



HALAM NEWS JULY 2002

Best Kept Village

Please make every effort to keep the village tidy so that we succeed in this competition. A particular effort is needed for the public areas of the village.

The Village Shop

The shop still needs all the support it can get. Please make an extra effort to get in to the habit of using it as much as you can. Most of us do the major shop at some supermarket but it doesn't take a great deal of effort to buy a few items from your shopping list at our local shop. It would be nice if those villagers who never use it had a change of mind and began to support one of our local facilities so as to secure its future. Please don't leave it to someone else.

Jubilee Literary Treasure Hunt - July 2002

"At a place

where food and drink

sustain man and beast

but no drinkers are on this transport."

Thanks to Gill Starkey for a suggestion for another clue, only problem, where is it? So I can put the poem there. Pieces are slowly emerging from the pens of shy Halam writers. More please. **Nevil Croston, Little Oak, Radley Road.**

Halam School Sports' Day - Wednesday 17th July, 3.30 pm onwards

There will be PTA stalls and refreshments. The Governors will be arranging various collections for Mrs Meakin, Mrs Webb and Mrs Eveleigh. Should anyone wish to contribute to any collection please contact Marina Thompson on 814026 or join us on 17th July to say goodbye.

Waggon and Horses

Will & Rebecca would like to thank everyone who supported the charity Jubilee auction on Sunday June 2nd. It was a fantastic evening, raising over £1,500 for Nottingham City Hospital cancer charities. We are planning more auctions and would welcome any interesting lots and prizes.

Queen's Golden Jubilee Awards

If you know of any group of people who volunteer their time to help others, then you can nominate them for one of up to 200 of the above awards for outstanding voluntary activities by ringing 0845 000 2002. The closing date is 30th September.

Evening of Celtic/Jazz Fusion

In the Village Hall, **Thursday 3rd Oct.** Brendan Power (Riverdance fame) and Geoff Castle (played with top touring bands) will feature. Tickets are £5 from the shop or from Karin Davis (815854).

Mobile Police CCTV Van

Community volunteers are needed to assist the operatives; training and familiarisation is given. If anyone is interested contact Ian Harrison on 01636 655933.

Christian Aid

Thank you to all those who collected and contributed. £158.40 was raised. **Beverley Perks.**

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 13th June, 2002

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mr Bust, Mrs Davis, Mrs Gathercole, Mrs Armstrong

Kids' Club: Agreed unanimously to renew the contract for a further academic year

Dog Fouling: Eddie Howes, the dog warden for the area including Halam, will be patrolling regularly. Dog Wardens can impose fixed penalty fines on people who allow their dogs to foul public access areas and will pick up strays, requiring payment for their return. The Council is still considering provision of special bins.

Footpaths: It was agreed that Mrs Godber should be the official Footpath Officer for the village. It was agreed not to ask for a footpath sign at the end of St. Helen's Lane.

Roads: The Council will ask the Police to undertake regular checks on parking in Halam if the situation does not improve by the next meeting. It is illegal to park near a junction.

Planter at Village Hall: Mr. & Mrs. Stubbs were thanked for their efforts in installing and filling the planter. It was suggested it should be dedicated to Mr Bust, but agreed that a more permanent memorial would be found when work took place on the Village Hall.

Planning:

1. Manor Farm, Radley Road, new garage door - 3 letters received expressing concerns. Rejected 5 for, 1 against, 1 abstention - on the grounds of safety.
2. Norwood Park, Directional Signs to golf course - rejected 6 for, 1 against. 6ft by 4ft signs on Halam Hill and School Lane were considered too big. Signs similar in size to those indicating the Workhouse would be more appropriate.
3. Ford House, Turnpike, proposed two storey dwelling - accepted 6 for, 1 abstention on resubmission of plans with improved surface for St Helen's Lane.
4. Blonds - proposed fencing and security gate - rejected 5 for, 1 against, 1 abstention on grounds it is not in keeping with the area. Need for a boundary is recognised and alternative proposals will be considered sympathetically.

Finance: Money approved to pay for advertising acceptance of code of conduct, for insurance, for buying planter at front of Village Hall and for more gravel for the area in front of the Village Hall.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 11th July at 7.30pm.**

St. Michael the Archangel

Churchyard Day - volunteers are required to help out in the churchyard on **Sunday, 7th July**. Strimmers will be especially useful. Volunteer numbers have been poor recently. It would be nice to get a few more helpers. Refreshments will be provided by the Waggon and Horses. Afternoon start.

Restoration Work - The first phase of the restoration work is due to commence on 15th July. This will include repairing and repointing the masonry walls, repairing the nave, provision of guttering and drainpipes and installation of an efficient drainage system. The work will involve erection of scaffolding and excavation of the graveyard. If you would like to know more or would like to contribute financially please contact Tony Hallam (Church Fabric Officer) on 812580.

