

# Halam News

January 2007

## A Happy New Year to you all!

**From the Editor:** This month's Halam News is sponsored by **Dennis Fox** - thank you! Dennis is in hospital at the moment and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Thank you also to **CopyRight Print** who have generously sponsored the colour printing in our New Year edition. If you would like to sponsor Halam News (£10 per edition), advertise, make a donation, or have items included (deadline 25<sup>th</sup> - late submissions may be carried over to next month) contact: Karin Davis: Tel: 815854 or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com)



### Parish Pump

- Belated birthday greetings to Jane Oakley who was 50 on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Welcome to the club!
- Welcome to Nicky Phillips and Owain Miles who have moved into Manor Stables, Radley Lane. We hope you will be very happy in your new home.
- Welcome to Helen Fynn and daughter Grace who have moved into Barnholme, Radley Road. We wish you every happiness in your new home.
- The Christmas carol singers in the village raised £100 for the St Lawrence Children's Hospice, Romania. Thank you to everyone who turned out to sing and especially to everyone who donated. - Tony Denyer.
- Sadly we say goodbye to Ed and Elaine Gathercole who have moved to Yorkshire. They both contributed a great deal to village life and will be much missed.



### Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on 2 January at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. This will be an open meeting - there will be a Faith Supper combined with a quiz and if anyone would like to bring a team you would be made most welcome - we would be delighted to see you. Do come and join us! For information contact: **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

### Church Study Group

The next meeting of the joint Halam and Edingley Churches study group will be held on **Thursday 18th January** at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, starting at 7.30pm. Again, Reverend Russell Perry will lead us. All are welcome! -

**Tony Andrews**

### WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

- **Village Ventures: Brendan Power & Frank Kilkelly** the amazing harmonica player and singer of haunting Irish music is returning to Halam with a master guitarist on **Tuesday 16 January** at 7.30pm in Halam Church. Tickets: £7 are available from: Karin Lindley (815854); Bev Perks (812181); Glenys Herbert (812335).



### St Michael the Archangel: January Services

7 January 1 <sup>st</sup> of Epiphany Baptism of Christ	8.00am Holy Communion Canon Robin Turner 9.30am Family Communion Canon Peter Hill
14 January 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany	11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev Russell Perry
21 January 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany	9.30am Family Communion Rt. Rev. Ronald Milner
28 January 4 <sup>th</sup> of Epiphany	11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev. Russell Perry

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

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## Parish Council Meeting: 14 December 2006

**Present:** S. Bust; G. Herbert; A. Paris; D. Parrish.

**Apologies:** A. Fraser, N. Armstrong; I. Sharman.

**Matters Arising:** 1) Norwood Park Golf Course Extension – the reply from District Council is that, as the Course has a Southwell address, Halam was not consulted on this application. A. Paris moved that the Clerk should write to District Council expressing our concern and dissatisfaction with the situation – agreed. 2) Interactive speed sign – should be erected shortly after the Christmas break

**Village Hall:** Extension/refurbishment – Draft plans were examined and discussed. Agreed unanimously to ask John Thornewill to draw up plans for an application to the Planning Department. He will also submit an estimate of his costs to oversee the project. The Parish Council expressed thanks to John for his contribution to date.

**Village Hall Cleaning** – Tony Denyer has offered to clean the hall (at no charge) from the start of March.

**Draft Regional Consultation:** A. Paris circulated notes he had made regarding suggested responses to the document; accepted – A. Paris to forward to GOEM.

**Government White Paper:** A. Paris to investigate further.

**Parish Plan:** Actions up to date.

**Design Statement:** Draft documents regarding Village Envelopes and Conservation Areas from the PWG were circulated and read. Agreed to issue with Halam News.

**Xmas Tree:** It was agreed that the tree looked very festive. Payments totalling £80 were agreed. A larger tree will be considered for next year.

**Noticeboard:** G. Herbert & D. Parrish to investigate further and report back.

**Fencing:** Glenys Herbert commented that she thought the fence in front of the old people's bungalows created a loss in amenity for the elderly residents. It also cause shading which was encouraging the growth of moss & slime on the pathway. Andrew Paris moved that the Clerk should write to Newark & Sherwood Homes requesting that the path be cleaned as soon as possible – agreed.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised 1) Mrs Simmons expressed her dissatisfaction with the previous meeting - she felt her questions re planning at Grange Farm had not been answered and that unprofessional comments had been made by members of the P.C. She felt that the council had not expressed the views of the parishioners that it is appointed to represent. 2) P. Thompson asked that costings from John Thornewill should be discussed in public at a P.C. Meeting. 3) A window at the school was recently broken by a football. If further damage occurs, the school will review the use of its playing fields out-of-hours. 3) Tony Denyer asked about a second position for the speed watch scheme at the Edingley end on the village.

**Correspondence:** 1) Halam Parish Paths Partnership – a year is left to run of the present scheme. Clerk to liaise with E. Gathercole. 2) Community Safety Liaison Group – Monday 29 January: Andrew Paris to attend. 3) Touring Cinema Group – information to be passed to K. Lindley. 4) NALC Training – the Clerk & Mandy Rickett to attend financial training session.

