

HALAM NEWS

MAY 2008



Another bumper edition this month!! Don't forget to send articles and other info. for inclusion in the **HALAM NEWS** by 25th of each month to:

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Peter Thompson 01636 814026

LEAD THEFTS

On the night of 8th April lead was stolen from the roof of St Michaels Church and on the night of the 10th April an attempt was made to take lead from the roof of Halam School. Please check if you have lead flashing on your roof and keep a good watch over it.

Anyone with any information about these incidents or any other similar incidents should contact:

terry@bassetlawnw.freemove.co.uk

Telephone 01909 473875

People in the News

- Welcome to the Todd family who have recently moved onto Radley Road
- Congratulations to Gwen and John Beckett of The Turnpike who have become proud grandparents with the arrival of their granddaughter Penny who weighed in at 9lbs 3oz
- Congratulations also go to Steph McCracken who passed her driving test on Saturday 26 April, the same day that her mother entered her 50th year (so that's commiserations to Margaret then!!)

Robert Sharman

Thank you for all the cards and messages of sympathy received after the death of our dear brother. Bob was born in Halam, at Littledale Cottage, and christened in Halam Church. When he was 1 year old, he moved with his family (then 5 brothers and sisters) to New Holbeck Farm, and later attended school in Halam and Southwell. He was a keen Young Farmer and it was at one of their meetings that he met his future wife - Janet Wright. Whilst still at New Holbeck Farm they had 2 children - Julia and Jonathan, before moving to Grange Farm at Gelston. In later life they ran a very successful B&B and it was often mentioned that guests who came to breakfast either grumpy or not speaking to each other, would end up laughing and friends again after Bob's gentle teasing! Always full of fun and laughter, he will be missed by us all.

Olive Kitts and the Sharmans

“Ding Dong the bells are going to chime.....“

A celebration of weddings at Halam Church is being planned in aid of the Halam Church Organ fund. We would like to show wedding photographs of couples married at Halam at any time in the last 100 years and it is hoped that we may be able to exhibit as many as 100 weddings at least from that period. We would be delighted to hear from couples who have been married in that period or whose parents or grandparents were married at Halam, with a view to exhibiting such photographs. Original photographs would not be used but copies would be made and exhibited. An exact date for the exhibition has not yet been decided on but it is hoped that as many people who have connections with Halam can unearth those cherished memories and make them available to the Halam Organ Fund committee.

For further information please contact:

David Herbert 01636 812335 or Karin Davies 01636 815854



HALAM HAS A NEW NOTICE BOARD !

AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION, HALAM PARISH COUNCIL HAS INSTALLED A NEW NOTICE BOARD FOR THE VILLAGE. THE BOARD IS MADE FROM OAK AND STANDS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE CHURCH; IT HAS THREE SECTIONS, ONE FOR OFFICIAL PARISH NOTICES, ONE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE VILLAGE AND ITS FOOTPATHS, AND THE THIRD FOR HALAM RESIDENTS' NOTICES AND POSTERS.

IT WAS PAID FOR BY A COMBINATION OF VILLAGE FUND RAISING AND DONATIONS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS. COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDY STEWART GAVE MONEY FROM HIS ELECTORAL DIVISION FUND FOR LOCAL GOOD CAUSES WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY GET FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS NORA ARMSTRONG AND BRUCE LAUGHTON SUPPORTED THE PROJECT WITH MONEY FROM THEIR COUNCILLOR'S ALLOWANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES.



Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm Thursday 10th April

Present: S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris Apologies: D Parrish & M Thompson

Matters arising

1. Lack of footpath up Halam Hill 2. Jubilee tree plaque – to be obtained 3. Road signs – County Council has no budget to replace the sign at the Edingley end of the village which was knocked down some time ago 4. State of the roads – some improvements have been made this year, especially Gray Lane 5. Spring at the top of Radley Road – needs piping out before next winter

