



Flag Flying Dates

- 1st: St. David's Day
- 9th: Commonwealth Day
- 10th: Duke of Edinburgh's Birthday
- 17th: St. Patrick's Day

HALAM NEWS

March 2026

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Bin Collection Dates

- Green (Mon): 9th, 23rd
- Brown (Fri): 13th, 27th
- Silver (Mon): 2nd, 16th, 30th
- Teal (Tues): no collection this month



Parish Pump



A quick reminder

Just a quick reminder that we love sharing all types of news from the village in the Halam News each month - especially big birthdays, weddings and new arrivals from those in the village and their families. If you have any news to share, please do drop me a line - halam.news@hotmail.co.uk

Halam WI

For our March meeting on Tuesday 3rd, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting - we aim to keep official business to a minimum and enjoy a quiz hosted by Julie Fleming straight afterward the AGM - there will be wine and nibbles! At the AGM we will also be sharing our full programme for 2026/7 which features a range of talks and events including a painting masterclass, a cheese tasting evening and even some kitchen dancing! For more information and news from WI please follow us on Facebook and Instagram @HalamWI or email halamvillagewi@gmail.com

Hazel Hallam

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Hazel Hallam (sister of Cedric Hallam who lived in Holmhurst at the Turnpike). The Hallam family have lived in Holmhurst for over 100 years, initially David and Sally in the very early 1900s with their children William, Sally, Nancy, George and David. William used to lean out of his window and pick plumbs from the tree. Sally lived there until her death, she was also known as Auntie Sarah to us and we all have lovely memories of a very kind lady and some tasty baking! Hazel used to visit Halam regularly, both as a child and throughout her life. She was incredibly fond and proud of Halam (as we all are). She had lots of lifelong friends in Halam and kept up to date with all the news in the village as well as enjoying walks around the village. Hazel was a very keen church attendee, loved trees & nature and travelled extensively. She lived for a while in the Bahamas as a teacher and travelled in the sixties in Mexico before it knew tourists! A service will be held on Friday 6th March at Halam church at 2pm followed by the burial and after which there will be refreshments in The Waggon, all are welcome. **Tim Hallam**



Farnsfield Walk for Parkinson's

A "Farnsfield Walk For Parkinson's" event is being held this year on Saturday 25th April. The walk will take place over an 8.3 mile route commencing at The Plough, Farnsfield at 10.45am. Families and dogs on leads are welcome. The walk will break at Norwood Park Golf Club at approximately 12.00 to 12.30pm where a light BBQ meal will be provided. Additional refreshment stops are planned at The Waggon in Halam and The Old Reindeer in Edingley, returning to The Plough at approximately 3.30pm.

A registration fee of £18 is required to participate in the walk which will provide a donation direct to Parkinson's UK and cover cost of the food at Norwood Park Golf Club. Registration for the walk can be made at www.eventbrite.co.uk & search "Farnsfield Walk For Parkinson's". Southwell Rotary Club will provide signage and stewards to ensure maximum enjoyment and safety of walkers is maintained. Support for this great cause can also be made by sponsoring the walk by way of a donation through www.justgiving.com and search "farnsfield walk for parkinsons john butler" or to the one of the organisers in person. Last year's event was a great success & raised £5,100 bringing the total raised in excess of £23,000 over the past 5 years. More information or queries can be raised through John Butler (07870 948297) or Bruce McDowall (07759 137634).



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The first half of the Spring term has flown by. We have continued to enjoy weekly tennis sessions delivered by Caunton Tennis club. Everyone is improving their skills and some children will definitely be signing up in the future.

Safer Internet Day was on 10th February. We listened to an assembly, featuring A.I. and did class activities to help keep us safe online.

Many children enjoyed 'Film Night' just before the half term holiday. This took place in Halam Village Hall for the first time and was a real treat - a big thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising.



St Michael the Archangel



March sees us in Lent, a time when we are encouraged to take time to reflect on our lives, weekly meetings on Wednesdays throughout Lent at The Scypen are open to everyone who wishes to spend an hour in discussion led by Rev. Mary Foden-Currie.

In June, this year are facing a Quinquennial (an inspection by architects held every 5 years) to ensure the church building is in good repair and to highlight works that we must complete during the next five years. This together with the day-to-day expenditure required to maintain an ancient building in a manner that allows us to continue with not only our regular monthly services but also the school services, weddings, baptisms, and funerals influenced the PCC in making the decision to remind everyone of how they can support the church. PLEASE read the attached information and if you are able to help in any way, no matter how small, then complete the form and return it to the PGS or contact Alison, our Treasurer, for more information.

Thank you for all your support.

March services everyone welcome.

1st March: Second Sunday of Lent - 11.00am Morning Prayer

5th March: Lent Course - 2.30pm The Scypen

8th March: Third Sunday of Lent - 11.00am Holy Communion

12th March: Lent Course - 2.30pm The Scypen

15th March: Mothering Sunday with Posies - 11.00am Informal Service 'Gratitude' followed by refreshments.

