

HALAM NEWS

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PARISH PUMP

- **Richard and Edith Brown** would like to thank all those who made their Diamond wedding anniversary celebration party such a lovely occasion.
- A warm welcome to **Dawn Cooper** who has moved into number 2 St Michael's Close. We all wish you every happiness in your new home!
- Congratulations to **Rosie Goode**, who has graduated from Northumbria University with First Class honours in Human Geography. Mum, Dad, Tom and Jack are all very proud of her achievement!
- Congratulations to **Edd Thompson** who has graduated from Manchester University with First Class Honours in Economics, and will go on to study for an MSc at Hong Kong university.
- Congratulations to **Eleanor Winning** who has graduated from Northumbria University with a First Class honours degree in Geography and will go on to study for an MSc at Newcastle.
- Congratulations to **Hannah Copeland** who has graduated from Cambridge University with a First Class Honours in Politics and International Relations.

HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



Our 'Phil' the Bag
Recycle Day is on:

Thursday
7th July 2016

Please drop items
off at school
reception by 9am.

Thank you for your
support!

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

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

3 July	9.30am: Animal Blessing Service: Please bring along your pets/animals or pictures of your favourite animals as we celebrate our pets and animals. Anne Godfrey
10 July	10.30am: Morning Worship: Anne Godfrey
17 July	9.30am: Parish Communion: Revd. David Moore
24 July	10 30 am: Sung Eucharist: Revd. Frank Beech

Church News

Beverley Perks has stepped down as Churchwarden after 20 years but will continue to support the Church as assistant Churchwarden. Very many thanks to Bev for all her hard work over many years and we wish her all the very best for her semi-retirement.

Glenys Herbert and Penni Wells have been elected Churchwardens - many thanks to them for taking the role on and we wish them all the very best.

Christopher Clay from St Giles Edingley has been accepted for training as Lay Minister (Reader) for both St Giles and St Michael's. We welcome Chris to St Michael's where he will shortly start taking part in services and we wish him all the very best in his ministry. - **Anne Godfrey**

Churchyard Clearing Day

This was a great success - very many thanks to the 15 volunteers who turned out to help keep this area of our village looking attractive. Many of you enjoy walking around the churchyard - it is an ongoing task to maintain it however. If any villagers feel moved to devote an hour or so at any time your help would be greatly appreciated, especially with grass cutting in the Churchyard: **Please contact churchwardens if you can help: Tel: 812335 or Tel: 813491**

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TEA & EVENING QUIZ

Many thanks to everyone who donated sandwiches, savouries, cakes, money and their time to the Halam Queen's 90th Birthday Tea on 12 June. We were touched by your generosity and kindness.

It was a splendid afternoon tea and greatly enjoyed by the many people who came to the village hall. It was so nice to see families who are new to the village attend as well as long time residents.

The five teams who tackled the Royal Quiz in the evening thoroughly enjoyed the event; there was a lot of talking and laughter as well as much racking of brains. We are grateful to The Waggon for providing snacks and nibbles and a gift voucher for first place and a bottle of fizz for second place. The winners were The Outlaws, a team from Southwell. Second place went to Team Tripod - Glenys, Margaret and Marina. Congratulations!

Julie and Sarah

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 2 June 2016: 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Village Hall: It seems that we will not be receiving the Local Communities Grant applied for. An application will be made again next year, and further grant funding will be investigated.

The hall could benefit from some redecoration – this will be discussed further at the next meeting

Roads and Hedges:

1. Under-pinning work is underway on the Halam Beck section by the Turnpike

2. Some verge cutting is required, especially where the long grass obstructs views at junctions. This has been flagged up to County Highways

3. The gulleys that need clearing – especially School lane – have been reported to Highways

4. Flashing school lights – these are to be sited on the approach from Edingley when a suitable location has been agreed.

Queen's Birthday:

Preparations are well in hand for the village afternoon tea celebrations and the Royal Quiz in the Waggon pub in the evening. Volunteers have been organised to make cakes and sandwiches. Julie Paris is co-ordinating these events.

Open Meeting:

1. Best-kept Village – judging for this will take place in June and July. Could all residents make an effort please to ensure the verges and pavements outside their properties are neat, tidy and free from weeds

2. Village Noticeboard – work is in hand to repair and renovate this

Planning: Midgill, Radley Road: householder application for ground floor front and rear single storey extension and first-floor bedroom side extension – unanimously agreed to support but with the added comment that the parish council has some reservation about the modern style of the proposed porch not being in keeping with the traditional style of the rest of the house

Finance: Agreed to pay for the repair of a village hall heater;

The end of year accounts were agreed and signed off.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th July 2016 in the village hall at 7.30pm

Halam & District W.I.

On 5 July we meet at 7pm at the church for a Halam walk, with the focus on the lovely calendar photos from several years ago by Declan Joyce. All are most welcome. There is no August meeting.

Glenys Herbert (Chair)

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

'End of an Era' for me

I have retired as Churchwarden for reasons amongst which are a wish to share more time with our grown-up children with their own busy lives, and Graeme, of course, who retires in September.

A month after arriving in Halam, I was invited by Canon David Keene to be PCC Secretary and later asked by Canon Hendy, who followed David, to be Churchwarden, which I did for 13 years mentored by Lynda Bass. Six difficult years of interregnum followed, with no parish vicar. David Herbert joined me as Churchwarden and Revd. David McCoulough became priest for 5 years. When David Herbert sadly died, Lay Reader Anne Godfrey supported me. I have enjoyed and learned much over the years - organising christenings, confirmations, weddings, funerals, school services, Christmas plays and reading rosters during those years, as well as much administration. Our children grew up attending church, reading lessons, serving the vicar, being admitted for communion and confirmed at the Minster - they had fun, were helpful, matured and learned much which they take into their future lives.

