



HALAM NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF HALAM

SEPTEMBER

2026



FLAG FLYING DATES

8th: Accession of HM The King



BIN COLLECTION DATES

Green (Mon): 7th, 21st | Brown (Fri): 11th, 25th
Silver (Mon): 14th, 28th | Teal (Tues): 29th



Save the date: MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday, 25 September - 9:00am - midday at The Waggon. Come enjoy fresh coffee & homemade cakes while supporting a worthy cause.

Halam WI

After our summer social trip to Oak Tree Alpaca Farm (where we had a tour of their beautiful gardens and had a chance to meet their herd of alpacas) we are back in the Village Hall for our September meeting. This takes place on Tuesday 1st where we will welcome Steve Farnhill with his talk "One Man and his Bike". Please see the advert on this page for our upcoming Autumn Fair at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October - we would love to see everyone from the village there!



Churchyard Clearing: 19th September

Now that we have had some rain it is time to look at working in the churchyard to get it ready for autumn and winter. The date set is Saturday 19th September, everyone is welcome to come at any time from 9.30am.

We have a wonderful church and churchyard but to keep them looking lovely requires help from as many people as possible so please consider joining in with this community day, just a few hours work by a group can produce fantastic results.

Roman Thurgarton Talk

On Friday 25 September at 2.00pm in Halam Village Hall there will be an illustrated talk, 'Roman Thurgarton', by Ellis Morgan, author of 'A History of Thurgarton, Nottinghamshire'. Ellis lives in Thurgarton and his book, published in 2024, has made a well researched and significant contribution to our local history. Admission to the talk is free! Any queries, please contact Di Parrish on 07831750430

Next Month's Issue

If you would like to contribute to the October edition of Halam News please send your article (as you would like it to be printed) to halam.news@hotmail.co.uk by the 24th September.

All content is included at the discretion of the Editor.

HALAM HARVEST SUPPER
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
7PM • THE WAGGON AT HALAM

ON THE MENU
ROAST PORCHETTA
SAGE MASH
GREEN KALE
ONION CRUMB
APPLE SAUCE
£17.50
VEGETARIAN OPTION & KIDS MENU AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

PUDDING
As is village tradition, we invite you to bake an apple pie or crumble and bring it along on the night to share.

AN EVENING OF...
GAMES | QUIZ | RAFFLE | LIVE MUSIC
All monies raised from the auction, raffle, games etc will go to our chosen charity
NOTTS YFC
IN CONJUNCTION WITH HALAM EVENTS • HALAM PARISH COUNCIL • THE WAGGON AT HALAM

HALAM WI AUTUMN FAIR
Saturday 3rd October
Halam Village Hall
10am-Midday

Cakes • Jams • Chutneys • Chocolate Tombola
Children's Crafts • Tea & Coffee



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From the Ramblers' Association

How to walk through a field with cattle and other farm animals

Whatever animals may be in the field, follow these top tips and you'll be unlikely to run into any issues.

- Have a look when you reach the edge of the field. Are there any cattle in the field, any cows with calves, horses, or sheep? Cows with calves are the most common cause of problems for walkers.
- Keep a good distance from the animals. If they are on the path, then you're allowed to go off path to walk around them. If you are on open access land, then you can walk across the field to give the animals space.
- Walk quickly and quietly. Animals in a field may approach you, especially groups of cows which can be quite intimidating. If you panic, or run from them, they may also start running.
- Do not approach any animals, do not feed them, or touch them. Animals on a farm will have strict diets, especially horses, and feeding them can be bad for them.
- Leave any gates as you find them. Close any gates that you open, and if any gates are open, then leave them that way.
- The biggest risk when walking near cattle is when walking with a dog. Always keep your dog close and on a lead around other animals.
- It is an offence to not keep your dog under control when in a field with animals. This is especially an issue with sheep, as dogs may chase, worry or even attack sheep.
- If cattle are running towards you, or you feel in any way in danger, then let your dog off the lead. Your dog will be able to get to safety and removing the dog from the situation will calm the cattle.

Halam Village WhatsApp Group

Keep up to date with village news and notices. To join, text or WhatsApp your phone number to Julie Fleming Paris 0771 345 4930 or scan this QR code:



*This is an information-only service.
Only group administrators can post.*



News from St Michael the Archangel

September is a joyous and colourful month as we celebrate all those who grow and produce the food we eat, farmers, allotment holders, and gardeners. As usual we welcome volunteers to decorate the church for our Harvest Thanksgiving service, last year the church was beautiful so, if you are able to help make it just as wonderful this year, please contact the churchwardens who will confirm which window or area you may decorate. In addition to harvest at the end of September we celebrate, St. Michael the Archangel to whom our church is dedicated so, why not help join in the service on 27th September to give thanks for all the good things we have in Halam. Thank you for all your support.

Message from Rev. Mary

'Come ye thankful people come. Raise the song of harvest home' September is traditionally the time of Harvest but with all the dry weather I expect our farmers 'gathered in' early. We are holding our traditional harvest at St. Michaels on September 27th at 6p.m. Do join us to give thanks to God for all he generously provides.

September is also a time for new beginnings. Our lovely school at Halam will welcome new pupils; five of our children left to begin at new schools. Some people are going to college, starting work or apprenticeship; we wish them well.

On September 21st the church remembers St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist; Jesus called him from his work as a tax collector for the romans to be in His team. Matthew wrote about Jesus in his Gospel.

There is a lovely prayer which states:

'perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts;
of faith to increase it,
of hope to establish it,
of love to kindle it.'

