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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JANUARY 2015 SERVICES



Jan 4th	08:00 Morning Prayer	Anne Godfrey
	09:30 All age Epiphany	Anne Godfrey
Jan 11	10:30 Morning Worship	Canon J Toy
Jan 18	09:30 Parish Communion	Canon J Smith
Jan 25	10:30 Sung Eucharist	Rev P Graves

A Happy New Year from the Diocese and all at St Michael's Church

A Happy New Year to all our readers!

HALAM SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you have a child who will start Halam School in Sept 2015 (5th birthday after 1st Sep 2015) then please ensure that they are registered with Nottinghamshire County Council:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/schools/admissions/>



PILATES

Halam Village Hall

Starting Weds 14th January 2pm - 3pm
Contact Paula on 0774003857 for more information

WORLD CHALLENGE - TANZANIA

I am currently trying to raise money for a World Challenge trip to Tanzania with my School. If anyone has any odd jobs or babysitting I could do, then please contact me on 01636 815039.

Elizabeth Fraser (aged 16)

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Looking Forward

May this new year find you healthier and happier, peaceful, content, satisfied, looking forward to fresh, revitalizing interests, a variety of pleasures, interesting new people, material and personal successes to make this new year the best one yet.
Happy New Year!

By Joanna Fuchs

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 2014 MEETING

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Apologies: Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey

Matters Arising: NALC Executive Meeting – Parish Council Clerks' Pensions: Mrs Simmonds reported that the meeting had discussed the legal requirement for councils to contribute to pensions for their employees. The Clerk to investigate further

Severn Trent – water pipeline to Southwell: The parish council has now received £500 from Severn Trent, the second payment of £500 from Laing O'Rourke should be made in the next few months.

There is still ongoing discussion regarding some dykes along Radley Road, County Council Highways department are also involved

Village Hall: Lettings are gradually increasing. A meeting of the village hall committee will be held early in the New Year to review an events programme for 2015

Roads and Hedges: 1) Highways department (Matt Duckworth) are aware of the issues with the roads in Halam. Further work has been scheduled when funds are available. 2) New Hall Lane – the Clerk is to meet with Matt Duckworth regarding the road surface between New Hall Farm and Brockley Farm 3) Over-hanging willow trees on School Lane – landowner is aware and these will be cut back 4) State of Radley Road – this is always a problem at this time of year, and it is difficult to see how this can be improved. At least the poor/muddy state tends to reduce the amount of traffic using Radley Road as a cut-through

Halam Parish Council Facebook: The trial of a parish council Facebook page continues. We have 31 "likes" so far. **Please "like" the Halam Parish Council Facebook page.**

Phone box: The parish council has now signed the contract to take ownership of the phone box. The phone equipment is to be removed shortly. *Many villages have found different uses for their phone boxes, for example local information centres, or book exchange libraries. The parish council would be very interested in suggested uses for our phone box here in Halam.*

Allotments: The current state of the allotments was discussed. Mrs Herbert suggested that it might be possible to plant the unused allotments with fruit trees. There could possibly be help to improve the allotments under the county council's Local Improvement Scheme. Mr Paris will do some research into the history and legalities regarding use of the allotments

Open Meeting County Councillor Bruce Laughton reported: 1) He will be standing in the May 2015 elections as one of the District Councillors for Southwell (one of three) which will also cover Halam. 2) The traffic scheme to reduce the number of lorries coming through Southwell (and district) seems to be working well with numbers of HGVs falling from 200 per day to less than 20 per day. 3) There is an Appeal pending regarding the temporary gypsy site on Greaves Lane, Edingley. 4) The caravan in the field opposite Littledale is under investigation by N&S DC planning

Correspondence: 1) Bulk oil buying: Rural Community Action is organising a bulk buying schemes for villages; this could save costs on heating oil purchases. **For more information contact Melanie Saxton on 01623 727600 or email msaxton@rcan.org.uk** 2) Flood Grants: This is a scheme from Newark & Sherwood District Council that allows the owner (business or home) to apply for flood defence products up to the value of £5,000 (this can also be for retrospective works).