Sharing my lovely garden with visitors on behalf of The National Garden Scheme, as well as small group appointments for WI, U3A and Garden Clubs over the last 14 years has been a joy, as well as generating much-needed funds for charity; funds raised from refreshment income have been donated to St Michael's Church and The City Hospital Burns Unit - this has amounted to about £8,000 for St Michael's over all these years - of which I am very proud. My work as Assistant County Organiser for the NGS involves vetting new gardens, and responsibility for the administration and visiting of about 25 gardens in Notts.

I could not have achieved any of this without the wonderful support of generous friends and my husband Graeme and family. I would like to say a 'big thank you' to all those who have supported me throughout these very busy years both within the church and the village in many different ways.

I wish Penni Wells and Glenys Herbert well as new churchwardens. With best wishes,

Beverly Perks, The Old Vicarage, Halam.

My Midsummer Night's Dream

As I wandered 'twixt meadow and stream
'Twas midsummer's eve and a night to dream,
I found a bank where the wild thyme blows
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows.
There I lay my weariness to rest
Lulled into sleep by Oberon's magic dust,
Then to dream of childhood ways
Of balmy summers in the golden haze.
But soon to waken from the dark
When I heard the morning lark.
Tell me how it came that night
Lying there in the meadow bright,
Dreaming of those far off days
Under Oberon's mischievous gaze.

Tony Hallam (With apologies to Shakespeare)

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PARISH PUMP

- Many congratulations to Purba Choudhury and Andrew Fogarty, who celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this month.
- Sadly Marion Killick of Back Lane died in the hospice in Newark after a very long illness. Many of you will remember her walking round the village in all weathers with her lovely springer spaniel Hector and always cheerful and smiling. Our condolences go to her husband Trevor and family.
- Many of you will remember with affection Pauline Crawford nee Glazebrook, who lived at the Ropewalk, Southwell. Pauline was born in Halam, lived in the village, attended Halam School and St Michael's church and was married at the church. Family and friends were of utmost importance to Pauline, and she would drop everything to help and support any of them who needed her. Our sympathy goes to John, and all her family.



Halam Primary School

Halam School sadly says goodbye and thank you to head teacher Mr Paul Nolan who has carefully steered the school over the last two terms before the appointment of new head teacher Mrs Aldrich. We wish her every success in her new job. The school also says goodbye to two of the teaching staff, Miss Bellamy who has been in charge of music, and Miss Lane. Both will be much missed.

It has been a busy and successful term at Halam Primary concluding with a lovely Year 6 Leavers' service and a wonderful end of term 'Time Lord Show'.

The school has enjoyed sporting success with both the girls' and boys' cricket teams reaching County finals and ending up with runners up medals with which they were delighted - especially as the girls were new to cricket this year.

Sports' Day and the PTFA summer fayre was a really enjoyable event, with the PTFA raising over £1000! A magnificent effort!

School recommences on Tuesday 6th September; in the meantime have a lovely summer holidays!

Halam School Reminder to residents: Please could everyone be aware that the school field and play equipment are not a public facility. Halam School cannot accept any responsibility for accidents or incidents outside of school hours and during term time. There were two incidents in the last week of term which resulted in staff having to remind members of the public that they cannot just walk onto school premises and use facilities when school is still technically open on an Inset day! Please do be sensitive and considerate, and most of all aware of potential problems! Thank you.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

7 August	9.30am: All Age Morning Worship Anne Godfrey
14 August	10.30am: Morning Worship Anne Godfrey
21 August	9.30am: Parish Communion Revd. Reg Walton
28 August	10 30 am: Sung Eucharist with baptism Revd. David Moore

Christian Aid Collection

The collection within Halam for Christian Aid was very generous as ever - £521.96. In total the Southwell area collected over £5,000.

Many thanks to all those who helped collect and visit and for all your generosity. - **Beverley Perks**

Harvest Festival Service

Advance notice: This year this will take place on Sunday 25th September and will be our annual celebration of the farming community in which we live. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Church Choir

We are still looking for new choir members - if anyone would like to come and sing we meet in Halam Church at 6.30pm on Wednesdays, or contact **Alec Wells: Tel. 813491** for information.

Halam & District W.I.

The next meeting will take place on 13th September in Halam Village Hall. The meeting is entitled: 'Sheep to Jumper' and will be the story of wool. New members will be most welcome.

HALAM SALON

Radley Road, Halam, NG22 8AQ

PART-TIME HAIRDRESSER REQUIRED

Contact Ashleigh for details

Tel: 01636 813186

Email: info@halamsalon.co.uk

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 14 July 2016 at 7.30pm in Village Hall

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

Village Hall: Some areas of the hall need redecorating. It was agreed to buy paint up to the value of £150, and Carolyn Todd and Sarah Godfrey will organise volunteer painters. Further major work will have to wait until next year, subject to a grant application at that time.

Roads and Hedges: The village gulleys were cleaned out and the verges cut following the parish council's request to Highways last month. A further gully on Mansfield Road needs clearing.

There are some hedges in the village that need trimming.

A reminder to all residents – the village has been entered into the Best Kept Village competition so it would be appreciated if everyone could make an effort to keep the frontage outside their property looking neat and tidy, especially this month when judging will take place – thanks you!

