



Flag Flying Dates

There are no official flag flying dates in February

HALAM NEWS

February 2025

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Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 10th, 24th
Brown (Fri): 14th, ~~20th~~*
Silver (Mon): 3rd, 17th
Teal (Tue): none this month
*There will be no brown bin collection on the 28th



Parish Pump



Note from the editor

When the Halam News first dropped through my letterbox the day after my family and I moved to Halam in September 2019, it was clear this newsletter reflects Halam's fantastic sense of community so I am delighted to continue the tradition of keeping our village informed and connected.

On behalf of everyone in Halam, I would also like to say a huge thank you to Chris Bevans for his hard work and dedication as Editor for the last seven years. His commitment, and that of the team of distributors who deliver the Halam News through your letterbox, has helped make this newsletter a vital part of our community - I have some big shoes to fill!

If you have any ideas or suggestions of what you would like to see in the Halam News moving forward, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks for your support, Kate Taylor

Tim McEwen

As a family, we would like to thank everyone for their messages of warmth and sympathy, which has been a great comfort since Tim's death. Tim and Rosemary moved to Halam in 1973 with daughters Jill and Jo. He spent most of his career training maths teachers at Nottingham Trent University. He supported the village by auditing the books for Halam Church and being a member of the school PTA for a while. He loved dogs and could be seen walking a succession of dogs over the years.

Tim achieved his life's ambition of designing and building his own home South Beck, Gray Lane in 1986. As his mobility worsened, he kept mentally active working through sudokus and other puzzles. After a severe stroke the last two years of his life were spent at Lancaster Grange, a superb care home where he enjoyed daily visits from family and friends. We miss him so much.



Halam WI

Our first meeting of 2025 will be held on Tuesday 4th February at 7:30pm when Ganesh Subramanian will host a wine tasting event. Looking ahead to March (on the 4th at 7:30pm), we will be hosting our AGM followed by a Beetle Drive games evening with wine and nibbles. If you would like to find out more about Halam WI, follow us on social media (@HalamWI) or drop us a line at halamvillagewi@gmail.com.

Carol Singalong brings joy for Parkinson's UK

A carol singalong was held in The Plough at Farnsfield on Sunday 15th December to raise funds for Parkinson's UK. The evening was organised by Keith Binley and a packed pub responded magnificently with lots of fun and jollity enjoyed by all. As well as carol singing a charity auction was held hosted by Lawrence Weaver, supported by local businesses who donated wonderful prizes.

The grand total of £1,537 was raised on the night for Parkinson's UK from auction bids topped up by customers in the pub who donated cash into a collection bucket. A big thank you goes out to Bob Reeves and the staff at The Plough and to all those that attended the evening and gave so generously and helped to make the night so enjoyable.

Bruce McDowall



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After four years in the making, Halam C of E Primary School officially opened its newest teaching space last weekend, with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by schoolchildren, parents, teachers, and village residents. The new space will be named after the Acorn, as our classes are themed around trees, and the name chosen by children in the Head Team and Eco Warriors club. Dozens of fundraising events took place at the school over the past few years, including concerts, raffles, film nights, discos, sports days, and stalls at their summer and winter fairs. Several organisations have donated funds to the building, including Halam Parish Council, Farnsfield Trust, Southwell and District Lions Club, Southwell Rotary and Newark and Sherwood District Council among others. LLT Civils also donated and laid the concrete foundations free of charge. A huge thank you to all involved!



St Michael the Archangel



A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Carol Service and the Crib Service especially the children who sang beautifully during the Carol Service and read clearly in the Crib Service. The collections taken during the two services totalled £465 and cheques for £232.50p have been sent to Reach Learning Disability and the Teenage Cancer Trust which were our chosen charities for 2024.

St. Michael's is a church to serve everyone in the parish but, ensuring we have regular services and keeping the building and the churchyard in good order can be time consuming and could not be achieved without those who are willing to give their time. The informal service on the 16th February is a 'Thank You' to all those who help during services by doing readings, carrying the box containing the bread to the altar, taking collection or clearing up after services. As important are those who help with caring for the building, cleaning or providing floral arrangements and those who keep the churchyard looking so beautiful. Please come along to accept thanks and to show your appreciation for all the work that goes on in our church especially that done by the clergy, the readers and the churchwardens. There will be coffee after the service

February services everyone is welcome:

2nd February Candlemas: 11.00am Morning Prayer

9th February Fourth Sunday before Lent: 11.00am Holy Communion

16th February Third Sunday before Lent: 11.00am Informal Service 'Thank You' followed by refreshments

23rd February Second Sunday before Lent: 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Contacts: Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens - Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 – Penni Wells 01636 813491

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

Welcome to winter! As I write the ground is covered with snow. Yet my sister told me she has a brave snowdrop out. I have a white hellebore braving the weather. The 2nd February brings us to Candlemas when the church's year changes direction; we stop looking back to Christmas and begin to look forward to Lent, Good Friday and Easter. It is the growing season of the year, it is also the time Jesus was presented in the Temple, part of the prayer for Candlemas bids us.

