

HALAM NEWS



July 2020



Lockdown Special Edition



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Richard Brown's
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Richard Brown (1929 – 2020)

Stephen and William and their families thank Halam villagers and the wider community for their condolences, following his peaceful death at home on 12th June 2020. He had a very wide circle of friends during his long, happy life.

Richard was born at Papplewick in June 1929 and spent his early years in Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Annesley Woodhouse, before his family moved to Oxton.

In the early 1950's following National Service in the Royal Marines, Richard and his first wife Peggy came to live in Halam, lodging at the Homestead on Radley Road.

After Peggy sadly passed away in 1955, Richard married Edith in 1956 and they lived in Norfolk House for the rest of their days.

Richard was very well known and respected in Halam and the surrounding areas and was heavily involved in village life. In 1994 he appeared on the ITV 'Strange But True' programme with Michael Aspel where he shared details of paranormal activities near Holbeck Farm.

He was a founder-member of Halam Parish Council, and was an active member, representing the Council on the Newark Road Safety Committee, The Newark and Sherwood Crime Prevention Panel and the National Association of Local Councils. He was a keen supporter of village charities and spent most weeks before Christmas delivering hampers and spending time with frail and vulnerable people.

A church warden for many years, he sang in the church choir until quite recently.

He had a long, fulfilled life and will be greatly missed by his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren and that very wide circle of friends that he made and treasured.

Conversation came easily to Richard – he turned it into an art!

It is anticipated that his funeral will take place at Halam Church in mid-July and details can be obtained from D.J. Hall Funeral Directors, Southwell, on 01636 812481

The Big '50'

Happy birthday and many happy returns to Jon Jones of Manor fields who turned 50 on the 4th June.

Halam School

We are really pleased to have many children back in school. Although school looks different and our routines have changed, it's fantastic to see and hear the children learning and playing. Many children are still learning at home, we are hoping to welcome them back to school in September.

We have been collecting photographs and images of the activities and work that the children have been doing during the Pandemic as a legacy project. If you have any images or photographs of the village during lockdown that you would like us to include, please email them to the school.

We have changed our school email address, if you need to contact the school please use enquiries@halam.notts.sch.uk We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Erica McGinley, Head Teacher

Riddle of the Month

Re-arrange the letters O O U S W T D N E J R to spell just one word?

Last Month's Answer

They have not flesh, nor feathers, nor scales, nor bone. Yet they have fingers and thumbs of their own. What are they? (Gloves)



Open 7am till 7pm



Food bank collections.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the food bank so far. There is a box in the porch of the church for you to drop of any donations that you can spare for those less fortunate. Please donate what you can. Thank you.

St Michael The Archangel

At the time of writing, Churches have been advised that they can open again for public worship from 4th July. However, this is subject to detailed guidance, with restrictions. We envisage being able to offer public worship from sometime in July and will announce the date as soon as we are able. In the meantime:

St Michael's is now open for private prayer on each Sunday morning:

The Church is open for private prayer from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, subject to Government guidelines. Please follow the guidance posted on the door before entering. We hope that the opening of the Church will provide comfort for those who would like to pray there.

Services, streamed, on the BBC and by telephone

The Diocese, the Minster and a number of Churches in the Diocese are streaming services and reflections. These can be found via the following web sites:

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The BBC has regular services:

Sunday BBC1 Sunday Worship and Songs of Praise

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Prayer at the Church gate

Prayers are posted in the small notice board below the large board near the Church gate. The prayers are changed

regularly. Please take a moment to pray when you pass the Church.

A message from Rev. Mary

Dear Friends

I was on a walk recently when across a glade of buttercups a rabbit scampered into the bracken. It was one of nature's surprise moments, Then I watched the local news when a familiar face came on the screen. Our own Chris Clay was being interviewed outside Southwell Minster on the day it reopened – yet another surprise.

In these dark times we need to hold on to these surprise moments.

On Sunday morning 21st June we were able to open our two churches for private prayer. We have to follow Government guidelines and these will be visible as you enter. So enjoy the prayerful quiet of these places which have seen centuries of worship enabling people to find that peace in joys and sorrows.

A prayer for that Sunday bids us remember:

Faithful God, whose mercy never fails, deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God bless you all as you keep safe, keep faith, keep caring for one another.