Sunday July 7 : Trinity 6	11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday July 14 : Trinity 7	8am. Holy Communion 11am Family Communion. Singing Group and musicians
Sunday July 21 : Trinity 8	11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday July 28 : Trinity 9	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Service. Drama - "RSVP" 6pm. Cluster Service
Sunday August 4 : Trinity 10	11am Sung Eucharist 6pm Cluster Service (Edingley)

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

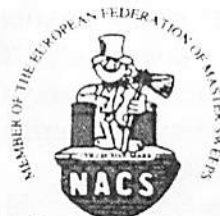
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HALAM NEWS AUGUST 2002

Linda Meakin

Picture assembly at Halam School on the first day of a new school year. The old timers know the form. But who are these tiny tots on the first row? One is looking round open mouthed in amazement. One certainly has no wish to be here at all. Another has to communicate with all present, and yet another ... oh dear! Where did that puddle come from? ... but we won't make a fuss. All this was in a day's work for Linda Meakin. Day's work? **Life's** work.... for year by year we saw that little band of very different and individualistic children welded together into a class of purposeful learners, and not just concerned with the three R's, SATS and all that, but becoming a caring community. Yet they kept their individuality. Each child was cherished and their particular gifts brought out and shared. Weaknesses were discovered and re-reinforcement given. No nonsense there! Who dares say teachers only work 9-4 five days a week? Not anyone who has visited the Meakin household on a Saturday and found Linda preparing next week's lessons. All the family is involved. So much so that Katy too has become a teacher. That says something when your daughter wants to follow in your footsteps. Christ said that a prophet is not without honour save in his own country... Not so in the case of Linda Ashley... a local lass who returned to her village to become a most cherished and honoured teacher. Countless children have cause to be grateful they began their school life in the loving but firm hands of Mrs. Meakin. We really wish you well in your retirement along with Edward, Katy and Lizzie. And remember Linda... no more Ofsted's! **Canon David Keene.**

Churchyard Cleaning Day - 2nd Phase - Aug 4th, 4pm. Refreshments provided by Waggon & Horses

Jubilee Literary Treasure Hunt - July 2002

"Neither a lender norbe, who lives within this tree?" **Nevil Croston, Little Oak, Radley Road**

Open Gardens

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Halam Open Gardens such a successful event. Gross takings were higher than ever before at over £1650!!! despite it being World Cup Final day and the weather being rather chilly. The gardens all looked lovely and this combined with magnificent efforts from the tea ladies, bric-a-brac and the bookstall added up to another tremendous day.

Jubilee Party

What a successful day it was. The weather was kind, the teas good, the mobile surveillance unit interesting, the village photos very popular, the competitions fun, the children's Jubilee mugs were well received and the overall mood was very jolly! Declan Joyce took some wonderful photos which can be purchased (£1 each). Some will go to the village collection. Thanks go to all who helped to organise, those who helped on the day and Richard Brown and Eleanor Bust for donating the mugs. And of course not forgetting the local residents and businesses who donated funds and other items so that everyone could have an enjoyable Jubilee Party. Please let Peter Thompson (814026) know if any village children under 16 did not receive their Jubilee mug.

Sponsored Bike Ride

On the **14th September** with half the proceeds to the church. Details - Beverley Perks, 812181.

The Children's Society

Would people please hand in their boxes this month to Janette Simons?

Dr Jackson's Book of Halam

A last minute hitch with the original publisher has caused a delay in publication while a new publisher is found. The books are now expected to be available by September.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 11th July, 2002

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mr Bust, Mrs Davis, Mrs Gathercole, Mrs Armstrong

Gravel for Village Hall: David Stubbs and working party were thanked for their efforts.

Jubilee Celebration: All those who helped to organise this marvellous day were thanked for their efforts. Eleanor Bust and Richard Brown were thanked for their gift of a mug for every child in the village.

Open Gardens Day: This raised over £1650, the best ever total, which will be split equally between the Parish Council, the Church and the PTA. Peter Thompson and all those who helped and contributed were thanked for their efforts.

Village Plan: 56% of villagers voted in favour of creating a plan, 33% voted against, 2% abstained, 7% were non voters and 2% of voters were missing. It was agreed 4 for, 3 against to proceed with the plan with the same committee and chairman. The next steps will be for the committee to identify examples of a plan from

other villages, put together a skeleton of the plan and devise a project plan to complete it, including any costs for which a grant may be available. Maurice Hinde and his committee were thanked for their efforts so far.

Planning:

1. Chimney Pot Cottage, Back Lane: replacement window and door and roof lights to 1st Floor Study: Alterations to window and door unanimously approved. 1st Floor roof lights approved 6 to 1 on condition that they were non opening and opaque glass.
2. Golf Course: request to remove requirement for new footpath link: All agreed that requirement for footpath should remain. 5 to 2 agreement to wording of response: The application is a breach of the planning conditions and the footpath is an integral part of the agreement. The Council has no difficulty understanding the condition and has no objection to the path being fenced off, with openings at top and bottom. The planning officer should be consulted on the surface. The footpath should have been there before the golf course opened so the District Council is being asked to enforce this condition.
3. The Cottage, Gray Lane: Concern was expressed that a planning application for outbuildings may not have come to the attention of the Council. This will be taken up with Newark and Sherwood.
4. Goldhill Farm: Some new outbuildings have been seen at Goldhill Farm. The need for planning permission for these will be checked.

