

Halam News

January 2008

From the Editor: Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year! This month's Halam News is sponsored by Stephanie & David Beeson of Mill View, The Turnpike - thank you! If you would like to sponsor Halam News (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items included (deadline 25th - late submissions may be carried over) contact: Karin Davis: Tel: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com



PARISH PUMP

Congratulations! Samantha Rickett will be 21 on the 4th January; Very many happy returns of the day!

Congratulations to Katy Gallimore and Jonathan Turner who got engaged in November 2006 and are getting married in the summer!

The Poppy Collection raised £197.35 - this is the most I have ever collected so far! Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Thank you also to my son Nick for driving me round the village on his day off. - Dora Rylatt.

Halam Parochial Church Council and Halam Parish Council would, once again like to thank Steve and Sally from **Crink Lane Nursery**, for their generosity in providing the spectacular tulip bulbs in St. Michael's Churchyard and the Village Hall box. Happy New Year to everyone in Halam from Steve and Sally at Crink Lane Nursery!

Thank you to everyone who bought a Halam Calendar to raise funds for the church organ. These are all sold now and raised approximately £700! I would also like to express grateful thanks to Rosamund Mcfarlane for the lovely photographs taken over the last year which made it so special to Halam and Andrew Paris for typesetting and printing. It was a real village effort. - Karin Davis

Thank you to all the children and instrumentalists who gave up time to come and practice and made the crib service so lovely this year. Well done everyone! - Karin Davis

HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 8 January Halam & district W.I. are holding an **Open Meeting** with guest speaker John Meredith whose subject is: 'My Life as a Verger'. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is most welcome to attend this meeting - gentlemen as well! For information contact: Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335.

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St Michael the Archangel: January Services

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20 January Epiphany 3	9.30am Family Communion Reverend David McCoulough
27 January Epiphany 4	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Erika Kirk Preacher: Rev. David McCoulough

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) & Revd. David McCoulough (Tel: 07714614645)

Church Study Group

The next meeting of the Church Study Group will be on Thursday, 6th December in The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam at 7.30pm. All are welcome. - **Tony Andrews**

BURNS NIGHT

Saturday 26 January
In Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm

Four course dinner
with a glass of wine included

Tickets: £15 from: Margaret McCracken (814917) Karin Davis (815854) Ann Reid (816411)

Limited places - book early to avoid disappointment!

Parish Council Meeting: 8th November 2007

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

Matters Arising: 1. Duck Signs – pending for next year. 2. Gray Lane – Highways Dept., County Council has now cut back the hedges. 3. Back Lane footpath – fallen tree: landowner has been given 14 days notice. 4. Footpath bridges – these have been checked and passed. A new handrail had been added. 5. Allotments – ditches have now been cleared.

Village Hall: Marina Thompson has been progressing this – full report at next meeting.

Games Night: A very successful and enjoyable evening – around £200 was raised which will be split equally between the Church Organ Fund and the village hall refurbishment. Many thanks to all those involved.

Design Statement: Unanimously agreed to proceed with a Village Design Statement; the concepts of Village Envelope and/or Conservation Area will be reconsidered as the VDS scheme progresses. Andrew Paris will approach original Parish Working Group to see if they would be prepared to help.

Notice Board: This is almost ready and will be erected early in the New Year.

Flooding: Various flooding issues were discussed

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:- 1. Christmas tree – Simon Bust and Pat Rickett were thanked. 2. Position of the interactive speed sign. 3. Further appropriate traffic calming measures. Parish Council will contact the County Council to progress.

Planning: Halam House Farm, Radley Road: demolition of existing building and build 3 new dwellings & associated garages/access roads (revised scheme) – rejected unanimously. Parish Council disappointed that the developer doesn't seem to have taken onboard the comments made last month, and that the new proposal does not address any of the areas of concern previously highlighted, i.e. 1. new proposal does not have a mix of houses the previous one had, and does away with the agreed semi-detached, smaller properties; 2. Proposed new houses are too large and too tall; 3. loss of the existing old wall; 4. Blue tiled roofs would be out of keeping with the rest of the village; 5. Possible creation of drainage/flooding problems. 6. Archaeological investigation of site required; 7. Protection from further development of the land further up the hill required.

Finance: It was agreed that the precept for next year should be kept the same as last year.
It was unanimously agreed to pay: 1. printing bill for Games Night; 2. Neighbourhood Watch subscription

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday January 10th at 7.30pm

VILLAGE VENTURES

Two dates for your diary:

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

In Halam Church

Wednesday 2 April 2008

CHRIS GARRICK & JOHN ETHERIDGE

In Halam Church

Thursday 8 May 2008

Tickets will be available end of January

Email: karinlindley@hotmail.com

Photographs from the Halam Millennium collection



These photographs show the children, parents and staff (and Father Christmas!) of Halam School enjoying their Christmas celebrations in 1947. I do not know whose collection of photographs they have come from and would be most grateful if someone would let me know. Unfortunately they are not in very good condition and are damaged – if anyone has copies of these photographs in better condition and can tell me anything about them that would be wonderful. I am still collecting photographs for the archive if anyone has any to add and possibly print in Halam News – I will scan them into the computer and return the originals to the owner. – **Karin Davis**



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February 2008

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PARISH PUMP

A Belated Happy birthday wish to David Herbert who was 70 on 30th January!

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported a really successful Burns Night, but especially to Alex and Kirsty Reid, Matthew Todd and Alicia Joyce, - four fantastic waiters/waitresses who so willingly gave up their time and worked so hard!

Halam Church Choir welcomes anyone who would like to come and sing with them; - we are particularly looking for tenors. Remember - people who sing are happier, healthier and live longer!

Thank you to John and Margaret Hill of Hill's Farm Shop who donated two Christmas trees to the village in December.

Thank you to Paul Thutlow from Cauntton Garden Centre who last year donated daffodil bulbs to the village - we are anticipating a lovely show of bulbs in Spring - not long now!



