



### Halam WI

Railways in India - a talk by John Meredith on January 6th, 2004 at 7.30pm, Village Hall. All will be very welcome and we are sure husbands/lads will find John Meredith on "Trains in India" totally fascinating. Allow yourself to be transported to sunny climes in January. Light seasonal refreshments will be served.

### Warning of Telephone Fraudsters

The Police have warned of a new scam which is being carried out. You receive a phone call and are asked to press 9 to find out about a prize you have won. On doing so you are switched to a £20 a minute phone line. They keep you hanging on for up to 20 minutes, by which time you have run up a bill of £400! Needless to say, there is no prize. Please do not be caught out by this.

### Parish Plan Questionnaire - Update

The Parish Plan Steering Committee would like to thank all those who completed and returned their questionnaires before Christmas. So far, 30% of those distributed have been completed and passed on to the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council (Notts. RCC) for data input.

We would like to apologise for the omission of the Notts. RCC address from the front sheet. If you would like to forward your questionnaire directly, their address is: **Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, Newstead Miners' Welfare Community Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead Village, Nottingham, NG15 0BS.**

Any outstanding questionnaires will be collected in the New Year. If you have not received one please contact Halam Parish Council or any Steering Committee Member (01636 814026).

The aim of the questionnaire is to solicit views and thoughts about all aspects of village life and identify areas about which residents feel strongly. The output from the exercise will be used by Halam Parish Council and Notts. RCC to draft up a Parish Plan (Action Plan) for the village from which any grant and other funding opportunities can be pursued, as well as identifying design and planning criteria which can be used by Newark & Sherwood D.C.

The questionnaire has been produced by the Halam Parish Plan Steering Committee under the auspices of the Parish Council. Notts. RCC have provided guidance during the drafting of the questionnaire and will undertake independent electronic data capture of the information. All questionnaires are dealt with anonymously and no personal details are input.

An Open Meeting was held to help identify the areas to cover. The questionnaire was compiled following a fully inclusive process where relevant bodies in the village each produced questions specific to their needs (e.g. The Parish Council, The Parochial Church Council, Halam C. of E. Primary School, Halam Kids Club, The Village Post Office/Shop, The Waggon & Horses etc.) A specific group was set up to look at environmental and design issues.

Volunteer Contact Sheets that have been passed to Notts. RCC will be separated and sent back to the Steering Committee who will forward names and offers of help to the Parish Council. Only the Parish Council will retain this information.

If you haven't yet returned your questionnaire, it is not too late to do so. This is a unique opportunity for your voice, views and ideas to be heard. Even if you are unsure about the questionnaire, use the opportunity to put down your views, whether or not they are covered by the questions.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Halam Parish Plan Steering Committee**

### Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 11th December 2003

Present: G. Herbert, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, A. Paris, I. Sharman. Apologies: K. Lindley, S. Bust  
Resignation: Karin Lindley sent a letter of resignation due to poor health. It was agreed that the Chairman should have further discussion with her before a decision is made.

**Dog Bin:** A site meeting will be held immediately before next month's Parish Council meeting to confirm the location of the bin outside the church.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** All previous co-ordinators will be contacted and an open meeting with the area co-ordinator Tony Reynolds will be arranged for early in the new year.

**"More Cops for Notts":** A petition has been received asking for more police coverage. This will be circulated in the village.

**Parking:** The school wrote outlining the steps they are taking to try to help the parking situation on School Lane and the Turnpike end of Radley Road. Parked cars on Radley Road at the end of Gray Lane are still causing some problems - can all residents please ensure that this junction is kept clear.

**State of Roads - Gray Lane:** The poor condition of the road has been reported to the County Council. The Clerk will write emphasising the need for the road to be resurfaced.

**Gate at top of Culterforth Lane:** This has been removed by the County Council as this lane is a public highway.

**Halam Hill Footpath:** A parishioner has been struck by a car while walking up Halam Hill. Although she was not seriously injured, this adds further weight for the argument for a footpath along the Hill. Mrs. Armstrong will raise this incident with the District Council.