Chairman's Report

1. Parish Council meetings were held monthly over the past year
2. The P.C. considered many planning applications – on only one of which the District Council went against the P.C.'s views
3. Parish Plan – village contacts leaflet had been put out
4. Design Statement – progressing
5. Allotments – dykes and drains have been cleared out this year
6. Village floods – little could have been done this year due to the amount of rainfall in such a short space of time, but the District Council has made better provisions for future problems and there is better liaison with Parish Councils. Some work has already been done on Halam Beck, and dredging under the road bridge is scheduled for the near future.
7. Parish Paths Partnership – Elaine Gathercole and her team have done an excellent job. The paths and gates are now greatly improved.
8. Village Notice Board – thanks to Cllrs. Andy Stewart, Nora Armstrong and Bruce Laughton. Thanks also to Andrew Paris and Declan Joyce for their contribution from the 2006 Halam calendar.
9. Game Night – held at the end of last year, was most successful
10. Village Hall – the greatest challenge facing the P.C. this year. The P.C. is determined to keep it open and plan to bring the hall up to a reasonable standard to increase its use. It will be improved as much as the limited funding allows.
11. Thank yous... the clerk, Pat Rickett for all his work and support; all Halam Parish Councillors for their input and various roles; John Whitaker for the Community Speed Watch Scheme; Alex Reid for keeping the bus shelter clean; County Cllr. Andy Stewart for his support and input at County Council level; District Cllrs. Nora Armstrong and Bruce Laughton for their support at District Council, especially Nora for her input with planning issues; residents of the village for their attendance at meetings and their input; and everyone who has helped in the smooth running of the Parish.

Open Meeting:

1. bus shelter – needs repainting and safety glass installing
2. state of the pavements – Clerk to contact County Council
3. hedges encroaching on pavements – **could all residents please ensure that the pavement outside their property are kept clear from overgrown hedges please**
4. speed of vehicles coming from Edingley along The Turnpike – ARP to contact local Beat Office for assistance & Cllr Stewart to provide information regarding Parish funded interactive speed signs
5. slow speed of broadband in Halam – AF & ARP to investigate further

Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm Thursday 10th April 2008

Present: S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris Apologies: DParrish & M Thompson

Matters Arising

Hedge at top of Gray Lane – is to be re-set

Village Hall

Marina Thompson has made progress. AF & ARP to meet with her (Thursday 17th) to firm up details.

Notice Board

Has now been put up. Quotes to be obtained for painting/carving to top header board. **Suggestions please as to the style of footpath map for the board – e.g. artistic 'bird's eye' view, aerial photo, drawing etc. – any volunteers?**

Speed Watch

ARP to contact Beat Officer re speeding vehicles from the Edingley direction.

Flood Prevention

Some dredging and clearing has been done, and dredging under the road bridge is scheduled for the near future. District Council has now set up contingency plans including flood hot-lines and supplies of sand bags.

Open Meeting

1). sewage problems – the pumping station seems to be out of action, causing problems in Edingley – **is anyone in Halam experiencing problems?**

2). Slow progress with the Village Hall – Chairman reported that improvements would be seen shortly

Correspondence

1). Letter from Mr. Stubbs thanking the P.C. for the improvements to the drains and ditches at the allotments

2). T.P.O. – Tree Preservation Order to be removed from beech tree at 'Roseneath' to allow felling

3). Parking on pavements – **all residents please note that parking on the pavements in the village is causing problems for pedestrians, especially the elderly or disabled. Please be considerate and park only on the road.**

4). Best Kept Village Competition – agreed to enter again this year

Finance

Agreed to pay – erection of notice board & P.C. Insurance



**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, HALAM
MAY SERVICES**



**Hallem & District
Womens Institute**

Date	Time	Service	Led by
4th May	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev'd Erika Kirk
	09:30	Family Communion	Rev'd Erika Kirk
11th May - Pentecost	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev'd David McCoulough
18th May - Trinity	09:30	Family Communion	Rev'd Russell Perry
25th May	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev'd David McCoulough

- 6th May AGM
- 13th May Halam WI 53rd birthday party !!
Both meetings in the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm
Contact Glenys Herbert for more info. 01636 812335

**Garden Party in aid of
Southwell Choral Society**

On **Saturday 7th June**, Southwell Choral Society will be holding a fund-raising garden party by kind permission of Glenys and David Herbert at Ashdene, Radley Road, Halam. It will take place between 11.30am and 3.30pm and there will be stalls, tombola & entertainments. Entry will be £2, or £6 including a light lunch if you buy your ticket in advance. Tickets are available from members of Southwell Choral Society, Penny at Music in The Yard or may be paid for on the gate. For further information please contact:
Music in The Yard: 01636 814411 or **Karin Davis** 01636 815 854

Hallem Church Organ Appeal

By the end of the month the Organ fund will stand at £19,373 and with gift aid still to be credited it will be approximately £21,900. We have a further guaranteed £1000 expected by the end of May.