My love, Rev. Mary

A message from Anne

We are now able to hold funeral services in Church. We await further guidance about what this will allow us to do.

As a Church community we remember in our prayers all who are struggling in any way. If there is anyone you would like us to pray for, please contact me. 01636 814391

Donations

We would welcome donations. Contact – Church Wardens Penni Wells 01636 813491 or Glenys Herbert 01636 812335

Halam Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 11th June 2020 **held via Zoom due to Social-Distancing restrictions**

Present

Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mr Ganesh Subramanian

Planning

1. Springfield Bungalow, The Turnpike: Demolition of the existing property and construction of a new dwelling – Four letters of objection from neighbours were received. The application was not supported: unanimously against. Parish Council comments - concerns about the impact the proposal could have on the privacy of neighbouring properties, and the overdevelopment of the site.

2. Rosebeck Back Lane: Householder application for one storey front and side extensions, two storey side and rear extensions and a new detached garage (resubmission) – agreed to support: six for with one abstention

Development on Halam House Farm (Shaw's) land

Possible names for the new development were discussed and the name "Shaw's Orchard" was unanimously agreed.

Other

District Councillor Malcolm Brock reminded the parish council that if their opinion on a planning application differed from the Planning Officer's recommendation, then they could request that the application should go before the district council planning committee, rather than be decided by the Planning Officer under delegated powers.

Date of next meeting

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Tony and Maureen Hallam who celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on the 4th July.



Graduation

Congratulations to Evie Hoggard who has graduated from Nottingham Trent University with a first in Broadcast Journalism, also receiving the award for highest achieving student on the course!

A Thank You

I would very much like to thank all the wonderful people of the village for their very kind wishes on the occasion of a rather big birthday, my family had apparently organised all sort of events, but the dreaded Covid intervened but it just made the day even more unexpected as the village took over and sent cards, flowers and good wishes and just made such a wonderful day of fun and laughter which I enjoyed so very much. Thank you all so much it was greatly appreciated – Glenys.

St Michael The Archangel

We are pleased to announce that from 2nd August we will be holding services again in Church, though there will be differences because of the regulations – no singing and social distancing.

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Message from Rev. Mary

As I write this on a Monday morning there is a gentle breeze blowing my neighbour's tall tree. It speaks to me of God's Holy Spirit which can come gently or powerfully to stir us up.

Since we have been allowed to come together in public worship our services so far have been outside, and it has been liberating to worship outside – "the church without walls!" Many too have said how much they have benefitted from services online. We have seen that Church has good news to share in all sorts of different ways.

One of the readings in July was the Parable of the Sower where the seed was received in different ways. We can picture Jesus in the open air watching the farmer sowing as He speaks to the crowds.

In August we are starting to hold our service inside Church. It will be very different as we follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe with social distancing. We can have music but no singing as yet but as St Paul wrote to Timothy: "the word of God is not chained."

A prayer: God of our pilgrimage. You have led us to the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. God bless you all. Rev. Mary.

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Free to a good home

A wicker style dog bed and some packets of tuna and salmon cat food – see Victoria Starkey

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Last Month's Answer

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Thinking of extending?

I am a fully qualified architectural designer and offer a complete service including design drawings, planning applications and building regulation approvals. Contact John Thornewill (formally with Martin Hubbard and assoc) on 01636 812334 or email john@jmtdesign.co for a free consultation and advice.

St Michael The Archangel

August

Sun 2nd 09.30 - Morning Worship

Sun 9th 10.30 - Holy Communion

(contemporary language)

Sun 16th 9.30 - All Age Worship

Sun 23rd 10.30 - Holy Communion

(traditional language)

Sun 30th 10.00 - A service of reflective readings and prayers. (This service will be held outside if the weather is suitable.)

Open 7am till 7pm



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Harvest celebrations: Because we can only have up to 20 people at each service, we are holding two services and asking people to book. Please contact Penni Wells (01636 813491) or Glenys Herbert (01636 812335) to book your place. These services will, as in previous years, be readings, prayers and music. We will be collecting both fresh produce and tinned food at Church to donate to Framework (for Homeless people) on Saturday morning (26th) 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Also, there will be an opportunity on Saturday morning and at both services to donate to the work of Christian Aid. The demands on its resources have increased hugely because of the pandemic whilst donations have been significantly reduced because there was no door to door collections or events in Christian Aid week.