**Planning:** 1. Orchard View, Radley Road – Single storey extension and loft conversion: supported unanimously.

**Planning Decisions:** Fairfield House, School Lane – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two-storey extension: approved by District Council

**Finance:** Resolved to pay village hall cleaners and the cost of the licensing advert in the Bramley.

The 2007-2008 budget was discussed & accepted. A three monthly review was agreed. The precept for next year was set at the same as last year's, i.e. £7,000.

It was agreed to amend the Parish Council's Financial Regulations to allow the Clerk to hold £100 petty cash.

A. Paris will prepare a Risk Assessment for next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting:** - Thursday 11 January, 7.30pm

## Halam Millennium Photo Archive



## Halam Post Office and Stores

At different times in the last century Halam Post Office has been housed in all the above locations. The first postmaster was Thomas Bust in 1885, although prior to that date Mrs Ann Richardson was Receiver. It was part of the Waggon & Horses 1885- 1899 and again from 1963 - 1983. It was located in Barn Cottage from 1899 - 1938, and then Yew tree Cottage from 1938 - 1954. From 1954 - 1962 it was located at Roseneath, and finally it operated from 1985 until 2002? where the shop currently stands, sadly no longer a post office and stores.



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## Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday February at 7.30pm in Halam village hall and our speaker David Keene's subject will be 'My Life as a Clergyman'. The competition is: A Limerick beginning 'There was an old lady from Halam .....'. Everyone will be made most welcome. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

### WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

- **Southwell Choral Society** will be performing **Handel: 'Judas Maccabaeus'**, a story of conquering heroes which Handel wrote to commemorate the victory of the Duke of Cumberland over the Scots at Culloden in 1746. The concert takes place in Southwell Minster on **Saturday 3 March** Tickets are: £12.50 (front nave) £10 (rear nave) and £8 (side aisles) and are available from Music in The Yard (Tel: 01636 814411) or via Glenys Herbert or Karin Davis.
- **Matthew McAllister**, an amazing classical guitarist will be performing in Halam Church on 25 March at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 and include a glass of wine during the interval and are available from Karin Davis (815854) Bev Perks (812121) & Glenys Herbert (812335).



## St Michael the Archangel: February Services

Sunday 4 February 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion Both services: Rev. R. Perry
Sunday 11 February 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev. R. Perry
Sunday 8 February 1 <sup>st</sup> before Lent	9.30am Family Communion Rev.. R. Perry
21 February Ash Wednesday	7.00pm Holy Communion St Giles Edingley (Cluster service)
25 February 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist Canon R. Turner

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

## LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course will be held jointly for Halam and Edingley. It will follow the plan set by the popular York courses. (The format works brilliantly - Church Times"). There will be five sessions in Lent, starting on Thursday 1st March and continuing on succeeding Thursdays. The theme is "Could we build a better world? - Learning from William Wilberforce." For more details see the posters. Rev'd Russell Perry has kindly agreed to lead us. The first meeting on Thursday will be held at the Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, starting at 7.30pm. If you plan to come, it would be helpful, but not essential, to let me know on Tel: 815584.

All are welcome! - **Tony Andrews**

## Wanted Urgently! Mid-Day Supervisor!

Halam Primary School urgently needs a midday supervisor for WEDNESDAY lunchtimes. Please contact Claire Hyatt at school (01636 813062) if you are able to help.

## Following last month's article.....

### Halam Post Office and Stores

Janet Arnold was one of the postmistresses during the time when the post office and shop were located in the Waggon and Horses. Janet was a likeable Halam character who lived with her father Joe at Thornholme on Gray Lane.

Her shop was crammed with every conceivable item including vegetables grown in their garden. Her speciality however was the huge selection of sweets which attracted hordes of school children, including our own, who streamed across the road under the supervision of crossing lady Edith Brown and later Jill Wright. Under Janet's stern gaze those that sought to handle the goods before purchase were told sharply to "look but don't touch duckie". Our cat Jasper loved visiting the post office and his favourite spot was dozing on the stamp book. On one occasion he spent the night in the upstairs storeroom causing Janet to ring the police in the belief that there was a burglar up there!

**Tony Hallam**



This photograph, from the collection of Mrs Eleanor Bust, shows Thomas Bust who was the first official sub-postmaster in Halam appointed in 1885. He was sub-postmaster until 1899. During this time the post office was situated at the Waggon & Horses. A Post Office had existed from an earlier time but as a receiving office only. - The Ed.



**A Hymn & Prayer For Civil Servants**  
**(Contributed by David Herbert)**

O Lord, Grant that this day we come to no decisions,  
neither run we into any kind of responsibility, but that all  
our doings may be to establish new departments, for ever  
and ever, Amen.

O Thou, who seest all things below  
Grant that Thy servants may go slow,  
That they may study to comply  
With regulations till they die.