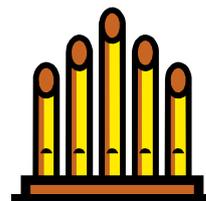
We are approaching a situation where we will be in a position to commission the new instrument but in order to do this we really need have reached approximately three quarters of the total cost. There is a possible slot with the organ builders to commence work to prepare the instrument at the end of the year or early next year, but this will need to be confirmed as soon as possible. The building process will take about three months in their factory before they are ready to install it in church and this will take a further month to six weeks.

In view of this if you intend to donate to the Organ fund the committee would be really grateful if you could do so as soon as possible so that we can hopefully have the project completed within a two year period.

Many thanks to all those people who have already given generously and especially to the relatives of Michael Todd and Ron Atkins who supported Hallem Organ through donations given in their memory.

We are always open to suggestions and assistance for further fund-raising events.

Alec Wells (Chairman)
Tel 01636 813491



Open Gardens

It is intended to hold this years open gardens event on **6th July** and it is hoped to run a **book** stall and **bric-a-brac** stall. Contact **David Herbert** (812335) for more info. and to arrange collection of donations for the stalls

Ron Atkins

The Atkins family would like to thank everyone who attended Ron's funeral and also for the tributes, kind words of sympathy, the cards, flowers and donations to the church organ fund. Everyone's support and kindness was much appreciated at this sad time.



FARM WALK - TUESDAY 3rd JUNE, 7pm

On Tuesday 3rd June, North Notts NFU are organising a farm walk at Ian Sharmans farm - NEW HOLBECK FARM, Radley Road Halam.

Everyone is welcome to join in with this fun event

Places on the walk need to be booked in advance by contacting North Notts NFU on 01623 825857.

For more info call Ian Sharman 07748 637 852

Hallem Village Hall

The subject of the Hallem Village Hall continues to generate comment and correspondence to **HALAM NEWS** and opinions seem to be polarised between support for the activity currently being undertaken by the Parish Council and concern that the current building is just a "white elephant" which will be a drain on parish funds for years to come. The Parish Council has an "open session" at every meeting and so residents who want to make their views felt are encouraged to attend and have their say.

Title: Chasing the Light, Landscapes of Southwell

Photographs by Declan Joyce

'This exhibition is my celebration of Southwell and its surrounding countryside. I have lived and worked in the area for many years and have long been inspired by its atmospheric and elegant rural charm.

Observing the shifting patterns of nature is my passion. From sunrise to sunset I see the light travel across the land, revealing its changing aspects. Each season brings its own individual beauty and it is this that I want to share with you. I hope you enjoy viewing these images as much as I have enjoyed photographing them.'

Declan Joyce is a professional photographer with over twenty years experience. A qualified graphic designer he runs his own company, Declan Ltd, which specializes in landscape photography.

Contact Email Address: declan.joyce@btinternet.com



These images (in magnificent colour!) and many more can currently be viewed at Southwell Medical Centre and from 1st June to 1st week in July in Bulls Yard Gallery, Southwell

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

Meetings of the Church Study Group will continue on a monthly basis during the year. Again, we are fortunate to be led by Rev'd Russell Perry. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd May, at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, commencing at 7.30pm.

All are very welcome to attend.

For more info contact : Tony Andrews 815584

Lawn Mowing Service - Refs available!
Call **Jack Thompson** on 01636 814026



SOUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY & JUNIOR CHORAL

**'You're Never Fully-Dressed
Without a Smile!'**

**21 June 2008: 7.30pm
Southwell Leisure Centre**

Tickets: £5/Children Free

Next Halam Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the various council officers are elected by the Parish Council.