Flashing lights outside the school – the County Council is to re-visit the site to decide where the lights should be located on the approach from Edingley to the school.

Parking on Radley Road - vehicles are still being parked too close to, or opposite St Michael's Close making it difficult and dangerous for St Michael's residents to enter on to Radley Road. Please park considerately and do not cause obstruction – please note that the local police are aware of this problem and the situation is being monitored.

The continued problems of the School Lane/Turnpike junction were discussed – it was agreed to have further discussions with the County Council to see if there were any ways to make this junction safer e.g. traffic calming measures.

Queen's Birthday:

Many thanks to all involved in organising such a successful village tea on Sunday 12th June, especially all who donated sandwiches and cakes. Many thanks also to The Waggon for hosting the Royal Pub Quiz and providing nibbles and prizes. A special thank you to Julie Paris and Sarah Godfrey for organising these events. Profits of £40 were donated to the parish council towards hall upkeep.

Open Meeting:

1. Hedge at bottom of Halam Hill – this obstructs the view when emerging from School Lane. Can this also be looked at as part of improving the safety of the junction?

2. Janet Simmonds will be stepping down from the NALC Executive Committee as the meetings clash with work. Carolyn Todd will discuss with Mrs Simmonds and may take over this role

Planning:

The Old Plough, The Turnpike: householder application to build a complementary boundary wall to the edge of the drive similar to wall on opposite side of drive, constructed in brick and coping stone

to match the opposite wall. The wall will also serve to more clearly define the drive as a private drive and not a road – unanimously agreed to support.

Planning Decision: Evergreen House, School Lane: Householder application for erection of a garage (Retrospective) – application approved by N&S District Council

Finance: Agreed to pay cost of NALC seminar for Financial Officer.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11 August 2016 in the village hall at 8.00pm. Please note change of time.

Whatever the weather.....

The English obsession with the weather is our national cliché. Complete strangers discuss its trivial fluctuations intimately, it reflects our shifting moods, and we often endow it with deep meaning. Most people can be easily engaged discussing it, and quite often we use the weather to initiate conversations.

English artists such as Constable and Turner painted weather evoking mood and meaning, - and for hundreds, perhaps over a thousand, years English writers have been describing it, using it symbolically, and finding it to be the subject of despair, joy and humour. Meteorological metaphors litter, and enrich, our language. Our weather is endlessly variable, and though we supposedly have four distinct seasons, occasionally all four manifest themselves on the same day!

If summer 2016 has been a bit on the grim side, - endlessly cold and wet, with a few (very few!) days of sun which were so blisteringly hot no-one could bear to go outside for long, we try to appropriate blame: El Nino, the changing direction of the gulf stream, global warming, - but the truth is the English weather has always been capricious. It throws up so many little conundrums for us: What shall we wear today? Ought we take an umbrella? Shall we risk planning a picnic/barbecue/outing?

The truth is where would we be without it? In France people greet each other with kisses; Eskimos rub noses; in Eastern countries people bow; In Germany everybody, but everybody, shakes hands. But the reserved Brit's typical opening gambit generally focuses on the national obsession: 'What awful weather we've been having lately!' It is, if you'll pardon the pun, our way of breaking the ice.

Oscar Wilde thought that talking about the weather was 'the last refuge of the unimaginative'; Jerome K Jerome famously said: 'The weather is like the government, - always in the wrong'; Mark Twain wrote: 'In the Spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather within 24 hours'. Perhaps though we all ought to adopt John Ruskin's philosophy: 'Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.'

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PARISH PUMP

- Congratulations to Halam A' Level and AS students who have successfully completed exams this year: **Elizabeth Fraser** will be going to Sheffield to study Psychology, but may defer her place for a year; **Nicola Podmore** is going to Edinburgh to study Veterinary Science; **Ellie Copeland** is going to Bristol to study History; **Harriet Lucas** and **Hamish Strathern** are both taking a gap year and will apply next year. **James Anderson** will be taking up an apprenticeship in September. Well done everyone!
- Congratulations to Halam GCSE students: **Alex Podmore & Finlay Strathern**, are both going on to do A'levels. Do email me if I have missed anyone!

HARVEST SUPPER

14 October 2016: 7.30 - 11.30pm

Halam Village Hall

Quiz, Games & Pie & Pea Supper

Tickets: £8.50/Under 16's £5.50

Tel: Chris Bevans 07967 132014

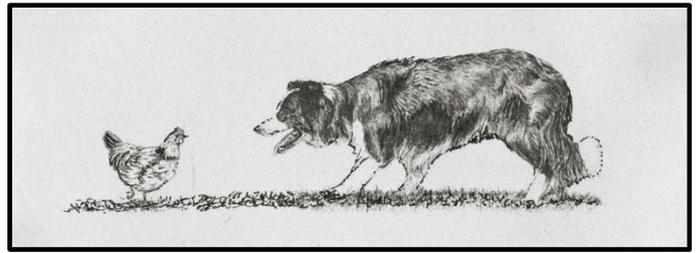
'The Burgage Through the Ages'

Southwell Theatre Club are thrilled to be taking part in 'The Burgage Through the Ages' event on 10th September. We will be performing a witch trial, "The Examination of Jennet Poole", written specially for us by Karen Winyard, at 1.30pm and 3.30pm in the old courtroom. Come along and hear how years of simmering resentments and petty jealousies erupt into accusations of witchcraft that reveal as much about the accusers as they do the accused. Make your own mind up as to whether Jennet is indeed a witch, and if so, if she's also guilty of any criminal use of her powers. By turns funny and sad, we think you'll be bewitched. No need to book tickets for this free event.

