



# Halam News

January 2005

## New Year Greetings!

**From the Editor:** Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! Answers to the Christmas competition were The Holly & The Ivy; O Christmas Tree! (or Tannenbaum); Hark the Herald Angels sing; Away in a Manger; Little Donkey; When Santa got stuck up the chimney; While Shepherds Watched; I Saw Three Ships; Jingle Bells; Walking in the Air; O Little Town of Bethlehem; We Three Kings; God Rest you Merry Gentlemen; Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer.

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### Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson

On Wednesday 22nd December the death of Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson was reported in The Times. Many Halam villagers will remember him affectionately as General Jim. He lived for almost 20 years at Goldhill Farm, and cared passionately about the wellbeing of Halam. He often invited village folk to his home. He attended Halam Church every Sunday and acted as sideman. By choice he attended family services rather than more formal services, as he felt he could understand them better and felt more at home with young people. His third great passion was football; in the army he ran the British army football team and helped train the future English football captain- Bobby Charlton. In 1957 he became the football correspondent to the Sunday Times and wrote for that paper until the late 1990's.

He was born 1921 and married the Hon Jean Margaret Paul in 1958. He joined the army in 1940, serving as a private until 1941 when he was commissioned. He saw action in North Africa and then Italy where he took part in the final battle south of the River Po, and won the MC. Later he served in Cyprus as UN force commander. He left Cyprus in 1966 and was promoted Lieutenant-General and overall commander of the south east district covering Aldershot and the capital. He retired from the army in 1977 by which time he was resident at Goldhill. He was chairman of the Tobacco Advisory council 1983-1985.

He despised red tape, and was a breath of fresh air in all his various activities. His love for Halam, its church, and football were brought together at a memorable church service held at Nottingham Forest football club.

All those in Halam who remember him, will do so with great affection and a smile- a true gentleman.

David Herbert



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### Halam Prayer Group

A number of people expressed an interest in joining a prayer group on the Village Plan questionnaire. The Parochial Church Council has considered how best to respond to this, and decided to hold regular monthly meetings next year.

The format and content of meetings can be developed to meet the needs of those taking part. It is thought that, initially, meetings would attract the widest support if they have a particular theme, and comprise a talk (possibly a tape or video) followed by discussion and prayers.

Meetings will take place in private homes in an informal and friendly atmosphere with no pressure on those attending to take an active role unless they wish to do so. Details will be published in Halam News. Rev. Russell Perry has kindly agreed to lead these.

It has been decided to start with the series of meetings traditionally held weekly in Lent; the first one to take place on Thursday 17 February at the Old Vicarage at 7.30pm. Further meetings will be 24 February, 3, 10 & 17 March. Venues and details of meetings after Easter will be published at a later date.

If you would like to come please let the churchwardens know by putting your name on a list in the Church porch, or ring Bev (812181) or Glenys (812335). An idea of numbers assists those hosting meetings, but if you decide to come at the last minute you will still be very welcome!

Tony Andrew (Parochial Church Council)



### Parish Pump

- Sadly we say goodbye to the Karen & Marco Migliore and their baby Lucia who have moved to Claypole.
- A warm welcome to Rebecca Orme who has moved into Radley Terrace. We wish you every happiness in your new home.

## Parish Council Meeting: 9 December 2004

**sent:** S. Bust; G. Herbert; N. Armstrong; A Paris; arrish; I. Sharman **Apologies:** Mr. Andrew Fraser  
**ffic Calming:** Mr. Gray (Notts. County Council) outlined proposed gating scheme for the village. Parish Councillors eed the proposal for Mansfield Road (coming from rgle) was adequate; the proposal for Halam Hill from ithwell was inadequate but acceptable; it was requested : road markings be put on School Lane. On Radley Road Manor Stables, it was agreed that proposals were essive and should be reduced to road markings only. Mr y was asked to prepare new proposals based on these elines. It was also agreed to write to Notts C.C. highways ensure that Halam will be included on the rota for the red flashing 30mph signs.

**ighbourhood Watch:** The revitalisation of the scheme is gressing and it should be up and running shortly.

**mmunity Speed Watch:** ARP is still looking for a volunteer :ake on the role of Lead Coordinator. **Unless someone is ling to take responsibility as Lead Co-ordinator, this rome cannot go forward in Halam. If you are interested helping to organise and act a police liaison please ntact Andrew Paris on 815844.**

**ish Plan:** E. Gathercole and M. Thompson outlined the gress made to the current draft final plan. P.C. resolved nimosly to accept this and to instruct the Parish Plan mmittee to obtain design and print quotations. It was agreed pay four invoices outstanding at this stage.

**lage Drains:** - Clerk to investigate cleaning of gratings and lleys; - recent Council cleaning appears inadequate.

**en Meeting:** Items raised:- 1) Standing order re open part meeting was queried. The Chairman said allowing the blic to speak was at the Chairman's discretion. Generally e present method was acceptable, but if the situation arose would allow individuals to speak during the meeting.

**rrrespondence:** None this month.

**anning:** 1) Sunningdale, 2 Council House, Radley Road - t conversion to include rear dormer window and internal modelling: Passed unanimously. 2) Planning decision: The ypen Radley Road - insert additional window in 3<sup>rd</sup> oodroom - application passed by the District Council.

**nance:** 1) Agreed to pay the village hall cleaners. 2) The oposed budget was accepted and next year's precept set at e same as this years. (This has remained the same for at ast the last four years) 3) Agreed to purchase a new minute ok - up to a maximum budget of £100

Agreed to pay the bill for laying the allotment hedges.

