

Haltham Bugle

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Parish Meeting – Sean Matthews, Acting Chair.

Good morning Haltham,

We appear to be stuck in a cold drought at the moment, which is the worst of both worlds! Looking back at this time last year we were all basking in a lockdown heatwave for what was supposed to be three weeks! Well that didn't really turn out as planned, but considering we have and are still living through a worldwide pandemic, I think Haltham has done okay.

The pandemic stopped us having our Parish Meeting last year, which means the management team in place are in temporary positions. I am determined to hold a meeting this year and it is planned for Tuesday 18th May 2021 in our amazing church. This is the day after we are allowed to have up to 30 people inside, so I hope you won't all be down the pub! At the moment it looks as if this will be going ahead, however, if the last year has taught us anything it is to plan for the unexpected! Therefore, if some variant or mutation sends us back into lockdown again, it is my intention to hold the AGM at the same time via Zoom, and if necessary, I will send out the invite. For many reasons I truly hope that doesn't happen!

I would like to welcome our new neighbours to Haltham, you have found a wonderful gem of a Hamlet to live in and I hope you have many years of peace and quiet in your new homes. We also had to say goodbye to Tom, who was a unique character in the village, someone who would not let me pass his house without a glass of wine. However, every cloud has a silver lining, because although Paula had to move out of the village, she was able to move back into Tom's bungalow and re-join us here in Haltham.

Looking forward, we hope to be able to hold a BBQ this year, date and venue to follow. Please speak to John Huthwaite if you want to arrange any other events, I know the dog show was a great success and I'm sure it will be back again soon. Mike Schofield is arranging a quiz night to support the Christmas carol evening this year, these events are arranged outside of the Parish Meeting. However, both evenings are great fun and a really good way to enjoy one another's company and I would like to thank Mike for arranging these events again. Fingers crossed the Carol evening goes ahead, because it is truly a magical night that highlights how wonderful our church and community is.

If anyone wishes to get involved with Haltham Parish meeting by standing as either Chair, Vice Chair or secretary, then please contact John Huthwaite.

Finally, for those that don't know, Tara and I live at Corner Farm on Wood Enderby lane, first house on the left. If ever you need to talk about anything to do with Haltham, or you fancy a chat about anything, you are welcome to pop over, or call/text me 07710146201 or drop me an email chair@halthampm.com, but often the best chat occurs on our WhatsApp group. If you wish to join this group, please drop me a text including your name and address and I will add you to it.

Hopefully see you all on Tuesday 18th May

Sean

Sean Matthews - Acting Chairman Haltham Parish meeting

Past & Future Events ...

Christmas Carol Concert in St Benedict's - 4.00pm Saturday 11 December 2021

This will be similar to previous concerts. CATS, the ukulele band will be providing seasonal music and songs and Felicity Turner and Toby and Monty Bere will again be singing for us. All topped off with everybody singing a medley of all the favourite carols. There will be mulled wine and nibbles after the concert. Mike Schofield, the organiser, will, later in the year, be asking for volunteers to help. A quiz will be held in late November to raise the funds to cover costs.

Defibrillator Training

As we now have new people in the village, Mike Schofield will organise defibrillator training, probably in July, for those who would like to be trained or have refresher training. Please contact Mike on 07704839179 to register your wish to attend.

Things you might not know ...

The name Haltham derives from the Old English holt+ham, meaning "homestead in a wood". It appeared in the 1086 Domesday Book as Holtha, with 15 households and King William I as Lord of the Manor.

I have been busy researching Parish History it's quite surprising how much there is and how little of it is in one place. I am working with Helen Huthwaite on putting together a pack of information that will be based in the church as well as available on our website. If you have any documents/artifacts that you have hidden away about the history, buildings or people from the past then please pass this on so that it can be added to our village history document.

Haltham Bells

Although we rarely hear the bells of Haltham, they are up there and sadly the last time they sounded was on 11th November 2019, although we do not know who rang them. They are unlikely to ring again, as this can only be done at Churches with "Bell Captains" who check the safety of the bells. There are actually three bells within St Benedict's. The earliest and largest bell was cast in 1530, yes nearly 500 years ago by John Woolley of Nottingham. The bell weighs 6½ cwt and has a diameter of 32.75", with a note of A. There are also two other bells dated 1662 cast by the same person who cast two bells for Tattersall. These bells are the earliest work of Tobias Norris from Stamford and therefore quite special, they have a note of D♯ and C♯. Unfortunately we have not yet been able to get permission to climb the tower to get a photo, however if anyone out there has got insurance/certificates to work at heights then we can get permission to go and get the photo. Watch this space!



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