



Flag Flying Dates

14th June: King's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)

21st June: Birthday of the Prince of Wales

HALAM NEWS

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Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 2nd, 16th, 30th

Brown (Fri): 6th, 20th

Silver (Mon): 9th, 23rd

Teal: none in June



Parish Pump



Pub Quiz – 7 p.m. Friday 13th June – The Waggon

Most of us already know that Chris Bevans and family are moving to Cornwall this coming July. Chris will be much missed; in the seventeen years he has been living in Halam he has been very much immersed in village life. He has been a stalwart of the Events Committee organising summer fetes and Christmas fares, an enthusiastic member of Halam School's PTFA, and a parish councillor for fourteen years. Chris diligently edited Halam News for eight years, set up the village website AND Facebook page, and he kept us all up to date with the village WhatsApp group. And who can forget him entertaining us during Covid, broadcasting from Radio Strickland Farm!

The quiz we are holding in the pub this June is a kind of tribute to Chris in recognition for all he has done for Halam, and the questions have a corresponding theme. The quiz flyer MAY contain a clue or two...Thank you, Chris, for being such a big part of community life here in Halam!

Hallem WI

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd June at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We will be hearing from Alan Gray - who spent 25 years as a line judge and an umpire at the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon until he retired in 2012. Expect fascinating anecdotes, behind the scenes insights & even some strawberries and cream!

Looking ahead to July we will be venturing outside of the village on a summer's evening visit to Norwell Gardens - logistics to be discussed at our June meeting. This promises to be a lovely outing on a summer's evening (weather dependent!) so we hope to see all of our members there!

As always, new members are very welcome to Halam WI. If you would like to find out more about Halam WI, follow us on Instagram (@HallemWI) or Facebook or feel free to drop us a line via email at halamvillagewi@gmail.com.

Southwell Music Festival

Southwell Music Festival takes place in Nottinghamshire from 22nd – 25th August 2025. This year's programme includes performances of work from Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts, Bach's B Minor Mass, acclaimed folk artist Kathryn Tickell and jazz rising star Inês Loubet. Come to Southwell for a jam-packed bank holiday weekend of classical, folk, and jazz music at venues across the historic town. Tickets are on sale from Monday 9th June, with Priority Booking available for Festival Friends www.southwellmusicfestival.com

Dingbats

Last month: "Once Upon A Time" / "Little Mermaid"

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Halam School News



All children at Halam had the opportunity to take part in two tennis taster sessions, which were delivered by James from Cauntton Tennis Club. We had a great time taking part in the sessions – some children already attend the club, but more children are looking to join and impress everyone with their skills.

We celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May. We had a whole school Collective Worship to learn about and celebrate the importance of the anniversary and then held a two-minute silence at 12 noon. In the afternoon, we worked in house groups to complete VE activities, such as, making Union Jack flags, designing medals and making bunting.

Last week, (WB 12.5.25) was SATs week for all Y6 children. We worked hard to complete our daily tests and then celebrated when they were over. We had a special visit from the ice-cream van on Friday, which was arranged by the PTFA. Thank you for this treat! It also happened to be 'Mental Health Awareness week. We all enjoyed Cosmic yoga sessions during our Thursday PE sessions.

This week, on Tuesday 20th May, we invited parents in for an 'open morning' so they could see what we are learning about Fairtrade. We served Fairtrade coffee and cakes to raise the awareness of ethically produced and sourced foods from around the world. All donations will be given to Christian Aid.



St Michael the Archangel



At the APCM held in church, Glenys Herbert stepped down as churchwarden after more than ten years' service, she was given warm thanks for all the work she undertaken to ensure the church runs smoothly and is available to all. For the coming year your elected churchwardens are Penni Wells and Briony Dickinson.

Thank you to all those who turned out to help with the church yard clear up day, your hard work has made a huge difference. A reminder that it is not necessary to wait for an advertised day, anyone can, at a time convenient to them, help either in the church yard or in cleaning the church, although would you please contact one of the wardens first to avoid any difficulties that may arise.

In June there are five Sundays therefore, on the 29th June, we will be holding an outdoor service in the church yard followed by coffee and biscuits. This will be a joint Halam/Edingley service all are welcome to join in or take a moment as you walk your dog along the footpath.

June services everyone is welcome.

1st June - Seventh Sunday of Easter: 11.00am Morning Prayer

8th June - Day of Pentecost: 11.00am Holy Communion

15th June - Trinity Sunday: 11.00am Informal Service

22nd June - First Sunday After Trinity: 11.00am Sung Eucharist

29th June - Second Sunday After Trinity: 11.00am Outdoor Service in Church Yard

Contacts: Priest - Rev. Mary 01623 479838 / Wardens Briony Dickinson 01636 812569 / 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

Nature in June appears like a wedding. May blossom adorns the hedgerows along with cow parsley. It is a busy time for gardeners; however, it has been so dry it is hard for our farmers growing their crops.

