

# HALAM NEWS

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## WAGGON & HORSES

We would like to thank everyone in the village for their support during our first year of trading in what have been difficult economic conditions and hope that you will continue to support us and place the Waggon at the heart of village life! Watch out for new events and exciting ideas in 2012!!

To celebrate our 1st anniversary we would like everyone to join us on **Saturday 21st January**. There will be family fun from **1pm** with face painting and glitter tattoo's and hot roast rolls will be available. In the evening there will be live music from **8pm**.

We hope all of our customers have a happy and prosperous new year!

Chris & Richard



## HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



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## Happy New Year to all our readers

### MATTHEW TODD

Carolyn Todd was very pleased to be able to watch Matt at his Passing Out Parade on 22nd Dec (front row, 2nd from right in the photograph below). Matt will be joining the Royal Artillery and is currently undergoing 14 weeks training at Larkhill Barracks near Salisbury.



### HALAM VILLAGE HALL

Halam Village Hall saw good usage during November and December. Activities included, WI meetings, weekly Yoga sessions, childrens parties, Halam Mums & Toddlers events, a Wine Tasting and Christmas Parties. If you would like further details about renting the village hall please contact **Chris Bevans** or **Marina Thompson**.

Wednesday weekly **Yoga** will resume as open sessions (all welcome!) from **18th January at 7.30pm**. We are also looking at possibly trying a 'Zumba' session to see if there is interest for this lively Latin form of exercise!

Look out for details of **Burns Night** in the village hall towards the end of January, more details from Glenys Herbert, Sarah Godfrey and Margaret McCracken in due course.

### WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

The winner of last years competition, answering 10 out of 11 questions correctly was **Tony Hallam** of Back Lane, who received a bottle of wine as his prize.  
Well done Tony! Watch out for a new quiz next month!

### CHURCH STUDY GROUP

There will be another meeting of the Church Study Group on Wednesday 18th January 2012 at the Scypen, Radley Road, Halam starting at 7.30pm continuing with our discussions on what we do in church. Revd Russell Perry will lead us. All are welcome.

Tony Andrews tel 815584

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- It was a storming comeback for the ex-Southwell Doubles Domino Champion, Chris Davis, who made a guest appearance last month for the Waggon & Horses domino team

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JANUARY 2012 SERVICES**



Jan 1	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 8	18:00	Evensong	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 15	9:30	Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 22	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 29	9:30	Holy Communion @ ST Giles	Rev D McCoulough

Including welcome service for the new head at Halam School

**Thanks to all who attended Halam School PTA Christmas Fayre. Over £950 was raised towards equipment for the school! Next School event is a Quiz on 3rd February. More details soon!**

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 19:30

**Present:** Andrew Paris (in the Chair), Sarah Godfrey, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

**Apologies:** Simon Bust & Chris Bevans

**Affordable Housing:** (Simon Bust is attendance) A presentation was given by the District Council regarding affordable homes – “Local homes for Local People”. It was agreed that a housing needs survey should be carried out for the village. A letter to Halam residents from the Parish Council Chairman will be circulated early in the new year.

**Matters Arising:** Trees on School Lane – the County Council have done some work. The situation will be monitored.

**Village Hall:** Chris Bevans would like to use PayPal to take payments for the village hall hire. It was agreed that Chris should report back on the feasibility/security of accepting payments while not being able to make them and the costs (commission) involved in using PayPal. Heating use & costs are being monitored – the electricity cost and just about being covered by current hiring income. Glenys Herbert & Marina Thompson are to find out the costs of improving the heating in the storeroom and getting the other heaters working in the hall before problems/damage occurs as the weather gets colder. It was agreed that the prices for these urgent works should be submitted to Simon Bust & Andrew Paris for approval

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed – 1) Village grit bin – Clerk to progress with County Cllr Andy Stewart

**Correspondence:** The Parish Council have received information about a scam from a company called Parcel Delivery Service. A card is put through a houses letterbox claiming that PDS were unable to deliver package; the card has an 0906 telephone number to call to contact PDS – **do NOT call this number as you will be immediately billed for £315 for the phone call. This is a scam originating from Belize.** If you receive a delivery card through your letterbox which you do not believe is genuine and which asks you to dial a premium rate number, you can contact PhonepayPlus on 0800 500 212 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) for further guidance.

**Finance:** Unanimously agreed to pay for the village hall fire safety check. A budget analysis was circulated as the Parish Precept will need to be set at the next Parish Council

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 7.30pm in the village hall.

## TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD

At about the middle of November I became aware that I did not need to fill up the bird seed feeders in the garden very often. Usually this was a daily duty - wild bird seed, niger seeds and peanuts. Then I noticed that when I approached the feeding stations, instead of a mighty flurry of wings as birds took flight there was an unsettling silence. I became quite alarmed and wondered whether some bird plague had struck and that we would never again see our feathered companions. This feeling of panic was compounded by the fact that on Christmas cards in December there had also been a decrease in feathered beings - robins and angels. So being a modern and up to date sort of chap I went 'on line' - how cool is that!

'On line' informed me that, due to the very mild autumn and winter the song birds had taken up residence in hedgerows and fields where the abundance of food was obvious but that they would be back in the garden once the weather turns wintry. It also stressed that one should go on renewing the bird seed regularly every 4 days or so, so that it would be fresh and tasty when the wanderers returned - and this has been borne out in the last few days as they have gradually made their appearance. But why the decline of angels on cards? Wikipedia tells me that there has been a great increase in pictures of the holy family, the animals in the stable, shepherds, sheep and wise men, and personal pictures of the senders' families being sent as greetings cards - so much so, that the angels have been relegated to the second division. Perhaps it is because the angels brought great news of comfort and joy and we are inuring ourselves to the bleak promised news of 2012 - who knows?

Perhaps it would be of interest if everyone in the village did a survey of the subjects on their Christmas cards and submitted the list to Halam News - then we would have a survey (more useless facts) which may even make the national news - Halam to the fore again!

Now for some useless facts which have helped to make this holiday season so enjoyable:

- \* In 1636 the corkscrew was invented.
- \* On the first of January 1915 aspirin was available in tablet form for the first time.
- \* On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1926 the television was first demonstrated.
- \* On the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1926 National grid distribution of electricity was established.
- \* In 1969 Delia Smith was appointed as cookery correspondent to the Daily Mirror.
- \* On the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1973 the first mobile phone call was made.

Happy New Year to every one!

David Herbert

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## THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Various activities are being considered to celebrate this momentous occasion, but if you have any specific ideas please either email Halam News or call Marina on 814026

## NEW HEAD AT HALAM SCHOOL

Welcome to Sam Bradbury who took up her role as the Head Teacher at Halam School at the start of January.

Sam is Mansfield born and bred and comes to Halam from Porchester Junior School.

She was very pleased with the warm welcome she has received from the pupils, staff and parents, and says that her primary focus is to build on the already high standards at the school to make it even more successful. We wish her well!

