



HALAM NEWS JULY 2003

Congratulations to Jo Mills and Malcolm Wilcox of Manor Farm, Radley Road on their marriage. Congratulations to Julie Fleming and Andrew Paris of Applegarth, Radley Road on their marriage in Texas on June 20th and blessing in Halam Parish Church on June 29th.

Condolences to the family and friends of Alan Cousins of The Old Plough, the Turnpike who died suddenly while on holiday.

Halam Open Gardens - 22nd June

This was another successful year. Thanks to those who opened their gardens and those who helped on the day. Over £1400 was raised.

Village Shop and Post Office

Once again sales are falling at our village shop. Please make a special effort to give it as much support as you can, not just now and again but on a regular basis. It appears that it is the younger end of the village (people in their 20s and 30s) who don't seem to use it as much as the older generation. Remember that village stores are an endangered species so please go along and see what it has to offer. New customers are always welcome!

Christian Aid Collection

Bev Perks would like to thank all those who contributed and collected. A total of £146.87 was raised.

Paper Collection

Please remember to keep putting out your paper (in open plastic bags) with your refuse bin every other Tuesday. The dates for paper collection this month should be the 8th and 22nd of July.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 12th June

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, A. Fraser, K. Lindley, A. Paris, I. Sharman, N Armstorng (part)

Dog Bins: It was agreed to buy a suitable bin, (approx. £100). Siting to be decided when it arrives.

Litter Nuisance - Holme Lane: The police have been informed and have been patrolling the area. The situation seems to have improved but will be monitored.

Parish Council Insurance: After obtaining a comparative quote, the policy through NALC has been purchased as best value.

Internal Auditor: Elaine Gathercole has agreed to act as auditor for the Parish Council. Accepted unanimously.

Jubilee Tree: It was resolved to place a commemorative plaque at the base of the tree in the church yard. The Clerk is to source a suitable plaque.

Road Safety: The County Council are to implement the following:

- (a) new high visibility school warning signs on the approaches to the school,
- (b) extended no waiting zig zag lines outside the school,
- (c) bus bay road markings outside the school,
- (d) road safety education for the children at the school.

It was resolved to request a "gating system" from the County Council for the bottom of Halam Hill i.e., more prominent 30 mph signs, red tarmac strips and larger road markings.

Parking on Radley Road: Can everyone please note that parking close to the junction with the Turnpike is not only dangerous and inconsiderate, it is also illegal. Cars parked within 25 metres of any junction are committing an offence. Please keep the village junctions clear.

Village Hall Cleaning: The new company are doing a good job at a cost of £22.70 per fortnight.

Village Hall Lights: It was resolved to have plastic covers fitted over the fluorescent tubes for greater safety. The fixing of the lights to the ceiling is also to be checked.

Hedges: Thank you to all who have started to cut back their overhanging hedges. The school hedge has now been identified as a problem; it was resolved to write to the school requesting that they have it cut back clear of the pavement. Please note that there are other overhanging hedges and trees that

need attention - this is the responsibility of the property owner. Enforcement can be made through the County Council - your co-operation would be appreciated.

Parish Plan: Due to pressures of work, Maurice Hinde has resigned as Chairman. Thanks were recorded for his guidance and input. Karin Lindley has been elected new Chair with Declan Joyce as Vice-Chair. The close liaison between the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Committee was discussed and it was agreed that any Parish Councillors who wished to attend or sit-in on any future Parish Plan meetings would be most welcome.

Planning

The District Council has informed the Parish Council of the following planning approvals:-

(a) Gables Cottage: single storey rear kitchen/conservatory extension and first floor extension to form en-suite bathroom and dressing room at front.

(b) Manor House: internal alterations.

(c) Culterforth Farm: change of use of redundant outbuildings to two holiday units, associated alterations and parking provision.

(d) Manor Farm: Alterations to outbuilding to include part demolition and subsequent construction of new enclosure.

(e) Ford House: first floor extension.