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Message from Rev. Mary

I was reminded that soon the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness" will be upon us as I made a crumble with Anne and Howard's delicious plums.

Hopefully our children will again be heard in the playground at Halam School.

Life is still challenging as we need to stay alert and keep distancing, but it is lovely that we can worship again in our beautiful Church even if we can't sing or sit close together!

In one of our services Alec played part of the hymn: "In Christ Alone". The words are very powerful reminding us that Christ is our light and our strength in holding us in the storms and revealing the depths of love and peace as we stand in His Love.

So, as we go forward into the unknown future, let us take courage for we will come through all this. Let us continue to be there for each other ministering in ways we feel called to do. Blessing and Love, Rev. Mary.

A Plea for help.

I would ask all the people who help plus as many who could spare an hour or so to gather in the church yard on September 19th to see if we can get a good clear up before the winter, strimmers etc. will be needed and much appreciated cake and coffee tea etc will be provided all at a proper distance. thank you all for the support you give. Glenys

Bench on the Verge Outside the Church

The wooden bench outside the church once had a small dedication plaque which is now missing – you can just see a faint outline of where it was and the four screw holes by which it was attached. It would be nice to replace the plaque and honour the original dedication. Does anyone remember what the plaque said?

Please contact Pat Rickett, or Andrew Paris (815844) if you can help.

This Month's Riddle

What goes up and down but doesn't move?

Last Month's Answer

What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right? (Your right elbow)

St Michael The Archangel

Sun 6th 09.30 - Morning Worship
Sun 13th 10.30 - Holy Communion
Sun 20th 9.30 - All Age Worship
Sun 23rd 10.30 - Holy Communion
Sun 27th 10.30 & 18.00 - Harvest celebrations. See below

Open 7am till 7pm



Issues Affecting Halam - Parish Engagement with the Parish Council

Every planning application submitted to Newark & Sherwood District Council for Halam is put before Halam parish council for consideration and discussion. The parish council, as a statutory consultative body, feeds back its comments to the district council along with its proposal to either support or not support the application. While not binding, the view of the parish council is taken into consideration by the District Council when deciding whether or not to grant planning permission.

As Halam's parish council we try to represent the village in the way we operate and the decisions we make. The residents' views and feedback to the parish council are invaluable in helping us to make these decisions, but we can only be guided by whatever information and feedback is given to us prior to our meetings. We want to hear what people living in Halam think so we can properly represent the views of the village.

If you have any comments you want to make or issues you want to raise about any parish matters especially where any planning applications are concerned, it is important for you to contact the parish council via the Clerk, Pat Rickett, or the parish council Chair, Simon Bust. You can also attend any parish council meeting to express your views – the Chair will allow a part of the meeting to be open for any attendees to speak. Under normal circumstances all parish council meetings are held at 7.30 pm in the village hall on the second Thursday of every month, but currently, due to social distancing, the meetings are being held via Zoom. However, you can still be involved in the Zoom meetings by contacting the Clerk prior to the meeting.

We are your parish council, but we can only fully represent the parish if people living in the village let us know their views and opinions. Please let us know what you think about any matters affecting Halam – thank you!

Halam Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 30th July 2020 held via Zoom due to Social-Distancing restriction.

Present

Mr Simon Bust, Mr Andrew Paris, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds

Apologies

Mr Chris Bevans, Mr Ganesh Subramanian

Village Hall

A request had been received to hire the village hall. It was agreed that any potential hirers of the hall should produce a risk assessment and a plan as to how the issue of coronavirus was to be handled during the hiring/event. This plan would then be considered by the parish council and if it was felt to be satisfactory then the hiring could go ahead.

Roads & Hedges

Footpath, School Lane – the existing stile has fallen apart and County Council have suggested two methods of replacement; these would both do away with the stile but still restrict access to foot traffic: (a) metal hoops similar to those on the Southwell Trail, (b) a pair of wooden fences with a gap between to allow pedestrians to pass but not horses or motor vehicles. Option (b) was agreed on – wooden fences – as being more in keeping with Halam's rural setting.

