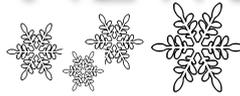


# HALAM NEWS

January 2016



**Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!**

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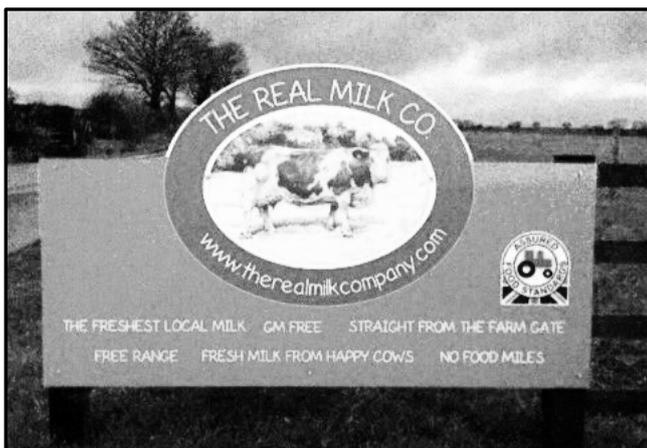
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## PARISH PUMP

- **A warm welcome** to Dr Tim Bowling & Katie who have moved into Willow House, School Lane. We wish you every happiness in your new home.
- **A warm welcome** to Duncan & Deborah Woods who have moved into Old Oak, Radley Road. They have two daughters Hannah and Jessica. Deborah is the great niece of Miss Ida Glazebrook who used to live in this property. Her mother Ruth, Miss Glazebrook's niece, is well-known in Halam community and will also be moving in soon.
- **Halam School** welcomes new interim head teacher, Mr Paul Nolan, joining in January for two terms until a new permanent head teacher can be appointed.

## **THE REAL MILK COMPANY HALAM** **New Holbeck Farm NG22 6AT**



In December New Holbeck Farm on Radley Lane opened an outlet with a vending machine for you to obtain delicious fresh milk direct from the farm. It is well signposted off Radley Lane. It is open 7am - 7pm all year round, including Christmas Day!

Instead of buying from your local supermarket do consider supporting our local supplier. Best wishes for every success to the Sharman family in their new enterprise!

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

<b>3 January</b>	<b>9.30am:</b> Morning worship: Anne Godfrey
<b>10 January</b>	<b>10.30am:</b> Morning worship: Jessica Pacey
<b>17 January</b>	9.30am: Parish Communion: Archdeacon David Picken
<b>24 January</b>	10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist: Revd. Peter Graves
<b>31 January</b>	9.30 Joint Benefice Morning Worship at <b>St Giles, Edingley:</b> Anne Godfrey

**A very big thank you** to everyone who has contributed to the upkeep of St Michael's Church during the last year, including - cleaning, flower arranging, helping in the churchyard, doing repair jobs, helping with services, serving on the PCC, donating money. It is very much appreciated.

**Anne Godfrey (Lay Minister)**

## HALAM VILLAGE HALL

**Date for your diary: HALAM RACE NIGHT** will take place on Friday 12 February.

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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 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.

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

## THURSDAY CRAFT GROUP

This group began as a 'finishing off' group for all those items we never got around to completing. Our efforts now go into making items for Zambia - woolly hats and jumpers (it's cold at night in Zambia!) and lovely coloured knitted and crocheted blankets.

These items can be made while watching TV and keep our hands busy. We were proud to give the Police Convoys a pile of lovely blankets recently - especially as we had given a great many items previously for the Nepal Earthquake disaster. New skills have been learned and we all have a terrific sense of achievement! We continue to collect wool so if you are clearing out do think of us!

I also knit for the premature baby units via a collection point at Southwell Mothers' Union, which is also very satisfying as tiny garments can be made very quickly.

I feel sure there are many people in the village with skills do come and join us on Thursday afternoons at the Scypen - it's sociable, fun and very satisfying!

**Glenys**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

9th December 2015 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds, Carolyn Todd.

**Apologies:** Simon Bust

### **Village Hall:**

1) The village Race Night is scheduled for Friday 12th February – not 13th as incorrectly stated last month: apologies.

2) Role of the Village Hall Committee was discussed - Mrs Thompson is standing down from the committee. The committee's role should be more of an occasional input for particular issues or projects. Future meetings will be held as and when necessary.

3) The cost of re-wiring the heating so that one-hour boost settings are available. The Clerk will obtain a quote.

4) Village Hall Committee are working on a grant application for possible window/glazing replacement and other works – need written support from people/organisations who use the hall, or have used the hall in the past. Please send any information to Sarah Godfrey.

5) A schedule of routine maintenance for the hall is needed.

### **Roads and Hedges:**

1) Some further works on Halam Hill are still to be completed, including white line painting.

2) Water at the top of Radley Road is still a problem. It has been arranged with Highways to have a meeting on site when it is raining so that the problems can be fully assessed.

3) A further survey of over-grown hedges is to be conducted and discussed at the next meeting.

### **Open Meeting:**

Notts & Derbys "Regional Devolution" – a guest speaker is to be invited to a future meeting to tell us more about this and the implications for parish councils and planning in the village.

