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Happy New Year to all our readers

The Parish Council has not provided any notes of the December 2012 meeting. Hopefully a synopsis will be available next month!

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JANUARY 2013 SERVICES



Jan 5	10:30	Christingle making in Church	
Jan 6	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	9:30	All age Christingle	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 13	18:00	Evensong	Bishop Tony/Anne Godfrey
Jan 20	9:30	Parish Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Jan 27	11:00	Parish Communion (trad)	Rev D McCoulough

HELP AT THORESBY

Thoresby are looking for occasional volunteers to help with their theatrical and musical events. The role involves collecting tickets, making people feel welcome and generally ensuring everyone has a good evening. Volunteers get free tickets to the shows. If you want to help out then please call **Caroline Hughes** on **01623 822365**

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD - JANUARY 2013


The first day of January brings with it fresh resolutions, headaches, and a wish for a darkened room. We rush into the New Year with every good intention, but we know in our heart of hearts that however much we wish for our resolutions to bear fruit, we seem always to muddle on in the same old way. The care and maintenance of the churchyard is a case in point. Every year I resolve to do more but find I do less! Fortunately I have been helped over the years by lads from the village, - Alex Reid, David and Matthew Todd and this year by Hamish Strathern; I owe them all a great thank you. This summer I neglected the churchyard because I was preparing to move down the road from 'Ashdene' to 'The Scypen'. But we had a very good work party day when some 30 helpers turned up to save the day. Since that day in October Kevin Milner has stepped in and almost single-handedly has brought about a great transformation in the appearance of the churchyard and I am most grateful to him.

As we enter 2013 we seem to be beset with so many problems, a double-dip recession, global warming and widespread global unrest, so that it is natural to hope and wish for improvement in all sorts of areas. During my recent move I lost telephone and broadband for about two weeks and even as I type this I still do not have e-mails. This, in an age when instant communication seems to be so vital, has made me remember the words of St Paul stressing the value of Faith, Hope and Charity and Love - and this buoys me up, together with millions of others, with a hope that 2013 will see improvement. With this in mind I would like to offer this poem by Emily Dickinson the American poet. I have tried to keep this 'Tales from Churchyard' short, as at this time of the year everyone has so many other things to do. In doing so I keep faith with my old teacher of English in Wales who used to say of any piece of serious writing that it should be like a woman's skirt - long enough to cover the essentials but short enough to keep one's interest.

'Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul,
And sings the tune - without the words, and never stops at all,
And sweetest in the gale is heard; and sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird, That kept so many warm.
I've heard it in the chilliest land, and on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity, It asked a crumb of me.'

David Herbert

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HALAM & DISTRICT W. I. 
The next meeting will be on
Tuesday Jan 8th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.
The February meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th.**
Glenys Herbert 812335

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Congratulations go to :

- * Ben Thompson on passing his driving test
- * Imogen Lucking on passing her Grade 3 Piano & Clarinet and Grade 1 singing
- * Halams very own TV star - Prof Ed Copeland, who appeared alongside Brian Cox and Dara O'Briain on Stargazing Live recently!
- * Elizabeth and David Kinston on the birth of their second daughter Elise Victoria Rodely on 1st January. Elizabeth, who is the eldest daughter of Maureen and Tony Hallam, grew up in Halam.

The 2012 Poppy Appeal raised **£170.75**.

Thanks to all who contributed! **C Winning**

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

If possible, please collect Sainsburys school vouchers and pass them to Halam School. The vouchers are used to obtain equipment and learning materials for the School

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RUSSELL PERRY

This month we say goodbye to Russell who is leaving Southwell and moving to Lincoln in order to be closer to his family. Russell goes with our very good wishes and grateful thanks for his ministry and support over many years in Halam parish. He has taken services, helped in the school, led a number of study groups over the years and recently been involved in the Pastoral support team. We wish him every happiness in his new home and community and hope to see him back with us often!

Bev Perks is managing a collection to buy a parting gift for Russell. Anyone who wishes to contribute should put their donation in an envelope marked "R Perry" and push through the letterbox of the Old Vicarage

HALAM SCHOOL - PTA NEWS

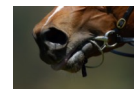
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HALAM WI MEETING TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2013

We all enjoyed the Quiz compiled by our very own, Julie Paris. The winners, after a closely fought battle, were the aptly named "Brains". After the quiz we all tucked into festive nibbles and delicious mulled wine, served by the committee.

Our next meeting will be a talk about Edwardian characters on Tuesday 5th February at 7.30 in Halam village hall. The competition will be "Something of Grandmas". New members would be very welcome

BUILDING WORK AT HALAM SCHOOL

For 3 weeks from February 6th there will be some building work taking place at Halam School. Areas affected will be the Kitchen, the area to the front of the School and the School Hall and there will be Portacabins on the School playground. Please ensure any children are under adult supervision if on the School site outside of School hours, whilst this work is underway.

Sam Bradbury, Head Teacher

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TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD: FEBRUARY 2013

The Newspapers, Radio and TV channels have been saturated with opinions about the snow and the wintery conditions - Why? We should expect it and be prepared for it. Winter is not winter without snow and hard frosts. Twenty years or so ago when I used to do a lot of shooting it was usual for October and November mornings to be glistening white with frost and the air filled with freezing breath - but over the last ten years or so our winters have become a lot less cold and so we are taken by surprise when winter comes back as normal.