**Bus shelter cleaners:** The two younger volunteers have now started a cleaning rota. The Clerk was authorised to buy cleaning materials for this work. Some of the work will be done for free as part of a Duke of Edinburgh award.

**Plans for the Village Hall:** Martin Hubbard explained the options available for extending and upgrading the hall to bring it up to the required standard for disabled access. It was agreed that the Access Officer from N&S District Council will be asked to attend next month's Parish Council to outline sources of funding available as it was felt that any work should only be undertaken if external funds were available. Andrew Fraser agreed to start research into grants available.

**Village Shop:** The shop closed on 17th December. Councillors will attend a meeting at Kelham Hall to explore the possibilities of keeping the shop open under a Community Shop scheme.

**Parish Plan:** A letter was received criticising the questionnaire. In response, it was emphasised that the questionnaire was completely anonymous and to preserve anonymity, the returned forms were not being opened by anyone in Halam, instead all analysis was to be completed by Notts. Rural Community Council.

**Parish Council Minutes and Agendas:** It was agreed that copies of the agenda and minutes would be made available to the public at future Parish Council meetings.

**Planning:**

Applegarth, Radley Road - Extension; removal of condition 4 from permission 03/02040/FUL and minor amendment to roof: Passed unanimously.

**Finance:** Agreed to pay Village Hall cleaners.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 8th January, 2004 at 7.30pm (Councillors to meet outside the village shop at 7.00pm)

**St. Michael the Archangel**

Sunday 4th January : 2nd after Christmas	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 11th January : Baptism of Christ	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 18th January : 2nd of Epiphany	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 25th January : Conversion of St. Paul	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 1st February : Candlemas	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion

Information to Edward Gathercole (01636 813760) by the 26th for next month's Newsletter.



# HALAM NEWS

FEBRUARY 2004

## PTA Quiz

The PTA is holding a general knowledge quiz in the school on **Saturday, 7th February**, starting at 7.30 for 8pm. Either individuals or teams of 4-6 people are invited to take part with prizes for the winners. Tickets are £5 which includes food. Wine and beer will be available on the night. Tickets are available from Janet Strathern on 816746.

## Halam Shop

A well attended meeting was held on January 15th including two representatives from Newark and Sherwood Regeneration Department, plus a field worker from Village Retail Services Association and the Post Master of Fiskerton Post Office. The input from the professionals was excellent and led to a lively discussion. It would seem that the shop may well now be let if the Post Office agree to the hours etc. We should in this case all make a major effort to support the couple taking it on. Use it or we lose it, and we wish them well in this venture.

## Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 8th January 2004

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, A. Paris, I. Sharman. Apologies: K. Lindley. The Parish Councillors sent their best wishes to Karin for a speedy recovery.

Resignation: It was agreed to hold Karin's resignation in abeyance until after her operation to see how her convalescence progresses.

Plans for the Village Hall: The possible sources of funding for any village hall extension/alteration were discussed – probably the only real funding available at present would be from the National Lottery. It was suggested that an alternative site for a new village hall and facilities would be a better scheme. This will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Gray Lane (road surface): The surface will be patched shortly, but full resurfacing is unlikely to take place in the foreseeable future.

Dog Bin (positioning): An alternative location was decided upon at the site meeting – unanimous.

Halam Hill (path): Sir John Starkey is appealing against the District Council's decision to enforce this planning condition. Mrs. Armstrong will keep the Parish Council updated.

Village Shop: An open meeting will be held on Thursday 15th January to discuss the shop's future.

Parish Plan: Letters concerning the Parish Plan were read out from Peter Thompson, Declan Joyce, Rural Countryside Commission and Michael Starkey. The Meeting was then opened for the public to speak. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Parish Plan and the recent criticism by Michael Starkey and his colleagues from De Montfort University. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the Parish Plan Committee, the RCC and the University to discuss a way forward with the village questionnaire.

## Planning:

1. The Old Forge, Gray Lane – First floor extension: Passed 5 for, 1 against.

2. Littledale, Mansfield Road – Change of use of paddock for proposed tennis court and associated works: Passed unanimously.

