



Flag Flying Dates

6th May: Coronation Day

8th May: VE Day

HALAM NEWS

May 2025

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Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 5th, 19th

Brown (Fri): 9th, 23rd

Silver (Mon): 12th, 26th

Teal (Tues): 13th



Parish Pump



Save the Date for Halam Tempting Fete 2025

Halam Events Team invite you to save the date for "Halam Tempting Fete 2025" to be held on 12th July 2025 from 2pm and will include, a Dog Show, Duck Race, Scarecrow Competition, Welly Wanging, Tug of War and much much more. There will also be entertainment into the early evening with a Ceilidh Band. More details to follow next month and on social media.



Halam WI

Our May meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We are excited to hear from Nina Thomas from Bridgford & Bingham Nutrition. Nina will be sharing her insights on hot nutrition topics such as gut health as well as how we can all ensure optimum nutrition in our day to day lives.

Looking ahead to June we will be celebrating all things Wimbledon in time for the 2025 Championships as we welcome Alan Gray - who spent 25 years as a line judge and an umpire at the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

As always, new members are very welcome! 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.



Halam School News



We enjoyed our break but are pleased to be back at school after the Easter holidays.

On Friday 28th March, we took part in a 'Break the Rules Day', which was organised by our PTFA. Most children broke at least one rule and paid 50p for each opportunity. For example, some children wore items of clothing which weren't school uniform, some sat in the wrong places in the classroom and some ate their pudding before their lunch!

Annual Egg Rolling and Egg Decorating competitions both took place on Thursday 3rd April. One child from each of our classes won an Easter egg for each of the competitions. Egg rolling in the playground was as entertaining as always and our egg designs were imaginative and creative – with egg designs in all sorts of shapes, sizes and themes.

On Friday 4th April, Oak class went on an Educational visit to Perlethorpe. In the morning, the children were Anglo-Saxons and in the afternoon were Vikings. It was wonderful to share our knowledge, learn more interesting facts and look and use artefacts in the Anglo-Saxon and Viking homes. The weather was lovely and we managed to collect themed clues on an orienteering trail too.





St Michael the Archangel



Many thanks to all those who helped make the church beautiful for Easter and those who worked so hard to make all the services in April so inspiring, especially the school children's service.

The topic for Informal Service for May will be 'Creation' and will be a celebration of all that is wonderful in our world, afterwards there will be refreshments. In May we have our APCM, this is the time when the village residents can vote for your churchwardens and those on the church electoral roll elect members to the Parochial Church Council, the meeting will be in church at 6.00p.m with coffee available before.

May services everyone is welcome.

4th May - Third Sunday of Easter: 11.00am Morning Prayer

11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter: 11.00am Holy Communion

18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter: 11.00am Informal Service – 'Creation'

22nd May - Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 6.00pm Coffee available from 5.45pm

25th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter: 11.00am Sung Eucharist

29th May - Ascension Day: 10.00am at St. Giles Edingley

Contacts: Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 / Wardens - Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 and 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

As I sit writing this in the garden the magnolia is in full bloom and the pear tree's white blossom heralds good fruit in the Autumn. A purple anemone even grows among the pebbles by the side of the path. Nature is certainly good for our well-being.

May in the church's year brings us to Rogationtide when we ask God to bless the crops. Part of the prayer says, 'make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts that we may serve the common good ... and seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us!' We ask God to bless the labours of all who work on the land and sea.

May 29th is Ascension Day – Jesus' coronation when He ascended into heaven. There is a service at St. Giles at 10.00a.m.

This month we remember V.E. day and thank God for all who gave so sacrificially for our freedom. Thank you for your ministry to one another and to our food bank.

Every blessing, Rev. Mary

Dingbats

Last month: "Big Fish in a Small Pond" / "Forgive & Forget"

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Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th April 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 and Charlie Wright

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- a. .gov.uk emails for the parish council and councillors – now set up, but there still seems to be an issue with opening attachments. The provider is investigating.
- b. Banking – NatWest mandate has been updated, Unity Bank have been informed.
- c. Projector – Chair to contact W.I. to check that the PC can borrow this when needed, and to ask if the W.I. would be prepared to hire it to other hall users.

Open Meeting

A parishioner commented that they thought the Annual Parish Meeting was interesting and well presented. They agreed that it was a pity that the local Beat Officer was unable to attend.

