell Live At Home Scheme.

### Parish Pump

- Sadly we say goodbye to the Layfield family who have moved temporarily to Kirklington, and will be moving to Farnsfield when their new house is ready. Carole, David, Jane, Simon & Mark have lived in Halam for almost 20 years and will be much missed.
- A warm welcome to Rachel & Jeremy Smith and their children Ben & Anna, who moved into Walnut Tree Cottage, Radley Road at the end of October.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Laurence Gramlick who celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on 11 November.



### Halam & District Women's Institute

Halam & District W.I. are looking forward to the over 60's party on Tuesday 7 December, and hope lots of friends join us. The entertainment this year comes from a local theatre club who will perform a short comedy sketch. For our 4 January meeting we have asked John Meredith to come again. He was so very interesting last year when we went on an exciting rail tour of Northern India & Kashmir. This year we are off to Switzerland, which should be equally fascinating. This will be an open evening when we warmly welcome all who wish to join us – last year the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies! Seasonal light refreshments will be served. Do come – 7.30pm in the village hall!



## What's On Locally

**Hill's Farm Shop Tasting Day:** On **Saturday 4 December** 10am – 2pm; Fantastic local produce, meats; marinades; soups; cheese & chutney etc. – come & try before you buy! Details from: Margaret & John Hill - Tel: 01623 882664

**Christmas Fayre: Saturday 4 December** 1-3pm in Halam School. Come and enjoy coffee, mince pies and leisurely shopping. Stalls include crafts, toys, cards, cakes and handmade chocolates. Have fun with games and try your luck on the tombola.

**Christmas Clothing sale:** This fundraising event in aid of the Southwell Festival will be held at The Admiral Rodney, King Street, Southwell on **Saturday 4 December** from 10am- 3pm. Quality brand-name clothing will be on sale.

**A Christmas Coffee Morning:** in aid of the RNLI, saving lives at sea; Southwell Ladies' Lifeboat Guild are holding a coffee morning in Trebeck Hall, Bishops Drive, Southwell on **Friday 3 December**. Entry, including coffee is £1.50. There will be a raffle & stalls.

**Tea at 2.30:** takes place in the village hall, every Tuesday afternoon.

**Carols For Everyone: Saturday 18 December** at 7.30pm in Southwell Minster. This event raises money for charity, and is enjoyable for all the family.

**A Christmas Cracker!** : On **Wednesday 22 December** at 8pm in the Great Hall, Southwell Renaissance Singers will be giving their final public performance in their own concert of carols and entertainment. Tickets include a glass of wine & nibbles and are available from the singers or the Minster Shop. Proceeds will go to the Southwell Live At Home Scheme.

**Halam School Senior Citizen's 'Carols & Mince Pies':** takes place **Wednesday 15 December** at 10.00am in Halam School hall. All over 60's are warmly invited to attend this seasonal musical concert performed by the children. Coffee & mince pies will be served.



## Nature Notes: Southwell Trail

Nottinghamshire County Council is proposing to make the Southwell Trail into a Local Nature Reserve. This recognises the importance of the site for nature conservation and will ensure that all important features are safeguarded. They have drawn up a management plan which is currently going through a consultation process. This proposes to enhance the ecological value of the site, maintain access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders while controlling unauthorised use, raise public awareness of its historic and wildlife value, develop opportunities for practical conservation work and encourage local people to take an active interest and involvement in the site. A "Friends of Southwell Trail" initiative is being considered. I will provide further details when I hear more.

Elaine Gathercole

## Southwell Live at Home Scheme



The Parish Plan questionnaire asked for volunteers to help fellow villagers with tasks such as shopping or just keeping someone company. Ways in which volunteers could be put in touch with people who would like their help are being examined but there are certain legal issues which need to be looked in to first.

As an alternative, I'd like to let people know about the Southwell Live at Home Scheme. It is a volunteer-based scheme which offers support and friendship to older people in the community who may be isolated and unable to get out and about as they used to. Volunteers are matched with an older person whom they visit regularly. There are also coffee mornings which the older people can attend. Volunteers are also needed to help take people to coffee mornings, assist in the office and help with fundraising. As part of security procedures, volunteers are asked to provide references.

If you are elderly and would like to become a member of the scheme, or someone with an hour or two a week to spare to become a visitor, please contact The Live at Home Co-ordinator at Southwell & District Live at Home Scheme, Southwell Methodist Church, Prebend Passage, Westgate, Southwell, Notts. NG25 OJH, or ring 01636 816565. The office is manned on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons. Although the scheme has links with the Methodist Church, its services are available to any older person in need – not just Methodists.