St Michael the Archangel: February Services

3 February Transfiguration	8.00am Holy Communion: Revd McCoulough 9.30am: Family Communion: Revd. R. Perry
6 February Ash Wednesday	7pm: Cluster Service at St Michael's Halam
10 February Lent 1	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Revd. David McCoulough
17 February Lent 2	9.30am Family Communion Revd. Erika Kirk
24 February Lent 3	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Revd. David McCoulough

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CHURCH LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course consists of 5 sessions starting on Thursday 14th February and continuing on succeeding Thursdays. We will follow one of the popular York courses and the subject is "The Lord's Prayer - praying it, meaning it, living it." Rev'd Russell Perry will lead us. The first session on Thursday 14th February will be held at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam starting at 7.30pm. All are very welcome. - **Tony Andrews**



HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting of Halam & District W.I. will take place on Tuesday 5 February in Halam Village Hall. The guest speaker is Mrs Kate Brown who will be talking about 'Supporting a Village School in Africa' and the links developed with Halam Primary. The competition will be 'An item from bygone schooldays'. Everyone is welcome to attend. For information contact: Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335.



HALAM SCHOOL REPORT

We all welcomed Mrs Webster back with open arms to see our Nativity - 'Sheik, Rattle and Roll', in December. Both shows were a success thanks to her brilliant directing skills! Thanks to the Morris Dancers who represented Halam School on Plough Sunday.

All Halam School pupils are looking forward to Science Week (starting on Monday 4th February) and a visit from Star Links Planetarium on the 5th of February.

The NSPCC Representatives will also come in on the 6th to tell us about the Sponsored Spell on the 20th February to help raise money for the NSPCC. It has normally been quite good fun in the past years and raised a good amount of money.

Finally we break up for half term on Friday 8th February.

Evie Hoggard (Junior Reporter)

MINSTER SCHOOL EVENTS 2008

Saturday 1 March: 7.30pm
ARTS SUPPORT CONCERT:
School Hall

Concert Band and County Performers

Monday 3 March: Lunchtime Concert
A trumpet and piano soloist from Nottingham University will be performing in the Recital Hall.

Tuesday 4 March: 7.30pm
NEWSTEAD ABBEY SINGERS
An informal concert programme in the Recital Hall by one of Southwell's foremost choirs.

Wednesday 5 March:
RED HOT BAND/JAZZ BAND
Drama Studio (to be confirmed)

A night of swing by the combined talents of the Minster School and the Red Hot Band

Saturday 8 March: Southwell Minster
HAYDN'S 'CREATION'

Old Southwellians across the decades combine to present a performance of this major work, featuring Marcus Farnsworth, Robert Young, Lucy Hall and Robert Williams.

Parish Council Meeting: 8 December 2007

Present: S. Bust, A. Fraser, D. Herbert, G. Herbert, A. Paris D. Parrish; M. Thompson.

Matters Arising: 1. State of pavements up Halam Hill – Clerk to contact Highways Dept. 2. Hedges/branches overhanging pavements & footpaths – **can all residents please check that their hedges and/or trees are not obstructing any footpaths. It is the landowners responsibility to see that any obstructions are cut back..** 3. Fallen trees at the top of Gray Lane – Clerk to contact Highways. 4. Back Lane – 'Unsuitable for Long Vehicles' Signs: County Cllr Andy Stewart to investigate. 5. Footpath bridges – all passed as safe. 6. Culvert outside Norfolk House needs clearing – Clerk to contact County Council.

Village Hall: It was agreed to investigate the work needed to complete toilet alterations (for disabled access) and general repairs only. Marina Thompson & the Clerk to produce and itemised list of such works needed.

Design Statement: Meeting to be held on Thursday 7th February at 7.00pm in the village hall. **Anyone interested in helping with the Design Statement is welcome to attend.**

Notice Board: Now just waiting for the lock to be fitted before erection.

Speed Watch: Matters discussed: 1) Siting of interactive speed sign – said to be correct by County Council; 2) 'narrowing' road markings to help slow down traffic; 3) Official police 'speed-trap' – Andrew Paris to contact John Whitaker about getting our beat office involved.

Planning:

1 Manor Farm Cottages, Radley Road: extension to include dining room, first floor bathroom & granny flat – supported unanimously.

Finance:

It was unanimously agreed to pay: 1. Auditor's bill; 2. Gill & Taylor bill (water boiler); 3. Parish Paths Partnership expenses.

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday February 7th at 7.45pm
(Following Design Statement meeting beginning at 7pm.)

VILLAGE VENTURES LONDON MOZART PLAYERS STRING TRIO

Beethoven/Lennox Berkeley/Mozart

HALAM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2008 7.30PM

Tickets £8 available from:
Karin Lindley: 01636 815854
Bev Perks: 01636 812181
Glenys Herbert: 01636 812335
Penni Wells: 01636 813491
Email: karinlindley@hotmail.com

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

Halam Parish Council meets every month on the 2nd Thursday of the month usually at 7.30pm. (Please note change of date in February due to School Half Term). We would like to try and see whether residents of Halam Parish would like to receive the monthly meeting agenda and minutes via email. The Parish Council has set up an email address at:

halampc@gmail.com

The aim is to be able to continue to improve how we communicate within the parish as well as developing ways in which you can communicate with us. If you would like to receive the agenda and minutes please register by emailing us at halampc@gmail.com.

If you are unable to attend any of the monthly meetings but wish to make a comment, draw our attention to something within the parish or ask a question then contact us by phone or email us at halampc@gmail.com.

Please note all parish councillors will have access to this facility and emails will be addressed at Parish Council meetings.

This is a trial over 6 months and will be reviewed as a service to the village in August 2008.

Photographs from the Halam Millennium collection



**HALAM SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS 1951-2 & 1997-8
NAME THOSE BOYS!**





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March 2008

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NEW EDITOR NEEDED!

Halam News is an entirely independent newssheet funded entirely by private donations and advertising sourced by its editor. My policy has always been to print anything individuals offered provided they were prepared to put their name to it. Sometimes pieces are amended to fit available space but I have never sought to change the message of anything given to me or abuse my editorial position in any way. I have produced and edited this publication as fairly as possible, with support from Copyright Print, for 4 years.

Last month remarks were made at a public Parish Council meeting about my editorial position to which I have taken strong exception. This was during discussion of a letter which I had written to them. I intended to include a piece this month (as is my right surely - the same as everyone else in this village?) but instead have privately funded a separate copy of my letter for everyone to see what all the fuss is about. You may not agree with my sentiments in the letter, but I hope you will all defend my right to express them! I have no idea why Parish Councillors felt they had any right to discuss Halam News or its editor - in 4 years they have not offered me one penny in funding for the News and only 3 of them - David and Glenys Herbert and Andrew Paris - have sponsored editions. Yet they continue to expect to occupy on average a third of the space. I have had neither thanks nor appreciation at any time from them in spite of the huge amount of voluntary time I devote each month to its production. I hope I have, on the whole, delivered a publication which villagers feel was worthwhile.