### **Correspondence:**

Insurance for Parish Councils – meeting is proposed for early next year. Mandy Rickett as Finance Officer to attend if the meeting goes ahead

### **Finance:**

1) Re-issue of cheque for NCC – now to state "Nottinghamshire County Council" (for purchase of salt/grit)

2) Election charges – agreed to pay Halam's (compulsory) contribution towards the elections earlier in the year

3) Precept – this was discussed, and it was agreed to defer the decision on the level for 2016/17 to the next meeting

**Date of Next Meeting:** WEDNESDAY 13th January 2016 at 7.45pm in the village hall.

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## **HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

When the editor asked me to write something for the Halam News, I thought back over the past year. My highlight was a talk by a lady from the Police Convoy. In the village we have known of this extraordinary group of folk, but perhaps not fully aware of the extent of the work they do. We have our own contact point through Carolyn Todd who works hard for them, and has the privilege of travelling to parts of Africa with the container lorries which they send out, full of goods that improve the lives of remote villagers.

Children there get up early, fetch water and do essential domestic tasks - and all before going to school!. Bicycles are the answer! The Times newspaper had this as their Christmas appeal: discarded bikes are rejuvenated in self-help workshops in Africa.

Another group, based at Southwell Methodist Church, gratefully accepts old tools to repair and ship out in useful packs. Please bear these groups in mind before throwing out such items.

The ladies with the Police Convoys are so inventive: workshops have been set up to teach basic sewing skills - old hand sewing machines are favoured.

When African girls reach puberty lack of sanitary provision debars many from attending school. This can be overcome by making pads and bags in workshops (men must never be allowed to see such items!) A few years ago the W.I. held a 'knicker collection' drive to help this situation.

I feel sure the Police Convoy ladies would be willing to come again perhaps to an open village meeting and we could find out how we might give further practical help through a village initiative. These indomitable ladies are truly inspiring, not least for the trust and friendships they have built up over the years. Nor must we forget the men who make deliveries to Zambia every year.

**Glenys Herbert**

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### **Christmas Quiz**

Thank you all those who took part in the Christmas quiz at the Waggon on the evening of Sunday 13th December. All proceeds went to the charity 'Reach' in Southwell. It was a really good night, and Mr and Mrs Gittins were worthy winners!

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### **Nature Notes January 2016**

Deciduous trees have almost all shed their leaves leaving the evergreens to adorn our countryside. Holly is the only true broadleaved native evergreen we have in Britain. It is the 'holy tree' with which we deck our halls at Christmas time. Other native evergreen trees include Yew, Juniper and Scots Pine. There are other evergreens such as Box, but they are really considered as shrubs. If, like me, you are planning to plant a new hedge and you value your native birds and wildlife you should always go for native species as they support wildlife best. - The Ed.

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## RACE NIGHT

HALAM VILLAGE HALL

12 FEBRUARY 2016

**Come and join us and see if you can  
back a winner!**

**Pie & Pea Supper  
Drinks Bar  
Raffle**

..... and of course **Horse Racing!**

**Tickets are £5 (Deadline Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb!)**

**Contact Chris Bevans**

Tel: 07967 132014

or email: [info@halamvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@halamvillagehall.org.uk)

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8am: Holy Communion</b> <b>Revd. Frank Beech</b> <b>9.30am: All Age Morning worship:</b> Anne Godfrey
14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.30am: Morning worship:</b> Celebration of marriage: Anne Godfrey
21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>9.30am: Parish Communion:</b> Revd. David Milner
28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10 30 am: Sung Eucharist:</b> Revd. Peter Graves
6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8am: Holy Communion</b> <b>9.30am: All Age Morning worship:</b> <b>Baptism: Etta Mary Sharman,</b> daughter of Tom & Natalie Sharman. Congratulations!

### Celebration of Marriage Service

Married couples are invited to suggest hymns or music to commemorate their own marriage for the service on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be forms at the back of church: - **Anne Godfrey**

## † PARISH PUMP

• **Congratulations to Lady Victoria Starkey**, who walked part of the Great Wall of China at the beginning of November and has raised £2230 for the NSPCC. Wonderful achievement!

• **On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015** in Phuket, Thailand Davina Wilson married her New Zealander husband Ruben Grimwood.



She had five bridesmaids one of whom was her sister India, and a very special flower girl, her daughter Percy Blossom. At the moment they are living in Sydney but hope to come to live in Halam very soon. - **Margery Wilson**

And our **congratulations and good wishes** for every future happiness to Davina, Ruben and Percy from everyone in the village!



• **A warm welcome back to the village** to Richard Shaw and Lee who are moving into Coach house number 2 (just off Church Lane) in the first week of February. We hope you will be very happy in your new home!

• **A warm welcome to Ashleigh** who opens a new hairdressing salon on 1<sup>st</sup> February on Church Lane (where the former village shop and post office, then a pottery, used to be). We wish you every success and happiness in your new enterprise!

### Halam Open Gardens

It is a number of years since Halam held this popular fund-raising event and we are hoping to hold this again this year, probably with a June date to be confirmed. If you are interested in opening your garden do let Bev, Glenys, Karin, Marina or Carolyn know. It would be great to have about 10 gardens open to make this worthwhile!

**Contact the editor by email or telephone.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

13th January 2016 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds, Carolyn Todd

**Apologies:** Sarah Godfrey

**Devolution:** Mr Tony Roberts from ARENA gave a presentation on a proposal for a Unitary Authority for rural east Nottinghamshire as an alternative to the government's devolution proposal for Notts and Derbys with an elected mayor. For further information see [www.arenainfo.org.uk](http://www.arenainfo.org.uk)

Under this Unitary Authority there would be scope for parish councils to take greater responsibilities e.g. street cleaning, grass cutting, and more responsibility for Parish planning, subject to a Neighbourhood Plan. Although an interesting proposal, the P.C. expressed some doubts about the desirability (and feasibility) of taking on wider powers and responsibilities. It was agreed to support the general principle of a single authority looking after the rural areas of Notts, rather than a single authority responsible for city, towns and countryside. It was felt this would better represent the interests of rural communities. Further developments in the devolution process will be monitored.