On June 7th at 7p.m. in Southwell Minster there is a confirmation service; we have a confirmation candidate – Kay. Please pray for her as she takes this important step in her spiritual journey.

June 11th is the feast of St. Barnabas who was a great encourager, especially of St. Mark, his special prayer encourages us to 'be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service.'

As I write the Roman Catholic Church has elected a new pope. We pray for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his ministry. He has a heart for the poor like Pope Francis.

June 29th is the Feast day of Saints Peter and Paul. Many people are ordained at Petertide and so we pray for all who are called to ordained ministry.

Thank you for all you do, especially supporting our food bank. Enjoy these lovely sunshine days. Every blessing, Rev. Mary

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Parkinson's UK walk tops £5,000 target.

A Farnsfield Walk For Parkinson's was held on Saturday April 26th and raised the magnificent amount of £5,100 for the charity Parkinson's UK. This is the fifth year that the walk has taken place, starting in 2021 and over this period in excess of £23,000 has been accumulated.

The circular walk took place over an 8.3 mile route commencing at The Plough, Farnsfield. Refreshment stops were held at Norwood Park Golf Club where a light BBQ meal was provided followed by stops at The Waggon in Halam and The Old Reindeer at Edingley before returning to The Plough.

125 walkers, many with their dogs, took part. As well as the funds raised by the walkers who pre-registered, collections were made on the day and donations were received through the JustGiving website page. The amount raised was also boosted by a very successful raffle with 22 prizes donated by local businesses to which we are extremely grateful to. Thanks also to the Farnsfield Trust for their support for this community based event, Mark Tomlinson who donated £500 (match funded by Lloyds Bank) and Sarah Vardy from PIB Community Trust who donated £600.

John Butler a local resident of Farnsfield who is living with Parkinson's planned the walk assisted by a small team and has been absolutely delighted with the generosity of everyone involved. John said, "Special thanks must go out to Bob Reeves and his team at The Plough, all the volunteers, Katie Thomas from Parkinson's UK and to William Brown from The Rotary Club of Southwell and his volunteer stewards for. Also to the pubs and the golf club for their hospitality."

The event was held to encourage people to get together with their friends, family or colleagues to enjoy an outdoor activity while raising vital funds to support people living with the condition. This year we were also joined by Adrian and Judith Wriggley from Teeside who are major fundraisers for Parkinson's UK in the North East.

Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world, and currently there is no cure. It affects around 145,000 people in the UK and every hour two more people are diagnosed. There are over 40 symptoms, from tremor and pain to anxiety.

We hope to see all this years' walkers return and hopefully some new participants in April 2026 when we will continue the fight against this debilitating disease. **Bruce McDowall**



Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th May 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: Catherine Blackburn, Chris Denyer, Chris Bevans, Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Ganesh Subramanian & Charlie Wright

Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

Catherine Blackburn elected Chair

Chris Denyer elected Vice-chair

Election of Other Officers

Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris

Press – Andrew Paris

Transport – Ganesh Subramanian

NALC Representative – Chris Denyer

Snow/Flood Warden - Catherine Blackburn

Flag - Ganesh Subramanian

Crime Reduction – Andrew Paris

Internal Auditor – David Dixon

Financial Officer – Mandy Rickett

Chris Denyer queried whether all these positions were still relevant, and whether any extra named roles should be considered. To be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- Banking – Unity Bank are working on the switch Catherine Blackburn, Chris Denyer and Andrew Paris to be signatories.
- Projector – ongoing
- Planters – agreed to purchase planters for the bus shelter and village hall. Pots to be placed by the bench on the verge outside of the church, subject to Highways consent.
- Noticeboard outside the church – to be repaired in situ shortly, and "Halam Parish" lettering to be routed in the top of the board mount.

Open Meeting

- A parishioner queried why the County Council had been mowing verges in the village despite the publicity given to "No Mow May". Support for such schemes to be discussed at the next meeting.
- It was reported that an individual, dressed in black and wearing a balaclava mask had been seen riding a high-powered electric bike, speeding through the village, and doing "wheelies" down the street. Residents are asked to report any such sightings to the police on 101.

Finance

Agreed to pay:

1. stone chippings for village hall carpark
2. flowers (neighbour thank you for village hall wall work)
3. flower planters
4. village hall external door painting

The list of direct debits was reviewed. All accepted, except the village hall internet costs; Financial Officer to check alternatives.

Reviews and Adoptions

As there had been some recommended changes, the following were reviewed and adopted:

Financial Regulations

Risk Assessment – financial and physical

Assets Register (once purchased, the planters will be added)

Some further information was needed regarding the changes to the Standing Orders – this will be circulated and discussed next meeting.

Parish Council Insurance – policy renewal documents reviewed by Andrew Paris, now waiting for comparable quote.

Financial Officer was authorised to renew with current provider or alternative depending on cost difference.