Interested in joining Southwell Theatre Club? Contact us on southwelltheatreclub@gmail.com

CYRIL HOGGARD

13 June 1933 - 11 August 2016



Cyril was born into a farming family at Brockley Farm, only a few fields away from where he died, and was a farmer all his life. He had a deep love and empathy for everything about the countryside, the land, growing crops and tending animals. He had a deep affection for people. He was a loving and proud husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He was the youngest of 9 children. The family were staunch Methodists and his father was a Methodist lay preacher. He went to school in Edingley. From a young age he helped on the farm, working hard, and eventually farming and market gardening became his life's work. The only time he left farming was during National Service when he joined that RAF for 10 months, then returned home as farming was an exempt occupation – there was still rationing on after the war. His experience in the RAF gave him a life-long interest in the 2nd WW and the RAF. He was very interested in planes that had come down in this area, and remembered well the Lancaster Bomber crashing in Halam.

Cyril had 'green fingers'. He could grow anything. In addition to vegetables he grew ferns, hollies, daffodils, and he planted an orchard with apple and walnut trees. He farmed in Laxton as well as Halam and was interested in Laxton's history but never wanted to live there - he was too deeply rooted in Halam.

He loved animals, especially dogs and hens; the Hoggards' hens are a familiar sight on Radley Lane, as was seeing Cyril with his dog. Meeting him on a walk was always a great pleasure. He enjoyed talking to people he met in market gardening and farming, and getting to know his customers - he always had a cheerful smile and a word for them.

Above all Cyril was a family man, loving and proud of Dorraine, his children, Duncan, Lynn and Denise, and his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He and Dorraine were married for 59 years. Cyril moved to Lowbank Farm when he was 21 and met Dorraine in the village shop and post office that Dorraine's mother owned and ran.

Cyril had great pleasures in his life. Dorraine, Duncan and Lynn remember annual family holidays, and his wonderful sandcastles. They remember his great sense of humour. Cyril liked reciting poems and one particular poem, 'A Deed and a Word', was read at his interment. He was very fond of the song 'Danny Boy' and it was his request that it be sung at his funeral. He will be remembered in Halam as a kind and gentle man, and a true gentleman.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

4 September	9.30am: All Age Morning Worship Anne Godfrey
11 September	10.30am: Morning Worship Anne Godfrey
18 September	9.30am: Parish Communion Archdeacon David Picken
25 September	10.30am: All Age service with baptism Revd. David Moore 6pm: Harvest Service Canon David Keene

Harvest Festival Service

On **Sunday 25th September at 6pm** our annual harvest celebration of the farming community takes place - come and sing your favourite harvest hymns! We are lucky to have Canon Keene presiding once again. It will be followed by wine/soft drinks and nibbles at the Scypen. All welcome!

Church Choir

We are still looking for new choir members - we meet in Halam Church at 6.30pm on Wednesdays, or contact **Alec Wells: Tel. 813491** for information.

Halam Churchyard

This is a plea to anyone with a ride-on lawn mower! I have just come in from cutting as much of the grass as possible, but cannot really do all the churchyard myself. Any help to get it tidied up would be wonderful!

As most people will have noticed the Horse Chestnut tree in the churchyard has been taken down. It was very diseased. We have kept the wood and the chippings, so if you would like to collect some wood to cut up for logs, or take some chippings for mulch you would be most welcome! Donations to the church would be most welcome!

Glenys Herbert (Churchwarden)

LOFT HANDMADE

Loft Handmade is now open for business as a new venue for craft classes in The Old Methodist Chapel in Edingley. There will be a wide range of classes for both beginners and people wanting to improve their skills. The classes will cover a wide range of subjects from knitting, crochet, sewing, upholstery, woodworking, stained glass, papier-mache, pottery and rag-rugging. There will also be an after school craft class on Wednesday afternoons for kids 11+ years where they will be able to try a range of different crafts.

More classes and workshops are being added regularly to the website, or you may call in at any time to see what's on offer. You may like to sign up for a 6 week course, or a 1 day workshop, or just drop into the regular Knit together sessions.

For more information: www.lofthandmade.co.uk or telephone **Gill: 01623 237330**.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall

Thursday 11th August 2016 at 8pm

Present: Chairman Mr S Bust; Mrs G Herbert; Mrs J Simmonds; Mrs S Godfrey; Mr C Bevans; Mrs C Todd; Clerk Mr P Rickett.

Apologies: Mr A Paris

Village Hall

Several structural items need attention in the Village Hall; Mrs Todd and Mrs Godfrey will look into grants that are available. It was agreed to continue painting the interior.

Harvest Supper will take place on Friday 16th October 2016 more information to follow.

Roads and hedges

Some hedges on Halam Hill have been cut; the clerk to contact Highways to see if any others need doing.

Potholes have been marked up ready for repairing.

Parking has improved on Radley Road/ St Michael's Close.

Open Meeting

A letter has been received from Halam School, pointing out that the school field is not for public use.

The School flashing lights on the approach from Edingley still need doing.

The PC are looking for volunteers/D of E students or anyone interested in keeping the area around the seat on the cross roads and the bus shelter clean and tidy – please contact the Clerk or any Councillor.

Planning

Lime Tree House, Halam Hill: The Householder has applied to remove existing structure completely and replace it with a fully enclosed brick construction. This was passed unanimously.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Halam & District W.I.