For further information contact N&S DC or see:

www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/flooding/floodsupportscheme

Finance: 1) Precept – to be discussed at the next meeting. The Finance Officer will have accounts ready for councillors to consider 2) Agreed to pay for insurance for the phone box 3) Electrical check for village hall – agreed to accept quote to have the hall checked 4) Bank account amendments – mandates were signed to amalgamate the various parish council accounts into one account

The Chairman thanked the parish councillors for their attendance and work over the past year, and wished all a merry Christmas and a happy a peaceful New Year

Date of Next Meetings: Thursday 8th January 2015 in the village hall at 7.30pm



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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FEBRUARY 2015 SERVICES



Feb 1	08:00 Morning Prayer	Rev R Walton
	09:30 All age service	Anne Godfrey
Feb 8	10:30 Morning Worship	Anne Godfrey
Feb 15	09:30 Parish Communion	Rev R Walton
Feb 22	10:30 Sung Eucharist	Rev P Graves
Mar 1	08:00 Morning Prayer	Rev R Walton
	09:30 All age service	Anne Godfrey

HALAM SCHOOL SPORTS SUCCESS



U11s Kids Cup Competition Football tournament at Mansfield Town Football Club Saturday 24th January 2015

After a nail biting match at the Stags ground during half time, which ended 0 - 0 against Peafield Lane Primary Club, the teams had a penalty shoot-out at the end of the match. Halam won 2 - 0 and they will now represent Mansfield Town Football Club in the Area Finals at Morcambe in March, where they will face other local winners representing Northern-based League Two clubs. The winners in March will then go to have a once in a lifetime opportunity to play at Wembley prior to the League Two Play-off Final in May!

The Lions Swimathon
Halam School won the Lions Swimathon Trophy for 2014 - congratulations to all those who participated!

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL LIBRARY DAY



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Charlotte and Nabeil Naaman on the birth of their daughter Vesper Elizabeth Rodely on 1 December 2014. Charlotte, who is the daughter of Maureen and Tony Hallam, grew up in Halam with her sister Elizabeth and both attended the village school. Also Charlotte and Nabeil were married at Halam Church.

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Nottingham

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KELHAM HALL'S BIG VINTAGE FESTIVAL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – JANUARY 2015 MEETING

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Janet Simmonds

Apologies: Glenys Herbert

Severn Trent – water pipeline to Southwell: The parish council has now received the full payment of £1,000 from Severn Trent and Laing. Agreed (4 to 1 against) to allocate this money towards the fabric of the village hall, preferably for improvement work

Village Hall: The village hall committee meetings are to recommence – new committee members will be welcome. **Anyone interested in helping with the running of the village hall please contact Chris Bevans or Sarah Godfrey.** It was unanimously agreed to a) have a locked chain across the front of the village hall to prevent unauthorised parking, b) to change the village hall lock as there are currently too many keys in circulation. c) to have the hire of the tables and/or chairs of the hall let out on the same basis as the hall i.e. chargeable and through Chris Bevans. County Cllr Jackson agreed to give £200 funding towards improved security measures at the village hall

Roads and Hedges: Lack of gritting during recent snow falls – issue raised with County Cllr Jackson

Halam Parish Council Facebook: The number of people visiting our page is increasing. **Please “like” the Halam Parish Council Facebook page.**

Allotments: A Paris will research the history and legalities regarding use of the allotments

Open Meeting: County Councillor Jackson reported:

1) Oxtan Hill will be closed for road works from 11th February 2) More yellow road markings will be put outside Halam School – these will be statutory restrictions 3) There is now one Beat Officer to police the district from Blidworth to Bulcote. Cllr Jackson is requesting that the CPSOs reporting to the Beat Officer have more powers e.g. can arrest suspects 4) The parish may be charged a contribution toward to coming Council & Parliamentary elections – the Clerk to investigate this with the Returning Officer at Kelham Hall

Correspondence: 1) NALC briefing on Transparency Code for Smaller Councils – Andrew Paris to investigate and report back 2) Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement – Andrew Paris to investigate and report back 3) External Audit Seminar, February 2015 – Finance Officer (Mandy Rickett) to attend

Planning Decisions: Old Oak – Radley Road: Householder application for Two storey side and rear extension, re-modelling of existing house, new framed canopy to main entrance and replacement three bay garage: Application approved by Newark & Sherwood DC

Finance: 1) Precept – the final figure will be subject to whether or not the parish have to bear election costs, which could be up to £1,000. Precept will be set once the Clerk has reported back on this potential expense 2) Agreed unanimously to pay for the village hall fire check

Date of Next Meetings: Thursday 12th February 2015 in the village hall at 7.30pm



THE WAGGON AT HALAM

A few photographs from our Burns Night Event in January. Many thanks to Bernard and Jill Blackwell for giving it such an authentic Scottish twist and our chefs for a fabulous 4 course menu and the front of house team who worked so hard.