As a result I feel it is time for me to stand down as your editor and appeal for someone to replace me, or Halam News will fold and the village will lose what I have always felt was a valuable amenity. A fresh approach to the newsletter will be most welcome to everyone I am sure!

Yours sincerely
Karin Davis



PARISH PUMP

Happy Birthday and best wishes from us all to Clarissa Perks who will be 21 years old on 15 March. Congratulations!

A Belated Happy Birthday to Katie Hill of Hill's Farm & Shop, who was 18 on 16 February. Congratulations!

SOUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY 'REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION'

Mozart • Pergolesi • Arenski • Shephard

**Saturday 15 March 2008
7.30pm in Southwell Minster**

**Tickets: £12.50/£10/£8
Music in the Yard: Tel 01636 814411
The Minster Shop: Tel: 01636 812933
Or via Glenys Herbert, Penni Wells**

MOBILE LIBRARY.

The mobile library van visits Halam every two weeks on Friday at 11.00am and parks outside the village shop for 10 minutes then goes up to the Sharmans' and then on to Oxtun. It comes on the same week that recycle bins are collected which will be 10th and 24th of March this month. It has a fabulous collection of fiction, non-fiction and talking books etc - the stock changes on each visit.

It is currently used regularly by two people. It is a very useful service and a great boon to the village and I would urge fellow villagers to use it as often as possible - failure to use it will mean the end of the service. When the service is discontinued it will be unlikely to start again.

David Herbert

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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: MARCH SERVICES

2 March: LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY	8.00am: Holy Communion: Rev R Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Rev David McCoulough
9 March: LENT 5 PASSION SUNDAY	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Erika Kirk
16 March PALM SUNDAY	9.30am Family Communion: Rev David McCoulough
20 March MAUNDY THURSDAY	Agape meal at St Giles' Edingley 7pm Sign up list on Halam church noticeboard.
21 March GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am Morning Prayer Rev. Russell Perry
23 March EASTER SUNDAY	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Erika Kirk Preacher: Rev David McCoulough
30 March EASTER 2	9.30am Family Communion: Rev David McCoulough (Joint with Edingley at Halam) 11.15: Baptism: Rev David McCoulough 6.30pm Cluster Evensong: Rev Erika Kirk

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HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting of Halam & District W.I. will take place on Tuesday 4 March at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. The guest speaker, Mr Smith, will be giving a talk on the subject of Nature Reserves. The competition is 'Something with Feathers'. New members are always most welcome to attend. For information contact: Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335.

HALAM SCHOOL 'DIG IT' PROGRAMME FLOURISHES

Thanks to consistent fundraising support from the school's families, friends and wider community £1850 has been raised from PTA events held to date this academic year. This has enabled the school to progress with their 'Dig It' campaign supporting Government led outdoor learning initiatives to encourage children into 'the Great Outdoors'.

Children from each class recently joined the 'Living Willow' construction team in planting Halam's very own Living Willow learning zone in the schools' grounds. Funded by the PTA, the structure is visible from the School Lane boundary and will provide a 'natural', sheltered play area and outdoor classroom facility for many years to come.

Work is also about to start on the revamp of the Millennium Garden. The intention is to create a safe and interactive seasonal display. If anyone feels able to volunteer for digging or planting duties please contact the school office.

The next PTA event will be a sociable affair with a family walk on Sunday 27th April 2008. It will start with all important bacon butty and then there will be a choice of a steady 5km or an energetic 10km route setting off from and returning to the Old Reindeer at Edingley. All are welcome so put the date in your diary and watch out for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 7 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: S. Bust, G. Herbert, D. Parrish, M. Thompson.

Apologies: A. Fraser, D. Herbert, A. Paris.

Matters Arising: 1. Pavements up Halam Hill – work still needed. 2. Back Lane Footpath – Footpath officer is aware and will write to the owner; Clerk to check position. 3. Back Lane – 'Unsuitable for Long Vehicles' Signs: advised it is possible to have 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs but will cost PC £395. Attending Officer suggested situation is monitored – D. Parrish to keep a record & contact C.Cllr. Stewart to identify those present at meeting & take up signs with them. 4. Culvert at Norfolk House still needs clearing – County Council to come out again. 5. Flooding & state of Beck – Chairman advised that Drainage Board are happy with work done so far but have not cleared debris from under the road bridge; following an inspection there is a lot of rubble (washed down) still to be cleared. G. Herbert advised that a complaint had been received about trees overhanging & breaking off along the Beck from Gray Lane bridge down to the ford – area is due to be cleared in autumn 2008

Village Hall: M. Thompson advised that a smaller grant application (£18000) for external building work and damp improvements was being sought from Veolia Trust. She suggested a better approach might be to apply for smaller grants for specific items. B&Q have been approached & are currently considering providing a new kitchen. Crown Paints approached for £500 worth of paint. M. Thompson will continue with WREN application for £50,000.

Noticeboard: S. Bust advised D. Islip has indicated the board will be ready by the end of the month.

Speed Watch: Waiting information from J. Whitaker. C.C. Highways say interactive sign will remain in current position

Open Meeting: Matters raised: 1). Parking at Turnpike, School and Radley Rd. 2). 'Better Communities' funding £25k at Norwell for 6 parking bays. Halam's problem is there is no available space for parking bays in the area of concern. 3). Speeding through the village - need for a 2nd interactive sign. 4) Concern raised re delay in replacing the signs for 'bend in the road', and 'narrow road' which have been missing for 2 yrs. 5) Concern raised about removal of a hedge at the top of Gray Lane. 6) Flooding along School Lane from the drain in the last heavy rain period.

Correspondence: 1) Parish Paths Partnership letter to be forwarded to C. Mercer by clerk. 2) Gotham P.C. – raised concern over draft EM Regional Plan – green belt is being reviewed around Nottingham; there is a proposal to remove some to allow extensive development. Details to be passed to A. Paris. 3) Letter from K. Davis re hall rental, state of the hall. Unanimously agreed Chairman will write, acknowledge letter & address concerns raised. Mrs Davis to be asked to give receipt for spoons to next meeting.