**ams for January agenda:** 1) Village Hall Plans 2) Village all Lettings 3) Budget 4) Parish precept

**illage Hall:** Mr I. Sharman declared a possible prejudicial terest and left the meeting.

ne draft proposal to bring the village hall up to required ability standards was discussed. Initial costing: £16,000 eluding floor renovations/coverings and redecoration.

Mrs Sharman had written to the Parish Council indicating her family's continued willingness to offer land for a new village hall. A closed Parish Council meeting will be held to discuss this further with the Sharman family; further consideration of hall alterations postponed until after this.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thurs. 13 January 2005 7.30pm.

### Parish Plan Update

Following the 3 open meetings, a draft Action Plan was compiled and is currently being circulated round N&SDC and other external bodies for comment. If any resident of Halam wishes to see the draft action plan or receive a copy please contact Marina Thompson (01636 814026).



### Nature Notes: Helping Barn Owls

Many houses in Halam have been converted from old agricultural buildings possibly depriving Barn Owls of their nesting sites. However, we can help give them back a home by supporting the Hawk and Owl Trust's 'Adopt a Box' scheme. Subscribers pay £12.50 a year as individuals or £30 a year for a group, to adopt a box in one of seven regions including the Midlands. You won't find out exactly where the box is, but you will receive a report every year telling you if it was used and how many young owls were reared. You will also receive a newsletter annually and an illustrated guide to Britain's owls as well as a certificate when you join. If a group such as a school adopts a box they also receive an activity pack and ideas for teachers which are related to the National Curriculum. You can also 'Adopt a Box' as a gift for someone else. So, if your New Year's resolution is to do your bit for nature, why not start by helping a homeless owl? Application forms can be downloaded from [www.hawkandowl.org](http://www.hawkandowl.org) or obtained from The Hawk and Owl Trust, 11 St Mary's Close, Abbotskerwell, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 5QF.

Elaine Gathercole

### Halam & District Women's Institute

For our 4 January meeting we have asked John Meredith to come again. He was so very interesting last year when we went on an exciting rail tour of Northern India & Kashmir. This year we are off to Switzerland, which should be equally fascinating. This will be an open evening when we warmly welcome all who wish to join us - last year the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies! Seasonal light refreshments will be served. Do come - 7.30pm in the village hall!

### Answer to last month's 'Puzzle Corner'

How did they do it? Boris put the ring in the box, padlocked it and sent it to Natasha. She put on a padlock of her own and kept the key. Then she sent it back to Boris. Boris removed his own padlock and sent it back to Natasha, who unlocked her own padlock and took out her ring.



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## What's on Locally

### Tsunami Disaster Charity Concert

On Saturday 5 February there will be a concert in Southwell Minster to raise funds for victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Disaster. No admission will be charged but donations to the fund will be gratefully received. The programme will include Faure's Requiem; items from 'The Armed Man' Karl Jenkins; 'How Lovely are thy Dwellings' Fair' from Brahms' Requiem. If you can't come but would like to make a donation, contact Tony Denyer, Glenys Herbert or Karin Davis.

### Handel's 'Messiah'

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### Halam Prayer Group

As previously advertised a series of weekly prayer and study group meetings is planned for this year, beginning with five Lenten meetings. The first will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm, at the Old Vicarage. Revd Russell Perry has kindly agreed to lead the meetings. If you would like to attend it would be helpful if you would put your name on the list in the church porch, or notify Bev (812181) or Glenys (812335). But if you don't make up your mind until the last minute, please come anyway! - Tony Andrews

For the Attention of all Villagers!

Dear Resident of Halam,

I am writing to inform you of an initiative being taken by your Parish Council. You may be aware that the Parish Council has received an offer of land from Ron & Olive Sharman for a new village hall and outdoor space. The land is adjacent to St Michael's Close, in the field located behind the former council houses on Radley Road. This would provide us with a site for a new village hall, car parking & some public open space. In addition to the new facilities, Mr & Mrs Sharman are proposing some development – the size and scope of which is yet to be established. Although the Parish plan did consult on this idea, the lack of firm proposals led to some wild rumours and misconceptions about the proposal.

Our recent village plan consultation process has identified a desire to improve the facilities that are available to residents of the Parish, in particular the village hall and provision of a safe public open space. This coincides with the need to spend a considerable sum of your money (estimated at £20,000) on maintenance and disability access improvement to the current village hall. We would still end up with a hall with limited capacity and uses and inadequate parking.

We now have a choice, albeit a difficult one: do we repair the existing hall or take the opportunity to start afresh?

At our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January your Parish Council took the decision to commission a feasibility study that will test the concept of building a new village hall, and the impact that the associated development would have. Apart from developing firm proposals for the new development, the study will assess options for funding the new hall via the sale of the existing one and/or grant aid. This will facilitate an informed debate as to whether this development is desirable in our village.

The study is being commissioned jointly between Ron & Olive Sharman and the Parish Council, and the findings are planned to be available by the end of March 2005.

It is important to stress that we have made no decision on which route to choose, and will only do so after this study has been completed and after full and open consultation with the village. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this process please contact me or any member of the Parish Council either directly or via the Parish Clerk.

Yours faithfully

**Simon Bust (Chairman, Halam Parish Council)**



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## Parish Council Meeting: 13 January 2005



## LEAF – Linking Environment And Farming

**Present:** S. Bust; G. Herbert; N. Armstrong (arrived later); A. Paris; D. Parrish; I. Sharman; Mr. Andrew Fraser

**Matters Arising:** 1. Road gulleys – will be dealt with by N.C.C. shortly. 2. Parish Plan – being laid out by designer at present. 3. Councillor Andy Stewart – some funding for community projects may be available. 4. Traffic calming – resolved to invite Mr. Chamley from N.C.C. Highways to the annual meeting in May.