Teach us, O Lord, to reverence  
Committees more than common sense;  
To train our minds to make no plan,  
And pass the baby when we can.

So, when the tempter seeks to give  
Us feelings of initiative,  
Or when, alone, we go too far,  
Chastise us with a circular.

Mid war, and tumult, fire and storms,  
Give strength, O Lord, to give out forms,  
Thus may thy servants ever be  
A flock of perfect sheep for Thee.

(Published anonymously in the Daily Telegraph and  
reprinted in 'Verse & Worse: A Private Collection' by  
Arnold Silcox (Faber 1958).

**Halam Millennium Photo Archive**  
(From the collection of John Jackson)



**Chapel Bungalow** on Back Lane owes its name to the fact that it was once used as a chapel and meeting house for the Methodists in Halam.

The 1844 Directory records a 'Church Sunday school ...also used by the Methodists as a preaching room' above what was the Post Office and stores at one time, attached to the Waggon & Horses public house. Later a chapel further up Back Lane 'complete with Steward John Rollings and harmonium players R. Linney and Miss Gibson' was in existence. This was later converted to farm buildings and then a house. On the outer walls traces of the formerly high windows of the chapel exist. According to Miss Coulthard's book about Halam, services took place at 6pm on Sunday evenings, one Sunday afternoon monthly, once a month on Wednesdays and every third Thursday. This chapel was eventually replaced by the new chapel built in 1897, which is now Halam Village Hall.

**Parish Council Meeting: 11 January 2007**

**Apologies:** A Fraser; A Paris; N Armstrong (arrived later).

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** were signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** None other than those on the agenda.

**Village Hall:** Mr J Thornewill will draw up plans for refurbishment and submit to NSDC to satisfy the Disabled Access requirements and improvements needed to the village hall in general; for attention of: The Chairman & Clerk.

**Draft Regional Consultation:** A Paris has reported on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Government White Paper:** to be put on next agenda.

**Parish Plan:** Nothing to report.

**Design Statement:** More information will be published in the next newsletter.

**Noticeboard:** Awaiting a price from Mr Islip.

**Open Meeting:** Several points were raised by the public the main ones being: 1) The Interactive sign – this should be in place early in the New Year. 2) Road Drains – several are overflowing. 3) Cllr Stewart informed the PC that he was having a meeting with the Highways Department to discuss drains. 4) A letter was read out from Cllr Laughton informing the PC that he had been put forward as a parliamentary candidate but would continue to help PC.

**Planning:** 1) Barnholme Radley Road: single storey extension to side and back and detached single garage – passed unanimously.

**Planning Decisions:** Orchard View Radley Road – approved.

**Finance:** It was agreed to pay the following: 1) Christmas tree lights. 2) Village Hall cleaners.

**Risk Assessment:** Information from A Paris was circulated to the meeting. This item would be put on the next agenda.

**Items for next Agenda:** 1) Signage on Halam Hill. 2) Financial Risk Assessment.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 8 February 7.30pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**If you know anyone who would like to receive Halam News by email please let me know – if they contact me by email I will include them on my ever-growing list of recipients.**

**I am always very happy to receive items of interest for publication in Halam News – please let me have your photos etc for publication. – The Editor**





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March 2007

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## WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

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## Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday March at 7.30pm in Halam village hall and our speaker Mr Smith's topic is 'Britain in Bloom'. The competition is a 'Wild Flower Arrangement': Everyone welcome! For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.



## Parish Pump

- **Congratulations!** to Liz and Duncan Hoggard on the birth of their son Alex on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January; a brother for Natasha, Kirsten and Evie.
- **Belated birthday greetings** to Betty Godber who was 80 last month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February!

## Halam Millennium Photo Archive



Founder member Mrs Monica Brown cuts the cake at Halam & District 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party in May 2006!



## In Memory of David Wilson



David lived in Halam with Marjorie and his daughters Davina and India for over 20 years. He was a fixture within the village and enriched the village with his love of the countryside, of the horses he rode, and for the Hunts that he supported. These passions allowed him to cope with the pressures of present day Forensic psychiatry and allowed him to develop a great sense of humour and fun. David enjoyed life.

Some years ago we were talking together about obituaries in the British Medical Journal and David said that he thought them rather staid and old-fashioned; in the last few days this conversation has come back to me, so I will describe him in the horse terms that he knew so well:

"Hard-working; well balanced; full of presence and ability, and showing great form; excellent paces and conformation; loves a challenge; easy to control in the field but not a novice ride; Strong and reliable in all conditions."

'Horses he loved; laughter and the sun,  
All beauty, wide spaces and the open air  
The trust of all dumb living things he won,  
And never knew the luck too good to share.'

