



Flag Flying Dates

9th: HM The King's
Wedding Anniversary
23rd: St. George's Day

HALAM NEWS

April 2026

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Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 6th, 20th
Brown (Fri): 10th, 24th
Silver (Mon): 13th, 27th
Teal (Tues): 14th



Parish Pump



Quiz Night at The Waggon

The Waggon will be hosting a quiz night on Friday 3rd April at 7:00pm (see advert below for details of how to book etc.) - a great opportunity for everyone in the village to come along and test their knowledge as well as a chance to say goodbye and thank you to Ed and the team before they close the doors on the 19th April.

Halam Annual Parish Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Parish Meeting on April 21st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is your chance to hear what's been happening in Halam and to share your own thoughts about village life. Although the Parish Council organises the meeting, it belongs to the whole community, and any parish elector can speak. We'll start with short updates from the Council Chair, our County and District Councillors, and hear what our local groups have been doing over the last year. After that, the floor will be open for questions, ideas, and discussion. We'd love to see you there and hear your views.

Halam Parish Council

Halam WI

It is our April meeting on Tuesday 7th and we are looking forward to hearing from our speaker Lorraine Appleton on the topic of sustainable fashion with her talk "Fashion Upcycling: Don't Chuck It, Change It." Looking ahead to May we are excited to be celebrating Halam WI's 70th Birthday month with a kitchen dancing expert alongside some fizz and birthday cake. For more information and news from WI please follow us on Facebook and Instagram @HalamWI or email halamvillagewi@gmail.com - new members are always very welcome!

Southwell Music Festival takes place in Nottinghamshire from 28 - 31 August 2026. This year's programme includes performances from internationally acclaimed pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason. The Festival Voices and Festival Sinfonia join forces for a performance of Brahms' Requiem, and there's an evening of classic opera and musical theatre repertoire with A Night at the Opera. Come to Southwell for a jam-packed bank holiday weekend of classical, folk, and jazz music at venues across the historic town. Tickets on sale from 18 May 2026.



Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial

To mark the anniversary of the Avro Lancaster crash in Halam, a memorial service will be held on Friday 10th April, 2026 at 10.45 a.m.

at the Lancaster Memorial, School Lane
(Halam church if weather is bad)

All are very welcome to attend

"We will remember them"

Quiz Night

**Friday 3rd April
The Waggon at Halam
7.00 p.m. PROMPT**

Pie & Pea Supper
(Veggie option
- please book)

**Teams of 4 (max)
£17.50 per head
Booking essential
01636 813109**

**Come along with
your friends and
neighbours**

For a Farewell for Ed!



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Halam School News



Maple class have been particularly busy – on 25th February, they visited the Workhouse in Southwell linked to their history topic finding out about ‘Crime and Punishment.’ On 4th March, they visited the Minster Cathedral to take part in ‘Time Travelling’ activities. They were with many children from Nottinghamshire schools to explore Christianity and the history of the Minster. The children took part in story and drama workshops, bracelet making and singing. The following day was ‘World Book Day’. We all dressed up, either as our favourite book character or in our comfy clothes, ready to enjoy sharing a book. In the afternoon, we worked in house groups and read stories to each other. On 20th March, the PTFA organised an amazing Woodland Nurture Day. We all took part in outdoor, creative activities such as jewellery making, problem solving, bushcraft and bug house construction as well as playing on a swing or a hammock – what a fantastic experience!



St Michael the Archangel



A huge thank you to all those who took the time to read the Appeal Letter that was circulated with the March Halam Village News; and an even bigger thank you to those who completed the Parish Giving Scheme forms.

In April we celebrate Easter and the resurrection with several special services, we hope you are able to join us at one or more of them. On Easter Day the church is full of spring flowers, if you would like to help with the decoration or donating flowers please contact the churchwardens.

The Informal Service on 19th April will recognise the help and support of all those who work to ensure we have regular services and that the church is cleaned and maintained. The clergy, lay readers, churchwardens and PCC members rely on those who help by taking active roles in services, by cleaning and by working in the churchyard; and those who support the church financially by their regular giving. All of these roles are vital in ensuring that the church is here for whenever it is needed. Thank you for all your support.

April services everyone welcome.

2nd April: Maundy Thursday - 6.00pm at St. Giles Edingley

3rd April: Good Friday - 10.00am Good Friday Devotions

4th April: Paschal Candle - 6.00pm at St. Giles Edingley

5th April: Easter Day - 11.00am Sung Eucharist

12th April: Second Sunday Of Easter - 11.00am Morning Prayer

19th April: Third Sunday Of Easter - 11.00am Informal Service & ‘Thank You’ to all who work or support Halam church

26th April: Fourth Sunday Of Easter - 11.00am Sung Eucharist

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

April is one of my favourite months of the year. The hedgerows are covered with fresh green leaves and blossoms adorn the trees. I also married in April!

April 2nd is Maundy Thursday when we recall Jesus sharing the ‘Last Supper’ with his friends and washing their feet.

Then on Good Friday we have an hour at the Cross as we remember Jesus holding out His arms of love in forgiveness on the Cross.

On April 4th we light our Paschal candle & renew our baptism promises as we wait expectantly for Easter (*continued on next page*)...



