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Green (Mon): 11th, 25th,
Brown (Fri): 1st, 15th, 29th
Silver (Mon): 4th, 18th
Teal: none this month



Parish Pump



Ethan Pickering

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the heartfelt messages cards and flowers so many of you have sent to us following Ethan's passing. There are no words to describe how we are feeling, but the warmth and love within everyone's kind words gives us enormous comfort.

We would also like you to know Ethan's funeral will be held on the 4th of August in Southwell Minster at 2:00 p.m. If you are able, please do join us to pay tribute to an extraordinary young man and celebrate his life with us. There is no dress code. All we ask is if you have some kind of connection to Ethan, say through sport, agriculture, Young Farmers, please wear something that reflects this. Could be a sports shirt, country wear, anything that makes you feel comfortable.

Following the ceremony at The Minster, the family and a few close friends will travel to Gedling Crematorium for a private service at 4:00 p.m. We will then return to our home at Middlebeck Farm for food and refreshments to which you are all more than welcome.

Please do share this with anyone you think would like to join us at The Minster and back at Middlebeck Farm. We would much rather people hear this twice than not at all.

With much love and thanks - Nigel, Lisa & Matt Pickering



The Bevans Family

This will be the last Halam Village News with Chris, Katie, Jack and Amelia living here in Halam as they embark on a new life in Nancledra, Penzance. Chris will continue his work with PHS having been able to transfer his skills to a new role in Redruth and Katie will continue her Veterinary Nursing career. Jack and Amelia will start at their new school in St Ives in September.

All too often in life we dream of making fresh starts and fear often assists us in just staying put - living in Cornwall has been a dream of The Bevans family for a long time. Chris and Katie began their romance down in Cornwall many years ago as Chris worked at one of the holiday parks - they had a holiday romance that changed their lives forever. With Chris being from Stoke and Katie from Halam, their romance blossomed & they set up Home in Fenton, Stoke on Trent in 2005. They got married in 2006 moved into Strickland Farm, Halam in 2008. Jack was born in 2012 followed by Amelia in 2014.

Katie and brother James Bust, children of Simon and Jane, both attended Halam School, so it was natural that Katie & Chris wanted Jack and Amelia to experience the same kind of schooling Katie and James had, which is one of the reasons their move to Cornwall was put on the back burner - Amelia of course has just finished Year 6 as you read this. Chris and Katie are the most kind and generous people and it's safe to say they will be missed deeply in our lovely community. They will never know the full extent of which they have impacted on people's lives as a family. (continued on next page...)





We wish them all the best for their “dream come true”. They have worked so hard to make it happen and the universe has opened up and assisted to align everything perfectly!

This is not a goodbye - just a farewell & good luck!!

Written by The Davies Family



Update from the Halam Events Team: Tempting Fete 2025

The full force of the great British weather didn't dampen the spirits at this year's Tempting Fete! Thank you to everyone who came along to enter the dog show, duck race and to join in the activities on Sunday.

It was great to see so many villagers and their four-legged friends supporting the dog show and well done to our worthy winners! Thank you to Katie Bevans for organising.

In true village tradition, the duck race went swimmingly aided by the rainy weather! The winners were Charlotte, Theo and Alfie. Southwell Young Farmers ran a fantastic hook a duck stall and were on hand to tell visitors about their organisation. Of course, no summer fete is complete without some good old-fashioned welly wanging. Thank you to James Bust for running this event. Participants of all ages had a go, with some impressive throws!

Thank you to Ebbage Acoustics for entertaining us all with live music throughout the day and to our ceilidh band Sheepish Grin who played traditional music until 7pm.

On the day Halam Events Team ran a lovely Pimms stall and served hot drinks. The Waggon at Halam also served delicious hot dogs, burgers and drinks. Thank you to Ed and the Waggon at Halam team for not only providing wonderful food and drink, but offering their field for our village event.

Thank you to the Halam Helpers who moved the marquee to the field for Tempting Fete and set it up. It is a huge task and we are extremely grateful for the support of so many people in the village. This has been a long term effort from a core of people who have willingly volunteered over the years to put the marquees up for various events. Despite the weather, the community spirit shone through. Halam Events Team would like to thank the many volunteers, stallholders, and visitors who turned out in wellies and with wide smiles to make the day such a success.