(Extract from the service held in the Minster 12 February)

Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

**Contributed by David Herbert**



## In Memory of Monica Brown



Monica Brown, who was buried last week at Halam St Michael's Church, was the last surviving founder member of Halam & District Women's Institute. If she had lived until June she would have reached her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Monica had just paid her last full subscription to the W.I. and was looking forward to another W.I. year and contributing, as she had always done to our meetings. She much enjoyed being able to cut the cake at our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations last year. She was the centre pin of a large family who still live in, or are involved with the village. The Brown family lived at Cutlersforth Farm for many years. We all have very happy memories of Monica and will miss her greatly, none more so than her children, grandchildren great and great great grandchildren who will always remember 'Nan' being there for each and every one of them. We extend our deepest sympathy to them all.

**Contributed by Glenys Herbert (W.I. President)**

## A Message from Will and Rebecca at the Waggon!

We are leaving the Waggon and Horses at the end of this month and will be relocating to the French Horn at Upton in the summer!

We would like to thank you all for your support over the last 8 years and invite you to our leaving party at the Waggon on Sunday 25 March anytime from 7pm onwards. We would love to see our customers past and present, to say goodbye! - Will



## The Annual Meeting of the Halam Vestry

This will take place at the school on **Monday 26th March at 7 p.m.** This is a public meeting open to all members of the village. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint church wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

The Parish vestry was developed in the 14th century and became the main instrument of administration of the village. It was composed of all the men of the village who were rate payers. The vestry was in fact the Parish Council up to 1894 when it was replaced by a non-ecclesiastical body by the Local Government act. It was responsible for care of the poor and sick; the maintenance of footpaths and roads; provision of justices of the peace, and the appointment of church wardens. Up until 1894 the vestry could appoint, if it so wished, a parish constable; parish way wardens, and a beadle. The vestry was also responsible for establishing a village goal or lockup and a cattle and sheep pound. Halam folk must have been very law-abiding as there is no evidence of it ever having a village lockup!!

I am sure that many of you are interested in keeping alive this village tradition and so do please come along to the statutory meeting and have a say in who you think should be a church warden and who should look after the churchyard. This is important as the present day parish council has little or no power, - it can no longer lock people up for the night; give out alms to the poor; make decisions about its roads; but the office of church warden still has some power. Come along to the meeting and learn more.

**David Herbert**

### "Tea-at-Two-Thirty"

We continue to meet each Tuesday afternoon at half past two in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come for an hour of convivial company and conversation with tea and biscuits (plus two parties each year). During the past year the group has raised £100 for the Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance as well as making a donation to the Parish Council. - **Cedric Hallam**

### Halam Open Gardens 2007

The village "open gardens" event will take place on the Sunday 17th June. We hope that all those who opened their garden last year will do so again this year- and hopefully others will join and open their garden as well. I would like to make a request for books to be sold at a stall on that occasion- so don't just throw them out - save them for the open gardens stall.

Contact **David Herbert** at 812335 or direct at Ashdene for information or to volunteer help. Thank you all!

## Parish Council Meeting: 8 February 2007

**Present:** Chairman S. Bust; A. Fraser; G. Herbert; Clerk P. Rickett.

**Apologies:** N. Armstrong; I. Sharman; D. Parrish; A. Paris.

**Minutes** of previous meeting were signed as a true record.

**Village Hall:** refurbishment: held over to next meeting.

**Government white paper:** to be passed to A. Paris.

**Parish Plan:** The Beat Officer will attend the next meeting. Neighbourhood Watch is ongoing. The Annual village booklet will be on the next agenda.

**Design Statement:** ongoing.

**Noticeboard:** is being arranged.

**Signage on Halam Hill:** It was felt that there are too many signs on Halam Hill - to be put on the next agenda.

**Open Meeting:** the meeting was opened for members of the public to speak.

**Correspondence:** 1) Item for circulation to councillors 2) EMA of Local Councils - no-one to attend 3) Threat to lottery funding - will be replied to 4) Post Office closures - letter of objection to be written 5) Parish Council pack from e.on - a sample pack was sent to the P.C. containing battery operated phone charger, hand warmers, foil blankets etc. - the Clerk to look into the costs. 6) Funding seminars - Mrs G Herbert to attend.

**Planning applications:** none

**Planning decisions:** Bramley, Halam Hill - refused.

**Finance:** agreed to pay the following: 1) Village Hall cleaners £54.20. 2) NALC subscription £71.99 3) Retrospective - speed gun £81.

Risk assessment to be on the agenda at next meeting.

**Items for the next meeting:** 1) Noticeboard 2) Road signage 3) Crime Liaison officer - 7pm 3) Risk assessment 4) Village Hall plans 5) Annual Village booklet.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 8 March at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.



### St Michael the Archangel: March Services

4 March 2nd of Lent	8.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. Perry
11 March 3rd of Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Perry
18 March 4th of Lent	MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. Perry 11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. Perry
25 March 5th of Lent	7.30pm: Concert: Matthew McAllister Abolition of Slavery 200th Anniversary Passiontide Service: The Minster: 6.30pm

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## A Thank You Message!