The next meeting will take place on **6th September (NB NOT as published last month!)** in Halam Village Hall. The meeting is entitled: 'Sheep to Jumpers' and will be the story of raw wool through to the point of knitting. New members will be most welcome.

On **13th September** at 7pm in the Village Hall the W.I will be holding a **Coffee Evening** as part of the 'Sow and Grow' challenge where each W.I. branch is given £10 to 'grow' in order to help County funds. There will be a cake stall, bookstall, tombola and raffle. Entry is £1 and includes tea/coffee and a biscuit. Do come along and support this, and have an enjoyable evening.

Glenys Herbert

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PARISH PUMP

• **VILLAGE WINE TASTING EVENT:** Ganesh is raising money towards purchasing wheelchairs for the Stroke Unit in Nottingham University Hospitals. The wine tasting event will be on the **12th November 2016 at 7.30 pm**. Tickets will be £15 per person (includes wines and nibbles), and at least £5 per person will go towards the charity. If you are interested email: ganeshandsara@gmail.com

• **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** Thank you to all those who supported this event. We raised a wonderful £310 for Macmillan! - **Richard & Lee**.

• **DOG FOULING:** There have been recent problems with dog fouling in particular on School Lane's grass verges. Could all villagers please be aware it is an offence not to clean up after your dog and you may be reported to the authorities. Please also make this clear to visitors/dog-sitters - this is a health hazard!

• **CHURCHYARD CLEARING DAY:** Do come and help us tidy up for the winter on **Saturday 22 October** from 10am onwards. The last one was a great success - so many wonderful helpers arrived and we achieved a great deal. My thanks also go to the gentlemen who have helped to cut the grass - it has been a mammoth task this year - I'm sure it's grown at twice its usual rate! - **Glenys**

SOUTHWELL THEATRE GROUP

We are really proud and excited about our Autumn production this year. We are performing an iconic piece of theatre, Harold Pinter's 'The Birthday Party'. It's a real coup for an amateur dramatic group to gain permission to produce Pinter's plays - we're indebted to Janet Smith, who obtained the licence. We are already well into rehearsals and the production promises to be breath-taking.

Performances will take place on Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October at 7.00pm in Southwell Library. Tickets, £8, will be available from the library, telephone 01636 812148.

Interested in joining Southwell Theatre Club? Contact us: southwelltheatreclub@gmail.com

HARVEST SUPPER

Halam Village Hall

Friday 14th October, 7pm for 7.30pm

Pie & Pea Supper
Apple Pie for Dessert

Followed by Quiz & Games for all the family

£8.50 for Adults or £5.50 for under 16s

For tickets or any other enquiries
please email: info@halamvillagehall.co.uk
or call Chris Bevans 07967 132014

In association with the Waggon at Halam



HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's been another busy half term for Halam Primary School: Bramley class have been creating Mexican folk art mirrors and producing Power Points about Mexico. Braeburn have been investigating different food groups, writing BFG witness statements and making Roman soldiers. Gala have started their 'watching weather' topic, and have been learning about their local area. Pippin have been painting scarecrows for our Harvest service.

30 September—Harvest service at Church: 9.20am (Please donate **dry goods** such as tins, pasta, rice, packets of food only please!).

14 October: EON workshops with the children.

15 October (Saturday): Swimathon.

18 & 20 October: Parent's Evening

31st October: Pumpkin Ball

School Mid-day Supervisor Needed!

Halam Primary School needs another mid-day supervisor to work for an hour and a quarter each day of the week.

If you are interested please contact Mrs Thompson in the office on reception. If you are interested but cannot work 5 days then please pop in and see us anyway as we are happy to have a job-share.

NOTTS COUNTY COUNCIL

Integrated Children's Disability Service Family Information and Launch Events

Wednesday 26 October 2016: (North Notts Arena, Worksop, S80 1QS) 10am - 4pm.

Saturday 29 October 2016: (Harvey Harvey Hadden Stadium, Wigman Road, Nottingham, NG8 4PB) 10am - 4pm.

Meet a range of different services and community providers and learn more about what help they can offer you.

NO NEED TO BOOK - JUST DROP IN!

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

2 October	Patronal Festival 9.30am: All Age Morning Worship with baptism. Rev. David Moore & AG
9 October	10.30am: Morning Worship Anne Godfrey
16 October	9.30am: Parish Communion Rev. Reg Walton
23 October	10.30am: Sung Eucharist Rev. David Moore
30 October	All Saints 9.30 a.m. Joint benefice Morning Worship at St Giles Edingley
6 November	6.00 p.m. Memorial service: to remember those who have died. Anne Godfrey
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St Michael The Archangel Fundraising

Having a beautiful grade 1 listed church in the village is a wonderful blessing, as witnessed by the number of people attracted to it for important family occasions such as weddings and baptisms. Maintaining such a desirable building is costly and the PCC are extremely grateful to all those who answered the funding campaign in such a positive manner, the results of which are vital to the general upkeep of the church and services.

Over the last 3 months the PCC has had to face the fact that the boiler that has heated the church for the last 25 years is now obsolete and it is impossible to obtain spare parts. Quotations for a replacement are now in, and we will have to find approximately £9,600.00 to purchase and install a new boiler before the onset of winter. The Church is fortunate to have a Trust, which has been in place for many years, the interest from which has accrued and will pay for the boiler and associated work.