Halam Events Team sadly say goodbye to Chris Bevans this year as he and his family move to Cornwall. Chris has worked tirelessly for many years on numerous village events including Tempting Fete, the charity Leap Year Ball and Halam Christmas Market. We wish him and the family all the best in his next chapter! He will be missed!



Ride & Stride for Churches

Every second Saturday in September, Nottinghamshire churches open their doors to welcome visitors from all over the county on the annual Ride+Stride event. Halam's own church, St Michael the Archangel will be taking part in the event (continued on next page..)

RIDE+STRIDE: 13TH September 2025
for Churches



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Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling the Trust to make grants which are crucial in helping to preserve the historic churches and chapels that have stood at the center of their communities for centuries.

Cyclists and walkers are sponsored to visit churches and chapels who are also sponsored for welcoming visitors. The total money raised is split between the trust and those participating churches and chapels. You can visit as many as you can or set yourself a challenge, or simply visit a few nearby churches. It is completely up to you – you decide how far and how many. The church doors are open and they look forward to welcoming you, so stop by, be curious, have a chat and a well-deserved cup of tea and maybe some homemade cake.

The combination of exploring heritage and exercising across our beautiful county, whilst supporting the Trust to carry out its vital work, makes this a fantastic local event.

Everyone is welcome to take part - you don't have to be a member of a church; families, colleagues, friends, cyclists runners, mobility scooters and dog walkers are all welcome. You can even bring your horse! So, Save the date Saturday 13th September, and to find out more about the great day out, visit the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust website: nottshistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ridestride

Music at Halam Court

We are taking a break during August, but have much to commend to you for our autumn series (further details in the next issue.) To start off with, there will be an organ recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 14 September, by David Butterworth. Free entry and refreshments. All welcome as always.

Halam WI

This month we are looking forward to our annual summer social which will be hosted by one of our members here in Halam. Normal service resumes next month (2nd September) when we visit Strickland Farm in Halam for an evening tour of the farm. New members are always very welcome and if you would like to find out more please follow us on social media @HalamWI or contact halamvillagewi@gmail.com



Halam School News



Wow, what a very busy but amazing Summer term we've all had. On Tuesday 8th July, the whole school went off to the National Trust's Belton House for the day. The weather was beautiful and we all had a super time, exploring the house and grounds, playing on the adventure playground and eating ice-creams. The trip was funded by Lamb's charity in Edingley – thank you for the very generous donation.

A little while ago we were invited to take part in a time capsule activity which was run by the Sherwood Observatory. All children completed an activity, imagining what the world might be in 40 years time. A few children and their parents attended a special ceremony to bury the time capsule as well as enjoy the amazing activities on offer at the observatory. Thanks to Mr Gathercole for helping to arrange this opportunity for Halam children.

Following rehearsals, Oak class performed 'School Daze' for everyone, with the rest of school helping with singing and song actions. We thoroughly enjoyed entertaining our audiences and were grateful for the lovely feedback from all who came to watch it.

Sports Day was planned on Thursday 17th, although the weather was not great. The Summer fair still went ahead and was a huge success, thanks to our wonderful PTFA who had organised lots of activities and stalls. We completed our races during the last week in between the rain showers!

Leaver's services are such a significant part of our school for both the children and their families. Our church service was a lovely opportunity for the children to share their memories, poems, readings and songs with the congregation. Our service was attended by Bishop Andy Emerton, who was impressed with our 'Halam spirit'. Year 6 children finished their time at Halam with a final Leaver's assembly on Friday 25th July. All families were invited to join school for a picnic on this afternoon. Year 6 children enjoyed getting everyone to sign their Leaver's books and an old school shirt!

We wish everyone a relaxing and happy summer holiday – good luck to all of our leavers as they embark on their next chapter! **(by Mia, Amelia and Holly)**





St Michael the Archangel



August is traditionally holiday time, but rest assured the church in Halam does not take a break! We continue with our usual pattern of services, the exception being when we join with our neighbours in Edingley if there is a fifth Sunday in the month, as there is in August. On 31st August there will be a pet service held at the pinfold outside Edingley church. If you are visiting Halam you will be welcome at any of the services. If you have any questions about services or anything connected to the church contact numbers are listed below.