We have been touched and completely overwhelmed by the huge amount of cards, good wishes and presents received since the birth of Alex Duncan on the 29<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to everyone; sorry if we missed any thank you cards! Best wishes to you all,

**Duncan, Liz, Natasha, Kirsten, Evie and Alex Hoggard**

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## St Michael the Archangel: April Services

1 April Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion: Rev. R. Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. Perry (Meet 9.20 in pub car park to process)
5 April Maundy Thursday	Supper: Cluster event at Holy Trinity, Southwell at 7.30pm
6 April Good Friday	10.00am Morning Prayers: Rev. R. Perry
8 April Easter Sunday	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. R. Perry
15 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> after Easter	9.30am Family Communion: Canon R. Turner
22 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> after Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. R. Perry
29 April 4 <sup>th</sup> after Easter	Cluster Evensong: 6pm Rev M Tanner

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

## This Easter time at: **The Beauty Lounge**

With Emily Thornewill

Treat yourself to  
an exclusive luxury Clarins facial  
and receive a FREE manicure.

Exclusive to  
Halam Residents only  
for £30!

Happy Easter!



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David Herbert has contributed the following rather fitting poem for this Eastertide. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have! – The Ed.

**Loveliest of the trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.**

**Now, of my threescore years and ten,  
Twenty will not come again,  
And take from seventy springs a score,  
It only leaves me fifty more,**

**And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room,  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow.**

A. E. Houseman 1859-1928



**From the picture archive:** The Palm Sunday procession in the 1980's. Can anyone name everyone?

## Parish Council Meeting: 8 March 2007

**Present:** Mr. Simon Bust, Mr. Andrew Fraser, Mrs. Glenys Herbert, Mr. Andrew Paris & Mrs. Di Parrish

**Apologies:** Mrs Nora Armstrong & Mr. Ian Sharman

**Crime Reduction:** Mr Trevor Timson, Crime Reduction Manager from Newark Police station gave a talk on ways of making the home safer from burglary. He then answered questions from the floor, and handed out copies of a booklet "A Guide to Home Security". Anyone who would like a copy of this Home Office publication can contact Andrew Paris, Crime Reduction Manager on 815844 or andrew\_paris@yahoo.com

**Matters Arising:** Norwood Park Golf Course Extension – as no written response has been received from District Council, the Clerk will contact them again for their comments on this matter. To be put on the agenda for next month.

**Village Hall:** Extension/refurbishment –John Thornewill showed the proposed plans for submission for planning permission. With the addition on a high-level circular window, it was agreed that John Thornewill should submit the plans as soon as possible.

**Parish Plan:** Village Contact Sheet - Andrew Paris and Di Parrish agreed to meet prior to next meeting to come up with some ideas

**Design Statement:** Next meeting to be confirmed; Andrew Paris to progress with Neville Croston.

**Notice Board:** To be made by Mr Islip – 3-door version

**Signage on Halam Hill:** Di Parish stated that the signs on Halam Hill look cluttered and untidy. It was agreed to ask the County Council about tidying/rationalising them; Andrew Paris to arrange to have the Neighbourhood Watch sign cleaned/replaced.

**Risk Assessment:** The report previously prepared by Andrew Paris was discussed. The Clerk agreed to see to the action points raised.

**Twenty Plenty – 20mph:** It was agreed to wait until after the interactive sign was in place before pursuing this further.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised 1) the location of the interactive sign was discussed – too far up the hill? County Cllr Andy Stewart will ask County Council to contact us about its siting (should have happened before the sign was erected). 2) it was reported that the Police speed van/camera back-up to the Community Speed Watch has been withdrawn due to lack of funding. Andy Stewart will express our complete dissatisfaction at County level. 3) the second location for the Community Speed Watch will be officially assessed for safety on 16<sup>th</sup> March. 4) Subsidence of the bank by the bridge on Gray Lane – Clerk to investigate and report back. 5) Car parking in front of the village hall (by people not using the hall) – Clerk will write to the person(s) concerned.

**Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005 – Dog**

**Control Orders:** The District Council intend to introduce district wide dog control measures. They are seeking input from Parishes in the district. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

## Government White Paper – Our countryside: the future

**– A fair deal for rural England:** A. Paris circulated a summary of the White Paper. As this legislation is now in place, no further action to be taken.

**Planning:** 1. Halam C of E Primary School, The Turnpike – Extension to office and entrance lobby: supported unanimously.

**Planning Decisions:** 1. Grange Farm, Radley Road – Change of use farm buildings for B8 and B1: approved by District Council. 2. Bramley, Halam Hill – demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two-storey dwelling: refused by District Council

**Finance:** Resolved to pay the village hall cleaners; bus shelter cleaning bill; Gill & Taylor bill and the Clerk's wages. A vote of thanks was given for Patrick Rickett for his hard work and commitment over the past year as Parish Council Clerk. It was also agreed to pay J.M.T. Design and the planning fees for the village hall application.

**Parish Council Insurance:** Andrew Paris agreed to look through this prior to renewal and report back.

**Village Allotments:** Work to be done in cleaning out the drainage dyke once the present high levels of water have receded.

