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St Michael The Archangel



Services.

We apologise sincerely for having to cancel the carols due to take place on 20th December. It became clear that more people were likely to attend than we could accommodate safely in the Churchyard. Thank you to Chris Bevans for playing carols in lieu. At the moment we are able to hold services in Church and if we are able to do so in January the services will be as follows:

Sunday 3rd January 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship for Epiphany - Anne

Sunday 10th January 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Rev. Mary

Sunday 17th January 9.30 a.m. All Age Morning Worship - Anne

Sunday 24th January 10.30 a.m. Eucharist – Rev. Mary

Sunday 31st January 10.30 a.m. Service for Candlemass

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

For the Housebound: Services, streamed, on the BBC and by telephone

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Message from Rev. Mary

The night sky has always fascinated me. I remember my Father when I was a child pointing out the Plough. Apparently, December 21st saw the conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn. Was that the Bethlehem star? On January 6th the Church celebrates the Epiphany – the word signifies a moment of great revelation. St Matthew in his Gospel tells us about the important visitors who came to worship Jesus led by a star.

I don't know if you have made any New Year's Resolutions. I try but ----! I pray that 2021 will bring more normality to our lives. We have hopes of a vaccine to protect against this awful virus.

Until then let us keep positive, caring for each other in ways open to us. Hopefully by Easter things will have changed for the better and we can care for each other in ways we would wish.

So, keep faith, keep safe, keep caring. I leave you with the prayer for Epiphany: "Creator of the heavens who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ child, guide and sustain us that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen" May 2021 be a Happy New Year.

Every Blessing, Rev. Mary



50 Years Young

Many happy returns to Jon Whittaker who will be turning 50 on the 8th January, from all of your family and everyone else who knows you in Halam.

Open 7am till 7pm

Church Cleaning Rota

A new rota is going to be drawn up to help keep the church clean and tidy if you think you can spare some time and would like to help please contact Glenys on 812335 and she will gladly add you to the team. Cleaning is done in pairs usually so please do not worry about not knowing what to do etc..

Electric Tricycle for sale.

£2000 please see Victoria Starkey on School Lane if you are interested

Halam Christmas Charities 2020

The "Halam Christmas Charities" is a tradition dating back to the seventeenth century; many generations ago various Halam worthies left money for gifts to be distributed in the parish at Christmas time. Originally the bequests gifted "bread and coals", and the tradition carries on today but now in the form of a goodie bag filled with a few festive treats.

Just before Christmas we distributed these goodie bags to Halam households where a member is over 60 years of age — we hope you enjoyed them. Apologies to anyone we missed this year; it is surprisingly difficult to keep up with those who have had a milestone birthday in the past twelve months, and it becomes furthermore complicated as some households opt out of the scheme not wishing to receive the Christmas bag. We try to ensure that everyone eligible for the goodie bag who has not declined is included in the distribution. If anyone is over 60 in your household and we missed you this year, then please let us know if you would like to be included next year. Please contact Deborah Woods on 813897.

<u>Halam Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 10th December 2020</u> <u>held via Zoom due to Social-Distancing restrictions</u>

Present

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

Village Hall

The village hall remains closed while the coronavirus restrictions are in place. There are still some outstanding hall hire invoices – Chris Bevans to chase these for payment.

Roads & Hedges

Holme Lane has been marked up for pothole repairs – it is expected that the work will be done shortly.

Mrs Herbert raised the problem of the hedge at the bottom of Halam Hill and the obstruction of view. The Chairman offered to meet with Mrs Herbert and the Clerk on site to re-look at the issue.

Chris Bevans reported that there had been a lack of signage on Wednesday (9th) for the road closure at Edingley Hill. This had been improved the following day. Any such "Road Closed" and "Diversion" signs need removing as soon as the road(s) is/are re-opened — Chairman will follow this up with County Council.

Radley Road is scheduled to be cleaned (road sweeper) on Friday 11th. There was some discussion about the state of the road due to the building work at Shaws' Orchard.

There has been a meeting with Severn Trent regarding the drains along the Turnpike, a follow up meeting is now scheduled.

Stiles and Footpaths

The stiles on the path between Machin's Farm and Cultesforth Lane have been inspected. All but one, are in a reasonable state. The wire is to be removed from the stile causing issues and further repairs done to bring the stile up to standard.

Village Notice Board

This has been re-erected. The notice board's gold lettering will be reinstated shortly.

Correspondence

1. A request had been received asking if the parish council had any archive documents relating to a property in Halam. The parish council hold very few records, but Andrew Paris will make contact with the householder to see if they would like sight of the council's copy of the Enclosure Parish Award document.

- 2. Norwood Golf Course has responded to the request to consider allowing a footpath up Halam Hill. The land forms a wildlife biodiversity zone plus a fruit tree growing area and so a path is not feasible.
- 3. Hedge on School Lane this will be cut back by the landowner (Norwood Golf Course) late summer 2021. If was agreed however that the foliage that is obscuring the streetlight on School Lane should be cut back as soon as possible for road safety reasons. The Clerk will contact the golf course to get this done as soon as possible.

Planning

- 1. Installation of 2 outdoor up/down lights to be attached to the outside of the building: Blonds, The Turnpike agreed unanimously to support the application, both the planning application and listed building consent.
- 2. Charcoal burning off School Lane between School Lane and Goldhill: this requires planning permission. Planning enforcement are aware of this and are investigating further.

Finance

The deposit payment for the village gateway signs is now due. This needs to be paid before then end of January to ensure that the quoted cost is maintained. The county council have agreed to fund these signs, but no money has been received yet. After discussion, it was agreed to delay payment until the funds had been received from county. District Cllr Penny Rainbow will find out what the latest situation is regarding funding. The payment of the deposit will be reviewed at January's parish council meeting.

Date of next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 14th January, unless any urgent matters arise in the meantime. Any meeting will most likely be via Zoom; members of the public wishing to view the meeting should contact the clerk, Patrick Rickett on rickett@live.co.uk by 10 a.m. on the day of the parish council meeting.

The Chairman thanked the parish councillor for their efforts and input over the past year and wished all a Happy Christmas.



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Message from Rev. Mary

We have all been very saddened and horrified at the attack on Graeme Perks and have been praying for him, Bev and their Family. Bishop Paul and his wife Sarah came into Halam Church to light candles and to pray for them. The month of February is a time of light and love. February 2nd is Candlemas, a time when before electric light Churches blessed the candles to be used for the next year; then and now the candles are lit as a sign of Jesus bringing light out of darkness. February 14th is St Valentine's day. A time is showing love to those who are special in our lives. On that day a red rose arrives on my doorstep from a friend in memory of my husband Bob.

Bishop Valentine was a priest who was martyred at Rome under Emperor Claudius about ad 269. He ministered to persecuted Christians and secretly performed Christian weddings and cut out hearts from parchment to remind men of their vows.

February 17 is Ash Wednesday the beginning of lent when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness.

So, let us continue to show light and love in these challenging times as best we can.

May the light and love of Jesus be with you. So, stay safe, keep trusting, keep caring. My love to you all. Rev Mary



Parish Pump



Graeme Perks

On behalf of all of Halam Village community, I would like to send our prayers for a full and speedy recovery to Graeme and send our best wishes to Bev and all the family following this horrific ordeal. We are all behind you.

The Waggon,

Ed and the Team would like to say a huge thank you for all the support throughout this very uncertain time, it is very much appreciated.

Electric Tricycle for sale.

This has now been reduced from £2000 to £850 please see Lady Starkey if you are interested.



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Thank you, Katie Bevans 07717408008.

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Police Update: Inspector Heather Sutton

Inspector Sutton talked to the meeting about the horrific attack in Halam in the early hours of the morning of Thursday 14th. Graeme Perks was described as being seriously injured but in a stable condition in intensive care. The Inspector reported that this had been a targeted attack and that a suspect had been arrested; no one else was being sought in conjunction with the attack, and there was no further ongoing risk to the community. She expressed her concern and sympathy for the Perks family. She also informed the meeting that the armed response team had attended the scene within minutes, and that there would also be increased police patrols in the village to reassure and engage with local residents.

