

## **Flag Flying Dates**

9<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of the Princess of Wales  
20<sup>th</sup> - Birthday of the Duchess of  
Edinburgh

## **Bin Collection Dates**

 Brown (Fri): 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>\*  
 Silver (Mon): 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Green (Mon): 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Teal (Tue): 21<sup>st</sup>   
\*There will be no brown bin collection on 3rd and 31st

# **HALAM NEWS**

## **January 2025**

If you would like to contribute to a future edition of Halam News please send your article (as you would like it to be printed) using the details below by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion the following month. All content is included at the discretion of the Editor.



### **New Editor of Halam News!!**

Well the time has come after 7 Years and 4 Months (88 Editions) for me to hand over the reigns as Editor of Halam News. It has been both an honour and a privilege to carry out this role and would like to wish Kate Taylor every success for the future as she takes the baton for next month and becomes only the 6<sup>th</sup> person to take on this role. I would not be stepping down if it was not for the decision for my family and I to relocate to Hayle in Cornwall in July 2025. While this is a very exciting time for our family it will also be heart rending for us to leave the village that we love. We will visit regularly and promise to stay in touch.

Halam News was started in July 1979 by Steven Brown and there has never been a missed edition in its over 45 year history. Long may this tradition continue.

### **Janet Hannah Davis 'Ann' nee Donson, 1941 - 2024.**

My beloved wife Ann passed away on the 11th of November. She was diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer last Christmas. She was born at her parent's home 'Gray Home' in Gray Lane.

She was christened in St Michael the Archangels church Janet Hannah Donson, she went to Halam school where she was known as Ann. Her mother Betty was a Kemp.

Afternoon losing her mother she regularly sat in Halam church because she felt close to her and her Aunt Margaret who are buried there.

She had a very enjoyable childhood playing in Gray lane and by the stream. She sung in the church choir, confirmed at Southwell Minster and was a member of the Halam girls friendly club.



We were married for over 45 years. Ann worked at Nottingham co-op department store on Parliament Street for 35 years where she was very well liked. My heart is filled with sorrow when I think of all they love we shared and all the fun we had. I miss her terribly, although I cannot see her, in my heart she'll always be for true love lives forever and goodbye I'll never say. Christopher.

### **Halam Marquee Update**

Now that we have had the chance to clear the marquee frames and take stock of the situation, I am confident that between us we should be able to get 3 of the 4 marquees back up and running with little or no cost. The question will be, how much will it cost to get the 4<sup>th</sup> one up and running, the enquiry has been made and a decision will be made in due course, and we will update you then.

### **Halam WI**

Happy New Year from Halam WI! As usual, there is no meeting this month, but we are looking forward to welcoming our members to a new year of WI on Tuesday 4th February at 7:30pm for a wine tasting event at the Village Hall - more information to follow soon. For more information and news from WI please follow us on Facebook and Instagram @HalamWI or email [halamvillagewi@gmail.com](mailto:halamvillagewi@gmail.com)

### **Halam Christmas Lights Switch On**

Thank you to everyone who braved the horrible weather and came to the Village Hall to watch Santa's Tractor Run, support Young Farmers, and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. The hall was festive and cosy and it was great to see so many people chatting and enjoying themselves long after the tractors had gone. It was a shame that the weather prevented the 'Lights Switch-on' but maybe next year it'll be a crisp, dry and bright evening.

Halam Parish Council

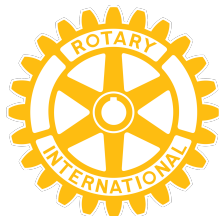


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### **RotaTree Collection**

If you live in Southwell or the surrounding area, Southwell Rotary Club will collect and recycle your Christmas tree in the new year for a donation of £5 or more to Charity.



Just email [RotaTreeCollect@post.com](mailto:RotaTreeCollect@post.com) or Call 07749 260207

With your name, Postal Address and Phone Number and we'll take it from there.

Trees will be collected between 6<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Thank you for your support – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



## **Halam School News**



We have been involved with lots of exciting Christmas activities:

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, choir performed, with Mrs. Speed, at the Late-Night Shopping event in Southwell. The streets were bustling with local people, and it was lovely to have such a huge audience. Our KS1 Christmas performance, 'The Nativity' was performed on 2<sup>nd</sup> December; it was a whole school performance, which showed off our talents! We made a range of cards and decorations on Christmas Craft Day. The glue gun was very busy, and we can't wait to bring home our creations to hang on the tree. On 9<sup>th</sup> December, we enjoyed a whole school visit to the Palace Theatre in Newark, to watch their production of Aladdin. Grandmas and grandads were invited to our 'Carols and Mince Pies' concert on 11<sup>th</sup> December. We sang a huge range of traditional carols as well as some of our production songs; some children played a song on a musical instrument to showcase our talents. Following this, Mrs. Speed took choir for another performance – this time, it was at Edingley Care Home. The children were delightful, impressing the residents and spreading their infectious good cheer throughout the care home. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This week, we delivered a beautiful church service, along with Reverend Mary and Chris to a full congregation – what a super event. Santa Claus has just visited all children this afternoon (18<sup>th</sup> December). Although he is very busy at this time of the year, he popped in to deliver a Christmas gift to every child – he said that he'd heard just how well-behaved our Halam children are! Phew! We have almost made it to the end of a very busy term, parties are still to enjoy tomorrow.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff and children and Halam School.



### **St Michael the Archangel**



Happy New Year to everyone. January is a time when we make resolutions and review what we intend to do during 2025, there is always a place for everyone in church. It is not necessary to commit a great deal of time but, as with the churchyard clear up sessions, a short time makes a huge difference. So, if you think you could spare a little time to clean the church, to make a flower arrangement or help with services occasionally then please contact the churchwardens.

