



# Halam News

August 2005

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## St. Michael the Archangel: August Services

7 August TRINITY 11	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 6.00pm Cluster Evensong at St Nicholas Hockerton
14 August TRINITY 12	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Cluster Evensong at St Michael Halam
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### Annual Cycle Ride: 11 To 16 Open Meeting

On Thursday 1 September there will be a meeting in the Village Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm for anyone between the ages of 11 and 16, and information about the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Cycle Ride will be available. This meeting will take the form of a social evening where there will be refreshments, a quiz and games. For more information phone Briony on 812569 any evening.



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## Halam's 'Thousand Year Bell'



Photograph courtesy of Mrs B Godper (taken pre 1965)

There are two bells in the church tower; the largest was originally inscribed: "God save his church. W. Redman, 1722". This bell was cracked prior to 1965 when Taylor's of Loughborough rehung the bells and recast the 1722 bell. The inscription now reads, "Recast in 1965 in memory of Sir Stephen and Lady Gibson of Manor Farm, also in memory of George Gibson 1868-1961." The bell on the right in the photograph is Norman and is rather picturesquely called 'the bell of a thousand years'. In 1903 The Rev Canon Raven in 'Nottingham Notes & Queries' described it as "rather conical with flat edge, surmounted with six cannons forming a sort of crown, and is a regular petasus." Two narrow bands with ridges encircle it. It is said to be the Sanctus bell which has rung since Plantagenet times. The clock mechanism was attached to it prior to 1965, but now strikes on the 1722 bell. The bells originally hung on wooden beams replaced by steel girders in 1965.

The following article, (provided by Tony Denyer), found in 'The Daily Mail' last year, posed this question and reply: "Is the 1000 year old Norman Bell in the church of St Michael, Halam, near Southwell, the oldest in Britain? The oldest tower bell in Britain is one of 50kg at St Botolph, Hardham, West Sussex, still in use and dates from around 1100. The church of St Michael in Halam was completed in the 12<sup>th</sup> century so it is doubtful that its bell is older than that at St Botolph. Britain's oldest inscribed bell is the Gargate Bell at Caversfield Church, Oxfordshire, named in honour of Hugh and Sibilla Gargate and dating from 1219. A fragile hand bell known as the Iron Bell of St Patrick is dated AD450 and held in Dublin. But the oldest bell in the world is the tintinnabulum in the Babylonian palace of Nimrud, which dates from around 1100BC. The oldest known tower bell is one in Pisa, Italy, dated 1106."



### Halam & District Women's Institute

On Thursday 4 August Halam W.I. are joining Southwell at their W.I. Hall at 6.00pm for a 'Walk around Southwell' followed by Supper. Tickets: £5 are available from Glenys Herbert (812335). New members most welcome.

A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 10 September at Ashdene, the home of Glenys Herbert, to raise funds for the Over 60's Christmas Party. Everyone welcome!

## Parish Council Meeting: 14 July 2005

**Present:** S. Bust, A. Fraser, D. Parrish N. Armstrong (late arrival), G. Herbert, A. Paris; **Apologies:** Ian Sharman

**Notice Board and Litter Bins:** After site inspection, agreed to mount notice board on verge at church; bus company to be approached re litter bin on bus post at school.

**Matters Arising:** Hedge on Halam Hill has been cut; clerk to investigate visibility further & if appropriate contact C.C.

**Footpaths:** 1. C.C. proposal to extend the footpath along St. Helen's Lane to the end of lane - No objection, but write requesting clear signage for the path. 2. Footpath No. 1 – formal notification received regarding diversion.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: 1) Independence needed in preparing village hall feasibility study 2) Length of time taken to get this on P.C. agenda 3) St. Helen's Lane footpath and way marking.

**Footpath Group:** Many thanks to the footpath group for their hard work surveying footpaths and providing excellent information for the Parish Partnership Scheme; agreed to sign Halam up for PP scheme.

**Planning:** 1. Retention of buildings in paddock & play equipment: Littledale, Mansfield Road – no objection, but comment added - D.C. should clarify what actions need planning permission. 2. Conservatory, Maythorne House, Manor Fields – passed. 3. Planning Decision – Double garage, Ashcroft, Gray Lane: permission refused by D.C.

**Finance:** Internal Audit: report discussed. No indication of any major problems or shortcomings, but clerk and auditor to discuss areas of improvements & report back to the P.C. Annual Return was signed with minor qualifications. Resolved to pay: village hall cleaners; auditor's fees (2003/04); petty cash (NALC posters). New bank mandates signed to have access to P.C. financial information & allow clerk to monitor bank accounts.

**Correspondence:** 1. Speed limit/slow markings on Radley Road at Manor Stables – Motion to drop request to NCC for these; 3 for, 3 against - Chairman used casting vote to ask the C.C. to go ahead with these. 2. 30mph limit to be extended further up Halam Hill. 3. Phone Box – conversion to "cashless payment only". PC to write expressing concerns & ask that present coin box be retained. 4. Letter received re slow progress and state of building on Back Lane, including vermin. PC to write to D.C. expressing concerns of residents. 5. RCC AGM 17 October, 7pm in Council Chamber, Gedling Borough Council Offices. 6. Best Kept Village – Halam one of 5 finalists in second round; Judging: 16 July to 5 August

**Parish Funded Police Community Support Officer (PCSO):** Elston Parish are interested in sharing a PCSO - costings requested. D.C., Chief Superintendent Johnson to be invited to Sept/Oct meeting to discuss this. Halam Beat Officer also to be invited re general Halam policing.