Village Hall

1. Pipe cover has been done, some internal painting still to be done.
2. External door painting – completed
3. Car park – trip hazard and repair to the concrete path - completed
4. Bookings – Charlie Wright and the Financial Officer to liaise on payment method
5. Cleaners – Charlie Wright to organise cleaners for hall every 2 weeks.

VE Day 80th – 8th May

Invites had been sent out. Village hall event organised – Ganesh Subramanian to organise sparkling wine and Catherine Blackburn to organise strawberries and cream. Simon Bust to organise bonfire in field opposite the hall.

A small grant had been received from Newark & Sherwood District Council to cover some expenses.

Allotments

Nothing to report this month.

Roads & Hedges

Some hedges in the village still obstruct the pavements. The Clerk to speak to householders to ask them to cut back their hedges.

Correspondence

Information had been received regarding the Public Consultation on the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham. During the 6-week Public Consultation period, from 6 May to 16 June 2025, the County Council want as many people as possible from across Nottinghamshire to look at the draft strategy and to comment on it. For further information look at the consultation website – www.notts naturerecovery.co.uk

Churchyard Bench

Design approved – now to be ordered. Andrew Paris to source suitable commemorative VE Day plaque

Lengthsman Scheme

Agreed to get quotes to:

- (a) clear the weeds and vegetation from the village railings by the Beck on The Turnpike
- (b) clear the weeds and paint the railings
- (c) clear the weeds, paint and repair pillars and rails

It can then be seen what can be afforded under the scheme.

HR Committee

It was reported that the Clerk's appraisal had been completed. Report accepted.

Biodiversity

Nothing to report this month

Planning

None this month

Planning Decisions

The Manor House Radley Road - Application for variation of condition to remove windows from SW elevation and rooflights from rear elevation of extension no longer required attached to planning permission 24/00268/HOUSE; Single Storey Side Extension

Planning Permission granted by District Council

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th June, 2025 in the village hall at 7.30p.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.



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District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for May 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 April. Cabinet decisions - often taken by just one Portfolio holder - are also on the website.

Leisure Centre Trustees: Councillors will have seen the recent agreed Press Release from the Trustees and N&SDC. The date for the transfer of the release has passed but the N&SDC Councillors have been given no public [but one secret communication] information of the process - or received any indication of a Cabinet Member decision of the matter.

The Cabinet have agreed to spend £500,00 on the town centre in Ollerton and £200,000 in Clipstone.

The small amount of money agreed by the Council to agree on reducing plastics going into the seas and other issues relating to the ocean have been removed

Audit and Governance Committees Wed April 16 and May 7: The Committee, under the previous Chair of Peter Harris, asked to change its meetings to Mondays as a number of Councillors could not attend. The new Chair has reinstated Wednesday as the meeting date. As a consequence the meetings were not well attended, albeit just quorate.

The Annual Council meeting is on Tues May 13: The agenda has not been published but Peter Harris has asked a question on how the equivalent of £136,950 for capital expenditure in Southwell on the Bus Improvement Grant-allocated by the Mayor of the East Midlands Combined Authority - will be monitored and challenged by the Leader of the District Council.

We are also asking a question of the impact of the overnight cessation of the Sustainable Farming programme, in March, will have on the local environment. The SFI supports farms to implement environmental improvements such as herbal lays and beetle banks on their land. Applications for new SFI programmes was withdrawn without notice - although farmers in the process of application were told they would have six weeks to submit their applications. There are a number of farms locally that were looking to submit their bids.

Planning

The plans for houses on the Rolleston village hall's adjacent grassland, had been refused by the N&SDCs Planning Committee. We were very surprised to find that N&SDC had appealed that decision. The Certificate for Lawful Development acquired by the Village Hall relating to that land provided a full stop to such development. This appeal must have had a proper process initiating it involving a portfolio holder as well as officers of NSDC in making it. Keith Melton has asked where this decision was minuted and, thus far, he has not received an answer to that query and is pursuing this issue with a written question to full council

Various

NSDC have temporarily closed the housing register from Tuesday 22 April until August 2025, to enable all applicants to register under the revised Allocation Scheme following go live of the new housing management system (NEC) in May 2025.

We are currently contacting those on the register to keep them informed and will be regularly updating them as we work through the data transference from the old system to the new, and to request applicants re-register onto the new system before the register goes live again in August.

When the new system is live we will have a service that:

- is user friendly with improved self-service functionality giving applicants more control
- has improved security for personal information
- can work well on various devices.

All applicants should keep themselves updated by visiting the website for the latest on the project: <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/housingmanagementupdate/>

The National Employers have made an offer of a 3.2% pay increase for Council employees from 1 April 2025. Unions will now be discussing the offer and deciding on next steps.

Developed the DRAFT Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy 2026-2031

The next steps after 30 May 2025 will be:

- To consult with key partners and stakeholders including the East Midlands Combined Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Federation of Small Business.
- To bring a completed Strategy to Cabinet in Autumn 2025.

Karen Roberts and Peter Harris



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