It was usual in my childhood to marvel at the frosty ferns that patterned the inside of our windows in the mornings. Central heating was unheard of and as children we rushed down to the fire to get dressed for school. Cars were rare and everyone walked to and from school well wrapped up, but as school was about 2 miles away everyone was very warm when they got there. Schools never closed because of the weather - but this was because all the teachers lived with a mile or so of school and always walked there as well.

Fifty years ago when Glenys and I were first married and living in Bristol we had a winter when the ice and snow lasted from Christmas eve right through to the 23rd of March. The River Avon was frozen over and the Bristol Channel was frozen almost completely across between Newport and Bristol - our flat was unusable because of frozen pipes and very little fuel and so we retreated to the warmth of the hospital where I was working. We stayed there until three weeks before my eldest daughter was born in April.

I took my New Year resolution seriously this time and have walked for about an hour every day and have found this especially satisfying in the snow - one becomes enclosed in a magic world of silence - and the poem of the American Poet Robert Frost conjures up the isolation and peace that comes from being alone in snow:

Stopping by woods on a snowy evening: Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I do not know. His house is in the village though
He will not see me stopping here, to watch his woods fill up with snow
My little horse must think it queer, to stop without a farmhouse near,
Between the woods and frozen lake, the darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake, to ask if there is some mistake.
The only sound's the sweep of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely dark and deep, but I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep

David Herbert



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HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 10TH JANUARY 2013 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Village Hall: Village Hall Committee Review – it was agreed that the VHC helped reduce the amount of time spent at parish councils discussing village hall matters. It was noted that year-on-year bookings had increased, particularly regular bookings. The parish council would like to see more fund-raising events organised by the VHC. Unanimously agreed that the VHC should continue in its present role

Neighbourhood Planning: nothing further required at this stage

Localism Act 2011: New Standards & Conduct Arrangements for Members: Andrew Paris reported that having studied the alternatives, he would recommend the adoption of the standard NALC code. It was agreed that Mr Paris should circulate the NALC and N&SDC versions prior to final adoption next month

Roads: the poor state of the roads generally in the parish was noted – **any significant pot-hole problems should be reported by phoning 08449 80 80 80 or online on the County Council's website at www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelling/roads/road-design-and-maintenance/report-road-problems**

Open Meeting: matters discussed; 1) switching off of street lights at night to save energy/money. The parish council's final views will be sought prior to this scheme being implemented (shortly); 2) it was noted that the a grit bin had finally been delivered (at the Gray Lane/Radley Road junction) – many thanks to County Cllr Andy Stewart; 3) speed sign on School lane obscured by hedges – landowner will be asked to cut back hedge; 4) some of the parishes' footpaths are overgrown – Clerk to report to the county footpaths officer; 5) flooding near the ford on the Turnpike – problems were discussed. Parish Council would support any reasonable requests by householders to the County Council/Drainage Board

Planning:

1. Goldhill Farm, Station Lane, Edingley: householder application to relocate existing swimming pool, erect building around newly repositioned pool along with link block and associated alterations to existing building (Planning Consent and Listed Building Control) – supported unanimously

2. Land to rear of The Old Forge, Gray Lane: erection of 1 no. new dwelling – application rejected by 4 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions. The proposed house was considered too large for the small site – overdevelopment; would introduce alien type of development – back-fill; and could set a precedent for further development

Finance: a letter from N&S DC had been received regarding capping of the parish precept; the Clerk to seek further clarification.

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- * Well done to Imogen Lucking who passed her audition for Nottingham Youth Orchestra

HALAM WI

Meeting on 5th February - We had a very interesting talk by John Whitfield on Nottinghamshire's famous Edwardians: Albert Ball; Jesse Boot; and D H Lawrence.

The competition was 'Something of Grandmas'. Next month is our open meeting when we are all going to try our hand at some textile craftwork. **Tuesday 5th March 7.30** in the Village Hall, new members would be very welcome!

PRE SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Please can parents of any pre school age children resident in Halam or Edingley who are not already registered with Halam School please contact the school office on 01636 813062.

Thank you.

Sam Bradbury, Head Teacher

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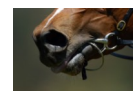
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WAGGON & HORSES

Come and join us for any or all of these events!

Sat 9th March Music night with local band PLATFORM 58 from 8pm

Sun 10th March Mothers Day Lunch served 12pm - 4pm

Sun 17th March St Patricks Day

Sat 23rd March Live Music with BAD WHISKEY from 8pm

Fri 29th March Charity Race Night under starters orders at 8.30pm

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MARCH 2013 SERVICES



Mar 2	13:00	Holy Matrimony - Andrew Hickson & Rachel Adams	
Mar 3	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30	All age Dragon Service	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 10	18:00	Evensong - Mothering Sunday	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 17	09:30	Parish Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 24	11:00	Palm Sunday	Rev D McCoulough
		meet at pub car park at 10:50 am for procession to Church	
Mar 28	20:00	Maundy Thursday Eucharist of Last Supper at The Minster	
Mar 29	10:30	Good Friday - Devotions	
Mar 31	11:00	Easter Communion	Rev D McCoulough

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL 2013

In accordance with Church regulations every six years a new electoral roll is prepared for each parish. If your name was on the 2007 roll please now reapply to be included on the new roll. You should also apply if your name did not appear previously but wish to be included on the new roll.