Finance: It was agreed unanimously that Cedric Hallam would be the internal auditor.

Date of next meeting: *Thursday 8th August at 7.30pm.*

St. Michael the Archangel

The first phase of the restoration work described in last month's Halam News finally got under way on 22nd July. The cost of this work is to be met from awards promised or received from a number of charitable trusts and other organisations, including £10,000 from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, a charity set up in 1953 to assist in the repair of churches and chapels in England and Wales; £5,000 from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd. who distribute the Landfill Tax Credits of Waste Recycling Group Plc. through the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust; £5,000 from the Whiteley Charitable Trust; £5,000 from the Veneziana Fund; £4,000 from the Council for the Care of Churches; £3,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation and £2,000 from Newark and Sherwood District Council. I wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the generous support of all our sponsors and a complete list of these has been placed on the Church notice Board. If you would like to know more about the restoration work or to help financially, please contact me on 812580 **Tony Hallam (Church Fabric Officer).**

Sunday August 4 : Trinity 10	11am. Sung Eucharist 6pm. Cluster Service at Edingley
Sunday August 11 : Trinity 11	8am. Holy Communion 11am Family Communion. Drama : "Question Time" 6pm. Cluster Service at Holy Trinity
Sunday August 18 : Trinity 12	11am. Sung Eucharist 6pm. Cluster Service at Hockerton
Sunday August 25 : Trinity 13	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Service - Focus on younger children 3.15pm. Cluster Service in the Minster


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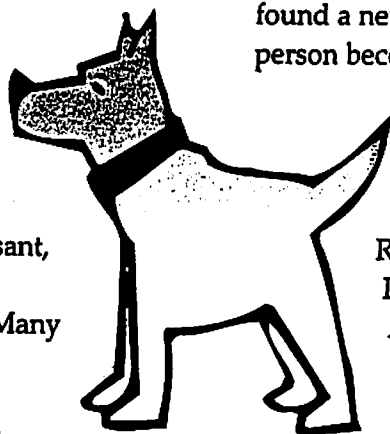
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DOGS: MAN'S BEST FRIEND?

Man domesticated dogs many thousands of years ago, since when they have helped him to hunt animals for food, control pest species, herd livestock, protect property, and keep him company. These days most dogs are kept as pets, and in this role provide a rewarding friendship, and company to many who would otherwise live alone.

Kept responsibly, dogs should not cause serious problems to others: why is it then that many thousands of complaints are received every year by Council Dog Wardens across the country? As usual it is not always the dogs fault, but their owners.

Everyone who owns a dog has a serious responsibility, both to the animal, to neighbours and others who may be affected by the dog's behaviour. So -what are the most common problems?



FOULING Dog dirt is unpleasant, smelly and may carry diseases and parasites, which can affect humans. Many complaints are received about owners who allow their animals to leave their droppings in public places, and do not clean up the mess. **THIS IS AN OFFENCE AGAINST THE LAW:** anyone not cleaning up after their dog can be fined up to £1,000. You can buy purpose-made 'poop-scoops' to pick up your dog's mess, but a

supermarket carrier bag will do just as well. Bins are provided in many parks and road verges for disposing of the mess, but if there isn't one near where you walk your dog, use an ordinary litter bin, or if there aren't any, take it home and put it in the wheelie bin. This law applies to almost all areas in the open air to which the public have access: farmland, moorland and marshland are the main exceptions. Our Dog Wardens are giving offenders Fixed-Penalty Fines: **DON'T BE ONE OF THEM!** Complaints are also received about householders who let their dogs foul their own garden, but never clean up the mess: if it accumulates it smells unpleasant and attracts flies, which carry diseases. The best way to dispose of droppings is by using a 'dog-loo' sunk into the earth of your garden, which allows the waste to decompose safely without causing problems. Alternatively bury it in an area of soil set aside for the

purpose, but using a different area every time, working around the plot, making sure it is covered well. Councils have powers to compel owners to clean up their gardens if the state of the garden is causing a nuisance to others.

STRAYING If you allow your dog to wander in public places without supervision, the law regards it as a stray dog. Dog Wardens pick up strays, after which the owner is liable to a charge of nearly £50 before the dog can be returned. If unclaimed after a few days, the stray is taken to rescue kennels: if unclaimed after a week it may be found a new home, with a new owner. This new person becomes the legal owner.

If a stray dog carries identification, it makes the return to its owner easy.

Many dogs do not however, and are picked up and re-homed. **THE LAW REQUIRES A COLLAR AND IDENTIFICATION TAG TO BE WORN BY ALL DOGS WHEN AWAY FROM HOME,** and the owner risks a fine if the dog does not have it.

BARKING All dogs bark at times, but often dogs left alone all day are bored and bark for long periods of time, annoying neighbours. This is the biggest single cause of noise complaints made to Councils. The noise may be considered a nuisance in law. In such cases the Council has to give the owner a notice requiring the nuisance to be stopped, and may require various things to be done to achieve this. If the problem continues, the owner may face a fine of up to £5,000, and also risks having the dog(s) removed in order to stop the nuisance. If your dogs are making the neighbours complain, you may have a visit from the Dog Warden, who is also available to give you advice on ways of dealing with this problem.

