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# **HALAM NEWS**




## **March 2024**

*The  
Waggon*  
AT HALAM

**Latest Menu  
Attached**

 **Flag Flying Dates**   
1<sup>st</sup> - St David's Day  
10<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh  
11<sup>th</sup> - Commonwealth Day  
17<sup>th</sup> - St Patrick's Day 

If you would like to contribute to a future edition of Halam News please send your article as you would like it to be printed using the details below by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion the following month. Please do let me know of any big birthdays, weddings or reasons to celebrate the achievements of residents. Interesting contributions are always welcome. Please note your article will not be edited & it will be printed as you send it.

 **Brown: 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Silver: 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**   
**Green: 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** 

### **Parish Pump**

#### **Wedding Bells Ring out at Halam Church**

Congratulations to Natasha and Tom Rawcliffe who got married on 10th February. It was beautiful day. Thank you to Rev. Mary and everyone in Halam who showed their support and helped to make it a special day.

#### **Halam WI**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our February meeting - we all really enjoyed taking party in Andy Harris's drumming circle! Our March meeting will be our AGM and games night on Tuesday 5th March at 7:30pm - during the AGM section of the meeting we will run through our finance report for the year and also confirm our committee members for the upcoming year. We aim to keep the admin to a minimum so we can enjoy a beetle drive game with some wine and nibbles! New members are always very welcome ...



#### **Bags 2 School Collection**



If you have any fabric, clothes, shoes or handbags that you no longer need or want please donate them to Halam School who will have them collected in return for a donation to the PTFA funds, the next collection is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> March, if you would like your donation to be collected, please contact the editor to arrange this for you.

### **Halam School News**

#### **Islamic Day**

Oak class have had a very enjoyable day with Aly Greenway, focusing on the topic of Islam. We wore a variety of different Islamic clothes and headwear, wrote our names in Arabic and we learnt about Muslims praying five times a day.

#### **DAaRT**

We have been doing DAaRT with Mrs Lisi who has been educating us about drugs, alcohol and resilience training.

#### **Film night.**

Recently, the PTFA ran a whole school film night including popcorn and beverages, whilst watching Despicable Me. Collecting nice feedback from children and parents.

#### **Mental Health Week**

We had afternoon in our house groups to make worry worms. The worry worms came with a little poem that make us feel better about ourselves. We also did some yoga in P.E. to calm ourselves.

Linking in with house group activities school council organised a house group theme bake sale. Many of the parents were considerate enough to stay within the colour themes of red, green and blue when making cupcakes or biscuits.

#### **A Visit from Newark and Sherwood District Council**

Greg, who is an Environmental Officer, came to talk to us about waste products and what we do with them - reducing, reusing and recycling.

#### **Bikeability and road Safety**

Cherry Maple Class enjoyed learning new bicycle skills!

Bikeability is a government initiative aimed to keep children safe on roads and acquire new bicycle skills. Maple Class had a fantastic afternoon learning many new skills and gaining confidence whilst cycling. Well done Maple Class.

By Chloe, Alexa and Scarlett

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## **St Michael the Archangel**



The snowdrops are out, and the daffodils are in bud, we are looking forward to Easter and because Easter Day falls on the 31<sup>st</sup> March this year the month of March is a very busy month in the church calendar. For clergy and lay readers there is much more work than usual but for those of us attending services we have a wide variety to help us through the season of lent, to celebrate our mothers, those who have been like mothers to us and the care given by Mother church. Two weeks later, on Palm Sunday, we joyfully process waving palms and singing, the quiet reflection of Good Friday is followed by the glory of Easter Day.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating the church, if you would like to help or contribute in any way, please contact one of the church wardens, it is not necessary to be an accomplished flower arranger a simple vase enhances the beauty of our church.

March services everyone is welcome.

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** - 11.00a.m.

**10<sup>th</sup> March** - 11.00a.m.

**17<sup>th</sup> March** - 11.00a.m.

**24<sup>th</sup> March** - 10.45a.m.

**28<sup>th</sup> March** - 6.00p.m.

**29<sup>th</sup> March** - 10.00a.m.

**30<sup>th</sup> March** - 6.00p.m.

**31<sup>st</sup> March** - 11.00a.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** - Morning Prayer

**Mothering Sunday** - Holy Communion

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** - Informal Service - Followed by coffee

**Palm Sunday** - Procession – Meet in Pub car park

**Maundy Thursday** - In St. Giles Edingley

**Good Friday** - Good Friday Liturgy

**Easter Vigil** - In St. Giles Edingley

**Easter Day** - Sung Eucharist

**Contacts:** Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens - Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 – Penni Wells 01636 813491

**Food Bank:** There is a collection point in the Church porch. Very many thanks to all who contribute during these very difficult times.