## THE SILVER SCREEN IN OXTON

The Oxton Film Club will have it's second event on **February 11th**, showing **Stardust** (PG) at 3.30pm (for 4pm) and **The Bourne Ultimatum** (12A) at 6.30pm (for 7.30pm).. Those who like their films cinema-style won't be disappointed. With a large screen & excellent sound equipment you'll have the sights and sounds of your local cinema, all on your doorstep! There'll even be popcorn, ice cream, alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks on offer.! Advance tickets are £4/£2 from **Roy Walker** on 0115 965 3595

## EVENSONG, SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March evensong at 6 pm will be sung by Cantilene a group of singers from St.Marks Church in Mansfield. There will be interesting settings of the music and we look forward to hearing them. There will be a collection for Framework, a local charity for homeless people in which we have supported before. **Alec Wells**

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**Glenys Herbert 812335**

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Happy 18th Birthday to Katie Hill for 20th January
- Happy 21st Birthday on 5th February to Natasha Hoggard
- Happy 50th birthday on 17th February to Andrew Godfrey
- Rumour has it that both Janet and Matthew Strathern will hit the big 5-0 this year, but they're being very guarded about the dates.....anyone with any information please contact the editor!
- Well done to the Waggon & Horses Ladies Darts Team who managed their first victory of the season in January!
- Well done to the "Halam Hopefuls" Quiz Team (Andersons, Paris' & Thompsons) who have scored a grand slam of victories in local quizzes over the past few months, including, most recently, the coveted Minster School PTA quiz, where they were joined by the Stratherns to beat 33 other teams!!

## THE WAGGON & HORSES

Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate our 1st anniversary - it was a really fun day! Looking to the future, there are some majors changes coming along as well as some events for your diary :

We will be launching a **NEW MENU** on **27th February**, including the all new Homemade Waggon Burgers. Please do come and try them!!



We now offer **TAKE OUT** Fish, Steak & Ale Pie and Scampi - all served with chips and peas. So have a night off from slaving over a hot stove and let us do the work!

**Wednesday** night is our weekly **CURRY NIGHT** - Curry and a drink for **£8.50**

On **SHROVE TUESDAY** (21st Feb) we will have a special **PANCAKE MENU** with savoury and sweet options.

**The Corndodgers** will be back again on Saturday 3rd March for another live music evening from 7:30pm onwards.

Bookings are now being taken for **Valentine's Day** (14th Feb) with a special 3 course meal priced at £21.95 (which will also be available on Saturdays 11th & 18th Feb for those who can't make the 14th)

Bookings also being taken for **Mothering Sunday** which is on the 18th March. 3 courses £18.95 for adults and £9.95 for children. 2 courses £14.95 (adults) and £7.95 (children)



## **Wine Tasting Evening**

Saturday 3rd March

7.30pm Halam Village Hall

£20 a ticket

See Ganesh, Mel or Jonathan for tickets or call 07894 707173



This is a fundraising event for Jonathan Simpson and Mel Glass who are running the London Marathon. All proceeds will go to their charities.

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FEBRUARY 2012 SERVICES



Feb 5	8:00	Candlemas—Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	9:30	Morning worship with a procession of candles	
Feb 12	18:00	Evensong	Barbara Tittensor
Feb 19	9:30	Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Feb 22	19:00	Ash Wednesday—Holy Communion with Ashing service at St Giles Edingley	
Feb 26	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough

LENT COURSE

There will be a series of meetings the Church Study Group over Lent, starting Wednesday 29th Feb. and continuing on the following 4 Wednesdays. We will be following the popular York Course "Living the Gospel" with an emphasis on prayer. Revd Russell Perry will lead us. Meetings will be held at The Scypen, Radley Road, starting at 7.30 pm. Each meeting will be dealt with a separate topic so it is not necessary to commit to all the meetings. Everyone welcome. **Tony Andrews tel 815584**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY AT 8PM

**Present.** Simon Bust, Janet Simmonds, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, David Herbert, Chris Bevans, **Apologies.** Andrew Paris  
**Village Hall.** Chris Bevans reported that if he sets up a PayPal account for payment of hall bookings, it will cost 3% per transaction and no monthly running costs. Money can only be transferred out of the account into the parish council account. There is no charge if the account is dormant for any length of time. The PayPal account could not be used for deposits as these could not be refunded back to the bookers. Also the PC would be out of pocket by the 3% transaction charge. Only Chris and the Treasurer will have access to the account. The proposal to open a PayPal account for village hall bookings was accepted unanimously. **Village Hall Heating.** Although the emergency repairs have not been carried out yet, an electrician was due to go to the hall to give a quote on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. Gill and Taylor have declined to quote for the work.  
**Precept.** It was unanimously agreed to keep the precept at £7,500.

**New police non emergency number is 101**

**Footpaths.** Sarah Godfrey raised the issue that one of the footpaths in the village has been fenced off. Simon Bust said that the council were due to come and install a style.

**Open Meeting.** Mr Denyer raised the issue of the affordable housing survey. The council explained that this survey is being undertaken at no cost to the village, to get the views of the residents. It will aim to see if there is a need for affordable housing. This means people who cannot afford to live in the village unless some cheaper accommodation becomes available. It only applies to current residents or people who work here. This is proving to be a very contentious issue and the parish council wants to stress that they do not support or oppose any potential development. The idea of the survey is to find out if there is a need or not. Please fill out your survey form and let us know your views — it is your village!

**Planning: Wagon and Horses roof.** Retrospective application to replace natural slates tiles to front elevation and clay pantiles to the rear, with double interlocking concrete roof tiles. It was unanimously agreed that whilst we did not object to the roof itself, we could not support the application as it would set a precedent. **Maythorne House, 5 Manor Fields.** Erection of a greenhouse. This was supported unanimously. **Norwood Park Golf Club.** Display advertising banners on timber frames, which are within the ground of the boundary ownership. **Denilldoit, Radley Road.** Erection of a new dwelling in substitution of approved dwelling under planning permission 10/01082/FUL. This was supported unanimously. **Church Farm House, Radley Road.** This application for an extension was refused by Newark and Sherwood. The parish council had previously supported this proposal.

**Date for the next meeting.** 8<sup>th</sup> February @ 7:30pm in the Village Hall

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD

Here in Halam we must remain thankful that the metal thieves have not tried to remove any more lead from the church roof. We certainly had our fair share of troubles in the village with the loss of lead from amongst others, The Church, Halam School and Church Cottage.

This thought was uppermost in my mind as I wandered up to the church porch last Sunday morning. - then I let my mind wander and wonder as to the origin of lightning conductors on tall buildings. In 1769 lightning struck the church of San Nazaro in Brescia in Italy with catastrophic results. Brescia was a town governed by the republic of Venice and 90 tons of gunpowder had been stored in the church vaults for safe keeping ! The result of the lightning strike was an enormous explosion. One quarter of the town was destroyed and 3000 people were killed. Why hadn't the church been fitted with a lightning conductor ? Such a conductor had been invented by Benjamin Franklin 19 years before.

Churches refused to install lightning conductors because the conductor was considered a 'heretical rod'. For centuries the Church believed that lightning and thunder were signs of divine anger and it was sinful to make any form of direct intervention. Instead churches tried to ward off such strikes by ringing their bells and even today many church bells are inscribed "Fulgura frango" - meaning 'I break up lightning flashes'. This adherence to such doctrinal dictat carried however a terrible toll on bell ringers

In Germany in the 18<sup>th</sup> century 120 bell ringers were killed by lightning strikes - by the very strikes they were trying to ward off. Despite the scientific veracity of lightning rods, prejudice against them was very widespread and many lightning rods or conductors were torn down from churches and buildings - even in Franklin's native America a Boston Pastor blamed the lightning rod for an earthquake that damaged hundreds of buildings in that city in 1755!