**Allotments:** A questionnaire relating to a national survey received from Derby University. Clerk to complete and also check registration of allotments for possible grants

**Post Office:** Will move from temporary to permanent closure on 29<sup>th</sup> January if no alternative is forthcoming

**Road Signs:** N.C.C. to be contacted to repair bends sign near Norfolk House. They will also be asked to replace missing 'Oxton finger' on sign post at Turnpike crossroads

**Open Meeting:** Items raised:-

1. It was reported that the plans for the new school hall were delayed, currently under consideration by planning

2. Clarification was sought as to the status of the offer of a new village hall behind the council houses – no decision made, scheme currently receiving consideration

**Finance:** It was agreed to pay the village hall cleaners

**Village Hall:** Mr Sharman declared a possible prejudicial interest and withdrew from the meeting. It was resolved to make a 50% contribution towards a feasibility study for the project subject to a £1,250 maximum. It is expected that the report should be ready by the end of March 2005.

**Items for next agenda:** 1. Social committee 2. Parish Plan – Parish Council input require in action plan 3. Councillor Stewart's offer of 'good cause' funding (circa £350)

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

### New Refuse Collection & Recycling in Halam

Collections: Green Bin 7 & 21, Silver Bin 14 & 28 February

As all Local Authorities now must recycle by law, Newark & Sherwood have set themselves a target of 28% recycling by 2006. This is well above the 18% government target and it is so important that we all help them to achieve this. Each household in Halam averages 1 tonne of rubbish yearly, and continuing to use landfill sites is unsustainable, as well as producing harmful greenhouse gasses.

The new **TWIN BIN system** means that we can recycle in our SILVER bin – paper/magazines (not in bags); cardboard (not waxed cartons); plastic bottles (remove tops); margarine/ ice-cream/ yoghurt tubs; food tins & drinks cans. Our GREEN bin is for everything else. You can still recycle glass or textiles at the normal **recycling points in Southwell: The Leisure Centre; Co-op car park; Church Street car park;** and garden waste can be composted at home or recycled at the **centre at Fiskerton.**

We can all make a difference. Working with the council and taking responsibility for our own waste will ensure a cleaner and better environment for future generations.

LEAF is a charitable organisation which helps farmers to combine economically viable farming with environmental responsibility. Retailers such as Waitrose are supporting this initiative and are including the LEAF Marque on produce which comes from accredited sources – so look out for it if you care about your food and your environment.

We have a LEAF demonstration farm near Halam at Thorney Abbey Farm on the Oxton Road. Andy and Sue Guy have a herd of cows which they operate on a "clean grazing system" where the young cattle eat only pasture which was not grazed in the previous season. This largely eliminates the need for wormers and helps to optimise production whilst promoting the health of both the cows and the environment. They also aim to help the farm's wildlife habitats. The RSPB has surveyed the bird population and have mounted bird boxes around the farm. Lapwings, Yellow Hammers, Tree Sparrows and Skylarks are among the birdlife visiting Thorney Abbey. Hedges are managed sensitively and cut outside nesting season. Look at [www.leafuk.org](http://www.leafuk.org) to find out more about the scheme or if you are interested in arranging a visit to the farm to find out more. - Elaine Gathercole

### Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. next meets on Tuesday 1 February in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mrs Green who whose subject is Magnets For Health. The competition is a homemade remedy. New members will be made most welcome.

### RETHINK-REUSE!

FRAMEWORK (0115 8416623) collects furniture, white goods, bedding, duvets, curtains, electrical items for its work in supporting homeless people in Nottinghamshire.

HAVEN HOUSING TRUST: collects beds, 3 piece suites, tables, chairs, wardrobes, clothes & bric-a-brac in the Southwell area. Calls cost 80p per minute on 0905 7890134, or e mail: [havenhousing@btconnect.com](mailto:havenhousing@btconnect.com)

THE FURNITURE PROJECT (01623 836410): collects all household items in the whole district, except for carpets & gas appliances, to assist in the relief of need, hardship and distress for North Nottinghamshire residents.

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL (01636 655600) will collect items for a fixed charge, but emphasise that before you discard something, consider if it is an item that could be put to further use.

JUNK MAIL: Reduce the rubbish you generate by cancelling all unwanted junk mail. Simply contact the Mailing Preference Service on 020 7291 3310 or [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) to remove your name and address from mailing lists.



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- Congratulations to Emily Thornewill - 21 on 13 February!
- Congratulations to Annette & John Marchant of Manor Fields on the birth of their son Hector, on 16 February, a brother for Hugo & Henry.
- **Refuse & Recycling collections** in Halam this month: Green bin: 7<sup>th</sup>; 21<sup>st</sup>; Silver bin: 14<sup>th</sup>; 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** The restructuring of the scheme is now coming together with several new groups already up and running. If you have forms still to fill in and return please could you do so as soon as possible. - David Stubbs & Andrew Paris.
- **Best Kept Village Competition:** The Parish Council have entered Halam into this competition once again this year. It would be great to achieve success. We will be judged this coming summer, so it would really help if everyone could begin early in clearing and tidying road frontages, verges, hedges etc - please take pride in your village!



## May Robinson



Sadly Mrs May Robinson, of Halam Hill, died on 28 January, and the funeral took place at 11.15am on Tuesday 8 February in St. Michael's Church. Donations in her memory were given to Halam Church which she loved. May was a popular and

cheerful member of our small community who had lived in Halam for 37 years, and during that time she contributed in many ways. She was a Church Warden for many years, a member of the Women's Institute and the Mother's Union. She will be missed at Tea at 2.30. May opened her garden for a number of years for Halam's annual event and was very knowledgeable about plants and interested in wildlife. She loved all sports, especially cricket and tennis and was always glued to the TV when these were on!. May was friendly and welcoming to everyone she met. She will be much missed by a great many people in our village. Our thoughts at this time are with her family and close friends.

