



Halam News

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NEW EDITOR NEEDED!

Halam News is an entirely independent news sheet funded entirely by private donations and advertising sourced by its editor. My policy has always been to print anything individuals offered provided they were prepared to put their name to it. Sometimes pieces are amended to fit available space but I have never sought to change the message of anything given to me or abuse my editorial position in any way. I have produced and edited this publication as fairly as possible, with support from Copyright Print, for 4 years.

Last month remarks were made at a public Parish Council meeting about my editorial position to which I have taken strong exception. This was during discussion of a letter which I had written to them. I intended to include a piece this month (as is my right surely - the same as everyone else in this village?) but instead have privately funded a separate copy of my letter for everyone to see what all the fuss is about. You may not agree with my sentiments in the letter, but I hope you will all defend my right to express them! I have no idea why Parish Councillors felt they had any right to discuss Halam News or its editor - in 4 years they have not offered me one penny in funding for the News and only 3 of them - David and Glenys Herbert and Andrew Paris - have sponsored editions. Yet they continue to expect to occupy on average a third of the space. I have had neither thanks nor appreciation at any time from them in spite of the huge amount of voluntary time I devote each month to its production. I hope I have, on the whole, delivered a publication which villagers feel was worthwhile.

As a result I feel it is time for me to stand down as your editor and appeal for someone to replace me or Halam News will fold and the village will lose what I have always felt was a valuable amenity. A fresh approach to the newsletter will be most welcome to everyone I am sure!

Yours sincerely
Karin Davis



PARISH PUMP

Happy Birthday and best wishes from us all to Clarissa Perks who will be 21 years old on 15 March. Congratulations!

A Belated Happy Birthday to Katie Hill of Hill's Farm & Shop, who was 18 on 16 February. Congratulations!



**SOUTHWELL
CHORAL SOCIETY**

'REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION'

Mozart • Pergolesi • Arenski • Shephard

**Saturday 15 March 2008
7.30pm in Southwell Minster**

Tickets: £12.50/£10/£8

Music in the Yard: Tel 01636 814411

The Minster Shop: Tel: 01636 812933

Or via Glenys Herbert, Penni Wells

MOBILE LIBRARY.

The mobile library van visits Halam every two weeks on Friday at 11.00am and parks outside the village shop for 10 minutes then goes up to the Sharmans' and then on to Oxtou. It comes on the same week that recycle bins are collected which will be 10th and 24th of March this month. It has a fabulous collection of fiction, non-fiction and talking books etc - the stock changes on each visit.

It is currently used regularly by two people. It is a very useful service and a great boon to the village and I would urge fellow villagers to use it as often as possible - failure to use it will mean the end of the service. When the service is discontinued it will be unlikely to start again.

David Herbert

VILLAGE VENTURES

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Beethoven/Lennox Berkeley/Mozart

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2008 7.30PM

HALAM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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CHRIS GARRICK & JOHN ETHERIDGE IN CONCERT

Legendary guitarist - played with Stephane Grappelli; John Williams; Yehudi Menuhin; Nigel Kennedy, and Virtuoso violinist - played with Cleo Laine; Luka Bloom; Brian Ferry

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008 7.30PM

HALAM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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All tickets £8 (including interval glass of wine)

available from: Karin Lindley: 815854;

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2 March: LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY	8.00am: Holy Communion: Rev R Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Rev David McCoulough
9 March: LENT 5 PASSION SUNDAY	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Erika Kirk
16 March PALM SUNDAY	9.30am Family Communion: Rev David McCoulough
20 March MAUNDY THURSDAY	Agape meal at St Giles' Edingley 7pm Sign up list on Halam church noticeboard.
21 March GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am Morning Prayer Rev. Russell Perry
23 March EASTER SUNDAY	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Erika Kirk Preacher: Rev David McCoulough
30 March EASTER 2	9.30am Family Communion: Rev David McCoulough (Joint with Edingley at Halam) 11.15: Baptism: Rev David McCoulough 6.30pm Cluster Evensong: Rev Erika Kirk

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335) & Revd. David McCoulough (Tel: 07714614645)



HALAM & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting of Halam & District W.I. will take place on Tuesday 4 March at 7.30pm in Halam Village Hall. The guest speaker, Mr Smith, will be giving a talk on the subject of Nature Reserves. The competition is 'Something with Feathers'. New members are always most welcome to attend. For information contact: Glenys Herbert Tel: 812335.