The following applications were considered by the Parish Council:-

1. Ashcroft, Gray Lane - Extension: passed 5 for, with 1 abstention.

2. Land adjoining Ashdene, Radley Road - Revised plan for new house: rejected 4 against, with 2 abstentions - on grounds of increased size and bulk of the proposal being an over-intensification of the site, and the new position having a greater negative impact on the amenities of the neighbours, and the alteration to the drive being an increased traffic hazard.

3. Manor Farm, Radley Road - Right of Access - Listed Building Consent: passed 5 for, 2 against.

Finance: It was resolved to pay the first bill for the cleaning of the Village Hall. Thanks were recorded for the £25 donation to Village Hall funds by the "Tea at 2.30" group. This will be used to buy some large door mats for the entrance to the Hall. Their generous donation to the air-ambulance of £95 was noted.

Open Gardens: The Waggon & Horses has agreed to let the village use the field next to the pub for car parking.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 10th July at 7.30pm

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 6th July : Trinity 3	9.30am Family Service 11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13th July : Trinity 4	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 20th July : Trinity 5	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 27th July : Trinity 6	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 3rd August : Trinity 7	9.30am Family Service 11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Cluster Service at Edingley

Information to Edward Gathercole (01636 813760) by the 26th for next month's newsletter.



HALAM NEWS AUGUST 2003

Bus Shelter Cleaner

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer for this task and would be grateful if anyone would undertake this on a reasonably regular basis, and liaise with Parish Council on any problems.

Home Energy Schemes in Nottinghamshire

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The Waggon and Horses

1. The British Food Fortnight - in conjunction with the British Food Fortnight (20th Sept.- 5th Oct.) the Waggon will be hosting several events, including a Food Festival, a Kids' Cook Day and Host a Roast. For more details please ask at the pub.

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3. Ready Meals - Quality ready meals are available at the Waggon. Please pick up a menu from the bar.

Notts Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride

This is on 13th September between 10am and 6pm. 50% of the sponsorship returned will go to Halam Church. Please get forms from the Church or from Bev Perks.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 10 July 2003

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, K. Lindley, I. Sharman, N. Armstrong. Apologies: A. Fraser, A. Paris

Wedding Congratulations: Andrew and Julie Paris were congratulated on their marriage

Buckingham Palace Garden Party: Retired councillor Mr H Rickett and Mrs M Rickett had attended a Buckingham Palace garden party in honour of long and valued service to the Parish, - a well deserved reward!

Open Gardens: Raised £1,404 (£705 each to Church and Parish Council funds). Thanks were expressed to all who took part and especially to Peter Thompson for organising this successful event. This event will be reviewed in September.

Dog Bins: This has been ordered and is awaiting delivery.

Bus Shelter Cleaning: It was agreed to request a volunteer in Halam News.

Rubbish Bin: It was noted that it hadn't been emptied - N Armstrong to investigate.

Road Safety: New zigzag lines and bus bay outside school, speed trap warning signs and recent temporary speed cameras have all been installed on the Turnpike in an effort to improve road safety. A letter had been written re 'gating' on Halam Hill and a letter was read out from Mr Ashley concerning parking on school lane outside the school gates- the Chairman will attend to this.

Jubilee Tree: a Memorial plaque is to be purchased.

Village Hall: The new cleaners are doing a most satisfactory job. Village Hall Lights - work will be undertaken to ensure these meet safety requirements.

Police Overview and Scrutiny Committee: District Councillor Bruce Laughton has sent a letter regarding this committee – problems raised with the Chief Constable included: late response times to 999 calls, lack of police presence in rural areas, rural burglaries on increase and an ineffectual telephone system. The effect of speed cameras was being reviewed and there would be future progress reports.

Local Area Committee: A new pilot scheme to discuss local issues. 2 reps – Nora Armstrong and Karin Davis to attend initial meeting on Weds 23 July 7.30pm.

Churchyard Garden: The Parish Council used to make a donation towards the upkeep - this will be considered at the next meeting.

Discounted Energy Savings: This will be advertised in the Halam News.

Planning:

1. Machins Farm – proposed garage – passed unanimously.
2. New Stables, Cultersforth Lane: 3 stables and tack room in breeze block and wood cladding – agreed unanimously.