**Village Hall:** The village Race Night is scheduled for Friday 12th February. A pie and pea supper is included in the ticket price of £5. To reserve tickets contact Chris Bevans 07967 132014 or email [info@halamvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@halamvillagehall.org.uk)

Clerk is to arrange painting of damp areas in hall; any volunteers to help would be appreciated. If a few people could help for a couple of hours every month or so then the hall could be maintained in a better condition. Please contact the Clerk.

The Diamond Jubilee tapestry is to be remounted on the wall with a ventilation gap behind.

It was noted that cars parked in the village hall car park must not obstruct parking for village hall users.

**Roads and Hedges:** 1) Pot holes – some serious holes have opened up again. Information will be sent to Matt Duckworth at C.C. Highways for attention.

2) Gritting – it's unlikely that Radley Road can be gritted, but there is the possibility to divert gritters to cover particular (urgent) issues. 3) Tree on Halam Hill – this was cut down without any consultation or notice to the P.C. County Cllr Jackson reported that Highways are empowered to remove any trees they deem a danger to road-users. 4) 20mph signs – all Notts schools are to have these signs outside the school roads. 5) Road cleaning & pavement condition – there has been a lack of road sweeping in the village; the pavements are slippery as they are dirty and covered in moss. Information is to be sent to Matt Duckworth (County Council Highways) for attention.

6) Water at the top of Radley Road – further information (including video of the water) to be sent to Matt Duckworth at C.C. Highways for attention.

7) Hedges – some pavements are still obstructed by hedges; The Clerk to speak to the householders responsible.

8) St Michael's Close – cars are being parked opposite the entrance to St Michael's Close and close to the junction on Radley Road. This is making it very hard for residents to exit St Michael's Close safely – please park more considerately.

9) Footpath past Machin's Farm – this is very muddy especially at the top where it is virtually impassable. This has been made worse by 4x4 vehicles and trail bikes using the footpath. Andrew Paris to report off-road vehicles to the local Beat Officer.

### **Open Meeting:**

1) The Queen's 90th birthday – 21 April 2016 – this could be a village celebration with a beacon to be lit and perhaps an event in the village hall. To be discussed further at next meeting. Those interested in helping to organise should contact the P.C.

2) Dates for future P.C. meetings – agreed to hold on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

### **Planning Decision**

Appledale, Radley Road: first floor extension to form bathroom, plus conservatory to rear – planning approval granted by N&S District Council.

**Finance:** 1) Agreed to pay village hall fire check.

2) Precept – agreed to leave the precept unchanged at £7,500 for the financial year 2016/17.

**Date of Next Meeting:** THURSDAY 11th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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## **RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch**

Many of you, even those with just a passing interest, may be aware that the last weekend in January (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>) was the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch - (or is it the Great British Bird-Off?) - where the nation was asked to record the birds in their garden over a one hour period.

You don't have to be an obsessive 'twitcher' to be fascinated by the variety of birds that inhabit the average garden. On any one day in Halam, besides the usual suspects on the bird feeder, you might see buzzards, sparrow hawks, woodpeckers, tree creepers (yes, that really is a bird!), nuthatches, jays, and surely every garden has its very own robin?

So put out some bird food, switch off the i-pad and look out of the window - it's surprising how rewarding it can be.

**Paul Oakley**



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## JOHN HENRY BECKETT (1942 - 2015)



John was born in Southwell on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1843, the middle child of three children. He attended the National School and then Edward Cludd in Southwell. He went on to become an apprentice joiner at his uncle's firm in Southwell. He gained his qualifications and worked in Civil

Engineering, but always returned to joinery.

John met Gwen when they were both aged 17. They were married, both aged 21, in December 1963 and moved into their first house, Number 4 Radley Terrace, Halam. Later they purchased number 5 and eventually sold both properties to move to Annesley House on the Turnpike in December 1975.

John and Gwen had one daughter, Tracey who married Neil in 1991 and he was delighted to become a granddad to Penelope (Penny) in 2008.

John was very sociable and was a member of the local dominoes team, primarily for the Waggon & Horses, but latterly played for the Old Reindeer at Edingley. John enjoyed strategic games such as chess, logic puzzles, and spent a lot of his time in his garden growing fruit and vegetables. He loved to be outdoors working in the sunshine.

John was a true gentleman who quietly helped those around him. He retired in 2008 at the age of 66, but did not stop working; he set about extending Annesley House single-handedly. He dug out the foundations by hand, and ingeniously planned every detail. He made all the internal fittings, doors, skirting board himself - a real testament to his craftsmanship.

Sadly John died on 13 December aged 73, the day before his 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and is greatly missed by his family and friends.

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

<b>6 March</b>	<b>8am: Holy Communion</b> Revd. Lucy Cleland <b>9.30am: Mothering Sunday Service &amp; baptism of Etta Sharman</b> Revd. David Moore
<b>13 March</b>	<b>10.30am: Morning worship:</b> Anne Godfrey
<b>20 March</b>	<b>9.30am: Palm Sunday:</b> Procession from the Waggon car park, with Family Communion in Church. Canon John Smith
<b>27 March</b>	<b>10 30 am: Easter Sunday Communion:</b> Father Matthew Askey. <b>HAPPY EASTER!</b>

## PARISH PUMP

- A warm welcome to Vicki Hoag who has moved into Yew Tree Barn on School Lane.
- A warm welcome to Ruth ? who has moved into Old Oak on Church Lane.