However the Quinquennial inspection and report prepared by the Diocesan architect at the end of July highlighted urgent work needed on the fabric of the building within the next 12 months, in particular the roof, the cost of which is estimated to be £23,500.00. The PCC are investigating possible grant aid available but will be looking to hold fundraising events during 2017 to help, so if anyone has any ideas or can help in any way, no matter how small, please talk to the Churchwardens Glenys Herbert and Penni Wells. Thank you for your support!

Autumn Bird Migration

The last of our summer migrants have departed south, to be replaced by birds from Scandinavia and Central Europe. Look out for two members of the thrush family - flocks of Redwing (orangey red under the wing) and Fieldfare (red breast) - they love to eat berries on shrubs and in hedgerows.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Sarah Godfrey, Carolyn Todd

Apologies: Chris Bevans, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Village Hall: 1) Parking - a letter is to be sent to the neighbours informing them that vehicles must not be parked on the village hall frontage. This is private property, and further enforcement steps will be taken if unauthorised parking at the village hall continues.

2) The hall is being left in an unacceptably dirty state - bins have been left not emptied and the fridge was mouldy. The hall needs checking regularly, particularly immediately after lettings - it was agreed to check the hall as often as possible. Mandy Rickett checks consumables - hand towels, toilet paper, and light bulbs - and shortages/failures should be reported to her. Cleanliness and cleaning will be discussed further at the next meeting. 3) It was agreed that outside work - slipped tiles, leaking gutters and downpipes - should be repaired before internal painting is carried out. A WREN grant will be applied for and County Cllr Bruce Laughton will provide guidance for the application. County Cllr Roger Jackson also offered financial assistance from his Councillor's Fund.

Roads and Hedges: 1) Holme Lane - pot holes have been filled and repaired. 2) School Lane - tall hedges have grown onto the telephone lines. Sarah Godfrey to contact BT on behalf of the P.C. to request that BT cut back the hedges. 3) Matt Duckworth for C.C. Highways is coming out to see if anything can be done to improve the safety of the School Lane/Turnpike junction.

Open Meeting: 1) Harvest Supper - Friday 14th October. Book your tickets now as these are expected to sell out early. 2) N&S District Council - new offices scheduled to open by October 2017. The council will be saving space by putting outworkers e.g. council tax, into local libraries.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th October 2016 in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Halam & District W.I.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 October at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. Our own Linda Croston plus friends from Nottingham Lace Market Theatre will give a presentation about the antique costumes they have and also still use.

Our November meeting takes place on Tuesday 1st November when we have a cookery demonstration by our own Debbie Kenyon - this is always a well-attended and popular event.

Do please feel that you can come as a visitor to our meetings. We try to keep W.I. business as short as possible so that our speakers have plenty of time to amuse, educate and interest us all!

Glenys Herbert

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PARISH PUMP

• **Peter Glazebrook's** vegetable-growing success continued when he took first prize for his giant beetroot and his giant carrot at the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show. **Congratulations!**



• **Congratulations to Ashleigh (Halam Salon) & Michael Greaves** who were married in September in Kos. We wish them every happiness!

• **A big thank you** to everyone involved with the planning and organisation, and for those supporting the harvest supper this year; we raised £440.50 towards the running and upkeep of the Village Hall! Here's to next year! - **Chris Bevans**

• **A very big thank-you** to all who turned up to help with the churchyard clearing day. The difference is very noticeable and we will find next year much easier to tackle. A separate thank-you must go to Matthew and Stuart who have kept 'topside' of the grass-cutting, making it easier to judge overall how we are doing in keeping 'God's Acre' looking as well cared for and loved as previous generations before have kept it. - **Glenys Herbert**

• **Congratulations** to Jonathan Paris on his promotion to Senior First Officer for Ryanair!

• **Yoga for all!** This will take place In Halam Village hall on Mondays 9.15 - 10.15am and Thursdays 6.45 - 7.45pm. Please get in touch for more details or to book. - **Lyndsey King**

VILLAGE WINE TASTING EVENT

Ganesh is raising money to help purchase wheelchairs for the Stroke Unit in Nottingham University Hospitals.

12 November 2016: 7.30 pm
Ivy Cottage School Lane Halam

Tickets: £15 per person
(includes wines and nibbles),
A minimum £5 per person will go to the charity.
email: ganeshandsara@gmail.com

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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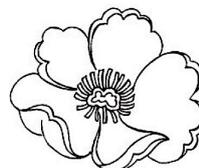
Advance notice:

18 December 6.00pm: Lessons and Carols

24 December 5.00pm: Crib service

Our special Christmas collections this year will go to Mansfield Night Shelter supporting homeless people.

Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial 11th November 2016



Lest We
Forget

We will be holding a short Service of Remembrance at the Lancaster Bomber Memorial, School Lane at 10.45 a.m. on Friday 11th November. Prayers, laying of wreaths, and a bugler playing the Last Post will be followed by a minute silence.

All are welcome to attend.

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Apologies: Chris Bevans

Village Hall: 1) Cleaning: Mrs Todd & Mrs Godfrey agreed to try to get prices for a professional cleaner for the hall; Two hours fortnightly was suggested. They will report back to the November meeting.

2) Grants – Mrs Godfrey is preparing applications for a WREN grant and a Notts County Council “Supporting Local Communities” grant. 3) Harvest Supper – everything is in place for the event on Friday 14th October. 4) Roads and Hedges: School Lane/Turnpike Junction – the Clerk is meeting with County Council Highways next week to discuss this junction and general road safety on the Turnpike.