Finance: Cleaning bill – all agreed be paid.

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday, 14th August at 7.30pm** – to consider planning applications only.

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 3rd August: Trinity 7	9.30am Family Service 11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Cluster Service at Edingley
Sunday 10th August: Trinity 8	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 3.15pm Cluster Service at Southwell Minster
Sunday 17th August: Trinity 9	11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Cluster Service at Hockerton
Sunday 24th August: St Bartholomew	8am Holy Communion 6pm Cluster Service
Sunday 31st August: Trinity 11	11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Cluster (HT)

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PARISH FUNDING PROGRAMMES

In an earlier magazine article we introduced our new Parish Promise Programme, so necessary if we are to continue to pay our way as a Church. Invitations to the Parish Lunch on October the 12th will be going out soon.

We have tried to include all our friends but mistakes do sometimes happen ! If you would like to come to the supper and have not received an invitation by the 19th September, please let someone from Church know.

Do please come along – these meals are always very enjoyable occasions. During the three weeks after the meal, when everyone has had time to consider their response, they will be contacted and encouraged to join the regular giving programme.

We hope that many new families will join those who already support the Church on a regular basis and that all those who already have a regular commitment will take this opportunity to review their giving in the light of the Church's needs.

So, over the next few weeks we shall all have an opportunity to respond to the real needs of St. Michael's as generously as we are able. If everyone plays their part, these needs can be fully met and we can together ensure that our Church looks to the future from the perspective of firm financial foundations.

The Church Council



HALAM NEWS SEPTEMBER 2003

The family of the late Cyril Kemp would like to thank most sincerely their neighbours and friends for the kind messages and sympathy on the sad loss of Cyril, who bore his illnesses bravely. The monies donated at the funeral service amounted to £112.90p and will be added to the Church Restoration Fund. Again, my sincere thanks. **Avis Kemp.**

Cat looking for good home

A 4½ year old male pedigree cat needs a loving home due to work commitments. Please phone 812551 or mobile 07900 396054.

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Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, I. Sharman, N. Armstrong and A. Paris. Apologies: A. Fraser and K. Davis.

Grant for Upkeep of Churchyard: Discussion was deferred to next month's full council meeting.

Dog Bins: This has now arrived and a suitable location will be decided upon. Simon Bust and Pat Rickett will investigate a possible location at the Radley Road end of Gray Lane.

Electoral Boundary Review: The Parish Council have received a letter acknowledging their correspondence on this matter.

Bus Shelter Cleaning: There has been no response to the request for a volunteer cleaner. The Council are prepared to make a modest payment to anyone prepared to clean the shelter on a regular basis. This could possibly suit a young person looking for some extra pocket money - please contact Pat or Glenys for details.

NALC Annual General Meeting: 12th Nov. Simon Bust and Karin Davis to attend as voting members.

Notts. Assoc. of Local Councils: Budgeting Seminar 14th October. Pat Rickett to attend.

Parish Councils' Conference: General Information 17th November. Halam Parish Councillors will be attending various workshops.

Planning:

1. Barnholm, land rear of Gray Lane - Erection of new retirement cottage: Rejected unanimously on grounds of size of building plot. Amendment proposed that a smaller development would receive more favourable consideration - accepted 4 for and 1 against.
2. Littledale, The Turnpike - Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling : Accepted unanimously.

Finance: It was proposed and accepted that the Clerk should pay the following: bill for emptying Village Hall bin, cleaners' bill and cost of the dog bin.

Internal Auditor: The role of the internal auditor was discussed in depth with Elaine Gathercole who has been asked to act for the current year. The formalisation of financial systems and reporting was highlighted and it was agreed that the Clerk and Andrew Paris would liaise on a review of current procedure.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 11th September.