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England enabling you to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play a part in decision-making.

Application forms may be obtained from Tony Hallam (tel: 01636 812580) and the closing date for applications is 22 March 2013.

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TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD: MARCH 2013

March is the month of daffodils and leeks, and the month when you must surely rejoice (!) that you have a Welshman in your midst; it is after all the month which contains Wales' most famous Saint's day - St David. The first of March is the day when all Welshmen smarten up and adorn our dress with daffodils and or leeks. Traditionally in Gwent a bell-ringing session takes place on this most blessed of days; and it is not to be forgotten that the German name for daffodil is 'Osterglocken' which means Easter bells. However grim life may seem to be the first of March, in Wales, always brings gaiety, commencement of serious courting and the offering of carved wooden love spoons to girls by lovelorn Welsh 'dabs' or lads. You don't have to spend a lot of money to win a lass - in fact the real pleasures of life are free! There is real excitement in seeing the first snowdrops, and hearing the early dawn chorus. In the churchyard, should you spare the time to look, you will see winter aconites and celandines appearing, or about to appear. These little yellow blooms are very sensible as they are already visible but do not come out in full flower until they are sure that they have seven clear good weather days ahead of them. As I write this on the 23rd of February presently, sad to say, there is no sign of them flowering yet! But by the time you get this newsletter hopefully there will be stouter signs of spring and more clement weather days!

David Herbert

GOOD morning, Life - and all things glad and beautiful.
My pockets nothing hold, but he that owns the gold,
The Sun is my great friend - his spending has no end.
Hail to the morning sky, which bright clouds measure high;
Hail to you birds whose throats would number leaves by notes;
Hail to you shady bowers, and you green field of flowers.
Hail to you women fair, that make a show so rare
In cloth as white as milk - be't calico or silk:
Good morning, Life and all things glad and beautiful.

W.H. Davies



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HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 14TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Village Hall: Village Hall Committee meeting scheduled for this month. Hall is booked with regular bookings. A storage heater and two of the radiant heaters need attention – Clerk to organise

Localism Act 2011: New Standards & Conduct Arrangements for Members: it was unanimously agreed to adopt the standard NALC code

Roads: mud on Radley Road – Chairman to speak to local farmers. Erosion along the side of Radley Road (on hill towards the Oxtan Road) – meeting with County Council Highways already arranged. Discussion was held as to whether the end of Radley Road nearest the Turnpike should revert back to the name Church Lane. It was agreed that village support for this idea would be assessed at the Annual Parish Meeting in April

Open Meeting: matters discussed; 1) grit bin – another blue grit bin (for the "Whale Bone" corner) will be organised by County Cllr Andy Stewart, 2) display case for the Jubilee quilt – finance request needs to be made to Cllr Stewart before end of financial year; Marina Thompson to be asked to progress, 3) village notice board – door is stuck; Clerk will organise repair

Correspondence: 1) Music & Poetry – 19th February at Kelham Hall in aid of British Heart Foundation; notice to be put of the village notice board, 2) N & S DC Allocations and Development DPD – Andrew Paris to report back to the next meeting, 3) Lengthman Scheme – evaluation; to be circulated to parish councillors. 4) County Council reported that Mr & Mrs Godfrey are to purchase a small piece of land from Halam School (by the entrance to Evergreen House)

Planning: The Scypen, Radley Road: householder application for the erection of a garden room (following the demolition of existing conservatory), insertion of two roof lights in north-west elevations, glazed screen in-fills to north-east elevations, and internal alterations – supported unanimously

Planning Decision: Land to rear of The Old Forge, Gray Lane: erection of 1 no. new dwelling – refused by N & S DC

Finance: Annual NALC subscription (£83.24) – unanimously agreed to pay

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th March 2013 at 7.30 in the village hall

THE BIG NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ENERGY SWITCH

Nottinghamshire County Council are backing a new scheme to help people to beat rising gas and electricity prices – and save up to £200 a year on their bills. Nottinghamshire Switch 'n' Save is about helping people to get the best deal on energy prices by switching supplier.

The scheme involves consumer organisation **Which?**, to give people peace of mind and reassurance that they will get independent consumer advice.

Don't hang around to register - it's a limited offer until Wednesday 20 March 2013.

How to join:

Online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/switchnsave

Have a copy of a recent electricity and gas bill to hand. This will include information about your supplier, tariff and the amount of energy you use. You can even register up to five friends and family who don't have a computer from one email address. The more people that join the scheme, the bigger the potential savings for everyone.

Call 0300 500 80 80 quoting 'Switch 'n' Save registration County News'.

Once the offer has closed, you will receive a quote from **Which?** to show you the best deal available on your gas and electricity. If you decide to take up the offer, you'll be able to complete the switching process online. **Which?** will be able to answer any queries over the phone. You'll be up and running, saving money in no time!



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BABYSITTING

Responsible, reliable (nearly) 15 year old available for babysitting. Please contact:

Elizabeth Fraser on 01636 815039

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- * Welcome to the Ackerman family who have moved into Field Cottage, Radley Road.