Feedback was great, so we trust everyone enjoyed it!



Our next speciality dining event is Valentines Day. Our chefs have been hard at work creating a very special romantic menu for loving couples and our red lounge and parlour will be themed for the occasion.

Our 3 course feature menu is available on Friday 13th February (£25 pp) alongside our Evening Menu and on Saturday 14th Feb (£29 pp feature menu only).

We'd LOVE to see you.

Call us on 01636 813109, or view the full menu at:

<http://www.waggonhalam.co.uk>



Snowflakes Kisses

By Angela M Toarrence

Upon the earth the snow kisses
Glittering flakes drop as the ice glistens
My soul has awoken and now my heart listens
In my mind your voice whispers
When I close my eyes at night I dream of you
When I awake to the morning dew I think of you
Somehow I feel in your arms is where I belong
I've waited for someone like you for so long
Now my heart beats with a happy rhyme
Couldn't have asked for a better Valentine!

Happy Valentines Day!

ROAD SAFETY

With another batch of sub zero temperature & snow upon us, any local resident without a 4-wheel drive car would benefit by fitting 4 season tyre's, my Golf is only front wheel drive but I did not get stuck during the recent cold spell driving along the untreated Radley Road & School lane and these could be fitted an at local garage, I use the one in Farnsfield. Or you can order on-line from:

http://www.mytyres.co.uk/All-Season_Tyres.html

Stephen Small

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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MARCH 2015 SERVICES



Mar 1	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev R Walton
	09:30 All age service	Anne Godfrey
Mar 8	10:30 Morning Worship	Anne Godfrey
Mar 15	09:30 Parish Communion	Rev R Walton
Mar 22	10:30 Sung Eucharist	Rev P Graves
Mar 29	10:30 Palm Sunday procession starting from the Waggon, followed by Morning Worship	Anne Godfrey
Apr 3	10:00 Good Friday devotions	Anne Godfrey

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Severn Trent – water pipeline to Southwell: Nothing to report this month

Village Hall: The village hall committee has had an initial meeting – further meeting to be held in March. **Anyone interested in helping with the running of the village hall please contact Chris Bevans or Sarah Godfrey.** The feedback regarding the chain across the hall car park so far is pretty positive. The key-safe lock code will be regularly changed with the number circulated to regular users of the hall. The hall crockery and cutlery is not to be rented out except as part of a hall booking. One storage heater needs repair; slipped slates on the roof require attention; Millennium tapestry needs remounting with a ventilation gap behind the frame (to prevent damp)

Roads and Hedges: The closure of Oxton Hill in the near future seems uncertain. Radley Road is in a poor state – rutted and covered in mud. The deep gullies that have opened up by the side of the road in some areas are dangerous. Little can be done during the poor winter weather. Work has been organised for the top of Radley Road (Oxton Road end) to sort out the water continually running across it (from the spring). The parish council will have to buy some more grit to re-fill the two blue grit bins in the village. Call Highways on 0300 500 8080 to report any issues (e.g. poor condition of verges on School Lane)

Halarn Parish Council Facebook: The number of people visiting our page is slowly increasing. **Please “like” the Halarn Parish Council Facebook page.**

Allotments: The Clerk will pass over the village “enclosure record book” to Andrew Paris for further research into the history and legalities regarding use of the allotments.

External Audit Seminar, February 2015: Finance Officer (Mandy Rickett) attended this for updates.

NALC briefing on Transparency Code for Smaller Councils: There is a requirement for parish councils to post financial information, minutes and agendas on-line from 1st July. Andrew Paris to investigate doing this via the Newark & Sherwood DC website.

Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement: Andrew Paris reported on these restrictions to District Council funding by central government

Open Meeting: 1) Superfast Broadband: Mrs Godfrey reported on the development of this for Halarn and the limitations experienced in the village. Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Todd are proposing to organise help and advice for those in the village wishing who may not have access to the internet to learn more about getting on-line. **Anyone wanting help to get on-line and with understanding the basics of using the internet, please contact Sarah Godfrey** 2) Footpath above Machins Farm: Mrs Herbert reported that this has been blocked with an electric fence. To be investigated.

Finance: 1) Precept – unanimously agreed to keep the precept at the current rate (£7,500 p.a.)

2) Agreed unanimously to pay for emptying the bog bin 3) Key-safe and chain – paid for by Cllr Jackson’s community fund

Date of Next Meetings: Thursday 12th March 2015 in the village hall at 7.30pm

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Good luck to the Holmes family, who have moved to Southwell and welcome to Bob & Carol Brookes who have recently moved into The Old Forge on Grey Lane.

"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."
- William Wordsworth, *Daffodils*

**Have you recently seen a distinctive
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Occupants seen acting suspiciously on 4th February 2012 (incident number 327) and again on 5th March 2015. If you see this van please report to police on 101 (or 999 if occupants again acting suspiciously)



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NEW EDITOR; KAREN DAVIS 01636 815854

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

APRIL 2015 SERVICES



Apr 5	08:00	Holy Communion	Canon J Toy
	10:30	Sung Eucharist	Rev P Graves
Apr 12	10:30	All Age Easter Celebration	Anne Godfrey
Apr 19	09:30	Parish Communion	Rev S Helmsley-Halls
Apr 26	10:30	Sung Eucharist	Rev J Burgess
May 3	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev D Keene
	09:30	All Age service	Anne Godfrey

A very happy and peaceful Easter from all at St Michaels

TIME FOR A CHANGE.....

It's 7 years this month since I took over as the editor of Halam News and I've decided to take a break. Has much changed in 7 years - well not really; people have come and go, some villagers are no longer with us, we no longer have a Priest in Charge at Halam Church, there has been no major property development, the Church has a new organ, we have the bomber memorial, an electronic speed sign, a couple of grit bins, a new street sign for Radley Road, and a dog poo bin..... the pub has had 4 changes of management with current incumbents Richard and Jo seeming to have the balance right....., there have been 3 head teachers at Halam School etc. It is important however for a village such as Halam to have a community newsletter in order that everyone can be kept abreast of progress (!) at the Parish Council, have details of local amenities and catch up with other news. I'm pleased therefore that Karin Davis has graciously agreed to take over editorship from May 2015 and her details are above. The email address stays the same for contributions. Thank you to the hardy delivery team who battles to distribute the Halam News come rain or shine and thanks also to all the contributors over the last 7 years. TTFN.

Peter Thompson

NEW ROAD NAMED IN HONOUR OF NORA ARMSTRONG

A new road in Bilsthorpe has been named Armstrong Gardens in honour of the late Nora Armstrong. Many of us remember Nora who was a long-time resident of Halam before moving to Southwell; she was a parish councillor for Halam and also represented us as a District Councillor at Kelham Hall. She was a large part of village life and tireless in her efforts to get the best for the village from Newark & Sherwood District Council for over 20 years. She died in April 2013.

In the photo opposite, District Cllr Bruce Laughton unveils the new street sign, with Nora's husband Brian Armstrong, and their daughter Nicola



HALAM C OF E SCHOOL - GOVERNORS

Halam Primary School, is seeking to Co-op members of the local community to join its Governing body. Expressions of interest are invited from prospective individuals who are interested in becoming a governor. The role of a governor is both challenging and rewarding and offers the opportunity to work alongside teaching staff, parents and children at the School. School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. Essential skills for the role include experience of contributing to committees, the ability to work positively with others and to contribute as a member of a team. In addition you will agree policies and strategies and ensure these can be monitored and implemented. It will allow you to take an active interest in the school, its vision/ethos and the safeguarding/welfare of its children and Staff. You will need to commit to attend meetings and governor training courses. For further information and/or to have a chat about becoming a governor at the School please contact Sam Bradbury (Head Teacher) at Halam C of E Primary School.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – MARCH 2015 MEETING

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Severn Trent – water pipeline to Southwell: There is still some land that needs reinstating – this will be done when the weather is drier