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 7th September : Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 14th September : Holy Cross Day	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21st September : St. Matthew	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 28th September : Michaelmas	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 5th October : Harvest Festival	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion

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Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be on **Saturday 18th October** at 7pm. in the Village Hall. There will be a meal, prize draw, entertainment and a bar. Come along and enjoy a traditional village evening with friends and neighbours. Tickets are available from the village shop, Marina Thompson (814026), Julie Paris (815844) or Ed Gathercole (813760) and cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children under 16. The number of tickets available is limited so it is advisable to buy early. Donations of prizes for the tombola would be greatly appreciated. Please see Harry Rickett regarding this. (This would be an ideal time to support our local shop by purchasing items and donating them as tombola prizes!). If you would like to help in any way - with preparations beforehand or on the evening itself - please call Marina or Julie.

Village Ventures

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Vandalism

There have been several incidents of petty damage in the village. Signs at the Radley Road end of Manor Fields have been defaced, and a house on Manor Fields has been sprayed with paint and "egged". Please be vigilant and report any suspicious incidents - our beat officer is PC Donna Abbot on 01623 406999, ex. 3077. The police have been informed and will be patrolling the area regularly.

Halam History

According to a Victorian map of Halam there used to be a milestone on the Mansfield Road just opposite the garden to Littledale, on the north side of the road. Does anyone know anything further about this? What did it say and when was it removed? **Andrew Paris**

Southwell Choral Society

The Society will present "The Armed Man" by Karl Jenkins on the **29th November** in Southwell Minster. The music is associated with the Royal Armouries in Leeds, the oldest national museum in the country. There will be a second piece in the programme - details of this later.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 28th August 2003

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, K. Lindley, A. Paris, I. Sharman.

Planning: Land adjacent Applegarth, Radley Road – proposed house and garage: Mrs. Herbert and Mr. Paris declared prejudicial interests and left the meeting. The council discussed amended plans supplied to the Clerk by the developer. The amended plans were approved 4 for, 1 abstention.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 11th September 2003

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, A. Fraser, K. Lindley, A. Paris, N. Armstrong. Apologies: I. Sharman

HGV restriction on Southwell to White Post road: County Councillor Andy Stewart reported that Farnsfield parish council are considering requesting a weight restriction to be applied to the road. He asked Halam Parish Council to give the matter further consideration.

Grant for churchyard: It was agreed that the PCC should put forward a proposal for the Parish Council to consider before funding could be agreed.

New parish councillor training: Matters arising from the recent training meetings for new parish councillors were discussed. The importance of following the Standing Order procedures and the need for strict adherence to the Code of Conduct were highlighted, especially in cases where councillors may have a prejudicial interest. It was agreed that future agendas should not state "any other business" in line with NALC guidelines, and that action points detailing actions to be taken by specified councillors would be included in future minutes.

Harvest Supper: Marina Thompson and Julie Paris volunteered to organise this year's supper. A date of Saturday 18th October was agreed.

Dog bin: The Clerk and Mr. Bust are to arrange the setting up of the bin as soon as possible.

Bus shelter: Two younger volunteers have come forward with the offer of an adult to supervise the cleaning of the bus shelter. The level of payment is to be agreed.

Kids' Club: The renewal of the contract for the use of the village hall was unanimously agreed.

Web site: The Chairman reported that by 2005, all Parish Councils will have to be "on-line". The current web site www.halam.org.uk would probably satisfy this requirement.

Fly Tipping: There have been some incidents in the parish recently. Mrs. Armstrong will ask the District Council to remove the rubbish.

Vandalism: There have been several incidents, centred around Manor Fields. It was decided that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme would be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Planning:

1. Two letters were received from Mr & Mrs Thompson. The first expressed concerns about the development adjoining Ashdene, particularly the future of the protected walnut tree and road safety during construction work. The second questioned procedures at the previous meeting where plans were approved which had not come directly from the District Council. The Clerk confirmed that the plans had been checked against the revised plans from the District Council and they were the same. The Parish Council's written response had not been sent to Kelham Hall until after this check. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that in future no plans would be discussed unless they had come directly from the District Council and were officially stamped.
2. Applegarth, Radley Road – proposed extension to house: Mr. Paris declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. Mrs. Herbert declared an interest. Passed 4 for, 1 abstention.
3. The application for the new house behind Evergreen House, School Lane is going to Appeal. The application for a new dwelling on land behind Barnholm, Radley Road has been withdrawn.