Road Name: Mansfield Road/The Turnpike – an issue was raised by a parishioner that as their house was just past the bridge over the Halam Beck, the current sign (on the bridge) indicated that their address would be "Mansfield Road". However, on some paperwork and some official documents their address was given as "The Turnpike". This was liable to cause some confusion, and it was requested that the road name sign currently on the bridge should be moved further out of the village. After some discussion it was agreed (with one vote against) to leave the sign in its current position.

Wall along Radley Road at Shaws' Orchard Development – concern was expressed as to the lack of care being taken in the demolition (and re-siting) of this wall. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Planning Enforcement to advise them of the parish council's concerns.

Planning

Construction of a solar farm and battery stations together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure – Land North of Halloughton, Southwell – the application for a solar farm of over 100 hectares (250 acres) was discussed. The site lies between the road from Southwell to Oxtun and the road from Southwell to Lowdham. It was reported that Halloughton parish council were very likely to reject this application at their next meeting. It was agreed (4 with one against) that the parish council could not support this application. It was felt to be too large a site with a loss of quality agricultural land, it would have a great visual impact on the surrounding countryside being visible from many vantage points and would have a major negative impact on the surrounding villages and towns.

Finance

It was agreed unanimously to pay the parishes proportion of the costs of last year's election (note: the hire of the village for the election earned more income than these costs)

Date of next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 10th September, unless any urgent matters arise in the meantime. Any meeting will most likely be via Zoom; members of the public wishing to view the meeting should contact the clerk, Patrick Rickett on rickett@live.co.uk



AVON CALLING! Thank you to all my local supporters that have helped me by ordering AVON online during lockdown.

You can still continue to do this by going to my online shop: www.avon.uk.com/store/Katie-HalamVillage, if your order is £20.00 or more you get free direct delivery!

If you are really missing the brochure or are new to the village and would like to have one posted through your door, please give me a call, and I would be happy to bring you one.

Thank you, Katie Bevans 07717408008.

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October 2020



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St Michael The Archangel



Services. There continue to be restrictions and it is now mandatory for members of the congregation to wear a mask in Church. Although currently there can be no congregational singing there will be music at each service.

***Memorial/Bereavement Service.** As in previous years we will light candles and create a tree of remembrance for those who have died. Please let Anne (01636 814391) know if you would like to attend.

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Prayer requests. Please contact Anne Godfrey

Christmas Cards

We have good quality cards with a picture of one of the windows in the Church suitable for Christmas and other occasions as they are left blank for your own message. In packs of 5, priced £2. All proceeds to Church funds. Available from Penni and Alec Wells (01636 813491)

Message from Rev. Mary

The season of Autumn reflects the artistic handiwork of our Creator. God chooses vivid colours to paint the trees, hedgerows and flowers. I love to find a horse-chestnut and open it to hold its shining brown conker. It is a time as the harvest hymn reminds us "to be thankful" for the generosity of God. Soon it will be also time to "Remember" as we thank God for our freedom and all who fought to secure it.

Life is still challenging as there is uncertainty as winter approaches as to whether the virus will spike. However, we press on caring, praying, ministering to one another knowing that one day "all will be well" again. One of our Church members remarked as he donned his mask, "oh well, the road to Damascus. It was on that road that Saul had a life changing experience!

So, take each day as a new gift as we try to make a difference.

Blessings and Love. Rev. Mary

A Thank You!

I would like to thank the wonderful group of volunteers who turned up for the churchyard day and worked very hard and have made such an obvious difference to the both sides of the church. The wonderful tools that you all turned up with and used so enthusiastically have made such a very big task so much easier to achieve and we all enjoyed the laughter and banter that takes place while we work. THANK YOU ALL so very much! Glenys.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Please join in our Halloween competition by carving a pumpkin and place it at the end of your drive. If you live away from the main road and would like to let me know you have taken part please just send me a message or post a picture to our Facebook group. Judging will take place in the last week of October. Good Luck!!!!

Bags 2 School

One of the few fundraisings options still available to Halam PTFA is Bags 2 School and they need your help. Please clear out your houses and put any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags or curtains into a bag and leave outside the village hall by 9am on Thursday 5th Nov. A shelter will be provided if the weather is not favourable. If you would like to support but would like to arrange a collection of your bags, then please call Chris Bevans (Details below)

<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>Sun 4th 9.30 Morning Worship - Anne Sun 11th 10.30 Holy Communion - Rev. Mary Sun 18th 9.30 Morning Worship (All Age) - Anne Sun 25th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Rev. Mary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>Sun 1st 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Anne Wed 4th 7.30 p.m. Memorial/Bereavement Service * See note. Sun 8th 10.30 Remembrance Day service - Rev. Mary</p>



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Parking

It is carting season for the farmers please do be considerate with where and how you park your vehicle as this can make getting around in tractors quite a challenge. Thank you.