## LITTER!

The photo below shows two big bags of litter collected on a walk back from Hollybeck Nursery. The rubbish was collected between the top of Radley Road and the turn to Challands Farm! Please could Villagers be aware of this growing problem of litter in our village, encourage people NOT to drop litter and, when out walking, be proactive in clearing up any litter they come across.

Halam School will be undertaking a litter clean-up project as part of the Queen's 90th birthday initiatives. It's a start! Let's all join in and do our bit!

**Peter Thompson**



**Litter:** Parish Council have had our District Council clear a large amount of litter dropped in Gray' Lane and by the time you read this will also, hopefully, have removed the builders' rubbish in School Lane. Please take a bag when you go walking and pick as you go. 'Every bag helps' should be our motto!

**Glenys Herbert (Parish Councillor)**

## NSPCC Quiz

The NSPCC raised over £1550 at the quiz and supper night in the village hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Congratulations to the winning team Paul and Helen Gittens, Simon and Catherine Holland, Richard and Chris Winnings and Richard and Julia Fernandes. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the NSPCC. - **Sarah Godfrey**

## HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



Halam Church of England Primary School PTFA has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for activities within the school, and equipment needed.

**Bag2School** is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools. Since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £20 million. As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, recycling helps the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill.

**PLEASE** sort through cupboards and wardrobes and **donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided** – include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen **cannot** be accepted. In addition to raising funds it will also raise awareness amongst children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Donation bags and any other bags can be used to donate your items. Once filled, please contact one of the numbers below to arrange collection. We will collect bags & take to the school on your behalf. Bag2School will be collecting from Halam School on **Monday 7th March at 9am,**

We are hoping to run this fundraising idea every term, so please put unwanted items to one side for June/July 2016! Thank you for your help.

**Suzanne Ian:** collecting in Edingley: **07951 732513**

**Chris Bevans:** collecting in Halam: **07967 132014**

**Purba Choudhury:** also in Halam: **07929 356908**

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## Village Photos and Website

I am working on a new website for our village which will be launched shortly.

I have obtained some 300+ images on a disc that were collected from villagers for the purpose of the Millennium display, I would like to use some of these images on the new website, but don't want to publish anything online without consent.

If you, or if someone you know provided photos please let me know; firstly if you give permission to use your photos; alternatively let me know to whom the photos belong and I will contact them.

If anyone would like to be involved, or has any comments or suggestions regarding the new website please just let me know!

**Thank you in advance for your help! -  
Chris Bevans**

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

11 February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: S. Bust, A. Paris, C. Bevans, S. Godfrey, G. Herbert, J. Simmonds, C. Todd

Village Hall: 1) The village Race Night has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales. 2) Chris Bevans will investigate a replacement heater or heaters for the hall. 3) Waiting to hear about the grant applications made in December.

Village Website: Work has started on this. Mr Bevans will investigate the possibility of putting the Millennium Photos on the site – there may be copyright/permissions issues. The implications regarding liabilities is also to be investigated; Mr Bevans to contact NALC. Further work and the integration with the current [www.halam.org.uk](http://www.halam.org.uk) site will continue.

Roads and Hedges: Pot holes – Holme Lane is much better, but the surface on Halam Hill is very bad. The more residents that report this to the County Council the more likely it is that it will be repaired. The County Council may be contacted via their website, or phoned on 0300 500 80 80

Water at the top of Radley Road – a meeting with Matt Duckworth (C.C. Highways) has been arranged. Hedges – some pavements are still obstructed by hedges. The County Council will now contact the householders concerned.

Fly-tipping Gray Lane – cleared by District Council

Footpaths – Gray Lane and the top of the footpath at Machins are in very poor condition. Little can be done regarding Gray Lane as it is technically a public highway. The police have been out regarding 4X4 vehicles and motorbikes churning up the footpath between Machins Farm and New Hall Lane

Parking on Radley Road – some vehicles are still causing issues for residents of St Michael's Close. Please **do not park by the junction of St Michael's Close/Radley Road or opposite the road junction**

Open Meeting: 1) HM The Queen's 90th birthday – 21st April 2016 – this could be a village celebration with a beacon being lit and perhaps an event in the village hall – village tea, or barbeque. Anyone interested in helping to organise such an event(s) should contact the parish council.

There is also a "Clean for the Queen" litter pick on the weekend 4 - 6 March.

It was suggested that a village tea or fete could be held in June to mark the Queen's official birthday (12th June)

2) Break-ins – there has been a spate of thefts from cars in the Southwell area, and also house burglaries with access being gained through rear patio doors. If you see anything unusual or suspicious you should report it on 101, but if you think a crime is in progress then call 999.

Finance: It was agreed to pay for the Financial Officer, Mandy Rickett, to attend a NALC "External Audit" course.

Date of Next Meeting: THURSDAY 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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April 2016



My apologies to you all for a number of typing errors in last month's news, especially John Beckett's DOB - which should have read 22 June 1942! - The Ed.

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## PARISH PUMP

- Many congratulations to **Edith and Richard Brown** who celebrated their **DIAMOND** wedding anniversary on 10<sup>th</sup> March!
- The small group of friends from '**Tea at Two Thirty**' have given £1555 to the Air Ambulance Service since the year 2000! This has been collected just through a 20p raffle each week and a donation of 50p for each birthday we celebrate. Everyone is welcome to attend for a chat and refreshments. Do come and join us!