3. The Old Barn, 2 Manor Fields – Retain satellite dish on east elevation: Passed unanimously.

Planning Decisions: The following decisions were reported from District Council:

development behind Evergreen House, School Lane – dismissed at Appeal;

rebuild of house at Ashcroft House, Gray Lane - passed.

Finance: It was agreed to pay the Village Hall cleaners and to pay the May Parish Council election costs of £623.

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 12th February, 2004 at 7.30pm.**

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**St. Michael the Archangel**

Sunday 1st February: Candlemas	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 8th February : 3rd before Lent	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 15th February: 2nd before Lent	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 22nd February: Sunday before Lent	11am Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 25th February: Ash Wednesday	7pm at Edingley
Sunday 29th February: Lent 1	9am Edingley (Joint H/E)
Sunday 7th March: Lent 2	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion

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### Southwell Choral Society

St John's Passion by J.S.Bach will be performed in the Minster on Saturday, 27th March at 7.30pm by the Ensemble of Southwell with N. Thorpe conducting. Tickets are available from the Minster Shop, Music in the Yard and Society Members (Tony Denyer).

### Parish Plan Questionnaire - February 2004 Update

The Parish Plan Steering Committee would like update you on what has happened over the past 2 months:

- 60% of Halam residents have completed and returned their questionnaires
- A draft data analysis report based on data collected has now been received from Notts. R.C.C. which will be reviewed by the Parish Plan Steering Committee, Notts. R.C.C. and Halam Parish Council.
- Following this review a Summary Report will be compiled and distributed which identifies the key areas/issues concerning residents of Halam.
- An Open Public Meeting will be held to solicit further information and ideas from Halam relating to the main items that come from the Summary Report.
- Comments/concerns raised by 2 residents from Halam have been reviewed, and Mr. M Starkey has joined the Parish Plan Steering Committee and fully supports the process and way forward.
- A subsequent (much smaller) questionnaire has been drafted to clarify the views of residents relating to some aspects of the Planning and Environment section and also covers some additional questions which the Parish Council would like to know your views about.
- This subsequent questionnaire is currently awaiting the approval at the next Parish Council meeting (12th March) and will then be distributed by hand and collected back one week later.

Thank you to all those that have completed the Volunteer Contact Sheets; it was a great response. The forms have been passed onto the Parish Council, who will contact you directly. If you would like to be involved in helping to develop the Parish Plan, or have any questions/concerns/issues, please either contact Halam Parish Council, or any Steering Committee Member (contact number 01636 814026)

**Halam Parish Plan Steering Committee**

### Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 12th February 2004

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, A. Paris, I. Sharman. Apologies: K. Lindley.

Village Hall: There may be funding available from the Lottery and from Landfill funds. The Chairman reported that Mr. and Mrs. Sharman (Snr.) have offered land for a new village hall and playing field. This is situated at the end of St. Michael's Close behind the Council Houses. In return, the Sharmans would like to be able to develop half the field with approx. three houses. The District Council would allow such a scheme only if it had complete support from the village. As part of the Parish Plan consultation, the village will be canvassed to get its opinion of this idea.

Parish Plan: The Parish Plan Committee Secretary gave an update of progress so far. It was agreed by all parties involved, including the Parish Council, that a supplementary questionnaire would be reissued containing approximately 17 questions with revised wording to remove any perceived bias and to make the data collected more meaningful.

Village Shop: An open meeting was held on Thursday 15th January to discuss the shop's future. There appears to be no definite prospect of the shop re-opening at this stage.

Councillor resignation: Mrs. Lindley sent a letter asking the Parish Council to accept her resignation due to the long-term nature of her recuperation. This was accepted with regret and the Clerk was requested to start the process for her replacement on the Council.

Green roads around the top of Cultersforth Lane: Letters concerning the state of these were read out. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council and Paddy Tipping MP.

Open Gardens: A letter regarding the future of this event was read. Despite falling attendance figures it was decided to hold the event again this year as long as 10 or more gardens were to be opened and that radio publicity could be arranged.