Everyone is welcome to come to all services and there is a table with colouring materials for any children to use, it is always interesting to see their work at the end of the service.

August services everyone is welcome.

3rd August: Seventh Sunday After Trinity - 11.00am Morning Prayer

10th August: Eighth Sunday after Trinity - 11.00am Holy Communion

17th August: Ninth Sunday After Trinity - 11.00am Informal Service followed by coffee and biscuits.

24th August: Tenth Sunday After Trinity - 11.00am Sung Eucharist

31st August: Eleventh Sunday After Trinity - 10.00a.m. Pet Service at St Giles Edingley

Advance Diary Date

28th September at 6.00p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving – put the date in your diary

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

I hope you are enjoying these lovely summer days as the holidays begin.

I have enjoyed watching Wimbledon with all the highs and lows.

August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration when Jesus' close disciples saw Him in all His glory on the mountain.

Part of the prayer asks, "that we may reflect His life in word and deed that all the world may know His power to change and save!" August 11th is the special day we remember Clare of Assisi. She was a nun who 'served the Lord with singleness of heart.' She lived at the time of St. Francis.

We pray for all the children and students preparing to move on to new schools and universities. We remember the leavers at our school in Halam.

Thank you for supporting our food bank and for being there for each other.

So, wherever holidays may take you, may you find refreshment of mind body and spirit.

Every blessing, Rev. Mary

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Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm on Thursday 10th July 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: Chris Denyer (in the Chair), Simon Bust and Andrew Paris and Ganesh Subramanian

Apologies: Chris Bevans, Catherine Blackburn and Charlie Wright

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting: Some amendments needed – to be circulated for discussion at the next parish council meeting.

Open Meeting

1. A representative from Halam W.I. asked if the parish council would be interested in joining with the W.I. in holding some CPR training for the village. The professional trainer would charge £200 and a class of a minimum 12 people would be required. Agreed unanimously.
2. The discussion was widened to include general first aid training and whether there would be an interest from the village if the W.I./parish council arranged basic first aid training. Agreed to investigate further.
3. The issue of obstructive parking on School Lane was raised, especially when cars are parked very near the corner with The Turnpike. The Clerk will write to the Head at Halam School. This could be something to discuss with the local police Beat Officer, possibly with photographs of the offending vehicles.

Finance

Agreed to pay:

1. replacement churchyard bench, 2. village hall cleaner, 3. village hall cleaning products, 4. printer ink for parish council documents

The Financial Officer reported that we had received a £200 rebate from NatWest in compensation for the issues with the bank mandate. The end of year budget update was circulated to parish councillors.

A request was received from Halam Church for a grant towards stonework repairs to the church. Agreed to donate £250 – 3 for with 1 abstention.

Village Hall

To be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

Bus shelter – a parishioner has noted that the bus shelter windows are obscured by flyers and posters. Having removed the old noticeboards there is nowhere else nearby for members of the public to display notices. To be discussed further.

Allotments

Two further allotments have been let. They are currently being cleared for occupation. There is a large heap of wood and vegetation from these works; these will be disposed of when the weather is suitable.

The title claim is in progress.

Roads & Hedges

Crossroads fingerpost – Clerk to check when last discussion was held. Potential to replace with an old-fashioned sign with more “character”.

Halam Beck railings – County Council have said these will be repaired and painted at some stage TBA.

Some hedges in the village have now been cut back – thank you! Some are still overhanging the pavements. **Householders are reminded that it is their legal responsibility to ensure that their trees and hedges do not obstruct any pavements or footpaths.**

Trees on Halam Hill – these are encroaching onto the roadway. Clerk to contact the County Council to check who is responsible for cutting these back.

Harvest Supper

A date for the Halam Harvest Supper was discussed and Sunday 28th September was proposed to coincide with the church’s Harvest Festival Service.

Various options were discussed, but it was felt that an event in the marquee on the pub field was favourite. The principle of a short-term committee being set up to organise the event and liaise with the church, W.I. and Young Farmers was discussed – Chris Denyer to take this further and report back at the next parish council meeting. All the above agreed – 3 for with 1 abstention

Churchyard Bench: The new has arrived and been installed. Andrew Paris to arrange a commemorative plaque for the bench.