Village Hall: The village hall committee held a meeting chaired by Chris Bevans; matters discussed included redecoration of hall in areas where needed, tidying up the outside area, buying a new vacuum cleaner, and organising a cleaning rota. It is also planned to produce some instructions for hirers e.g. how the water heater works. The slipped roof slates have now been sorted, and the Millennium Map is to be remounted allowing an air-gap behind (to prevent damp issues). Secondary-glazing to the windows to help with insulation is to be investigated. The hall will be marketed further including the projector available for hire. It is hoped to organise some fund raising events e.g. a film night, race night, and a summer event (possibly in conjunction with the pub). The possibility of installing a smart-meter is to be investigated. The hall has passed its electrical inspection (Part P), but some further work and repairs are required. It was unanimously agreed to pay to get these done.

Roads and Hedges: The work to stabilise the bank up Halam Hill has been completed, but some logs and branches have been left on the banks. As some of these are quite substantial they could be a danger if they fall into the road – Cllr Jackson will make Highways aware of these.

A letter from a School Lane resident was read out regarding the state of the edges and verges along School Lane, especially since the diversion when Halam Hill was closed – Highways are aware of this and remedial work will be undertaken once the weather has improved.

The surface of Halam Hill is in a very poor state and was made worse by the recent work on the banks – Cllr Jackson will let Highways know.

The footpath up Halam Hill (in front of the Old Vicarage) is covered with leaves and other debris – can this be cleaned? Cllr Jackson to action.

Halam Parish Council Facebook: W.I. information to be passed to Andrew Paris to put on Facebook page. **Please “like” the Halam Parish Council Facebook page.**

Allotments: There has been an enquiry from a villager wishing to take over one of the allotments. A suggestion was made that the allotments could be turned into a rest or remembrance garden with trees planted as memorials. The Clerk will pass over the village “enclosure record book” to Andrew Paris for further research into the history and legalities regarding use of the allotments.

Computer Lessons: No response to date. **Anyone wanting help to get on-line and with understanding the basics of using the internet, please contact Sarah Godfrey**

Open Meeting: 1) A new road in Bilsthorpe has been named “Armstrong Gardens” after the late local district councillor Nora Armstrong. Nora was a long-standing resident of Halam and a member of the parish council for many years. 2) Newark & Sherwood DC will be moving from Kelham Hall to new £6m offices at the Cattle Market, Newark 3) Under the recent district council boundaries reform, after the elections in May, Halam will be represented by three Southwell District Councillors. These councillors will be responsible for Southwell, Halam, Edingley, Kirklington, Winkburn, and Halloughton

Correspondence: Nomination packs were passed out to the existing parish councillors. These need completing and returning to Kelham Hall if a councillor wishes to stand again

Finance: Unanimously agreed to pay; clerks wages; electrician for electrical test of the hall; lock and chain for hall (to be reimbursed by Cllr Jackson); NALC subs

Date of Next Meetings: The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th April 2015 in the village hall. **This will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm with the Chairman’s review of the past year. This will be followed by the parish council meeting at 7.30pm**

Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial 10th April 2015



To mark the anniversary of the WWII plane crash in the village, we will be holding a short Service of Remembrance at the Lancaster Bomber Memorial, School Lane on Friday 10th April at 10.45am. Prayers, the laying of wreaths, and a bugler playing the Last Post will be followed by a minute silence. All are welcome to attend.

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HALAM VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

Every TUESDAY afternoon: **TEA AT 2.30** meet to enjoy tea and biscuits. All are welcome to drop in!

Every THURSDAY afternoon at 1.30 - 2.30pm: **GO BAKE COOKERY CLASS.**

On THURSDAY evenings at 6pm: **TAP DANCING CLASS** (Previous experience/talent not required!)
The **THEATRE DANCE CLASS** follows at 6.45pm.

Tuesday 5th May at 7.30pm: **HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.** The W.I. meets in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. New members will be made most welcome.

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP: takes place in the village hall during term time every other Friday morning. For information contact Tracy Whitaker.



GENERAL ELECTION: on **Thursday 7th May** voting will take place in the village hall from 6.30am. Please remember to use your vote - people fought and died so that you could!

