

HALAM NEWS August 2024

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Happy Retirement!!

At the end of term, Mrs McCracken will be retiring from her Teaching Assistant role at Halam School. She has been part of the school as a parent and a TA for over 30 years. She is a highly skilled and very dedicated member of staff who has touched many children's lives over this time and will be sadly missed by staff, parents and children. She has definitely made a difference! We planned a tea party/picnic on her last day to say thank you and to celebrate her. It was a lovely afternoon and was enjoyed by all that attended. We wish her well in her retirement.

Halam WI

This month we are looking forward to our annual summer social which will be hosted by one of our members here in Halam. Normal services resume next month (3rd September) at the Village Hall when we will be visited by the Workhouse Storytellers. New members are always welcome - follow us on Facebook and Instagram for our latest updates @HalamWI



Halam Christmas Market

Halam Events Team will be bringing back this ever-popular event again this year on Sunday 17th November – full details over the next few months, but please pop the date in your diaries for now. If you would like to have a stall or would like any further details, please email halameventsteam@gmail.com



Best Kept Village Competition

Congratulations on Halam achieving first position in Section D of the competition. Halam will now go forward to the "Best in Notts' stage of the competition when judging will take place from the present to the 16th August 2024. Best wishes to you for that final stage.

The judges thought that this was a good presentation with evidence of strong community involvement. The 80th D-Day celebrations were particularly imaginative with an excellent model of Winston Churchill which you come across rounding a bend in the road. Also excellent is the model of a 'land girl' dressed in period clothes. We thought that the churchyard offered a judicious mix of traditional well-managed areas around the more recent graves and an area devoted to re-wilding. This was particularly well-planned, with evidence of W.I. involvement. The mown paths throughout giving good access around. The church was open and in good order. The food bank in the porch evidence of community concern. Back Lane was to a good standard with well-kept gardens, window boxes, planters, etc. The Waggon pub car park was clean and tidy, and a tented pavilion was in place for the evening celebrations. The area by the school and sports field was good.

- Peter Holland - BKVC Organiser

Stride & Ride for Notts

Join the Ride and Stride for Notts. Historic Churches Trust on September 14th.

Get sponsored to visit churches who are also sponsored for welcoming visitors. The total money raised is then split between the trust and those participating churches.

You decide how many to cycle between or walk.

Ed Compton from Edingley is kindly riding for St Michael's so you could sponsor him if you are unable to ride or stride yourself. A sponsorship form will be in the church nearer the time.

Further info at nottshistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/rideandstride/ or contact Bev Perks or Penni Wells

'The Archaeology of Halam and district'

Dr. Chris Brooke Hon Associate Professor, University of Nottingham. has kindly agreed to give a talk on this fascinating subject on Wednesday 11 September 2024. 7.30 pm in Halam Village Hall and hopefully you will find it interesting and insightful. Please tell your friends and accord this knowledgeable and engaging local historian the audience he deserves. And ...look forward to a very special evening, all about our local past! Admission is free but cash donations for Halam church are welcome.

Thank you. - Di Parrish

Hire Our Hall

Did you know that Halam Village Hall was available to the hire by the general public, well I can absolutely reassure you that it is. If you are having a celebration of any kind or know of any community groups looking for a regular or one-off booking and would like to use the hall please do contact the editor on the details below.





Church Service

Y6s presented the Leaver's church service, on Tuesday, which was a lovely celebration of the years spent at Halam School. It was a mixture of laughter and tears – lots of parents needed tissues!

Concert

Oak class recently presented, 'I'm an 11-year-old GET ME OUT OF HERE!' It was performed in Halam Village Hall, as our school hall is still recovering from the flood. Everyone had a great time, and it was great fun.

Sports Day

We had a brilliant Summer Fair with lots of activities, food and entertainment. As always, our PTFA did us proud, even though the weather was terrible. Races took place the following week and a great time was had by all.