Well done everyone from '**Tea at Two Thirty**' - that is an amazing achievement!



- **Congratulations** on the birth of **Bodé Jax Galligan**, a son for Lee and Emily and a brother for Nyla-Bay born on 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, weight 6lbs 11oz: Proud grandparents Jackie & John Thornewill, & proud uncle Simon Thornewill.

• **Pat Shaw** will be much missed by her family and friends in Halam. She was a long term resident, living at Halam House Farm with her family. The funeral service was held in Halam Church last month.

• Many of you would have known, and remember well, **Ron Smithers** of Southwell, who sadly died last month. He used to regularly attend our church services and events. He will be much missed by family and friends.

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

4 April	8am: Matins (BCP): Anne Godfrey 9.30am: All Age Morning Worship: Anne Godfrey
10 April	10.30am: Morning worship: Anne Godfrey
17 April	9.30am: Parish Communion: Revd. David Moore
24 April	10 30 am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Lucy Cleland

### Church Contacts:

Anne Godfrey (Lay Minister) 01636 814391  
Beverly Perks (Church Warden) 01636 812181

### 2015 Report and Accounts for the PCC of St Michael's, Halam

All are welcome to attend our regular services, and we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life in Baptism, Marriage and Funerals.

Pastoral Care: Anne Godfrey and Barbara Titensor serve both Halam and Edingley, focusing on the nursing home Highfields, and ministry to those who have had bereavements or are unwell or receive home communion.

Mission and evangelism: Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The PCC have made charitable donations of £250 each to Faith in Families, Beaumont House, Mansfield Night Shelter and Time Travelling at the Minster, and £25 to Notts Clergy Widows and Dependents Fund.

Volunteers: We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Structure: governance and management: All those who attend our services or live in the parish are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll of the church and stand for election to the PCC. Our Annual meeting will be held in Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 and all are welcome to attend.

Financial Review: In 2015 total receipts were £20,672 of which £15,199 was voluntary donations, £2,693 from gift aid and £2,780 from other receipts. Our thanks to all who supported the promise programme held in 2015. Without voluntary donations we could not continue the work of the Church in Halam. Total expenditure of £19,465 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Michael's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £1,207, which is a welcome result after the previous two deficit years.

**Alison Slinger (Treasurer St Michael's Halam)**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

In the Village Hall on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm

**Apologies:** Chairman Mr S Bust, Mr A Paris, Mrs S Geoffrey, Mrs C Todd, Cllrs Laughton, Jackson and Rainbow.

**Present:** Mrs G Herbert, Mrs J Simmonds, Mr C Bevans, clerk Mr P Rickett. As the Chairman and vice-chairman were not present Mrs Herbert took the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record

**Village Hall:** 1) The P.C. has been approached by the school to see if they can use the Village Hall in the event of an emergency – i.e. if the school needs to be evacuated – agreed unanimously that they can use the hall – the keypad number needs to be given to someone at school. 2) To get all the heaters working a bulb has been sourced at approximately £38 – clerk and Mr Bevans to implement. 3) **Village Web Site:** Mr Bevans has contacted NALC and the web host and there seems to be no problem using the Millennium photos The new web address is [www.halamvillage.org.uk](http://www.halamvillage.org.uk) - this should be up and running soon

**Roads and hedges:** 1) Walnut Tree Cottage have started cutting their hedge back. 2) Mrs Todd reported that the pothole at the top of Radley Road has been repaired.

**Queen's Birthday:** It has been suggested that we have a beacon on April 21st in Mr Bust field at the side of the Waggon – clerk and Mr Bevans to request. **June 12th** -suggestions raised: – scarecrows through the decades – possibly from groups in the Village – the school, WI, toddlers etc. The school would like to join in with the PC with ideas for the celebrations

Any ideas, suggestions, offers of help, - please contact the P.C. or come to the next meeting

A suggestion has been made to hold an open gardens day in July – further details to follow, but again offers of help or to open your garden – contact the P.C. or Mrs Herbert

**Open meeting:** Nothing raised

**Correspondence:** From the items circulated no action to be taken,

**Planning;** no submissions

**Finance:** Agreed to pay the following: Best Kept Village Competition entry: £5.00; Village Hall bin: £123.50; NALC subscription £87.75; Clerk's wages: £1654.80;

it was agreed that if we are entering the Best Kept Village then a check list needs to be made of what needs doing in the village:– phone box and bus shelter, notice board etc

**Items for the next meeting:** Queen's Birthday; Open Gardens:

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 14th April at 7pm as this is the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by an ordinary meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm

## **Halam & Edingley W.I.**

Our W.I. meets on the first Tuesday of every month. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April Lady Victoria Starkey will be giving a talk and slideshow about her recent visit to the Great Wall of China, part of which she walked for charity. All are very welcome to attend.

**Glenys Herbert**



### **Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial**

A memorial service will be held  
on 10<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon  
at the Lancaster Memorial, School Lane  
to mark the anniversary of the  
crash of Lancaster ED823 in 1943.  
All very welcome.

### **Parking on Radley Road**

A number of residents have drawn attention to, and expressed concern once again, about parking issues on Radley Road. Cars are being parked opposite junctions and private exits onto the road, making visibility extremely difficult.

There appears to be an increased number of cars parking in the vicinity of St Michael's Close and Gray Lane. It is illegal to park next to, or opposite junctions. This is a general plea to everyone to practice responsible parking and show consideration by not blocking, obscuring or making exiting onto the road dangerous for other residents.