**Trafalgar Weekend (21– 23 October 2005):** Further information to be obtained for next meeting.

**New Village Hall – Feasibility Study Draft** discussed. A village hall, open space and 4/ 5 houses on the site are proposed. Any scheme would be approached through the D.C.'s Local Development Framework review with local

consultation and parish input. Timescale could be through to 2008. Outline planning will cost approx. £3,500 to £4,000. Further information requested from architect & planning consultant – more detailed costing figures; outline plan drawings; access details: highways consultants – to discuss at next P.C. meeting.

**Date of Next PC Meeting:** Thursday 11 August at 7.30pm.

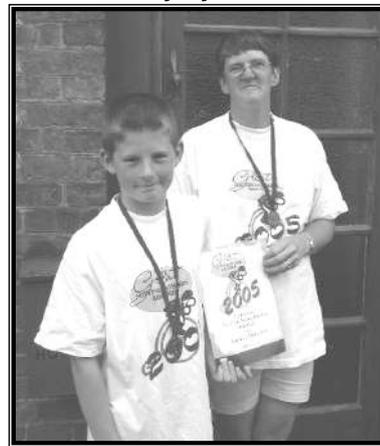
### What's On Locally

**The 1st Halam "Village Tramp":** The inaugural "Halam Village Tramp" will be a fun **Treasure Hunt** along the footpaths of the Parish of Halam on Sunday 11th September, ending with tea for all participants. It should prove to be a fun Village Event, for the young and not-so-young of the village, families and individuals alike. More information in next month's News. – Peter Thompson

**Friends of Southwell Trail:** There is a meeting for those interested in forming a committee on Weds 24 August, at 7pm, Farnsfield Village Centre. Anyone interested in any way in this group contact Elaine Gathercole (813760).

**Jack & The Beanstalk:** will be on at The Playhouse, Nottingham this Christmas and is great fun for all the family. I intend to book tickets for this early in September. It would be good to take a Halam party on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Tickets cost £14 adults & £12 children, and there will be a charge for bus hire if enough people want to go. If you are interested ring: Karin Davis Tel: 815854

### Charity Cycle Ride



Liz Bagley and her son George (aged 10) took part in the Nottinghamshire Great Bike Ride on 26 June. They cycled from Holme Pierrepont to Newark and back again, a distance of 50 miles, in aid of Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance and raised £288.80. Well done both!



### Parish Pump

- A very warm welcome to Diana Blackburn who recently moved into Ivy Cottage on School Lane.
- Lost Cat! Has anyone seen or found a cream-coloured fluffy cat with dark markings on nose and tail? Please contact: Diana Blackburn Tel: 815971

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18 September 17 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity	9.30am Family Communion
23 September	Halam School 9.30am Harvest Service
25 September 18 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Songs of Praise Harvest/Michaelmas Patronal

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## Church Cleaning Rota

Thank you very much to our willing group of church cleaners for a job well done over the past year. Owing to the sad loss of May Robinson I have taken over the church cleaning rota. I do have a copy of the present rota and would be grateful if you would all let me know if you are willing to do the same again in 2006. I would also be grateful to hear from any new volunteers for this very important task. Many thanks to you all.

Elsie Milner, 7 Radley Terrace, Tel: 814460

## Bible Study And Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm at Applegarth on Radley Road. All are welcome. - **Tony Andrews**

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## WHAT'S ON

**W.I. Coffee Morning** – Saturday 10 September 10.30am at Ashdene, Radley Road; proceeds in aid of over sixties Christmas party. Everyone welcome!

Once again Halam will be participating in **Macmillan Cancer Relief's World's Biggest Coffee Morning**. Come and join us on Friday, 30 September from 10:30am till noon in the new school hall.

Mark your diary! **The Harvest Supper** will be held on Saturday, 8 October at 7:00 for 7:30. Offers of help will be gratefully received. Call Marina (814026) or Julie (815844). Flyers with further information will be delivered to each household.

**Police Coverage in Halam** – meeting on Thursday 8 September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall with PC Whyke who is Halam's Beat Manager and who will speak and answer any questions.

**Parish funded Police Community Support Officer Scheme** – meeting on 13 October at 7.00pm in the village hall with Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent Johnson who will speak & answer questions about the scheme and area policing in general. These 2 meetings will be a real opportunity to find out more about how Halam is policed & to discuss security issues raised by the Halam Parish Plan. Please note in your diary and make every effort to attend.



## Adult Learning Classes



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## Nature Notes

It is approaching that time of year again when our summer bird visitors are preparing to leave. I've not seen a Swift around recently and Swallows and House Martins seem to be congregating on the wires. This year we've heard more Turtle Doves around the village than ever before. Their constant "turr turr turr" sound has even become a bit monotonous at times, yet I was sad not to hear many in 2004! There have been reports of Spotted Flycatchers again this year in some gardens, flitting in & out to catch a fly in the air. Compared to the Common Whitethroat with its scratchy song, the Lesser Whitethroat is a bird that I always struggle to notice, but we've heard one this year on Gray Lane. These will all be leaving soon, but keep a look-out in autumn for the arrival of winter visitors including Fieldfare & Redwing – a sure sign winter is round the corner! - **Elaine Gathercole**

## Parish Council Meeting: 11 August 2005

**Present:** S. Bust, A. Fraser, A. Paris, D. Parrish;

**Apologies:** N. Armstrong, G. Herbert & I. Sharman

**Matters Arising:** 1. Harvest Supper date – Saturday 8 October; 2. Hedge (bottom Halam Hill) – Clerk unable to contact landowner; C.C. asked to investigate visibility at crossroads; 3. Hedge up hill to be cut back imminently.