'Come freshly to us now, Lord God.

Kindle again the light of your love in our hearts as we remember Jesus.

Set us on fire; burn from us all that dims your light.

Kindle an answering flame in lives around that darkness may be driven back and the whole world come to live in your light.'

Thank you for all you do in these cold days for our food bank and for each other.

Stay safe. Every blessing, Rev. Mary

P.S. It was good to welcome baby Florence, we baptised at St. Michael's after her operation.





Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm on Thursday 9th January 2025 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

Mrs Denyer (Vice-Chair) sitting in as Chair, Mr Bevans, Mr Bust, Mr Subramanian Mr Wright

Absent

Mr Paris and Mrs Blackburn apologies accepted by the PC

Open Meeting

A member of the public asked if any building work was taking place in the copse opposite Pepperbox Cottage School Lane – the PC will look into this

Village Hall

The clerk has obtained a price for a gate at the side of the Village Hall he is going to look into obtaining 2 more prices to compare. Awaiting a price for the overhead heater to repair or replace

Allotments

Agreed to invite the allotment holders to the February meeting to update them on how things are going

Roads & Hedges

The clerk is going to contact the Footpaths Officer to see if we can get the footbridge no 7 between the fields opposite the Village Hall re-instated

Minute book replacement

The PC have agreed to go forward using a ring binder as opposed to a book

Hand over of Halam Website and Village Hall bookings

Mr Bevans is awaiting the return of Mrs Blackburn to handover the website and has scheduled a meeting with Mr Wright who is taking over bookings

Mr Subramanian is now the flag officer

Correspondence

NALC training – the RFO is to attend 2 training courses on Parish Council matters

Lengthsman scheme

Mrs Denyer has received information on this - put on the next agenda

Planning decisions

The Manor House – approved NSDC

Finance

Budget for 25/26 and budget update 24/25 circulated

Precept for 25/26 was set

Agreed to pay:

Fire check and Christmas tree disposal

Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th February 2025 in the village hall at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend any parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is an opportunity to raise issues with the parish council at the meeting during the open part of the meeting.



District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for January 2025

Details are on the Council's website - see The Council - Calendar of Meetings for links to each of the papers and reports. There have been few meetings since our last report in November

Cabinet meeting Dec 10

The Cabinet agreed to foster more choirs and music groups across the district'

Existing Activity: such as numerous community choirs and music groups across the district, a thriving Brass Band scene and Festivals such as Gate to Southwell and Lost Village have been identified

The Cabinet agreed to:

- Map all current providers and identify gaps
- Collaborate through Music Forum, encourage the use of N&SDC's new event web pages to maximise promotion, and identify opportunities to showcase local talent
- Explore feasibility of growing / expanding community-led music in areas with few or no active groups

Significant Government funding is being provided to provide significant funds for Ollerton and Clipstone

Council Dec 17

The Liberal Democrats and Green Groups have withdrawn their support for the joint administration. There may, as a consequence, where the leading groups [Labour 10 and the Independents for Newark 6] no longer command a majority on the Council of 39 members, so there may be changes at the annual meeting in May.

A motion supporting farmers and agriculture was agreed.

A question querying the progress in meeting the objectives of the United Nations Sustainable Goals as a framework for the Council proposed by Keith Melton and agreed in October 2023, was tabled. Since that time Cllr Keith Melton was removed from the Cabinet and Cllr Emma Oldham has resigned, both having the portfolios for delivering these important matters

Planning Committee Jan 16

No local decisions were on the agenda, although the Committee is awaiting the implications of the Government's new Planning Framework. It is likely that the N&SDC will have to build well over 700 houses up from the previously agreed 340.

The implications on Southwell and the villages is unclear. However, as there is not a land supply of >5 years identified, developers will have a 'free hand' to apply for development - which may be objected to by the Council but will be very likely to be allowed on appeal to the Government's Inspectors

Cabinet Jan 21

The Cabinet will be considering the Government's recent announcement of changes to local government - which will mean the creation of very large unitary authorities with >500,000 residents.

It will also be pressing ahead with the sale of an undeveloped and ecologically important land in Balderton for development.

Karen Roberts and Peter Harris

Dingbats

Last month's answers: "In Between Jobs" / "Head Over Heels"

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT 22nd JANUARY 2025

CLLR PENNY RAINBOW

(Ward member for Southwell)

Future First 2024

November 14th 2024 saw another very successful Future First Expo take place at the Lady Eastwood Centre at Newark Showground.