**Thank you all for your help with this!**

### **NATURE NOTES: Violets**

April through to May brings the violet season in our gardens and hedgerows. It is a small, low creeping plant, hence the expression 'shrinking violet'. It is impossible to miss the common dog violet, but the sweet violet is easily distinguished by its wonderful scent, and dark violet (not so blue) flowers with spurs. In Halam the white sweet violet can be very commonly found growing.

The sweet violet has a romantic history: the ancient Greeks made perfume from them; the Romans made wine; ancient Britons used them in cosmetics. Violets represent the idea of constancy in love.

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## PARISH PUMP

- Many of you will have known, and attended the funeral in Halam Church of **Keith Marshall**, who lived in Edingley with his wife Rita. He was buried in Halam Churchyard on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and will be much missed by his family and friends.
- Congratulations to **Hannah Woods**, who as captain of Peterhouse, Cambridge led her team to victory on University Challenge broadcast in April. Hannah is the daughter of Duncan and Deborah Woods and granddaughter of Ruth Hodson of Old Oak, Radley Road. Congratulations Hannah!
- Best wishes to **Chris and Katie Bevans** who will celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 6 May.
- We say goodbye to **Jane and Paul Oakley** this month. They are moving to Northamptonshire. We wish them happiness in their new lives, and hope to see them back here from time to time!
- A frightening accident occurred on the Turnpike on the night of Friday 14 April: a car smashed into the wall of Mrs Eleanor Bust's home at Strickland Farm. Hopefully repairs will be quickly carried out and we send our very best wishes!
- Welcome to **Ed and Katie** who have just taken over management of the Waggon and Horses. We wish you every success in your new venture!

### Road Closure - Advance Warning!

The road through Upton Village will be closed from Monday the 6 June - Friday 17 June, approximately so do allow extra time if you need to go to Newark. Diversions will be in place from Galley Hill.

### HM the Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Over 100 villagers turned out to enjoy the lighting of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday beacon bonfire. Afterwards the Waggon was packed with villagers socialising and enjoying chips galore! Following this popular and successful event a village tea party on 12 June will celebrate the Queen's official birthday. Further details will follow in next month's newsletter. If you would like to contribute by making sandwiches or cakes, contact Julie Paris, [julflem@yahoo.com](mailto:julflem@yahoo.com) (815844) or [sarah@spacesbuilding.co.uk](mailto:sarah@spacesbuilding.co.uk) (812224).

### David Stubbs (7 September 1948 - 1 April 2016)



David was born at Machin's Farm Halam. The countryside and Halam had a deep and enduring meaning for him. Soon after he was born his family moved to Manor Farm Cottage. He attended Halam School and the Magnus Grammar School, Newark.

David worked on farms from a young age. On leaving school he went to work at Turncroft Farm Edingley, and then Coombes Farm, Farnsfield. He left farming and worked for North Sea Gas Pipes at Swinderby; David met Diane at the age of 18 and when they married and had a family this job gave him better means to support them. However he was soon drawn back to farming, and later returned to his beloved Halam to work at Manor House Farm and live in the cottage where he stayed until a year ago. When Manor Farm was sold he worked at Southwell Crop Sprayers, then Staythorpe Power Station before his final job as Pest Control Officer and Dog Warden at Newark District Council.

His life was, in the truest sense, a countryside life: he loved fishing and shooting and working on his allotments; he loved to pass on his knowledge to other people and was always very patient when showing young people how to do things.

Sadly for David he had a troubled life. There was family illness and he had his own health problems. He was devastated to leave Halam but tried to build a new life in Mansfield. He died peacefully in hospital. David loved country music and shared this love with his family who have happy memories of listening with him. He came to church in country style on a trailer pulled by a tractor, was carried in to the sound of birdsong, and went out to 'Love is like a butterfly' by the queen of Country music, Dolly Parton.

### Nora Boon (21 April 1924 - 25 March 2016)

Nora had been a resident of Halam for over 40 years, 35 of which had been happily spent at St Michael's Close where she had many different neighbours over the years, a number of whom she had befriended. She enjoyed her time in the village very much, and it was only recently that she was unable to get out and about. She will be greatly missed by all her family, neighbours and friends.

### **Save the date:**

**Sunday, 12 June: 2pm-4pm**



**The Queen's 90th  
Birthday Tea Party  
Halam Village Hall**



**Royal Pub Quiz: 7:30  
Nibbles and drinks**

**Teams of four; Small entry fee**

**Halam Annual Parish Meeting –  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 7.00pm in Village Hall**

**Present:** S. Bust, A. Paris, C. Bevans, S. Godfrey, G. Herbert, J. Simmonds, C. Todd

**Matters Arising: Water Pressure:** since work on the new pipeline, some villagers have experienced a drop in water pressure. **Please report problems to the P.C. so that this can be investigated.**

**Chairman's Report:** Simon Bust reported that the P.C. was elected May 2015; fewer candidates than places meant all councillors continued in their posts. Carolyn Todd was co-opted to fill the vacancy. Meetings have been held monthly over the past year, and district & county councillors regularly attended. Issues raised such as roads and drains, have been C.C. issues and Roger Jackson and Bruce Laughton were active on our behalf. Drains on The Turnpike have been attended to; water problems at the top of Radley Road have improved; drains and gulleys generally have been cleared. The state of Halam Hill is an ongoing concern, but work is scheduled within the next 5 years – the P.C. will continue to put pressure on the C.C. to ensure such works continue.