BEAT THE RECESSION AND MAKE YOUR OWN!

Do you like to look for alternatives to expensive high street brands, do you want a healthier lifestyle and to learn something new? If this describes you then you may be interested in a group of Saturday morning workshops. You can have a go at making inexpensive, natural household cleaners, learn about growing herbs, make some herbal products and you can make your own garden sculpture using recycled materials. These half day workshops will take place in village halls in your area on selected Saturday mornings in April, May and June. Costs £2.50 an hour plus materials (free tuition to unwaged). Contact the Dukeries College for more details.

NB. Booking in advance is IMPORTANT in order the courses will run !

Contact: Dukeries College on 01623 860304
adulted@dukeries.atrtrust.org.uk

VILLAGE EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- * **Wine Quiz Evening** (imbibing compulsory!) – **Sat 18th May**
- * **Village Fete - Saturday 29th June**
(in conjunction with the school and St Michaels Church)
- * **Harvest Supper – Fri 11th October**
- * **Cabaret Evening, “Bowties, Cocktails & Canapés” – Fri 13th Dec**

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At our March meeting, one of our talented members, Olive Sharman shared her patchwork skills with us. We all had a go at making a patchwork pin cushion out of vintage fabrics. A great time was had by all but the results were very variable! Shirley Grayson came along and showed us some beautiful embroidery samples from her teaching days. Thank you both! Our next meeting is a talk about WI's Denman College on **Tuesday 2nd April, 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL APRIL 2013 SERVICES



Apr 7	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev R Walton
Apr 14	18:00 Evensong	Rev D McCoulough
Apr 21	09:30 Parish Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	11:00 Holy Baptism	
Apr 28	11:00 Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
May 5	09:30 All age “Holiday Service” bring your bucket and spade to Halam-on-Sea !	Rev D McCoulough

RADLEY ROAD OR CHURCH LANE?

The name Radley Road dates back to at least the eighteenth century, possibly back to medieval times. For many years however it was known by the name “Church Lane” – this was because the lane (obviously) led to the Church. Some 30 years or so ago when the County Council were putting road signs in place, naming roads, Halam parish council was asked to advise on street names in the village. At that time the historical name of Radley Road was chosen, so the road sign was put in place at the crossroads stating “Radley Road”.

At a recent parish council meeting it was pointed out that some GPS (satnav) systems still show the name as “Church Lane” as do some databases. This can lead to confusion with delivery drivers and visitors to the village, and it was suggested that the parish council should request that the street name be officially changed to Church Lane. It has also been pointed out that such a change would require all the residents on “Church Lane” to inform the DVLA of this change (for the address on their driving licence) as well as having to inform banks, mortgage providers, utility companies, company registrars and any more informal users of their addresses (e.g. friends & family) that their street name had changed.

A suggestion to get round any satnav confusion but also avoiding the inconveniences caused by a formal change of address is that an addition could be made to the Radley Road street name sign. Underneath “Radley Road” could be added a sign saying something along the lines of “also called Church Lane”. That way all Radley Road residents could keep their current address, but anyone looking for “Church Lane” would know where to turn.

This proposal and the other alternatives will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 14th April, 7.00pm in the village hall. This meeting is open to members of the public (as are all parish council meetings); if you'd like to express any views on the issue then please come to this meeting.

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Matters Arising: village notice board – the Clerk to see to the repair of the door catch

Village Hall: County Cllr Andy Stewart has given the Village Hall Committee £200 to pay for a frame/cabinet for the Jubilee tapestry (many thanks to Cllr Stewart). The Committee is organising four village events for the coming year (see panel in this Village News). A projection screen has been donated to the village hall; it is now planned to obtain a projector so that village film shows can be arranged – Oxton to be consulted on their village film events. The Committee requested that three more folding tables should be bought for the hall – unanimously agreed

Newark & Sherwood DC – Allocations and Development Management (DPD): Andrew Paris reported on the documents received last meeting – generally final amendments and corrections to the main Allocations & Development documents

Lengthsman Scheme: the current trials will be monitored as this may be of value in cooperation with adjoining parishes

Roads: 1) **mud on Radley Road** – The Chair has spoken to local farmers as well as meeting with County Council Highways. The road has been cleaned by Highways and if further cleaning is required this will be done at the farmers' expense. Road problems can be reported directly to the County Council. 2) **erosion along the side of Radley Road** (on hill towards the Oxton Road) – following a meeting with County Council Highways, they agreed to fill the worst sections with crushed road stone. 3) **damage to verges along Radley Road** – Highways have suggested hard standing turning/passing bays to be created at the worst problem spots. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that these were probably not appropriate especially as the local farmers have agreed to repair the damage once fieldwork has been completed and the weather is drier. 4) **new grit bin** – agreed to request that Highways write to local property owner to confirm position of the new grit bin at the corner near Manor Farm. 5) **water at the top of Radley Road** (Oxton Road end) – a Highways exploratory team will be looking at this in detail in the next couple of weeks. 6) **drains on the Turnpike** – work to start on the Turnpike (near Halam Beck) on 25th March: **there will be road works with traffic control on the Turnpike until at least 6th April**

Renaming of Radley Road: after discussion it was agreed that the best solution would probably be to add a street sign under the "Radley Road" sign at the crossroads to say "previously known as Church Lane".

