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**A happy and prosperous 2009 to all our readers!**

**Peter Thompson 01636 814026**

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- They're coming thick and fast nowadays....so it's Congratulations to **Sue Hoggard** of New Hall Lane who hit the **BIG 50** on December 28th (Sue Rodgers mentioned that there's no telegram this year, but Buckingham Palace is pleased to note that you're half way there!)
- Congratulations also to **Julie Paris** who passed her British Citizenship exam and became a British National at a ceremony on 16th December. Whilst it's doubtful that she'll lose her Texan accent straight away, her newly acquired stiff upper lip is bound to come in handy !!
- Well done to **Karin Davis** and all the children who took part in the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, especially **Evie Hoggard** for stepping in to sing at the last moment!
- Welcome to **Graham Cullen**, new Head Teacher at Halam School. Graham comes to Halam from Lowdham School where he was the Deputy Head - more about Graham in the next issue !



A large group of Halam residents and friends (plus Moss the dog) enjoying the beautiful Boxing Day weather on a long winter walk. This photograph was taken whilst the group waited for the Fraser family on New Hall Lane.



Julie Paris at her British Citizenship ceremony with Cllr The Hon Joan Taylor of Nottinghamshire County Council

## VILLAGE VENTURES

### APPASSIONATA

Flute & Harp Duo

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALAM

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 7.30PM

Tickets: £8 (includes interval glass of wine)

(available from Karin Lindley: 815854 or email [karinlindley@hotmail.com](mailto:karinlindley@hotmail.com))

Alec Wells: 813491 David Herbert 812335

Bev Perks: 812181

## WORK OFF THE POUNDS AT KIRTON WOOD

The November work party in Kirton Wood made great progress with the coppicing and had the satisfaction of seeing a real improvement. It has been impossible to arrange a December event, so next one will be on **Sunday January 11th, 10am - 1pm**, when everyone can come and act on those good resolutions to get more fresh air and exercise. Meet at the entrance to Kirton Wood between Egmonton and Kirton with sensible clothes & shoes, gardening type gloves and a flask.

There will be events in February and March before a break to allow the birds to nest in peace. If you are interested in joining in January or later, please contact Lynda Milner on 01623 862025 or email: [lyndamilner@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndamilner@hotmail.com)

## CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on the 29th Jan at The Scypen, Radley Road.

**Tony Andrews (815584)**



## HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The January meeting will be on Tuesday 6th Jan at 7.30pm in the Village Hall . This will be an open meeting with a quiz - nibbles and drinks provided - all welcome!

**Glenys Herbert (812335)**



## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JANUARY 2009 SERVICES

4th January	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev MacCoulough
4th January	9:30	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough
11th January	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Kirk
18th January	9:30	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough
25th January	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev MacCoulough

Happy New Year to all in the village and thanks very much to everyone who has supported St. Michael's over the past year, whether it be through your participation in Bible Study Group, contribution to the Organ Fund, attendance at our various concerts, fundraising ventures, quietly working away in the background to support these events, Halam Open Gardeners, through regular attendance at services, participation as PCC members, selling Christmas cards/calendars, cleaning the Church, providing lovely flowers each week at the altar, serving at the altar, singing in the choir, tending the Churchyard, opening/locking the Church everyday - very much appreciated

**Bev Perks, Churchwarden**

### VISITS OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

9th Jan & 6th Feb 10.55 Radley Road (by the Post Office)

23rd Jan & 20th Feb 11.15 Sandalwood Bungalow

(official schedule not published yet - these are the anticipated dates)

## SALSA SET NEWS

Each New Year we make our resolutions to take more exercise, lose a few pounds, make a bit of time for ourselves, lay off the chocolates or beer etc. with high hopes of making a difference to our lives. Sadly, within a few weeks we have usually slipped back into the old routine because the regime of depriving ourselves of things we like holds no appeal and the rewards are slow to show. Now we can offer the New Year's Resolution you will want to keep! The Salsa Set classes provide exercise, time for yourself away from temptation, new friends and fun. During January we are able to offer the classes only £2 each thanks to the last of the Lottery's support, so what better time to give it a try?