Allotments: A letter concerning the state of these was read. It was agreed that the Clerk and Mr. Bust would attend to the matter.

Possible encroachment onto the highway by a new house on Back Lane: A letter concerning this was read. Mrs. Armstrong agreed to investigate.

Planning: Nothing to report this month.

Finance: Agreed to pay Village Hall cleaners. Agreed to pay NALC subscription for the year. Agreed to send Karin Lindley some flowers from the Parish Council.

Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework: The Parish Council formulated the Council's responses to the issues raised.

Points raised when meeting was opened to the public:

A parishioner asked for an update on the footpath up Halam Hill. Sir John Starkey is appealing but the District Council is pursuing the matter.

A parishioner expressed the view that a new Village Hall behind existing houses could present a nuisance in terms of noise and disturbance. Development there could also set a precedent for further development and could lead to inappropriate building in the village.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th March, 2004 at 7.30pm.

#### St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 7th March: Lent 2	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 14th March: Lent 3	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21st March: Mothering Sunday	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 28th March: Passion Sunday	11am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 4th April: Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion

Information to Edward Gathercole (01636 813760) by the 26th for next month's Newsletter.  
Please remember to let me know of anyone moving in to the village so we can welcome them.

## **HALAM NEWSLETTER**

### **Not one – but Many!**

A number of concerns have been expressed at recent Parochial Church Council meetings about the way Ministry in the village is exercised from St Michael the Archangel, Halam. Clearly some misunderstandings have arisen and the facts need to be stated.

As far as ordained Ministry is concerned, I am the legal Priest-in Charge of the United Benefice of Edingley and Halam. So you do have a "Vicar", although I am also Dean of the Cathedral as well! I attend the meetings of the Parochial Church Council whenever possible and keep in close touch with the Churchwardens. The Sunday Worship is led by a member of the Minster Team – I am assisted by my colleagues, Canon Davey, Canon Jones, Canon Turner (the Bishop's Chaplain), Canon Brown (the Diocesan Missioner) and our Self Supporting Minister, Professor Myra Shackley, as well as some of the retired clergy in Southwell, including the Reverend Russell Perry and Canon John Toy. What a rich variety of experience and ministerial skills they bring to their tasks.

Our Readers – Sister Barbara CSL, Jenny Derbyshire, and Edwin Ward also assist. Sister Barbara or the Reverend Russell Perry conduct a weekly assembly in Halam School, and Sister Barbara visits Highfield Nursing Home and will visit homes, on request, in the villages, as will other clergy in the Team. Contact telephone numbers may be found in the Church porch

The day by day Welcome and Ministry of the Church are exercised by the Churchwardens, Parochial Church Council members and other members of the congregation. All baptised Christians have a Ministry in their homes, communities and places of work. More tasks are being undertaken by lay members of the Church – in their own right as Church members – not as "substitute Vicars"! A pastoral visit from a lay member of the church is of equal value to that of an ordained member. Each have different skills and gifts to offer, and if it is appropriate for a priest to visit in a particular situation rather than a lay member, anyone is at liberty to ask for such a visit and it can be arranged. Leadership is exercised by the Ministry Team and the Parochial Church Council. I think that in Halam there are many talented and dedicated lay members of the Parish Church, seeking to serve God and love their neighbours.

The face of the Church of England has changed and will continue to change – there's no going back to 40 or 50 years ago. Patterns of Ministry change as situations and needs change. There will continue to be less ordained clergy in every Diocese and Deanery. It is still God's Church, and its members – ordained and lay – are alive and well and working under his direction. He is the Source of the Church's Power and Life. Weekly the people of God meet together for Worship, Learning and Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us, receive grace and strength for ministry and share their gifts with the Community. That's how the Church grows!