Further information and updates would be available on the police website: www.nottinghamshire.police.uk and on the local police Facebook page: Sherwood Police: Bilsthorpe, Caunton, Lowdham, Southwell and villages The parish council expressed its shock at such an awful attack. They send their best wishes to the Perks family and wish Graeme a full and speedy recovery.

Village Hall

The village hall continues to remain closed while the coronavirus restrictions are in place. The Chairman and Clerk inspected the hall over the Christmas period, and all was well. \an enquiry to use the hall has been received from a children's activity group – Chris Bevans will respond explaining the current situation.

Allotments

For clarification, there is no access into the allotments from the farmer's field adjoining them. The only legal access is from Gray Lane.

Roads & Hedges

Some potholes have been repaired on Holme Lane, but further work is still required.

The meeting with Severn Trent and Highways regarding the drains along the Turnpike had to be postponed due to the coronavirus. A new meeting is now scheduled. County Councillor Bruce Laughton is also applying pressure at director level to get this drainage problem resolved.

Planning

- 1. <u>Display of an A-Board: Blonds, The Turnpike</u> County Cllr Bruce Laughton explained that the Planning dept is unlikely to take enforcement action against a single display board. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.
- 2. Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of 2 no. single storey extension and 1 no. two-storey extension Alterations to existing roof to re-tie and add/alter existing rooflights: Fir Tree Cottage, School Lane Unanimously agreed to support the application.
- 3. Construction of solar farm and battery stations together with associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure: Land north of Halloughton Application is not supported by 5 to 1, with 1 abstention on the same grounds as the application was objected to in July last year, i.e. it was felt to be too large a site with a loss of quality agricultural land, it would have a great visual impact on the surrounding countryside being visible from many vantage points, and would have a major negative impact on the surrounding villages and towns.

Finance

Unanimously agreed to pay for the village hall fire check.

Also unanimously agree to authorise the Clerk and Chairman to pay the deposit for the new village gateway signs as soon as the money from county council has arrived for this project, rather than having to wait for the February meeting.

Parish Precept 2021-22: a reduction in the coming year's parish precept was discussed. In light of the current hard times for many people and the fact that the parish council has received some financial support from the government, it was felt appropriate to make a one-off reduction in the precept for next financial year, 2021-22. Reductions between 100% and 10% were proposed and discussed at length, and it was eventually agreed (4 for, 2 wishing to charge no precept this year, and 1 abstention) to set the precept at £4,000 for 2021-22, and to review again the following year.

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Alec & Penni Wells

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Take Out Menus Attached

Green: 1st, 15th & 29th Silver: 8th & 22nd Brown: 3rd, 17th & 31st



Parish Pump



The passing of 2 ex Halam residents

I have received the sad news of the passing of two past Halam residents.

Mavis Yates who lived a Halam Lodge and was a member of the WI and the village hall improvement group. She was always ready to help and join in with all activities and was a loved member of the church. She was a kind and caring lady who was much missed when they moved to Lymington.

And Tim Lightbowen who lived at the top of Gray Lane and was a milkman. We send our sympathy to Jenny and the boys

Tempting Fete 2021

Believe it or not, it looks like we can dare to dream that this could just be possible and there seems to be support for the idea. Goodness knows we need something to look forward to. There is an online meeting set up for the 10th March to discuss the possibility of this happening, if you have any opinions/suggestions or would like to get involved in any way then please do let me know.

Do you have any old copies of the Halam News?

I'm trying to complete a full archive and I need anything pre 2004 with the exception of 1991-1997 also, Jan & Mar 2004 and July 2005.

I would like to take copies and you can have them back if you wish.

Halam News Sponsorship

There was an appeal for sponsorship for Halam News and the response was incredible. I now have sponsorship lined up until Oct 2022. Thank you all very much indeed. If you would like to add yourselves to the list then please feel free, it is £10 a time.

Community Litter Picking

It has been suggested that we should have a community litter picking kit to be used by members of our community, to help keep our lovely village looking at its best. This seemed to be a very popular idea and has been added to the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting to request funds.

Village Noticeboard

Ashleigh from Halam Salon is offering the opportunity for local businesses, services or anything which helps the community to advertise in the notice board attached to the old salon on Radley Road totally free of charge. She has worked out that they can fit 42 business cards in there. Obviously, there are only 42 spaces so if you would like to reserve a place on the board please drop her a message with your business name/details etc. and she will work it on a first come first served basis... please make sure your business card/advert is no bigger than 8.5cm x 6cm (standard business card size) and just post it through the old salon door.



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We hope that from 28th March services will recommence in Church.

Sunday 28th March 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Service

Friday 2nd April 10 a.m. Good Friday Devotions

Sunday 4th April 11 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion.

Please check the Church notice board for confirmation.

Because of the limitations on numbers please book for the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services by contacting either Glenys or Penni.

Until 28th March the Church remains closed except for **Private Prayer** Sunday 10 a.m. to 12 noon and at other times by arrangements with the Church Wardens, Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 or Penni Wells 01636 813491 and for **funerals** (maximum numbers in Church 20).

Zoom Evening Prayer There will be a Zoom Evening Prayer Sunday 7th, 14th and 21st March at 4 p.m. Please contact Anne 01636 814391 if you would like to join.

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Food Bank Very many thanks for the generous contributions to the Food Bank. Rev Mary

Message from Rev. Mary

One of my favourite books is Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame. I love the opening chapter where mole is spring cleaning, but spring has come, and he feels something up above is calling him and he scrabbles out of his hole into the sunlight feeling the warmth of the sun and finding everything happy.

I suppose as we see the light at the end of the tunnel and spring coming maybe we feel a bit like mole longing once again to enjoy all that we have missed.

So we journey on through lent celebrating St David's day who was a monk and Bishop in the 6th century. He is remembered for his compassion and kindness to the poor and is Wales' patron saint.

Then on March 17th St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland is remembered. He was a priest and Bishop born about 390. This humble man walked all over the island telling people about Jesus.

The end of March brings us to Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey leading on to holy week and glorious Easter day.

So, let that new hope rise in us as we journey on for a new day dawns. William Wordsworth's host of golden daffodils beckons us on. So, keep safe, keep faith keep caring for each other. May this Easter bring you great blessings and new iov.

Lord as you came alongside Cleopas and his friend on the Emmaus road draw near to each of us and enfold us in your love.

Every blessing, Rev Mary

2020 Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Michael's, Halam.

Aims and Purposes

St Michael's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Reverend Mary Foden Currie, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Michael's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend our regular services. The average weekly attendance during 2020 was 15

although many services had to be cancelled due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. During the summer we were able to hold services of Morning Prayer in the churchyard. It was not possible to hold the carol service and the crib service which are usually very well attended.

As well as our regular services, in a normal year we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold any weddings during 2020 due to the pandemic and we are holding 6 deposits for future weddings when lockdown restrictions are relaxed.

We would like to thank Reverend Mary Foden Currie for her work in the parishes of Halam and Edingley, and we would like to thank Anne Godfrey and Chris Clay who have continued in the role of Reader for both Halam and Edingley Parish.

Deanery Synod

One member of the PCC sits on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Pastoral Care

Anne Godfrey continues in her pastoral care work for both Halam and Edingley. Anne's ministry is focused on taking funerals and usually taking a monthly service and visiting individuals at Highfields when the restrictions of the pandemic allow. She is supported in this work by Reverend Mary.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to take care of our church and the churchyard.

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Present

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Village Hall

The village hall has been booked for the county council elections on May 6th. The government has stated that local councils will have no responsibility for health and safety relating to the coronavirus during these elections. No covid risk assessments will be required from the parish council.

The village hall's water is turned off and background heating running to ensure the hall is kept free from cold weather damage. The Clerk and Chairman check the hall on a regular basis.