**Trafalgar Weekend 21 – 23 October 2005:** Possible celebrations discussed – beacon(s); Commemoration Service; BBQ; GH to be asked to investigate further.

**Parish Funded Police Community Support Officer (PCSO):** Chief Superintendent Johnson will attend October P.C. meeting to discuss the scheme as well as general area policing. PC Whyke, Halam Beat Officer, will attend September P.C. meeting re police cover in Halam. **Notice Board:** Final spec. to be sent to D.C. Clerk to investigate possible funding from C.C. Building Better Communities. Agreed to commemorate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWII on the notice board.

**Evening Classes:** Newark & Sherwood College will run classes in the village – min. of 8 attendees – Di Parrish to try to identify a 'champion' to organise and publicise.

**Open Meeting:** 1. Issue of Halam Hill footpath raised by Sir John Starkey; Clerk will show minutes of a previous relevant meeting to clarify P.C.'s involvement in planning condition and appeal. 2. Parishioner asked if a decision reached re new village hall feasibility study. Chairman stated none had been made. 3. Tea at 2.30 group to be asked re classes in village; their input and involvement could be useful. 4. The idea of a children's competition to design a flag for Halam was raised – possibly for Harvest Supper or Trafalgar Celebrations.

**Correspondence:** 1. Supplementary Planning Document – Conversion of Traditional Rural Buildings – now on D.C. website; comments required by 12 Sept.; Councillors to comment at next meeting. 2. Letter from Chris Charnley stating road markings will not be painted on Radley Road/School Lane. Chairman asked C.C. Stewart to point out that P.C. views should be taken into account on local matters, as P.C. asked for these. 3. Building Better Communities – new notice board.

**Planning & Planning Decisions:** Nothing to report.

**Finance:** Resolved to pay village hall cleaners.

**Items for Next Agenda:** Trafalgar Celebrations; Parish Plan – review of progress against plan; Harvest Supper; Notice Board; S.P.D. – Conversion of Traditional Rural Buildings; PC Whyke – Halam Beat Manager.

**New Village Hall Proposal – Feasibility Study:** A further draft feasibility study was discussed. P.C. & Mr & Mrs Sharman to meet 18 August; this meeting will be closed to the public. A P.C. meeting will be held 15 September to discuss further. A business plan regarding future use(s) & finances – income and expenditure is to be prepared as part of feasibility considerations.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday 8 September at 7.00pm (PC Whyke to speak), in the village hall.



### Parish Pump

- Congratulations to Matthew Davis, Beth McMurdo and Clarissa Perks who have all done well in A' Level exams. Matthew is leaving in September to go to Leeds to study Sport, Beth will study Sociology at Nottingham, and Clarissa hopes to take a gap year with the army before studying medicine at Southampton. We wish them all well in the future!
- Well done Halam! We were joint runners up in the Best Kept Village Competition in our category.

### WEA Courses in Southwell

The WEA is running courses in Southwell starting on 19<sup>th</sup> September onwards on Art, Digital Photography, Birdwatching, Plants of the Empire, Bridge, Italian Courts and Archaeology. These generally consist of 6-10 meetings for about 2 hours in the daytime or evening each week and cost £20-50, with concessionary rates available. For more information pick up a leaflet in Southwell Library or telephone Mrs G Belton on 01636 830720.

### Parish Paths Partnership Update



Letters have now gone out from the Parish Council to all those in Halam who are believed to have a path which crosses their land. These introduce the scheme & give the recipient the opportunity to undertake remedial works identified (if any) which can be funded by the scheme. If you believe you have a path on your land and have not received a letter please contact either Pat Rickett (813831) or me as I am helping administer this initiative. In the course of distributing these letters some farmers gave me examples of members of the public, including people from Halam, who are straying from the right of way onto private land. Please help the farming community by sticking to the right of way network and do not divert into other areas, whether they have crops in or not. Where rights of way pass through gardens or close to private houses please be especially careful to stick to the right of way and respect the privacy of the occupants as you pass by. - Elaine Gathercole (813760)

### Picture Archive – Halam School Football Team 1923 Premiership clubs beware!





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**JMT Design** (John Thornewill), ask clients to note that the telephone number is in fact **01636 814676**, not the one printed erroneously on the advert in August.



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**Trafalgar Commemoration Weekend:** will take place 21 – 23 October. More details to follow.



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23 October Last after Trinity	Bible Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
30 October All Saints Sunday	9.30am Family Service – Joint with Edingley, at Halam 6.00pm Cluster Service at St Giles, Edingley

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## Parish Pump

- Congratulations to Tracey & John Whittaker, of The Old Plough, who were married in Halam Church on Saturday 3 September. We wish them every happiness.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Beth McMurdo who had her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on 29 August.
- Sarah Hill celebrates her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on 3 October. Many happy returns!
- Welcome to Karen, David, Emily & Adam Phillips who have moved into Norwood, Manor Fields. We wish them every happiness in their new home.
- Welcome to John & Lesley Stoppard who have moved into Walnut Tree House, Radley Road. We hope they will be very happy living in their new home.
- Thank you to everyone who supported the W.I. coffee morning, braved awful weather & spent lots of money to provide a really good Christmas party for the Over 60's!



## Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. next meets on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mr Lee whose subject is 'The Golden Age of Radio'. The competition is an item of radio memorabilia. Visitors and new members will be made most welcome.