When kept responsibly, dogs give many years of pleasure without causing problems to others, and indeed are 'man's best friend'.

If you need advice regarding any of these matters, please phone the Dog Wardens on 01636 655586/655600, who will be pleased to help.



HALAM NEWS SEPTEMBER 2002

Jubilee Poetry and Prose Treasure Hunt

Through the grave place
Up the steep hill and turn around
You should see two towers
One for birds and one for people
Below you
And above you used to be a place
where you could keep thousands of doctors away.
Nevil Croston, Little Oak, Radley Road. nevil@littleoakhalam.fsnet.co.uk
Is waiting for your contributions for the winter poems.

Evening of Celtic/Jazz Fusion

Instead of sitting in watching the box why not come out and enjoy yourself listening to some high class music. There will be an evening of Celtic and Jazz music fused together by top notch musicians, Brendan Power of Riverdance fame and Geoff Castle who has played with several top touring bands. The event will be in the Village Hall on **Thursday 3rd. October.** Tickets are £5 from the shop or from Karin Davies on 815854.

Paper Collection

Please remember that the village has a paper collection service every two weeks. All you have to do is save old newspapers, envelopes, junk mail etc. put them in a plastic bag and put it out with your bin on the correct day. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 3rd September** and every two weeks thereafter. It's better than filling up our landfill sites with something that can easily be recycled.

Sponsored Bike Ride

There will be a sponsored bike ride on the **14th September** with half the proceeds going to the church. Details from **Beverley Perks, 812181**

Churchyard Clean up Days

Another two days have been set for a churchyard clean up - on **Sunday 1st September** and **Sunday 6th October**, both starting at 4pm. Volunteers are required armed with sharp spades, barrows, strimmers and rakes. Refreshments will be provided by the Waggon and Horses. Thank you to all those who have already made such a difference. Let's hope we can continue the great work.
Rebecca White.

Southwell Choral Society

The first rehearsals for the new season begin on **Monday 9th September** at the Minster School, Nottingham Road site, beginning at 7pm. and every Monday from then on. A warm welcome to present members and new members are welcome too. The date of the first concert is Saturday 30th November when *Messa di Gloria* by Puccini and *Durufle's Requiem* will be performed.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 8th August, 2002

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mr Bust, Mrs Gathercole. Apologies: Mrs Davis, Mrs Armstrong

Parking: It was agreed to ask the Police to monitor the parking situation in the village.

Planning:

1. Chapel Cottage, Back Lane: Proposed extension Approved unanimously
2. Gables Cottage, The Turnpike: Proposed 2 storey extension Unanimously agreed to approve, on condition that windows overlooking Highbird should be opaque glass.
3. Manor Farm, Radley Road: Insertion of New Garage Door Several letters received. Unanimously agreed to reject on grounds of safety. District Council to be asked why permission required (is it a change of use?), whether it agrees with first three lines of supporting letter and to clarify the legal situation given the different views expressed.

Finance: Agreed to buy copies of Standing Orders pamphlets for those who did not already have one.

Date of next meeting: *Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm.*

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday Sept. 1st : Trinity 14	11am. Sung Eucharist President and preacher: The Revd Russell Perry
Sunday Sept. 8th : Trinity 15	8am. Holy Communion President and preacher: The Canon Pastor 11am Family Communion. President and preacher: The Chancellor
Sunday Sept. 15th : Trinity 16	11am. Sung Eucharist President and preacher: The Revd Russell Perry
Sunday Sept. 22nd : Harvest Festival	8am Holy Communion President and preacher: The Revd Myra Shackley 11am Family Service Preacher: Sister Barbara Drama : Ballad of the Cake Diggers 6pm Evensong Preacher : The Canon Pastor
Sunday Sept. 29th : Michaelmas	11am. Festal Liturgy Preacher : Canon Michael Austin Drama : Angel Space 6pm. Cluster Service Preacher : The Revd Russell Perry Drama : Angel Space

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HALAM NEWS OCTOBER 2002

May I please express my most sincere thanks and gratitude to all our friends in Halam for their kindness and wonderful tributes to my late wife, Sue. I would also like to say a very special thank you to Marie and Roy Turner whose help, support and comfort has been so greatly appreciated. All my love to you both and God bless. **Martin Preece, Ashbrook, St. Helen's Lane.**

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be held on **Friday, October 18th at 7pm**. The guest speaker will be David Keene. Tickets are £5 for adults, £2.50 for children - available from the shop. Offers of help would be welcomed by Glenys Herbert and tombola prizes should be given to Harry Rickett.

Auction of Promises - 11th October School Hall - Viewing from 7.15pm, Auction 8pm prompt

Everyone is welcome to what is sure to be an entertaining evening in aid of Halam School. The attached catalogue shows the vast and exciting range of promises which will be auctioned by **David Brown**. Sealed bids accepted in advance - see back of catalogue. £1 per head including a glass of wine and nibbles. Tickets available from Lorna Baisley (815971), Marina Thompson (814026), Tracey Holmes (815889) or on the door numbers permitting. **Halam & Edingley PTA**

Village Ventures

There will be some professional storytelling in the Village Hall on **Saturday 30th November**: "Starlight" is for 3-5 year olds (and parents!) and begins at 3pm. "Hearthside Tales" is for all the family and begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at the shop and from the PTA members. £4 for adults and children £2.50. Please support live events in our village!