HALAM SCHOOL 'DIG IT' PROGRAMME FLOURISHES

Thanks to consistent fundraising support from the school's families, friends and wider community £1850 has been raised from PTA events held to date this academic year. This has enabled the school to progress with their 'Dig It' campaign supporting Government led outdoor learning initiatives to encourage children into 'the Great Outdoors'.

Children from each class recently joined the 'Living Willow' construction team in planting Halam's very own Living Willow learning zone in the schools' grounds. Funded by the PTA, the structure is visible from the School Lane boundary and will provide a 'natural', sheltered play area and outdoor classroom facility for many years to come.

Work is also about to start on the revamp of the Millennium Garden. The intention is to create a safe and interactive seasonal display. If anyone feels able to volunteer for digging or planting duties please contact the school office.

The next PTA event will be a sociable affair with a family walk on Sunday 27th April 2008. It will start with all important bacon butty and then there will be a choice of a steady 5km or an energetic 10km route setting off from and returning to the Old Reindeer at Edingley. All are welcome so put the date in your diary and watch out for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 7 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: S. Bust, G. Herbert, D. Parrish, M. Thompson.

Apologies: A. Fraser, D. Herbert, A. Paris.

Matters Arising: 1. Pavements up Halam Hill – work still needed. 2. Back Lane Footpath – Footpath officer is aware and will write to the owner; Clerk to check position. 3. Back Lane – 'Unsuitable for Long Vehicles' Signs: advised it is possible to have 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs but will cost PC £395. Attending Officer suggested situation is monitored – D. Parrish to keep a record & contact C.Cllr. Stewart to identify those present at meeting & take up signs with them. 4. Culvert at Norfolk House still needs clearing – County Council to come out again. 5. Flooding & state of Beck – Chairman advised that Drainage Board are happy with work done so far but have not cleared debris from under the road bridge; following an inspection there is a lot of rubble (washed down) still to be cleared. G. Herbert advised that a complaint had been received about trees overhanging & breaking off along the Beck from Gray Lane bridge down to the ford – area is due to be cleared in autumn 2008

Village Hall: M. Thompson advised that a smaller grant application (£18000) for external building work and damp improvements was being sought from Veolia Trust. She suggested a better approach might be to apply for smaller grants for specific items. B&Q have been approached & are currently considering providing a new kitchen. Crown Paints approached for £500 worth of paint. M. Thompson will continue with WREN application for £50,000.

Noticeboard: S. Bust advised D. Islip has indicated the board will be ready by the end of the month.

Speed Watch: Waiting information from J. Whitaker. C.C. Highways say interactive sign will remain in current position

Open Meeting: Matters raised: 1). Parking at Turnpike, School and Radley Rd. 2). 'Better Communities' funding £25k at Norwell for 6 parking bays. Halam's problem is there is no available space for parking bays in the area of concern. 3). Speeding through the village - need for a 2nd interactive sign. 4) Concern raised re delay in replacing the signs for 'bend in the road', and 'narrow road' which have been missing for 2 yrs. 5) Concern raised about removal of a hedge at the top of Gray Lane. 6) Flooding along School Lane from the drain in the last heavy rain period.

Correspondence: 1) Parish Paths Partnership letter to be forwarded to C. Mercer by clerk. 2) Gotham P.C. – raised concern over draft EM Regional Plan – green belt is being reviewed around Nottingham; there is a proposal to remove some to allow extensive development. Details to be passed to A. Paris. 3) Letter from K. Davis re hall rental, state of the hall. Unanimously agreed Chairman will write, acknowledge letter & address concerns raised. Mrs Davis to be asked to give receipt for spoons to next meeting.

Planning: 1 Tremont, Back Lane: single storey extension and proposed dormers – rejected on grounds of 1) Over-development of site. 2) Intrusion of dormer windows on privacy of neighbouring property.

Finance: Agreed to pay NALC subscription

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 13 March at 7.30pm