The 1<sup>st</sup> November meeting will feature Debbie Kenyon, food demonstrator for Sainsbury, who has been working with Jamie Oliver on his School Dinners Project! She will be giving us ideas for Christmas cooking and will be open to questions about her recent work. Anyone who is interested is more than welcome to attend what promises to be a most interesting talk and demonstration.

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- **Tony Andrew**



**Brian Pulfrey**

Sadly Brian Pulfrey who lived on Oxton Hill for many years and more recently at the old Barn, Manor Fields, died in September following a long illness. Our thoughts are with his wife Marjorie and his family at this time.

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**Local Beat Officer:** PC Whyke, our Beat Officer based at Blidworth station, outlined the present police coverage of Halam & answered questions re general policing.

**Matters Arising:** Ian Sharman asked for confirmation that the P.C. were not instigators of the request for the footpath condition to be placed on the golf course planning application. It was confirmed that this condition had come originally from D.C.

**Parish Plan:** Progress against plan reviewed; Agreed to set up a Parish Working Group to consider planning /development issues in Halam including village envelope; protecting village character; important open spaces in the village; sympathetic design of new building. Those interested in joining this group - contact the Clerk.

**Trafalgar Weekend (21 – 23 October 2005):** Possible celebrations discussed – beacon(s), BBQ/hog roast – events committee to come up with proposals.

**Commemoration Service - GH** to be speak to the Dean  
**Harvest Supper:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall. Guest speaker arranged. Will at the Waggon & Horses is investigating licence. Raffle, games, food & publicity being arranged by Marina Thompson & Julie Paris; Possible flag competition to be held.

**Conversion of Traditional Rural Buildings:** Agreed to write to the D.C. to emphasis need for adequate parking attached to any rural building conversion to ensure no increase in congestion/parking problems in rural villages.

**Notice Board:** Agreed this should have three sections – parish council/general village use/map. Building Better Communities funding may be available to fund a sign as costs are likely to be over £1,000. This may delay the project while the application is processed and would have to be part of a larger project, possibly including new village signs as well. It was agreed to investigate this funding opportunity further.

**Evening Classes:** Those interested - contact Di Parrish.

**Road Markings:** C.C. have written to inform the parish council that the 30mph speed limit is to be moved further up Halam Hill (to the Southwell side of the Old Vicarage). It was resolved to write to the CC requesting clarification as to whether street lighting is to be extended also, and to request that the separate 'Halam' signs are retained rather than new signs incorporated into 30mph signs.

**Open Meeting:** Peter Thompson raised the issue of insurance for any Trafalgar bonfire/beacon; Agreed this should be through the P.C. – Clerk to investigate.

**Correspondence:** 1. Best Kept Village Competition – Halam joint runners up in the section – certificate and £50 cheque to be presented to village. Many thanks to all who helped with these efforts – the churchyard; flowers at the pub; flowers by church bench (Linda Bass); flowers outside the village hall (David & Di Stubbs).

**Planning:** Springfield House, The Turnpike – replacement of existing conservatory with sunroom; conversion of

garage to living accommodation and erection of attached single garage: passed unanimously

**Finance:** Resolved to pay:- 1) Hall cleaners (Clerk to investigate mice); 2). Antony Aspbury Associates (feasibility study), but query excess £15 charge.

3) Parish Paths Partnership – contract for schedule of work as presented by the Footpath Group

**Date of Next P.C. Meeting:-** 13 October at 7.30pm



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### Village 'Tramp'

Over 50 people enjoyed the 1st Halam Tramp on Sunday 11th September in decent weather, which luckily had improved since the previous day! There were 2 walks - a long route taking about 2 hours which passed through New Hall Farm and the walkers were able to enjoy the magnificent views in the direction of Newark & Lincolnshire and a shorter route which kept closer to the village. Tea was served afterwards in the garden of The Manor House, which proved to be an enjoyable social event for all who came along. Two "treasure hunts" were held as part of the walk with Aurelia Welch winning the children's hunt and Elaine Gathercole the adults' hunt. Thanks go to all who helped organise the "Tramp", who baked cakes etc and who helped on the day. It's hoped to make the "Tramp" a regular event, so watch out for the next one!

**Andrew Fraser & Peter Thompson**

### Picture Archive: Halam School Hockey Club 1923



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## The 'Adam & Eve' Window in Halam Church



Photograph courtesy of Andrew Paris

Nicholas Pevsner in his book 'The Buildings of England: Nottinghamshire' writes of Halam Church: "In the tracery lights of a north chancel window, four good complete 14<sup>th</sup> century figures: St Christopher, St Blaise, Adam naked and delving, Eve naked and spinning."

This window was recently carefully restored in The Barley Studios, York, reset, and rededicated at a service in June this year. It is one of the most complete pieces of mediaeval glass in Nottinghamshire, and is very beautiful. St Christopher, patron saint of travellers, carries the Christ child and holds a two-pronged spear with a fish speared on the end. He is in the panel above Adam who is digging with a spade. St Blaise, patron saint of wild animals, stands with a golden crosier in his hand; at his feet is a hog with a bone in its mouth. He was a bishop who was martyred in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. He is in the panel above Eve who holds a distaff and shuttle. On the outside of the church on this window are the carved heads of two laughing faces. It is really worth taking the time to go and look, as I can only reproduce this lovely photograph in black & white! More information about Halam Church windows can be found on the website:

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/h01/hglass.htm>



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- **British Legion Poppy Appeal:** The fantastic Minster School Jazz Band will be playing on **Friday 18 November** in the Minster suite of the Saracen's Head at 8pm in aid of this appeal.
- **Halam School PTA Bonfire** at The Old Reindeer Edingley on **Sunday 6 November**. Entry by ticket only and these are available from PTA members/Reindeer.
- **Halam School PTA Christmas Fayre** will take place in school, **Saturday 3 December** between 2pm and 4pm
- **Christmas Carol Concert** in the Minster on **Saturday 10 December** suitable for all the family. This is always a sell-out so buy your tickets early from Music in the Yard or the Minster Shop.