Planning: 1 Tremont, Back Lane: single storey extension and proposed dormers – rejected on grounds of 1) Over-development of site. 2) Intrusion of dormer windows on privacy of neighbouring property.

Finance: Agreed to pay NALC subscription

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 13 March at 7.30pm

HALAM NEWS

APRIL 2008



Welcome to the new look HALAM NEWS, which I hope you will find both interesting and informative. Articles, adverts, & other items for publication are welcome from all. You can submit articles through the new email address :

halam.news@hotmail.co.uk

Alternatively you can post them/drop them in to:

**HALAM NEWS, c/o THE MANOR HOUSE,
RADLEY ROAD, HALAM. NG22 8AN**

Cut off date for submissions is 25th of each month.

Sponsorship (£10 per issue) is also very welcome and thanks to **David Butterworth** of Back Lane for sponsoring this months edition

Under new Editorship

I'm pleased to be the new editor of HALAM NEWS and would like to thank Karin Davis for undertaking this role for the past 4 years. I am however, saddened that my first issue has to include obituaries of our fellow villagers Mike Todd and Ron Atkins

Although only a small publication, HALAM NEWS provides a valuable service for the village and it is important that reaches out to all residents with accurate information. I will try to ensure that this is the case.

If anyone has any ideas for one-off or regular items they would like to see included in HALAM NEWS, please let me know.

Peter Thompson (tel: 814026)

HALAM VILLAGE HALL – AN UPDATE

As Halam Village Hall was the cause of some consternation in last months issue, HALAM NEWS contacted Parish Council Chair, Simon Bust, in order to get a status update:

Q : *What is the current situation with the Village Hall?*

A : The Parish Council is committed to keeping the Village Hall as a facility for all villagers to use, but as everyone in Halam knows, it is really in need of improvement and the Parish Council is in the process of applying for grants from various bodies to help with the funding of any improvement activity. We have had some positive responses from some of the grant applications and the Village Hall is on the agenda to be discussed at every Parish Council meeting and what we are doing is reported in the Village News each month.

Q : *What options are available to the Parish Council?*

A : The Parish Council has looked into various options for the Village Hall since the publication of the Parish Plan, and this included the recent village consultation on the proposal for a new hall on Ron Sharman's field, which didn't achieve enough support to move forward. No other sites for a new hall have been identified.

Currently the Parish Council is therefore going ahead with basic improvements to make the existing Village Hall more attractive and a better place to use, as well as making sure that it meets the requirements for buildings used by the public. It is intended that the improvements will include new kitchen and toilet facilities and redecoration, and some of the grants we have been looking at are specifically related to these areas.

The Parish Council intends that the improvements will make the Village Hall a nicer environment and that it will be used for more village social events and other activities. It will be important that villagers continue to support and run events/hire the hall when the improvements are finished, as the grant givers expect to see increased usage in the future.

Q : *Why is it taking so long?*

A : The grant application process can take a long time, and we have to fit in with the timescales laid down in the process, plus the Parish Council wasn't able to apply for grants when we were looking into the possibility of a new building, as the grant givers would not have looked favourably on an application for a building which may have been sold. We now have requested multiple grants and we will continue to look for other sources of funding which we could apply for.

Q : *Will the precept be going up to fund any of the work?*

A : The precept has been set at the same level for this year as last year and the Parish Council hopes that the grants we are applying for will be enough to cover the cost of any work that is done.

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Ron Atkins
31st July 1930 - 18th March 2008

It is with sadness that we report that Ron passed away on Tuesday 18th March. Ron was born at Hill Farm in Halam and was baptised at St Michaels Church. He and Cynthia married in 1953 and they had three children Jane, Susan and Chris, two grandsons and twin great granddaughters. The family lived in Radley Road ever since their house was built. These are the basic facts, but alone they give away nothing as to the true nature of Ron

He was first and foremost a countryman. His father was a market Gardener and farmer at Hill Farm in Halam and his grandfather was a game keeper as was his great grandfather. Ron kept the family love for the country very much alive, working for many years at Radley Farm with the Tinleys as a cowman. He was forced to retire from this occupation after a serious accident, but he continued to enjoy beating on shoot days and following the hounds.

Ron did not take retirement lightly and was an early bird every day always walking his dogs at between 5.30 and 6 am every day and he took a fiendish delight in tapping on my study window at about 6 am everyday to prove that he had already been dressed and out walking whilst I was still in my dressing gown. If for any reason one met him whilst he was out walking, he would always stop for a chat and those chats often turned out to be deeply philosophical musings. He was a great believer in fresh air and the windows of his bedroom would always be wide open every morning even in the coldest of weather. The only time he would forsake the great outdoors would be in the evening at the pub over a pint and darts.

He was a determined and courageous man who made little of his physical infirmities no matter how great they became and in the end they became very great, limiting his mobility. It was that characteristic courage that allowed him to overcome knee surgery and make him once again most mobile

He was a loving husband, father, grandparent and worshiped his twin great granddaughters who gave him such joy and pleasure. He loved to be teased by them and the more he feigned crossness at their teasing the more enjoyment all three of them had. In short he was a hard working countryman whose God was the fresh and open air, and whose fellow worshipers included the Hunting Field; the pheasant shoot and Aston Villa F C.

"Lie down, lie down young yeoman;
The sun moves always west;
The road one treads to labour
Will lead one home to rest"
A E Houseman "A Shropshire lad"

David Herbert

A Sincere Thank You

I don't know where to begin to thank everyone who has given and offered their help and support to my family at this difficult time. From cards to messages of sympathy including recollections of happier times, to practical help and shoulders to cry on. I could not have found my way through this crisis so far without your help and I am proud to be member of this Village.

Carolyn Todd

Condolences

Condolences also go to the Sharman family on the recent death of Robert Sharman who lived at Hough-on-the-Hill and to Rebecca White (ex - Waggon & Horses) on the death of her mother Marion Hodson after a long illness.



**Halam & District
Women's Institute**

The next meeting of Halam & District W I will take place on Tuesday 1st April in Halam Village Hall. The guest speaker will be **Canon David Keene**, and the subject of his talk will be:

"My Life - Continued....."

The competition will be **"A Fancy Biscuit"**
Everyone is welcome to attend.