David Leaning



# Halam News

April 2004

## Parish Council Election

Please note that there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please see the notice boards for details. If more than one individual puts their name forward for election by April 2<sup>nd</sup> an election will take place on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Children's Storeytelling

There will be a children's storeytelling as part of the Village Ventures Scheme in the Village Hall on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. It is the storey of Taffy's Talecoat and is suitable for children aged between 4 and 11. Tickets are £2.50 for children and £5 for adults from Janet Strathern (816746)

## Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2004

Present: G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, A. Paris, I. Sharman.

Resignation of Councillor: A notice advising of the vacancy and asking if parishioners wanted an election had been posted on the notice board. The Parish Council stated their wish for an election if more than one candidate stands for the vacancy.

Notice Boards: Concerns were expressed that important parish information was not being effectively communicated in the village. **Please note that the notice board by the bus shelter is the official parish council notice board for council postings and information.**

Opening the Meeting: It was agreed to keep the open part of the meeting following 'matters arising', but the Chairman will have the discretion to open future meetings at other times if it is felt appropriate.

Village Hall Funding and Resiting: Andrew Fraser reported that there could be money available from the WREN landfill fund up to a maximum of £50,000 and covering up to 100% of the project. Glenys Herbert and Andrew Fraser will formulate a couple of questions for the supplementary Parish Plan questionnaire to see if it is the wish of the village to take this matter further. Three letters had been received objecting to the proposal.

Parish Plan: The Parish Council reiterated its full support for the Parish Plan Committee in the circulation of the supplementary questionnaire. The Chairman will analyse the Parish Plan volunteer sheets and bring the results to the next meeting. A letter from Karin Davis was read expressing her disapproval of the controversy surrounding the Parish Plan questionnaire and questioning the need for the supplementary questionnaire.

Open Gardens: Peter Thompson is to advise and set a possible date.

Cultersforth Lane: The County Council are looking at better footpath schemes which may improve matters. Councillor Andy Stewart reported that there is legislation before Parliament currently to protect green lanes.

Allotments: The allotments have been tidied up by the Countryside Volunteers; the rubbish now needs removing – Nora Armstrong to arrange.

Village Tidying: The telephone box and the area around the seat have been cleaned and tidied up – thanks to Bill Milner and Bill Kemp.

Planning: District Council reported that the application for tennis courts at Littledale had been rejected. The rejection of the application for a retirement cottage on Gray Lane is to be taken to Appeal. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that in future no plans would be discussed unless they had come directly from the District Council and officially stamped.

Local Development Framework: It was agreed that the Parish Council's response to the District Council's consultation document would be made publicly available, by request, from the Parish Council Clerk.

Encroachment of Building on Back Lane: Claire Pendle (N & S Planning Officer) has measured the site and has stated that there is no contravention. The fence which also may have been a problem has now been moved.

Finance: It was agreed to pay the following; the Village Hall cleaners; bus shelter cleaners; Clerk's wages and the fire safety check for the Village Hall.

The Internal Auditor's report was discussed. The issues raised are to be addressed prior to the next check.

Date of Next Meetings: The **Annual Parish Meeting** (which is open to the public) will be held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.00pm**, followed by the ordinary Parish Council at 7.30pm.

The **Annual Parish Council Meeting** (at which the officers are elected) will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**.

### St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April : Palm Sunday	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am. Family Communion
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April : Maundy Thursday	7pm. Holy Communion (Agape)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April : Good Friday	10am. MP
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April : Easter Day	8am. Holy Communion 11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April : Easter 2	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April : Easter 3	10.30am Cluster Service Minster
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May : Easter 4	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion

If you have any enquiries regarding services or church matters please contact the churchwardens, Bev Perks (812181) or David Herbert (812335).

Information to Edward Gathercole (01636 813760) by the **23rd** for next month's Newsletter – please note the earlier deadline.