Open Meeting: matters discussed; 1) **sale of School land on School Lane** – the potential sale of 2 square metres of land was discussed. As this land belongs to the County Council, neither the school nor parish council can have much influence over this. The school does require that the new safe-guarding fence is re-instated correctly after any such sale. 2) **District Cllr Bruce Laughton** reported that N&S DC will be setting a zero increase for their part of the Council Tax

Planning: None this month

Planning Decisions: None to report this month

Finance: unanimously agreed to pay 1) the Clerk's annual wages 2) cost of three new folding tables for the village hall

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 11th April 2013** in the village hall – **the Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.00pm**, followed by the **April Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm (approx)**

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD: APRIL 2013

Neither the celandines nor the aconites mentioned in last month's 'Tales from Churchyard' have yet appeared. They must know what atrocious weather we were to have as Easter approaches. The cold weather means that we all keep as warm as we can and venture out little. This was very apparent last Saturday when Southwell was a ghost town - but the bonus was it was very still and very quiet. Sound has a huge part to play in our lives and is the basis of all our communication but a respite from the continuous roar of every day life is to be welcomed.

In the opening paragraph of Winston Churchill's 'History of the English speaking people' he mentions our primeval ancestors walking through our wooded land to 'the sound of the murmurings of innumerable birds'. This remark was made by one of the most famous of English men and whose tongue today has become the most important language in the world, the most widely-used, and to whom the majority of people of this planet aspire to learn. Mankind has come a long way since the building of the tower of Babel - arrogantly built to reach the heavens and punished by God who made everyone speak different languages and thereby confusing everyone.

The only truly international language is the language mothers use to their new-born babies - a crooning kind of diction, mamma, papa, dada etc. For centuries the language of the hollow tree trunk drum was widely used to make peace, war, or to ask for help in early cultures. Now we have the Internet, international films, and popular music making the English language dominant. Every month five languages become extinct - it is shattering to think that sixty languages are becoming redundant every year! Yet I believe to learn another language is a privilege and enriches our lives, allowing us to savour more fully the rich legacy of music, poetry and art that abounds in the world today.

In the Christian calendar at Pentecost the disciples were given the ability to speak and understand other languages and so we should take it as a blessing that we can now understand each other so much better as nation communicates with nation.



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Silence however is a delight when we need peace and quiet, a time to think or meditate. We are led to believe that 'silence is golden'. Children should be 'seen but not heard'. These age-old adages reverberate. There are very few places in the UK where one can enjoy total silence, and then, when you think you have found it, you are suddenly shaken out of your reverie by an RAF jet screaming over your head on a training exercise. Don't give up as you can switch off in your head from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and so in a busy market square you might find silence in your head.

Let's hope the cold weather goes soon as we have not yet heard a full-throated dawn chorus despite the lengthening daylight. On a more cheerful note however our parrot Patty is singing lustily in the morning and gives all our neighbours a much-needed optimism for the spring!

D Herbert

'I have listened to the bird's greetings, When all around was calm and still.
To me they were happy meetings, That still gives me a tremendous thrill.' **G B Shaw**

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NORA ARMSTRONG

It is with great sadness that we have to report the untimely passing of Nora, long time resident of Halam, and great servant to the village as a district councillor for many years. Always willing to help, she will be greatly missed by Brian & Nikki and her many friends and colleagues. Funeral service to be held at Mansfield Crematorium, on **Tuesday, May 7, at 11am**, followed by celebration of life at Kelham Hall at **1pm**. No Flowers. Bright clothing only!

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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MAY 2013 SERVICES



May 5	08:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
May 5	09:30	All age "Holiday Service" bring your bucket and spade to Halam-on-Sea!	Rev D McCoulough
May 9	20:00	ASCENSION DAY Service at Southwell Minster	
May 12	18:00	Evensong	Ann Godfrey
May 19	09:30	WHIT, Parish Communion & Holy Baptism	Rev D McCoulough
May 26	11:00	TRINITY, Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
June 2	08:00	DIAMOND JUBILEE Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30	All Age Jubilee Service	Rev D McCoulough
		Come dressed as Kings & Queens	

A big "Thank You" to Bev Perks who stepped down after 17 years as Church Warden at the APGM in April. We are very grateful for her dedicated support over those years and I would like to say her particular support to the clergy. Thank you Bev for your seen and unseen ministry in the parish, cluster and deanery. **David McCoulough**

TALES FROM CHURCHYARD MAY 2013

'You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming.'

Pablo Neruda

We would have done well had we taken this Chilean poet's words to heart, especially as we have all been so dispirited by the dreadful start to this year. We have been endlessly looking this spring for any drop of warmth, every scrap of blossom, each note of birdsong, and at no time have we been comforted. Winter seems to have gone on forever! However any small sign of better things is cherished as never before; we have seen a battle between the forces of cold from the east wind and a noble effort of our personal gulf stream to lead the tentative advance of our late spring. It is at a time like this that remembering the turning of the seasons is important in our ever-increasingly busy urban lives.