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## Bible Study & Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at The Scypen, Radley Road, at 7.30pm. Rev'd Russell Perry will lead us. All are welcome. –

Tony Andrews

### Parish Council Meeting: 13 October 2005

**Present:** S. Bust, A. Fraser, N. Armstrong, G. Herbert, A. Parish; Apologies: D. Parrish & I. Sharman

**Parish Funded Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)**  
Chief Superintendent Johnson unable to attend due to family illness, but Superintendent (OPS) John Busutill attended to talk about the scheme. After his talk and questions from the floor, it was decided that the Parish Funded PCSO was not for Halam.

**Matters Arising:** G.H. advised Neighbourhood Watch info is not always being passed on; A.P. to investigate.

**Parish Plan:** No response so far to the request for volunteers to form a Parish Working Group to consider planning/development issues in the village including village envelope, protecting village character, important open spaces in the village and sympathetic design of new building. Anyone interested in being part of this group should contact the Clerk.

**Trafalgar Weekend (21 – 23 October 2005):** Bonfire will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the field behind St Michael's Close. Although the evening should be self-funding, it was agreed that P.C. would underwrite £50 for fireworks. Insurance is covered by landowners – clerk to obtain confirmation of this in writing before event. A. P. to arrange notices re bonfire and request for material for fire. There will be a special service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> in Halam church. A glass of wine will be served after the service – PC agreed to underwrite any costs incurred.

**Notice Board:** Waiting for further info from Notts CC.

**Evening Classes:** Interest has been shown in Children's Dance Classes and possibly a Keep Fit class. Any further interest please contact Di Parrish or Karin Lindley.

**Street Lighting:** There will be a new street light on Halam Hill, just above The Old Vicarage.

**Footpaths:** Waiting for funding from Notts. CC.

**Letter book:** copies of P.C. correspondence are kept filed.

**Open Meeting:** Issues raised: parking for the village bonfire – St Michael's Close to be kept clear at all times; muddy state of Holme Lane – meeting with Notts CC Highways to be arranged; Halam school travel to school plan is underway – should be completed by Christmas; Kids Club – lack of support/funding means this will close.

**Correspondence:** 1. Letter from Nottingham Healthcare asking for representatives for their Board – no further action. 2. N & S DC, Local Development Framework Community Involvement – A.P. to read and report back.

**Planning:** 1. Kemps Cott, Gray Lane - demolish single garage and erect double garage: passed unanimously. 2. The Old Barn, The Turnpike – proposed garage, conversion of existing garage with extension of existing house: passed unanimously

**Springfield House, The Turnpike** – replacement of existing conservatory to sunroom, conversion of garage to living accommodation and erection of attached single garage, has been passed by the District Council

**Finance:** Resolved to pay:- 1) Village hall cleaners 2) HS Group Services (electrical check). 3) Credit note (£15) received from A. Aspbury Associates (feasibility study)

**Parish Clerk:** It is possible that there will be a vacancy for the position of Parish Clerk in Halam from early next year. Anyone interested in this role contact the Chairman, Simon Bust as soon as possible.

**Date of Next Parish Council Meetings:-** Thursday 10 November at 7.30pm

### The Character of Halam – Parish Working Group: Volunteers Needed

As proposed in the Parish Plan, the Parish Council are looking for volunteers to form a Parish Working Group to consider such issues as in-fill/back-fill and other development in the village; village envelope; protection of the character of Halam, including sympathetic design, preservation of important open spaces, trees & hedges etc. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk

### Halam's Beat Manager

PC Lindsey Whyke, our Beat Manager based at Blidworth, raised the following points at the September Parish Council meeting:-

- 999 response to Halam would be covered from Southwell or Halam and should be prompt
- it helps the emergency services if house names are easily seen from the street
- if you return home to find a burglary, police should attend within 1 hour from being called
- do not allow 'knockers' or other casual vendors into your house – there is a danger of distraction burglaries
- police will only attend a sounding burglar alarm if there are signs of a break in
- 'voice dial-up' burglar alarms are highly recommended as they can contact you or neighbours by phone in event of being set off

She can and will deal with persistent parking problems in the village. These will be reported to her in future.

PC Whyke is available to give advice on police matters and security issues, nuisance, ongoing minor problems, crime prevention, Crime Stoppers and general police advice. She can be contacted on 0791 033 68 93 or 01909 500999 Ext. 3370. **These numbers are not for urgent police matters – for urgent attention dial 999**



### Parish Pump

- Many, many thanks to those who helped with, attended and donated to Macmillan Cancer Relief's Coffee Morning that was held in the school hall in September. We raised £246. Thank you for supporting a worthy cause. - Margaret, Jane & Julie
- A belated welcome to Jessica & Graham Podmore & children Nicole & Alex who moved into Lime Tree House on Halam Hill in the summer. They were married in Halam Church in 1995 and now are delighted to have such a great view of it!