This Month's Riddle

Who is that with a neck and no head, two arms and no hands? What is it?

Last Month's Answer

What goes up and down but doesn't move? (A Staircase)

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Apologies

Mrs Sarah Godfrey

Village Hall

Three enquiries have been received from potential renters for the village hall. The responsibilities of the parish council to ensure a Covid safe environment and procedures along with social distancing and Track & Trace requirements were discussed. It was agreed unanimously that given the difficulties in implementing and monitoring safe hiring's, the village hall should remain closed for the time being. Chris Bevans will contact the enquirers to explain the situation.

Roads & Hedges

Gateway Signs – 11th September is the cut-off date for applications for funding from the County Council. It was agreed to apply for funding for up to four gateway signs for the village.

A draft design for the signs had been approved at the January meeting, but it is now clear that the addition of the County Council logo is also required. There was a discussion regarding the final design for these important signs and it was agreed that a revised design would be discussed with Sarah Godfrey and the proposal(s) would be circulated in the village by Facebook and Halam News. Wall in front of Shaws' Orchard – planning had been contacted by the Clerk who had been told that planning had no issues with the work done so far. District Councillor Penny Wells had forwarded a letter from Planning to the Clerk.

Allotments

One allotment has now been given up. An enquiry has been received from an individual for three allotments with a request to keep livestock (chickens and pigs) on the land. It was unanimously agreed that while there were no objections to one person renting three of the allotments, the keeping of pigs could not be allowed, but there would be no issue with keeping a reasonable number of chickens there. Comment was made that any chickens would be vulnerable to foxes and other predators and that the potential tenant should be made aware of this.

Planning

1. Alterations and extensions to existing building: Blonds, The Turnpike – no correspondence has been received from

neighbours. The applicant outlined the plans and answered queries from the parish council. The application was supported unanimously.

2. Remove garage roof and construct a new first-floor annex: Fairfield House, School Lane – no correspondence has been received from neighbours. The application was supported unanimously.

3. Existing double garage door to be removed and replaced with 2 no. single garage doors with central brick pier infill, and garden storeroom/outbuildings to be demolished and replaced with single storey extension to form home gym, office and garden store: Church Farm House, Radley Road – two letters of objection have been received from neighbours. The applicant outlined the plans and answered queries from the parish council and one neighbour explained the issues they have with the proposal. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that while in principle there wasn't a problem with an extension to the garage/garden store, the parish council decide NOT to support this particular application. Grounds: over-bearing aspect and overshadowing of adjacent property (too tall/too long) and the use of materials out of keeping with the village (dark grey zinc roof and grey cladding). The parish council generally agreed that a revised proposal with less impact on the neighbours using more traditional materials could be looked on more favourably.

Planning Decisions

The following applications have been approved by Newark & Sherwood District Council: -

1. Householder application for new timber framed garage: Kirby's Orchard, The Turnpike
2. Demolition of the existing property and construction of a new dwelling: Springfield Bungalow, The Turnpike
3. Householder application for one storey front and side extensions, two storey side and rear extensions and a new detached garage: Rosebeck, Back Lane

Finance

It was agreed unanimously to approve the End of Year Accounts, and to sign off the associated documentation.

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November

Sun 1st 9.30 Morning Worship for All Saints - Anne

Sun 8th 10.30 Remembrance Day Service in Church

**Please see note re. booking – Rev. Mary*

Sun 15th 9.30 Morning Worship (All Age) - Anne

Sun 22nd 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion – Rev. Mary

Sun 29th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion – Rev Mary



Great Notts Toy Appeal For many years this appeal has allowed children from disadvantaged families throughout Nottinghamshire to receive Christmas Presents. This year it is needed more than ever. We will be collecting before and during the services on 15th and 22nd. Toys should be new and not wrapped. No toys of war. Thank you. Any queries please contact Anne.