Children's Society

A big thank you to all those people with boxes and those who contributed. A total of £102.02 was raised. **Jeanette Simmons.**

Women's Institute

Come and join us in the Village Hall on **Saturday October 5th** for a **Coffee Morning**. We shall be there from 10am. until 12 noon with tombola, cake stall, raffle, bric-a-brac stall and plant stall. Admission is 50p and all profits will go to the Over 60s Christmas Party.

The WI meets on the first Tuesday of every month and are always delighted to see new faces. Come as a visitor and see what our form of Jam and Jerusalem is about. We have had a do it yourself year with contributions from our own members, especially Carol Layfield and Karin Davis. We have so much talent out there that we have had great fun every meeting. We had a fascinating Southwell walk and a good chance to see the famous Bramley apple tree, followed by a faith supper in the W.I. Hall in Southwell. At meetings the inevitable business is quickly whizzed through to allow plenty of time for our speaker and for members to chat over a cup of tea. Think about it. It's great fun.

Churchyard Clean up Dayn - Sunday 6th October - 4pm onwards

Volunteers are required armed with spades, barrows, strimmers and rakes. Refreshments will be provided by the Waggon and Horses. Let's hope we can continue the great work. **Rebecca White.**

Waggon and Horses

Waggon Workshops - these are back by popular demand. If you are searching for inspiration in the kitchen then spend an evening with us to revitalise your jaded palate. There are two workshops, one on Tuesday **22nd October** and the second on the **29th October**, both start at 6pm. If you require more details, please enquire at the pub.

Food and Drink Festival - following on from the success of last year's festival there will be another in November, more details later.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 12th September, 2002

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mr Bust, Mrs Gathercole, Mrs Davis

Apologies: Mrs Armstrong

Village Plan: Mr Hinde will attend the next meeting to outline the format of the plan.

Parking at Village Hall: Non users of the Village Hall have been parking cars there, obstructing parking for hall users. The cost of putting up a sign to say parking is for hall users only will be investigated.

Traffic Calming: The council agreed to try again to get traffic calming measures for Halam Hill such as the speed warning lights in use at Upton. It was also noted that anyone interested in being a school crossing warden should make this known to a member of the Parish Council. This could easily be a job share, perhaps of two or three people if that makes it a more feasible prospect. Perhaps some concerned parents would be able to do this job for a while until the parish council negotiate with the County Council re. road markings and/or lights.

Planning:

1. Manor Farm, Radley Road: Insertion of New Garage Door, Listed Building Consent This was approved 4 for, 2 against, but it was noted that the Council's view on the planning application itself remained the same.

2. Meadow Cottage, Radley Road Proposed Conservatory This was approved unanimously

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm.**

St. Michael the Archangel

On 15th September it was announced that Canon Hendy had been appointed Rector of the Benefice of Upper Itchen in the Diocese of Winchester and he will be instituted to his new Benefice by the Bishop of Winchester on Tuesday 26th November. Canon Hendy's last Sunday here will be 10th November, when he will conduct the services at Halam. I am sure that the community will wish to express their appreciation for his ministry both in the Church, School and Community. Further details of his "Farewell" will be given later. We assure Graham and Margaret (whose ministry as a Reader has been greatly appreciated) of our prayers and good wishes as they prepare to move. **The Dean.**

Sunday Oct.6th : Dedication Festival	9.30am. Family Service. Pet Service to celebrate St. Francistide. All pets welcome with their owners! 11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday Oct.13th : Trinity 20	8am. Holy Communion 11am Family Communion with drama, "The Lost Coin"
Sunday Oct. 20th : Trinity 21	11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday Oct. 27th : Last After Trinity	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday Nov.3rd : All Saints' Sunday	9.30am Family Service with drama "Gunpowder Treason" 11am Sung Eucharist

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CHIMNEY CHECK





HALAM NEWS NOVEMBER 2002

Welcome to Wendy and Tony Barraclough who have moved into St Helen's Croft, Turnpike and Mr and Mrs Andrews who have moved into Skypen, Radley Road.

The Village Shop

Where can you buy Courgette Chutney with Sundried Tomatoes and Basil, Sainsbury's Italian Bread Sticks, Frank Cooper's Marmalade, a range of plants, half a bottle of wine or Shaw's fresh laid farm eggs? Your local village shop of course! Get down there and see what else they've got.