For information contact Glenys Herbert.
Tel 812335

VILLAGE VENTURES

**CHRIS GARRICK & JOHN ETHERIDGE
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Michael J Todd qpm

Oct 10th 1957 - March 11th 2008

A 'proper copper'. He did more to restore confidence in British policing than anyone - not just in Manchester either. Guts, determination, integrity and skill as a leader. (Derek, ex-policeman)

It is undeniable that Michael Todd was a very highly regarded Chief Constable. Anyone who has read the tributes paid to him by not only politicians, senior Police Officers and other high ranking officials, but also the rank and file officers that he commanded (such as the one above) cannot fail to have been moved by the sense of loss and sadness they conveyed.

Mike rose through the ranks of the Police from joining the Essex Constabulary in 1976 moving to the Metropolitan Police on an exchange scheme, and, having been recognised as a high flyer, moved to Nottinghamshire in 1995 to become Assistant Chief Constable at the early age of 38. Moving back to the Met he achieved the rank of Assistant Commissioner under Sir John Stevens, before being appointed as Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police in 2002. He led his force by example, often going out on patrol, and strongly believed that the purpose of his job was to apprehend and jail criminals and terrorists.



Mike Todd as the world knew him



The Mike Todd we knew in Halam - having just scored a stunning goal in the "lads v dads" football game at a summer barbeque!!

At Mike's funeral in Halam on Good Friday, William Hill paid a very moving tribute to him on behalf of his close friends, capturing most eloquently the spirit of the Mike Todd we knew in Halam:

- **To our kids, Mike was the dad who whose car had hidden blue flashing lights and the one they all wanted to ride in (even the adults!)**
- **To us, he was the guy who worked with Carolyn to make their garden fit for a magazine feature but really wanted to make space for a Police TARDIS to be like Dr Who!**
- **He was a staunch supporter of Catherine, Matthew & David at Halam School and would always try to get back for school plays, sports day and other events & could often be seen in the school hall enthusiastically supporting them in the latest school production sat in a chair sized for a six year old!**
- **The miles he put on his Range Rover delivering kids to Tozer & Newark Operatic Society must have hastened its replacement!**

The Mike we knew was a character, larger than life with a great sense of humour, but he always managed to retain his professionalism whilst still acting and being one of the lads. Many of us from Halam were fortunate to share trips away and days out with Mike. Whether it was fun filled family weekends to Center Parcs, hilarious "boys" weekends in Munich or Dublin, regular Boxing Day walks around the village or summer barbeques, it was always a delight to be in his company.

Mike enjoyed living in the village of Halam, where he felt his family was safe from the focus his position could bring, where he could unwind with friends who respected the confidence he placed in them & where he was the dad who ferried his kids around on weekends, or played Warhammer games.

Mike Todd was the sort of individual who only comes along very rarely, the sort that whatever your connection, whether it be personal or work related, you felt incredibly proud to have been associated with him. He had an uncanny ability to fit in, to put people at ease, to provide help & advice but not use his position to gain advantage or status.

Although tragically taken early from them, his family can take comfort in the wonderful memories of a very special person, as we all will. Most especially the sight of the then Asst Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police skipping down Radley Road hand in hand with his twin boys having collected them from Halam School is something that will remain with us for ever.

Mike, may you Rest in Peace, the world is a lesser place with your passing.

Peter Thompson, Andrew Fraser, William Hill

**Fear no more the heat o' the sun
Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task has done,
Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages:**

**Fear no more the lightening flash,
Nor the all dreaded thunder stone;
Fear not slander, censure rash;
Thou has finished joy and moan;**

**No exorciser harm thee!
Nor no witchcraft charm thee!
No ghost unlaid forbear thee!
Nothing ill come near thee!
Quiet consummation have;
And renown'd be thy grave!**

*Extract from Cymbeline by
Shakespeare- Act IV scene 2
Chosen and abridged by
David Herbert*

Notes from Halam Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2008

Attendees : Simon Bust, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Di Parrish, Marina Thompson **Apologies :** Andrew Fraser, Andrew Paris

Matters Arising :

1. The Parish Council wished to Thank Karin Davis for good work editing the Halam News for the past 4 years.
2. **Design Statement** - Glenys Herbert and Shirley Grayson have embarked on this project and will present a draft copy of the document at the next meeting. Wymeswold's design statement is being used as a guide.
3. The new Village **Notice Board** is ready to be erected and there will probably be an unveiling on the evening of the Annual Parish meeting (April 10th)

Planning Applications:

- Becksides Cottage, Gray Lane - passed unanimously
- Porch at Greenacres, Radley Road - passed unanimously

Planning Decisions

- Tremont—approved

Village Hall:

Progress is being made on obtaining grants for specific items:

- B&Q are looking to donate kitchen units
- Dulux are considering paint to the value of £500
- East Midlands Ceramics will donate tiling
- Veolia are being approached for a major grant for structural work
- Wren grant application is still ongoing

Next Meetings:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING — April 10th at 7pm, Halam Village Hall

April Parish Council Meeting — April 10th at 7.30pm, Halam Village Hall

Concert Week Success

Well Done to all the children at Halam School who raised over **£1380** for the **NSPCC** with a sponsored spell - this is the most that the school has ever raised with such an event!!

"Thank you" to everyone from Halam who took part in, helped with or attended the recent week of concerts marking the opening of the new Minster School, which culminated in a performance of Haydn's Creation on 8th March in Southwell Minster. Ticket sales for the week exceeded £3000 - a great result! **Marina Thompson**



St Michael the Archangel, Halam - April Services

6th April - Easter 3

8.00am - Holy Communion, Rev D McCoulough

9.30am - Family Communion, Rev E Kirk

13th April - Easter 4

11.00am - Sung Eucharist, Rev R Perry

20th April - Easter 5

9.30am - Family Communion, Rev D McCoulough

27th April - Easter 6

11.00am - Sung Eucharist, Rev D McCoulough
& Baptism - Maisie Bingham

2.30pm - Baptism - Seule family, Rev R Perry

Halam C of E Primary School April Social Events



Halam School parents are springing into action this month with two PTA organised events which are open to all!

This term's **Yummy Mummy** evening will be held on **Friday 18th April**, 7.30pm at Hexgreave Hall. For a nominal ticket price of £2 you'll see a short presentation by Michelle Rogers (Aloe Vera Consultant), a **Virgin Vie** make over by Helen and have the chance to enjoy sample mini facials and relaxing hand massages offered by qualified Halam Mums. The emphasis is on rest and relaxation so we invite you to bring your own tipple and join us for nibbles.