5) Pot Holes – there is a bad pothole on School Lane. Andrew Paris will report this. NB: anyone can report potholes or road/pavement damage on the County Council’s website:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole or by calling 0300 123 5000

6) Pavements – some of the village pavements are in a poor condition and need cleaning. Co Cllr Roger Jackson will be asked to see what can be done to improve these. 7) Dog Mess Bags – bagged dog mess has been found left by the side of paths, thrown into fields, and even hung on trees and hedges. Anyone caught not cleaning up PROPERLY after their dog may be fined up to £1,000. These offences are being monitored, and all dog owners are reminded that Dog Wardens, Police Community Support Officers and others are authorised to give offenders Fixed-Penalty Notices.

Open Meeting:

Safer Neighbourhood Group – next meeting is at Southwell on 8th November; Andrew Paris to attend.

Bogus Callers – all residents are warned that there are bogus callers offering to do building and maintenance work cheaply. Householdors should only use reputable tradespeople and should be suspicious of unsolicited callers.

Advice Centre, Southwell Library – the library is now an advice centre open all day Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Advice can be given on council services including housing benefits, council tax, planning, waste management, environmental health, and dog control.

Off-road Vehicles – Gray Lane is a public “white Lane” and can be legally used by 4X4 vehicles and trail bikes, but traffic offences such as speeding etc. on public roads should be reported on 101.

Bus Shelter – an offer has been made to paint and maintain the bus shelter. Agreed to accept offer, subject to repainting in reasonable colours.

Phone box and bench on the corner of Radley Road/Turnpike – these areas need to be kept clean and tidy. If anyone would be prepared to sweep and tidy these areas on a regular basis could they please contact the Parish Council.

Fly Tipping – this seems to be an on-going problem in the parish. Please report any fly tipping on the District Council’s website:

www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/eform/flytipping or by calling 01636 650000.

Please make a note of any details and any registration numbers of vehicles if possible.

Notice Board – some maintenance work has been done, but further repairs may be necessary

Planning Decision: Lime Tree House Halam Hill: householder application to remove existing porch and replace with a fully enclosed brick constructed porch – planning approved by N&S District Council.

Finance: Agreed to purchase a 1 tonne bag of salt for the village grit bins. All residents are reminded that this road salt has to be purchased by the parish council from council funds, and that it is for the use on public highways and pavements only. Please note - not to be used on private driveways or paths.

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

Southwell Theatre Club

The club will be performing a festive murder mystery for Southwell U3A on Friday 9th, and for the general public on Saturday 10th December, in Southwell Library. Karen Winyard’s ‘Death on the Menu’ features the hard-baked Aldentay family and their restaurant Mortadella’s. It’s early December and the Aldentay’s are hosting the annual Christmas village party in the evening, where they will welcome their new vicar to the parish. Beforehand family members arrive for Christmas, plans for the future of the family business are revealed and the tension causes cracks in the Aldentay relationships to appear. Death is certainly on the menu for one of them so why not don your favourite Christmas jumper and come along to be part of the village party at Mortadella’s and see if you can solve the mystery. Performances start at 7.00pm.

Tickets: £8 including supper
from Southwell Library 01636812148
or email: southwelltheatreclub@gmail.com.



Laxton History Group

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 19th November
11.30am - 3.30pm
£1 admission inc. cup of tea

- ☆ Lots of crafts for those tricky Christmas presents
- ☆ Start your Christmas shopping at the stalls
- ☆ Home made soup & cobs
- ☆ Traditional cakes with your tea
- ☆ Cake stall for cakes of all sorts to take home

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all! - The Ed.

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PARISH PUMP

- **Halam Primary School** raised £358.65 for this year's Children in Need - Well done everyone!
- **Happy Birthday Richard Shaw!**
- I would like to thank everyone who supported the **charity wine tasting** (both those who attended the tasting and also those who just very kindly donated). Nearly £450 was raised that evening (including a generous donation from CG Partnership - thanks to Paul Gittins). This pays for more than 2 wheelchairs for the stroke unit in Nottingham. Hope you enjoyed the evening and thank you once again. - **Ganesh**
- **'Mist, Magicians, Minerals, Murder & Mayhem'**: Victoria Starkey is giving an illustrated talk about turmoil in 1st century Britain, on 14th January at 2pm in Hop Barn, Upton. Tickets are £5 and include tea and coffee. Tel: 01636 813621.
- **A small black and white female cat** has turned up on Back Lane. We have taken her to the vet but she has not been micro-chipped. We would obviously like to find her owner, if she has one. If no one claims her is there anyone in the village who would like to give her a home? She is incredibly friendly and would make a lovely pet.



Anyone with any information can phone either Tony or me on 01636 812580. Many thanks for your help and let's hope!!
Best wishes
Maureen Hallam

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Halam Primary School
Friday 2 December
3pm - 5pm

ALL WELCOME!

In Remembrance 2016

A quick glance at the calendar confirmed that the 11th of November was indeed upon us - a Friday this year - and some leaf clearing and general tidying up would be needed on Thursday 10th down at the Memorial site. This was achieved in two hours with the help of volunteers.

So it was that I turned into School Lane (Halam end) at about 10am for my quarter of a mile walk towards the Memorial site and the 11 o'clock Remembrance Service.

The sun shone on a fine autumn morning; the fields were already sprouting winter wheat and the Borrowers' Tree was almost without leaf. My thoughts turned to the men of the parish and the airmen of the Lancaster bomber who gave their lives in the first and second world wars for our freedom, and this countryside. The service was duly led by Anne, with wreath-laying and the Last Post.