The village hall is running and open for hire; when the current mortgage is paid off more funds will be available. Allotment lettings have had mixed success - one new tenant, but another has relinquished their tenancy. Further improvement to the allotments and possible grants will be investigated.

There have been few planning applications this year, and D.C. have supported the P.C.'s view in all cases.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk, Pat Rickett; Mandy Rickett (Financial Officer); Marina Thompson (Internal Auditor); and members of the parish council

**Parish Council Meeting: following at 7.30pm**

**Present:** as above

**Village Hall:** The Natter @ 9 group have raised some money for the village hall and wish it to be used for a specific purchase for the hall; Village Hall Committee to make some suggestions. Sarah Godfrey reported that the grant application made for insulation, windows etc. had progressed to the next stage, but it would be helpful if villagers would write letters of support, stating how they use the hall, its importance to the village, and/or that they back to application for further improvement: give letters to the clerk or email sarah@spacesbuilding.co.uk

**New Village website** is up and running:

**www.halamvillage.org.uk** - If you would like to add to the site or post links please contact Chris Bevans.

**Roads and Hedges: Holme Lane:** spoil heaps from ditch digging to be flattened down. **Gray Lane:** rubble left on the path and deep ruts make walking difficult. Water on **The Turnpike** on approach from Edingley – referred to C.C. highways and Severn Trent. **Halam Hill's** large pothole has been reported to highways. **Radley Road** – many potholes and damage to road edges – highways aware. **Oxton Hill – road closure on 3 May 2016 for one day.**

**Queen's Birthday:** Bonfire beacon to be lit on 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8.00pm – Andrew & Julie Paris to publicise.

Further event(s) to be organised for Sunday 12 June e.g. village tea, village scarecrows, bonfire – contact Julie Paris if you can help with events - 815844.

**Open Gardens:** Unlikely to take place this year

**Open Meeting:** 1. Recycling: Registration (online) is now needed to use Notts recycling centres, 2.Asbestos dumped on School Lane will have to be removed by specialist contractor. 3. Bilsthorpe Incinerator Project under review currently, some questions re the technology/air pollution raised. 4.Southwell Community Speed-watch will be operating on Halam Road, Southwell later this month.

**Planning Decision:** Back Lane Farm; extension and conversion of garage – approved by N&S D.C.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 12 May 2016 in the village hall 7.30pm: **Annual General Meeting with election of Chairman and council positions.**

<b>ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am: All Age Morning Worship: Anne Godfrey</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am: Thank you and Thanksgiving Service for all who support the Church, followed by coffee: Anne Godfrey</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am: Parish Communion: Revd. Reg Walton</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>10 30 am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. David Moore</b>

**Sunday 8th May**

St. Michael's PCC invites all those who support the Church in any way to a Thanksgiving service when we will give thanks to all those who support us. The service will be followed by coffee at the Skypen; many thanks to Glenys Herbert for hosting this. AG

**Halam & Edingley W.I.**

The annual general meeting will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We will be discussing the resolutions that will be put forward to the National Annual General meeting which will be held in Brighton. Our representative is Mrs Dora Rylatt and we hope she will have an enjoyable two days at the conference. - **Glenys Herbert**

**Open Letter**

On 21 April, 8pm Halam celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Queen. Of approximately 280 inhabitants roughly 70 watched a bonfire of straw being burnt in another field; 6 children were seen; only one member of the village carried a Union Jack, There were no fireworks or fun masks as at Windsor; a sombre crowd of villagers appeared to have more fun in the excellent pub after the rage of straw burning had died down. The chips from the pub's kitchen were the best this loyal subject had ever tasted. - **Lady Victoria Starkey**

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## PARISH PUMP

- A very happy birthday to **Julie Paris** who celebrates a big birthday this month. We hope you have a wonderful day!
- Parking continues to be an issue on Radley Road. Please take care not to park opposite exits and obscure visibility for people getting out onto the road.
- A warm welcome to **Sam and Jon Jones and son Oscar** who moved into Holbeck Lodge in May. They have come to Halam from Alfreton and are looking forward to becoming part of Halam life. We wish them every happiness in their new home!

**Sunday, 12 June: 2pm-4pm**

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## Congratulations to Lottie Leadbeater!

On Monday 25th April Lottie auditioned for The English Youth Ballet at The Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham and was chosen, along with about 20 others, out of 150+ boys and girls under 11 years old to be in a forthcoming performance of Giselle.

This will be with professional dancers, and the performances are on July 22nd and 23rd at The Royal Concert Hall. She has two and a half intensive months of training and rehearsals ahead.

We are very proud of her achievement!

**Martyn and Janet Leadbeater**

## Southwell Theatre Club

Southwell Theatre Club's next production, 'Behind Every Hero', is a cycle of poems by local poet Paul Mein and tells stories of Jason, Theseus and Odysseus with the spotlight on the women behind the heroes. Join us in this magical time when gods walked among men, and the Fates sported with their lives. Meet a host of intriguing and bewitching women, from the sorceress Medea to wronged wife Penelope. We promise you will be enchanted.

'Behind Every Hero' is the finale to this year's **Southwell Poetry Festival**. The full programme is available at the library and offers workshops, readings & performances. Tickets are available from the library in person or by phone on 01636 812148.

'**Behind Every Hero**': Sunday 17th July, & Monday 18th July, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Tickets cost £6.

Southwell Theatre Club is your friendly local amateur dramatic group. We perform 3 - 4 productions a year ranging from serious drama to murder mystery. New members are always welcome - onstage or backstage - so if you'd like to be involved email us on [southwelltheatreclub@gmail.com](mailto:southwelltheatreclub@gmail.com); we try to have a lot of fun whilst being the best we can be!