We're encouraging family frolics on **Sunday 27th April** with a **Breakfast Walk** kindly hosted by the Old Reindeer at Edingley. Bacon Butties will be available from 10.30am and there'll be a choice of a steady 5km or an energetic 10km circular route to follow all the way back to the pub! Ticket price includes a breakfast butty and cuppa at £2.50 per adult, £1 per child.

Tickets for both events are available from the school office or by contacting d.hallam3@btinternet.com. We hope you can join us!

HALAM NEWS

MAY 2008



Another bumper edition this month!! Don't forget to send articles and other info. for inclusion in the **HALAM NEWS** by 25th of each month to:

halam.news@hotmail.co.uk

Articles may be edited or held over due to space constraints. Sponsorship of each edition is £10 and thanks to **Declan Joyce (ex of Halam, now of Kirklington - see page 4)** for sponsoring the May edition.

Peter Thompson 01636 814026

LEAD THEFTS

On the night of 8th April lead was stolen from the roof of St Michaels Church and on the night of the 10th April an attempt was made to take lead from the roof of Halam School. Please check if you have lead flashing on your roof and keep a good watch over it.

Anyone with any information about these incidents or any other similar incidents should contact:

terry@bassetlawnw.freemove.co.uk

Telephone 01909 473875

People in the News

- Welcome to the Todd family who have recently moved onto Radley Road
- Congratulations to Gwen and John Beckett of The Turnpike who have become proud grandparents with the arrival of their granddaughter Penny who weighed in at 9lbs 3oz
- Congratulations also go to Steph McCracken who passed her driving test on Saturday 26 April, the same day that her mother entered her 50th year (so that's commiserations to Margaret then!!)

Robert Sharman

Thank you for all the cards and messages of sympathy received after the death of our dear brother. Bob was born in Halam, at Little Dale Cottage, and christened in Halam Church. When he was 1 year old, he moved with his family (then 5 brothers and sisters) to New Holbeck Farm, and later attended school in Halam and Southwell. He was a keen Young Farmer and it was at one of their meetings that he met his future wife - Janet Wright. Whilst still at New Holbeck Farm they had 2 children - Julia and Jonathan, before moving to Grange Farm at Gelston. In later life they ran a very successful B&B and it was often mentioned that guests who came to breakfast either grumpy or not speaking to each other, would end up laughing and friends again after Bob's gentle teasing! Always full of fun and laughter, he will be missed by us all.

Olive Kitts and the Sharman's

"Ding Dong the bells are going to chime....."

A celebration of weddings at Halam Church is being planned in aid of the Halam Church Organ fund. We would like to show wedding photographs of couples married at Halam at any time in the last 100 years and it is hoped that we may be able to exhibit as many as 100 weddings at least from that period. We would be delighted to hear from couples who have been married in that period or whose parents or grandparents were married at Halam, with a view to exhibiting such photographs. Original photographs would not be used but copies would be made and exhibited. An exact date for the exhibition has not yet been decided on but it is hoped that as many people who have connections with Halam can unearth those cherished memories and make them available to the Halam Organ Fund committee.

For further information please contact:

David Herbert 01636 812335 or Karin Davies 01636 815854



HALAM HAS A NEW NOTICE BOARD !

AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION, HALAM PARISH COUNCIL HAS INSTALLED A NEW NOTICE BOARD FOR THE VILLAGE. THE BOARD IS MADE FROM OAK AND STANDS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE CHURCH; IT HAS THREE SECTIONS, ONE FOR OFFICIAL PARISH NOTICES, ONE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE VILLAGE AND ITS FOOTPATHS, AND THE THIRD FOR HALAM RESIDENTS' NOTICES AND POSTERS.

IT WAS PAID FOR BY A COMBINATION OF VILLAGE FUND RAISING AND DONATIONS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS. COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDY STEWART GAVE MONEY FROM HIS ELECTORAL DIVISION FUND FOR LOCAL GOOD CAUSES WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY GET FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS NORA ARMSTRONG AND BRUCE LAUGHTON SUPPORTED THE PROJECT WITH MONEY FROM THEIR COUNCILLOR'S ALLOWANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES.



Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm Thursday 10th April

Present: S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris **Apologies:** D Parrish & M Thompson

Matters arising

1. Lack of footpath up Halam Hill 2. Jubilee tree plaque – to be obtained 3. Road signs – County Council has no budget to replace the sign at the Edingley end of the village which was knocked down some time ago 4. State of the roads – some improvements have been made this year, especially Gray Lane 5. Spring at the top of Radley Road – needs piping out before next winter

Chairman's Report

1. Parish Council meetings were held monthly over the past year
2. The P.C. considered many planning applications – on only one of which the District Council went against the P.C.'s views
3. Parish Plan – village contacts leaflet had been put out
4. Design Statement – progressing
5. Allotments – dykes and drains have been cleared out this year
6. Village floods – little could have been done this year due to the amount of rainfall in such a short space of time, but the District Council has made better provisions for future problems and there is better liaison with Parish Councils. Some work has already been done on Halam Beck, and dredging under the road bridge is scheduled for the near future.
7. Parish Paths Partnership – Elaine Gathercole and her team have done an excellent job. The paths and gates are now greatly improved.
8. Village Notice Board – thanks to Cllrs. Andy Stewart, Nora Armstrong and Bruce Laughton. Thanks also to Andrew Paris and Declan Joyce for their contribution from the 2006 Halam calendar.
9. Game Night – held at the end of last year, was most successful
10. Village Hall – the greatest challenge facing the P.C. this year. The P.C. is determined to keep it open and plan to bring the hall up to a reasonable standard to increase its use. It will be improved as much as the limited funding allows.
11. Thank yous... the clerk, Pat Rickett for all his work and support; all Halam Parish Councillors for their input and various roles; John Whitaker for the Community Speed Watch Scheme; Alex Reid for keeping the bus shelter clean; County Cllr. Andy Stewart for his support and input at County Council level; District Cllrs. Nora Armstrong and Bruce Laughton for their support at District Council, especially Nora for her input with planning issues; residents of the village for their attendance at meetings and their input; and everyone who has helped in the smooth running of the Parish.