Attendance was upward of 40 villagers and friends, and a most welcome hot drink was enjoyed by many in the Waggon pub afterwards. Please do feel you can come and join us when we remember in 2017!

Our thanks go to Andrew Godfrey who keeps the grass cut at the Memorial site. It was also good to see children and members of staff from Halam School at the service. - **T.D.**

'LEST WE FORGET'



Parachute regiment veteran Peter Allen shows his medals to Halam School children & Andrew Paris shows photos of the Lancaster bomber crew



HALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been another busy half term for Halam School pupils, with silver medal success in the Newark & District 'Futsal' competition. Children have participated in badminton and football this term. The PTFA organised an enjoyable Pumpkin Ball with a pumpkin carving competition for the children. Art Club and Astronomy Club have taken place after school. December activities include:

- 6 December** - DARE assembly for Y5/6 parents.
- 8 December** - Panto in school - Aladdin (funded by the PTFA) - popcorn and ice cream included!
- 12th December** - School Christmas production, 'The Landlord's Cat', will take place at 2pm and 6pm.
- 16th December** - Carols and mince pies for senior members of our community. If you would like to attend please contact school: Telephone 813062
- 19 December** - Halam Church Service: 9.15am.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

4 December	9.30am All Age - Child Bishop & Gift Service (new toys only please) - to be given to Family Care, supporting disadvantaged children in Notts. A.G.
11 December	10.30am: Morning Worship - A.G.
18 December	6.00pm: Lessons and Carols: Canon David Keene Drinks & Mince pies afterwards at the Scypen.
24 December	5.00pm: Crib service with Nativity Play - Anne Godfrey 11.30pm: Midnight Mass - Revd. Matthew Askey
25 December	CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am: Parish Communion Revd. David Moore
1 January	9.30am All Age Morning Worship Anne Godfrey

Our special Christmas collections this year will go to Mansfield Night Shelter supporting homeless people.

Crib Service - Nativity play

There will be a rehearsal for this at 5pm on Friday 23rd December in church - all children are warmly invited to take part. Those who would like a speaking part please contact: **Caroline Haddelsey**, email: carolinehaddelsey@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you

Christmas is a time for remembering those who have helped keep our lovely Norman church going over the past year: Gwendy and the team of flower arrangers; the ladies on Elsie's rota of cleaners; those that cut hedges and grass, and generally tidy up the churchyard. If you are able to help do get in touch with the ladies that organise these rotas.

With fewer people singing in the choir we are anxious to encourage more singers - a full commitment need not be made, but help with the main church festivals, in particular we have the Service of 9 Lessons & Carols on the 18th December with David Keene, would be much appreciated.

We receive many lovely comments in the Visitors' Book about how lovely it is to find an unlocked and so well cared for church that reflects on us as a village. Please do help to continue to support the church over the coming year as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ and hear his message of peace and goodwill in these uncertain times.

Glenys Herbert (Church Warden)



Children from Halam Primary School who attended the service of remembrance, on Sunday November 13th in Halam church laid wreaths at the memorial plaque at the school.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

10th November 2016 at 8pm: Halam Village Hall

Apologies: Mr Simon Bust

Present: Vice-chairman Mr Andrew Paris, Mr Chris Bevans, Mrs Sarah Godfrey, Mrs Glenys Herbert, Mrs Janet Simmonds, Mrs Carolyn Todd

As the chairman was absent Mr Paris took the chair.

Village Hall: 1. Harvest supper was most successful and raised £440.50. Many thanks to all who helped with the event. It was suggested that next year the supper could be a more traditional evening with a speaker. In order to help ticket sales consideration will be given to charging more for those who pay at the door (£10) with a discount for tickets bought in advance. (2) It was suggested we hold another fundraiser - a games night at Easter. (3) Grant Application - needs to be sent in February. A questionnaire may be used to gauge village support. (4) Village hall cleaning - a two-weekly deep-clean was suggested, but this may not be satisfactory - one messy letting might mean the hall is dirty for subsequent lettings until the next clean. A weekly clean may be a better option to maintain the cleanliness for quality lettings. Mrs Todd is to investigate further.

Roads and hedges: Volunteer(s) are needed to keep the area around the bench and phone at the crossroads tidy - no one has come forward yet.

Mr Duckworth from C.C. Highways visited the village to see what road safety improvements can be made on Halam Hill, and improve visibility issues at the crossroads. His view was that that nothing much can be done, that there are already too many signs on Halam Hill and little can be done to improve the hedges at the bottom of the hill.

County & District Cllrs were told school interactive signs don't work as they should; they will investigate.

Open meeting: Cllr Rainbow will give the name of the cleaner at the Town Council, and will find out the contact for our PCSO.

Cllr Jackson told of the latest scam - tipping rubbish in gardens then offering to clear it at extortionate prices. There have been several burglaries in the area; Cllrs Laughton and Jackson will see if they can link their reports to our website.

Mrs Godfrey reported that BT claim the hedges covering their overhead lines (on School Lane) are the responsibility of the landowner.

Mr Simmonds thanked Mrs Todd for re-painting the St Michael's Close sign.

Finance The P.C. budget was presented and briefly discussed; this will be discussed further and the annual precept set at the December meeting.

The village hall mortgage statement will be circulated to parish councillors so that the amount outstanding and term remaining can be assessed. It was agreed to pay PAT testing for the village hall.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th December 2016 at 8pm (note later start) in the village hall