MITRE Trust Choir event

Mrs Speed's choir attended a MITRE Schools concert in the Minster cathedral. This was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

By Alexa, Scarlett and Chloe



St Michael the Archangel



It was lovely to welcome the year six pupils from Halam school to the church for time travelling, they are a wonderful group who engaged enthusiastically at each of the stations, we wish them well as they move to their secondary schools. In Halam we are extremely fortunate that not only do we have a service every week, but there is a variety of styles from informal to the very traditional. There is a table and chairs with paper and colouring pencils for children to use in the south aisle. August services everyone is welcome.

4th August - 11.00a.m. Morning Worship 11th August - 11.00a.m. Holy Communion

18th August - 11.00a.m. Informal Service with coffee after

25th August - 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

August is a time when people often take a break for the summer. So, whatever you have planned may it bring you refreshment of mind, body and spirit.

We have two weddings at Halam, Cynyr and Sarah and Sam and Darshana, as we rejoice with them, we pray for their married life together.

August 20th is the feast day of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux and teacher of the faith. He was born in France in the year 1090. He established a monastery and preached powerfully; part of his special prayer reads, 'Bernard rekindled the radiant light of your church. Grant us in our generation to be inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love.'

Thank you for all you do in our community especially with our food bank.

Every blessing, Rev. Mary

Halam Church Illuminated

I cannot tell you how pleased I am to see our beautiful Church lit up once again after many years in the darkness. This was suggested to me by Ganesh Subramanian, he asked me why it's not lit up anymore, I didn't know the answers so I attended the next PCC meeting and asked the question on his behalf. The reason for them not being used any more was the ongoing running costs, but after many discussions, it was decided by the PCC to replace the units for more energy efficient LEDs. This was done and we can now enjoy our Church in its full glory for longer into the evening. Thank you to all involved with this project but especially to Chris Davis for allowing the donations made at Karins funeral to be used towards the costs, I'm sure she would be very pleased with the result.

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Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Thurs 11th July 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, Charlie Wright

Absent

Ganesh Subramanian (work)

Open Meeting

A member of the public was there to talk about the planning application for Halam House Farm

Village Hall

Maintenance schedule – Chair proposed a planned monthly schedule to help maintain the Village Hall - council agreed to trial the proposal.

Mr Bevans and Mr Paris would ask for volunteers and through media and the Village News

Advertising

In trying to increase the usage and hiring of the village hall an idea of a banner was raised, council agreed to advertise the hire of the hall in the Village News as the first step before looking to explore and purchase a banner.

Reduce cleaners' hours.

It was agreed to suspend the cleaners while the Hall is not being used very often until bookings pick up.

Porch cupboard

The WI have asked if they could clear the cupboard and use it for storage, Chair to understand what is to be stored to ensure there is sufficient space for the Parish Council to use.

Allotments

- 1. Registration of title Clerk to pass the information needed to Mr Croston to
- 2. List of requests received from allotment holders the Parish Council visit the site and proposed areas for potential improvements. The Parish Council are going to look into funding and grants to support potential improvements.
- 3. Parking for allotment holders Agreed for the clerk to get three quotes for a bridge over the dyke, gates and car parking It was decided that this is a Village asset and needs looking after.

Roads & Hedges

1. Road maintenance - awaiting more information, clerk to follow up with Highways

Please report major potholes to the County Council either online or by phone – the more complaints the C.C. receive, the more likely action may be to be taken.

2. Road sweeping – all three main roads (The Turnpike, Radley Road and School Lane) are swept three times a year, approx. 120 days, though this is subject to the weather3. Halam Hill – Highways have informed the Parish Council that they do not think the hedge encroaches onto the road. The pavement by the golf course is to be swept.

4. Footbridges – No1 and No 7 have been removed as they were unsafe, it appears no 1 has been replaced, no7 will be done soon

Best Kept Village Competition

We are now through to the next round of category D-judging to continue from now until 16^{th} August. Comments received from the judge's report included that they were impressed with the Village and community spirit which coincided with D-Day Celebrations, including Sir Winston Churchill and the Land Army girl.