The current permissions for parish council meetings to be held remotely via virtual meetings will expire at the start of May, but it is hoped that the legislation will be extended.

Roads & Hedges

Some hedge cutting along School Lane and Halam Hill has been carried out. However, the hedge trimmings have been left on the road and could cause drain blockages. The height of the hedge along School Lane has not been reduced and they are in danger of snagging the electricity wires and BT cables. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the golf course thanking them for the work done so far but requesting that further hedge cutting is done to reduce the height of the hedges. There is still a lot of standing water on the Turnpike near the ford which has now turned to ice in the cold weather. This is clearly a traffic hazard. Some gritting has taken place, but the running water has just washed this away. Signs have been erected warning motorists to slow down as there are flood and skid dangers ahead.

A further meeting with Severn Trent and Highways regarding the drains along the Turnpike has been held. After many months of pressure from the parish council with support from County Cllr Bruce Laughton some progress has finally been made. County Council Highways have agreed to install a further drainage pipe to remove water from the road and into the Beck. This work will most likely be done this May. The parish council and Cllr Laughton will keep pressure on the county council to ensure this work is done as soon as possible.

The Clerk was thanked for topping up the grit bin at the top end of the double bend on Radley Road.

Correspondence

A parishioner has written requesting that double yellow lines could be painted at the Turnpike crossroads on Radley Road and School Lane. It was discussed that, even without double yellow lines, it is a traffic offence to cause an obstruction by parking within 10m (32 feet) of a road junction. You can be served with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) under the offence of "unnecessary obstruction" and you can be fined £50, or up to £100 for more serious circumstances.

It was felt that yellow lines along the roads could be an eye-sore, and probably wouldn't make a lot of difference to the inconsiderate parking at school start and finish times. The pub has offered its car park to use at these times for pick-up and drop-off of children, but some parents don't seem to bother with this.

Highways are currently conducting road safety evaluations, especially near schools. Cllr Laughton will highlight the issues at Halam. He did state that before any yellow lines were painted that the village would be consulted first.

Planning

- 1. Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of 2 no. single-storey extensions and 1 no. two-storey extension. Alterations to existing roof to re-tile and add/alter existing roof lights: Fir Tree Cottage, School Lane This was a re-submission (with alterations) of last month's application. Andrew Paris questioned why this application had come back with a slightly increased size of extension. It was stated that the changes were at the request of planning/conservation. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.
- 2. Erection of facia sign: Halam Salon, Radley Road Unanimously agreed to support the application.
- 3. Change of business use from A1 (hair salon) to Sui Generis (dog grooming salon) Unanimously agreed to support the application.

Finance

Unanimously agreed to (1) pay the council's annual subscription to NALC, and (2) buy a new Minute Book.

The deposit for the new village signs has not been requested from the manufacturer yet – delays caused by covid – this will be paid as soon as requested.

The money from county council for this project is due to arrive imminently – Cllr Laughton will chase this up.

The District Council has received £23,311 from the developer building the houses at Shaws' Orchard from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). £3,321 of this has been passed on to the parish council. It was agreed to spend some of this money (up to £300) on repairs to the village bus shelter as highlighted last year.

Date of next meeting

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<u>Halam Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 25th February 2021</u> held via Microsoft Teams due to Social-Distancing restrictions

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New Village Signs

The funding for the four new village signs is now ready to be drawn down from the County Council.

The contract between Halam Parish Council and Nottinghamshire County Council for these signs has been received and circulated to the parish council. The contract is a licence for the installation of the signs once supplied through the county council, and also states that the parish council will be responsible for the insurance and maintenance of all four signs once erected.

The contact also states that all the present "Halam" signs would be removed.

The transfer of all responsibility for the signs came as a surprise – this assuming of all ongoing cleaning, maintenance and insurance had not been mentioned at all prior to receipt of the contract.

The parish council had a long discussion about the commitment it would be taking on once these signs had been installed. Chris Bevans made the point that any major maintenance of the signs in future could be very costly, possibly involving traffic control measures and outside contractors. Mr Bevans stated that the understanding in the village was that these new signs would not cost the parish anything, but now there was a possibility of fairly large costs in the future. He felt that the parishioners should be made aware of these possible cost implications before committing to the contract, otherwise he felt that the village had been misled.

Andrew Paris stated that he was very unhappy that all the old village signs were to be removed. He stated that some of these signs are of an old type with a distinctive look and history. The sign on Radley Road probably dates back to the 1940s and is a village icon. Mr Paris said that the existing signs should be assessed, and the contract altered to leave in place the existing signs which had merit.

The motion was put forward that the contract in its present form should not be signed. The motion was passed 5 for with 2 against.

While the council still supported the idea of the new signs it was felt that the village needed to be aware of the potential future expense, and not all the old signs should be removed.



Take Out Menu March

Beer Battered Fish & Chips, Tartar Sauce & Mushy Peas Waggon's Cajun Chicken or Steak Burger, Fries, Onion Slaw, Barbecue Sauce & Mustard Pickle Moving Mountains Plant Based Burger, Spiced Fruit Chutney, Tomato & Pickle

Roast Chicken & Mash, Creamy Spinach, Mushroom & Parmesan Sauce

Beef & Ale Flaky Pastry Pie, Chips, Peas & Gravy
The Waggon's Lasagne, Beef, Pork, Fennel Seed & Porcini Ragu,
Fresh Pasta, Roasted Tomato Sauce & Garlic Bread
Waggon's Slow Cooked Pulled Brisket Adobo & Chipotle Chilli,
Avocado, Pico de Gallo, Rice & Homemade Corn Bread
Belly Pork, Creamed Spring Cabbage, Leek Mash, Apple Sauce &
Gravy

Potato, Leek & Lincolnshire Poacher Pie, Minted Mushy Peas, Chips & Gravy

Roast Cod, Mash & Spring Greens, Oven Dried Tomato, Lemon & Basil Butter Sauce

All Mains £9.50 Please place orders over the phone on 01636 813109



Take Out Menu March

Starters

Twice Baked Mature Cheddar Soufflé, Creamy Leek & Cheddar Sauce (or As Main with Fries & Salad) Salt & Pepper Squid, Sweet Chilli Sauce, Fresh Lime Crispy Breaded Brie, Spicy Apricot & Date Chutney Whitebait & Tartar Sauce

Puddings

Apple & Rhubarb Bakewell Crumble Tart & Custard Chocolate Fudge Cake & Chantilly Cream Sticky Toffee Pudding & Butterscotch Sauce

All Starters & Puddings £4.50
Box of Chips £2
Cheesy Chips £3
Chips & Waggons Curry Sauce £3

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HALAM NEWS **April 2021**

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An update from the Perks Family

Bev, Graeme, Clarissa, Angus, Henry and Beatrix wish to thank you all very much for your beautiful cards, thoughts, prayers and messages of support over these last 2+ months, since the ghastly intrusion and total disruption into our guiet, unassuming simple lives here in Halam.

We are thrilled and relieved to say that Graeme is recovering his strength slowly after such a massive insult to his body and over a month in hospital.

We have been renting all this time as our home is uninhabitable due to the contaminants left behind and the necessary removal of tiled floors, damaged plaster, carpets, curtains and much more.

It is an understatement to say that this has been a very hard, difficult and traumatic time for us all, but we look forward to continuing our repair and recovery in the coming weeks and months. We will return as soon as is possible to enjoy the renewal Spring brings and the restoration of our lovely home.

Many thanks again to you all, Bev Perks and family x

Welcome

Catherine & Aiden, who have moved into The Gables on The Turnpike from Manchester recently. I'm sure you will all make them feel very welcome. Catherine has thrown herself into village life already and has joined the team that is organising "Tempting Fete 21".

Births, Deaths & Marriages

It is with sadness that I have to report the passing of Betty Derby following a long period of ill health, she was the wife of our very own Bishop, Dick Derby and lived at Applegarth for many years.