As I write these few lines I am overjoyed because I have witnessed the coming to Halam of at least two pairs of Lapwing; they are nesting in the field to the left of School Lane just outside the village. They have given me great pleasure each day as I have watched their disorderly flight, the 'lapping' sound of their wings and their thin, shrill, wailing calls. The winds of the last few days made the males particularly active, demonstrating their tumbling flight to show their prowess to the females. These birds have a habit of drawing potential predators away from their nest by trailing a 'broken' wing on the ground. It is strange that they lay their eggs so early in the year; I can remember being shown a plover's (Lapwing) egg very early in the year when I was at primary school and plovers' eggs were a Victorian delicacy, although expensive. Such eggs are mentioned in the book 'Brideshead Revisited' although they did not feature in the film. Even today there is a competition in the Netherlands to find the first plover's egg of the year, a practice prohibited by the European Union, but Friesland has been granted an exception for cultural reasons. Eggs are regularly found as early as March 6th and generally speaking such eggs are found earlier and earlier because of the use of fertiliser and perhaps climate change.

Nevertheless these nesting lapwings or plovers have given me much hope for better climate and as W H Davis says: 'Is it not fine to walk in spring, When leaves are born, and hear birds sing.'

David Herbert

HALAM & DISTRICT WI

AGM on Tuesday 7th May
in the Village Hall at
7.30pm. New members are
especially welcome!



WAGGON & HORSES

Work on the exterior of the building will start on 13th May for up to 4 weeks. We will be open as usual during this period and look forward to seeing you! **Chris & Richard**

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HALAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING — 11TH APRIL 2011 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked County Councillor Andy Stewart & the District Councillors for their support over the year. Apart from one planning application, the District Council has been in accord with the Parish Council during the previous year.

- Main concerns for the Parish Council have been County Council issues, such as drainage and flooding in the village. The water problems at the top end of Radley Road are still to be resolved, but work has been promised soon. Generally there has been good contact with County Council highways department.
- Halam came runner-up in the Best Kept Village Nottinghamshire section for settlements with 300-700 residents. Please keep up the efforts – maybe next year Halam can win. The judges look for tidy hedges, neat front gardens and well kept pavements and verges.
- Since it has been improved, the village hall has seen a modest increase in lettings, and more village events are planned for the rest of the year. Many thanks to the village hall committee.
- The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish Council – Andrew Paris for dealing with planning documents from N&S DC, Janet Simmonds for auditing the accounts, the parish clerk and Mandy Rickett, and all those who had helped the parish council over the past year.
- Andrew Godfrey was thanked for mowing the grass at the Lancaster Memorial during the year.
- Cllr Andy Stewart was thanked for his support of the Parish over the past 11 years, for his attendance at many Parish Council meetings, his great help with liaising with the County Council, and for his financial support of many village projects.
- Cllr Stewart was presented with a bottle of whisky and an engraved decanter from the Parish Council as a token of appreciation on his retirement from the County Council.



Open Meeting:

1. Fence by the school along School Lane – the fence seems too close to the pavement where the hedge is thinner. Andrew Paris to investigate (as School Gov)
2. A question was asked regarding the remains of the bungalow on the building plots on Radley Road

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES — 11TH APRIL 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Village Hall: three new tables being ordered

Roads: work on the drains on the Turnpike is on-going. Water at the top of Radley Road (near the Oxtan Road) will be investigated shortly.

Grit bin – waiting to hear from County Council regarding location

Trees and hedges on School Lane (opposite Pepperbox Cottage) need cutting back – landowner to be contacted

Renaming of Radley Road: agreed unanimously that the County Council should be asked to add a sign to the “Radley Road” sign saying “formerly Church Lane”

Planning: none this month

Finance: Unanimously agreed to pay for village hall bins, and dog bin

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th May 2013, this will be the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** (including election of Chairman and other parish council officers) at 7.30pm in the village hall

The **OXTON SUMMER BALL** in aid of Notts Air Ambulance will be held on Saturday June 29th (7.30 for 8) in Oxtan Village Hall. There will be a 3 course meal, a charity auction and dancing till midnight. For tickets (£35 per person) please contact Roy Walker on 0115 9653595

HALAM CHURCH MEMORIAL WINDOW

Being an avid reader of biographies on early and late Victorian artists and people of distinction I found, on reading “The Last Pre-Raphaelite (Edward Burne-Jones and the Victorian Imagination)” by Fiona MacCarthy, that in the Epilogue (The Return of King Arthur) Burne-Jones was once again in fashion in the First World War and that Morris & Co, had a full order book from 1915 onwards for memorial windows for officers commissioned by their grieving families. These memorial windows were derived from Burne-Jones’s well-tried format for stained glass windows, the single static saintly figure in the upper panel with a scene from the Saints life in the smaller square below. I found on reading this chapter that one such Burne-Jones window was erected in Halam Church, Halam in memory of a son who fell in action in 1918 in his thirtieth year, by his stricken parents.