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## Parish Council Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005

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

**Matters Arising** 1) **Neighbourhood Watch** – progress being made; some groups now up and running; new signs will be put up in the village. 2) **Plans for Halam House Farm** will be received from District Council imminently. A special meeting will be held **Wednesday 2 March at 8pm** to allow public discussion of this planning application. 3) **Parish Plan:** The first printed copies were presented. The steering committee will write to all parties included in the action plan before being disbanded. It was agreed to pay all outstanding bills as detailed in the parish plan financial statement. Every household in the parish will receive a copy of the published plan shortly. **Action points** requiring Parish Council input were discussed; letter to be sent to District Council reference planning issues; Halam beat officer/crime prevention officer to be invited to a future meeting; the clerk to investigate further litter bins for Halam.

**Community Projects:** County Councillor Andy Stewart was asked to apply for £300 grant for a new village notice board.

**Speed Calming:** Chris Chamley (Notts CC Highways) is to attend the annual **Parish Open Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April**. A survey will be held in late February to see if a mobile interactive speed sign would be appropriate for Halam Hill. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Mr Chamley informing him of the recent highways visit following several accidents on the Mansfield Road near Norfolk House.

There has been no volunteer to head up the community speed watch project so this will be put on hold at present.

**Open Meeting:** Items raised: 1) Radley Road at the junction with Gray Lane is very muddy; clerk to contact highways department, and also report the general poor structural state of the road. 2) County Cllr Stewart reported that Fiskerton has entered a WREN competition for a possible prize of £250,000 village hall funding. Contact will be made with them to find out more details. 3) The possibility of a crossing by the school was raised. This can be discussed further with Notts. C.C. Highways Dept. at the April meeting.

**Planning:** 1) **Beckside Cottage, Gray Lane** – 2 storey rear-extension and re-modelling proposed: passed unanimously with a comment that sympathetic materials should be used.

2) Planning decision: **Halam C of E Primary School** – new single storey classroom extension: passed by the County Council with the condition that a school travel plan should be made to reduce car use.

**Finance:** 1) It was agreed to pay village hall cleaners, but the clerk to write to the firm advising that cleaning standards is not satisfactory and the situation will be monitored. 2) A donation of £30.00 was received from the Tea at 2.30 Group; agreed to use towards purchase of a new tea urn.

**Items for the next agenda:** NALC membership fees; Open gardens & social committee; Litterbins; Notice boards; Litter.

**Village Hall:** Mr Sharman declared a prejudicial interest and withdrew from the meeting. The feasibility study is underway and the architect investigating upgrading the present village hall has been put on hold.

**Open Meeting:** It was asked how far the views of the village would feature in the feasibility study; these to be taken into account in subsequent discussion of scheme.

The issue of the strain on the current drains was raised. It is likely that any new development will have its own separate sewage disposal system(s).

**Date of Next Meetings:** Special meeting to discuss Halam House Farm planning application – **Wednesday 2 March at 8pm**; Next Parish Council meeting – Thursday 10 March at 7.30pm.

## Halam Parish Plan

During February Halam Parish Plan was distributed to every household in the Parish. If you have not received a copy please contact either the Clerk to Halam Parish Council or Marina Thompson. Copies will also be distributed to other bodies such as The Countryside Agency, Notts. Rural Community Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council, local MP's, and local libraries.

Halam Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Committee wish to thank all those residents who have provided their time, commitment and skills over the past few years. Their input and effort has been gratefully appreciated.

Halam Parish Council will be overseeing the main part of the process to ensure actions and deadlines are met. Other bodies, such as the Church, Halam Footpath Group and the school will be undertaking their own actions. New working groups will be set up by Halam Parish Council as needed.



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**Friday: 9am-6pm**

**Saturday: 8.30am- 5.30pm**

**CLOSED SUNDAYS & BANK HOLIDAYS**

**Now selling seed potatoes; beans & peas; onion sets**

**Some vegetable plants ready now  
Flowers, Planters & Gifts for Mothers Day**

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April 2005

**From the Editor:** Roy Allen has printed Halam News for many years but has now sold his business. I would like to thank Roy on behalf of the village for all his help, time & goodwill over the years. Andrew Paris (Copyright Print) has kindly taken over.

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### Village Ventures – Pavlo in Concert

In Farnsfield Village Hall on **Saturday 9 April** virtuoso guitarist and composer Pavlo, and his immensely talented musicians, combine influences of Flamenco, Latin, Classical and Mediterranean music to offer an evening of passionate guitar playing, humorous repartee, fantastic solos and ensemble playing. Tickets cost £6 and are available from Michele Atkinson (Tel: 01623 883098) Bev Perks (01636 812181) Karin Davis (01635 815854)

## Mrs Eva Ninnis

Mrs Eva Ninnis died on Friday 25 February in Highfields Edingley. For many years her name was synonymous with garden design and plant rarity. She was well respected throughout the East Midlands for her opinion as a plantswoman. Her garden at St Helens Croft in Halam was visited by hundreds of keen gardeners - many of the gardens that open through the yellow book scheme in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire owe a great deal to Eva who inspired them with enthusiasm and ideas and a love of gardens. She and her advice and knowledge will be sorely missed.

## Southwell Trail

The Southwell Trail is soon to be declared a Local Nature Reserve. This recognises the importance of the site for nature conservation and will ensure that all important features are safeguarded. Nottingham County Council have drawn up a management plan which proposes to enhance the ecological value of the site; maintain access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders while controlling unauthorised use; raise public awareness of its historic and wildlife value; develop opportunities for practical conservation work and encourage local people to take an active interest and involvement in the site. A "Friends of Southwell Trail" initiative is being considered. **There will be an open meeting from 6.45pm to 8.30pm at Farnsfield Village Centre on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April** to bring together those with an interest in the Trail and to discuss the future of the site. This will include an illustrated talk on "The Wildlife Value of Old Railway Lines". All are welcome.