## Greeting Cards

There is a beautiful selection of high quality greeting cards showing details of angels from the Burne-Jones windows in Halam Church available for you to buy for Christmas or general use. A pack of 5 cards costs £3 and all proceeds will go to Halam Church. Contact Karin Davis (815854) Glenys Herbert (812335) Tony Hallam (812580) Bev Perks (812181) - while stocks last!

## Recipe For A Very Merry Christmas...

**Dry Martini** (makes 4 glasses): 8fl oz dry gin; 4fl oz dry vermouth; ice cubes; 4 strips lemon rind. Impale an olive on a cocktail stick. Pour gin & vermouth into a jug with a handful of ice and stir gently. Strain into glasses. Twist a strip of lemon rind over each glass to release the oils then drape over the edge of the glass.

**Buck's Fizz** (makes 8 glasses): 8fl oz fresh chilled orange juice; 1 bottle chilled champagne. Pour juice into a large glass jug & add champagne; pour into glasses.

**White Lady** (makes 4 glasses): 4fl oz gin; 2fl oz cointreau; 2fl oz fresh lemon juice; white of an egg (optional); 4 maraschino cherries; 4 orange slices; ice cubes. Put ice & all ingredients in a cocktail shaker, shake, then strain into glasses.

**And don't forget to invite the neighbours!**



## A Busy Term for Pupils of Halam School

The children of Halam School have taken part in many varied activities this term. Kate Brown, Head Teacher, comments: "The academic standards of our school are consistently high but there is far more to a good education than the 3R's. At Halam School, we have an innovative and creative curriculum which allows the children to enjoy a wide range of activities both in and outside of the classroom."

Upper Primary went on a wonderful trip to Thorney Abbey Farm in October. "I liked looking at the wildlife on the farm – there were tree-sparrow and owl boxes. I also really enjoyed inspecting the milking machines." said Ben Garside (year 6). As part of the school's multi-cultural education programme, years 3 & 4 visited Bestwood County Park, where they put on a play about the story of Divali. They also joined in Indian dance lessons. "I really like Indian music and dance and I would love to wear a sari." said Emma Anderson (year 3).

The youngest members of the school have been extremely busy too. They visited the Leicestershire Food and Farming Festival and have honed their cooking skills, producing delicious pizzas, fruit fools and crumbles. Year 2 held a very successful cake sale, raising over £82 for charity. Reception pupil, Evie Ockelford, said "I try to eat healthy food and carrots are my favourite vegetable - but I do like cakes too!"

The children have taken part in a variety of sporting activity. Following a skipping work-shop, playtime is taken up with all sorts of skipping fun and games. Pupils have also benefited from specialist gym coaching from an external instructor.

As always, music plays a very important part in school life. All pupils are now practising hard for the upcoming Christmas shows on Wednesday 8 December at 2.00pm & 6.30pm, which are sure to be the usual extravaganza of music and drama. The Christmas church service is on Thursday 16 December at 2.30pm.

**The pupils and staff of Halam School would like to wish Halam villagers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!**

### Halam Church Windows

Work has started at Halam Church on the specialist cleaning, repair and conservation of the mid 14th century window known as the 'Adam and Eve Window', and the other seven stained glass windows. The work is being carried out by glass specialist Keith Barley of York with a grant to cover the full cost being provided by Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd who distribute the Landfill Tax Credits of Waste Recycling Group plc.

The allocation and distribution of the grant has been made by the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Tony Foster, the Regional Manager for WRG, says ' We are very pleased to be able to help finance this project which will ensure that a bit of Nottinghamshire's rich church heritage is preserved for generations to come'.

Please contact me if you would like any information about the stained glass windows. - Tony Hallam

### Who to phone with a problem



Electricity: 0800 056 8090

Gas: 0800 111999

Water: 0800 783 4444

BT Phone faults: 0800 800 151

### Halam School Internet Shopping Site

Halam School has embarked on a major fundraising initiative as part of the project to build a much needed school hall. To assist with this the PTA have set up an internet shopping site where internet shoppers can access major retailers' websites and indirectly earn Halam school a small commission through purchases made. The commission comes from the marketing budgets of suppliers, not the buyers. There are 80 retailers including high street stores, such as Marks and Spencer, Littlewoods, The Early Learning Centre and John Lewis. You can send flowers and chocolates to loved ones, buy books online, and even change your power supplier!

If you go to [www.buy.at/HalamSchool](http://www.buy.at/HalamSchool) and follow the simple instructions this will get you started. The site is secure; - questions about security are clearly answered on the opening pages. The School would be most grateful if you would look at what's on offer and consider shopping through this website to help raise much needed funds for the new hall project.