Does anyone in the village know the family who commissioned this window? A record may have been kept in the Church archives. **Celia Field, Griffins Cottage. fieldj@sky.com**

An advertisement for JCC Traditional Domestic Carpenters and Sash Window Specialists. The background is a brick wall with a window. The text is in a mix of bold and regular fonts. It lists services: Timber window repair service, New windows made to measure, Secondary glazing made to measure, and General household carpentry. It also mentions benefits: Increase your homes heat efficiency and value, stop draughts, reduce outdoor noise levels and increase household security. At the bottom, it says: To arrange a free no obligation window survey please call JCC on 01623 541 211.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, MAY 12TH - 19TH

Saturday 11th May 10am to Noon. Table top sale at Edingley Village Hall. A charity fundraising event for Christian Aid with refreshments. Organised by Zoe McCoulough (aged 9)

There will be a **CONCERT** of CHAMBER MUSIC at Halam Court, Back Lane on **Sunday 16th June at 2.45pm**. Tickets cost £12.50 which includes refreshments in the interval, and are available from David Butterworth on 07850 833890

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- ⇒ **VE Day sing-along, *Wed 19th June***
2pm. Songs from that era! Tea & coffee served afterwards
- ⇒ **School Play - The Evacuees, *Monday 15th July 6pm***
- ⇒ **Sportsday, *Wed 17th July 2pm***

KISS ME, KATE

This ever popular musical centres on a theatre company's attempt to stage a musical based on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew". Directed by Halam's Linda Croston, tickets are selling fast and some nights are already sold out!

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to Margery Wilson on the birth of her granddaughter Percy Blossom Grimwood
- Congratulations to Janette & Paul Newsome on the birth of their granddaughter Sophia Jayne on 22nd April.

HALAM & DISTRICT WI

Next meeting is Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. July meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd.



HALAM BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The Halam Baby and Toddler group meet at Halam village hall every other Friday morning during school term times. The group is aimed at anyone living in the village or those who live outside the village but who are thinking of sending their child to Halam School. We meet between 10am and 11:30am. The next dates are 7th and 21st June, 5th and 19th July. Please come along and have a cup of tea whilst your little ones play.

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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

JUNE 2013 SERVICES



Jun 9th 18:00 Coronation Evensong

Rev D McCoulough

Jun 16th 09:30 Parish Communion

Rev D McCoulough

Jun 23rd 11:00 Sung Eucharist

Rev D McCoulough

TALES FROM CHURCHYARD MAY 2013

Sixty years ago Britain witnessed a great spectacle - the Coronation of our Queen. I remember the day because it was so very wet and cold. I did not see it on television because ownership of TVs was rare. However at Southwell Minster there is a continuous showing of the Coronation on TV screen in a film that has been colour-enhanced. This film presentation is part of the Coronation Celebrations and will continue in the Minster until the 16th of June, - do make the effort to see it, as the main exhibition is of embroideries some of which celebrate the coronation and includes an exquisite dress worn by one of the queen's attendants.

The exhibition also includes a frontal, from Halam Church, used at the coronation in Westminster Abbey, and which normally lives in a drawer in Halam Church. Why does Halam have this piece of the coronation? No one seems to know. If anyone can shed light on this do let me know. Its design is figurative and draws inspiration from flowers and plants that have always been associated with the act of coronation. In ancient Greece a crown of laurels would have been given as a token of victory, as a general reward or recognition for an athlete or scholar. Newly-qualified doctors were also given a crown of laurels, as the laurel was a plant believed to cure all ailments. The laurel plant in question was, in fact, what we speak of today as Bay, a herb we all use in cooking. This humble plant has been the exalted choice for coronations and achievements throughout the ages. Today we glibly use the word 'baccalaureate' to describe a educational test that has been passed successfully; an achievement in 'gaining ones laurels'. The word 'laureate' is applied to Nobel prize-winners, to the poet laureate, and to other high achievers. The expression 'resting on one's laurels' refers to someone relying entirely on long-past successes for continued fame or recognition; whereas to 'look to one's laurels' means to take care to match up to previous success. Our present queen certainly has not 'rested on her laurels', as she has dedicated the last 60 years to magnificent service for this country

Halam Church yard is full of daisies at the moment, in the first flush of spring. A traditional celebration of the spring was the crowning of the May queen with a garland of spring flowers of which the daisy had paramount importance. Over the centuries daisy chains have been made with delight by young and old, by slitting the stem with a thumbnail and threading through. Short stem daisies with thicker stems make better daisy chains, something small girls love to do; and the idea of 'coronation' can be enjoyed by all when we join together to make daisy chains. The daisy is one of the design features of the Halam Coronation embroidery on show at the Minster - do go and see it!

David Herbert

See the grass is full of stars, fallen in their brightness;
Hearts they have of shining gold; Rays of shining whiteness.
Buttercups have honeyed hearts, bees they love the clover,
But I love the daisies' dance all the meadow over.
Blow, O blow, you happy winds, singing summer's praises,
Up the field and down the field, a-dancing with the daisies.



Marjorie Pickthall

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NORA ANNE ARMSTRONG 13TH SEPT 1945 - 15TH APRIL 2013

There was a magnificent turn out on the 7th May as many hundreds of people (included a large contingent of Halam residents) attended the funeral and memorial service for Nora Armstrong. It was a very moving service, paying tribute to someone who was; dedicated to public service, committed to helping others and always jolly good fun!