The Expo is aimed at schools around the District, catering specifically for year groups 10 and 11, considering their career choices.

Local schools make good use of the opportunity for students to participate in the event.

The Expo saw 67 exhibitors attend the event, they ranged from local employers ; Barcode Warehouse, Boots, Ringrose Law, Newark College, Nottingham College, Nottingham University and Bakkavor, to exhibitors from Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, National Horseracing College and HM prison and probation service.

Southwell Minster School again, had the highest attendance, sending 245 students from years 10 and 11.

Transport to and from the Showground is at no cost to schools, it is paid for by the exhibitors. Feedback has again been very positive, a date for a Future First 2025 Expo is already being planned by the economic development team at NSDC.

Kidney Stones

A decision was taken at December's NSDC's Cabinet meeting to uphold an earlier decision to display the Kidney Stones outside Castle House.

Cabinet considered the public consultation which enabled residents and stakeholders to have their views heard.

The Kidney Stone tablets have been stored at Newark cemetery on London Road for approaching 40 years. They comprise of 12 pieces of stone forming 4 panels. The individual tablets measure 2m in height and 1m in width.

The carved sandstone tablets were originally commissioned and installed at Wilford Power Station. When the power station closed the tablets were given to Newark Town Council.

The public consultation sparked a lot of interest and had a huge response with in excess of 800 participants. Looking at the responses 57.32% participants were unsupportive of the proposals. The main reason cited was money should be better spent and, a waste of public money.

Some respondents who were supportive of the proposal stated that the intended location was not suitable, and would attract little interest and attention.

Only 19% of responses were supportive of both the project and location.

NSDC Cabinet, with 1 against (Cllr Jack Kallas, leader of the opposition) and 1 abstention, voted to disregard the public consultation and vote in favour of the project going ahead,

The Kidney Stones will remain the property of Newark Town Council.

The revised cost to display the stones has now risen to £87,430.

Cllr Penny Rainbow
Southwell ward member NSDC





Two Courses £24 Three Courses £27

Starters

Bowl of Soup, Homemade Bread & Butter

Orange & Chicory Salad, Honey & Chilli Marinated Feta

Smoked Bacon BBQ Beans & Poached Egg on Toast

Smoked Haddock & Salmon Fishcake, Thai Red Curry Sauce & Asian Slaw

Crispy Fried Cauliflower Ginger, Chilli & Coriander Glaze, Pickled Radish & Sesame

Mains

Cider & Apple Braised Ham, Chips, Fried Egg, Peas & Pineapple Salsa

Roast Chicken Supreme, Boulangère Potatoes, Buttered Winter Greens, Roast Carrot,

Red Wine & Shallot Gravy

Fresh Homemade Tagliatelle, Portobello Mushroom, Chilli, Garlic, Lemon Olive Oil & Parmesan

Stoppard's 7oz Rump Steak, Mushrooms & Onions, Skinny Fries & Peas

(Steak £2.50 Supplement)

The Waggon's Twice Baked Cheddar Cheese Soufflé, Spinach Sauce, Fries & Salad

Shin Beef, Real Ale & Chestnut Mushroom Pie, Homemade Flaky Pastry, Chunky Chips, Peas & Gravy

Waggon's Steak or Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Slaw, Dill Pickles

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

Seared Salmon, Mash Potatoes, Crushed Peas, Citrus & Dill Butter Sauce

(£2.00 Fish Supplement)

Beer Battered Haddock & Chips, Chunky Tartar Sauce & Minted Mushy Peas

Side Orders

Mixed Seasonal Vegetables £3.50 · Beer Battered Onion Rings £3.50

Hand Cut Chunky Chips £3.50 · House Dressed Salad £3.00 · Fries £3.00

Please note set menu prices are per person. If choosing a one course meal this will be charged individually so prices may vary. All our products are locally sourced whenever possible. All food is freshly prepared to order so your patience is appreciated. If you have any allergies or dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to adapt the menu to your needs.



Desserts

Raspberry Bakewell Tart & Vanilla Ice Cream
Warm Profiteroles, Honeycomb Ice Cream & Dark Chocolate Sauce
Chocolate Orange Steamed Pudding & Vanilla Custard
Caramelised Apple Crème Brûlée & Brandy Snap Biscuit
A Selection of Thaymar's Luxury Ice Creams & Sorbets
Wedge of Cheddar or Stilton, Marinated Onions & Homemade Bread

To Accompany

Château Loupiac Gaudiet 75ml £5.50

Taylor's LBV Port - 50ml £3.95

To Finish

Americano £2.90 Espresso £2.50

Cappuccino £2.90 Double Espresso £3.00 Liqueur Coffee £6.00

LaZé £2.90 Hot Chocolate £2.95

English Breakfast Tea, Earl Grey, Peppermint, Green Tea

All £2.50 Each

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