# Halam News

May 2004

After twelve years as editor I feel it is time to hand it over to someone else. Karin Davis has kindly agreed to do it as from June. Any contributions for June's issue should go to her at "Dovedale", Radley Road (01636 815854). I will still be organising the distribution so the delivery will remain the same. Thanks to Roy Allen Print for being so efficient in printing and returning the copies on time each month and to everyone who has contributed, delivered, advertised and sponsored the Newsletter over the last twelve years. **Ed Gathercole**

**Parking:** A near accident recently occurred at the entrance to St Michael's Close. Please do not park opposite this entrance as it forces cars onto the wrong side of the road. **Harold Barnard**

**French Lessons:** Learning a language should be rewarding and enjoyable, so I've decided to make learning French fun. Based on everyday situations such as travelling, booking in to a hotel, ordering a meal, going to the doctors, buying petrol etc., I place the emphasis on speaking and understanding rather than writing. Courses can be tailored to your requirements - around a table with a bottle of wine and a group of friends or as a family - so you don't need to feel as if you've committed yourself for the next three months. If you think that you may be interested, get out your berets and contact me for more details. **Jenny Moffat (0115-9312566)**

## **Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004**

**Present:** G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, A. Paris, I. Sharman.

The Chairman reviewed the previous year. She highlighted the change in Parish Councillors, the challenges of planning issues facing the parish and the progress of the Parish Plan process. She also talked about the offer including the site for a new Village Hall and the forthcoming Parish Council election for a replacement for Karin Davis.

District Councillor Bruce Laughton told the meeting about changes to the policing of parking in the District and reported on the progress of the new library in Southwell. He also reported that traffic calming measures on Halam Hill were now a priority at County Council level. He was asked if verge trimming in the Parish could be kept to a minimum to preserve wild flowers etc. He replied that verges were trimmed significantly every three years and only partially mown the other two.

## **Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004**

**Present:** G. Herbert, S. Bust, N. Armstrong, A. Fraser, A. Paris, I. Sharman.

**Appointment of New Councillor:** An election for a new Parish Councillor is to be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of April as 10 or more parishioners had written to the District Council requesting an election.

**Lottery Funding & Village Hall:** Mr. Fraser said he was waiting for firmer plans before pursuing this further.

**Parish Plan:** The wording for the front page was agreed. The questions regarding the new Village Hall proposal would be added and the supplementary questionnaire sent out.

**Open Gardens:** It was reported that due to a shortage of volunteer gardens, this event would not be taking place this year. A big thank you to all who have been involved over the past ten years. From the gardeners to stall organisers, and carpark attendants to tea makers, your help in making the past events so successful and raising funds for the village has been greatly appreciated. It was hoped that some village event could be organised in 2005 with input from the Village Events committee.

**Allotments:** Mrs. Armstrong reported that the District Council will be removing the rubbish shortly. Mr. Bust is to liaise with Ed Gathercole to source new quicksets for the hedge and have them planted at the appropriate time. A maximum budget of £150 was agreed.

**Hatched Lines Outside Pub:** It seems they are 'for information only' and have no legal enforceability.

**Overhanging Hedges:** A hazardous incident involving overhanging hedges was reported to the meeting. Mr. Paris agreed to have any offending hedges cut back as a matter of urgency.

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# Planning:

It was reported that an application for an extension of Old Forge, Gray Lane, had been approved by the District Council.

1. Proposed dwelling, land adjacent to Thornholme, Gray Lane: Passed 4 for, 1 against, with one abstention. A parishioner expressed his objections on the grounds of the negative impact on his amenities, the size of the proposed house and removal of mature hedges. The previous owner of the site informed the meeting that conditions of size and location of any new dwelling had been put on the land when it was sold.
2. Construction of stable block Forge Cottage, Gray Lane: Passed unanimously.
3. Proposed 2 storey extension to the rear, single storey porch to front and new windows, Holbeck Cottage, St. Michael's Close: Rejected unanimously on the grounds of loss of amenities of the neighbouring old peoples' bungalows.

## Items for the next Agenda

1. A possible breach of planning regulations behind Forge Cottage is to be investigated.
2. Neighbourhood Watch – in light of the recent car break-ins in the village, the scheme will be 'revitalised' as soon as possible.
3. Parish Plan Volunteer sheets – 39 completed sheets have been passed to the Chairman offering to volunteer for a variety of tasks. Thank you all for your responses and offers of help. The Chairman will be liaising with these volunteers shortly. Anyone else who would like to help in the parish can contact Mrs. Herbert directly.