### **Message from Rev. Mary**

The other day a Christian friend bought me a bunch of daffodils – the signal that spring is just around the corner. This year Easter-time is earlier and so March is charged with different emotions. On Palm Sunday we shout ‘Hosanna’ and wave our palm crosses as the crowds did for Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then on Maundy Thursday we recall the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday takes us to the cross where we see Jesus holding out his arms in love and forgiveness. The Saturday before Easter is the Easter vigil when we process with lighted candles shouting ‘the light of Christ! Thanks be to God’

Then on Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day we rejoice that the tomb is empty and we ask someone to roll away the stone from the tomb in the Easter garden.

So do, if you can, share this emotional journey through the cross to the risen Jesus.


Springtime is the season of new life – new growth as the gardeners get ready to sow seeds and prepare the allotments. Nature celebrates with warmer days.

At this time we remember especially our King, Charles as he undergoes his treatment for cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and all the royal family.

Sadly Dorraine Hoggard, a lovely Christian and resident of Halam has died. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. She will be greatly missed

Every blessing, Rev. Mary

**Dingbats** – Last month’s answers were “Background Check” & “1<sup>st</sup> Aid”

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# **Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting**

## **7.30pm Thursday 8th February 2024 held at Halam Village Hall**



*Please Note: Official parish council minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next parish council meeting on the Parish Council page of [www.halamvillage.org.uk](http://www.halamvillage.org.uk)*

### **Present**

Mr Simon Bust (Chair), Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Catherine Blackburn, Mrs Chris Denyer, and Mr Ganesh Subramanian

### **Apologies**

Mr Charlie Wright

### **Open Meeting**

Parishioners from School Lane reported issues with their drains. It was unclear whether this had been caused by the recent flooding, but the householders were advised to contact Severn Trent Water.

### **Update for County and District Councillors**

1. It was reported that County Councillor Bruce Laughton had arranged contact with the owner of the land opposite Pepperbox Cottage to assess the overhanging trees.  
reported that the district council are looking at allowing planning applicants and neighbours to speak (for 3 minutes) at planning committee meetings. Further information shortly.
2. County Cllr Laughton has arranged a meeting with County Council Highways to discuss the hedges at the bottom of Halam Hill. Andrew Paris provided pictures so that the encroachment can be assessed.

### **Village Hall**

1. Hire invoice payments – Chris Bevans and The Financial Officer to liaise to check for any outstanding payments.
2. Work party for village hall maintenance – there was a lack of response to the last appeal for help with a few odd jobs round the hall. A list of work needed will be compiled.

### **Grant Application**

The letter to parishioners will be revised to cover data protection aspects. Any information gathered will be solely for use in the survey and will be destroyed after counting.

### **Replacement Noticeboard**

The board is now in place; this is for official council use only. The two old boards on the bus shelter will be removed.

### **D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The initial proposal at this stage is perhaps for bell ringing at 6.30 p.m., a church service, followed by a village “bring your own” supper in a marquee in the field by the pub. A beacon will be lit at 9.15 p.m.

### **Allotments**

Registration of Title – Andrew Paris has provided the solicitor with some historical information. To be discussed further.

### **Roads & Hedges**

1. Turnpike railings along Halam Beck – County Council state that these are on their maintenance schedule.
2. Redundant sign poles on Halam Hill – it will be requested for these to be removed.

### **Flooding**

It was agreed to invite County Council Lead Flood Officer, Mr Marshall to the Annual Parish Meeting at the start of April.

### **Halam Village News**

The notes in Halam Village News are not official minutes. It was agreed that a statement to this effect should be prominent under the notes' title. Official minutes are made available after the following parish council meeting where they are approved. This can be consulted by contacting the Clerk, and are also on the village website at:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/halam-nottinghamshire-10418/minutes>

### **Halam Events Team**

As outlined in last month's Halam Village News, the Events Team are an independent body of volunteers. If they became a sub-committee of the parish council there would be the requirement to advertise any meetings along with an agenda, they would need audited accounts, published minutes, and they would have to adhere to the parish council code of conduct and financial regulations. It was agreed that it would be up to the volunteer group to apply to the parish council to become a sub-committee if that is what they wanted.

It was queried whether they could make their financial situation more transparent; Chris Bevans to investigate.

The team was thanked and it was stated how much their great work in organising village events was appreciated.