Poetry and Prose Treasure Hunt

October Clue - "On the path past the farm belonging to the mother of a large Far Eastern nation - Perhaps" or an abbreviated form of "mother added to a large facial feature"

November Clue - "An untapped source of agua/eau. Not a factory but a place that works"

Southwell Choral Society

The Society performs *Messa di Gloria* by Puccini & Durufle's *Requiem* - **Saturday 30th November.**

Village Ventures

Another excellent evening of music was enjoyed by all on 3rd October. Thank you Pat and Mandy, Margaret and Alan, Marina, Jane and Suzi. It couldn't have been done without you. - **Karin Davies.**

Starlight and Hearthside Tales

There will be some professional storytelling in the Village Hall on **Saturday 30th November.** Professional storyteller Chris Bostock will perform "Starlight" for 3-5 year olds (and carers) and begins at 3pm. "Hearthside Tales" for older children and families begins at 6.45pm. Tickets are on sale at the shop, from Karin (815854), Janet Strathern or from PTA members. £4 for adults and children £2.50. Please support live events in our village!

Bonfire Night : Sunday 3rd November

Hosted by the Old Reindeer Pub, Edingley in aid of Halam and Edingley PTA. Admission from 5pm. Food at 5.30pm. (burger/hot dog included in the ticket price) Fireworks at 6pm. and bonfire at 6.30pm. Children's Guy Fawkes competition - bring him along on the night! **Strictly no private fireworks or sparklers permitted.** Advance ticket prices - Family (2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children) - £4. Adult - £1.75. Child - 75p. - available from Janet Strathern (816746), Tracey Holmes (815889) or Lorna Baisley (815971). Ticket prices on the gate - Adult - £2. Child - £1. No family tickets on the gate.

Auction of Promises

The Halam and Edingley PTA. wish to express their gratitude to all those who supported the Auction by contributing promises or purchasing them! David Brown, auctioneer, ensured an enjoyable evening was had by all. The event raised over £4700! **Many thanks to all those involved.**

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 10th October, 2002

Present: Mrs Herbert, Mr Brown, Mr Rickett, Mrs Armstrong, Mr Bust, Mrs Gathercole, Mrs Davis
Apologies: Mr P Rickett, Clerk

Dog Bins: The Council would like to know villagers' views on the need for dog bins and the locations where these might most be needed - bearing in mind that each bin would cost £100 to buy and £1.10 every time it needed emptying. Please contact any councillor.

Village Plan: Mr Hinde produced a document outlining the headings under which the Parish Plan would be arranged: History and Nature of the Village, Transport, School, Church, Clubs etc., Planning, Working Life, Village Hall, Shop and Post Office, Village Pub. He outlined the likely cost, including an independent survey of the thoughts and wishes of parishioners. Most of this could be funded by a grant which the Parish Council agreed to apply for, by services in lieu of cash and by fund raising activities for the remainder (a maximum of £335).

Traffic Calming: A letter was received from the PTA supporting the Council's desire for traffic calming measures. It was agreed that the Council and the PTA should write a joint letter to the

County Council to get a senior Road Safety Official to visit the village at an appropriate time to assess the most effective measures. Further action could be taken to obtain these once identified. The owner of the hedge on Halam Hill is to be contacted regarding the poor visibility for road users.

IT Training - "Bringing IT Home": Newark and Sherwood College will arrange for 3 hours of computer training for groups of 6 people in a home setting. Karin Davis agreed to host such a session. Villagers should contact Karin on 815854 if they are interested in attending (or hosting another such session themselves).

Planning:

1. Village Hall Modifications: Martin Hubbard has been looking at a range of possible alterations to the Village Hall with two of the councillors. These include a possible extension, stage, compulsory disabled facilities, better acoustics etc. It was agreed that he will shape these into three alternatives with rough costings and circulate these to councillors in advance of a future meeting and then a Parish Meeting will be convened to obtain parishioners' views.
2. St Helen's Croft, The Turnpike - Modification of Condition 4 of permission FUL/990961 - removal of permitted rights An earlier planning application had a condition attached which removed the rights to modify the property which would normally have been allowed without planning permission. It was agreed 5 for, 2 abstentions to allow this condition to be modified.
3. St Helen's Croft, The Turnpike - proposed extension to form domestic stables It was agreed to approve the application to extend an outbuilding for this purpose - 5 for, 2 abstentions.

Disabled Parking: Agreed to ask if a disabled parking space could be created in front of the Church

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm.**

St. Michael the Archangel

Canon Hendy's last Sunday here will be 10th November, when he will conduct the services at Halam. I am sure that the community will wish to express their appreciation for his ministry both in the Church, School and Community. We assure Graham and Margaret (whose ministry as a Reader has been greatly appreciated) of our prayers and good wishes as they prepare to move. **The Dean.**

Sunday Nov. 3rd : All Saint's Sunday	9.30am. Family Service with drama : Gunpowder Treason 11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday Nov. 10th : Remembrance Sunday	8am. Holy Communion 11am Family Communion with drama : Be Prepared
Sunday Nov. 17th : 2nd before Advent	11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday Nov. 24th : Christ the King	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday Dec. 1st ; Advent Sunday	9.30am Family Service with drama RSVP 11am Sung Eucharist

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A belated welcome to Richard, Kirsty and Isobel Bloor who moved into Orchard View, Radley Road during the summer.

Mothers' and Toddlers' Christmas Party

The party will take place in the Village Hall on **Friday 20th December** between 1pm and 3pm. All pre-schoolers welcome.