In the aftermath of the French revolution a decree was signed in 1786 outlawing the custom of ringing the church bells during thunderstorms on account of the many deaths caused. I assume that our 'heretical rod' has been in place for many hundreds of years and as a village we must all hope and pray that this always be the case and that it does not end up in a skip in a scrap yard in Newark. The Church has always moved away from accepted dogma with caution, but in the case of 'heretical rods' it was right to do so. We must remain vigilant as a village against such thefts

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## THE SILVER SCREEN IN OXTON

Take a large serving of Irish stew, a sprinkling of Irish cinema and a splash of Guinness and Irish whiskey with the sounds of Wholesome Fish and you have the perfect ingredients for a St Patrick's Day celebration, brought to you by The Projection House, Oxton's very own film night, on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Doors open at 6.30pm. Irish film The Guard will show at 7.30pm. Starring Brendan Gleeson, Don Cheadle and Mark Strong, The Guard is a comedic, fish out of water tale of murder, blackmail, drug trafficking and rural police corruption, and the two cops who must join forces to take on an international drug-smuggling gang, an unorthodox Irish policeman and a straitlaced FBI agent.

If the craic's good, why not stay for a good old Irish ceilidh at 9.30pm to midnight. The band Wholesome Fish are guaranteed to get everyone up dancing. With influences spanning a world of tastes – from Celtic and gypsy-rooted folk through to Cajun, bluegrass, boogie-blues and punk – the Fish have their own distinctive and powerful sound.

Film only Tickets cost £4, £3 for concessions. Food, film and band tickets cost £10, or £9 for concessions. Tickets are available in advance from Roy Walker on 0115 9653595. Tickets on the day cost will incur an additional charge of £1

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## HALAM TODDLER GROUP

Halal Toddler group is held every other Friday at the village hall, from 10.30am-12pm, £2 per family. Come along for a cup of tea and chat while your little ones play. The next session is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

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3 courses £18.95 for adults and £9.95 for children.

2 courses £14.95 and £7.95 respectively

**March 24th** Charity Race night -in aid of "Wish House" who brighten up the lives of terminally ill children.

Check out posters in pub for more details.

Under starters orders from 9 pm



## Dates for your diary

- A Memorial Service for Tony Poole will be held in Southwell Minster on Wednesday 28th March at 3pm.

## Laxton Walks

- Laxton walk - Sunday March 11th at 10.00am LAXTON AFTER WINTER Approx. 4 miles, 3 hours. A chance to see the fields after winter
- Laxton walk - Saturday 31st March at 10.00am MEDIEVAL LANDSCAPE & VILLAGE Approx. 3.6 miles, 3 hours. An introduction to the medieval architecture and landscape
- The walks are free of charge and start at 10am at the Visitor Centre, in the car park of The Dovecote Inn, with a showing of the introductory film

## Countryman's Fair

- There will be an Easter Monday Fun Day at the Dovecote Inn, Laxton on Monday 9th April in aid of the Lincs. & Notts Air Ambulance. Lots of events and fun for the children. Full details next month. Please keep the date free and come along to support this great cause.

Dog poo continues to be an issue, with dog walkers not using the dog poo bin or clearing up after their pooch. One dog was allowed to foul a garden without the walker clearing up afterwards. Please be considerate!

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Matthew Strathern hit the big 5-0 on February 21st - he's in denial!

## STOP PRESS - THE NEW MENU AT THE WAGGON

Just back from the Waggon trying out the new menu! Not only is the menu itself beautifully presented, but the Waggon Burger was a big hit with all 8 diners. In effect it's a build your own burger as you select the type of bread, the type of burger (beef, lamb, chicken or vegetarian) and a topping and it's served with choice of potatoes, salad and coleslaw. The hand made lamb and beef burgers were particularly succulent. Be warned that the Waggon Burger Bundle (a sample of all four burgers) is exceptional value and more than enough to feed 2! Peter Thompson

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**BAG 2 SCHOOL**

Halam Primary School is having another Bag2School collection. Please sort out your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles - including clothes, shoes, hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows) We will receive £500 per tonne which will be a great boost for our fundraising. Please put items in black bin liners and bring to the front of school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March by 9am. Unfortunately we cannot take bags before then due to lack of storage.

Mar 4	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	9:30	Morning Dragon Service	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 11	18:00	Evensong	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 18	9:30	Mothering Sunday Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 25	11:00	Sung Eucharist - Passion Sunday	Rev D McCoulough

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** S Bust, A Paris , C Bevans, S Godfrey, D Herbert, G Herbert, J Simmonds

**Village Hall:** Chris Bevans reported that the village hall website was under construction –

[www.halamvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.halamvillagehall.org.uk) Links between this site and the current village website will be set up as soon as possible. A quote for the remedial electrical work was discussed and authorised unanimously

**Trees:** dangerous and overhanging trees – as County Councillor Andy Stewart was absent the Clerk will contact him to progress

**Drains:** work on the main drains under **The Turnpike** is imminent – road works and traffic lights should be in place this month. **Water at the top** (Oxton Road) end of Radley Road – to be discussed further with Cllr Stewart. **Missing drain cover by water works** – this is still marked by a post and has not been replaced. Clerk will progress this matter.

**Grit Bin:** still awaiting the promised grit bin (for the Radley Road/Gray Lane junction). To be progressed again with Cllr Stewart. There is still a small quantity of grit/salt available from the Parish Clerk in case of emergency need – contact Patrick Rickett

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed: 1) state of Radley Road – to be monitored, 2) Queen's Jubilee: proposals received from the village hall committee – supported in principle, 3) Queen's Jubilee: mugs for children in Halam – Simon Bust to arrange, 4) footpath behind Strickland Farm – Clerk to contact County Council Footpaths Officer

**Correspondence:** A letter was read out which suggested that a) householders should be encouraged to clear the snow away from the pavements, at least in front of their own house (BBC solicitor stated that householders are very unlikely to be sued for clearing snow), b) snow should be cleared away from any road drains and gulleys – this allows thawing water to drain away and not lie on roads to freeze over-night, c) during bad weather, please check on vulnerable neighbours in the village – are they coping with the cold weather, do they need provisions, or even some company

**Finance:** Unanimously agreed to pay – NALC subscription and the entry fee for Best Kept Village competition. The section of the Financial Regulations dealing with the getting of quotes was reviewed. It was unanimously agreed that the threshold where any supply or service has to have three quotes should be raised from £100 to £250

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 7.30pm in the village hall.

**TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD**

When I think of March my thoughts automatically turn to my homeland (hiraeth), the squally winds and rain, and the daffodils that carpet the hedgerows and broken wood glades, and of course St David's Day!

This month in deference to my fellow English villagers I write about the primrose and springtime; primroses in the churchyard conjure up a very English bucolic scene. Chaucer writes of 'Primerole' and 'Pryne rolles' which were names used in England at that time and derived from the Italian 'Fior di primavera' - or spring flower. Meanwhile in monastic texts we read of prima rosa - (first rose) - a name preferred by men of learning. By the 16th century all these ideas had hybridised and 'naturalised' as we gardeners say. and we obtained the single English name for this delightful flower - the primrose. The Latin name 'Primula Veris' means the first little one of spring.

Shakespeare used the flower's name eight times in his plays. We have never tired of this flower and even politicians utilised the flowers charms to ingratiate themselves with people that mattered - (nothing changes!). Whilst walking one day with Queen Victoria at Osborne House, Benjamin Disraeli told her how fond he was of these flowers and how they made him think of her - I don't think he meant short fat clumps, but tall graceful nodding sprays of loveliness. She never forgot the compliment and when he died in 1881 she sent a large wreath of primroses to his funeral. The Conservative party in 1882 named April 19th, the anniversary of his death, as 'Primrose day' and that was the date of the founding of the Primrose League, - a popular movement aimed at promoting Toryism across the social classes; Prime Minister David Cameron is simply using an old idea when he speaks of the 'Big Society'.