Village Hall

1. Pipe cover and painting are still to be done.
2. External door painting – to be done shortly
3. Car park – raised bricks to be removed & filled with stone (Charlie Wright) & Clerk to organise repair to the concrete path
4. Bookings – Charlie Wright and the Financial Officer to liaise on payment method – QR Code – to speed up payments
5. Cleaners – agreed to reinstate cleaning every two weeks. Clerk to source suitable cleaners/cleaning company.

Allotments

Title - all the Clerk's required information is with the specialist solicitor. Chair to complete.

Roads & Hedges

The broken gully by the Beck railings has been covered by a cone, tarmacked in place, as a temporary measure.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and gave a special thanks to the W.I. for lending the projector for the meeting. Also, a special mention and thanks to Ann Reid from the W.I. Chris Bevans from the Events team and Briony Dickinson from the church who delivered great speeches to support the event. Closer cooperation between the PC, church, and events committee was discussed.

Churchyard Bench

Agreed to replace the bench at the top of the churchyard. Original VJ plaque will be kept and a new VE plaque will be added. Clerk to circulate further information on replacement benches.

Parish Council Notice Board in Front of Church

Needs maintenance – Clerk to look into what is needed to make board sound. The board also needs the lettering “Halam Parish” at the top (was never replaced when board was last restored) – Clerk to sort.

Website

The ownership of the website account is to be changed from Chris Bevans to Halam Parish Council.

Order of the Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Agreed to move “Finance” further up the agenda for future meetings.

HR Committee

The Clerk has had an annual appraisal. Nothing further to report at this stage.

VE Celebrations

Thursday 8th May - A beacon will be lit (James Bust) at 9.15 p.m. and a social event will be held in the village hall. From 7.30pm prosecco and strawberries will be served (and soft drinks will be available). 1940s music will be played, the hall decorated with bunting, and the archive of village photographs will be on display. Agreed to apply for the District Council grant of £150 to help cover expenses.

Correspondence

A letter had been received thanking the parish council for their persistence in getting the footpath up Halam Hill cleared, and for also for not increasing the village precept.

Lengthsman Scheme

1. The parish would be given £950 to cover the costs of works.
2. It was agreed to join the lengthsman scheme for 2025-2026.
3. It was also agreed that using a contractor(s) would be simpler than employing someone to do the work.



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Biodiversity: Nothing to report this month

Planning: None this month

Finance: None this month

Objectives for financial year 2025-2026

Agreed to set objectives as part of the budget setting exercise in October.

Resolved to pay:

1. Cost of website address
2. Repair cost of village hall wall
3. Annual Parish Meeting expenses (printing)

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 7th May 2025 in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. – **please note CHANGE OF DAY/DATE to accommodate the VE Celebrations**

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 COUNCIL REPORT APRIL 2025

CLLR PENNY RAINBOW

(Ward member for Southwell)



LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

NSDC held an extraordinary full Council meeting on Wednesday 19th March, to discuss the preferred option/options to go forward to Government by way of an Interim Plan. All Council's in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire were consulted and asked to propose a plan to reduce the number of Councils from 9 to 2. The Interim Plan sets out a series of options to this effect.

First option; One new unitary council combining Nottingham City, Broxtow and Gedling with the other combining Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe.

Second option; One new unitary council combining Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe with the other combining Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood and Gedling.

Third option; Nottingham City Council remaining as a unitary council on its current boundary with a new unitary Council being created for the rest of Nottinghamshire by combining Nottinghamshire County Council, Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe.

The above options were reported to the Government Minister. An acknowledgment has been received and NSDC, will formally hear back, with a final decision being expected around November/December this year.

The new system will be implemented after April 2028.

COMMUNITY PLAN REFRESH - 2025-2027

The Community Plan covers the period up until May 2027 and sets out what the Council intends to achieve and how it will go about doing that.

The NSDC Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday 1st April saw an updated Community Plan on the agenda, to be considered for approval. The slimmed down plan see's a reduction of workload as suggested by the Corporate Peer Challenge Report, which addresses concerns over capacity and the implications it has on staff time and morale. 'Objectives' in the plan have changed to 'Ambitions'

There are 7 ambitions in the community plan all relating to Cabinet members portfolios. A good number of the ambitions are part way through. The Community Plan can be accessed on the Council's website.

Cllr Penny Rainbow
Southwell Ward Member