Poppy Appeal

This year's collection raised £141.52p. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity. It certainly makes the trek around the village worthwhile. **Dora Rylatt.**

Halam : The Last Hundred Years

Every householder should by now have received a free copy. If you have been missed please call Glenys Herbert on 812335, Sue and Ian Anderson on 813913 or Tony Denyer on 814708 for your copy. There are 150+ houses in the parish, leaving about 300/350 to sell at £5 a copy. You will be able to buy extra copies (perhaps as Christmas presents) from various outlets including the village shop and the Southwell book shop as well as Glenys, Tony, Sue and Ian. If all else fails call me on 01789 263106 and I will post you a copy. The book will also be on sale at the school Christmas Fayre. Please help to sell as many copies as possible. Copies have been sent to the local press and radio, to libraries and historical associations and to universities and colleges. Here's hoping that you will enjoy the book. **John Jackson.**

Poetry and Prose Treasure Hunt

"The union flies on days of note and crosses made by those who vote.

Behind the screen of needle art

Unfolds the village's heart"

Send your poems to Nevil and Linda Croston at Little Oak, Radley Road or fax to 01623 813208 or nevil@littleoakhalamsnet.co.uk

Waggon and Horses

Christmas Eve - live music with Fitzy and Dixie. Restaurant open until 9pm.- special menu.

Christmas Day and Boxing Day - closed

New Year's Eve - Hot Buffet and Disco with party games and prizes. £25 per head.

"Realmeal Kitchen" - why not treat yourself and let someone else do the cooking and washing up on Christmas Day? The Waggon's new business is offering a ready meal alternative to Christmas dinner. Choose the £10 or £14 menu, speak to Rebecca or Sue before the 14th December and your meal will be ready to collect from the pub on the 24th. All dishes come in disposable containers with full cooking and serving instructions. Sample dishes include 1.Smoked salmon and avocado mousse with creme fraiche and lemon oil, served with salad leaves and granary bread and butter. 2. Fillet of beef Wellington with a mushroom and horseradish stuffing and rich port and shallot gravy served with braised red cabbage, roast potatoes, celariac mash and buttered carrots. 3.Soft meringue filled with raspberries and Drambuie cream.

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Apologies: Mrs. Armstrong

Kids' Club: Numbers attending the Kids' Club had fallen when staffing problems arose. Permanent staff are once again in place, but the Kids' Club asked for a temporary reduction in rent while numbers built up again. It was agreed unanimously to reduce the rent by £2 per session until the next lease renewal to ensure its future viability.

Harvest Supper: This raised £176. Thanks to all who donated tombola prizes, pies and helped make this a success.

Village Hall: All who use the Village Hall kitchen will now need to bring their own tea towels.

Access to Gray Lane beyond the bridge: Farmers are finding it increasingly difficult to access Gray Lane as the bridge is too narrow for some farm vehicles and access from New Hall Lane is increasingly overgrown. The council agreed to ask the County Council to improve the access 4 for, 2 abstentions.

Planning:

1. Annesley House, The Turnpike - proposed single storey extension .Agreed unanimously
2. Maythorne, Manor Fields - proposed extension .Agreed unanimously
3. Culthersforth Farm, Radley Road - Change of use of two outbuildings to form two holiday units
Agreed unanimously

Finance: Agreed to pay the auditor fee of £158

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm.**

St. Michael the Archangel


Sunday Dec.1st : Advent Sunday	9.30am. Family Service with drama : RSVP. 11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday Dec. 8th : Advent 2	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion. Advent Wreath (2)
Sunday Dec. 15th : Advent 3	11am. Sung Eucharist. Advent Wreath (3) 6pm Christmas Carol Service by candlelight with the Renaissance Singers
Sunday Dec. 22nd : Advent 4	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion with drama : Frank, Janet and Arthur. Advent Wreath (4)
Tuesday Dec. 24th : Christmas Eve	5pm. Crib Service with carols by candlelight, unpacking the crib figures and drama for children and young people 11.15pm The Eucharist of Christmas Night
Wednesday Dec. 25th : Christmas Day	8am. Holy Communion with carols 9.30am. Family Communion with carols.
Sunday Dec. 29th : Christmas 1	11am. Sung Eucharist

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From the Parish Plan Committee:- Halam Parish Plan Update

By now you will be aware that the village voted with a large majority to produce a Parish Plan. We would like to bring you all up to date on the progress so far.

1. The Parish Council has applied for a grant from the Countryside Agency to cover the cost of consultation, independent advice, village meetings and discussions, and producing the Parish Plan in the form of a report and action plan.
2. The Parish Plan committee will be compiling a questionnaire with advice from the Rural Community Council requesting your views on a number of issues including:

Transport: public transport needs; traffic and parking problems; road conditions

School: its future; access and parking problems; community use and involvement; (including direct liaison with school, its staff and governors).

Church: services; associated clubs and groups; maintenance and viability; its contribution to village life now and in the future.

