

# Haltham Bugle

December 2019



## Parish Meeting

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all in Haltham. It's been an eventful year with activities ranging from Dog Shows and BBQs to a scary Halloween Party. A huge thank you to all those businesses and individuals who generously donated to our events, all of which contributes to building the community spirit of which we are all so rightly proud and at which we continue to work so hard, we are all really grateful. A special mention must be made to the many individuals who always generously donate to our events. Thank you!

The twice-yearly Parish Meetings are the foundation of our community as they provide the opportunity for villagers to give input, exchange views and ask questions about the Parish. That almost a third of the village attended the last one is a symbol of the village's determination to pull together to help each other and build a cohesive community spirit and identity. As your elected volunteer representatives, the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Clerk are there to represent you and act on your behalf managing day-to-day routine business. Volunteers, supported by others, will continue to be allowed to get on organising and running the activities and events they have volunteered for. On major issues, especially those spending more than the £200 delegated budget, a Meeting will be called and guidance requested, if required. It is your prerogative to remove we elected representatives, with a vote carried at a meeting, if you feel one or all of us are not meeting your wishes.

We are putting all appropriate received and sent correspondence and any relevant notices and circulars etc. onto the Website in order to have transparency and to keep the village fully informed. It may take a little while until we have fully caught up but please bear with us; we'll get there eventually!

The Village WhatsApp is an initiative to help keep people in communication with each other. In an emergency it will be vital. If you have not joined it, then please do so as it will be invaluable in helping you to quickly contact us to help you, should an emergency arise! Contact Sean Mathews on 07710146201 to join.

The next newsletter will include the draft 2020 programme. If you are intending or would like to run an event next year then please let us know and we'll add it to the diary and help you plan, support etc.

It is with much regret that I feel I should stand down as Chairman of the Parish Meeting and so I have asked John Huthwaite, The Parish Clerk to call an Extraordinary Parish Meeting in early January 2020 at which I will stand down and a new Chair elected. I encourage all individuals to consider standing as fresh minds and actions are needed to continue the work of building our community spirit

To all those who have given so much to the community this year a huge thank you.

**Mike Schofield** – Chair Haltham Parish Meeting

**Parish Website** [parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Haltham](http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Haltham)

The parish website has now had a major makeover, and continues to grow daily, so this is where you will find all the latest information about the parish. There is lots of information, photos and links that you might find useful living here in Haltham.

### Parish Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November are now available to read on the Parish Web Site. The meeting was well attended with over one third of the parish present. Please let John Huthwaite have any agenda items you wish to be included at the next Parish Meeting, date to be decided. John 07515 282477 [jwhuthers@gmail.com](mailto:jwhuthers@gmail.com)

## Past Events ...

### Halloween

Thanks to Sian and Andy for producing a great community night in St Benedict's. We are sure you will have heard how successful the evening was; a real spooky evening was enjoyed by young and old alike.

### Quiz Night

There was a good turn out for the Haltham Quiz Night, held in Roughton Village Hall. Thanks to our quiz master Mike Schofield for organising this fun and competitive event.



### Christmas Concert

St Benedict's provided an atmospheric backdrop for this year's concert, which was attended by a large proportion of the community including many of our young people. There were some outstanding performances and so many thanks to CATS Ukulele Band and soloists Felicity Turner and Toby and Monty Bere. A big thank you to all involved in making this a successful community event, including the donations of food and drink. The collection of £80 will be passed to the Church Conservation Trust to assist them in maintaining St Benedict's and allowing our use of it.



**Eating out ...** We are sure many of you will be out and about over Christmas so do let us know of your experiences, where do you recommend?

### Things you might not know ...

Do you know where this is?

Not enough room this time, so the answer will be in the next newsletter.



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***The e-mail version has extra pages with photos from recent events.***

*e-mail version of newsletter – additional photo pages*

**Photography at Haltham Parish events...**

If you have objections to your photo appearing on the website/newsletter please let us know or inform the photographer at the time of photos being taken. Should an image appear on the website that you object to please e-mail Paul to have the image removed: [prgell@gmail](mailto:prgell@gmail.com)



# Christmas Carol Concert