Nora was born in Addenbrooks hospital, Cambridge on 13th September 1945. Consequently, she considered herself a 'light blue' and always supported Cambridge in the Boat Race. Nora spent her first months in Cambridge with her mother at her Grandparents house. The war in Europe had finished but her father was still involved on military duties. At around four months of age they moved to live at Carlton, Netherfield. Her home at this time was above a Dental surgery. Nora spent many hours in her young years with a racquet hitting balls against that wall and her love of tennis was founded at that time.

Nora's education commenced at St. Paul's Infant and Junior School. It was at this school that her singing voice was developed. Little did Nora realise that her husband to be Brian, was also at the school but a few years further on. Brian recalls that although their respective parents knew each other Nora and he didn't come into contact at that time and they certainly didn't hold hands! At the age of eleven, Nora passed her examinations for entry to Bramcote Hills Technical Grammar School. Nora was 15 when she met Brian at the 'Locano' in Nottingham, and they became an item in the Rock and Roll era. On that first night, Brian took Nora back home on the bus. This was not because they couldn't bring themselves to part but because Nora had run out of money and Brian had to pay the fare!!

They became engaged when Nora was 16 but only after Brian, with much coughing, and clearing of his throat had asked her Dad's permission to marry her. Brian bought Nora an engagement ring, which caused some problems at school. Apparently, the wearing of rings was at that time against school rules and the Deputy Head, despite Nora's vocal protestations, confiscated it. Brian and Nora married at Gonalston church when she was 18 years old and within a year, the love of their lives Nikki was born. Nora left school at the age of 16 and began training as a hairdresser and whilst she successfully passed her examinations and at one point ran her own salon, she never really took to the trade. She became a part-time hairdresser and part-time rent collector for the then Southwell RDC. It was at rent collection that she really shone. She could form a respectful rapport with individuals from all levels of society, including some who would be considered as 'the local Krays'. She had the ability to persuade the fiscally challenged to do the right thing by paying their rent and setting aside money for family and dependents. Such was her success that during her time with the Gedling and Newark Councils they had the lowest rent arrears in the country.

Nora first became a housing officer for NSDC before transferring to Gedling Borough Council. It was during her time with Gedling that she became a councillor for Farnsfield and Blidworth a position she retained for 22 years uninterrupted. As a councillor she soon established herself as a spirited, blunt speaking, passionate individual who would fight for what she believed in and she was particularly adept at helping Halam, where she also was a parish councillor for some time. In 2003, Nora became a member of the Council's Cabinet where her responsibilities enabled her to pursue her passion for all things environmental. Her portfolio was nicknamed 'clean and green', which caused Nora to remark, "I am certainly clean but after so many years on the council I hope no one still thinks I am green!" And nobody did! Knowledgeable, and in full command with her brief, working closely with her officers, Nora had the respect and admiration of her fellow councillors.

To illustrate the esteem for Nora, Brackenhurst College, who invited her annually to present an award to the best student on the advanced food hygiene course, are renaming this award. In future, it is to be known as 'The Nora Armstrong Memorial Award for Best Student'. Nora was a founding member of Newark and Sherwood Housing and was a Director of that organisation from 2004 to 2011. Members of the Executive have remarked that "she took forward the role of Director with gusto and vigour".

Nora loved to give parties where her cooking and entertaining skills were a marvel to behold and at "The Scypen", Brian had created a wonderful house in which to entertain! She always took care to find out guests likes and dislikes before she prepared supper. After a bountiful meal, Nora would plonk her bottom into a chair with upright back and arms, charades would begin and fun and laughter ensued, but in Nora's own words to us all, the time spent together was 'jolly bonne'!

Nora developed a love affair for France and was definitely a Francophile, having bought a house in the Dordogne region, where many extended and blissfully happy holidays took place, with Nora throwing herself into life in the small hamlet, much to the delight and amusement of the locals. Nora was planning to move there more or less permanently, but sadly was unable to see that dream come to fruition.

Nora was a peoples person through and through, and whilst always true to her political beliefs, she represented all of her constituents with the same determination and vigour. Forthright to the end, she even wrote to David Cameron whilst in hospital telling him how he should prioritise the NHS - needless to say he replied!

Rodney Hughes & Peter Thompson

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES — 9TH MAY 2013 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

All the positions for officers are to remain unchanged from last year: **Chairman** - S Bust, **Vice Chairman** - A Paris **Christmas Charities** S Bust & A Paris **Press** - Andrew **Transport** - G Herbert **NALC representatives** - S Godfrey, J Simmonds **Snow/flood warden** - S Bust **Flag** - S Bust **Crime reduction** - A Paris **Internal auditor** - M Thompson **Financial Officer** - M Rickett

- Newark and Sherwood Planning Dept. will quote for a new sign for 'Radley Road, also known as School Lane'.
- The work on the drains at the Turnpike is now completed.
- The final resting place for the grit bin on the bend on Radley Road has yet to be finalised. At present it is on the verge opposite Halam Manor.
- We have expressed our interest in superfast broadband for Halam. Nottingham County Council are awaiting results of a tender to deliver this by the end of 2015.
- The Nottingham Police and Crime Commissioner is looking for five candidates to serve on an independent audit and scrutiny panel. This will entail four meetings per year for four years.
- The village hall is going to hold a wine quiz on Friday 7th June. For tickets, please contact Marina Thompson on 814026

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm.

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