### **Civility and Respect Policy**

NALC is encouraging all parish councils to adopt and sign this policy. Agreed to do so: 5 for with 1 abstention.

### **Correspondence**

Clothes Bank – Andrew Paris (school governor), and Chris Bevans (PTFA member) declared non-pecuniary interest. A circular was received offering a village clothes bank. It was agreed not to pursue this as it could take away from the Bags to School scheme.

### **Planning**

None this month.

### **Finance**

Unanimously agreed to pay for:

1. cleaners
2. NALC subscription

The budget update was received and approved.

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

*Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend any parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is an opportunity to raise issues with the parish council at the meeting during the open part of the meeting*

# DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

## DISTRICT CLLRS KAREN ROBERTS AND PETER HARRIS

### Full Council Feb 13

Council rents are to be increased by 7.7% next year. This will generate a surplus of around £3m that will be used to implement new legislation with enhanced regulations on social housing etc.. The housing stock is in good condition, but further spending will be required. The reserves now stand at £13.36m. 40% of the money from right-to-buy is being used to support more social house building - the rest is returned to the Government. A question requested the Council to look at introducing short term permanent shelters to help homeless people in the District. This was supported and a plan to do so is being developed.

Council Tax for houses that are left empty for more than one year will now be set at 200% to encourage every building to be brought back into residential use. However, the Council will have discretion for this to be relieved due to issues such as probate delays and recruitment for tied houses etc.

The council is looking at introducing public statements to be made - more than the current Town Council's representations - at Planning Committee and this will be debated at a future Planning Committee meeting.

Following the three significant weather events in the last few months, including surface water flooding in villages it the area worse than seen for many years, the Council has agreed to propose to work with Districts and Counties upstream to reduce the peak flows of water into the Trent and its tributaries- and investigating flood mitigation measures in the District.

### Cabinet

In December the Cabinet heard that fly tipping is reducing and fixed penalties for littering and illegal waste carrying are having an effect at reducing - but sadly not eliminating the issue across the District. The government has provided a £19m Fund for Ollerton Town Centre and development will include a new library, cinema and further business and commercial spaces, together with a transport hub. This has meant that significant money has now been allocated to both Ollerton and Newark town centres. There has not been similar funding for Southwell.

Following the continuing of the swimming pool at the Leisure Centre, a new swimming pool building for Southwell, with options for a wider development of a new leisure centre 'in conjunction with partners and relevant landowners' was agreed. A capital borrowing budget of £5.5m was approved with further reports to be taken to the Cabinet as the feasibility project progresses. The Playing Pitch Strategy - that is expected to show a continuing significant short fall of spaces in Southwell - is expected to be published shortly.

The CCTV system is to be replaced and project to examine the case for bringing CCTV monitoring back in house agreed.

Active for Today the wholly owned Company of the N&SDC made a loss of £450k last year. The position for this year will be impacted by the closure of the Southwell Pool but total is unclear but expected to cost £20k per month. Last year membership at the SLC was around 2100 adults and 1500 children [at Newark the numbers are under 4000 adults and 1600 children, Dukeries 1300 and 500]

In January the Cabinet heard that the biodiversity net gains in the Environment Act 2021 is now implemented. This requires a net 10% gain. It agreed that there should be 'significant enhancements' will be made in the area, but these may be 'off-site'. This is a complicated area and Councillors are recommended to read the whole January 23 Cabinet Report on pages 33-64 on the NSDC website. Southwell and the villages are encompassed by 'The Dumbles' region for biodiversity designation. Much of the landscape is shown as having 'high' distinctiveness with our lowland meadow areas and woodland pasture with parkland 'high distinctiveness'.



# DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

## CLLR PENNY RAINBOW

### (Ward member for Southwell)

#### **Public speaking at NSDC Planning Committee**

At the next NSDC Full Council meeting on February 13th, a report is being considered to allow for public speaking at the Planning Committee.

Currently, only representatives of Parish and Town Councils, members of the planning committee and NSDC officers are allowed to speak at the meeting. Members of the planning committee attended a workshop where we ran through a number of differing scenarios and looked at options as to who and how many representatives can speak and for how long.

NSDC is only one of a handful of planning authorities in England and Wales who don't allow public participation.

Applicants themselves find it very frustrating that whilst watching and listening to their application being discussed, they cannot contribute.

The Council's Constitution includes provision for public speaking at Full Council but it has no mention of public speaking at committee meetings.

The report before Council will seek approval of updates to the Constitution to enable the Planning Committee to revise the protocol to allow for public participation at its meetings.

#### **Council Tax Empty Homes**

The empty homes premium report was presented to Cabinet members at their meeting on January 23rd.