Finance: Payments for Parish Council posters from NALC and for the Village Hall cleaners were approved. The internal audit of accounts for 2002/03 has been completed and the report will be discussed on Friday 26th September at 7.00pm. The Clerk and Mr Paris held an initial meeting with Mandy Rickett to discuss the financial regulations and work is progressing.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 5th October : Harvest Festival	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 12th October : Trinity 17	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19th October : Trinity 18	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 26th October : Last after Trinity	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 2nd November : All Saints' Sunday	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am. Family Communion

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Welcome to Dr Ockleford and family who have moved in to their new home on St Helen's Lane. Just after October's Newsletter was printed, we received the sad news that Terry Pickering had died at home in Farndon on October 4th. He kept the village shop for several years and was a great stalwart at all village events. We extend our sympathy to Marjorie and his family.

Village Shop

Welcome to Rachel Evans who you will now see serving in the shop. Rachel has recently married Richard Evans whom many villagers will already know. The opening hours are now 9-5, Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and 9-1 on Saturday. Jacket Potatoes with a variety of fillings and tea and coffee are now also on sale - so why not save yourself the effort and treat yourself to lunch!

Halam WI - two dates for your diary

1. Halloween Wine and Cheese Party at Ashdene at 7pm on Friday, 31st October. This is our fund raiser to provide the Over 60's with a party nearer Christmas. The WI hosts this each year and all are welcome to this fund raising event. There will be a tombola and a raffle.

2. Railways in India - talk by John Meredith on January 6th, 2004 at 7.30pm, Village Hall. This is an open meeting and we hope than many non WI members, husbands and young people of both sexes will be interested to attend. John is known to many locally as ex verger at the Minster, a bell ringer and a railway enthusiast.

Southwell Choral Society

The next performance will be at 7.30pm in the Minster **29th November**. The programme will include "The Armed Man - A Mass for Peace" by Karl Jenkins, "Prelude and Liebestod" from Tristan and Isolde by Richard Wagner and "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Aaron Copland. Tickets from The Minster Shop, Music in the Yard (01636 814411), Tourist Information Centre, Newark.

Village Ventures

Karin Davis again organised another hugely successful Jazz evening as part of the Village Ventures programme. Once again, Halam can be proud to boast of having top class performers in the Village Hall. Thanks to Karin and all those who helped her arrange this evening.

Harvest Supper

70 villagers and friends enjoyed beef stew and apple pie at the Halam Harvest Supper, where they were entertained by Mr Tony Roberts, who kept everyone amused with some anecdotes about his time as Mayor of Newark. The Village Hall looked very autumnal thanks to displays of artwork by Halam children and more subtle lighting made for an intimate feel. A raffle was included in the price of the ticket and our thanks go to Ross of the French Horn, Upton for donating a meal for two as first prize, as well as a bottle of champagne from the Old Reindeer, Edingley and a bottle of wine from the Waggon & Horses. There was a lot of effort from a lot of people to make this a very successful evening. Our thanks to all of them. **Julie and Marina**

Particular thanks to Julie & Marina themselves for organising a great night out.

Harvest Service - St Michael's, Halam

In the past all the donations from the village and the school have been passed on to the Night Shelter in Nottingham (Framework - housing and supporting homeless people). This year we were asked to contact and forward our Harvest Gifts to the nearest project which is Fritchley Court, Mansfield. This is a project specifically aimed at helping homeless young people aged between 18-25 years old in the Mansfield area. Young people are housed in flats and taught how to manage living on their own and then supported when they move on. The residents and staff of Fritchley Court wish to pass on their thanks and appreciation for our support of their charity - which receives no direct funding.

Children's Society

Jeanette Simmons would like to thank all those who contributed to the Children's Society Boxes. A total of £111.36 was raised.