19th March: Lent Course - 2.30pm The Scypen

22nd March: Fifth Sunday of Lent - 11.00am Sung Eucharist

26th March: Lent Course - 2.30pm The Scypen

29th March: Palm Sunday - 9.30am at St. Giles Edingley

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

It is lovely to see the daffodils appearing after the dreary rainy days of winter. I had just come out of a meeting and outside our church at Halam were some walkers; I mentioned that the church was open, and they said they had already been in. It is lovely that we can keep our beautiful church open for visitors to have that quiet space or to write a prayer request. However, it does cost a lot of money to upkeep the building; we are launching our funding campaign and value any support you can give so that we can continue to keep our village church open.

Sunday 15th March is Mothering Sunday when we thank God for mother church and all those who encourage and support us. Do come and join us as we celebrate together. On 26th March, Palm Sunday, we remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey this year, we have a joint service at Edingley at 9.30a.m.

Thank you for all you do for our food bank and for one another. Every blessing, Rev. Mary





Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm on Thursday 12th February 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: Catherine Blackburn, Chris Denyer, Andrew Paris, Ganesh Subramanian and Charlie Wright

Apologies: Chris Bevans and Simon Bust

Approval of Minutes and Matters from Previous Meeting

There was a discussion regarding a discrepancy between the categorisation of a previous payment, dating back to 2022. The difference between CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies and Section 137 (money to be spent on community projects) was clarified. It was agreed to note the revised category in the current minutes and the Financial Officer will provide a full report at the March meeting.

Open Meeting: Nothing to report this month.

Finance: Agreed to pay:

1. village hall cleaners
2. donation to Young Farmers for the disposal of the village Christmas tree
3. cost of PAT testing for the village hall – not yet paid, awaiting invoice
4. cost of Legionella testing kit
5. NALC annual subscription

The final cost of the recent defibrillator training is still to be received from Halam W.I., once this is known a donation from the parish council will be made. Andrew Paris asked whether the village defibrillators are registered so that the Ambulance Service is aware of the equipment's location, and whether the boxes contained a rescue kit as advised by the defibrillator trained. The Clerk confirmed that they were registered and that rescue kits were in place.

Village Hall

Maintenance schedule

1. Legionella testing has been done and the kit sent off for results
2. Urinal in the male toilets has been repaired
3. Quotes have been received for painting the village hall, and for panelling the lower-half of the hall's walls. These were discussed and it was decided to get some further paint sample to choose the colour scheme for the hall. A meeting will be held shortly to finalise colours.

The other village assets were discussed, and councillors allotted cleaning and tidying of individual fixtures.

Allotments

Andrew Paris to discuss further with Mr Nevil Croston.

Roads & Hedges

1. Replacement fingerpost at the crossroads – a provisional design has been chosen. Financial Officer to obtain detailed quote. Clerk is also going to enquire with the council to start the permissions application to ensure we have approval to proceed.
 2. Halam Hill – closure due for tree cutting back and felling – dates: Monday, 30 March 2026 - Friday, 10 April 2026 08:00 to 16:00 daily
 3. Footpath 7 – footbridge across dyke to St Helen's Lane – A parishioner asked why this footpath was still closed. It is scheduled for repair once the field has been harvested and dried out. Clerk to apply further pressure in ensuring the works are carried out and to confirm it is still in their budget.
 4. Parking on School Lane – the Head at the school is going to reiterate to staff and parents the importance of not obstructing the junction.
- It was resolved to contact County Council Highways about having double-yellow lines painted on the corner of the junction of School Lane and the Turnpike. Agreed 4 for: 1 against.

Halam Annual Parish Meeting

This is a general meeting of the parish, and not an official parish council meeting. It is a public meeting and there was a good turn out at last year's meeting; it was decided to hold a similar event with invitations being sent out for various village groups so that they can give an update on activities and plans. Local community groups and speakers to be invited include: Parish Council, County Councillor Bruce (or report from), District Councillors (or report from), Halam W.I., PCC, St Michael's Church, Halam Events Team, Halam Allotment Holders, Halam CofE School and Halam Flood Action Group.



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Calendar of Events

A list of possible parish council events throughout 2026 was circulated. This will be an ongoing document and will be reviewed at each future parish council meeting.

Correspondence

1. Information about a meeting to outline how future support for Neighbourhood Planning Bodies can be shaped and delivered locally to assist in the delivery of new Neighbourhood Plans. Councillors to see if they are available to attend.
2. Motorhome parking at the Waggon – a parishioner has queried planning requirements for using the pub car park as an overnight motorhome stop. The Clerk to enquire with N&SDC.

Lengthsman Scheme

The previous work scheduled has been completed and the invoice will be submitted for payment. There is a small amount of funding left in this year's budget. Chris Denyer to take photographs of areas for proposed work – weed and moss removal. Chris Denyer and Clerk to liaise with contractors to see what work can be done within the budget.

Biodiversity

Chris Denyer circulated a revised draft biodiversity action plan. All councillors to contact Chris Denyer with action suggestions in line with this documents.

Planning

1. Field House, Radley Road - Demolition of Conservatory and replacement Utility to Rear Elevation
Agreed unanimously to support.
2. Walnut Tree Cottage, Radley Road - Replacement of the existing damaged textile under pantiles on the barn roof, removal and subsequent reinstatement of existing pantiles after repair, and repair of the existing render on the northern gable end.
Agreed unanimously to support.

Planning Decisions

- 1 Radley Terrace, Radley Road - Single storey side extension and replacement wall
N&S DC have approved planning application.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

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.

Dingbats

Last month: "First Date" / "Love Letters"