Elaine Gathercole

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## **Parish Council Meeting: March 2005**

Present: S. Bust; G. Herbert; A. Fraser; A. Paris; D Parish

Apologies: I Sharman; N. Armstrong;

Matters Arising: Deferred

Halam House Farm proposed development plan was examined by the P. C. and the agent's supporting letter was read out.

Open Meeting: About 45 members of the public attended. Issues were raised and comments made re proposed development.

Reconvened P.C. Meeting: Parish Cllr Ian Sharman's letter supporting the planning application was read out.

The application was discussed at length. A proposal made to support the application was not seconded and so fell. A second proposal was made to write to the District Council objecting to the application along with detailed comments re the positive aspects of the proposed development, as well as issues of concern to the parish. This was passed 4 for, 1 against.

Acceptable/Positive aspects:- 1) Mix of size of properties 2) Barn conversion 3) Semi-detached properties 4) Demolition of existing bungalow 5) Removal of poplar trees 6) New entrance 7) Clear definition of edge of development

Areas of concern: - 1) Additional strain on existing problematic drains/sewage system 2) Possible further encroachment of development up the hill behind the proposed site – would like to see legal protection e.g. a 106 agreement to prevent this 3) Proposed Unit 4 is very close to road 4) Units 5 & 6 are very tall 5) Parking for the development is limited – especially for visitors/extra cars

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 March at 7.30pm

## **Parish Council Meeting: 10 March 2005**

Present: S Bust, G Herbert, N Armstrong (arrived later), A Fraser, A Paris & D Parrish; Apologies: I Sharman

Matters Arising: 1) Traffic calming:- ARP questioned the positioning of traffic survey points currently taking place. Agreed to raise with Mr Charnley at Open Parish Meeting. 2) Village Plan: Most copies have now been distributed; agreed that finance paperwork etc. should be passed to the Parish Clerk for archiving. Progress against the plan was reviewed. The plan is now available on Halam website at – [www.halam.org.uk](http://www.halam.org.uk); the Parish Plan will be on future agendas for continuing review.

C.Cllr Andy Stewart reported that County Council accepts that Halam has a speeding problem – to be discussed with Mr Charnley. Community Projects: £300 received from Cllr Stewart towards a community notice board; Clerk is to investigate putting a free standing board either in front of the church or by the bench at the Turnpike crossroads. Suggestions re a location for a new notice board will be most welcome at the Open Parish Meeting.

Halam Footpath Group: On the group's recommendation it was agreed to join the Parish Paths Partnership giving the parish more responsibility for maintenance of paths. The first step is for the group to survey all the footpaths in the village.

Litter in the Village: Mrs Herbert reported litter problems and thanked volunteers who have been picking up rubbish.

New Litter Bins: The Clerk to investigate putting new litter bins by the bench outside the church and by the bus stop against the school wall.

Social Committee: Further to the Parish Plan, Peter Thompson

is arranging a meeting of those that expressed an interest in forming an events/social committee, Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. P.C. representatives: Andrew Fraser & Di Parish.

Open Gardens Day: It was agreed that there would not be an open gardens day this year; consideration would be given to incorporating this in an inclusive village event for 2006.

Open Meeting: Issues raised: 1) Halam Hill footpath; 2) Holbeck Cottage planning – both dealt with under planning.

Planning Decisions: Holbeck Cottage – the Appeal has been won and the owners have permission to build a two-storey extension to the rear of the house. The Parish Council agreed to write a letter to the Planning Inspectorate expressing their extreme disappointment at the decision – copies to N&S District Council and Paddy Tipping MP.

Footpath up Halam Hill – Sir John Starkey has won his appeal and now will not have to build the pathway. The Parish Council will investigate other possibilities e.g. County Council funding (Building Better Communities).

Finance: Resolved to pay: village hall cleaners; NALC subscriptions; Clerk's wages; bus shelter cleaners; and retrospective payment for design for Village Plan. Parish Plan invoices – ARP declared a financial interest.

Items for next agenda: Parish Plan; Community Projects – notice board, litter bins; social committee

Date of Open Parish Meeting:- Thursday April 14th at 7.00pm followed by Parish Council Meeting

Date of Annual Parish Meeting:- Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm



## **Parish Pump**

- **Refuse & Recycling collections** in Halam this month:  
Green bin: 4 & 18 April; Silver bin: 11 & 25 April.
- We have just received an update from **Macmillan Cancer Relief** regarding the World's Biggest Coffee Morning which Halam generously supported this past September. It was a huge success across the UK involving 1.5million people at 39,000 coffee mornings raising £5.2million that day! Thank you again to those who baked, attended, and generously donated to this worthy cause. - Jane, Margaret and Julie
- **Walkers** – A group of ladies walk 2/3 miles each weekday at 9:00am starting at the entrance to Manor Fields. We walk varied routes from hilly footpaths to flat terrain for about an hour. If you are interested in joining, (gentlemen also welcome!) feel free to meet us. Dogs welcome but please bring leads and plastic bags. Marina 814026. Julie 815844 or Carolyn 819120.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Message:** On the 21st March between 9.15am and 10.45am a vehicle left parked on Holme Lane, Halam was vandalised; the rear window was smashed to gain access to the boot and the boot was searched but nothing was stolen.
- **Welcome back** Will & Sarah Hill and their children Amy, Katie & Sam who have moved into their new house on Grey Lane.