Garden Open Day : The Old Vicarage

A big thank you to all those who helped to raise £351 for St. Michael's Church and £351 for the City Hospital's Burns Unit. It was marvellous to have friends and villagers donate cakes etc. and give their time manning the teapots, gate and welcoming visitors. At the same time we raised £1000 over the four Open Days for the National Garden Scheme, a charity which donates to numerous nursing retirement associations, including the Marie Curie Cancer Care, hospices and the National Trust. Well done and thank you. **Bev Perks.**

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 9th October 2003

Present: S. Bust (in the Chair), N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, K. Lindley, A. Paris, I. Sharman.

Apologies: G. Herbert.

Neighbourhood Watch: Andrew Paris is to liaise with David Stubbs to establish present status and to recommend how to increase effectiveness. It was agreed that the beat officer for Halam and the local Neighbourhood Watch Officer would be invited to speak at a future Parish Council meeting.

HGV restriction on Southwell to White Post road: Andy Stewart will report back when comments and suggestions have been made in Edingley and Farnsfield.

Parking: The problems of street parking in the village was discussed. The matter will be raised with the beat officer when she / he attends the meeting. Please note: it is an offence to park any vehicle within 20 yards of any junction. Evidence of cars parked on village junctions – Grey Lane, Radley Road and School Lane – will be gathered and persistent offenders will be reported to the police.

Bus shelter: Two younger volunteers for cleaning will be covered by the Parish Council's insurance as long as written permission is given by the parents and that they are supervised by an adult. It was decided to have the shelter cleaned once a fortnight and an appropriate rate was discussed and set.

Hill Farm Hedge: The Clerk is to speak to the owner to request further cutting back.

Harvest Supper 18th October, 2003: It was reported that preparations are progressing well. The Parish Council agreed that the organisers could spend the usual budget on the event. It is expected that the Supper will at least break even.

Low Flying Aircraft: Following a recent incident, concerns were expressed about the increase in low flying aircraft over Halam. If this is generally causing a problem, the Parish Council will ask Nancy Sharman who is in the RAF to come to a future meeting. Please feedback any concerns or problems to the Parish Council.

Rights of Way: The Chairman reported that no common land or open countryside designations are designated for Halam. Further information on www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping.

Planning

1. **Rear of Barnholme, Grey Lane – Erection of new retirement cottage:** Accepted on the Chairman's casting vote on the grounds that this is a smaller, more affordable development in the village.

Finance: Andrew Paris issued each councillor with a draft copy of the proposals for the Financial Regulations for the Parish Council. He asked that these could be discussed at the next meeting with the view of proposed adoption. One area to do with cheques paid to the Parish Council was highlighted and the Clerk was to research this further with NALC.

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Sunday 2nd November: All Saints' Sunday	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 9th November: 3rd before Advent	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16th November: 2nd before Advent	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 23rd November: Christ the King	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 30th November : Advent Sunday	11am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Cluster Meeting in Minster

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HALAM NEWS

DECEMBER 2003



Welcome to Rhiannon Welch and her daughter, Aurelia who have moved in to Radley Terrace.

Due to the popularity and success of the Harvest Supper, the Parish Council has decided that it would be good to have more social (and fund raising) events throughout the year. To this end a Village Entertainment Committee is being formed. If you would like to be on this committee, help occasionally, or have ideas for future events such as a Summer Ball, quiz night, bonfire night, barn dance, etc. please call **Marina on 814026** or **Julie on 815844**.

Church Cleaning

Once again it gives me much pleasure to say a "Big Thank You" to our group of willing church cleaners for a job well done. Thanks to all from **May Robinson**.

Poppy Day Appeal

This year a record £173.04 was collected in the village. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity and apologies to those people I missed. **Dora Rylett**.

Halam School Christmas Events

The children from Halam School invite you to their Christmas Concert on **Wednesday 10th December** at 2pm. Senior citizens are also welcome to join them for carols and mince pies on **Thursday 18th December** at 10.30am.

Halam WI - a date for your diary

Railways in India - talk by John Meredith on January 6th, 2004 at 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Please remember to join us for our meeting on January 6th at 7.30pm. All will be very welcome and we are sure husbands/lads will find John Meredith on "Trains in India" totally fascinating. Allow yourself to be transported to sunny climes in January. Light seasonal refreshments will be served.