We also lost two of our finest gentlemen last month, Malcolm Wilcox from Manor Farm on Radley Rd (Whalebones) and Tony Denyer from Brookside on The Turnpike. Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time. I hope to have full tributes included in next month's edition.

Tempting Fete 2021

A preliminary meeting has taken place and there is a lot of enthusiasm and energy going into organising "Tempting Fete '21". There are great plans to make sure this event is as successful as the last one if not more so. I will update you each month as the plans come together but for now, please put the date in your diary for Sunday 29th August (Bank Holiday Weekend).

Job Vacancy

Evening and Weekend front of house staff required at the Waggon, contact Ed on 01636813109.

Community Litter Picking

Sam Davies and family have taken inspiration from successful litter picking schemes that have been organised in other villages.

The idea is that willing volunteers litter pick with the 'tools' that have been funded using the very generous donations from Halam Villagers. The Davies family will start the litter pick then snap a photo and post on the Halam Village Facebook group to 'hand over the baton' for the equipment to be passed on. The next set of volunteers will do the same.

Those that aren't on Facebook can contact Sam direct on 814551 to be added to a list. The idea is you just do a little bit, even if it's just the stretch near where you live. There'll be some interesting finds, I'm sure!

We just ask that the equipment is wiped down with anti-bac spray before it's passed on.



Halam WI

With news of lockdown easing in the coming months, we have been making plans for the reopening of Halam WI. We have put together a programme of activities and speakers which starts in June with an outdoor meeting at The Milkshed, Radley Road on Tuesday 8th for a belated Halam WI birthday gathering.

Katie has been working hard on improving our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Halam-WI-

<u>109697757845803</u> and web page <u>https://www.hugofox.com/community/halam-nottinghamshire-10418/halam-wi</u> where you will find information about when and where we meet and what we have planned for each month.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again and if you have been thinking about joining us at WI why not take advantage of this year's reduced subscription offer of £22.40 (Apr 21 - Mar 22) or if you would just like to try it out, come as a visitor for £5.

Lead Theft

There has been an increase locally of cases of lead theft, can you all please stay vigilant, just so that you are aware, there is no worked planned to be carried out at the church and any suspicious behaviour should be reported straight away. Thank you.



Easter Blessing to All Services in Church

Please note all services will now be at 11am unless otherwise stated

Thursday 1st **April 2pm** Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday 2nd April 10am Good Friday Devotions

Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday Communion

Sunday 11th April Holy Communion (contemporary language)

Sunday 18th April All Age

Sunday 25th April Holy Communion (traditional language)

Please check the Church notice board for confirmation.

Because of the limitations on numbers please book for the Easter Sunday service by contacting either Glenys or Penni. The Church remains closed at other times except for **Private Prayer** by arrangement with the Church Wardens, Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 or Penni Wells 01636 813491 and for **Funerals** (maximum numbers in Church 20).

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Prayer requests. Please contact Anne

Message from Rev. Mary

Now that April has arrived, I am reminded of the poem: "Home thoughts from abroad" by Robert Browning: "Oh to be in England now that April's here. And whoever wakes in England sees some morning unaware."

April is one of my favourite times of the year because nature bursts into bloom. Hopefully we are on the way to brighter things.

April 23rd celebrates St George our patron saint of England. He was a soldier living in Palestine at the beginning of the 4th century and was martyred for his faith. He replaced Edward the Confessor as patron saint of England following the crusades. People called on St George for protection against nasty diseases (very appropriate!) and Henry V called on him to assist in battle. The dragon story was added later maybe to represent the fight between good and evil. So, as we move into, hopefully, the way out let us continue to be there for each other because many lives have been affected this last year.

So, keep safe, keep caring, keep faith. "God who so kindled the flame of live in the heart of St George give us the same faith and power of love. Amen"

Blessings. Rev. Mary.

<u>Halam Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 11th March 2021</u> held via Microsoft Teams due to Social-Distancing restrictions

Present

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

Village Hall

A gutter is leaking at the back of the hall – the Clerk to investigate and if necessary, will call back the contractor who installed the gutters to repair.

The village hall will be used for the local elections in May – the parish council will need to investigate what risk assessments (if any) will be required for this.

New Gateway Signs

The contract presented to the parish council from the county council with the parish taking responsibility for all ongoing costs for the signs once installed was discussed. County Cllr Bruce Laughton apologised that this hadn't been made clear before the contract was sent but pointed out that every other parish (8 or 9) had been happy to sign the contract. He also said that if any maintenance was required at a future date than it would be highly likely that county council funding could be made available. It was agreed that the more historic Halam sign on Radley Road should be retained and the new gateway sign should be placed slightly further out of the village. It was proposed that a new contract should be requested from the county council to reflect this, which would then be acceptable to the parish council. Glenys Herbert proposed an amendment that there should only be two new signs – The Turnpike and Mansfield Road – this amendment was not seconded. The proposal for four new signs with the retention of the older Radley Road sign was agreed on 5 for, 1 against, with 1 abstention. The Clerk to action a new contract from the county council.

Roads & Hedges

The parking of cars at school start and finish times is an ongoing issue, despite the very generous offer of the pub to use their carpark at these times. It was generally agreed that in was not appropriate in this rural setting to have yellow lines painted along the roads adjoining the crossroads. Andrew Paris as a Halam school governor will discuss this with the school Head and other governors to try to reduce the problems. Cllr Laughton will request the police enforcement camera vehicle to attend as any cars parked within 10m of the road junction are committing an offence. There has been no response from the golf course to the letter requesting that they reduce the height of the hedge on School Lane (to prevent damage to telephone wires etc.). Clerk to contact again.

Mrs Herbert raised the issue again of the hedge at the crossroads obstruction the view when emerging from School Lane. The hedge has been cut back and the county council highways department say no further action is necessary.

The Chair and Clerk are still liaising with Severn Trent and Highways to resolve the flooding/drainage issues on Radley Road near the ford.

The footpath sign at the end of Manor Fields has now been repaired (Andrew Paris).

Litter Picking

A request had been received asking for funding from the parish council for litter picking equipment. While the parish council appreciates and is very encouraged to see parishioners keeping the village tidy, there would be an issue with liability if the parish council were to actually support and endorse this - risk assessment, training and insurance. Many people have been picking up litter for years as private individuals and quite a few have already bought their own equipment. It was felt inappropriate for the parish council to provide funding for litter picking, but some individuals were happy to provide donations towards the purchase of some communal litter equipment. The parish council agreed to fund any shortfall in costs up to £50. Andrew Paris made the point that it is a very sad indictment of today's society that publicly spirited people have to spend their time and money on clearing up after others who are too lazy or too ignorant to dispose of their rubbish properly. Fly tipping can be reported on the Newark & Sherwood council website or by calling the council on 01636 650000.

Correspondence

Halam Parish – consultation for Public Protection Space Order – Dog Controls: the current orders in place are for the church yard – dogs must be on a lead, and for the school playing field – dogs prohibited. It was agreed that these orders are relevant and appropriate, Clerk to respond to the consultation.

Planning

1. Proposed first floor extension and porch: Uno Cottage, The Turnpike – Unanimously agreed to support the application.

<u>2. Proposed ground floor side extension: Kirby's Orchard, The Turnpike</u> – Unanimously agreed to support the application.

<u>Allotments</u>

There are some asbestos sheets that need removing from the allotments – unanimously agreed to have this arranged (which may incur a cost). District Cllr Penny Rainbow will look at getting this done for no charge.

A current tenant has closed off the access to the allotments. As access will be needed to make the allotments lettable, it was agreed to go out to tender for new access including a safe and useable bridge across the dyke. The current tenant will be reminded of the terms of his rental – Clerk to contact. Andrew Paris to investigate the council's title to the allotments.

Finance

Unanimously agreed to the direct debit to pay for the emptying on bins at the village hall.

Agreed to pay the deposit for the new village signs – this will be from money provided by the county council.