# Halam News

May 2005

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### Village Ventures: 'Mood Indigo'

Jazz band 'Mood Indigo' will be performing in Farnsfield Village Hall on **Friday 20 May at 8pm**. Tickets cost £6 and are available from Michelle Atkinson Tel: 01623 883098.



### Parish Pump

- **A Warm welcome** to Lindsey & Bill Beech & daughter Megan who have moved into Orchard View, Radley Rd.
- **A Warm Welcome** to Tracey Chamberlain and John Whitaker who have moved into The Old Plough.
- **Refuse & Recycling collections** in Halam this month: Green bin: 2, 16 & 30 May; Silver bin: 9 & 23 May
- **Children's Society Envelopes** collected in April raised £28.05. Thanks to all who donated - Tony Denyer
- **Halam Open Gardens:** This will be held on Sunday 12 June in aid of St Michael's Church.
- **Congratulations to Glenys Herbert** who has been awarded the Queen's 'Order of Mercy' for outstanding voluntary work. Only 25 of these are given each year!



### St. Michael the Archangel: May Services

1 May: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Rogation)	8.00am Holy Communion 9.00am Family Communion
5 May: Ascension Day	7.00pm at Edingley
8 May: 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (after ascension)	11.00am Sung Eucharist
15 May: Pentecost	9.30am Holy Communion
22 May: Trinity	11.00am Sung Eucharist
29 May: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Joint with Edingley (At Halam)

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)

**Bible Study/Discussion Group:** Thursday 26 May at 7.30pm at 'The Scypen' Radley Road with Rev'd Perry. All welcome.



### Halam Charity Ball

On **Saturday 11 June:** our Summer Ball will be held in a marquee on Halam School field from 7.00pm until 1.00am. A champagne & strawberry reception, with string quartet, will be followed by dinner at 8pm served by the excellent Andrea Henson Catering Company. The menu consists:

*Roasted Vegetables & wholegrain mustard tartlets*  
...  
*Supreme of Chicken & a tangy tomato & basil sauce*  
*OR Vegetable Wellington en Crouete (Vegetarian)*  
*(With hot buttered new potatoes & summer salad)*  
...  
*Chocolate Truffle Mousse/Strawberries*  
...  
*Cheese & Coffee*

Those with special dietary needs or requiring the vegetarian option please let us know well in advance. 'Left Hand Thread' are a talented well-known professional Notts band, and there will be a great disco. Tickets are £65- only a few remain now - with proceeds in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief/Halam School. This will be a memorable village event! - Contact J. Thornewill (812334), I. Anderson (813913), L. Gramlick (813061), M. McCracken (814917).



### Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. next meets on Tuesday 3 May in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm, when the Annual General Meeting will be held. National Conference resolutions will be discussed and submitted: 1) Milk prices 2) Environmental action to reduce waste and conserve resources. On Tuesday 17 May the W.I. will hold its annual birthday party at Hockerton Farm Restaurant. Visitors and new members will be made most welcome. Contact Glenys Herbert: 01636 812335.



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### Annual Parish Meeting: 14 April, 2005 7pm

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

**Chairman's Report:** Simon Bust reviewed various meetings over the past year: council; special meetings; parish plan; planning, & those relating to the village hall. Disappointments include the lack of the footpath up Halam Hill, and approval of the extension to Holbeck Cottage. C. Charnley of Notts. CC Highways was unable to attend the meeting due to government elections. Issues to raise with him are: speeding problems through village; drains; poor repair of Halam roads. It was agreed to invite him to a later meeting. The Parish Plan has been a major project for the village and is now an important guide document for the P. C. which is now working through the Action Plan, and reviews progress monthly. Work is being done on the PPP (footpaths) scheme with the C.C.; Neighbourhood Watch is being revitalised; a scheme for a new village hall is being assessed. The Chairman thanked all who attend meetings and those taking an active part in the village community.

**Open Meeting:** Issues: - 1) Footpath up Halam Hill, 2) Speeding & interactive flashing signs 3) Community speed watch 4) Halam footpath group - in 'top layer' for C.C. PPP scheme 5) Bus shelter cleaners thanked & those who help tidy up in the village.

### Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm 14 April 2005

**Present:** as above

**Matters Arising:** 1) Parish Plan: a) District Council has written that Parish Plan is under consideration; & will 'respond in due course'; If not forthcoming a D.C. rep. will be asked to discuss this at P.C.

2) Local police to be invited to a future meeting. 3) A village hall letting conditions and management arrangement will be drawn up and publicised – village news & village notice boards. 4) A social committee is now set up to coordinate and facilitate village events; timetable to be published next month. 5) A brief outlining planning process and the parish's part in it to be produced – AP 6) ) Letter to be sent to residents asking for help with parking problems – AP/AF to draft 7) Di Parish will investigate educational courses for the village.

**Code of Conduct:** Issues raised by government's consultation document generally agreed with; no action needed at present.

**Notice Board/New Litter Bin:** Notts C. C. to look at sites.

**Halam Footpath No.1** – diversion of footpath along concrete road to Manor Fields is being formalised. No action required.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: Highbird extension - no objection from an immediate neighbour.

**Correspondence:** 1) Building Better Communities – Halam was unsuccessful in obtaining an award 2) Endurance Ride – passing through village Sunday 24 April, 9-11am

**Planning:** Highbird, The Turnpike, Halam – Erection of single storey rear extension: passed unanimously; Planning Decision: Beckside Cottage – two storey rear extension: passed.

**Finance:** Resolved to pay: new minute book; architect's fees (plans etc. for alterations for disabled act); fire check and new extinguisher; village hall cleaners; dog bin (emptying of); entertainment licence (Bramley advert); re-issue RCC cheque.