**Village Hall Letting Rules:** To be revised following refurbishment of the hall.

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at **7.00pm** – **Annual Parish Meeting (Open Meeting for the Village)**, followed by April's Parish Council Meeting.

### THE FURNITURE PROJECT

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May 2007

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**REMEMBER TO USE YOUR VOTE ON 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY!**

## St Michael the Archangel: May Services

6 May Easter 5	Holy Communion: 8am: Canon R Turner Family Communion: 9.30am: Bp R Milner
13 May Rogation Sunday	Sung Eucharist: 11am: Rev R Perry
17 May Ascension Day	Ascension Service: 7pm at Edingley St Giles
20 May Easter 7	Family Communion: 9.30am: Canon Peter Hill
27 May Pentecost	Sung Eucharist: 11am: Canon Robin Turner

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

## RESTORING THE CHURCH ORGAN IN ST MICHAEL'S

For a number of years now there have been informal discussions about starting a project to restore or replace the rather dilapidated organ in our church. It is an expensive project but an important one and would be a legacy to future generations in the village and the school - if we go for the best option it would cost about £20,000! That's major fund-raising and donations! Grants may be available to match-fund - it certainly deserves further investigation. At present this is at the discussion stage. If anyone would like to be involved in this long-term project and has ideas how to raise funds please get in touch.

Contact Karin Davis (815854)

## WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

- **Southwell Festival:** The festival runs from 8 - 26 June with something for all sections of the community to enjoy. There will be Music and Literary events of all kinds; Continental Markets; Art Exhibitions; Open Days include our own Halam Open Gardens which is part of the festival programme this year; Theatre and Sports events. Look out for information or access the Festival website - [www.southwellfestival.com](http://www.southwellfestival.com) for details.
- **Barn Dance & Pig Roast:** Saturday 12 May Church Street site, Minster School; Tickets £12 (adult) £8 (child) from Marina Thompson Tel: 814026 or email: [marina.koz@gmail.com](mailto:marina.koz@gmail.com)
- **Halam Open Gardens:** Sunday 17 June 2007.



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## New Footpath & Bridle Path

John and Margaret Hill have recently opened a permissive footpath and bridle path across their land as part of their DEFRA funded environmental scheme. The path links Holme Lane with Newhall Lane, Edingley, avoiding the main road between Edingley and Halam.

## Halam & District Women's Institute

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in Halam village hall. The 51<sup>st</sup> WI birthday party will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

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## Halam School Spring Term Report

We all came back from the Easter holidays on a high; the Easter service went very well. Unfortunately D.A.R.E. ended for Upper Primary but with a super graduation.

Well done to all the showcase performers - the show was brilliant. Upper Primary is starting hockey lessons on May 4<sup>th</sup>, then we all start our SATs, plus we will all get very healthy due to the skipping workshop which starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> and we also start half term on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Evie Hoggard (Junior Reporter)



### Annual Parish Meeting: 12 April 2007

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

Chairman's Report: The Chairman reviewed highlights for the village over the past year, including: general support from the D.C. with regards planning applications; erection of interactive speed sign; continued progress with items in the Parish Plan; setting up the Parish Working Group. The Chairman thanked Elaine Gathercole and members of the Parish Paths Partnership for their work in the village; Andrew Paris for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme; Tony Denyer: village hall cleaning; Alex Reid: bus shelter cleaning, and those involved in the Harvest Supper.. Disappointment was expressed that the new village hall scheme had not been accepted, but plans for the extension and renovation of the existing hall were going ahead. The Chairman also thanked the Clerk and P.C. members for input over the past year.

The Council thanked Simon Bust for his Chairmanship during the previous twelve months.

### Parish Council Meeting: 12 April 2007

Present: as above Apologies: as above

Village Hall: Plans have been submitted to District Council  
Parish Plan: A draft contact list was circulated. Further work to be done by Andrew Paris and Di Parish

Parish Paths Partnership: Agreed to authorise Elaine Gathercole to apply for the grant for the next 12 months

Design Statement: N. Croston is preparing a questionnaire for village circulation; next meeting date to be confirmed

Community Speed Watch: A comparison of before and after the erection of the interactive speed sign will be carried out. It is proving difficult to identify a suitable site (that the police approve at the Edingley end of the village.

Notice Board: Now on order

Signage on Halam Hill: Notts C.C. have looked at this and may move the Halam village sign further up the hill (in front of the 30mph sign) The Neighbourhood Watch sign will be moved to the sign post from the street lamp.

Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005 – Dog

Control Orders: It was agreed to ask the District Council to (1) make the school playing field out-of-bounds for all dogs, and (2) make the churchyard an area where dogs must be on leads. Andrew Paris to action.

Risk Assessment: Clerk is actioning various points raised.

Correspondence: A letter was read out re the poor state of Radley Road at the pumping station. The P.C. took on board points raised, but agreed that any improvement to the road may increase traffic and vehicle speeds.

Finance: Agreed to pay a Parish Paths Partnership bill.