Date of next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 8th April, unless any urgent matters arise in the meantime. Any meeting will most likely be via Microsoft Teams; members of the public wishing to view the meeting should contact the clerk, Patrick Rickett on rickett@live.co.uk by 10 a.m. on the day of the parish council meeting.



Take Out Menu April

Beer Battered Fish, Chips, Tartar Sauce & Mushy Peas

The Waggon's Cajun Chicken or Steak Burger, Fries, Onion Slaw Mustard Pickle & Barbecue Sauce

Moving Mountains Plant Based Burger, Spiced Fruit Chutney, Tomato & Pickle

The Waggon's Garlic Butter Chicken Kiev, Mash & Spring Greens

Slow Cooked Shin of Beef & Ale Flaky Pastry Pie, Chips, Peas & Gravy

Barbecue Pulled Pork & Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Dill Pickle, Fries & Slaw

The Waggon's Slow Cooked Pulled Brisket Adobo & Chipotle Chilli, Avocado Pico de Gallo, Rice & Homemade Corn Bread

Slow Cooked Belly Pork & Apple Sauce, Creamed Spring cabbage Leek Mash & Gravy

Creamy Mushroom & Leek Pie, New Potatoes, Asparagus & Gravy

Grilled Seabass, Crushed New Potatoes, Tender Stem Broccoli & Wild Garlic Pesto

All Mains £10 Please place orders over the phone on 01636 813109



Take Out Menu April

Starters

Twice Baked Mature Cheddar Soufflé, Creamy Leek & Cheddar Sauce (or As Main with Fries & Salad)

Macaroni Cheese & Smoked Bacon Fritters, Spicy Tomato Ketchup Shallot, Onion, Gruyere Cheese & Chive Tart, Dressed Salad (or As Main with New Potatoes)

Crispy Salt & Pepper Whitebait & Tartar Sauce

Puddings

Honey Roast Rhubarb & Vanilla Custard Tart, Chantilly Cream Baked Double Chocolate Cheesecake & Chocolate Sauce Hot Cross Bun Bread & Butter Pudding, Warm Vanilla Custard All Starters & Puddings £4.50

Sides
Box of Chips £2
Cheesy Chips £3
Chips & Waggons Curry Sauce £3
Beer Battered Onion Rings £3

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Silver: 3rd,17th & 31st

Attached

Green: 10th & 24th Brown: 12th & 26th





Tony Denyer 21st September 1936 – 27th March 2021

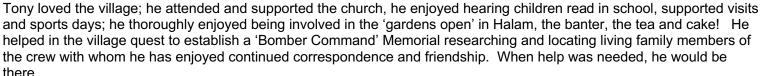
Chris, Sarah, Lynn, and their families would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind tributes and the many, many, humorous reminiscences about Tony, and especially Anne for support and conducting a lovely personal service and Kim at Halls for their sensitivity and professionalism.

Born in Nottingham, Tony was an only child brought up in Sherwood; he was a Queens Scout and member of the Youth Club where he became part of a group who went climbing and travelling together. His National Service was with the Sherwood Foresters and later he joined the Territorial Army 144 Para Field Ambulance unit. The 'camaraderie' the flying and parachuting all meant a great deal to him as did several later visits with his fellow 'veterans' to Arnhem and the battlefields. As a member of the Para Association, he supported the British Legion by selling poppies.

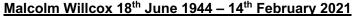
Tony was a keen Cricketer and played for the Epperstone village club for many years, later supporting them as a qualified umpire and when on family visits to Hampshire enjoyed walking the 'Hallowed' turf at Hambledon.

Throughout his life he has been passionate about military history and music. He was a member of Southwell Choral Society, and more recently joined the U3A Literature group, supported the music concerts, was a member of a History group that met in East Bridgford.

There have been so many lovely comments from 'fellow students' of all these groups.



As a husband, dad, and grandad, he loved and was proud of his family. He was gregarious, loyal, kind, generous and funny, and as Sarah and Lynn have both commented, had so much enthusiasm and passion for life, leaving us all with happy and amazing memories.



Malcolm and his wife Jo have lived at Manor Farm in Halam since the Early 2000's and were married in 2003. Malcolm retired in 2008 from the lace curtain manufacturing business that he founded himself many years before, leaving him with time to enjoy the other passions in his life, his garden, his Aston Martin and enjoying socialising in The Waggon with his many friends in the village and we cannot let this moment pass without mentioning his stunning sunflower display that he put on year after year in the village.

He has been described by many as a true gentleman and always great company. He will be missed by everyone who knew him but especially his Wife Jo, James, Kate & grandson Oscar, Twin Brother Rodney, older brothers Colin and David and Brother-in-Law Tony and their families.



Welcome to Michael & Karen Epton

Who are currently living at 1 Manor Farm Cottages, they have moved to Halam from Farnsfield where they have lived for the last 30ish years, Michael lived in Halam as a boy in the 70's & 80's and is really enjoying being back in the village.

Welcome to the Toms Family

Who are moving into Evergreen House on School Lane, we hope you will be very happy in your new home.

The Waggon

We are pleased to confirm that our outdoor areas are now open and all being well from the 19th of May we will be allowed to re-open fully and resume our normal trading hours Wednesday through to Sunday. We would like to say a huge thank you for everyone's support during these difficult times and we look forward to welcoming you back. Many thanks Ed and Team at the Waggon.

Halam PC - Change of Date

The Parish Council always meets on the second Thursday of the month unfortunately due to circumstances out of the control of the PC this is impossible for next month so the May Meeting will be earlier than planned and will happen via Teams on Monday 3rd May. If you would like to be invited, then please contact Chris Bevans beforehand for an invite.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

There is going to be an extra-long weekend in June 2022 to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The village has always celebrated these events in style and in various ways in the past. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved with the celebrations, then please get in touch.

Community Litter Picking

We have requested a community litter picking bin to be placed in the village for anyone to use who has been litter picking around the village so that you do not have to fill your own bins, we will update you when this is in place, in the meantime if you would like the use of the equipment then please contact Sam Davies on 814551 to be added to a list.



Michael The Archangel



Services in Church

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Sunday 2nd May Morning Worship

Sunday 9th May Holy Communion (contemporary language)

Thursday 13th May Ascension Day 10 a.m. at St. Giles, Edingley Holy Communion

Sunday 16th May All Age Worship

Sunday 23rd May Holy Communion (traditional language)

Sunday 30th May Service for Trinity Sunday.

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Message from Rev. Mary

May is one of the loveliest months of the year. Fresh green leaves adorn the hedgerows and carpets of bluebells stain the forest floor deep blue.

On the 9th May we celebrate Rogation Sunday when we pray for a bountiful harvest and remember all who work on the land, our farmers and allotment holders. This is the special prayer for Rogation:

Almighty God whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season bless the labours of those on land and sea. Grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care. **Amen.**

As we move on to more freedom: Keep safe, keep caring, keep faith.

Every Blessing. Rev. Mary

Halam from Yester Year

A picture of Halam School in 1919 was shared on Facebook by Karen Lindley and she was asking if anyone can be identified in the picture. Please get in touch if you know any of the names.

Some info provided by Mrs Kitts which you may find interesting is as follows:

In 1854 Rev Tatham, former vicar of Halam, converted a Barn at Hill Farm into a school. The first head was Miss Musson. On 27th April 1885 Mr Starkey purchased land from the Plough Inn at auction for £50 to build a new school for 70 pupils and a house for the head teacher. In exchange for the barn

Past Headteachers are:

1872 - 1890 Mrs Bradshaw

1890 - 1904 Mrs E J Singleton

1904 - Mrs Bradshaw

1904 - 1913 Mrs M L Pippand

1913 - 1949 Miss Beatrix Wright (pictured here)

1949 - Miss Ethel Reeves



<u>Halam Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30 pm Thursday 8th April 2021</u> <u>held via Microsoft Teams due to Social-Distancing restrictions</u>

Present

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

Chairman's Report

The parish council has not been able to meet in person over the last 12 months, however monthly meetings have been held remotely by using Zoom or Microsoft Teams virtual meetings. Due to Covid restrictions it has not been possible to let out the village hall for any events with the resultant loss of rental income. Sadly, the events that the parish council was planning for the V.E. Day Anniversary had to be cancelled as well.