Southwell Renaissance Singers

The Southwell Renaissance Singers will be here again for the **Carol Service** in Halam church on **Sunday 14th December at 6pm**. Everyone is welcome. The collection has usually gone to a charity of the Singers' choice but this year, in line with the funding campaign, the Singers have decided that the collection is to be for church funds.

Also the Singers will be featured in **Carols For Everyone** in Southwell Minster on **December 13th** when the collection will be for the Mirassol Trust, and will be giving their own concert of Carols and light Christmas music "**A CHRISTMAS CRACKER**" on **Monday 22nd December** at 8pm. in the Great Hall. Tickets include a glass of wine and nibbles and are available from the Singers or the Minster Shop. Proceeds to the Southwell Live at Home Scheme.

Halam Kids' Club

The Club is looking for relief staff when our full-time workers are unavailable. In particular we need cover on Monday afternoons. The Club provides after school care for children of Halam School. If you would enjoy getting to know local children and have some free time and energy we need your help. In a relaxed atmosphere, with structured activities, 10 -15 children use the Club each session. There are always two members of staff available. It runs from 3pm to 6pm during term time. Should this appeal to you or you need to know more please contact Helen on 814581 or Suzi on 813913.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 13th November 2003

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, K. Lindley, A. Paris, I. Sharman.

Dog Bin: The Clerk is to check that the Diocese will not object to the proposed location. The bin will then be erected.

Gating Schemes: County Councillor Andy Stewart confirmed that this was being designed in conjunction with a scheme in Edingley and was being progressed as a matter of urgency.

Neighbourhood Watch: A letter will be sent to all current co-ordinators to find out if they wish to continue in their roles. An open meeting with the area co-ordinator Tony Reynolds is to be arranged.

Hedge - Halam Hill: This is being regularly trimmed, but the situation will be monitored.

Parking: Thanks to all who have helped improve the parking situation at the Radley Road/Turnpike area. However, vehicles parked at the top of School Lane are still causing a traffic hazard. The school/PTA will be asked to help with their input. There are still problems with parked cars at the Gray Lane/Radley Road junction. The situation is being monitored.

Bus shelter Cleaners: The two younger volunteers are now about to start a cleaning rota.

Footpath Halam Hill: The District Council will not be lifting this planning condition from the golf course's planning permission. Nora Armstrong will report back further developments.

Christmas Decorations: The Kids' Club will be asked if they wish to decorate the Village Hall.

Harvest Supper: A report on the event by Julie and Marina was circulated, along with the financial figures –the evening raised £558. The Chairman congratulated the organisers and all involved on an excellent event. It was agreed that a set of spotlights for the Hall would be purchased from part of the proceeds raised, with Karen Lindley's "Halam Arts" contributing 50% of the cost. It was agreed that a Village Entertainment Committee would be formed with input from the Parish Council and others as appropriate. It would organise the Harvest Supper (provisional date of **Saturday 2nd October, 2004**) and other village social events throughout the year, a Summer Ball was suggested.

Planning:

1. Ashcroft, Gray Lane – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new house and garaging:
Passed unanimously. It was agreed to recommend to the District Council that any external lighting should be kept to a minimum to reduce light pollution in the countryside.
2. Planning decisions: The District Council sent notice of the following planning approvals:
 - a.) Land adjoining "Ashdene", Radley Road – erection of new house
 - b.) "Applegarth", Radley Road – new study/dressing room extension.

Finance: A budget for next year was circulated and approved unanimously. A brief report from the treasurer of the Parish Plan was circulated. It was resolved to pay the Village Hall cleaners.

Items for the next agenda: Village Hall extension plans, state of road surface on Gray Lane, removal of the gate at the top of Cultersforth Lane (Wolfley Cross Roads).

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 11th December, 2003 at 7.30pm**

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Sunday 7th December : Advent 2	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 14th December : Advent 3	11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Carol Service with the Renaissance Singers
Sunday 21st December : Advent 4	9.30am Family Communion
Wednesday 24th December : Christmas Eve	5pm Crib Service 11.15pm Sung Eucharist
Thursday 25th December : Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 28th December : Christmas 1	8am Holy Communion

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