I seem to have waffled on at length, but I will end with a quote from Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' to encourage village folk to visit the churchyard!

'And in the wood where often you and I  
Upon faint primrose beds were wont to lie.'

Do visit me in the churchyard in March and see the vast numbers of primroses there - I promise that you will enjoy it - and perhaps be inspired to lend a hand!

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## HALAM TODDLER GROUP

Halam Toddler group is held every other Friday at the village hall, from 10.30am to 12pm, £2 per family. Come along for a cup of tea and chat while your little ones play. The next session is Friday 20th April.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Belated happy birthday to Bill Kemp of School Lane who turned 80 and Betty Godber of Radley Road who was 85, both in February
- Good Bye and Good Luck to Patricia and Chris Kells who have moved to Bleasby
- Welcome to Jim and Terri Burn who have moved into the Kells' old house on School Lane
- Happy 80th birthday to Canon David Keene for April 11th

## HALAM DIAMOND JUBILEE PATCHWORK

Accompanying this months Halam News you will receive a numbered envelope containing an instruction sheet, some light blue thread and your Diamond Jubilee Patchwork block. We would ask that you please complete your embroidery as soon as possible and return the patchwork block to Marina Thompson (The Manor House, 814026), Glenys Herbert (Ashdene, 812335) or Olive Sharman (Spindlewood Cottage, 813302). The design is based on 160 patchwork blocks (equal to the number of households in the village) and so we need to get back all issued blocks as soon as possible. If you need assistance, help will be provided, please contact one of the people named above. If you do not receive your envelope, please contact Marina.



## NEW ADDITION

Jack Christopher Patrick Bevans, born on St Patricks Day, to proud parents Chris and Katy Bevans, weighing in at 7lbs 5 oz. Granny and Pops Jane & Simon Bust and Great Grandma Eleanor Bust are over the moon!

## 'SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL' RECYCLING SCHEME

This scheme raises funds for our school through the recycling of inkjet/laser cartridges and mobile phones. The school receives up to £150 for mobile phones and £1 per cartridge. If you would like to help us raise funds for new climbing equipment in the playground please bring your used cartridges and phones from home or work to the school office. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Congratulations to Henry Parkinson (29) of School Lane, Halam, and Emily Jenkins (27) of Mapperly, who have announced their engagement

New website for Halam School : [www.halamschool.typepad.com](http://www.halamschool.typepad.com)

**Open Gardens** this year will be **Sunday June 24th**



## CHAMPAGNE, STRAWBERRIES AND A NIGHT AT THE 'FLICKS'

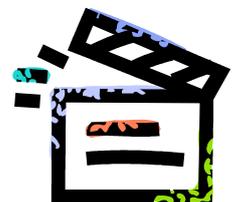
After the sell out Irish night on March 16<sup>th</sup> when a capacity crowd watched The Guard, the Oxtan Projection House is proud to present its next film event on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> – blockbusters, with a hint of romance.

The first film is **The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn** which was only released late last year. Featuring a star-studded cast including Simon Pegg and Daniel Craig and directed by Steven Spielberg, it will appeal to all ages. Intrepid reporter Tintin and Captain Haddock embark on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded by Haddock's ancestor.

The second film is **Bridesmaids** (15), a highly-acclaimed romantic comedy starring Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph and Rose Byrne. Competition between the maid of honour and a bridesmaid, over who is the bride's best friend, threatens to upend the life of an out-of-work pastry chef. As an added inducement to encourage that romantic feeling we will be offering strawberries and champagne, in addition to the usual popcorn, snacks and drinks.

As ever, the films will be shown on a large screen with a superb sound system in the comfortable surroundings of Oxtan Village Hall.

Doors open at 5pm and the first film will be shown at 5.30pm. Doors open at 8pm for the second film which is shown at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £4 per film, £3 for children and concessions. Tickets are available in advance from Oxtan Village Shop, Ethel Cottee on 0115 9653477 or Roy Walker on 0115 9653595. Tickets on the day will incur an additional cost of £1.



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## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL - APRIL 2012 SERVICES

April 1	8:00	Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)	Rev D McCoulough
	9:30	All age worship & Palm Procession (Meet at Waggon & Horses car park at 09:20)	Rev D McCoulough
April 5	19:00	Holy Communion & Watch service (Maundy Thursday)	Rev D McCoulough
April 6	10:30	Devotions (Good Friday)	Rev D McCoulough
April 8	11:00	Sung Eucharist (Easter Day) (egg race, Easter egg hunt & design an egg competition)	Rev D McCoulough
April 15th	9:30	Family Communion (prayers for Lancaster crew)	Rev D McCoulough
April 22	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
April 29	18:00	Benefice Evensong at Haram	Rev D McCoulough

## ST JØRGEN'S CHURCH, AABENRAA, DENMARK

The excellent girls' choir of St Jørgen's Church are coming to stay in Haram in early July, to give 3 concerts in the area. Some accommodation is still needed. If anyone would like to put up two or three of these delightful people for a maximum of six nights, we would be most grateful. The girls range in age between 12 and 18, and there are also eight adults, being the conductor, accompanist and priest and helpers. All reasonable expenses would, of course, be met. If you might be interested and would like more details, please contact David Butterworth on 07850 833890

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES — 8TH MARCH 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** S Bust, A Paris, C Bevans, S Godfrey, D Herbert, G Herbert, J Simmonds

**Matters Arising:** pot holes in roads – **problems can reported online through the County Council's website or on 08449 80 80 80**

**Village Hall:** a discussion was had regarding whether the hall should be sold; this isn't practicable at present because of outstanding mortgages. The lock on the disabled toilet needs attention. The village hall committee presented their three month report. It was unanimously agreed to buy new thermal blinds for the windows (from the funds raised at last year's harvest supper). The new village hall website is now live – [www.halamvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.halamvillagehall.org.uk) Storage heaters – one or two should be left on at all times. Village hall committee to arrange notices regarding heating instructions.

**Queen's Jubilee:** village patchwork quilt is being organised.

A village beacon is being arranged, and presentation mugs are being sorted by the Chairman, S Bust.

**Trees:** dangerous and overhanging trees – County Council have been informed. The clerk to identify which trees need attention.

**Drains:** still waiting for the work on the drains on The Turnpike. Apparently the delay is being caused by a electricity cable having been laid on top of the drain culvert. County Council are working on this.

**Grit Bin:** County Council will organise our blue grit bin asap.

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed: 1) street lights – proposal to turn off street lights between midnight and 5.30 am. Parish council requested that the lights be left on at i) the corner of Holme Lane, ii) the corner by Strickland Farm, and iii) at the Turnpike/Radley Road crossroads. 2) allotments – tyres on the allotments to be stacked up to one side awaiting disposal (may cost £1 each to scrap); dyke needs clearing of debris from old (collapsed) bridges. 3) Rubbish & litter around the village – this is a growing problem, nationally as well as locally; **fly tipping can be reported online at the Newark & Sherwood District Council, or on 01636 650000. Where possible can villagers help tidy up and keep the village clean – we have entered the Best Kept Village competition again this year.**

**Planning:** The Waggon & Horses, The Turnpike: new pantile interlocking concrete tiles to be removed and natural slate tile roof tiles reinstated to front elevation. New pantile interlocking concrete tiles to be removed and original authentic pantiles to be reinstated to front elevation – approved unanimously (this is a listed building)

### Planning Decisions:

Newark & Sherwood District Council have approved the following planning applications:

1) Two The Cottages, The Turnpike 2) Maythorne House, 5 Manor Fields

**Finance:** Unanimously agreed to pay clerk's wages

**Date of Next Meeting:** **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012, this will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm** followed by the parish council meeting at 7.30pm in the village hall.

## TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD

I have begun to venture back into the churchyard now that warmer days are returning and I am delighted as always to see very many worm casts on the grass and many molehills - a sure sign of an abundance of juicy worms. Charles Darwin is known today as a revolutionary biologist who with his book '*On the Origin of Species*' paved the way for our greater understanding of the natural world. Not many people know, however, that he wrote another book '*The Formation of Vegetable Mould Through the Action of Worms, With Observations on Their Habits*', published in 1881, and it sold even better than '*On the Origin of Species*' during Darwin's lifetime. When Darwin first started looking at worms no-one appreciated the key role they had in agriculture. In the mid 19th century most people thought earthworms were pests, but Darwin was convinced they were valuable for turning over the soil, in part by chewing it up and pooping it out.

The public perception of the worm as something of no importance or even a pest exists from the earliest of times. The Romans had a word for the worm – 'vermis' and by the middle ages the term 'vermis' or 'verm' was applied to any creature that seemed unpleasant and especially worms as they were small wriggling creatures ugly to behold. With time the word 'vermin' became widely used and today is applied to a wide range of animals for which we have low regard. The Latin word vermis had its origin back in the Sanskrit of northern India from where the word 'kermes' developed from 'Krmī' meaning insect or worm. Kermes in turn gave rise to our word for crimson! Meanwhile the Italians had developed a word for a type of pasta – vermicelli, and the description of vermicelli (small worms) was given to the cochineal insects of South America by the Spaniards. This led to the naming of a dye from crushed Cochineal insects - namely vermilion.

Wormwood is a daisy-like plant known as vermouth in Germany and from this plant we get the drinks of raki, absinthe, pernod and so on. The drink brings about amazing change in us and in the middle ages the English described this change as ver-mod- (Dutch courage) and we still use see this usage in werewolf and in the French liqueur Vermouth.

So the simple wiggly worm has been proved to be a vital blessing to gardeners, and agriculturists, as well as giving us the names of striking colours, stimulating drink and a favourite Italian dish. But our indebtedness does not stop there - surgeons talk of the vermiform appendix, the anatomist talks of the vermis lobe of part of the brain and many a young man is keen on worming his way into the heart and affections of a pretty girl. We should not use the expression 'he is a worm' - a derogatory phrase - in fact the humble worm is very important. An old playground song went like this:

Nobody loves me, everybody hates me, I think I'll go and eat worms  
Long fat curly ones, short fat wriggly ones, I bite their heads off  
I suck their bodies out, I throw the skins away  
Nobody knows how well I thrive, On worms three times a day!

David Herbert



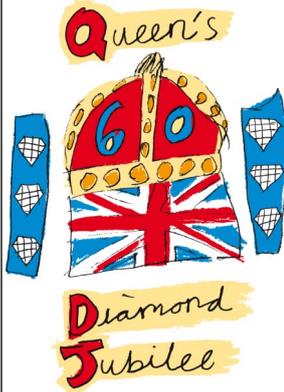
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**PETER THOMPSON 01636 814026**



Simon and Sarah Fowler of Yew Tree Cottage are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Holly to Philip Long of Kirklington. Congratulations to the happy couple!



There will be numerous events in Halam over the Queens Diamond Jubilee weekend - all detailed in this months Halam News. Everyone who is in the village on June 3rd and 4th will be able to participate and help to make it a celebration to remember! Bring your union flag and enjoy the fun!

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MAY 2012 SERVICES



<b>May 6</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
	<b>11:00 Holy Baptism - Lily Smith</b>	
<b>May 13</b>	<b>18:00 Evensong</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>20:00 Ascension day - Sung Eucharist, Southwell Minster</b>	
<b>May 20</b>	<b>09:30 Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>11:00 Sung Eucharist - Whitsun</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
	<b>09:30 Diamond Jubilee Service/Trinity</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
	<b>(wear red white and blue!)</b>	

### Tales from the Churchyard



I am using this opportunity to write about the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations. What has this to do with the churchyard? - well our Queen is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and I am one of the many thousands of gardeners who keep her churchyards tidy and hopefully, interesting. This coming Diamond Jubilee celebration is a truly special occasion. To have reigned so long and with such dignity and devotion is a wonderful achievement. You may have thought that a diamond jubilee refers to the celebration of 75 years of an occasion - and that is true except for length of reign of a monarch, when the time span only has to be 60 years. Our Queen ascended the throne on the 6th Feb 1952 but did not get crowned until the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953. By the time of the Halam celebrations next month she will have reigned for 60 years and 90 days. Queen Victoria reigned 63 years and 216 days and our present Queen will be 89 years old if she reigns for that length of time - by the time of her platinum jubilee she will be 95 years old if she is spared. Her reign has indeed been long and only surpassed by Queen Victoria and by the claimed reign of the "Old Pretender" James Stuart whose pretence lasted 64 years.

Why are we having the proposed Jubilee celebration in June? It was picked by court officials as far back as 1952 when it was judged by meteorological experts that first week in June would fall right in the middle of the dreamy English summer, an ideal time for the Coronation fixed on exclusively for the convenience of everybody and in hope of good weather. In fact Coronation day 1953 was the wettest day of the year - most of the nation watched it on black and white TV, but colour would not have made any difference as the only colour on that day was grey, black and grey!! When our Queen celebrated her silver jubilee, that June was the coldest and wettest June of the Twentieth Century and Jubilee day itself was a day of strong winds and violent heavy downpours. Her golden Jubilee was better as it remained dry, we had no wind and the sun shone most of the day. Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1897 was a spectacle enjoyed in magnificent sunny weather - the heat was intense, many ladies fainted along the route and policemen handed out pails of water to the crowds to assuage thirst! The next day Queen Victoria went to Windsor where the gathering was entertained by the Kaiser's band, then suddenly at lunch time storm clouds gathered, the marquee was ripped apart by lightning and then it collapsed, a tornado struck Eton and Marlow and trees were uprooted and roofs were ripped off houses and by the late afternoon many streets were under 3 feet of water! So what of our chances in Halam on this coming Jubilee weekend? I am sure we will all have a great time basking in sunshine, or wallowing in our wet T-shirts. Though, no matter what the weather, we will all have a fantastic excuse for a jolly time!!

**David Herbert**

Linda & Nevil Croston are proud grandparents again - Maggie Croston-Clegg was born on April 7th weighing 8lbs 5oz. Maggie and her parents Rowena & Phil have just moved into a new house near Norwich.



### HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st May** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The June meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th**.  
**Glenys Herbert 812335**

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

Outing to **BEVERLEY** - Thursday 3rd May  
Leaves Minster at 09:30 Returns 17:30  
Price c£10 for coach,  
£5 for optional tour of Beverley Minster  
Contact: Gwen Bragg 01636 812527

## HALAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING — 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds **Apologies:** Sarah Godfrey **Present:** 4 parishioners  
**Matters arising:** Community speed watch – there seems to have been a lack of police support for this scheme over the past year. Without official backing there seems little point in continuing this scheme. Andrew Paris will find out more regarding the situation with the police and will report back. It may be a good idea to invite a police representative to a future parish council meeting

### **Chairman's Report**

- Last May saw some changes of parish councillors with three new members joining the council. The Chairman thanked Marina Thompson for her continued support through the village hall committee and the plans for the jubilee celebrations.
  - After putting much work and effort into improving the village hall, the cold weather last year resulted in a burst pipe and the hall floor being ruined. However, the hall is now in better shape than it has been for quite a few years, bookings are being taken, and there is a new dedicated website for the village hall. This all bodes well for the future and, although the hall is unlikely to run at a profit, all efforts are being made to minimise the cost to the parish. Many thanks to the village hall committee, this has taken a lot of pressure off the parish council.
  - It has generally been a quiet year for the parish council with one meeting per month. The District Council decisions have generally been in accord with all planning recommendations of the PC.
  - One real highlight of the year was the unveiling of the Lancaster Bomber Memorial on School Lane. It is a beautiful, peaceful spot and a real asset to the village. Thanks and congratulations to Andrew Paris & Tony Denyer for all their work in realising this memorial.
  - The Harvest Supper last Autumn was well supported. The "traditional" format of a supper with socialising seemed to be enjoyed by the many people there. Another Games Night will be organised later in the year.
  - There had been a few problems with the allotments due to one of the holders being unwell. The site has been cleared and tidied up, and there are now three allotments available (2 people already interested)
  - There has been extensive work to the drains in the village and there have been some improvements, however there are still some ongoing problems. There is a dispute between E-ON and the County Council over responsibility for some damage to drains. It is hoped the remaining problems are sorted soon. The Chairman thanked the village hall committee, the parish clerk and Mandy Rickett, and all those who had helped the parish council over the past year.
- Open Meeting:** 1. Did the parish council underwrite the Lancaster Memorial? – no, it was entirely underwritten by Andrew Paris 2. There is unlikely to be planning permission granted for any new dwellings in the village in the near future – changes to planning law and the fact that there are outstanding planning permissions for around ten new dwellings 3. The parish council was thanked for the work it had done over the past year – an unpaid and sometimes thankless task 4. Bus shelter – alternative cleaning arrangements will be sought

## HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES — 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** S Bust, A Paris, C Bevans, D Herbert, G Herbert, J Simmonds **Apologies:** S Godfrey

**Matters Arising:** 1. Letting of the "older peoples" bungalows – District Council can let these to anyone (including younger persons) if they, or anyone living with them has proven medical or mobility needs. 2. Local Development Framework – Development site allocation: the District Council is now reconsidering whether the land between Halam Hill and Allenby Road is suitable for development. It now seems likely that this will be left as a "buffer" between Halam and Southwell. Thanks to Andrew Paris for coordinating the comments/responses to Kelham Hall

**Village Hall:** letting costs and procedures to be advertised locally in Halam News

**Queen's Jubilee:** village patchwork quilt – fabric "diamonds" have now gone out to households A village beacon has been arranged (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 22:01), and presentation mugs will be donated by Eleanor Bust. It is planned to hold a "Red, White & Blue" service in the church at 9.30 on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Further details in the Halam Village News May edition.

**Trees:** further investigation is ongoing

**Drains:** still waiting for the work on the drains on The Turnpike. Apparently the delay is being caused by a electricity cable having been laid on top of the drain culvert. County Council are working on this.

**Grit Bin:** will be delivered in October

**Allotments:** have now been tidied and cleared. Three will be offered for rent shortly

**Halam Housing Needs Survey:** the report has indicated a need for possibly three 2-bed dwellings (with "shared ownership"). This report will be circulated to parish councillors for detailed discussion at next month's meeting. There will then be a public open meeting with the survey organisers present. Copies are available from the clerk

**Street Lighting: Energy & Cost Saving Consultation for Halam:** clerk to write requesting that a further street light be left on – by the car park of the older persons bungalows

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed: 1) village hall mortgage – a further eight years (approx) to run, 2) water at the top of Radley Road (Oxton Road end) – County Council work needed. Has been taken up with Jo Horton. **Pressure from parishioners may help to get this resolved, the council can be contacted online through the County Council's website, or on 08449 80 80 80,** 3) Pot holes on Holme Lane – clerk to report

### **Correspondence:**

1) County Council Civic Service 2012 – June 24<sup>th</sup> in Southwell Minster: clashes with open gardens – apologies to be sent

2) Development Management Policies Consultation Paper – Andrew Paris to report back to next meeting

3) Food Hygiene Rating – village hall rated 4/5

**Planning:** 1) The Paddock, Gray Lane: householder application to extend existing 2.1m high front boundary to south-east boundary – agreed to support application (4 for: 2 against) 2) Halam House, Radley Road: householder to remove single-storey side extension and erect two-storey side extension – agreed to support unanimously

**Finance:** Unanimously agreed to pay 1) village hall bins, 2) dog bin, 3) transport of memorial stone (grant already received from County Council), 4) electrician for maintenance to village hall, and 5) costs of Jubilee tapestry (money already received from village Millennium funds)

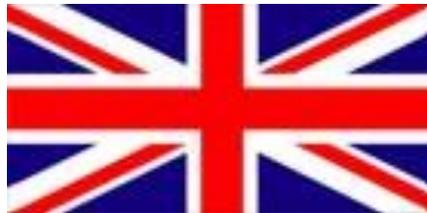
**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012, this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting** (including election of Chairman and other parish council officers) at 7.30pm in the village hall

# HALAM DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



## SUNDAY JUNE 3RD 2012

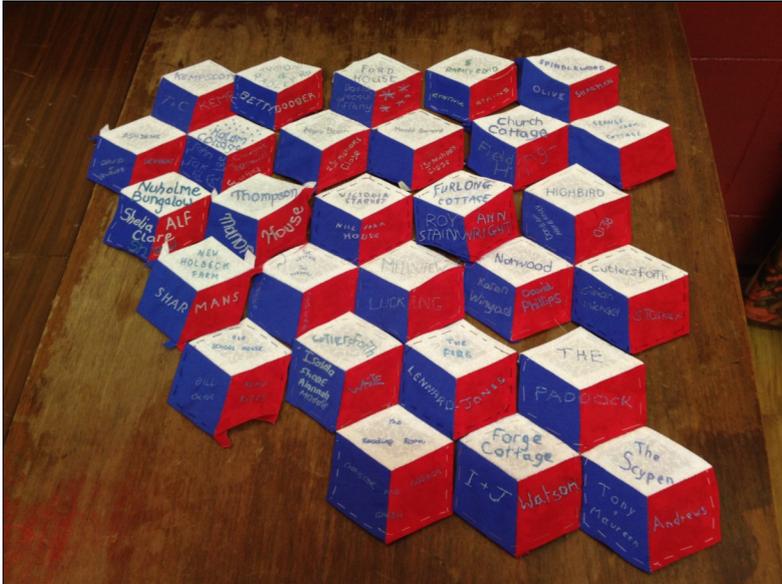
- 9:30am**      **Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Church Service at St Michaels Church**  
Dress in Red, White & Blue and bring flags and banners!
- 1:00pm**      **Royal themed "Big Lunch" at the Waggon & Horses**  
Join Chris, Richard and the team for a 3 course celebratory lunch  
There will be one sitting, so advance booking is essential!
- 2:00pm+**      **Jubilee River Pageant on the big screen at the Waggon & Horses**  
Get together with family and friends to watch the event



## MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2012

- 4pm - 6pm**      **Traditional Village Tea in the Village Hall**
- Watch footage of the Queens Coronation
  - Have afternoon tea with friends old and new
  - See the unveiling of the Diamond Jubilee Patchwork
  - All village children (under 16) will receive a commemorative Jubilee Mug
  - Donations of cake, trifle, jelly and sandwiches etc welcomed (from 2pm)
- 6.30pm+**      **Evening events based in the Waggon & Horses**
- Village Treasure Hunt (£1 per person entry fee) & your chance to vote for the best scarecrow!
  - Jubilee themed Quiz (£1 per person entry fee)
  - Barbeque food available
- 9:45pm**      **Walk to watch the Halam Jubilee Beacon being lit @ 10pm**

## THE HALAM DIAMOND JUBILEE PATCHWORK



April saw the Halam Diamond Jubilee patchwork starting to take shape as well as the first 2 sewing sessions in the Village Hall. Over 60 completed 'blocks' have been received and many more started. The photograph shows the various styles, ideas and approaches that have been used.