Many planning applications have been discussed by the parish council this past year and the council's views sent to the District Council. Previously it was rare for the District Council's planning department to make decisions that were at variance with the parish council's recommendations. This year has seen an apparent great change in that several of the decisions made at district level have conflicted with the parish council. Planning applications which the parish council supported were refused permission by the District Council, while others that the parish council objected to were passed. It is clear that District Council planning policies totally override any consultation with the parish council. On a more positive note, the new village signs are now progressing. These had been held up partly due to the slowness of the County Council in releasing funding, and partly due to the surprise in the contract presented late in proceedings which passed all future responsibility for maintenance and repair of the signs to the parish. As the village had been initially told that these signs were "at no cost to the village" it was felt necessary to delay signing the contract until this new information had been publicised (in Halam News).

The two mortgages on the village hall have now been paid off completely, this should release more funds for other village expenditures, and means that the level of the precept can be reviewed. In fact, for the first time in over 30 year, the precept has been cut by 50% for the year 2021-2022.

The village noticeboard has been repaired and re-erected outside the church.

The parish council appreciates the support it has received from the County Council, principally through the support and efforts of County Cllr Bruce Laughton. Cllr Laughton has supported the parish in sorting out such issues as drains, flooding, and roads. Hardly a week goes by without the parish council being in contact with the County Council. Hopefully through the pressure Cllr Laughton has been applying on the County Council and Severn Trent the drainage issues on the Turnpike will be sorted imminently.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk and the Financial Officer for their work and input over the last 12 months.

He also thanked all parish councillors for their efforts over the last year. Being a parish councillor is totally a volunteer role, and is often a thankless task. It may feel sometimes that village residents don't know what the work of the parish council involves, but all the parish councillors clearly have the best interests of the village at heart.

Hopefully the next year will be easier to achieve more as restrictions are lifted and the council will be able to meet in person, and as things get back to a more normal situation.

Open Meeting

Mrs Herbert asked when the lettering on the top cornice of the village noticeboard was to be reinstated. The Clerk informed the meeting that this was to be done shortly.

Next Annual Parish Meeting

14th April 2022

<u>Halam Parish Council Meeting – 8.00 pm Thursday 8th April 2021</u> <u>held via Microsoft Teams due to Social-Distancing restrictions</u>

Present

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

Village Hall

The leaking gutter at the back of the hall has now been repaired. Sarah Godfrey queried the apparent reduction in the number of downpipes since the hall was refurbished. The Clerk informed the meeting that deeper guttering had been installed to allow for this. The Clerk & Chairman will monitor the gutter/downpipe situation. The hall has been inspected internally on a regular basis over the last 12 months, and it was requested that the Clerk should add an exterior inspection to this routine.

The village hall will be used for the local elections in May – the parish council has been informed by County Cllr Laughton that the parish will not have to carry out any risk assessments or produce any documentation for this.

The government regulations do not currently allow for remote local council meetings after 6th May; after this date meetings will have to be held in person. However this could be problematic as the hall is not allowed to be open for general use until 21st June. District Cllr Penny Rainbow is seeking clarification on this. It was therefore resolved to hold the next parish council meeting prior to 6th May.

Once the hall is open and the parish council can discuss and inspect the building in purpose it is proposed to see what further improvements can be made e.g. better heating, lighting and acoustics.

New Gateway Signs

The Revised contract for signature is due from the county council shortly. There may be a delay at the manufacturers due to the coronavirus backlog.

Roads & Hedges

There have been some repairs to potholes on Radley Road and Holme Lane.

Glenys Herbert stated that the hedge at the bottom of Halam Hill makes the crossroads junction dangerous. Previously County Council Highways have said that they don't think there's a problem with the junction and that they aren't prepared to take any enforcement action. After discussion it was agreed to arrange a further meeting with Highways and the parish council on site to express any concerns in person and to see what practical steps can be taken.

It was reported that the edges of School Lane are in a terrible state – this can be raised with Highways on their site visit.

The hedge along School Lane hasn't been reduced in height and no response has been received from the golf course following the letter sent last month. BT will only do hedge/tree work once the hedge/trees have actually damaged their infrastructure.

Litter Picking

District Council have offered an additional wheelie bin for disposal of any litter picked up in the village. This will be placed at the village hall and will be emptied free of charge.

Some communal equipment has been purchased using private funding, and a volunteer scheme is up and running.

Allotments

Awaiting quotes for gates and proper access.

Two quotes have been received for removing the asbestos sheets from the allotments – this will now be actioned.

Another parishioner has taken an allotment, making a total of three allotment holders currently.

One of the holders appears to be breaching the terms of his contract – the Clerk is monitoring the situation.

Andrew Paris is researching the title (land registry) of the allotments – will report back to a future meeting.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This is scheduled for a long weekend of Thursday, 2nd June 2022 to Sunday, 5th June 2022. The parish council is hoping that the Covid situation will allow some sort of commemoration(s) and celebration(s).

It would be great to hold a series of events during the four days for the enjoyment of a range of ages and interests. Suggestions would be gratefully received!

Tempting Fete

Meetings are now being held to organise this village event. The date set is for Sunday 29th August 2021. Contact Chris Bevans for further information – 07967 132014

Correspondence

- 1. WW2 Roll of Honour this is a project to collate all the WW2 casualties in Nottinghamshire. As far as the parish council knew the only "Halam" casualties are the airmen commemorated on the Lancaster Memorial. If anyone knows of any further WW2 casualties from or in the parish, please contact Andrew Paris 815844
- 2. General letter from resident a parishioner had written to the parish council raising a few concerns. they had been invited to attend the parish council meeting but had declined. After discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should talk to the resident to resolve the issues raised.
- 3. Planning letter from resident a parishioner questioned why letters commenting on planning applications had to be presented weeks before the district council deadline for comments. It was explained that the timings of parish council meetings were set (second Thursday of the month) and that parish council comments had to be sent to district council prior to the deadline date too. All planning applications to be discussed at forthcoming parish council meetings are clearly advertised on the agenda.

Planning

No applications to discuss this month.

The Chair raised the matter of the apparent lack of heed paid to parish and parish council comments regarding planning applications with District Cllr Penny Rainbow. Cllr Rainbow explained that the system is now slightly different; rather than going to full planning applications, any contentious applications go before a sub-committee of planning councillors and planning officers. Cllr Rainbow stated that Halam is not the only parish to express dissatisfaction, and this will be raised with the district council.

Planning Decisions

<u>Change of business use from A1 (hair salon) to Sui Generis (dog grooming salon)</u> – The parish council had previously unanimously agreed to support the application, and the application was passed by the district council.

Date of next meeting

Change of Date: Due to the potential governmental change in regulations regarding remote meetings, the next parish council meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd May**, unless any urgent matters arise in the meantime. Any meeting will most likely be via Microsoft Teams; members of the public wishing to view the meeting should contact the clerk, Patrick Rickett on rickett@live.co.uk by 10 a.m. on the day of the parish council meeting.