Village Christmas Tree

The potential to erect a Christmas tree on the verge outside the church was discussed. The comment was made that the present position outside the village hall was more appropriate as this is parish council land. If a tree is to be placed on the verge, County Council Highways will need plans and details. The Clerk to check out the feasibility with Highways.

Noticeboard Outside the Church: Repairs and maintenance to be done shortly.

Update from District Councillor Penny Rainbow

1. Local government reorganisation is going to take place with the abolition of District Councils. Final details for Nottingham/Nottinghamshire are being discussed.
2. Waste Food Collection – kerb collection is due to start. Households will be supplied with two caddies – one for outside and one for inside. These will be lockable to deter vermin. The scheme will NOT be compulsory.
3. Swift (bird) boxes will be now required on all new-build houses
4. Kidney Stones are now in place outside the District Council offices in Newark
5. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) is underway – this is a technical study of the theoretical development potential of sites in an area, where landowners can offer their land up as future building plots. It is probable that the land west of Allenby Road in Southwell will be developed.

Tour of Britain: Scheduled to come through Halam on Saturday 6th September

Alterations and Additions to Other Parish Council Officer Jobs

Deferred to the March - April meeting

Website Review: Transfer domain to Halam parish council – to be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Correspondence

Newark & Sherwood District Council – call for sites 2025 – SHELAA
Previously explained by Cllr Penny Rainbow.

Lengthsman Scheme

An additional quote for the work to the Halam Beck railing has been received and the council are reviewing how they want to proceed.

Biodiversity: Nothing to report this month / **Planning:** None this month / **Planning Decisions:** None this month

Confidential Business

Agreed to exclude the public and members of the public. The Clerk and Financial Office left the meeting.

HR Committee

1. HR Standing Committee Terms of Reference – the document had been circulated and a query raised. To be clarified at the next Parish Council meeting.
2. The HR Committee presented a report to the parish councillors.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th August, 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.

Dingbats

Last month: "Apple Pie" / "Bad spell of weather"

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VIOLET





District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for July 2025



Committee [Scrutiny] Report to PPIC (policy, performance and improvement committee) was presented in Community Plan Performance Report 2024 – 25 Q4 1 January to 31 March 2025.

An interesting statistic shows the footfall in Newark town centre compared with Southwell and the other towns. Peter Harris asked about the funding for economic development and its support across the area. The N&SDC pointed out that some of the Newark's total was supported. by Newark Creates event for 2024/25 - Fire, Flame and Frenzy Night on Saturday 1st March. This event was an interactive and immersive fire show in the Market Place, with a mini food festival and pop-up events alongside.

Average Daily Footfall				
	Newark*	Southwell	Edwinstowe	Ollerton
January 2025	6,279	1,974	2,000	2,203
February 2025	6,644	2,049	2,113	2,291
March 2025	6,864	2,118	2,276	2,391
Quarter 4 Average	6,596	2,047	2,130	2,295

The Council is 'greening gateways to villages and towns' and is working with Via East Midlands to achieve this. The District has not supported this in Southwell choosing entrances at Bilsthorpe, Blidworth and Boughton and Peter Harris is looking for an intervention in 2026.

The Working Party examining 'Out of Remit activities' ie discretionary activities of the Council was not permitted, by the Leader of the Council, to review expenditure that it does not have to do by statute. There are a number of areas where significant expenditure occurs in the Cultural budget and it is disappointing that Councillors have not had the opportunity of reviewing their efficacy.

Of the £71,193 support for community initiatives in the Round 2 of the Community grant scheme, The Minster School Parent Teacher Association received £4,995 and Southwell Women's Institute £7,950. In the last quarter, in the Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) small grant scheme £7,101 18 community groups were supported received funding.

The Council underspent its budget and income by £3,384,000 last year. It now has £35,614,000 in reserves. There was also an unspent £5,734,000 on capital projects, and the Project Management in the 'slippage' on schemes was queried.

Cabinet

After it being raised by Peter Harris. N&SDC are considering altering its approach to discourage new estate developments having a management company ManCo (often set up by the developer - or sold on as a separate profit centre) to maintain the land there and instead to have maintenance done by the local Council. We know that some estates charge their residents more than the precept just to maintain small amounts of land on their estate. This has caused concerns from residents so this alteration - in exchange for a s106 agreement for the local Council to take responsibility is to be welcomed.