Open Meeting:

1. bus shelter – needs repainting and safety glass installing
2. state of the pavements – Clerk to contact County Council
3. hedges encroaching on pavements – **could all residents please ensure that the pavement outside their property are kept clear from overgrown hedges please**
4. speed of vehicles coming from Edingley along The Turnpike – ARP to contact local Beat Office for assistance & Cllr Stewart to provide information regarding Parish funded interactive speed signs
5. slow speed of broadband in Halam – AF & ARP to investigate further

Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm Thursday 10th April 2008

Present: S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris **Apologies:** DParrish & M Thompson

Matters Arising

Hedge at top of Gray Lane – is to be re-set

Village Hall

Marina Thompson has made progress. AF & ARP to meet with her (Thursday 17th) to firm up details.

Notice Board

Has now been put up. Quotes to be obtained for painting/carving to top header board. **Suggestions please as to the style of footpath map for the board – e.g. artistic 'bird's eye' view, aerial photo, drawing etc. – any volunteers?**

Speed Watch

ARP to contact Beat Officer re speeding vehicles from the Edingley direction.

Flood Prevention

Some dredging and clearing has been done, and dredging under the road bridge is scheduled for the near future. District Council has now set up contingency plans including flood hot-lines and supplies of sand bags.

Open Meeting

1). sewage problems – the pumping station seems to be out of action, causing problems in Edingley – **is anyone in Halam experiencing problems?**

2). Slow progress with the Village Hall – Chairman reported that improvements would be seen shortly

Correspondence

1). Letter from Mr. Stubbs thanking the P.C. for the improvements to the drains and ditches at the allotments

2). T.P.O. – Tree Preservation Order to be removed from beech tree at 'Roseneath' to allow felling

3). Parking on pavements – **all residents please note that parking on the pavements in the village is causing problems for pedestrians, especially the elderly or disabled. Please be considerate and park only on the road.**

4). Best Kept Village Competition – agreed to enter again this year

Finance

Agreed to pay – erection of notice board & P.C. Insurance



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, HALAM MAY SERVICES

Date	Time	Service	Led by
4th May	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev'd Erika Kirk
	09:30	Family Communion	Rev'd Erika Kirk
11th May - Pentecost	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev'd David McCoulough
18th May - Trinity	09:30	Family Communion	Rev'd Russell Perry
25th May	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev'd David McCoulough



Halam & District
Womens Institute

- 6th May AGM
- 13th May Halam WI 53rd birthday party !!
Both meetings in the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm
Contact Glenys Herbert for more info. 01636 812335

Garden Party in aid of Southwell Choral Society

On **Saturday 7th June**, Southwell Choral Society will be holding a fund-raising garden party by kind permission of Glenys and David Herbert at Ashdene, Radley Road, Halam. It will take place between 11.30am and 3.30pm and there will be stalls, tombola & entertainments. Entry will be £2, or £6 including a light lunch if you buy your ticket in advance. Tickets are available from members of Southwell Choral Society, Penny at Music in The Yard or may be paid for on the gate. For further information please contact:
Music in The Yard: 01636 814411 or **Karin Davis** 01636 815 854

Open Gardens

It is intended to hold this years open gardens event on **6th July** and it is hoped to run a **book** stall and **bric-a-brac** stall. Contact **David Herbert** (812335) for more info. and to arrange collection of donations for the stalls

Ron Atkins

The Atkins family would like to thank everyone who attended Ron's funeral and also for the tributes, kind words of sympathy, the cards, flowers and donations to the church organ fund. Everyone's support and kindness was much appreciated at this sad time.

Halam Church Organ Appeal

By the end of the month the Organ fund will stand at £19,373 and with gift aid still to be credited it will be approximately £21,900. We have a further guaranteed £1000 expected by the end of May.

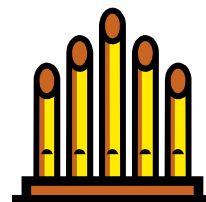
We are approaching a situation where we will be in a position to commission the new instrument but in order to do this we really need have reached approximately three quarters of the total cost. There is a possible slot with the organ builders to commence work to prepare the instrument at the end of the year or early next year, but this will need to be confirmed as soon as possible. The building process will take about three months in their factory before they are ready to install it in church and this will take a further month to six weeks.

In view of this if you intend to donate to the Organ fund the committee would be really grateful if you could do so as soon as possible so that we can hopefully have the project completed within a two year period.

Many thanks to all those people who have already given generously and especially to the relatives of Michael Todd and Ron Atkins who supported Halam Organ through donations given in their memory.

We are always open to suggestions and assistance for further fund-raising events.

Alec Wells (Chairman)
Tel 01636 813491



FARM WALK - TUESDAY 3rd JUNE, 7pm

On Tuesday 3rd June, North Notts NFU are organising a farm walk at Ian Sharman's farm - NEW HOLBECK FARM, Radley Road Halam.



Everyone is welcome to join in with this fun event

Places on the walk need to be booked in advance by contacting North Notts NFU on 01623 825857.

For more info call Ian Sharman 07748 637 852

Halam Village Hall

The subject of the Halam Village Hall continues to generate comment and correspondence to **HALAM NEWS** and opinions seem to be polarised between support for the activity currently being undertaken by the Parish Council and concern that the current building is just a "white elephant" which will be a drain on parish funds for years to come. The Parish Council has an "open session" at every meeting and so residents who want to make their views felt are encouraged to attend and have their say.

Title: Chasing the Light, Landscapes of Southwell

Photographs by Declan Joyce

'This exhibition is my celebration of Southwell and its surrounding countryside. I have lived and worked in the area for many years and have long been inspired by its atmospheric and elegant rural charm.

Observing the shifting patterns of nature is my passion. From sunrise to sunset I see the light travel across the land, revealing its changing aspects. Each season brings its own individual beauty and it is this that I want to share with you. I hope you enjoy viewing these images as much as I have enjoyed photographing them.'

Declan Joyce is a professional photographer with over twenty years experience. A qualified graphic designer he runs his own company, Declan Ltd, which specializes in landscape photography.

Contact Email Address: declan.joyce@btinternet.com



These images (in magnificent colour!) and many more can currently be viewed at Southwell Medical Centre and from 1st June to 1st week in July in Bulls Yard Gallery, Southwell

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

Meetings of the Church Study Group will continue on a monthly basis during the year. Again, we are fortunate to be led by Rev'd Russell Perry. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd May, at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, commencing at 7.30pm.

All are very welcome to attend.

