



# Halam News

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## Parish Pump

**Congratulations** on your success in A' Levels to Angus Perks, who is going to study Engineering at Newcastle University; I believe Beth Miller is doing a gap year - more details when I have the correct information; Holly Fowler is going on to Reading University to study English Language. Alex Reid, Joe Hunt, Mike Brown, Anthony Barrowcliffe, Camilla Parkinson, Poppy O'Shea and Laura Leonard-Jones have all passed AS Levels; Stephanie McCracken, Laura Oakley, Ross Pepper, Natasha Hoggard and Emily Cruz who have all passed GCSE exams.

**Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday** to Matthew Davis on 12 September!



## HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 September at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall for a 'Homespun' Evening. 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 Oxtan Road (past Hollybeck Nurseries) starting at 7.30pm. All welcome!

**Tony Andrews**

## **BRACKENHURST WILDLIFE WATCH GROUP**

For children interested in nature exploration and discovery

### **FUN GAMES & PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES**

£1 per meeting per child

Under 8's to be accompanied by an adult

**At the Schools Unit, Brackenhurst (next to the glasshouses), meeting on the first Saturday of every month 9.30 - 11.30am**

1 September: WILLOW CRAFT

6 October: IN THE ANIMAL CARE UNIT

3 November: HIBERNATING HEDGEHOGS

1 December: NATIONAL TREE DRESSING WEEK

**Further Information from:**

**Lynn Victor (Notts Watch Co-ordinator)**

**Telephone: 01159 588242**

## THE HALAM CALENDAR 2008

We will be selling Halam Calendars at £7, with lovely photographs by Rosamund McFarlane featuring Halam Trees, to raise funds for the Organ Restoration & new digital piano. Please don't buy one from anywhere else - send me your orders, and if you can sell some to friends please let me know! Thank you for your support!

**Contact: Karin Davis (815854)**

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## St Michael the Archangel: September Services

2 September 13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	8am Holy Communion: Rev. Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. Perry
9 September 14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Rev. R Perry
16 September 15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30am: Family Communion: Rt. Rev. R. Milner
23 September 16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11am: Sung Eucharist: Venerable Peter Hill
30 September 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6pm: Harvest/Patronal Festival: Miss Barbara Tittensor & Mrs Alison Farnsworth

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

## Dog Fouling on Gray Lane

The perennial problem of dogs fouling paths, especially in the vicinity of Gray Lane has once again been brought to my attention. There have been complaints by residents who have asked me to remind all dog owners that it is an offence to allow your dog to foul footpaths punishable by heavy fines. We have a dog bin situated on Radley Road - please clear up after your dog and make use of it! Unhappy residents are becoming so fed up they will be forced to report those irresponsible dog owners - BE WARNED! -

**The Editor**

## HALAM MILLENNIUM PICTURE ARCHIVE



The photograph above shows Gray Lane looking down towards Halam Beck, and is one of three on a postcard. I am not sure of the date or who gave this to the archive - if anyone can give information I would be grateful.

## Parish Council Meeting: 9 August 2007

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

**Matters Arising:** 1) Hedges – County Council have been asked to cut back the over-hanging branches in front of the interactive speed sign. The over-hanging hedge by the dog bin will be cut back imminently.

**Village Hall:** Further research to be carried out re grants and funding. A business plan in support of grant applications will be needed. Agreed to meet to discuss further on Thursday 16 August at 8.00pm. A hog roast/barn dance has been suggested to launch fund raising.

**Parish Plan:** Village contact booklet - sponsorship is being finalised prior to printing

**Design Statement:** Nevil Croston has the collected questionnaires for analysis. A PWG meeting will be held shortly, ARP/SB to attend.

**Speed Watch:** Still waiting for response from County Council regarding request that the 30mph limit be extended towards the Edingley end of the village.

The situation regarding the regularity of the speed watch sessions and the volunteer rota will be reviewed – John Whitaker to be consulted.

**Flooding:** A meeting was held on site with local residents, County Council and the Internal Drainage Board. The Beck by the Turnpike will be widened and the silt and debris removed from under the road bridge. The retaining wall is currently under repair.

**There is a small amount of money available to help local flood victims for the District Council: phone 01636 655591**

It was reported that some of the footpaths over streams had been damaged by the floods – these will be investigated further. Please report any footpath problems to the Clerk or Marina Thompson.

It was resolved to appoint Simon Bust as the parish's Flood Warden.

**Footpaths:** Much work on gates and sign has been recently completed. Please report any footpath problems to the Clerk or Marina Thompson.

**Signpost:** The fingerpost at the cross-roads is missing a board (Radley Road direction). County Council will be asked to replace it. Sign should list Oxton as a destination, but not Nottingham.

**Open Meeting:** Matters raised:

1. Funding of the Internal Drainage Board (through Community Charge)
2. Sewage problems during flooding – County Council has been informed
3. Tar drum left at top of Gray Lane after roadworks – Clerk will phone Council if it isn't taken away

**Correspondence:** 1. Rosamund McFarlane – cc. of letter of thanks to County Council regarding work on Gray Lane  
2. Planning Aid "Crash Course on Planning" Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm-9pm at Norwell village hall

**Planning:** 1. Machins Farm, Radley Road – Erection of 2 storey side extension and ancillary buildings to rear of farmhouse: passed unanimously

**Finance:** Parish Paths Partnership – invoice and cancellation of cheque not received – agreed and signed.

Agreed to pay trade waste and renewal of contract, and auditor's invoice 2005-06

Year end return and auditors report for 2005-06 – agreed and signed

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Thursday August 16th at 8.00pm

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### Village Hall Extension/Refurbishment Funding:

Funding requirements and opportunities were discussed. The Wren Grant Application Form was reviewed.

Community Support – a petition will be raised and letters of support sought from local organisations.

Business Plan – Andrew Fraser to formulate draft.

Costings – architect's estimates to be obtained.

Other sources of funding will be investigated – lottery, local government and business sponsorship/donation.

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Monday 24 September at 7.30pm (please note date and also the return to usual start time).

**Dog Walking, Cat Feeding and General Errands Responsible 12 year old girl needs work; Reasonable rates. Please telephone Eleanor on 01636 815361**



### IN MEMORY: DR CHARLES WALKER



Many people in the village will be sad to learn of the death of Dr Charles Allen Walker. He and his wife lived in Halam for some 30 years at "Norwood Hill" at the top of Halam Hill, having moved here from Zambia. He was a lecturer at Brackenhurst and he was an expert in daffodils and narcissi. He and his wife were strong supporters of the Church in Halam. The garden that they kept was renowned as one to visit in the spring and they opened their garden for a great many years in February, March and April.

He would have been an excellent candidate for the well-known Radio show "Just a Minute" as he could talk for a very great length of time about spring bulbs without any fear of repetition! Another feature of his garden in Halam was the 'Yew Church', a wonderful piece of topiary measuring 40 feet in length, with a nave and chancel and a tower! Sadly though, this gradually became overgrown as Dr Walker could no longer keep the 'church' in good order through regular pruning.

Dr and Mrs Walker retired to the Cotswolds and lived near Broadway where they became staunch supporters of the Longborough Opera house.

Dr Walker died aged 92 on 12 July 2007.

**David Herbert**