Message from Rev. Mary

I have recently enjoyed a few days in the New Forest. It was interesting to see the horses and ponies in such beautiful surroundings. In these challenging and uncertain days, it helps to refocus on different things and to remember that there will be an end to this.

November is a month when we remember. November 1st is All Saints Day when we remember those who have been a beacon of hope throughout the centuries and today, In November we think of St Martin who was a Roman soldier who became a Christian. One day he saw a beggar under a bridge. He cut his cloak in half and wrapped half around the poor man. That night he had a dream. In it Jesus was wearing the half cloak. Being kind to the beggar was as if he had done this for Jesus. In November we remember too those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and those who still suffer as a result of wars. This year our Act of Remembrance has to be different, but we can still have an Act of Remembrance and be thankful for that sacrifice.

So, thank you for all you do to care for each other and for giving to our food bank.

Stay safe, keep faith, keep being there for each other.

Every blessing. Rev. Mary

Christian Aid Update.

This year we as a PCC, decided to donate our Harvest Festival Collection to Christian Aid. As co-ordinator I am very happy to thank all those who have contributed with or without gift aid to this charity.

All charities of course, have been so hard hit this year so anything we can offer is warmly welcomed. If you would like an envelope to make a donation, I still have some spare and would be very pleased to pop the envelope through your door - and my back-door letter box will happily accept your generosity - as will Southwell Treasurer.

Together with donations outside church, so far, we have contributed £249.41 which has been duly delivered to the Southwell Treasurer.

With best wishes and many thanks again

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Eleanor Joan Bust (Nee Glazebrook) 31/12/1930 – 01/10/2020

It is with great sadness that on the 1st October, Halam lost one of its oldest and most respected residents. Eleanor was a “Halam Gal” all of her life. Born in Roseneath on Radley Rd, later marrying Eric Bust in Halam Church and moving into Annesley House where she began to raise her family, they moved into the Farmhouse at Strickland Farm in 1975. She was widowed in 2000 when Eric passed away. She decided to downsize in 2008 and she moved into The Workshop that was especially converted from the outbuildings of the Farmhouse to provide a 1-bedroom annexe for her. This is where she was to live out her years.

The most important thing to Eleanor was her family and by them she will be sorely missed.

The family would like to say thank you for all of the kind words of condolence that they have received.

70th Birthday

Belated Birthday Greetings to Howard Godfrey who turned 70 on 5th October.



2020 Hedgehog Surveys in Halam

The results are in! Halam is home to a small hedgehog population with an equal ratio of male vs female (this is a terrific sign of a healthy population). There is a large number of one-year old hedgehogs around (born summer 2019) and all are in great condition. What’s more, they have all surpassed the minimum body weight needed for their upcoming hibernation! Hotpots of hedgehog activity included the churchyard, the gardens and fields behind the salon and Manor Fields. I cannot thank my incredible volunteers enough who have not only made this project possible, but a great success!

Update on the Map of Halam’s Homes

Back in May, I suggested that we create a map of Halam’s homes using the “what3words” app to make it easier for delivery drivers and the emergency services to find our homes. Well, thanks to help from Ian, Michelle and Kate Drury and also from Rachel and Lily Smith, we now have a **first draft** of a Google map of Halam’s homes and amenities. Please take a look: <http://bit.ly/HalamMap>

If you click on the ‘magnifying glass’ search icon in the red bar at the top, you can type in your house-name and discover your “what3words” address as well as your GPS coordinates. You can quote either of these to help someone find your house. Alternatively, you can use the two drop-down menus in left-hand information column to find the locations of Halam’s 15 amenities or 171 houses, listed alphabetically.

This map is very much a **work in progress**, so if you spot any errors, please email me, so that I can correct them: purba@choudhury.u-net.com

Also, it’s been a fascinating process – who knew that there are 171 houses in the village (not including the ones currently being built)? That 71 of these houses are on Radley Road? And that the next two most populated roads are The Turnpike (27 houses) followed by Back Lane (18 houses)?! Trying to establish where the boundary of the Parishes of Halam and Edingley is, was also a bit tricky!

If you do not have access to the internet, please ask someone to print off this spreadsheet: <http://bit.ly/HalamSpreadsheet>, so that you can find out the ‘what3words’ address and/or GPS coordinates for your own home. (For the spreadsheet to print off in a ‘landscape’ orientation, you will have to open it using “Google Sheets”).