Chair to arrange an article in the Bramley, to encourage people to keep up the good work.

Several items were held over to the next agenda.

Government emails

Village Beacon

Roles and responsibilities

Agenda requirements

Removal of old website

Quality Council

Correspondence

None to act on

Village News

Draft copy to Chair – just to clarify a preview goes to the Chair, the clerk and the editor.

Biodiversity

To be kept on the agenda

Planning

Halam House Farm

Vary condition 2

The PC does not support the application – the application didn not provide enough information and contradictory information, the Parish Council was made aware of a possible building regs breach

Land adj. The Old Vicarage Halam Hill

Construction of dwelling and double garage Agreed 4 for 2 against

Finance

Unanimously agreed to pay for:

• Village Hall cleaning

Training budget - held over to next month's meeting. End of year budget circulated.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th August 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.





District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for July 2024 Details are on the Council's website - see The Council - Calendar of Meetings for links to each of the papers and reports.

The Community Grant panel met in March to review all 47 applications and awarded funding of £100k to 15 groups who submitted applications that met one of

the Community Grant priority areas. Successfully locally were: Friends of Southwell Park £10,800 & Reach Learning Disability £10,000.

Four Speedwatch sessions were attempted this Quarter, one was successfully undertaken: Southwell unsuccessful due to adverse weather conditions.

Fire Damper Repairs Fire damper repairs required following servicing at Castle House, Newark Sports and Fitness Centre, Dukeries Leisure Centre, Newark Beacon, and Southwell Leisure Centre. NSDC anticipate repair cost £80k & project management cost of £10k. All works will be completed out of hours. The repairs for Southwell Leisure Centre will be project managed by Steven Chitty.

Visits to NSDC leisure centres has exceeded the target (1,008,319) by 101,987. However, Active4Today have seen a reduction in live Leisure Centre memberships compared to last year and are underperforming against target by 330. This is due to the closure of Southwell main pool.

The Recognising Mental Health group identified a lack of local peer support groups and a number of local residents/volunteers have worked tirelessly to create a number of new local groups including "In Sam's Name" in Ollerton, "Newark Town Team Talk" Men's MH group in Newark, a suicide bereavement group in Newark and two additional groups in Rainworth and Southwell.

Appeal Ref: APP/B3030/W/23/333334 Baytree House, 188 Norwood Gardens, Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0DS. The development proposed is a detached dwelling with associated access and amenity space. The appeal is dismissed.

Conflict with Core Policy 9 of the Newark and Sherwood District Council Plan Review, Amended Core Strategy (2019) (CS) which amongst requires development to demonstrate a high standard of layout, which complements the existing built environment and optimises site potential at a level suitable to local character. And Policy DM5 of the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework, Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document (2013) (DPD) which requires new development to reflect the areas local distinctiveness.

The scheme also fails to accord with Policy SD1 of the Southwell Neighbourhood Plan (2016) (NP) which requires development to be appropriate to its location and Policy DH1 of the NP which requires development to be contextually responsive. It would also be at odds with the overarching design aims of the Framework.

Conclusion 23. The proposal conflicts with the development plan and the material considerations do not indicate that the appeal should be decided other than in accordance with it. Therefore, for the reasons given above the appeal should be dismissed.

NSDC have determined the nomination put forward by Friends of Southwell Swimming Pool for Southwell Leisure Centre, Nottingham Rd, Southwell NG25 0LG to be registered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The outcome of our considerations is to register Southwell Leisure Centre as an ACV under the terms of the Localism Act 2011. The reason for this is: That the Asset meets the test set out in Section 88 (1) of the Localism Act, as the Asset has a current use which furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the community, and it is realistic to think that this use can continue.

NSDC have determined the nomination submitted by Reach Learning Disability for St Laurence House, Prebend Passage, Southwell NG25 0JH to be registered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The outcome of our considerations is to register St Laurence House as an ACV under the terms of the Localism Act 2011. The reason for this is: That the Asset meets the test set out in Section 88 (1) of the Localism Act, as the Asset has a current use which furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the community, and it is realistic to think that this use can continue.