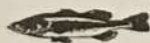
Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.** This is the Annual Parish Council meeting at which the Council's officers are elected.

## St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May: Easter 4	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am. Holy Communion
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May: Easter 5	11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May: Easter 6	9.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May: Ascension Day	7pm Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May: 1 <sup>st</sup> after Ascension	11am. Sung Eucharist
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost	9.30am Joint service with Edingley at St. Michael's
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June: Trinity Sunday	8am. Holy Communion 9.30am. Family Communion

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Information to **Karin Davis** (01636 815854) by the 26th for next month's Newsletter.



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
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# Halam News

**From the Editor:** Ed Gathercole has produced and edited Halam News for over 10 years. On behalf of the village I would like to thank him for his hard work, conscientiousness and community spirit. Thanks Ed!

You will all notice that Halam News is sponsored this month by Terry Buck. Halam News relies on donations and advertisements in order to exist, and has no other funding. If you wish to make a donation, place an advert, or have any items of news or events included - please

contact me: Karin Davis  815854

## New Parish Councillor

Congratulations to Di Parish, who has been returned as Halam Parish Councillor. Turnout of voters at almost 50% for a parish by-election was good, and demonstrates once again the commitment and involvement of Halam residents, when other Parish Councils struggle to find candidates and seldom have elections.



## St Michael the Archangel: June Services

6 June TRINITY SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion
13 June FIRST AFTER TRINITY	11am Sung Eucharist
20 June SECOND AFTER TRINITY	9.30am Family Communion
27 June THIRD AFTER TRINITY	11am Sung Eucharist

For information contact Church wardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) Priest-in-charge: Rt. Rev. David Leening: (Tel: 812593)

## Halam & Edingley W.I.

The W.I. meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Halam Village Hall at 7.30pm. On Tuesday 1 June the speaker will be Mr Smith talking on the subject 'Okavango: A Place of Plenty'. The competition will be: 'An Animal Snapshot'. New members will be made most welcome. July's meeting will be held in a member's garden.

## Puzzle Corner

You have a 5 litre jar and a 3 litre jar and unlimited amounts of water. How do you measure 4 litres exactly? You are not allowed to use any other containers. Answer in next month's news.

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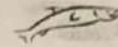
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## Neighbourhood Watch Open Meeting

This will take place on Wednesday 16 June, Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Parish Council are looking to revitalise this scheme and find more volunteers. Terry Reynolds (Area Coordinator) & P.C. Carr (Police Beat Manager) will be attending. Everyone is welcome!

## Halam School Sports Day & Summer Fete

This will take place on Halam School field on Wednesday 7 July at 2pm. There will be all the usual attractions and a warm welcome to all villagers and old pupils. See you there! Also Halam School's summer concert takes place on 16 June, at 2pm & 6pm.

## What's On Locally:

- Lowdham Book Festival 12-16 June. Details from Ross Bradshaw 0115 9774435 or The Bookcase, Main Street Lowdham.
- Southwell Minster School 'It's a Knockout' Carnival Sunday 27 June. Details from Hugh Middleton 01623 411496
- Patchings Festival 10- 13 June
- Newark on Water Festival opens on Weds 9 June with 'a Night at The Opera'. Contact Newark Tourist Information for details of events throughout June 01636 655765
- Paperwork Art Exhibition until 13 June at Rufford Craft Centre. Free admission.
- Upton Open Gardens & Sculpture display Sunday 6 June 1pm-6pm. Entry £2.50 & £1 for children.

## Southwell Choral Society

On Saturday 26 June at 7.30pm the choral society presents an evening of summer music in the Leisure Centre with pupils from the Minster School, prior to their tour of Austria. Tickets & information from: The Minster Shop; Music in the Yard; or Tony Denyer (Tel: 814708).