The aim is to provide a snapshot of the households in the village in 2012 to be ready for the Jubilee week end, so we need your completed 'blocks' back as soon as possible. If you want help getting started or you want someone to embroider for you - just let us know and/or tell one of us what you would like us to put on your block.

Because the sewing sessions in the Village Hall were such a big hit, we plan to do more at the beginning of May - so please come and join us for a chat & some good laughs and to help with the patchwork, even if it's just by giving encouragement! The dates for the sewing sessions in the Village Hall are :

**1) Saturday 5th May, 10 - Noon 2) Wednesday 9th May, 7pm - 9pm & 3) Thursday 10th May, 10 - Noon.**

Many people are now helping to sew the blocks together and assisting other members of the community by sewing for them. But we still need your help, as the more hands we have, the quicker and easier it will be to achieve our end of May deadline. A lot of work has been put into preparing 480 diamonds and 160 blocks (one for each house in the village) and as the design is based on 160 blocks, please do not throw any away, but return them to us as soon as possible (even if uncompleted)!

**Glenys Herbert (812335), Marina Thompson (814026), Olive Sharman (813302)**



## HALAM DIAMOND JUBILEE

## ROYAL SCARECROW COMPETITION



**The Rules.** Here are the main rules of the scarecrow competition:

- Your scarecrow should be at least 1 metre tall and should be safely erected on your property and easily visible to passers by from the footpath.
- Your scarecrow should have a Royal theme (so anything goes – well almost!!)
- Please ensure that your scarecrow is appropriate for public display. Any scarecrows which are not appropriate will not be accepted into the competition!
- The winners will be chosen by those people participating in the Village Treasure Hunt on the evening of 4th June.
- The scarecrows may be left in place for Open Gardens on June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Entry fee is £2.50.

Entry forms attached to Halam News or available from Linda Croston, Little Oak, Radley Road.

THE HALAM 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE  
ROYAL SCARECROW COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

Email:

Scarecrow name and description.

Please return your completed entry form with the entry fee to: Linda Croston, Little Oak, Radley Road Halam

Rules and Conditions: On entering the competition you agree to all the following terms and conditions.

- Scarecrow entry forms must be in by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 with a £2.50 entry fee. Any entries received after this date may not be included on the route.
- Scarecrows must be in place by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012, when we will be coming round and numbering the entrants.
- The winning scarecrow, as voted by the villagers of Halam participating in the Village Treasure Hunt on June 4<sup>th</sup>, will be announced that evening.
- There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a wooden spoon!
- No alterations to your scarecrow can be made after the above date unless it is general upkeep!
- Please be mindful when positioning scarecrows so as not to cause any obstructions to public right of way.
- Scarecrows must be handmade and not made bought in a retail or wholesale setting.
- No toxic products, glass other dangerous substances should be used.
- Upon the completion of the competition all scarecrows must be disposed of in a satisfactory manner!
- By entering this competition you allow your scarecrow to be photographed.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name : \_\_\_\_\_



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**PETER THOMPSON 01636 814026**

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JUNE 2012 SERVICES



<b>June 3</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion</b> <b>09:30 Diamond Jubilee Service/Trinity</b> <b>(wear red white and blue!)</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b> <b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>18:00 Jubilee Evensong (using part of the Coronation Service)</b>	
<b>June 17</b>	<b>09:30 Family Communion</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>June 24</b>	<b>11:00 Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>July 1st</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion</b> <b>09:30 Morning Worship - Annual Blessing Service</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b> <b>Rev D McCoulough</b>

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Cruz family on the sad and untimely passing of Jacqueline, beloved wife and mother.

### PLAYGROUND PEDAL

A group of dads from Halam School is determined to go the extra mile to raise funds for the school playground. They're plan to cycle c75 miles from Halam school to Skegness on 7th July. Why not get behind the cyclists by sponsoring them? To sponsor or for info call Ganesh on 07725 192 225.

### PTA CAKE SALE

The PTA are selling homemade cakes & tea at Halam School on **Friday 1st June (3.30-4.30)** & the pupils Jubilee Celebration work will be on display

## TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD JUNE 2012

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be caught up in the excitement of the national Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II. Celebration in June invariably means balmy, warm evenings and food and drink in garden - or more precisely the BARBEQUE season.

This word should only be applied to the actions of men, in general, who in summer are obsessed by the mistaken idea that they can cook on a barbeque; this desire has continued down through the centuries until now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the art has been perfected - an art he reserves for special guests who would much prefer to take their charcoal in tablet form and their meat slightly on the cooked side. To help our individual celebrations I would like to include a few tips:

- 1) Guests should be chosen from acquaintances that you don't mind never seeing again - always choose people who have a fast car and sat nav so that they can get to the hospital quickly.
- 2) Charcoal is usually found in a split damp bag at the back of the garage where the cats usually visit. Lighter fuel is needed - usually 2 bottles and a gallon of paraffin. Matches - do yourself a favour and use a new box - if you use last year's they will be damp and fall to bits at the first strike.
- 3) Three implements are needed- any old fork, but chose the tweezers with care - most tweezers grasp the food then spin it uncontrollably into the air and onto the lawn. If this happens and you have pets make sure you wipe the food on your pinny.
- 4) Ingredients - I recommend sausages, thin ones, as these then fall through the grid and char beautifully; beef burgers - be careful to chose thin ones as otherwise they wont dry out and resemble a crisp; chicken - marinade in wine over the previous night to give a delicate flavour which you will then cook out of it in minutes. Lots of red and green peppery things are required to take away the taste of burning. Wine is essential to help your guests forget the whole thing. Sauce red or brown, and mustard in quantity will help overpower all sense of taste
- 5) One should always remember to ask guests how they like their meat cooked - it sounds as if you care - but you will have no chance of success.
- 6) Lighting the barbeque takes great skill and is often only mastered by a pyromaniac. Arrange damp charcoal on the grid, pour on the 2 bottles of lighter fuel and ask guests to go inside the house for a few minutes. Go upstairs and throw lit matches on to the pyre; when one hits the target it should be safe to return to the barbeque in about 10 minutes. Repeat these steps several time and when fire has started recall your guests.
- 7) State loudly to your friends: "I do hope we will have enough" Now drink more wine - this helps you to entertain your guests and detracts from the food. Turn the sausages until they are burnt outside and raw in the middle - as last year. The chicken may not be quite ready - serve the chicken after the pudding and the cheese and biscuits.
- 8) By the time the food is eaten the barbeque will be at the right temperature and you can all huddle around it for warmth - flap away the gnats and remember to remove the cat from off the grill.