Councillor P Harris: "Up until recently the District Council provided some co-ordination on Speedwatch, and Community Safety Groups. The previous Police & Crime Commissioner appears to have directed that this should not happen. So, this support appears to have ended. Why is this?

NSDC: he police SPOC has advised NSDC that the PCC has directed that speedwatch should be a community run group with minimal oversight from the Police, apart from training and sending out the letters too ffending vehicles. To confirm, our Community Protection Officers will continue to be involved in Community Speedwatch but we won't be keeping a direct overview of all the groups. We will be liaising with the Police to support any community groups that wish to set up a Speed Watch, assist with delivery of training, and administration for the equipment. In the main, individual groups should not be affected by the changes. It will still run for them as it has previously.

Dingbats – Last month's answers were "Foreign (4 in) Language & Crim-in-al"











Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday Closed Wednesday to Saturday 12 till 11pm (Food Served: 12 till 8.30pm) Sunday 12-4pm (Food Served: 12-3pm)

Two Courses £23 Three Courses £26

Starters

Bowl of Soup, Homemade Bread & Butter Crispy Fried Mozzarella Ravioli & Spicy Tomato Pesto Thai Spiced Salmon & Haddock Fishcake, Chilli & Coriander Sauce Salad of Ham Hock & Piccalilli Vegetables, Soft Poached Egg Cajun Spiced Sweetcorn Ribs & Ranch Dressing

Mains

Mustard & Brown Sugar Glazed Pork Ribs, Fries, Salad, Apple & Fennel Slaw

Crispy Aubergine Katsu Curry, Spicy Cabbage Slaw, Steamed Rice & Coriander

Chicken Schnitzel Caesar Salad, New Potatoes, Baby Gem, Green Beans, Peas, Parmesan & Caesar Dressing

Stoppard's 7oz Rump Steak, Skinny Fries, Slow Roast Tomato, Watercress & Pepper Sauce (Steak £2.50 Supplement)

Shin Beef, Real Ale & Chestnut Mushroom Pie, Homemade Flaky Pastry, Chunky Chips, Peas & Gravy

Waggons Beef or Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Slaw, Dill Pickles Barbecue Sauce & Fries (Add Bacon & Cheese £1)

Grilled Seabass, Gnocchi, Spinach, Oven Dried Tomato, Olive Tapenade & Sauce Vierge (£2.00 Supplement)

Twice Baked Cheddar Cheese Soufflé, Creamy Spinach Sauce, Fries & Salad Beer Battered Haddock & Hand Cut Chips, Chunky Tartar Sauce & Minted Mushy Peas Side Orders

Mixed Seasonal Vegetables £3.50 · Beer Battered Onion Rings £3.50 · Hand Cut Chunky Chips £3.50 · House Dressed Salad £3.50 · Fries £3.00

Please note set menu prices are per person. If choosing a one course meal this will be charged individually so prices may vary. All our products are locally sourced whenever possible. All food is freshly prepared to order so your patience is appreciated. If you have any allergies or dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to adapt the menu to your needs.



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Desserts

Dark Chocolate Torte & Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Warm Profiteroles, Toffee Fudge Ice Cream & Dark Chocolate Sauce Raspberry Pavlova, Chantilly Cream & Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Blackberry Bakewell Tart & Clotted Cream A Selection of Thaymar's Luxury Ice Creams Wedge of Cheddar or Stilton, Balsamic Onions & Homemade Bread

To Accompany

Château Loupiac Gaudiet 75ml £5.50

Taylors LBV Port - 50ml £3.95

To Finish

Americano £2.90

Espresso £2.50

Cappuccino £2.90 Double Espresso £3.00

Liqueur Coffee £6.00

Latte £2.90

Hot Chocolate £2.95

English Breakfast Tea, Earl Grey, Peppermint, Chamomile, Green Tea, All £2.50 Each

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