## Parish Pump

- Exams!!! Rhys Fowler, Amy Hubbard, Nick Gramlick, Steve Miller, Matthew Davis, Clarissa Perks, Beth McMurdo, Matthew Oxley, Jonathon Paris, Ian Rickett, Cate Davis, Danielle Pepper, are all sitting important exams this summer. We wish them every success!
- Congratulations to Karen & Marco on the birth of their daughter Lucia, and to Keely & Steve on the birth of their daughter Matilda.

### Parish Council Meeting 13 May 2004

All Councillors present; Andy Stewart (County Councillor) reported that County Council are considering a flashing 30mph sign for Halam.

Di Parish welcomed as new councillor; Simon Bust elected Chairman; Glenys Herbert vice-chairman; Xmas charities- SB & AP; Press Officer- AP; Transport Officer- GH; Nalc. Reps- SB & AF; Snow Warden-SB; Internal Auditor- Elaine Gathercole; Flag Officer-SB; Crime Prevention - AP.

Matters Arising: Village Hall/Lottery funding; Parish Plan; Breach of Planning; Neighbourhood Watch; Police Liaison; 'Councillors Behaving Badly'.

Open Meeting: Traffic Hazards caused by parking on building site next to Ashdene highlighted; Siting of the Dog Bin- appropriateness questioned by parishioner.

Correspondence: Endurance ride Sunday 16 May; NALC annual conference; Letter re parking building site next Ashdene- SB to speak to contractors; letter re siting of dog bin – resolved to keep it in clean condition & regularly emptied; Village Hall Conference – AF to attend.

Planning: 1) Chartwells, Station Rd. Edingley (in Halam Parish) – proposed front porch – supported unanimously; 2) Holbeck Cottage, St Michael's Close, - proposed 2 storey extension to rear, & porch to front (amended plans) unanimously rejected.

Finance: Agreed to pay following: village hall repairs; village hall cleaners; Bramley Publications; Gill & Taylor (electrical check); Best Kept Village entry fee; Notts. CPRE Best Kept Buildings competition (entry for Plough & Barn Conversion, Turnpike/School Lane); Payment of statutory bills (rates/electric/mortgage) authorised; A financial risk assessment will be brought to next meeting; Allotment rental charges to remain at £10 per annum each. An allotment may be available in near future.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 June, 7.30pm



## Halam's Area of Special Interest

Nottinghamshire County Council manages a series of roadside verges across the county specifically to benefit the plants that grow in them, under the Notified Road Verge (NRV) scheme. To date, there are 25 NRVs in the county, one of which is found in Halam.

The Halam NRV is located at the southern end of Newhall Lane, and runs from the entrance to Brockley Farm to the top of the hill approximately 200m to the north, along both sides of the road. As with all NRVs it is marked with 6ft wooden posts at either end, designed to indicate the importance of the verges, yet remaining fairly unobtrusive.

Although small in area, Halam NRV is rich in plant species. These include the locally rare adder's-tongue fern and pyramidal orchid, along with more typical meadow species, such as yellow rattle, cowslip, black knapweed and common vetch. Such species are becoming increasingly scarce, and road verges often represent the only places where they can be found in some areas.

Halam NRV is managed by Mr Hoggard at Brockley Farm, following the traditional management practice of taking a hay cut in late July or early August. This serves to retain the botanical interest of the site and prevents species such as grasses and nettles from taking over. These more dominant species thrive in areas with higher nutrient levels, but by removing each year's growth from the verges, lower nutrient conditions can be maintained. Mr Hoggard then uses the hay crop to feed his livestock during the winter, so this is a mutually beneficial arrangement which we are keen to replicate elsewhere, rather than relying on private contractors (who we have had problems with in the past).

As a result of its botanical interest the NRV is also good for butterflies which are attracted by nectar producing plants. Species such as orange-tip and small copper can be seen along the verges in the summer. Similarly, birds such as whitethroat and yellowhammer also make use of the verges, finding insects to feed on during the summer, and seeds during the autumn and winter.

It is hoped that following this article, more people will visit and enjoy the verges. If you would like to know more about the verges at Halam, or the NRV scheme, then please contact me on 0115 977 4557.

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