**Items for next agenda:** 1) Parish Plan – hedgerows; playing fields; education; annual village booklet; recycling; 2) Village hall 3) Notice board

**Date of Next Meeting:- Annual Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday May 11: 7.30pm**

### Public Transport in Halam

The Parish Plan identified various issues re Public Transport in Halam including a) frequency of buses b) a desire for a direct bus to Nottingham or improved connections c) publishing bus timetables. **Those people interested in lobbying for better services please contact Elaine Gathercole** - either drop a note in at Manor Stables, Radley Road, telephone: 01636 813760 or e-mail Elaine@egathercole.freemove.co.uk .

Our website ([www.halam.org.uk](http://www.halam.org.uk)) has information on times of buses through Halam and these are publicised on the bus stops outside the pub and school. Future newsletters will give further details of services. Please note changes to the Southwell/Newark service means there are now no useful buses on this route from about 1430 onwards and at any time on Sundays.

### Service 29: Sunday Services

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Mansfield	0925	1125	1325	1525	1725	1925	2225
Farnsfield	1000	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2300
<b>Halam</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>1205</b>	<b>1406</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>1806</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2306</b>
Southwell	1018	1218	1418	1618	1818	2018	2318
Newark	1043	1243	1439	1643	1839	2043	-
Newark	1055	1300	1455	1700	1855	2100	-
Southwell	1120	1320	1520	1720	1920	2120	2320
<b>Halam</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>1532</b>	<b>1732</b>	<b>1932</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>2326</b>
Farnsfield	1140	1340	1540	1740	1940	2140	2333
Mansfield	1217	1417	1617	1817	2017	2217	2355

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### Service 29: Monday to Saturday

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Mansfield					0745	0950	1150	1350	1550	1745	1820	2120
Farnsfield					0811	1016	1216	1416	1623	1815	1846	2146
<b>Halam</b>					<b>0817</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1422</b>	<b>1629</b>	<b>1821</b>	<b>1852</b>	<b>2152</b>
Southwell					0825	1030	1230	1430	1637	1829	1908	2208
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Southwell	0626	0735	0745	0851	1021	1221	1421	1621	1821	2015	2315	
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Farnsfield	0640	0749	0759	0905	1035	1235	1435	1635	1835	2035	2335	
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### STOP PRESS! Special Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19 May  
Village hall: 7.30pm.

Mr Chris Charnley from Notts C.C. Highways dept. will be present to discuss Halam concerns re speeding, drains, and the general repair of the roads. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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### **SOUTHWELL FESTIVAL: 10 – 26 JUNE**

**10 June: Opening Concert:** Aled Jones & Matthew McAllister; Tickets £5 - £20.

**14 June: Thoresby Brass Band:** Tickets £5 - £8.

**17 June: Children's Concert:** Peter & the Wolf – Prokofiev; Carnival of the Animals – Saint Saens; Tickets £5 - £8.

**18 June: Southwell Choral Society:** Festival Concert; Tickets £5 - £10. (All the above concerts are in the Minster)

**19 June: Matthew McAllister Classical guitar:** Southwell Methodist Church; Tickets: £7.50

Tickets for all Festival events are on sale from Penny at 'Music In The Yard' (Tel: 814411). Additional information about parades, sporting events, Great Hall concerts & Jazz is available at [www.southwellfestival.com](http://www.southwellfestival.com). Information on all events can be found in the Festival booklets.

## **Halam School**

Recently there have been a number of incidents of youths climbing on to the roof of Halam School and the latest occurrence resulted in the Police being called when the children on the roof ignored a request to get down. Climbing on the School roof is very dangerous and could result in personal injury and/or damage to the buildings. Further incidents of this nature may lead to a re-assessment of the availability of School facilities.

Peter Thompson (Chairman of governors)



### **Halam School Sports Day & Summer Fete**

Everyone is invited to Halam School Sports Day and summer fete on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. Previous pupils of the school remember the 'past pupils race', so don't forget your running shoes! Halam School PTA is currently raising funds towards the new building programme in the school. The [www.buy.at/halamschool](http://www.buy.at/halamschool) link continues to raise money – grateful thanks to all who use this. There is a recipe book on sale from PTA committee members. Information can be found on the school website at [www.halam.notts.sch.uk](http://www.halam.notts.sch.uk)

## **Vera Sharman**

My dear cousin Vera Sharman of Mill View, The Turnpike, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April and was buried in Halam Church on 18<sup>th</sup> April. I think, at 95, she was the oldest resident in the village. Most of her life was spent in Halam, attending Halam School as a child, living at No. 2 Cottage on the Turnpike, Manor Farm, Manor Cottages and Brookside. She was a well-known hairdresser. She told me two little things about her childhood which have stayed in my mind. One, that as a child, whilst tending cattle up Holme Lane, a tramp appeared from behind the hedge; she left the cows to their own devices and raced off home. The other touching story was in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Halam School children always stood at the school wall (much lower then) to wave to the soldiers as they marched by. Her father was amongst them and he broke ranks to kiss her good-bye. Thankfully he did return.

Olive Kitts (nee Sharman)



### **John Tunncliffe** (28/5/33 – 5/5/05)

John was born in Derbyshire but moved to Edingley aged 6. The only son among 4 children, he is survived by his sisters Mary Snell & Dorothy Hill. Farming was in his blood & he worked alongside his father at New Manor Farm, eventually taking over with his wife Zelia. He was a dairy farmer which involved long hours, but still found time to be Chairman of Mansfield NFU, Chairman of Farnsfield Discussion Group, & do proficiency testing at Brackenhurst. After long days outside he would pour over journals & records in order to improve his pedigree herd. Sadly, quotas put paid to dairy farming at New Manor Farm, but John was also victim of his love of his herd & had contracted Brucella arthritis. This slowly debilitated him over the years; a hip and knee replacement went sadly wrong and he died from ancillary infections. He will be remembered in this area for his contribution to farming, & a life-long passion & support of Derby County. He will be sadly missed by his wife Zelia, his sons Timothy & Simon, & grandchildren Hannah, Lucy, Scott, Daniel & Jonathon.

Debbie Kenyon

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## Parish Council Meeting: 11 May 2005

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

**Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman:** Chairman – SB; Vice-Chairman – AF; **Election of Officers:** Xmas charities: SB & ARP; Press Officer: ARP; Transport Officer: GH; NALC reps – AF, GH & DP; Snow warden – SB; Internal auditor – E.Gathercole to be asked if she will act; Flag officer – SB; Crime prevention – ARP; "Kids Club" officers – whole PC; Financial officer – the clerk.

**Matters Arising:** Letter re parking in the village – to be amended as agreed and circulated with next Halam News

**Parish Plan:** Progress review against action plan: -

1. **Letter received** from N&S DC in response to the PC's letter; noted in particular:- a) Halam's classification as a large village 'could be different' under new Local Development Framework. b) Amendments to plans after planning permission has been granted – DC to only allow amendments which "are very minor in nature"; in future DC will 'send a copy of the authorised amending drawing to the Parish Council for your information'. c) Development of a protocol to ensure Parish's views are taken strongly into account – DC believes adequate opportunities are given for consultation, but would 'be glad to know in what ways ... existing arrangements are insufficient and how you would wish to see revised procedure'. Agreed to write to ask that the local DC member be allowed to attend site meetings to provide local knowledge and the views of the Parish. Also, planning officers should attend a meeting (Parish or open) in the village to discuss any particularly significant or controversial applications. 2. **Neighbourhood Watch** – only 3 groups left to get up and running. Meeting to be arranged with local beat officer. 3. **Speeding** – to be discussed 19 May with Mr Charnley. 4. **Footpath group** – performing local survey

5. **Dog Fouling – still a problem; dog owners please note:**

**Clean up after your dogs and/or use the dog bin.**

6. **Litter** – update to be requested from school. Awaiting information on insurance re litter working parties. 7. **Recycling** – more info to be circulated in the village. 8. **Halam Events** – committee formed and meeting regularly. 9. **Parish Plan bank account** now closed; bank statements, cheque books and 6p interest given to the clerk.

**Possible restrictions on Mansfield Road:** C.C. Stewart reported that wear to the footpath and parapet wall over the Beck near junction of Holme Lane may necessitate closure of the footpath and one lane of the road before and during repairs. The situation will be monitored.

**N&S DC Local Development Framework:** The clerk to write to N&S with the PC's agreed comments.

**Village Hall Cleaning:** Cleaners to provide own cleaning materials in future – should improve cleaning standards.

**Noticeboard:** Awaiting advice on location from Notts CC.

**Hedgerows:** Where hedges are causing problems, – overhanging footpaths etc – please contact the clerk.

**Playing Field:** Deferred until the new village hall is assessed.

**Education Classes:** DP is progressing this

**Annual Village Booklet:** DP, AP and E.Gathercole to progress.

**Recycling:** Further publicity – poss. in annual village booklet

**Footpaths:** Footpath group progressing

**Speed Limits through Village:** Would a 20mph limit at certain times be a possibility? To be discussed with C. Charnley

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised: 1) Publicity/flyers for meeting with Chris Charnley 2) Flag for Halam 3) Poor state of street

furniture 4) Emptying of bin on corner of Holme Lane 5) Planning consultation by N&S DC – do they have targets and are these met? 6) If there are problems with the state of the school hall after Kids Club, the club committee should be invited to see the problems for themselves

**Reconvened Parish Council Meeting:**

**Correspondence:** 1) Invite from RCC to their AGM 17<sup>th</sup> October at Gedling BC offices 2) Letter from Sir John Starkey asking for meeting – agreed to inform him of open meeting section of Parish Council meetings, and give dates of next meetings

**Planning:** Ashcroft, Grey Lane, – erection of double garage: passed unanimously

**Finance:** Resolved to pay: hall cleaners; Best Kept Village Competition entry fee; dog bin charges; Agreed to authorise statutory payments by Standing Order (electric/rates/mortgage for Village Hall); Agreed to hold Village Hall charges for present, and raise allotment charges to £12.50 from 1 April 2005.

**Items for next agenda:** Parish Plan

**Village Hall:** Ian Sharman declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. The feasibility study was circulated to the Parish Councillors. A (closed) meeting will be held to discuss further as soon as possible.

**Date of Open Next Parish Council Meeting:-** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm followed by Parish Council Meeting

### WEA Courses

WEA courses such as Drawing/Painting; Italian; French; Spanish can be put on in our village hall if a minimum of 12 people are prepared to commit. Typically 9 sessions cost approximately £37 with concessions for OAP's, Students & Disabled. If you are interested or think you could get a group together contact: David Herbert (Tel: 812335)



### Halam & District Women's Institute

The W.I. next meets on Tuesday 7 June in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker, Mrs Jessop, will be giving a talk entitled 'Washday Blues'. The competition is a 'Dressed Dolly Peg'. Visitors and new members will be made most welcome.



### St. Michael the Archangel: June Services

5 June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30 Family Communion
12 June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Sung Eucharist
19 June 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Family Communion
26 June 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Sung Eucharist

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)

### BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP

The June meeting will be on Thursday 23 June at The Scypen, Radley Road, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Future meetings will be arranged on the fourth Thursday of the month. - Tony Andrews