If you have any questions about how to use the Halam map or suggestions for improving the map, I’d love to hear from you! Please get in touch using the email address above.

Purba Choudhury (Halam Grange ///bookmark.speeding.skipped)

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in this competition the winners will be announced in next month’s edition.

Bags 2 School

One of the few fundraisings options still available to Halam PTFA is Bags 2 School and they need your help. Please clear out your houses and put any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags or curtains into a bag and leave outside the village hall by 9am on Thursday 5th Nov. A shelter will be provided if the weather is not favourable. If you would like to support but would like to arrange a collection of your bags, then please call Chris Bevans (Details below)

Last Month’s Riddle

Who is that with a neck and no head, two arms and no hands? What is it? (A Shirt)

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Present

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Village Hall

Given the seriousness of the current coronavirus situation it was agreed to cancel all bookings for the hall until further notice.

Roads & Hedges

Gateway Signs – a final proposed design was shown, and subject to a couple of minor changes, the design was unanimously accepted. Once the funding for these signs has been secured, the design and location will be presented to the village.

Road gulleys in the village are still blocked – some with grass growing out of them – and the recent road sweeping did no good to unblock them. The county council will be informed (again) of the issues.

A streetlight on School Lane is obscured by trees. The Clerk will contact the golf course to request that this foliage is cut back.

Some trees and bushes are getting tangled with the telephone lines – BT have been informed but stated that they will take no action unless and until wires become broken.

The hedge at the Turnpike crossroads needs cutting back as it is obscuring the view up Halam Hill when turning right out of Radley Road. The siting on a mirror at the crossroads to help when emerging from School Lane was raised. This has been previously discussed and investigated, but unfortunately due to liability and practicality issues this is not possible.

The road surface on Holme Lane is in a very poor state – this is on the Highway's list for resurfacing but is unlikely to be done any time soon.

Halam Hill

A request has been made for the parish council to approach the golf course to see if a footpath up Halam Hill could be created. Some years ago this had been a requirement for the granting of planning permission for the golf course, but turned out to be unenforceable. A footpath would improve road safety for pedestrians and could contribute to sustainable travel, especially in these challenging times.

Community Support

During these difficult times it was agreed that the parish council should offer to be a contact point for volunteers offering to help others in the village, and for anyone requiring assistance (e.g. with shopping, collecting prescriptions, or just wanting a friendly chat). A letter will be drafted and circulated round the parish.

Planning

1. Ford House, The Turnpike: change conservatory roof to a flat roof and lantern. Glazed gable end and vaulted ceiling in kitchen/living room. Revised fenestration of windows in dining area – no correspondence has been received from neighbours. The application was supported unanimously.

2. Halam House Farm, Radley Road: conversion of agricultural buildings to form a dwelling – no correspondence has been received from neighbours. This is a slightly revised plan for an application already supported. This application was supported unanimously.

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



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Services. Following the lock down, Churches can reopen for public worship. At the time of writing detailed guidance has not been issued but we are assuming the rules will be as they were or similar to those just before the lockdown; that there will be restrictions on the numbers we can have in Church, that it will be mandatory for members of the congregation to wear a mask in Church and that there can be no congregational singing.

We will be delivering an update and further details during the next two weeks, but the following services are planned:

Sunday 6th December 9.30 a.m. Advent Carol service - Anne

Sunday 13th December 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion – Rev. Mary

Sunday 20th December 4.p.m. Carols for everyone in the Church yard.

Friday 25th December 10.a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion – Rev. Mary

Private Prayer. The Church will continue to be closed at other times but can be opened for private prayer by arrangement with the Church Wardens, Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 or Penni Wells 01636 813491.

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Advent began on 29th November. Advent means coming as we wait once again in expectation for the coming of the Christ Child.

I have it on good authority, children, that Father Christmas will be able to do the usual rounds!!

Although there is some uncertainty about restrictions you can be assured Christmas will be celebrated somehow.

Love came down at Christmas in the form of Jesus, God's Son. It is a time for expressing that love in which-ever way we feel led, as we remember family, friends and those who use our food banks, find themselves homeless, are vulnerable or bereaved. So, keep faith, keep safe, keep caring.