# Halam News

December 2005

**From the Editor:** Best wishes to you all for a happy and peaceful Christmas! Thank you Bill & Elsie Milner who have kindly sponsored this month's news. If you would like to sponsor (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items of news included (deadline 25<sup>th</sup> – late submissions may be carried over). I am always happy to receive any interesting articles.

I have a growing email list for people who do not live in the village but like to receive a copy of Halam News – please let me know email addresses of anyone who would like to be added on. Contact: Karin Davis Tel: 815854 or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com)



## WHAT'S ON

- **Christmas Carol Concert** in the Minster on **Saturday 10 December** suitable for all the family. Tickets are available from Penny at 'Music in the Yard', Southwell, or the Minster Shop.
- **Halam School Christmas Concerts** will take place on Wednesday 7 December at 2.00pm and 6.30pm.
- **Halam School Carols and Mince Pies** for all senior citizens on Wednesday 14 December at 10.30am.
- **Halam School Church Service** You are invited to join us in St Michael's Church on Thursday 15 December at 2.15pm.



## Halam School Autumn Term News Report

Our new classroom is finally there and so is the new hall. All the children have enjoyed using the gym equipment that the PTA has helped to buy. All the children and staff have been working hard.

Here are some of the things we have been doing. In October we went to church to celebrate Harvest Festival. Lots of clubs have been running like drama and football. The team played and lost. Also a team from Upper Primary did the Lions Sponsored swim to raise money for community things.

We are trying to be a lot healthier. We have had a walk to school week and Wednesday is healthy snack day.

The school has arranged a trip to Newstead Abbey for a Victorian Christmas. We are all having to dress as Victorian children which should be fun. We also have a school fair and play to look forward to.

### Eleanor Winning Year 6 (Junior Reporter)

(Thank you to Alice Fraser who was last year's reporter and who has now moved on to the Minster School – The Ed.)



## St. Michael the Archangel: December Services

3 December ADVENT 2	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
11 December ADVENT 3	11.00am Sung Eucharist
18 December ADVENT 4	9.30 Family Communion 6.00pm Carol Service
24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	5.00pm Crib Service 11.15 Midnight Mass
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY 	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
1 January	No Services

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)

## Children's Singing Group

I would like to put together a small children's singing group to perform a couple of carols, with guitar and drum accompaniment, at the Crib service on Christmas Eve in Halam Church. If you would like your children to come and sing there will be a rehearsal on Sunday 11 December at 2pm in Halam Church. It will be very informal. If there is enough interest this could be repeated at other key services during the year. - Karin Davis



## Parish Pump

- The **2006 Halam Calendar** with lovely photographs is now available for £ 6.99. Proceeds will go towards the new Halam Parish notice board. Contact Declan Joyce (819272) or Andrew Paris (815844) for your copy.
- A big thank you to everyone who attended the **Harvest Supper** in October. It was a fun, successful evening, raising £271. Many thanks to our speaker, Bill Brown, and the talented apple pie bakers in the village. Without you and those who donated prizes, it wouldn't have been the success it was. Special mention should be made of the teenage volunteers who worked so hard on the night. Job well done! - Marina and Julie.
- There are still a few of the **Halam History books** written by John Jackson, and these would make excellent gifts! If you would like to buy a copy they cost £5 each. Please contact Glenys Herbert (Tel: 812335)
- The annual **Poppy Day collection** raised £100.14 – thank you to all those who gave generously and apologies to those I missed out. – Dora Rylatt
- **NSPCC Dance & Quiz** at The Gallery, Norwood Park on 18 November was a most enjoyable event raising £2,000. Thank you everyone from Halam who supported this. – Margery Wilson

## **Parish Council Meeting: 10 November 2005**

**Present:** S.Bust; A.Fraser; A.Paris, G.Herbert, D.Parrish, N. .Armstrong. I. Sharman did not attend (prejudicial interest)

**Presentation of proposals for the new Village Hall:** The P.C. presented the proposal for a new village hall and the outcome of the feasibility study. There were questions from the public and a lengthy discussion took place. Further Open Meetings to present the proposal, & village consultation will take place before a village referendum.

**Matters Arising:** C.Cllr .Bruce Laughton informed the meeting of government proposals to amalgamate the Notts. Police Force with Derbyshire or East Midlands. There could be drawbacks, especially for rural areas like Halam. He suggested comments re this proposed merger should be directed to the district Chief Superintendent.

**Parish Plan:** Two volunteers have come forward so far to form a Parish Working Group (working under the P.C.) to consider planning/development issues in the village, including village envelope, protecting village character & important open spaces in the village, and sympathetic design of new building. Anyone else interested in joining this group should contact the Clerk. An initial meeting will be arranged at the next P.C. meeting.

**Appointment of new Clerk:** No-one has come forward as a possible new clerk; Mandy Rickett has indicated a willingness to replace Pat. This position is a salaried post; those interested should contact Chairman Simon Bust.

**Harvest Supper:** The evening was most successful and, although not a fund-raising event, raised just over £270. Many thanks to Julie Paris, Marina Thompson and all those who helped with the evening.

**Trafalgar Weekend:** The bonfire evening was thoroughly enjoyable and went very well. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this event successful. The special Trafalgar service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> in Halam Church was well-attended and canapés and wine after the service were much appreciated. Thanks to those who helped organise the service and refreshments.

**State of the Roads:** The bank on Holme Road has been shored up – more permanent work is to be carried out. A meeting with Highways is still to be arranged. Gray Lane is to be re-chipped in the near future. It was agreed to ask the clerk to contact Highways to progress gating of The Turnpike especially at the ‘accident blackspot’ on the approach from Edingley.