But remember unless you access the shops' websites via the [www.buy.at/HalamSchool](http://www.buy.at/HalamSchool) link the school will not earn any money. Many thanks,

Halam and Edingley PTA: Charity no. 1043653



### Puzzle Corner

Boris, living in St Petersburg, buys his girlfriend Natasha, who lives in Moscow, a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. (I hope all you gentlemen out there are taking the hint!) He has no way of getting it to her other than by using the very corrupt postal system. (No train, plane, friend to help etc.) All parcels and letters containing anything, regardless of value, are opened and robbed by unscrupulous postal workers. However, the sorters never bother with anything with a lock as there are easier rich pickings elsewhere. Boris has a strongbox to which a number of padlocks could be attached. He could padlock the ring in the box, send it and know it would get to her intact, but she would not have a key. He can't send the key separately as it would be opened and removed by the corrupt workers. Boris phoned Natasha and they hatched a clever scheme to get the Christmas gift delivered through the post safely. How did they do it?



## **Parish Council Meeting: 11 November 2004 7.30pm**

**Present:** S. Bust, G. Herbert, A. Fraser, A. Paris, D. Parrish

**Apologies:** N. Armstrong; I. Sharman

### **Matters Arising from Minutes:**

1) Village Hall: Architect Clive Booth has been appointed to draw up initial plans & costings for discussion at the December P.C. meeting. There may be additional charges over the approved quote to cover the cost of a quantity surveyor. 2) Cllr Stewart: a) The interactive 30mph sign promised for Halam will be shared with at least 10 other parishes. The road 'gating system' is still possible and will be pursued further. b) Cllr Stewart stated that under the new legislation children could be refused a place at the village school as there is an alternative school within 2 miles of Halam. c) Seat-belted coaches are available for school trips, but the school have to pay the difference in cost. Pressure will continue to be applied for all approved coach providers to have seat belts in their vehicles. 3) Neighbourhood Watch: The scheme is progressing and should be in place by the end of November. It was agreed to fund the purchase of files, folders and photocopying for the re-launch of the scheme. 4) Community Speed Watch: ARP is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Lead Coordinator. **If you are interested in helping to organise this scheme and to act a police liaison please contact Andrew Paris on 815844**

5) Licensing Act: The District Council will be releasing their policies in February. No action until that time. 6) Harvest Supper: This event raised £544.58. GH suggested that some of this should be donated to a chosen charity. It was agreed that as this was not the original purpose the money should be used for the village hall as previously publicised in the village. It was agreed that another Harvest Supper should be held in early October 2005. 7) Drains in Village: The County Council and Severn Trent have been working to improve the situation. **Please report any further problems in writing to the Parish Clerk.** 8) Village Hall Lettings: Bookings will continue as usual and the situation will be revisited at the December meeting. 9) Parish Plan: Parish Council agreed to adopt Draft 3 of the action plan and to have it circulated to the other appropriate organisations.

**Open Meeting:** Items raised: - 1) A public meeting was requested if further plans are submitted for Halam House Farm. It was agreed 3 for, 1 against and 1 abstention that a meeting would be held to give an opportunity for the parish to discuss any future plans that may be put forward for this site. 2) New admission rules at the school will not affect Halam residents but may affect Edingley. 3) It was confirmed that Halam school does pay for buses with seat belts when transporting children to the swimming pool. 4) If a new notice board is purchased (under the Building Better Community scheme) can it be sited in a more prominent position than the present notice boards? 5) Any volunteer help/transporting scheme in the village will need official clearance and appropriate insurance. This needs further

investigation (through NALC).

**Correspondence:** None this month.

**Parish Council and Press Representation:** Further to a recent press article re the proposed Halam House Farm development it was resolved (4 for; 1 abstention) to refer all press enquiries to the Parish Council Press Officer.

**Planning:** 1. Halam House Farm – plans have been withdrawn 2. Beckside Cottage, Gray Lane – application for extension and re-modelling has been rejected by the District Council (Policies DD1 and H24) 3. The Scypen, Radley Road – insert additional window in 3<sup>rd</sup> bedroom: AF declared an interest as an immediate neighbour and took no part in discussions and abstained. Passed 4 for with 1 abstention.

**Finance:** It was agreed to pay the village hall cleaners

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 9 December at 7.30pm. Items for next agenda: 1) Village Hall Plans 2) Village Hall Lettings 3) Budget 4) Parish precept.

### **Halam Footpath Group**



As part of the Parish Plan process, issues were raised regarding the maintenance of the footpaths and green lanes in our village. The Action Plan which has been created suggests a group of volunteers survey every right of way in the parish at least twice a year and report any issues to the County Council Footpaths Officer for our area. Can I ask all those who would be interested in helping with this task to give me their names by 'phoning me 01636 813760 by the end of December. Once I know who is interested, I will organise a meeting in January to which I will invite the Footpaths Officer to discuss the process and any help he can give us such as copies of definitive footpath maps. The aim would be to carry out the first full survey in the Spring.

Elaine Gathercole

### **And finally a little seasonal humour from Pooch...**