P.C. insurance: to be discussed at the next meeting

Thanks: The Chairman, Simon Bust, thanked councillors for their input and work in the past 4 years, especially Nora Armstrong and Ian Sharman, thanking them for their efforts in particular: they are not standing for re-election.

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm–

Annual Parish Council Meeting. New Beat Officer, PC Keith Thompson will attend the meeting to introduce himself and answer questions.

### Church Study Group

There will be monthly meetings of the churches study group this year, jointly for Halam and Edingley. Rev'd Russell Perry has kindly agreed to lead them. The themes for discussion will be based on the book "Finding Sanctuary" by Abbot Christopher Jamison who featured in the BBC TV series "The Monastery" in which several laymen went on retreat and most underwent life-changing experiences. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm** at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam (corner of Back Lane). All are welcome. - **Tony Andrews**

### FOR SALE



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### The Churchyard Chestnut Tree: David Herbert

The conker tree was planted about 1950 by members of Notts Cycling club in memory of former founder member Mr Povey. The club stopped regularly here on outings and after the tree was planted would come to St Michael's in October for a memorial service. They gave a Christmas party for Halam children, and this continued until 1960.

Over the years the tree has given great pleasure to Halam residents and enhanced the overall appearance of that part of the village. Generations of children have joyfully collected conkers. Sadly those days may soon be ended: the tree is infected with the fungus phytophthora or "red canker". In the last 3 years serious winter droughts, to which the horse chestnut is susceptible, have affected it. It has also been plagued by the leaf miner moth and now shows signs of being heavily infected. Phytophthora causes a bleeding canker and can be observed as dark red or orange gum-like ooze which runs down the bark and dries - in these areas the bark cracks and wood rot fungi invade, branches break off and the tree finally dies.

'Red canker' appeared in Nottinghamshire about 3 years ago, spread by imported timber from America. Presently there is no known remedy. Nothing needs to be done to the tree presently but in the autumn, if there are signs of canopy failure, associated branches must be removed. The tree may live as long as 5 years. Hopefully treatment may become available in that time. In the meantime dead areas have become a treat for the greater spotted woodpecker regularly tapping out his amorous messages.

### DOG FOULING

Once again there has been some very unpleasant dog-fouling in the area of the churchyard. It is against the law to foul footpaths and public areas, with large fines payable. Those responsible will be reported if it continues! Be warned! – From the Ed (on behalf of several complainants).



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## RESTORING THE CHURCH ORGAN IN ST MICHAEL'S

My note last month generated quite a lot of interest! Restoration of the organ was discussed at P.C.C. last month and it was agreed to investigate funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and start the ball rolling on our own fund-raising. It is likely that the Heritage Lottery fund will match-fund what we raise, and match with a grant the time given by volunteers. I would hope to involve the school as well as Halam residents and make this an educational and community project. Music in our community is as important as maintaining the fabric of heritage buildings, and is a legacy for future generations. The music for occasions such as weddings, as well as services held by church and by the school would be enhanced, instead of being limited by the current instrument. We now have a thriving small choir – join us on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm if you would like to sing! It's official – singing is good for you!

A number of ideas came forward from my article: one was to raise money by asking individuals to sponsor an organ pipe for a set donation, and that pipe would then be engraved with the name of the family donating it, or be inscribed in memory of someone. This was done very successfully in Epperstone a few years ago. I would welcome feedback on this idea. Watch this space for further information! **Contact: Karin Davis (815854)**

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Catrin Finch: Royal Harpist to the Prince of Wales will be performing 9 June 7.30 in the Minster

Billy Ivory: Southwell celebrity writer (you may remember the very funny TV series: 'Common as Muck')

Tuesday 12 June 7.30pm in the Minster Centre

Children's Concert: Tuesday 19 June 7pm in Southwell Minster and includes Halam school children.

Many events and exhibitions are entirely free! Look out for information available from The Minster Centre, Music in The Yard Southwell (Tel: 01636 814411) or access the Festival website – [www.southwellfestival.com](http://www.southwellfestival.com) for full details.



## St Michael the Archangel: June Services

3 June Trinity Sunday	8am Holy Communion: Canon Toy 9.30am: Family Communion Canon Austin
10 June 1 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Canon R Turner
17 June 2 <sup>nd</sup> after Trinity	9.30am: Family Communion: Rev Perry
24 June 3 <sup>rd</sup> after Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Canon Turner

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## Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5 June at 7.30pm in Halam village hall. Debbie Kenyon, food demonstrator for Sainsbury's, will be showing us fabulous ideas for **Summer Entertaining**. The competition will be a table decoration. We hope many of you will join us for this open meeting: entry will be £2. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

## Halam Open Gardens

(Part of the Southwell Festival)



Sunday 17 June 2007

12.30 - 5.30pm

Book Stall • Plant Stall • Bric-a-brac  
Teas & Homemade cakes in two locations  
Entry: £3 (Children free)

Donations of homemade cakes will be gratefully received at Ashdene or the Old Vicarage.