For information or to book Halam Village Hall contact: Tel: 01636 815576 or mobile: 07967 132014; email: info@halamvillagehall.org.uk

HALAM COURT CONCERTS 2015

DANIEL HARRISON: 'Cello
Sunday 17 May 3.00 pm

DAVID BUTTERWORTH: Organ
Saturday 27 June 7.30 pm

MARGARET SCOTT: Piano
Sunday 16 August 3.00 pm

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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

3 May	8am: Holy Communion: Canon David Keene 9.30am: All Age Worship: Anne Godfrey
10 May	10.30am: Morning Worship: Anne Godfrey
17 May	9.30am: Parish Communion & Launch of the Promise Programme: Ven. David Picken Archdeacon
24 May	10.30am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Peter Graves
31 May	9.30am: Joint Service at St Giles Edingley

A busy March and Easter at St Michael's

On 9th March Halam School children came to church to learn about baptism. The School's Easter Service was on 30th March. A service of devotion took place on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday four children who sing in the church choir took their first communion, following their confirmation in the Minster. Couples planning to marry over the next 18 months were welcomed. The Church decorations and Easter Garden were splendid: Thank you to all who contributed to this. Easter Eggs were distributed at the 'All Age' service on 12th April.

Anne Godfrey

CHURCHYARD CLEARING UP DAY!

On **Saturday 9th May** there will be a Churchyard working party from 10am onwards. Please do come along and help, otherwise this becomes an onerous task for a VERY few people!

If you could 'adopt' a small area of the churchyard and take care of it on a longer-term basis Kevin would be most grateful. Thank you for your support!

Glenys Herbert (Asst. Church Warden)

PARISH PUMP

- Happy 60th birthday (4 May) **Alan McCracken!**
- Welcome to **Paul and Cathy Henson** who have moved into Midgill, Radley Road.
- Welcome to **Michelle Sissons** who moved into Oak Tree Barn, School Lane on the 1st April.
- Congratulations to **Stephen Haddelsey** who has been awarded a PhD in History (University of East Anglia). Well done Dr. Haddelsey!

OPEN GARDENS

Monday 25th May: Two Halam gardens will be open for charity as part of the NGS scheme: **The Old Vicarage**, Halam Hill and **Holbeck Lodge**, Manor Farm Court. Combined admission is £4.50 and children are free.

Sunday 7th June: Both gardens are open again, as above, plus John & Margaret Hill at **Hill's Farm** Edingley Hill, are opening their six acre Wildflower meadow. Home made teas will be available at Hill's Farm. Combined admission £5, children free

KEN GRIEVE (15 October 1929 - 12 April 2015)

Many of you will have known Ken through his varied involvement in village life as a long-term resident and village 'character'. He lived with his wife Betty on School Lane for twenty years, and before that was landlord and owner of the Waggon & Horses. During his time at the pub it was noted for the quality of its food and villagers remember people queuing up waiting for him to open up at 7pm for his early bird menu!

Ken was also an active member of the community serving as a Parish Councillor for a number of years, and was a stalwart of the Waggon & Horses Dominoes team. He was a genial, pleasant and cheerful man, and popular in the village. Ken was an avid Manchester United supporter, and a keen football referee.

When he sold the Waggon in 1994 to 'retire' he then went on to buy 'Gossips' coffee shop in Southwell in partnership with his son Jonathan, and for many years could be found there exchanging pleasantries with his locals and customers. Sadly ill health caught up with him latterly, but he could still be found in the pub playing 'doms' occasionally until recently. He will be much missed by his wife, family and his friends in Halam.

Here below is a 'blast from the past' from Halam News, July 2004 - over 10 years ago! Is anyone willing to take this over, and write a short piece each month? - The Ed.

NATURE NOTES

The more observant amongst us will have noticed the aerial displays of Swallows, Swifts and House Martins over our village. The first Swallow arrived in Halam around the 13th April (first arrival in Notts recorded on 17th March) probably from the Natal region of South Africa although increasing numbers are now wintering in Southern Spain. House Martins arrived soon after and the first Swift was seen on the 17th May (early April in Notts). Swifts generally arrive later than Swallows and leave earlier, some of them in July. It is hard to believe that Swifts rarely land. A young bird born here in Halam may well migrate to its wintering grounds in Africa, then return the next year and never set foot on branch, building or ground until they nest. That's nearly a year. They do everything on the wing - eat, copulate and even sleep. - **Ed Gathercole**



HALAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 9 April 2015: 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Car Parking: residents parking in the village hall car park was discussed; a letter from a parishioner was read out. Given previous parking problems it was unanimously agreed that local residents should not be allowed to park their cars at the village hall

Chairman's Report: The parish council met every month over the past year and was consulted on six planning applications; all were decided in line with the parish council's views. Severn Trent's pipeline had proceeded with relatively little disruption; a donation of £1,000 towards the village hall was received from Severn Trent/Laing O'Rourke. District and County Councils have represented us well re issues with drains and roads: Halam Hill has been stabilised and further work is scheduled for drains on the Turnpike. The dykes at the top of Radley Road have been cleared, but Highways have been advised that the effect will be limited until the culverts under the road are sorted. Village Hall bookings continue to increase and further fundraising events are planned. A very successful Harvest Supper was held – the Chairman thanked Chris Bevans & the village hall committee. Some allotments have been rented out for the next year. The Chairman thanked the Clerk; Mandy Rickett, Financial Officer; Marina Thompson, internal auditor; & members of the parish council.

Parish Council Meeting followed at 7.30pm

Village Hall: The Millennium Tapestry has been remounted allowing air circulation to reduce damp problems. Glenys Herbert will seek advice from a local conservator to ensure its preservation. The Village Hall Committee will discuss having professional cleaners for the hall & report back.

Roads and Hedges: Cars appear to be parked all day on School Lane and restrict access for larger vehicles; this situation will be monitored and discussed with the school if necessary. Would all householders please ensure their hedges are cut back to keep all footpaths and pavements clear?

Halam Parish Council Facebook: Please 'like' the Halam Parish Council Facebook page.

Allotments: It appears that permission is required from the Secretary of State to put our allotments for alternative use; AP to further research. Please let the Clerk know if you think the take-up of allotments would increase if a water supply was available there.

Correspondence: Sarah Godfrey to attend Sustainable Communities Workshop.

Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – Andrew Paris to research with N&S D.C. to ensure Halam P.C. complies re publishing info online.

Finance: Unanimously agreed to enter the Best Kept Village competition.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 May 2015 in the village hall: Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm with election of Chairman and other council positions.

HALAM NEWS

June 2015



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PARISH PUMP

- **Congratulations** to James Bust and Gemma Williams who were married on Saturday 16th May in Madeley, Cheshire, with the reception held at Haslington Hall. We wish you happiness in your future life together!
- A very big thank you to all those who turned out for the first **Churchyard Day**; we certainly made a visible impression on some areas! There is still a lot to do so if you can spare some time there will be another clear-up day on **Saturday 13th June** at 10am - 12pm. Thank you all for your support. Glenys Herbert (Asst. Church Warden)



HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are having a 'Phil' the Bag fundraising collection!



Our 'Phil' the Bag
Recycle Day is on:

Wednesday
15th July

Please drop items
off at school
reception by 9 am.

Thank you for your
support!

- **Everyone** is welcome to take part.
- Please *fill the bag* with your unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, belts and handbags.
- We take items in **any** type of bag.
- The **more** we weigh, the more we **pay**.
- Thank you - but NO blankets, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, soft toys, off-cuts, any wet items, ripped or stained clothing!

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR BAGS OF
UNWANTED CLOTHING, BAGS & SHOES!**

HALAM VILLAGE HALL

Dates for your diary: Harvest Supper: 16 October
Race Night: 4 December - more details to follow.

For information or to book Halam Village Hall for your event contact: Tel: 01636 815576 or mobile: 07967 132014; email: info@halamvillagehall.org.uk

Information about activities may be found on Halam Village Hall's website: www.halamvillagehall.org.uk

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

7 June	8am: Holy Communion: Archdeacon David Picken 9.30am: All Age Worship: Anne Godfrey
14 June	10.30am: Morning Prayers: Anne Godfrey
21 June	9.30am: Parish Communion Revd. Frank Beech
28 June	10.30am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Peter Graves

HALAM CHURCH PROMISE PROGRAMME

By now every household in the village will have received their letter from Halam Church PCC appealing for support. Please do consider giving a regular sum each month, or a donation, (this could be specifically towards the upkeep of the fabric of the building) if you and your family wish to see it open, maintained and there when you need it!