**Karen Winyard**

## **ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

<b>5 June</b>	<b>9.30am: All Age Morning Worship: Anne Godfrey</b>
<b>12 June</b>	<b>10.30am: Morning Worship: Anne Godfrey</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>9.30am: Parish Communion: Revd. David Moore</b>
<b>26 June</b>	<b>10 30 am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Reg Walton</b>

## Churchyard Clear-Up Day!

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a churchyard clearing day. If volunteers could come to the church at 10am, weather permitting, we will work through until lunchtime. Light refreshments will be provided. Thank you in advance for your help!

**The Churchwardens**

## Grass Cutting in the Churchyard

This is becoming an onerous task and our usual wonderful maintainer of the grass cutting in the churchyard has been experiencing difficulty due to an accident. Might we appeal for a team of volunteers to help with this? It need not be every week, this can be done on a rota basis. If anyone has a sit-on mower this would REALLY help! The older side of the churchyard requires a power mower.

**Please contact churchwardens:**

**Tel: 812335 or Tel: 813491**

## **Annual Meeting of Halam Parish Council:**

Thursday 12 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds, Carolyn Todd

**Apologies:** Sarah Godfrey

**Election** of Chair: Simon Bust & Vice-Chair: Andrew Paris; agreed unanimously.

**Election of Other Officers:** All agreed unanimously: Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris; Press Officer – Andrew Paris; Transport – Glenys Herbert; NALC Representative – Janet Simmonds & Carolyn Todd; Snow/Flood Warden – Simon Bust; Flag Officer – Simon Bust; Crime Reduction Officer – Andrew Paris; Internal Auditor – Marina Thompson; Financial Officer – Mandy Rickett.

**Village Hall:** The Natter@9 group plan to raise money for the hall to be used for a specific purchase; suitable suggestions will be made. A further grants meeting has been held and we await the outcome of our application. The official village hall committee will be disbanded but ad hoc meetings will still be held to organise specific events.

**Queen's Birthday:** Many thanks to all involved in organising such a successful bonfire beacon on 21st April, especially The Waggon for their support.

A village tea in the village hall is being organised for 2 – 4 p.m. Sunday 12th June, and later a Royal Pub Quiz will be held in The Waggon – drinks and nibbles will be available. It was agreed that these events would not be fund-raising events and the P.C. will underwrite any costs up to a £100 limit. Please contact Julie Paris if you can help. - Tel: 815844

## **Roads and Hedges:**

1. The 'diversion' signage for Oxton Hill closure was misleading and confusing – complaint registered with C.C. Highways.

2. **Fly tipping** of rubble and tarmac on Radley Road and School Lane – to have dumped waste cleared up, contact the District Council on 01636 650000. If you witness any illegal fly tipping, this may be reported to Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111, or the Environment Agency incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60. Both are available 24 hours a day.

3. **Water on Radley Road** – works have been done, and C.C. highways and Severn Trent are monitoring.

4. **St Mary's footpath** – work to be done shortly

5. **Traffic calming** on The Turnpike – following recent damage to a house on The Turnpike, traffic calming measures were raised. County Cllr Jackson said that the best way to get these implemented by Highways would be a large petition from the village.

**Correspondence:** Tesco "Bags of Help" – Andrew Paris to submit an application for funding to improve the allotments.

**Open Meeting:** Cllr Roger Jackson reported that the scheme re registering car number plates online to use the county's recycling/waste centres is currently being discussed further.

**Planning:** Willow House, School Lane: householder application for demolition of existing conservatory and erection of proposed two-storey rear extension – unanimously agreed to support.

**Finance:** Agreed to pay cost of dog bin emptying, and the P.C. insurance.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 2 June 2016 in the village hall at 7.30pm. Please note change of date.

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## **ASPECTS OF HALAM**

### **The Mediaeval Dovecote**

There are several dovecotes in Halam, relics of a bygone age when many landowners had them to supply fresh meat as an alternative to salted meat. It is estimated that at one time there were 25,000 dovecotes in England and Scotland with an average of 500 birds in each.

Perhaps the best-known local dovecote is situated to the rear of Halam House. It is thought that this barn-like structure was built in Tudor times. The brick walls are lined from floor to ceiling with 1200 nesting places and originally there was a central pole to which was fixed a revolving frame and ladder that enabled the keeper to reach any point along the walls. The doves were caught by stretching a net across the doorway on the west side of the building now replaced by a window. The brickwork string course around the outside was to deter rats from climbing up the walls.

On 23 April 1927 a Mr J Whitaker FZS visited Halam and was shown the dovecote by Mr H Rickett senior (Patrick's grandfather). An account of Mr Whitaker's visit and a poem about the dovecote appears in his book entitled: "The Mediaeval Dovecotes in Nottinghamshire". - **Tony Hallam**

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### **LAXTON HISTORY GROUP BOOKLET LAUNCH & EXHIBITION**

'A snapshot in time' focusing on life in Laxton between 1900 -1920

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June: 2.45 - 4.30pm  
& Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 3pm  
CROSSHILL FARM, LAXTON**

Light refreshments available throughout this FREE event. All welcome

### **Halam & Edingley W.I.**

The next meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June will be the story of the production of Stilton Cheese by Deb Spencer. We will be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to come.

Last month we held our Annual General Meeting and the following week we had our W.I. 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party held at the Scypen: lovely food, cake and champagne!

**Glenys Herbert (Chair)**