For more info contact : Tony Andrews 815584

Lawn Mowing Service - Refs available!
Call **Jack Thompson** on 01636 814026



SOUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY & JUNIOR CHORAL

**'You're Never Fully-Dressed
Without a Smile!'**

**21 June 2008: 7.30pm
Southwell Leisure Centre**

Tickets: £5/Children Free

Next Halam Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the various council officers are elected by the Parish Council.

HALAM NEWS

JUNE 2008



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Peter Thompson 01636 814026

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21 June 2008: 7.30pm
Southwell Leisure Centre

Halam Church Organ Fund - 200 Club

The first 2 draws of the 200 Club which is raising money for the new Church organ have been made.

The winners are:

May 08 - Vicky Cole - prize £50

June 08 - Rev Russell Perry - prize £50

Both draws were made by Rev David McCoulough

Alec Wells

St Michaels Church Halam reg charity # 249 359



0845 639 3371



**Halam & District
Womens Institute**

The next WI meeting takes place at **7.30pm** on **June 3rd** in the Village Hall when Carol Layfield will be the guest and her subject will be "freelance knitwear design".

Glenys Herbert 812335

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Happy Birthday to Margery Wilson who was 60 last month!
- Margaret McCracken thanks everyone for the good wishes and gifts, but her actual 50th birthday is not until 26th April 2009 (only 330 shopping days left!!)

The **Mobile Library** will visit Halam as follows:

10:55 - 11.10 Radley Rd
11.15 - 11.30 Sandalwood Bungalow

On:

June 13th & 27th
July 11th & 25th

Church Study Group

The next meeting will be hosted by Mr & Mrs Paris at Applegarth, Radley Road, on **24th June at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Tony Andrews 815584

For Sale

Gorgeous baby rabbits £15each
Call Angela Pepper
01636 815510 or
07707 340 516



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, HALAM JUNE SERVICES

June 1st	8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am Family Communion	Canon John Toy Rev David McCoulough
June 8th	11:00am Sung Eucharist	Rev David McCoulough
June 15th	9:30am Family Communion	Rev Erika Kirk
June 22nd	11:00am Sung Eucharist	Rev David McCoulough
June 29th	9:30am Joint Service at 6:00pm Evensong at	St Giles Edingley St Nicholas, Hockerton



Vigilance required

There has been another theft of lead, this time a significant amount was taken from Halam School on the night of Saturday 24th May, and there has been at least 1 other attempted theft from a house on Radley Road (close to the Post Office). Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police or to our Neighbourhood Watch contact on 01909 473875 email : terry@bassetlawnw.freeserve.co.uk

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7.30PM THURSDAY 15TH MAY

Present: Mr S Bust, Mr A Fraser, Mr D Herbert, Mrs. G Herbert, Mr. A Paris, Mrs D Parrish & Mrs M Thompson

Election of Officers:

Parish Councillors we elected unanimously to the following positions:-

Chairman	Simon Bust
Vice-chairman	Andrew Fraser
Xmas Charities	Simon Bust & Andrew Paris
Press Officer	Andrew Paris
Transport Officer	Glenys Herbert
NALC Representatives	Marina Thompson & Di Parrish
Flood & Snow Warden	Simon Bust
Flag Officer	Simon Bust
Crime Reduction	Andrew Paris

Also elected were:-

Internal Auditor	Mrs Simmons
Financial Officer	Pat Rickett

Matters arising **1.** Up to date bus timetable needed on the bus stop **2.** Flooding – debris from under the Turnpike road bridge has been removed. Work is to be carried out to deepen the flow under the bridge **3.** Halam Lodge hedge – still needs cutting back. David Herbert volunteered to organise the work **4.** Bus shelter – to be re-pointed and to have safety glass fitted **5.** Parking on pavements – Andrew Paris to contact Beat Officer to discuss further **6.** State of footpaths – Clerk has written to County Council with no response. County Cllr Andy Stewart will progress

Village Hall - Marina Thompson reported the progress on the Veolia grant application. Now need to list on what it is planned to spend the grant money. Marina to obtain written builder's quote(s) for basic work required

Design Statement - Glenys Herbert reported that the work on first draft is in hand

Notice Board - Di Parrish raised the issue of keeping the notices in the centre section neat and up to date. It was decided that, as the centre section is for parishioners, then it is up to the parishioners to keep it organised. A drawing or 'graphic' plan of the footpaths is still to be arranged for the right-hand section of the notice board. It was resolved to have the notice board sign-written rather than carved (4 for: 2 against: 1 abst). It was agreed to have it painted with the lettering "The Parish of Halam" (6 for: 1 abst)

Speed Watch - The possibility of a second speed watch position near the ford was discussed – Andrew Paris to discuss with John Whitaker. The number of volunteers operating the scheme was discussed and Andrew Paris agreed to raise this with John Whitaker as well

Parish Paths Partnership - It was unanimously agreed to run with this scheme for a further three years, and it was resolved to apply for the coming year's maintenance grant

Open Meeting

1. Cllr Andy Stewart to progress the re-erection of the 'bend' sign at the Edingley end of the village
2. The WEA has applied for a grant to produce a detailed map of Halam churchyard
3. Andrew Godfrey raised the possibility of work on the village hall, and/or some land behind the hall being given in return for some development of adjoining land. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting
4. Some of the younger residents of Halam raised the issue of nowhere to play in the village. They asked if some area in the village hall could be made available. Agreed to consider this in the refurbishment of the hall

Correspondence

1. Neward & Sherwood DC – proposed dog control order: no dogs on the school playing field & all dogs to be on leads in the churchyard. Approved unanimously
2. BT Payphone – BT has scheduled the Halam phone box for removal. Parish Council to write to object, and Andrew Paris to investigate the possibility of Listing the kiosk.
3. County Council Civic Service, 13th July 2008 – Simon Bust to attend

Planning

1. Chartwell, Station Road, Edingley: erection of front porch – approved unanimously
2. Manor Farm, Radley Road: erection of portico to front elevation (FUL & LBC) – approved unanimously

Planning Decisions

Greenacres: porch extension – approved by District Council

Finance

1. Authorisation to pay statutory payments by standing order was agreed
2. Village Hall hire charges – it was agreed to hold these until after the refurbishment of the hall.
3. Allotment charges – agreed (6 for: 1 against) to raise charges to £15 per allotment
4. Village Hall bin charges – Pat Rickett to investigate the possibility of reducing charges by having the bin emptied less frequently

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall