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HALAM NEWS

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Teal (Tues): 4th



Parish Pump



The Waggon is Open!

Wow! On behalf of Leroy & I, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village that came along to the Villagers' Evening on Monday, it exceeded all our expectations. It was fantastic to see so many people here, & we're so grateful for all the wonderful comments and positive feedback we received about the refurbishment and our changes to the walled terrace area, we are really excited and can't wait to see you all enjoying that space on a hot summers evening with a glass of something. It looked like everyone enjoyed the canapes & fizz.

The evening was incredibly busy, so apologies if we didn't get round to speaking to you, being such a success made it a challenge getting round to everybody. Having plenty of happy, smiley faces, also made it a real pleasure for us both, we were made to feel very welcomed to the village & we hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did. It also goes without saying we are both looking forward to seeing you again very soon.

Don't forget we are now open 7 days a week from 10am. We start off with coffees and pastries. As some of you will have read, we have a full restaurant a la carte menu, with sandwiches running alongside this at Lunch. Lunch is served from midday until 2.30pm, Monday - Friday. On a Saturday lunch is served until 4pm. The evening service is from 5pm until 9pm Monday - Saturday. The pub will stay open for drinks until 10pm on a Sunday and Monday, 11pm Tuesday through to Saturday (later if you are up for it!). Sundays are all about the roast! We will be serving our delicious Sunday roast menu from 12pm - 6pm, get booking now to avoid disappointment! You can now do this from the website www.waggonhalam.co.uk. Finally, once settled in a little more we will be looking to host wonderful, themed evenings, Leroy makes a cracking curry.

So, for now why not pop back in and say hi! **Simon & Leroy**

40 Years of Service – thank you to Rob, our Village Postie

Congratulations to Rob, Halam's much-loved postman, on reaching an incredible milestone last month – 40 years with Royal Mail. Looking back to his very first day in 1986, he recalls starting work at 11.24am, learning the ropes by changing datestamps, sorting and stamping mail, chaining up the delivery bikes and even cycling to collect mail from a pillar box because it wasn't considered safe for a van to stop there. It was a very different world, with registered receipt books, meter mail and a three-week delivery rota. Four decades later, the job has changed beyond recognition, but his dedication has remained the same.

For the past 23 years, he has been delivering in Halam and Edingley, becoming a familiar and reassuring face to so many of us. As a village, we would like to say a huge thank you - Rob's kindness, reliability and willingness to go above and beyond to make sure our mail is delivered is hugely appreciated, and we know many residents look forward to seeing him on his daily rounds. Congratulations on an outstanding 40 years of service, and thank you for everything you do for our community!



Halam Village Whatsapp Group

Are you aware there is a Halam WhatsApp group that acts as the village notice board? If you are not already a member & would like to keep up to date with what's happening in Halam, please text or WhatsApp your phone number to Julie Fleming Paris on 0771 345 4930.

Please note that the Halam WhatsApp group is not a group chat. It is an information-only service, & only group administrators can post updates or comments. If you have any news, such as bereavements, public events, or other information that may be of interest or use to the village & would like it shared with fellow Halamites, please feel free to send it to me on the number above or email julflem@yahoo.com **Julie Fleming Paris**



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Halam's entry for the East Midlands in Bloom competition

The judging took place on Thursday 9th July when two judges were shown round the village. This was the first time that Halam had entered this competition, and the judges were very complimentary about our efforts. They said they were very "impressed with our lovely village". The results will be announced in September, and we will receive a report about our entry. Many villagers made a real effort to make the village look its best, and it was lovely to show off Halam looking so good. A big thank you to all those who worked hard to make the village look so neat and tidy, and to all those who contributed to the portfolio.

Halam WI

A big thank you to Debbie Kenyon for leading the summer cookery demo at our July meeting - her recipes were delicious and we were lucky enough to try them all - guacamole, feta dip, coronation cauliflower salad, homemade ice cream and a celebration cake. A real treat! This month, the ladies of Halam WI will out and about for our August meeting on Tuesday 4th August as we visit Oak Tree Alpaca Farm for a tour of their beautiful gardens.

Also - a date for your diary - we will be holding our Autumn Fair on Saturday 3rd October at Halam Village Hall - more details to follow next month but you can look forward to sales of cakes and bakes and jams and chutneys. If you are interested in joining our WI, please feel free to get in touch via halamvillagewi@gmail.com or follow us Facebook and Instagram.

Congratulations to Luke Hurst

The Hurst family would like to congratulate Luke on achieving a First Class BA (Hons) in Business Management from Manchester Metropolitan University. We are incredibly proud of you, Luke. We know how hard you've worked over the past few years, and your dedication has truly paid off—not only with an outstanding degree but also by securing a job straight after graduating. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement. Wishing you every success and happiness as you begin this exciting new chapter. Well done! **The Hurst Family**

Farnsfield Walk for Parkinsons

A massive message of thanks has been received from Parkinson's UK Midlands for the tremendous efforts for this and the past six years in raising funds for the charity. This has been a record breaking year both in terms of the money raised and with the number of walkers taking part. None of this would be possible without the help of the small team of volunteers who steer the process and also with our very generous supporters and donors who continue to help us out. Many walkers are already commenting about next years event so watch this space!

Bruce McDowall



Halam School News



What a very busy end to a super year at Halam School! The whole school visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Monday 6th July. This trip was generously funded by both Lamb's Charity, Edingley and our PTFA. We all had an amazing day, meeting all sorts of animals such as, monkeys, giraffes, lions, tigers and zebras, to name but a few.

The whole school took part in our annual summer performance on Tuesday 14th July – this year it was, 'School-O-Vision'. The cast entertained a wonderful audience with both an afternoon and an evening show and thoroughly enjoyed their acting, singing and dancing contributions.

Sports Day, followed by our PTFA's Summer Fair, took place on Thursday 16th July. Both events, as always, were a great success and lots of fun. The term (and the year!) ended, as we all said our fond farewells to our Y6 Leavers. All children took part in a special end of year church service, as well as the Y6s entertaining their parents on the last day of term with their special assembly. We wish them all well and will miss them dearly as they move on to secondary school. Have a wonderful summer!





St Michael the Archangel



Help!

Are there any pupils or past pupils of Halam school who could come to the informal service to teach everyone how to sign the Lord's Prayer? It is beautiful when they say it in school and it would be lovely if we could all learn from the children, please let one of the churchwardens know if there is anyone who can help.

Although August is known as the 'holiday season' St. Michael's does not go on holiday! There is still a service each Sunday where everyone is welcome.

Thank you for all your support.

August services everyone welcome.

2nd August: Ninth Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Morning Worship

9th August: Tenth Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Holy Communion

16th August: Eleventh Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Informal Service – 'Holidays' followed by coffee

23rd August: Twelfth Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Sung Eucharist

30th August: Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity - 10.00a.m. St. Giles Edingley – Pet Service

Contacts: Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens – Penni Wells 01636 813491 – Briony Dickinson 01636 812569

Food Bank: There is a collection point in the Church porch. Very many thanks to all who contribute during these very difficult times.

Message from Rev. Mary

August is holiday time for many and so, whatever refreshes and renews you enjoy each summer's day. In the church calendar, August 6th is the feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus. He went up a mountain with 3 of his disciples and they saw His glory. Peter the disciple wanted to stay up there but Jesus showed him that there was work to do down the mountain.

The fields and gardens are thirsty for some rain after dry July. It makes you realise how precious water is. St. Francis referred to water as 'sister water'.

At our informal service our theme will be 'holidays' so do join us if you can.

On Saturday 29th Georgie and Adam are getting married at St. Michael's, so pray for them as they begin their married life together.

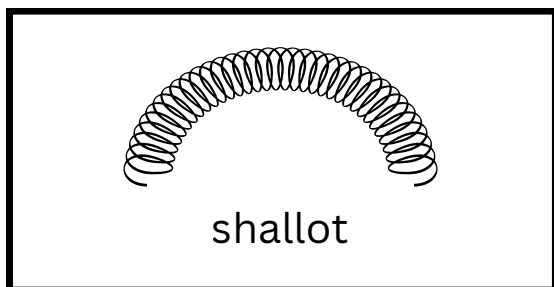
Then on 30th it is a fifth Sunday and so we are having a joint service at Edingley which will be a 'Pet Service'. All are welcome with their animal friends.

Thank you for all you do for our food bank and one another. Happy holidays!

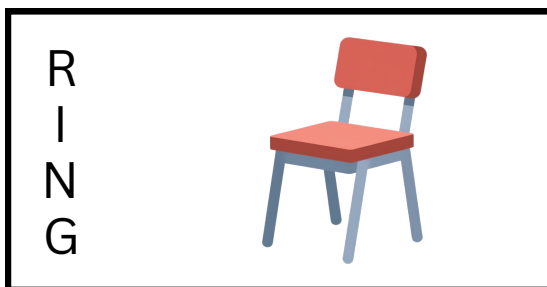
Every blessing, Rev. Mary

Dingbats

Last month's answers: "Heatwave" / "Cold Feet"



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Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm on Thursday 9th July 2026 held at Halam Village Hall



Please Note: Official parish council minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next parish council meeting. Scan the QR code to link to the website.

Present: Chair – Chris Denyer, Simon Bust, Ganesh Subramanian, and Andrew Paris

Apologies: Catherine Blackburn, Charlie Wright

Absent: Chris Bevans

Open Meeting

1. A parishioner said that it was great to see the village looking so neat and tidy for the East Midlands in Bloom judging.
2. A request was made that village events and occasions could be publicised via the PC noticeboard on the village hall – agreed, but advertisements for goods or services will not be allowed.
3. The new landlords of the Waggon informed the meeting that the pub will be opened for a village preview on Monday 20th July with drinks and canapés available. Full opening is scheduled for 21st July. Further information will be posted on the village WhatsApp group and Facebook

Updates from County and District Councillors

1. District Cllr Rainbow informed the meeting about the Scoping Consultation for forthcoming Newark & Sherwood Local Plan. The purpose of this consultation is to seek early views on the scope, key issues, and priorities, including planning, that should be considered moving forward in the Local Plan. All are encouraged to respond, as feedback received will help shape the direction of the project and ensure that relevant matters are identified at an early stage.
2. The final decision regarding the Nottingham/Nottinghamshire unitary authorities is imminent for government approval. Implementation date is April 2028.
3. Later – County Cllr Laughton was asked to progress painting on the railings along Halam Beck on the Turnpike – contact passed to the Chair.
4. The road between Edingley and Farnsfield is to be resurfaced, and the speed limit reduced to 50mph.
5. A site visit will be arranged to look at Holme Lane with the view to resurfacing/improving.
6. Cllr Laughton said that funding will be available for the replacement fingerpost at the crossroads.

Finance

Agreed to pay: Village hall cleaners, Plants outside the Waggon, Interim payment for painter

Village Hall

1. Painting of the village hall – to be finished imminently
 2. Shutters for kitchen hatch – waiting further information from Pat Rickett
 3. Update village hall lettings' policy – to be written and circulated for the next meeting
1. To propose that the current agenda title "Election of other duties" is amended to "Councillor Roles and Responsibilities" Adopted at last meeting
 2. To consider Assignment of Councillors responsibilities, including membership of committees, for 26/27 List circulated - approved
 3. To consider a Calendar of meetings for 26/27
- A proposal to not to hold PC meetings in August and December was put forward. It was agreed to defer decision to next meeting

Allotments

Andrew Paris is getting signed updated agreements from the allotment holders to progress the title application

Roads & hedges

1. Replacement fingerpost on The Turnpike – Chair to chase the information needed from Pat Rickett
2. Stiles at the rear of Machins Farm – clarification is needed from Footpath Officer regarding responsibility, Chair to contact County Council
3. FP10 cattle in field – the farmer has been spoken to

Harvest Supper

1. Final format to be agreed – defer to next meeting
2. Pub have offered to support the catering for the event
3. Provisional date agreed of Saturday 10th October – information to be put out on Facebook and WhatsApp



Running of parish council website

Previously agreed that Catherine Blackburn will manage until new parish council clerk is appointed

East Midlands in Bloom

Updated report – Chris Denyer, Andrew Paris and Charlie Wright showed the judges round the village. The visit seemed to go well. A report with the results will be issued in September.

Correspondence

Letter from a member of the public – this was passed, unopened, to the person it should have gone to

HR Committee – update Terms of Reference

Will be reviewed in May 2027

Lengthsman Scheme

Work to be done – agreed that this should be approved by the whole parish council. All councillors to consider what works need doing and to bring ideas to next meeting

Biodiversity: Nothing to discuss this month

Planning: None this month

Planning Decision: Nothing to report this month

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 13th August 2026 at 7.30pm



District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for August 2026

Details are on the Council's website - see The Council - Calendar of Meetings for links to each of the papers and reports.



You will have heard of the Government's announcement that Newark and Sherwood District and the Nottinghamshire County Councils are to be abolished in 18 months time - with a new Council created of the north of Nottinghamshire including half of Gedling and Rushcliffe, with the southern part of the county and the city in another council area. There will be an election for the new Council in May 2027.

Peter Harris has joined the Cabinet and Keith Melton chairs the Audit and Accounts Committee. We are doing this to ensure that Southwell and the villages do get a good hearing and share of resource in the last months of the District Council. At present there are no significant capital projects in our area - and we do ought to have some support We will report back. We will report back on issues after the summer break.

Sadly for our area, most of the capital money continues to be spent in Newark, Ollerton and Clipstone. Although much of this is directly grant funded money from the Government, the District Council has now agreed to fund an additional £1.5m to pay for overbudget costs on Newark Castle.

Southwell's Small Town of Culture bid - as featured in the Bramley earlier, was unsuccessful in getting shortlisted to develop a plan to support residents access to heritage and culture. Oddly one of the 'small towns' that was short listed was Stockton on Tees as it was argued this was just one ward of the whole city!

The swimming pool opened on June 15. The Leisure Centre was taken back from the District Council's control. The Council took over the Leisure Centre less than 5 years ago although this was -opposed by many councillors from Southwell. The N&SDC refused to repair the pool but this was completed by the new Trustees under budget and the Centre is being refurbished - do go an have a look, and become a member again.

There will be a new Development Plan - but it will take 30 months for the scope of the Plan to be consulted on. At present - without a huge land supply to meet the Government's requirements - many small and some larger sites are being put forward for development in a haphazard way. Sadly, this has led and will lead to piece meal development in the villages and Southwell, not in accordance with the community's views. It will take many months for this to be resolved - by which time a new Planning Authority is to imposed; it will be interesting to see if the new Authority listens to local views.

Peter Harris was working away for the July meeting of the Council so tendered his apologies. However, the meeting was disrupted by some Councillors' behaviour and so the meeting was suspended, Some items from the agenda will be taken forward to the next meeting of the Council after the summer break,

In a welcome move fines for fly tipping have increased to £1500 in order to reduce this unpleasant and expensive abuse of our countryside. Furth more, there will be a 'duty of care' required of householders to stop using illegal fly tippers with a fine of £600 for those who do so.

Peter Harris and Karen Roberts



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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT APRIL 2026

CLLR PENNY RAINBOW

(Ward member for Southwell)



LOCAL PLAN

Newark and Sherwood District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan to replace the older planning document.

The Plan will cover a period of at least 15 years, basically it will set out what can be built and where building should take place.

The Local Plan is an important document which will ultimately guide how the district grows and develops in the years ahead.

A Local Plan holds important policies to support environmental protection, jobs and the economy. It also helps the decision as to where infrastructure for services such as roads, schools and health are needed. It aims to address key issues facing the district, including the need for more homes, challenges facing town centres, improving access to services in rural areas and responses to flood risk and climate change.

Local Plans are developed for all areas across the country following a new nationally agreed system. Newark and Sherwood's plan will follow this process with the aim of being in place by 2029.

National planning policies have changed and therefore local plans need to be updated, regardless of local government reorganisation.

The new local plan will be implemented by the new unitary authority after April 2028.

Running from 1st July to 31st July 2026, the first stage of consultation provides an early opportunity to help shape some key principles before detailed proposals are developed. This first stage is the scoping stage and will look at key issues, what the Local Plan should include and how best to consult on the plan, as it progresses through the different stages.

It is an early opportunity to get involved, with the key issues of what the Plan should include and insure ongoing communication.

Full details on the new Local Plan and how to take part on the Newark and Sherwood District Council website.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Newark and Sherwood District Council, along with Bassetlaw, Gedling and Mansfield submitted the North-South proposal to Government last November.

The North-South proposal would see the creation of two new unitary authorities :

Sherwood Forest (North) - Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood.

Nottingham and South Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire) - Broxtowe, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe.

NSDC officers have recently met with representatives from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, they visited and toured our area whilst considering proposals going forward.

The chief executive received a letter seeking answers to questions that needed a response which will now inform the draft changes order.

At a later stage, once the Government's decision has been received, NSDC will be asked to confirm proposed warding arrangements that best suit the boundary commission guidelines.

A Structural Changes Order is due by Autumn/Winter 2026.

Legislation to go before parliament very early 2027.

Shadow elections will take place May 2027.

Appointment of officers June/July 2027.

New Unitary Authority vesting day April 2028.

Thought is now being given to the legacy of the District Council

CLLR PENNY RAINBOW, Member for Southwell Ward