### **Local Development Framework - Submisson**

**Statement of Community Involvement:** Notes made by Andrew Paris were reviewed and amended. The clerk will submit the amended comments to the District Council

**Kids Club:** This will now operate from school. Agreed to give more time for repayment of monies outstanding and allow temporary storage of equipment in hall.

**Open Meeting:** Issues raised: a request for the accounts

for the village hall lettings for the last five years; school lettings policy being reviewed in light of the Kids Club move; school hall will not be available for lettings during school hours; Edingley bonfire – there is a wish to move the bonfire event back to Halam

**Correspondence:** 1. Letter from Mrs G Starkey re right to roam land. Agreed to tell her to express her views through Halam News. 2. Greenwood Tree Planting Grants – no parish land and Highways problems with roadside planting. No action at this stage.

**Planning Decisions:** 1. The Old Barn, The Turnpike – proposed garage, conversion of existing garage with extension of existing house: application withdrawn. 2. Littledale, Mansfield Road - Retention of buildings in paddock & play equipment: application withdrawn

**Finance:** Resolved to pay:- 1) village hall cleaners, and 2) £35 for Trafalgar bonfire fireworks

**Date of Next Parish Council Meetings:- Thursday 15 December at 7.30pm - Please note that this is a week later than originally scheduled.**



### **Halam & District Women's Institute**

The W.I. will be holding the Over 60's Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday 6 December. We would be really pleased to welcome any new members to our January meeting. Meetings are always held on the first Tuesday of each month and start at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. Next year marks our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, so watch this space!



### **Southwell Junior Choral**

Following the success of the Primary Schools workshop in the Southwell Festival, Southwell Choral Society has formed a choir for Junior School pupils from Years 4 - 6. It will rehearse on Monday evenings from 6.30 - 7.15 p.m. at the Minster School, Nottingham Road.

Numbers are limited to ensure quality and commitment. The choir will develop its own programme and repertoire but will perform in at least one of the Choral Society's concerts each year. There is a termly subscription of £5.

The choir is led by Nick Thorpe, conductor of Southwell Choral Society, assisted by Vicky Thorpe, music teacher at Norwell School, and members of the Choral Society.

After successful introductory sessions 31 children from seven schools have been offered places in the choir. There are places for up to nine more children. If your child loves to sing bring them along on Monday evenings! For further details contact Karin Davis (815854), or full details can be found on the Southwell Choral Society website:

**[www.southwellchoral.yourchoir.org.uk](http://www.southwellchoral.yourchoir.org.uk)**

## **Realising an Education Dream in Southwell**

It has been a long held dream for all involved with The Minster School, to have a single site school with state of the art facilities. That dream is just about to become a reality, as work will start in January 2006, to build a new and exciting educational establishment on the Nottingham Road site.

The innovative design for the new school takes cues from Southwell Minster and will provide sophisticated and flexible educational accommodation as well as significant opportunities for community usage. In keeping with the Minster Schools specialist status in Music and Humanities, these include a recital room, 150 seat theatre, and 500 seat hall along with indoor and outdoor (all weather) sports facilities. The new school will be built at the rear of the current Nottingham Road buildings, so keeping the disruption to the education of our students to a minimum.

The Minster School is very grateful to have received significant funding to realise its dream. This funding has come from: Central Government (£30,930,000), Nottinghamshire LEA (£1,000,000) and the Diocese of

Southwell (£50,000). On top of this, the School itself must raise £450,000. Two thirds of this (£300k) will come from the Governors capital budget, which leaves £150k to be obtained by way of fund raising, through a concerted effort from the School, the Governors and the Parents working together. A fund raising team has been created (though more volunteers are always welcome!) and plans are being drawn up to appeal to all sections of the school, local and business communities. Contact Details: [www.minster.notts.sch.uk](http://www.minster.notts.sch.uk) or Tel: 01636 814000.

### **Additional Minster School News**

Minster School PTA are running a Christmas Raffle, tickets on sale at the Co-op on Friday 9th Dec - 17th Dec, to be drawn on Monday 19th- 1st prize is a Hamper.

Gift Aid - a letter is going out next week to all parents asking for their support through Gift Aiding. The first 100 completed Gift Aid. Declarations will be put into a draw and the winner will receive an iPOD NANO. For further information contact Marina Thompson (814026)



## **Education in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Halam**

The earliest reference to a school in Halam is in White's 1844 Directory which mentions a church Sunday school under the care of the Rev. Charles Taylor. In 1854 the directory named Sarah Wright as the schoolmistress. By 1864 White's Directory refers to a 'small day & Sunday School' which Sir Richard Sutton of Norwood had converted from a barn in 1854 and which was under the care of Reverend Tatham. By this time Miss V. Leach was the schoolmistress. In those days a schoolmistress had to leave her post if she married. The barn which was the first school is now part of the property of Hill Farm and stands on what is now School Lane, near to the main crossroads in the village and opposite the School House which was built in 1886 by L.R. Starkey of Norwood. Subjects taught were reading, writing, arithmetic, geography history and needlework. Religious and moral instruction was supervised by the vicar.

In 1886 this first school was exchanged by L.R. Starkey for the present school which was new-built and had a playground and adjoining house for the schoolmistress, at that time Miss Sarah Bradley. The new school measuring 30 ft by 18 ft could accommodate 70 children.