The prayer for Christmas Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth. Accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and Eternal God. Amen

Every Blessing, Rev. Mary



Parish Pump



Pumpkin Carving Competition

It seems a little strange to be talking about pumpkins in December, However the winners of our competition were selected after going to print with our November edition.

I am pleased to reveal that the judges were Jack Bevens (aged 8) & Amelia Bevens (Aged 6) we went around the village and they chose their favourites.

In joint 3rd place were the Bonds and the Busts. In 2nd place was Jackie Thornewill and the winners this year was The Pascals of Back Lane, and worthy of that title they were. Great effort!!

Bags 2 School

Halam PTFA would like to thank everyone who donated to the Bags 2 School collection, it was a great turnout and £90 was raised to help the schoolchildren of Halam.

Takeout at the Waggon

The Waggon will now be opening for takeaway 5 nights a week (Wednesday to Sunday) and will be offering starters and desserts as well as their delicious main meal menu. Please support the pub in these trying times and then we can all celebrate in there once restrictions are lifted.



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Finding houses in Halam – “what3words” makes it easy!

As we all know, finding houses in Halam can be tricky as most houses don't have a street number in their address. While we remain in Tier 3 and rely more on shopping being delivered to our front door – why not make it easier for delivery drivers by quoting either your what3words address or the GPS coordinates for your house?

As you'll have read in previous issues of “Halam News” we now have an interactive map (<http://bit.ly/HalamMap>) and a 6-page list of what3words addresses and GPS coordinates for all the houses in Halam (<http://bit.ly/HalamSpreadsheet>) so that you can discover what yours is **and start using it!**

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<https://www.hugofox.com/community/halam-nottinghamshire-10418/what-3-words/>

Alternatively, if you have any specific questions, please do email me at:
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Village Hall

Nothing further to report this month.

Roads & Hedges

Gateway Signs – there are early indications that funding has been granted for the new village signs. To be confirmed shortly. The designers were thanked by the parish council.

Road drains – the Chair has spoken with County Cllr Bruce Laughton and is now waiting for a meeting with County Council Highways and Severn Trent.

Hedges – contact has been made with the landowners to get these attended to.

Parish Footpaths and Rights of Way

It had been reported that stiles, especially on the path between Machin's Farm and Cultesforth Lane are in a bad, and even dangerous state. Parish councillors will walk the path and will raise any issues with the landowner(s) and/or County Footpaths Officer.

Allotments

A previous allotment holder has requested an allotment. Agreed. It was reported that the allotments are very untidy and that some access bridges had been removed – the Chair and Clerk will make a site visit.

Dog Bin

There was a discussion regarding the location of the dog bin by the pub car park as comments were made as to how little it seems to be used. It is a larger bin than that on Radley Road and so requires emptying less often. If a different location is suggested, then perhaps a third bin could be obtained as there are now nearly 50 dogs in the village.

Village Notice Board

This will be re-erected within the next month.

Open 7am till 7pm



what3words

This is a system where every location in the world is given a three-word identifier. The location of any house, shop or business can be found simply by using the what3words coordinates. See what3words.com for further information. The unique three-word phrase allows emergency services (and delivery drivers) to locate addresses swiftly.

Purba Choudhury and her team have mapped every house in Halam using this system during the lockdown.

Further information will be sent out with Halam News and it was agreed to have a laminated list of Halam houses, and their three-word identifiers put in the village phone box.

The parish council thanked Purba and her team for all their efforts.

Planning

Existing double garage door to be removed and replaced with 2 no. single garage doors with central brick pier infill, and garden storeroom/outbuildings to be demolished and replaced with single storey extension to form home gym, office and garden store: Church Farm House, Radley Road – although the materials have now been changed to be more in keeping with surrounding buildings, there were still concerns about possible over-shadowing of the neighbouring property. Agreed not to support the application – 4 votes to 2 (with 1 abstention).

Planning Decisions

1. Change conservatory roof to a flat roof and lantern. Glazed gable end and vaulted ceiling in kitchen/living room. Revised fenestration of windows in dining area: Ford House, The Turnpike – planning approved by Newark & Sherwood District Council
2. Remove garage roof and construct a new first-floor annex: Fairfield House, School Lane – refused by N& S DC

Finance

A budget update was circulated to the parish council, awaiting confirmation of some of the final figures.

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