So, enjoy September and new beginnings. Thank you for all you do for our food bank and one another.
Every blessing, Rev. Mary



SEPTEMBER SERVICES *Everyone welcome*

6th September: 14th Sunday After Trinity
11.00a.m. Morning Worship

13th September: 15th Sunday After Trinity
11.00a.m. Holy Communion

20th September: 16th Sunday After Trinity
11.00a.m. Sung Eucharist

27th September: Harvest
6.00p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving

Contacts

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Food Bank

There is a collection point in the Church porch. Very many thanks to all who contribute during these very difficult time



Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting - 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 held at Halam Village Hall



Please Note: Official parish council minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next parish council meeting. Scan the QR code to link to the website.

Present: Chair – Chris Denyer, Catherine Blackburn, Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, and Ganesh Subramanian

Apologies: Chris Bevans

Open Meeting: Nothing this meeting

Finance

I. The Chair nominated Andrew Paris as authorized signatory to set up banking payments until an RFO is appointed – proposed Ganesh Subramanian, seconded Simon Bust.

Agreed unanimously.

II. It was agreed that Andrew Paris would set up payments, with Catherine Blackburn and Chris Denyer as authorise.

III. Final payment to the decorator of the village hall was approved unanimously.

Appointment of Clerk/RFO

As we have received no responses to the advertisement for a Locum Clerk/RFO, it was agreed that the roles should be split.

A resident has offered to be a voluntary (unpaid) RFO. This would require a written Agreement between the RFO and the parish council – NALC to advise. The Agreement will be for an initial six-month period.

Agreed unanimously.

The HR Committee to draw up a job advertisement for a Parish Clerk.

Storage of Parish Council Documents

How long documents need to be legally held? – NALC will be consulted.

Parish documents such as old minute books and accounts will probably be deposited in the Nottinghamshire Archives – Andrew Paris to research.

It was thought that a medium-sized, fireproof safe would be appropriate storage for the retained documents. This could be stored in a cupboard in the village hall. To be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

Date and time of next meeting

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY/DATE - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th August at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.



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Minutes: Andrew Paris was nominated as minute taker for the meeting.

Present: Chair – Chris Denyer, Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Ganesh Subramanian and Charlie Wright

Apologies: Chris Bevans, Catherine Blackburn

To receive updates from previous meetings:

9th July 2026 – Ordinary Meeting

1. Guard rails, The Turnpike & Holme Lane – VIA have confirmed that they will not paint the railings.

2. Village hall letting policy – a draft will be circulated to councillors when written

3. Stile on footpath11 – landowner has been supplied with replacement stiles by the County Council footpaths officer

4. Cows in field footpath 10 – the footpath officer has visited and found the young cows inquisitive but no threat. Information about walking in fields with cattle will be put in Halam News

22nd July 2026 – Extraordinary Meeting:

Appointment of Volunteer RFO: Mr Paul Rawson was welcomed as the new RFO – he will consult with Mandy Rickett (previous-RFO) for a handover.

An Advertisement for a new Parish Council Clerk will be posted of the NottsALC website and circulated in the village – on noticeboards, website, Facebook, and WhatsApp.

Finance:

Approve Payment of Clerks Wages owed to Mr P Rickett

Proposed Simon Bust, seconded Ganesh Subramanian

Agreed unanimously.

Also agreed to pay village hall cleaners.

Replacing the finger post at the crossroads:

Further questions from VIA are being dealt with. Agreed that Chris Denyer should progress.

Installation of roller shutter for village hall hatch:

Chris Denyer to consult with Pat Ricket (previous clerk) and report back – if shutter has not been ordered, the project will be put on hold for discussion at December meeting.

Harvest Supper – 10th October:

The Waggon is happy to host. This will be a joint effort between the Waggon, the Parish Council, and the Events Team. A quiz and auction are proposed with proceeds to go to Young Farmers to restore their trailer as a tribute to Ethan Pickering. Volunteers will be asked for apple pies for dessert and the auction, and ticket priority will be given to those living in Halam parish.

Information about Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils AGM:

The NALC AGM is on 21st October, Chris Denyer was nominated as the parish council's voting representative at the meeting and elected as to sit on the Executive Committee.

Other councillors are also welcome to attend the meeting; Chris Denyer will circulate information. Councillors were asked to submit nominations for Councillors Long Service Certificates, to the chair.

Old minute books to be deposited at the Nottinghamshire Archives:

It was agreed that these historical documents will be deposited at the Archives. Andrew Paris to arrange.

Storage for Parish Council documents:

It was agreed that the parish council will purchase a fire protected storage bag for current files that still need to be retained by the council.

Changing the day of Parish Council Meetings up until the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2027:

It was agreed that meetings will now be held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month. District Councillors and County Councillors to be made aware by the Chair.

Lancaster Memorial Site:

Andrew Paris reported that there has been an ongoing litter problem at the memorial site. An article about it appeared in the Nottingham Post. Andrew Paris will monitor the problem and report back.

The parish council holds a 199-year lease on the site, which began in 2011. A copy of the lease will be deposited with other parish council documents; the original is held by Chatterton's solicitors in Newark.

Lengthsman Scheme:

The council is considering the repair and painting of the guard rails along the Turnpike by Halam Beck. County Cllr Bruce Laughton has offered to help, with a grant of £300, towards the costs.

Date and time of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Please Note: Change of day from Thursday to Wednesday.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any parish council meeting to learn about the council's work. They may raise issues with the parish council during the open session.

Dingbats

Last month's answers: "Spring Onion" / "Ringside Seat"



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