It was officially opened on 7 June 1886. The piece of land it stands on was formerly the site of 5 Poor Houses. The school field was formerly the area known as the Pinfold where stray animals were held. L.R. Starkey bought this land at an auction held at The Plough for £50 in 1885. Problems were mainly to do with absenteeism and these give an insight into the working life of the village. School holidays were connected

with agriculture, especially haymaking and harvest. In September the school closed so everyone could go blackberry picking! Free education did not exist in Halam until 4 September 1891. Prior to this school fees of 3d. and 2d. were collected by Mr Blundell, who was also the attendance officer. Miss Bradley retired 3 June 1890. Mrs E Singleton, Miss A Bradshaw and Mrs M Pippard succeeded her in the 1890's. A school log book dating from 1875 details the full part which the school played in all village activities. (Information is taken from Mrs Coulthard's book about Halam.)

The photograph below shows 'Halam School Loosing' – Halam schoolchildren show their joy as they are let out of school onto Halam crossroads. This photo is on a postcard dated 1907.



Photograph courtesy of Mrs Eleanor Bust

## Neighbourhood Watch

The parish-wide Neighbourhood Watch scheme has now been up and running for several weeks. The village is divided into sections, each one an individual group with its own coordinator – alerts circulate within groups through email and ‘round-robin’ phone calls. Every household which indicated a wish to be included has been issued with a yellow Neighbourhood Watch folder which includes details of how alerts will be received and, where appropriate, passed to the next member of the group.

Some reminders...

**Coordinators** – please let me know of any changes within your group, e.g. new people moved in, changes of telephone numbers/email etc.

**Householders** – please let your coordinator know of any changes in contact details

**All** – please pass on all messages promptly: the system will work only if everyone plays their part

If you have not received a yellow Neighbourhood Watch folder and wish to be included in the scheme, or if you are not getting alerts, or wish to receive your alerts via email, please contact David Stubbs, or Andrew Paris (815844) - [halamwatch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:halamwatch@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Shopping Made Easier in Halam! Help your local school community!

Do some of your normal shopping on-line through one of these two websites and it will generate money for the school of your choice!!

[www.buy.at/HalamSchool](http://www.buy.at/HalamSchool)

[www.buy.at/MinsterSchool](http://www.buy.at/MinsterSchool)

The ‘buy at’ fundraising solution offers a free web shop for our two local schools. By starting at one of the above websites, and then moving onto the other retail sites, any purchases made through the various retailers in the web shop generates commission, which is then given to either Halam & Edingley PTA or The Minster School Fund Raising Campaign (new building project).

There are over 80 retailers involved; many are household names, such as: Comet, Teleflorists... our Auntie Elsie says they are the best flowers she has ever received – she was really impressed!! Other retailers include Thornton, Marks & Spencer, and many more – so please check it out.

The web shops offer the same prices as shopping directly with the merchant, with some stores having web-only offers and other deals such as free delivery. This means shopping online can be secure, quick and hassle free. Think of all the Christmas shopping on the horizon....

Check it out there are current promotions for the ‘man in your life’, or buy a subscription with Sky through the web shop and earn £50 for the school when it is installed, raise 70p just by filling in a consumer products survey on-line for Experian, and much more....



# Emily

*T H O R N E W I L L*

Emily Thornewill, trained Beauty Therapist and Nail Technician with 5 years of excellent experience will be working from home, Halam Cottage Radley Road, or will be happy to come to you.

Everyone deserves a little pampering at Christmas, and we all know how skin suffers in the winter months. A full range of treatments are available: Nail Extensions, Manicure, Pedicure, Tanning, Waxing, plus Eye Treatments and Make-up. Full list available – give Emily Thornewill a call for information or appointments on 01636 812334 or 07751 685221. Christmas vouchers and senior citizen discounts available.

## Dog Poisoned

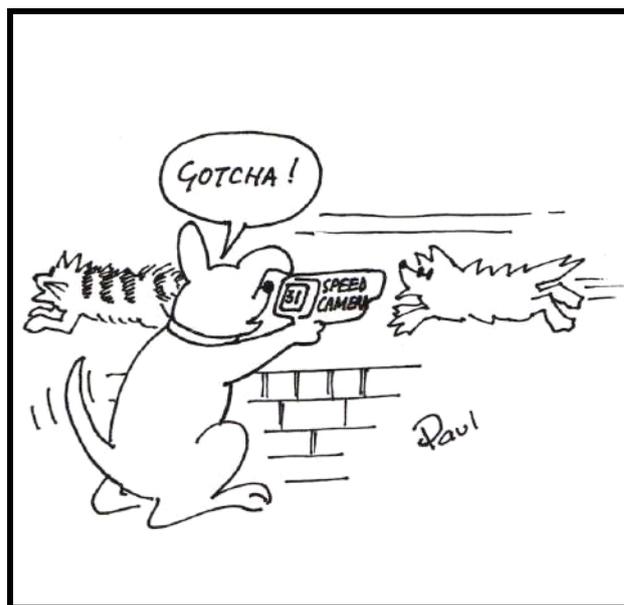
There has been a very unpleasant incident at the Waggon & Horses. Will's dog was very recently poisoned with rat bait. Fortunately the dog was found in time and taken to the vet and will most likely recover. If anyone knows anything about this or saw anything suspicious could you please let him know. It is possible that this was an accident but all animal owners should keep a careful watch on their pets. – The Ed.

## 'The Right to Roam'

Just a reminder that no land in or around Halam is covered by the Open Access Legislation. Also I am sure that dog owners are aware that their animals must be kept on leads when walking near livestock. Thank you for your cooperation. - Gillian Starkey

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## And a final word from Pooch .....



**'DOG EAT DOG!'**