**Congratulations to:** Simon Bust; Glenys Herbert; Marina Thompson; Andrew Paris; Andrew Fraser; Diana Parish; David Herbert who were all returned as Halam Parish Councillors in the local elections!



## Parish Council Meeting: 10th May 2007

**Present:** S. Bust; A. Fraser; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; D. Parrish; M. Thompson.

**Beat Officer:** Unfortunately PC Thompson was unable to attend – he will be invited to the next meeting

**Election of Officers:** Chairman: S. Bust; Vice-chairman: A. Fraser; Xmas charity officers: S. Bust/A. Paris; Press officer: A. Paris; Transport officer: G. Herbert; NALC representatives – D. Parish/M. Thompson; Snow warden & Flag Officer: S. Bust; Crime reduction officer: A. Paris. The Clerk: Financial officer; Ken Grieve: Internal auditor.

**New Model Code of Conduct:** adopted with amendments  
**Parish Plan:** A final list mock-up will be discussed and reviewed fully at next meeting now it operated for 2 years.

**Notice Board:** is now under construction

**State of the Roads:** Further to complaints re the state of Radley Road; all landowners are reminded of their responsibility to clean up any mud they leave on the road.

**Speed Watch:** Interactive sign appears to have slowed traffic down; some branches, now in full leaf, are reducing the range of sign's sensors. A second location (near the ford) will be investigated for speed watch – vehicles enter Halam from Edingley too fast; with several accidents occurring that end of the village. G. Herbert reported complaints about the scheme, in particular cameras used to follow locals driving through the village, especially down School Lane. A. Paris pointed out that all operators are trained; it is working practice to "track" vehicles; some speed provocatively on seeing the camera. From the location, it is impossible to track vehicles on School Lane. Simon Bust stated that provided operators work to official training guidelines the scheme has the P.C.'s full backing.

**Ivy on Trees:** awaiting further information. It was felt that the P.C. had no authority to ask landowners to remove ivy from their trees, but it was agreed to remind residents that trees can be choked by ivy, and it is good practice to cut back as creepers damage trees.

**Design Statement:** Computer problems prevented circulation of document to the P.C.; circulation next week

**County Council Civic Service:** To be held at 11am on Sunday 15th July at the Minster. Simon Bust to attend.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: 1. Parking/road safety problems during "Ashdene" open garden days. Cones may be put out next time, and a sign requesting considerate parking. 2. Twenty-Plenty Scheme – unlikely to progress until current pilot schemes are assessed. 3. Bank collapsing by Gray Lane bridge – C.C. are aware, but Clerk will contact again. 4. Statements of support for the Community Speed Watch Scheme were made, particularly as it has helped obtain interactive speed sign. 5. Transport officer role was discussed – we are lucky to have a regular (and improved) bus service. 6. C.Cllr. Andy Stewart informed the meeting that Beat Officers are now being trained to support Community Speed Watch teams. 7. Problems with youths in cars loitering under the tree on the bend on Holme Lane have re-emerged – this has been reported and will be raised with the Beat Officer. Problems should be reported to the police (01909 500999)

immediately – more complaints may result in more action to resolve problems before they escalate.

**Correspondence:** 1. Best Kept Village – agreed enter again; residents requested to keep property frontages neat and tidy. 2. Draft East Midlands Regional Plan – agreed take no further action. 3. RCC – AGM Wed 31 October – no one to attend; No nominations for Officers & Executive.

**Planning:** 1. Halam Village Hall – Extension; internal re-model; provision of disabled facilities: unanimous support.

**Finance:** Agreed to pay; dog bin emptying; fire extinguisher service. P.C. insurance; Policy Document required – if not available, A. Paris will try to get a copy.

**Date of Next Meeting:** - Thursday 14 June at 7.30pm

### Halam Church Fabric

Work has now been completed on redecorating the internal walls of the tower and staining of the wood surfaces including the ceiling. The cost of this work has been partly met by a grant of £300 provided by Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) who distribute the Landfill Tax Credits of Waste Recycling Group plc. The allocation and distribution of the grant has been made by the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, a registered charity whose aims are to assist with the restoration of historic churches and chapels of all Christian denominations throughout Nottinghamshire. Simon Settle of WREN says "We are very pleased to be able to help finance this project which will ensure that a bit of Nottinghamshire's rich church heritage is preserved for generations to come." Also the generous contributions from Halam Arts towards the cost of the church fabric work are gratefully acknowledged.

Work is now planned to redecorate the remainder of the church comprising the chancel, vestry, nave and south aisle as soon as the necessary permission and finances can be arranged. Because of the amount of work involved this final phase is likely to be expensive and if you would like to contribute towards the cost please contact me as soon as possible. - **Tony Hallam**

### Church Study Group

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 June at Bankwood Farm, off the Oxtan Road (past Hollybeck Nurseries), starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**Tony Andrews**

### From the Millennium photo archive



Whitsuntide (Pentecost) celebrations from the Barrett family file – can any readers supply information?