On 19<sup>th</sup> January there will be a Christingle Service when oranges decorated will be distributed, after the service coffee and biscuits will be at the back of church.

**January services everyone is welcome.**

<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11.00a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11.00a.m.	Informal Christingle Service followed by refreshments
<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11.00a.m.	Sung Eucharist

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

Happy New Year!

I wonder if you have been on a journey over Christmas – maybe to see family or friends, or on holiday. My sister has been on a Mediterranean cruise and found the sun!

So, pause on the threshold of this new year. At school I used to love a new exercise book – a fresh start.

January reminds us of some more people who went on a long journey, probably from the then Persia or Arabia. They were wise men who were astrologers, the strange star in the sky excited them and led them to Bethlehem to worship the Christ child.

We call this time of the church's year Epiphany which means a moment of great revelation when all came to worship, represented by the wise men. The special prayer for Epiphany says this: 'Lord God the bright splendour whom the nations seek! May we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light, discern the glory of your presence in Your Son the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The wise men brought special gifts. The carol 'In the Bleak Midwinter' asks 'what can I give Him? Give my heart!'

Thank you for your ministry to each other

Thank you to Hills for letting us sing carols on a wet and blustery day.

Every blessing, Rev. Mary

**Dingbats** – Last month's answers were "5 o'clock Shadow" & "Split Personality"

# **Job in Job**

# **Head Heel Heel**



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# **Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting**

**7.30 pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**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.  
Click the QR code to link to the website.*

## **Present**

Catherine Blackburn (Chair), Chris Denyer (Vice-Chair), Chris Bevans, Simon Bust, Andrew Paris and Charlie Wright

## **Apologies**

Ganesh Subramanian

## **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

- a. .gov.uk emails for the parish council and councillors – £100 government funding available. Chris Bevans and Financial Officer to complete the process.
  - b. Damaged fingerpost at crossroads – a Section 115 Notice will be required for the parish to take ownership and replace the current sign post. Waiting for Notts County Council to advise what their replacement proposal would be. Financial Officer researching what types of signs are available commercially.
  - c. Overhanging hedge, School Lane, alongside the golf course – has now been completed.
  - d. Banking – Unity Bank is the favoured solution; the Financial Officer to check signatory process (requirement for two parish councillors to sign). Signature mandate and I.D. checks will be needed.
  - e. Code of Conduct – date for training session for parish councillors set – 7 p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> January.
- Update on Information from the Monitoring Office – the Chair stated that Monitoring Officer had ruled that no action was required.

## **Open Meeting**

A parishioner thanked the council for organising the Christmas mulled wine and mice pie event during the Young Farmers' tractor run. They suggested that the YF Just Giving link should be included in Halam News.

## **Update from District Councillors**

A 'new bridge' across the Trent is planned to facilitate inter town cycling to Newark - rather than using the narrow and potentially dangerous Kelham Bridge.

## **Village Hall**

1. Hall floor – a quote has been received to strip, sand and reseal the floor. It was agreed that the floor should be given a good cleaning before any final decision is made.
2. Village Hall Wall – lowering the wall has proved not to be an option. Clerk to obtain quotes for (i) rebuilding the less secure section of the wall, and (ii) a gate to secure the side passage of the village hall.
3. Bus shelter and area round the phone box and crossroad bench – Catherine Blackburn volunteered to tidy up these areas.

## **Allotments**

Title - Nothing further to report this month  
Grants – Severn Trent have declined to help with any funding as they believe that allotment improvements would not benefit the majority of villagers.  
Improvements – all allotment holders to be invited to a meeting new year (date T.B.C.) to discuss next e.g. clearance of the overgrown unlet allotments, possible wildflower meadow?

## **Roads & Hedges**

The Internal Drainage Board have inspected Halam Beck from Gray Lane to the River Greet. There is still an amount of silt build-up under the road bridge over the beck. Chris Denyer to send photos to Financial Officer to forward to Notts County Council for further action.

## **Christmas Event – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

The event was a success with around 70 people attending. Thanks were recorded to Chris Denyer, Catherine Blackburn and Adrian Blackburn. It was agreed to ask the Young Farmers to dispose of the Christmas tree early in January. A donation of £5 will be made.

## **Handover of website and hall bookings from Chris Bevans**

Village website – to be taken on by Catherine Blackburn  
Hall bookings – to be taken over by Charlie Wright  
Flag Officer – suggested that Ganesh Subramanian could take this over

## **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Halam C of E Primary School thanking the parish Council for its donation towards the outdoor classroom. An invitation to the official opening on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2 p.m. was included.

## **Lengthsman Scheme**

Chris Denyer to investigate further.

## **Best Kept Village**

A prize of £125 had been received in honour of Halam winning its section.

## **Halam Christmas Charities – parish council involvement**

It was explained that the Charities are independent from the parish council. The Charity Commission manages the Charities' money. Simon Bust reminded the council that two parish councillors are elected each year in May as representative to help distribute the Charities' money at Christmas.

## **Biodiversity Policy**

Nothing further to report this month.

## **Planning**

The Manor House, Radley Road - Detached Garden Shed  
Agreed unanimously to support the application

## **Planning Decision**

None this month

## **Finance**

An updated budget was circulated. Further update and next year's budget and the village precept to be discussed at next meetings.

1. Agreed to pay for:
2. Lock for porch cupboard
3. Christmas tree
4. Food and mulled wine
5. Christmas lights and decorations
6. Road salt

## **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 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.*

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