May Take Away Menu

Starters

Prawn, Lime & Ginger Spring Roll, Chilli Mayonnaise Twice Baked Cheese Soufflé, Creamy Spinach Sauce (Or as a Main with Fries & Salad) Crispy Salt & Pepper Whitebait, Tartar Sauce

Mains

Slow Roasted Belly Pork, Mash, Creamed Spring Greens & Gravy
Beef, Chestnut Mushroom & Real Ale Pie, Short Crust Pastry, Chips, Peas & Gravy
Waggons Steak or Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Slaw, Dill Pickles
Barbecue Sauce & Chips (Add Bacon & Cheese £1)
Roasted Cod, Champ, Tender Stem Broccoli & Hollandaise
Lincolnshire Poacher, Potato & Leek Pie, Chips, Mushy Peas & Gravy
Beer Battered Haddock & Chips, Chunky Tartar Sauce & Minted Mushy Peas

Sides

Box of Fries £2.50 Cheesy Fries £3 Chips & Waggons Curry Sauce £3 Beer Battered Onion Rings £3

Desserts

Warm Profiteroles, Chantilly Cream & Dark Chocolate Sauce Rhubarb & Strawberry Pavlova, Chantilly Cream Baked Egg Custard Tart & Rhubarb Compote

All Starters & Desserts £4.50 All Mains £10

Please place orders to take away over the phone on 01636 813109

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HALAM NEWS

M June 2021

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



Attached

Green: 7th & 21st Silver: 14th & 28th

Brown: 9th & 23rd



Parish Pump

Congratulations to the Taylors.

Bobby & Kate Taylor of St Helens Lane have welcomed Thea Elizabeth Rose to the world on 17th May, Congratulations to you all.

The Waggon

It's been great to be able to welcome you all back inside and we would like to thank everyone for their support with our takeaway expedition during lock down we have however now taken the difficult decision to suspend our takeaway services so we can concentrate on welcoming everyone back indoors and provide the best possible service we can. We hope to see you all very soon best wishes Ed and the team



Halam PC

Due to a conflict in covid restrictions and council rulings Halam Parish Council will be meeting in person for the meeting on 3rd June meeting but any members of the public will have to join the meeting via teams with a bit of luck the July meeting will be back to some sort of normality. If you would like to be invited, then please contact Chris Bevans beforehand for an invite.

"Tempting Fete" Plans

Plans are really starting to come together now for this year's fete. If you would like to help or get involved either with the planning of the event or to help on the day, please get in touch.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

There is going to be an extra-long weekend in June 2022 to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The village has always celebrated these events in style and in various ways in the past. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved with the celebrations, then please get in touch.



St Michael The Archangel



Services in Church

Please note the service on 6th June is at 10 a.m. All other services are at 11 a.m.

Sunday 6th June 10 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday 13th June Holy Communion (contemporary language)

Sunday 20th June All Age Worship

Sunday 27th June Holy Communion (traditional language)

Please check the Church notice board for confirmation.

Although some restrictions have been lifted many are still in place and so the Church remains closed at other times except for **Private Prayer** by arrangement with the Church Wardens, Glenys Herbert or Penni Wells and for **Weddings**, contact Rev Mary and for Funerals, contact Anne

Contacts:

Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens - Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 and Penni Wells 01636 813491; Lay Minister (Reader) - Anne Godfrey 01636 814391

Message from Rev Mary

June sees us into weddings. So hopefully this year our couples will be able to celebrate their marriages. We have five weddings this year so please pray for them as they begin their married life together.

On June 11th the Church celebrates the life of St Barnabas. St Luke refers to him as the son of encouragement. How we need Barnabas folk today as we encourage one another in these still uncertain times. Barnabas was a rich man who owned an estate. He sold it all and donated the money to those in need. He would have been helping with our food bank

for certain! He also encourages the newcomer and was a friend to St Paul when he became a Christian and others still mistrusted Paul. He came along side John Mark when he needed a second chance.

So as we journey on into fresh beginnings let us like Barnabas be challenged to be there for one another in the ways we can.

So keep faith, keep caring, keep safe.

Every Blessing: Rev. Mary.

The special prayer for St Barnabas: "Bountiful God, giver of all gifts who poured your Spirit on your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others. Help us by his example to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service, for Christ's sake. Amen"

St Michael's Church - Help Wanted

With the easing of restrictions and hopefully a return to normal services, the PCC are looking for volunteers who can spare some time to help.

There is a need to find someone interested in buildings to assist the Fabric Officer with the work of caring for the fabric of the church.

Anyone who can spare time to help clean the church hopefully, if we have enough volunteers to form a rota this would take approximately an hour every two or three months.

Anyone who could, occasionally, arrange flowers and help to decorate the church for special events. In the past people have volunteered to provide a vase of flowers to mark a birthday or an anniversary which always enhances the Sunday services.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the above, please contact the Churchwardens.

Proposal for Development of Land at Evergreen Barn.

I feel extremely disappointed that this development has been proposed. There is no 'need' for another new development of expensive houses.

Despite all the supporting documents submitted by the applicants, it would, in my opinion, impact on the amenity of local people and on local infrastructure, including drainage and sewerage, issues which have appeared on the Parish Council agenda frequently over many years, and have still not been resolved. There would be a detrimental impact on the character of the location and its landscape setting.

The application is supported by a 'covering letter', which is more than a 'covering letter'; it is heavily biased in 'creating' evidence for proposals to support the school with an emphasis on 'the tangible public benefit', this is a 'smoke screen' for justifying the building of 6 more residential properties. Sentimental reminisces regarding older villagers use of the site when owned by the 'Ashley's' are inappropriate and irrelevant to supporting planning information. The site was originally an orchard and then pony paddock.

A new road from the Turnpike would soon become a rat race. There is no mention, in the proposal, of the number of service vehicles, delivery vehicles or trades vehicles likely to access it in addition to the number of residents vehicles using it over a 24hr period.

It is important that villagers make their thoughts known to the Parish Council on these matters, as well as the District Council, if they don't know they can not represent us and challenge the District Council on our behalf.

Please send information to the Clerk of the Parish Council by 5pm on 3rd June.

Christine Denyer.

Isn't it about time that Halam really benefitted from a planning application?

Many of you will have seen our recent planning application which includes additional parking and a dedicated drop off and collection point for the school, as well as 6 new houses.

The scheme has been conceived partly in response to the longstanding problem of parking in the village at school drop off and collection times, and has been developed in conjunction with the school, a local architect, and a highways specialist. This problem is noted as being one of the most troubling aspects of village life in the Village Design Statement and the Village Action Plan states a need to "look into options for creating better parking facilities and create an action plan to improve the situation" as over 80% of respondents noted this as a major issue.

The school has twelve members of staff and only three to four parking spaces. Currently Ed allows parking in the Waggon's car park, but this means crossing the busy main road on a bend, with several cars parked on and around the junction at these times, and it also cannot be counted on indefinitely. The Lambley Pub has recently rescinded permission for parents and staff to use its car park due to the problems and conflicts this type of arrangement causes. Readers will also recall the previous attempts to develop The Waggon's car park by its owners, Thwaites Brewery.

A large proportion of children in the school live out of the catchment area and without these families the school would not be viable. If the school closed not only would we lose another important facility, but house prices would fall as currently this is cited as a major draw for families wanting to move here.

Continued..........

Our application finally provides a permanent, tangible solution. Among the obvious benefits are:

safer access to the school for the children
no requirement to cross the busy Turnpike
no more scrabble for parking on the streets in the village
vastly reduced drop off times
additional parking spaces for teachers and staff at the school
parking for families with disabilities
additional pupils to help support school numbers
additional houses to help support other local services and facilities in the village

It is understood that developments in small villages may not always be popular, but with an increase in population and housing demand they are inevitable in the long term. What is important is that such developments are attractive – and that the village gets something tangible back in the process.

Past and future developments may offer some affordable housing, if they offer anything at all, but there will not be the opportunity again to provide a permanent solution to the biggest issue in the village, and all at no cost to the school or the public purse.

The houses have been designed to appear as a converted farmstead and to be in keeping with the character of the village, rather than a cul-de-sac of overbearing properties which do not fit in at all.

The development will be drained via a sustainable urban drainage system – meaning that the development will not exacerbate existing flood/drainage problems. It will actually regulate and attenuate the surface water runoff from the site in a managed way that is not subject to the extremities of the weather, as is the current case. The issues of drainage on The Turnpike should be addressed as a matter of urgency, but with The Water Authority and irrespective of the existence of this proposal.

For all these reasons it is hoped that parents of children at the school, local residents whose children went to the school, and those who have had first-hand experience of the parking and congestion problems will acknowledge the current difficulties, and as such the benefits of this proposal.