In summary if you feel the impulsive desire to cook outside, keep it to yourself - remember the guests this year will not be the guests of last year.

**David Herbert - BBQer extraordinaire**

## HALAM DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

### SUNDAY JUNE 3RD 2012

- 9:30am** **Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Church Service at St Michaels Church**  
- Dress in Red, White & Blue and bring flags and banners!
- 1:00pm** **Royal themed "Big Lunch" at the Waggon & Horses**  
- A few places still available - book to avoid disappointment

- 2:00pm+** **Watch the Jubilee River Pageant on the big screen at the Waggon**

### MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2012

- 4pm - 6pm** **Traditional Village Tea in the Village Hall**
  - Donations of cake, trifle, jelly and sandwiches etc welcomed (from 2pm)
- 6.30pm+** **Evening events based in the Waggon & Horses (BBQ food available)**
  - Village Treasure Hunt (£1 per person entry fee) & vote for the best scarecrow!
  - Jubilee themed Quiz (£1 per person entry fee)
- 9:45pm** **Walk to watch the Halam Jubilee Beacon being lit @ 10pm**



## NEW DATE FOR OPEN GARDENS - 17TH JUNE

Halam Open Gardens will now be held on June 17th, not the 24th as previously stated. Please come out and support your village and have a wander round - the diversity on offer has something for everyone, with gardens big and small, traditional or modern, and not forgetting the abundantly floral St. Michael's churchyard.

Plus the Jubilee Scarecrows on display, Strawberries & Cream, Teas, Plant Sales, as well as Tombola, White Elephant and various stalls at Ashdene. Only £4 per person, children free! All proceeds to go to Halam village funds. **Sunday June 17th 1pm - 5pm**

## ACTIVITIES AT THE WAGGON & HORSES

- 1) England **Euro 2012** matches 15 & 19 June will be screened
- 2) Bookings being taken for Sunday 17th June - **Fathers Day**
- 3) Saturday 23rd June Live music with local musicians **Arcade**
- 4) From 26th June we will screen **Wimbledon** fortnight - why not come and enjoy a jug of Pimms or strawberries and cream?

## PIANO TRIO CONCERT

**June 17th, 2.30pm for 2.45 at Halam Court, Back Lane**

Featuring works by Tchaikovsky & tunes from Palm Court Era

Price : £12.50 includes Pimms and Canapés

First 10 seats for Halam residents @ £8.50

Contact **David Butterworth** on **07850 833 890**

## LAXTON CHARITY GYMKHANA & DOG SHOW

**Saturday 7th July from 9am. Bar from 12 noon.**

More info from **Nick Rowe** on **07780 585 299**

## HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



May was a very busy time for Halam WI. At the start of the Month the AGM was held. The Secretary reported on the many activities the group had undertaken over the past year. The Treasurer confirmed there are 24 active members and that we were holding our own financially. Thanks were given to the Glenys Herbert for her role as President of Halam WI and she was re-elected to the position for the coming year. Sarah Godfrey was asked to join the Committee as Dora Rylatt has stood down from the committee after many active years of service. Halam WI would like to thank Dora for her commitment and support to the group and hope to see her regularly at our meetings.

May also saw the annual Birthday Party which took place The Waggon & Horses, Halam. Seventeen members attended the 3 course meal. Thanks to Glenys for baking a beautiful WI "birthday" cake and to Ann Loveridge who iced it.

Following a visit to the 2011 Newark & Sherwood Show, Julie Paris and Marina Thompson decided to enter Halam WI into the 2012 WI Competition. The aim was to try and win the Novice Entry as Halam WI had not entered for many years. The main competition was for a Floral & Green Foliage entry, a craft item and an A5 Flyer. Marking would also take into account the staging and interpretation of the theme - Feast and/or Festival.

Halam WI decided on the theme of Feast of Thanksgiving. Tasks were split and Sarah Godfrey produced a lovely miniature quilt, using a Log Cabin design, Marina designed the A5 Flyer and Val Seddon created a wonderful floral design. To try and bring the whole thing together, Julie, Carolyn Todd and Marina hand made a large Cornucopia (Horn of Plenty) using chicken wire and moss. Thanks to Glenys and Linda Croston who helped with staging the whole piece on show day. The hard work and enthusiasm paid off with Halam WI winning the Novice Prize, best Floral Design and coming 2nd overall. Thanks to all who helped with ideas, encouragement and support!

Next meeting is a Faith Supper on **Tuesday 12th June at 7pm** to be held at Ashdene (Dress in red/white/blue & bring a plate) **Marina Thompson**

## HALAM ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** S Bust, A Paris, C Bevans, D Herbert, G Herbert, J Simmonds **Apologies:** Sarah Godfrey

**Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman :** Chairman – Simon Bust, Vice-chair – Andrew Paris

**Election of other officers :** Christmas charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris, Press officer – Andrew Paris, Transport officer – Glenys Herbert  
NALC Representatives – Janet Simmonds & Sarah Godfrey, Snow/flood warden – Simon Bust Flag officer – Simon Bust, Internal auditor – Marina Thompson, Financial officer – Mandy Rickett

**Matters arising:** 1) Turnpike drains – work programmed for this financial year, 2) water at the top of Radley Road (Oxton road end) – has been reported previously to Highways; County Cllr Andy Steward to progress, 3) tree on School Lane – overhanging tree has been reported; should be worked on soon

**Village Hall:** electric storage heaters now seems to be working effectively

**Village Hall Committee:** the Waggon & Horses has offered to buffer the hall floor when needed.

**Queen's Jubilee:** the new village patchwork quilt will need a frame/box to mount and protect it. It was suggested that this year's Open Gardens funds could be used for this

**Halam Housing Needs Survey:** the report is being circulated to parish councillors for detailed discussion at next month's meeting. There will then be a public open meeting with the survey organisers present. Copies are available from the clerk

**Potholes:** some have been filled in, but others still need attention. Please report any problems to the county council – the more people who report, the more likely the potholes are to get fixed - **pressure from parishioners may help to get this resolved, the council can be contacted online through the County Council's website, or on 08449 80 80 80**

**Development Management Policies Consultation Paper:** Andrew Paris reported on the consultation paper, and a proposed response regarding "Developers' Contribution" was agreed

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed: 1) it was suggested that the parish council could organise a "car club" – providing a car for parishioners to hire. The proposer was asked to write an article for the Halam News to gauge interest for such a scheme, 2) the school PTA asked for the parish council's support in raising funds for a new play area for the school. While the council didn't feel it was appropriate to give financial support (this is a school matter not a parish matter), they agreed to give assistance where possible. The PTA are organising an auction of promises; anyone who can offer a product or service for this should contact the organisers

**Correspondence:** 1) Revised Ethical Framework 2) Election of Police and Crime Commissioner – in November there will be an elected Commissioner responsible for all policing in Nottinghamshire. Further details can be found on the Notts Police website

**Planning:1) Fairfield House: householder application to construct single storey side extension and form first floor balcony** – a letter of objection from a neighbouring property was read out. The application was rejected unanimously Grounds for rejection: adverse impact on the amenities of neighbouring properties by virtue of loss of privacy and overbearing impact

**Finance:** parish council insurance – awaiting second quote (from Zurich). Andrew Paris to check current levels of cover

**Date of Next Meeting:** **Please note change of date -WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012** at 7.30pm in the village hall

**Can everyone please weed their frontages for The Jubilee, Open Gardens and Best Kept Village Competition - Thanks!!**