April 5th is Resurrection Day when we joyfully celebrate the Risen Jesus.

All are welcome at our services so do join us if you can.

On April 19th the new Dean of Southwell Minster, the Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Evans, will be installed. So we pray for him and our Minster Community.

April 22nd we are in our lovely church school for Assembly, we congratulate them on their great SIAMS report regarding the Christian ethos throughout the school, as mentioned in The Bramley.

April 23rd, we remember our patron saint George who bore witness to the risen Lord by his life.

So, enjoy Spring and all the lovely Creation. Thank you for all you do for one another and our food bank...

Every blessing, Rev. Mary



District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for March 2026

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



At the March meeting, which was a record breaking 5 hours long, councillors agreed Council Tax for the District will not be increased next year. The level of services will be maintained, due to in the last full year of the Council from a combination of support from the Government and use of the large reserves of the Council = nearly £6m.

The ending of the District and County Councils in 2028 is still taking a huge amount of officer time. The costly reorganisation is opposed by the majority of residents, but the Government insisted that a scheme is was put forward. It has still not responded to the proposal to have two new authorities, splitting the county north and south. The new Councils will be decided by the Government. We are still very uncertain how Southwell's and the village's voice will be heard. At present there are four representatives. Karen and Peter continue to challenge the costs of this – and we will report back as soon as we can.

The Council agreed that in future years, increases in the Council Tax by the new Unitary Authority should be a maximum of +1.94%. Peter raised the concern that the savings that are anticipated may not come for some time.

A new fund was announced of ten lots of up to £10,000 for parishes and towns to bid to refurbish their parks. This will have to be match funded and Peter pointed out that most parishes will not have the resources to do this – especially as this was announced after the deadline for parishes and towns had to set their budgets for 2027-8.

It was noted that the Southwell Town Council's Council Tax is now 10th largest in the District only £2 a year more than Hoveringham's and £6 more than Lowdham. A few years ago it was 3rd. Newark's tax is more than £45 more than Southwell's.

The Scrutiny Committee meeting – councillors heard from the Health and Wellbeing portfolio holder.

The Planning Committee deferred the decision on the Halam Hill development to get a reassessment of the impact on the landscape – this was later approved.

Information received from NSDC Street Scene Manager regarding Glyphosate usage across the district: these are not exact measures but quantity's brought each year.

2021 - 320l, **2022** - 310l, **2023** - 290l, **2024** - 300l, **2025** - 240l

2026 - aiming for around the 200 - 210l mark

NSDC is working toward no spray zones for NSDC playgrounds at: Sconce, Vicars, Clay Lane, Barnby Road, Thorpe Oaks, Cleveland Square, Turner Lane.

Peter Harris and Karen Roberts, March 2026





Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm on Thursday 12th March 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, Simon Bust, Chris Denyer and Andrew Paris

Apologies: Chris Bevans, Ganesh Subramanian and Charlie Wright

Approval of Minutes and Matters from Previous Meeting

Last month's minutes were amended to reflect the discussion which took place over the donation to the Halam Events Team for the marquee, and the fact that the money came out of the parish council's CILs money allocation rather than the Sec.137 allocation.

Open Meeting: Nothing to report this month.

Finance

Agreed to pay:

1. clerk's wages
2. village hall cleaners
3. cost of PAT testing for the village hall – not yet paid, awaiting invoice
4. paint samples for village hall
5. defibrillator training – waiting donation payment details from Halam W.I.
6. printer paper and village hall sundries

Village Hall

Maintenance schedule

1. Legionella testing has been done
2. redecoration for hall – paint colours were chosen and revised quotes from the decorator will be obtained
3. shutters for kitchen hatch – awaiting second quote
4. benches and bus shelter still to be cleaned. Phone box has been cleaned

Allotments

Some i.d. information to be sent. Andrew Paris to check that the registration will be for "Halam Parish Council" and not individual officers of the council.

A resolution was passed authorising Andrew Paris to sign the "statement of truth" for title registration.

Roads & Hedges

1. Replacement fingerpost at the crossroads – a provisional design has been chosen. Financial Officer to complete the forms required by County Council Highways to replace the existing sign.
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 – this is scheduled for repair once the field has been harvested and dried out.
4. Parking on School Lane – County Cllr Roger Jackson has been contacted about having double-yellow lines painted on the corner of the junction of School Lane and the Turnpike.

East Midlands in Bloom

The Best Kept Village competition has been discontinued. East Midlands in Bloom has superseded it – agreed to enter for 2026.

Correspondence

1. RCAN Network Event – for community hall representatives – Chris Denyer plans to attend.
2. Cleaner Burning Presentation – reducing emissions from wood burning – no further action
3. Himalayan Balsam Meeting – no further action



Lengthsman Scheme

Some weeds have been removed along Radley Road with the remaining 2025 budget. This year's scheme will be applied for.

Biodiversity

Proposed biodiversity action plan was agreed – 3 for with 1 against.. “Green Tips” to encourage biodiversity in the village will be included in Halam News.

Planning

None this month

Planning Decisions

Land At Radley Road: Application for permission in principle for construction of a minimum and maximum of 2 dwellings
N&S DC have approved this planning in principle application.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th April 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: “The plot thickens...” / “Bottomless pit”