A handful of objections have already been raised so this application does need your help. If you would like to support our proposal, then please contact Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Andrew and Sarah Godfrey

Halam Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 3rd May 2021 held via Microsoft Teams due to Social-Distancing restrictions

Present

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

Apologies

Mrs Janet Simmonds

Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

Financial Officer - Mandy Rickett

Simon Bust was elected Chair, and Andrew Paris was elected Vice-Chair

Election of Other Officers

The following appointments were agreed unanimously:
Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris
Press Officer – Andrew Paris
Transport – Glenys Herbert
NALC Representative – to be discussed at the next meeting
Snow/Flood Warden – Simon Bust
Flag Officer – Simon Bust
Crime Reduction Officer – Andrew Paris
Internal Auditor – Mr Martindale

Signing of Declarations

Declarations will be sent out to all councillors for signing.

Declaration of Councillors' Interest

No interests were declared.

Village Hall

The village hall will be used for the local elections on 6th May, other than that the hall is closed currently. An enquiry to use the hall on a regular basis for a children's drama club has been received. The understanding is that halls can be used for education and training, especially after 17th May. Chris Bevans will find out if this booking is still live, and if so, Mandy Rickett will complete a risk assessment (template from NALC). The cleaners will be requested to do a deep clean of the hall prior to any letting. How future parish council are to be held is still not clear. At present government regulations do not allow for remote local council meetings after 6th May; after this date meetings will have to be held in person. Meetings indoors for more than six people are not allowed under the current

government "road-map" until after 21st June. This is a problem regarding the June parish council meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 3rd June. Further clarification is being sought.

Once the hall is back in full use the parish council will discuss further what further improvements can be made e.g., better heating, lighting and acoustics.

Roads & Hedges

Pothole repairs are ongoing in the village.

The meeting with Highways regarding the junction with School Lane and The Turnpike has been requested but is on hold at the moment because of Covid restrictions. It is hoped to hold this meeting as soon after 17th May as possible.

Hedges on School Lane – it has been confirmed that Sir John Starkey has received the letter from the parish council, but he is yet to respond. A reply is expected shortly.

Dog Bin

A request has been received from a parishioner asking if the dog bin on Radley Road can be emptied twice a week as it is often full, unhygienic and unpleasant. A discussion was held as to whether a larger bin was needed rather than more frequent emptying. The Clerk will investigate the practicalities and the respective costs involved. The need for a third dog bin was discussed. Comments about whether an additional bin is needed, and any proposed sites would be gratefully received.

Planning

- 1. Fairfield House, School Lane Conversion of existing garage to one bed accommodation with new windows and dormer
- <u>2. Fairfield House, School Lane Proposed detached garage and store</u>

It was resolved to look at these two applications together as they relate to planning at the same property and relate to conversion and replacement of the garage.

It was agreed NOT to support the application -4 against with 2 abstentions - on the grounds of over-intensification of the site, the addition of an extra structure at the property, and a possible increase in traffic on School Lane.

3. St Helens Croft, The Turnpike – Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 19/00557/FUL to allow modified design

As this is a small variation to a minor extension it was resolved to SUPPORT the application – 5 for with 1 abstention.

4. Land Adjacent Lime Tree House, Halam Hill – Proposed erection of a detached dwelling and associated detached domestic garage and formation of a new access

Resubmission of a previous application the planning permission for which was due to expire July 2021. Resolved

NOT to support the application – 3 against, 2 for, and 1 abstention.

- 5. Springfield Bungalow, The Turnpike Application for non-material amendments to planning application 20/00800/Ful to allow alterations to single storey side cloak room building, adjustment to side bathroom ground floor window, four course blue brick Damp proof courses and adjustment of external path levels to existing arrangements Demolition of the existing property and construction of a new dwelling It was agreed that the new dwelling should not exceed the footprint of the original bungalow, and certainly be no larger than the building already granted. No plans or further details of this application were supplied so it was resolved unanimously NOT to support the application.
- <u>6. Briar Croft School Lane Render, Rear extension, and alterations</u>

Agreed to support unanimously

7. Fir Tree Cottage School Lane – Request for discharge of conditions 03, 04 and 05 of planning permission 20/02536/HOUSE - Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of 2no. single storey extensions and 1no. two-storey extension. Alterations to existing roof to re-tile and add/alter existing rooflights

Application to approve facing materials, window, eaves and guttering details, and the bricks & mortar to be used. Agreed to support – unanimous.

Planning Decisions

<u>Uno Cottage, The Turnpike – Proposed first floor extension & porch</u>

Although this application was unanimously supported by the parish council, it has been refused by Newark & Sherwood district council.

The Chair expressed the parish council's dissatisfaction with the district council's apparent lack of taking into account the parish council's views on planning applications. District Cllr Penny Rainbow stated that Halam parish council were not the only parish council to be expressing this dissatisfaction, and that planning decision procedures were under review by the district council. It was agreed to send an official letter to the district council expressing the parish council's concerns.

Finance

Unanimously agreed to pay for the removal of asbestos sheets from the allotments on Gray Lane.

Date of next meeting

Change of Date: Due to the need to discuss a submitted planning application before the deadline for consultation, the next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd June. Any meeting will most likely be via Microsoft Teams; members of the public wishing to view the meeting should contact the clerk, Patrick Rickett on rickett@live.co.uk by 10 a.m. on the day of the parish council meeting



Two Courses £15 Three Courses £18 Starters

Bowl of Soup & Homemade Bread

Smoked Mackerel Pâté, Homemade Bread & Dill Pickles

Twice Baked Cheese Soufflé, Creamy Mushroom Sauce (Or Main with Fries & Salad)

Warm Ham Hock, Soft Poached Pullet Egg & Piccalilli

Toasted Goats Cheese, Beetroot & Pesto Salad

Mains

Homemade Spinach, Ricotta, Tomato & Pesto Lasagne

Slow Roasted Belly Pork, Potato Terrine, Honey Glazed Carrot, Fennel & Gravy

Waggons Chicken Piri Piri Salad & Skinny Fries

Hangar Steak, Mushrooms & Onions, Skinny Fries, Peas & Pepper Sauce

Beef, Chestnut Mushroom & Real Ale Pie, Short Crust Pastry, Chips, Peas & Gravy

Waggons Steak or Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Slaw, Dill Pickles

Barbecue Sauce & Chips (Add Bacon & Cheese £1)

Seared Salmon, Crushed New potatoes, Roast Tomato, Green Beans & Salsa Verde Warm Goats Cheese, Caramelised Onion & Asparagus Tart, New Potatoes & Salad Beer Battered Haddock & Chips, Chunky Tartar Sauce & Minted Mushy Peas

Side Orders

Mixed Seasonal Vegetables £2.50 · Beer Battered Onion Rings £3.00 Hand Cut Chunky Chips £3.00 · House Dressed Salad £2.50 · Fries £2.50

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Desserts

Chocolate Salted Caramel Brownie & Vanilla Ice Cream

Warm Profiteroles, Honeycomb Ice Cream & Dark Chocolate Sauce

Strawberry Pavlova, Chantilly Cream & Vanilla Ice Cream

Vanilla Panna Cotta, Marinated Cherries & Amaretti Biscuit

A Selection of Thaymar's Luxury Ice Creams & Sorbets

Wedge of Cheddar or Stilton, Balsamic Onions & Homemade Bread

Don't Fancy Dessert Enjoy a Plate of The Waggons Chocolate Truffles £1.95

To Accompany

Ask us about dessert wine - 75ml £4.30

Taylors LBV Port - 50ml £3.95

To Finish

Americano £2.50 Espresso £2.00

Cappuccino £2.60 Double Espresso £3.00 Liqueur Coffee £4.95

Latte £2.60 Hot Chocolate £2.95

English Breakfast Tea, Earl Grey, Peppermint, Chamomile, Lemon & Ginger, Cranberry & Raspberry All £2.00 Each

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