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HALAM COURT CONCERTS 2015

DAVID BUTTERWORTH: Organ
Saturday 27 June 7.30 pm

MARGARET SCOTT: Piano
Sunday 16 August 3.00 pm

Two concerts: £15
Single Concert: £9

Tickets available on the door at Halam Court on Back Lane, or in advance from:
dsbutterworth@halam.myzen.co.uk
or Telephone: 0115 9625400

In aid of the Nottingham Albert Hall Organ

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

14 May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman:

Chairman: Simon Bust; Vice-chair: Andrew Paris

Election of other officers:

Christmas charities: Simon Bust & Andrew Paris;
Press officer: Andrew Paris; Transport officer: Sarah Godfrey; NALC Representatives: Janet Simmonds & Sarah Godfrey; Snow/flood warden – Simon Bust; Flag officer – Simon Bust; Crime reduction: Andrew Paris & Sarah Godfrey; Internal auditor – Marina Thompson; Financial officer – Mandy Rickett.

Matters Arising:

Car parking on School Lane – it appears that some cars parked during the day are not school staff cars. The school is monitoring the situation. Cars parked close to the junction with The Turnpike cause the greatest problems.

Transparency Code – Andrew Paris reported on the facility provided by Newark & Sherwood DC to enable the P.C. to publish the required information.

Allotments – these were allocated to the parish in 1781 “for the poor of Halam”; Andrew Paris to investigate the possibility of funding from the Prince’s Countryside Trust

Village Hall:

A report was circulated from the village hall committee. A working party had cleaned and tidied the inside of the hall; improvements include: information signs for users, new towel dispensers, new vacuum cleaner, boost button for the heating. It was agreed that the old wooden tables should be disposed of (to an appropriate charity). A working party to tidy the outside of the hall is planned, and possibly a painting party to redecorate the hall will be organised later this year. It was agreed unanimously to waive the fee for the use of the hall at Ken Grieve’s funeral, and the P.C. will donate £25 to Ken’s chosen charity in recognition of his service as a parish councillor and contribution to the village, Planned fundraising events for the hall include the Harvest Supper (Friday 16th October) a Race Night, and possibly a village fete in the summer

Roads and Hedges:

Some hedges in the village are now encroaching on to footpaths – this includes pavements and public footpaths. Landowners and householders are reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure their hedges and trees do not obstruct and public right of way. If individuals do not ensure that footpaths are clear then the parish council will have no option but to report these hedges to County Council Highways for further action

Halam Parish Council Facebook page: Andrew Paris reminded the P.C. that this is an “open” page - all are welcome to post information about village events and Halam village life in general

Open Meeting: matters discussed:

- 1) Cllr Roger Jackson reported that we now have 3 district councillors representing our area (Southwell)
- 2) Cllr Jackson was asked if there were any plans to re-open Fiskerton Waste Centre – he replied that the County Council was being lobbied
- 3) Oil Thefts – these are on the increase. Residents should be vigilant and report anything suspicious on 101. For urgent issues 999 should be used.
- 4) Motorbikes on Gray Lane: it is technically a public highway; however speeding through the village and not wearing a helmet are offences. Andrew Paris will report problems to our Beat Officer.

Co-option:

Carolyn Todd was co-opted as the seventh member of the parish council – agreed unanimously.

Finance:

Unanimously agreed to pay: village hall hire and donation for Ken Grieve, village hall bin costs, and parish council insurance.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm in the village hall.



NATURE NOTES

Anyone travelling north on the A614 past Clumber Park can't fail to have noticed the vivid stretches of bluebells carpeting the woodland floor recently.

The native English bluebell with its striking deep colour, narrow tubular flowers with curled back tips that grow on one side of the drooping stem and with narrow leaves (half an inch wide), should not be mistaken for the Spanish bluebell, commonly grown in gardens, and which is crossbreeding widely with our native species. Spanish imported bluebells have broad leaves (over an inch wide), a paler-coloured bell-shaped flower all round a stem that stands upright. The English bluebell has a rich scent whilst the Spanish bluebell has almost none.

Because of crossbreeding the unique characteristics of our English bluebells are being diluted. Many different hybrids now exist, and ancient bluebell woods are threatened. The bluebell is a protected species and it is now illegal to pick them. Care should be taken to plant the English bluebell rather than it's foreign cousin!