

Halam News



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Parish Pump

Congratulations to Rhys Fowler who has graduated this summer in Media and Communications with a 1st Class Honours degree from Aberystwyth University! Well done!



SCENES OF FLOODING AT THE BRIDGE IN HALAM!

Above in about 1975? Photo courtesy of Dora Rylatt



And again in June 2007: Photograph courtesy of Sarah Fowler



HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be a summer walk over John & Margaret Hill's land, weather permitting, on Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm beginning outside their farm shop. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 812335.

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 September at Bankwood Farm off the Oxton Road (past Hollybeck Nurseries) starting at 7.30pm. All welcome! -Tony Andrews

HALAM ORGAN FUND LAUNCH

INDIAN SUMMER EVENING

1 September 2007: 7.00pm

In the garden of Ashdene

**Tickets: £10 (includes supper & glass
of wine)**

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HALAM ORGAN FUND APPEAL LAUNCH

After 123 years it's time to play a different tune in St Michael's Church Halam! The P.C.C. and Halam Arts are launching, as a joint initiative, a major fund-raising programme of events in order to rebuild St Michael's Church organ. Why do we need this?

"The Bevington organ plays hymns (badly!) and a very limited amount of organ music written for one manual (keyboard). It is inadequate for playing wedding music or to accompany a choir. The manual is shorter than normal by 7 notes; the pedals have only 24 notes (there should be 32!) and are not independent of the manual, as. The pedals are much closer together than a standard pedal board making playing difficult and rendering them utterly useless for playing most organ music. The vast majority of organ music should be played on two separate manuals with each pedal having a distinct sound so that different parts of the music stand out. This is just not possible on the current instrument!" - Alec Wells.

The present organ, a very basic 'Chancel Model C', built by Bevington of London, was probably installed during major restoration work in 1884 by the architect Ewan Christian who was at the time working on Southwell Minster. It was cleaned and worn parts were replaced in 1981. It now desperately needs completely renewing. Weddings and baptisms are popular events in our lovely Grade 1 listed Norman Church. We have a thriving small choir and a loyal congregation. In addition the church is used for services by Halam C of E Primary School. The Church is often used as a venue for concerts and a rebuilt organ will enhance this - music is, surely, as important as the building!

We hope to gain the support of all sections of the community and businesses in this initiative, as well as those who may not live here but have lasting associations with the village. Please buy tickets for our launch appeal - it promises to be a lovely evening in beautiful grounds!

We will be selling **Halam Calendars for 2008** at £7, with photographs by Rosamund McFarlane, featuring Halam Trees, to raise funds - please don't buy one from anywhere else - send me your orders, and if you can sell some to friends please let me know!

**Contact: Karin Davis (815854) if you would like to help!
Or email karinlindley@hotmail.com for tickets.**

Parish Council Meeting: 12 July 2007

Present: S. Bust; D. Herbert; G. Herbert; A. Paris; D. Parrish; M. Thompson. **Apologies:** Mr Andrew Fraser

PCSO Martin Kendle: The PCSO for our area explained his role in policing Halam & district. He answered questions from Councillors and members of the public

Village Hall: AF has contacted WREN who have confirmed funds are available and that potentially we are eligible. Application will be made when costings exist.

MT reported that a Halam Buy@ page to raise money through internet shopping has been set up and that she was investigating fund-raising recycling schemes.

Parish Plan: ARP will approach potential sponsors. C. Cllr. Stewart offered funding if sponsorship is not forthcoming

Design Statement: Questionnaire has been sent out with Halam News. These will be gathered in by 16th July.

Speed Watch: Waiting for response from C.C. re request that 30mph limit be extended at Edingley end of village. Our Beat Officer has been trained to use a speed gun and can act as an official back up to the volunteer team.

MT reviewed children's feedback from school travel plan.

Open Meeting: Matters raised: 1. Flooding during recent heavy rain 2. Planning application at "Bramley". 3. Planning application for boundary wall at "Halam Lodge".

Correspondence: New date for Councillor Training – Monday 23 July at Kelham Hall – ARP & MT to attend.

Planning: 1. Halam Lodge, The Turnpike – Erection of extension and front boundary wall: rejected unanimously – house extension wasn't seen as a difficulty, but the new boundary wall was felt to be inappropriate due to negative impact on street scene and a major loss of rural character 2. Bramley, Halam Hill – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new dwelling with double garage: rejected unanimously – application has not addressed problems of previous proposal: height & scale too great, creating negative impact on neighbouring property. Proposed house now closer to adjoining property; loss of privacy and amenity; a lower property (dormer type) - more acceptable.

Flooding: The recent problems of flooding following the exceptionally heavy rain were in detail. Action points:-

1. Flooding and Flood Risk Assessment will be on the next agenda for further discussion at the next meeting. 2. Clerk will write to Internal Drainage Board, C.C. and D.C. for their help during flooding and request advice and recommendations to prevent further problems. They will be invited to attend a P.C. meeting. 3. The P.C. will monitor Beck maintenance to ensure it flows freely. 4. Faster & more effective road closure will be considered. 5. Does a Flood Officer need to be appointed? 6. Advice to home owners – in case of problems the D.C. emergency flood team are available via main switchboard number (650000). Bag of garden peat/bark chippings can act as sandbags. 7. Parish footpaths will be checked for flood damage.

Finance: Agreed to pay; Parish Path Partnership bill (Council funded) and Parish Council election costs (to the District Council)

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 9 August at 8.00pm.

N.B. Later start!

Dog Owners Please Note:- Dog bags are being dumped on verges or in hedges – some have been found hanging from branches! Please dispose of bagged dog mess responsibly and considerately – use the dog bin provided!



St Michael the Archangel: August Services

5 August Trinity 9	8am Holy Communion: Canon M Tanner 9.30am Family Communion: Canon Tanner
12 August Trinity 10	11am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry 3.15pm Cluster Service: Southwell Minster
19 August Trinity 11	9.30am: Family Communion: Rev. R Perry 6pm: Cluster Service; St Giles Edingley
26 August Trinity 12	11am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry 6pm Cluster Service: St Nicholas Hockerton

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

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CARE + COMFORT COMMUNITY SERVICES

Independence at Home

Registered Charity 1117127

Care + Comfort Community Services is a new Charity delivering 'Low Level Support Services' to older people in the Newark & Sherwood area. The main aim of **Care + Comfort Community Services** is to enable older people to remain safe and independent at home for as long as possible, support the older person's position in the community and personalise the level of support required, therefore improving health, wellbeing and quality of life.

Some of the Home Support Services we offer are: Befriending/Advocacy/Visiting • Telephone Support Service • Basic Meal Preparation/Light Housework • Home Safety Advice • Grocery Shopping/General Errands • Light Laundry/Washing/Ironing • Help with organising mail/junk mail/bills • Furniture moving(in rooms that are lived in) • Telephone Support Service. **Care + Comfort are also operating a Grass and Hedge Cutting Service from April until October.**

There may be a charge for these services varying, and depending on what is required and the client's income. Our Community Outreach Advisor working across the Newark & Sherwood area offers information, advice, and service provision. The Advisor will signpost people aged 50 plus onto services that meet their needs and requirements.

The Outreach Advisor will visit all referrals made to determine what support and service is required. This is a FREE & CONFIDENTIAL Service, supported by Notts County Council and funded through The Department of Work and Pensions.

For further details or to make a referral contact the office:

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