The proposal was for Cabinet to agree and recommend to Full Council that a change is made on which the council tax long-term empty homes premium becomes due from 2 years to 1 year.

This proposal supports both the Council and Government policy in helping to reduce the number of empty homes by giving the highest incentive to owners to bring properties back into use, by either selling or renting the property.

On 1st October 2023, 748 properties in the Newark and Sherwood area were empty for between 1 and 2 years.

#### **New Policy on NSDC Tenants Management of X-LARGE Bullies**

In the light of recent reports of X-L Bully dog's behaviour, a new policy has been developed by the Council. The policy applies to existing tenants only, as new tenants moving into NSDC property will not be given permission to keep the breed.

The policy aims to encourage responsible dog ownership by tenants and minimise concern surrounding these dogs.

Dog owners wishing to keep their XL Bully must comply with new legislation and provide a certificate of exemption.

The tenancy agreement clearly sets out the Council's stance on the keeping of dog breeds banned under the dangerous dogs' act 1991

The Council will allow tenants who owned an XL Bully prior to the 31st of January 2024 to keep their dogs providing -

Permission is sought.

Compliance with Government requirements.

That the Council upholds no complaints relating to behaviour.

Permission will be withdrawn after incidents involving XL Bullies are reported.



### **Opening Hours**

Monday & Tuesday Closed

Wednesday to Saturday 12 till 11pm (Food Served: 12 till 8.30pm)

Sunday 12-4pm (Food Served: 12-3pm)

### **Two Courses £22 Three Courses £25**

#### **Starters**

Bowl of Soup & Homemade Bread

Salt Baked Baby Potatoes, Red & Green Mojo Sauces

Smoked Duck, Beetroot & Orange Salad, Toasted Hazelnut Vinaigrette

Crab & Pickled Ginger Spring Roll, Sweet Chilli Sauce & Coriander

Three Cheese Ravioli & Sundried Tomato Sauce

#### **Mains**

Pot Roast Collar of Pork, Wholegrain Mustard Mash, Purple Sprouting Broccoli  
& Onion Gravy

Crispy Panko Breaded Cauliflower Steak, Romesco Sauce, Fries & Salad

Five Spice Confit Duck Leg, Crispy Layered Potatoes, Purple Sprouting Broccoli  
Rhubarb & Ginger Compote

Stoppard's 7oz Rump Steak, Mushrooms & Onions, Skinny Fries, Peas & Pepper Sauce  
(Steak £2.50 Supplement)

Shin Beef, Real Ale & Chestnut Mushroom Pie, Chunky Chips, Peas & Gravy

Waggons Steak or Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Slaw, Dill Pickles  
Barbecue Sauce & Fries (Add Bacon & Cheese £1)

Pan Fried Salmon, Butter Bean, Chorizo & Kale Stew, Parsley & Lemon Oil  
(£2.00 Fish Supplement)

Twice Baked Cheddar Cheese Soufflé, Creamy Spinach Sauce, Fries & Salad

Beer Battered Haddock & Hand Cut Chips, Chunky Tartar Sauce & Minted Mushy Peas

#### **Side Orders**

Mixed Seasonal Vegetables £3.50 · Beer Battered Onion Rings £3.50

Hand Cut Chunky Chips £3.50 · House Dressed Salad £3.50 · Fries £3.00

**Please note set menu prices are per person. If choosing a one course meal this will be charged individually so prices may vary. All our products are locally sourced whenever possible. All food is freshly prepared to order so your patience is appreciated. If you have any allergies or dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to adapt the menu to your needs.**



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### **Desserts**

Homemade Belgian Waffle, Salted Caramel Banana, Vanilla Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce

Warm Profiteroles, Toffee Fudge Ice Cream & Dark Chocolate Sauce

Honey & Vanilla Roasted Rhubarb Pavlova & Mascarpone Cream

Baked Lemon Cheesecake, Ginger Biscuit Base & Raspberry Sorbet

A Selection of Thaymar's Luxury Ice Creams

Wedge of Cheddar or Stilton, Balsamic Onions & Homemade Bread

### **To Accompany**

**Château Loupiac Gaudiet 75ml £5.50**

Taylors LBV Port - 50ml £3.95

### **To Finish**

Americano £2.90          Espresso £2.50

Cappuccino £2.90          Double Espresso £3.00          Liqueur Coffee £6.00

Latte £2.90          Hot Chocolate £2.95

English Breakfast Tea, Earl Grey, Peppermint, Chamomile, Green Tea,  
All £2.50 Each

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