Planning: examination of current local plan; future development; designated open spaces; guidelines for future development and standards of construction and design, so protecting the character of the village; development of a Village Design Statement which could be accepted as subsidiary planning by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Working Life in the village: farming and its changing circumstance; businesses, and professionals operating from home; The Village Post Office & Shop, its viability and future use; the Waggon & Horses, its involvement in the community and associated groups.

Village Hall & Other Public Facilities: future developments; improved usage; need for other facilities; street furniture; phone box, etc.

Law & Order

Environment

Community Services

So what's next? - Our aim is to keep the parish involved in the process of putting together the Parish Plan with close liaison with the Parish Council. Over the next few months there will be:-

Information and Discussions

- Circulating information leaflets on various topics ensuring that people understand the terms and phrases being used.
- village meetings with speakers and opportunities for discussion

Asking Villagers their Views:

- circulating questionnaires
- collating and publishing responses

Developing a Parish Plan

- creating a Parish Plan and an Action Plan for the future acceptable to the people of Halam
- adopting the Parish Plan as a Supplementary Planning Guidance by Newark & Sherwood District Council which will be used as input to the review of the local Plan currently being undertaken by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

This document tries to clarify some of the terms you may come across during the development of the Parish Plan. This is the first of an on-going list aimed at ensuring the village is kept informed. Please let us know of any other words we could add to the list.

Halam Parish Plan – Glossary of Terms and Phrases

Parish Plan – a document written by all the parishioners describing the parish development and current challenges to the parish, looking at such matters as transport, planning, schools, churches, shops etc. The plan can then be used by the local government as guidance as to the wishes of local residents and the way those residents see the future of their parish. It is a proactive document seeking to shape and guide the future of the parish

Action Plan – This will be the last part of the Parish Plan. It is a written document outlining the next steps in a project, or hopes and aspirations for the future; things to aim for.

Affordable Housing – housing specially built and maintained for lower income families. Usually the building is part funded or subsidised and the properties are then owned and run by housing trusts or associations. Not to be confused with ‘Starter Homes’.

Conservation – preservation of any aspect or character that is thought to be important; keeping intact essential heritage so that it can be passed on to subsequent generations.

Conservation Area – a legal status given to any area of a town or village considered special enough in terms of historic significance, architectural merit or character to be worth protecting. Such designation is usually recommended by the District Council and included in the Local Plan. 43 villages in the Newark & Sherwood District already have conservation areas.

Countryside Agency – the agency responsible for advising government and taking action on issues affecting the social, economic, and environmental well being of the English countryside. The Countryside Agency resulted from the merger of the Countryside Commission and the Rural Development Commission.

Current District Local Plan (Local Plan) – a comprehensive document produced by the District Council (Newark & Sherwood D.C. at Kelham Hall in the case of Halam), which is used as the guiding policy document for all planning and development decisions in the District. It has a powerful legal status and is used in cases of planning dispute or appeal as well as in day-to-day planning application decisions. The current Local Plan was drawn up in the early 1990s (came into full force March 1999) and is currently under review with a new plan to be released about 2004. It is intended that our Parish Plan will input into the new Local Plan.

Designated Open Spaces – open areas of land (playing fields, gardens, paddocks etc.) that have an important role in a village and should be kept open and free from development. These can appear in Local Plans, Village Appraisals and Parish Plans.

Envelope – usually a “village envelope”; these are lines drawn on a map to define the main built-up area of the village. Building outside a village envelope is restricted to protect the character and setting of the settlement, and to protect the countryside. Halam does not have a village envelope.

Essential Services – necessary facilities for a community to survive and thrive. Such as water, electricity, regular bus services and a village shop, IT infrastructure and telecommunications etc.

Green Issues – anything that touches on conservation, especially of the natural environment e.g. recycling, protection of the natural environment, pollution reduction etc.

Listed Buildings – a legal status, with different grades given to any building of architectural or historical importance. Alterations cannot be made without specific permission and guidance.

Public Facilities – all amenities available generally for anyone to use (free or at a charge) e.g. phone box, Post Office, public conveniences, car parks, village hall, etc.

Rural Community Council (RCC) – an independent voluntary organisation, which seeks to promote the social and economic well being of rural communities. Funded by the Countryside Agency and local authorities, the RCC works with local communities to improve services such as transport, village halls, retail and economic services etc.

Subsidiary (or supplementary) Planning Guidelines – These can be either guidelines produced by Central Government, such as guidelines covering conservation areas and Listed buildings, or they may be locally produced documents such as Village Appraisals or Parish Plans. The main document used by the District Council in deciding planning applications is the Local Plan

Tree Preservation Order (TPO) – a legal status given to significant trees, which prevent them from being cut down. Pruning and lopping have strict guidelines.

Village Appraisal – this is part of the consultation process of the village as it is today. Aspects such as the environment, development and transport as they stand can be included. The people living in the village write it. People in the village contribute their views through questionnaire and open meeting.

Village Design Statement – a document put together by the village residents, which looks at the character and present architecture/design of a village. It provides guidance to planners and developers as to the type and style of new building that the village would like to see being built in that village. It can be used as a guidance document by the District Council when deciding planning applications. This can form part of the Parish Plan.