**Absolute beginners** are welcome to join the first class at 7.00pm. which will focus on learning the steps to the basic dances and getting fit. If you have taken a break, this is your chance to get back into the swing of things. Regular dancers will be warmed up for the improvers' class at 8.05pm

Classes restart on **January 5th at 7.00pm** (in Laxton)

Everybody is welcome, with or without a partner.

Beginners will start dancing alone, and El Nico, Niarena and members of The Salsa Set will dance with you if you don't have a partner.

Please phone **01777 871506** to book a place. If you are not sure which class to join, please phone to discuss or see [www.thesalsaset.org.uk](http://www.thesalsaset.org.uk)

From February we will be an independent, self-financing community group. We are planning a party to celebrate the end of our year's grant and the start of our new venture. Anyone who has joined during the past year will be welcome so please look out for details.

### **HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2008**

Present: Simon Bust, David Herbert, Andrew Paris & Di Parrish

Apologies: Andrew Fraser, Glenys Herbert & Marina Thompson

Matters arising

1. New bus stops – Halam will be getting new posts and signs
2. Sinking road by Gray Lane junction – has been reported to NCC Highways Department
3. Double bend sign near Norfolk House – has been re-erected in the wrong place; to be moved asap
4. Village Hall Christmas tree – has been put up

Village Hall - Held over to next meeting for Mrs Thompson to report

Design Statement Delayed due to Mr Paris' family bereavement. Andrew Paris & Di Parrish to prepare final draft for next meeting (January)

Open Meeting

Matters raised: 1) Christmas tree - thanks, 2) poor repairs to Radley Road/Gray Lane junction, 3) water on road at Oxton Hill end of Radley Road – Cllr Andy Stewart to report to County Council for further investigation

Correspondence

1) BT Phonebox at Turnpike crossroads – agreed to a) buy phonebox from BT for the village at an estimated cost of £5 – 3 for: 1 abstention, and b) to retain lighting at a cost of approximately £20 p.a. – 2 for: 2 against (Chairman's casting vote for)

2) Rural Services Community – to be put on agenda for January's meeting

Planning Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey sun-lounge to rear, and two storey lounge and bedroom extension – Little Oak, Radley Road: rejected unanimously with the comment to be put on the application form that the Parish Council had concerns about the loss of privacy of the adjoining property due to an overlooking window shown on the plans (but not on the elevation)

Finance The budget for 2009-10 was approved unanimously agreed to keep next year's precept at the same level as last year – i.e. £7,000

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 8th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall



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*Peter Thompson 01636 814026*

#### APPEAL FOR ARTICLES

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#### NEW HEAD TEACHER AT HALAM



Graham Cullen took up his role as the Head Teacher at Halam School at the start of January.

Previously the Deputy Head Teacher at Lowdham School, Graham 43, lives in Mapperley with his partner Karen, who is head of English at Carlton Le Willows school, and his 2 children, Keifer (17) and Hester (10). In his first letter to parents, Graham wrote :

*"My first priority is to develop effective working relationships with staff, children, governors and, of course, you the parents. As a parent, I understand how important it is that school is an enriching and secure place for children to learn, and I have high expectations of what a school should be like for our pupils. The children in our care deserve the best and I am totally committed to the development of your child's education - an education that is rich in opportunities; and one that influences a lifelong love of learning as well as offering a whole range of experiences to prepare them for life."*

We wish Graham well in his new role and look forward to his involvement in village events!



#### **OUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY**

## Dvořák Stabat Mater

Saturday 28 March 2009: 7.30pm  
Southwell Minster

Tickets: £12.50/£10/£8  
The Minster Shop: Tel: 01636 812933  
Music In The Yard: 01636 814411  
Woodlanders: 01636 815172



#### HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The **February** meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be a talk on Vietnam and Cambodia by Joan Kretney

The **March** meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd at 7.20pm in the Village Hall and there will be a talk by Margaret Harrison who is a Blue Badge guide in Nottingham.

Check out the New Halam School web site at :  
[www.halam.notts.sch.uk](http://www.halam.notts.sch.uk)

#### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- No one seems to be 50 this month.....but it's not long till Mrs McCracken gets there!
- Welcome back to the village to Katie Bevans (nee Bust) and husband Chris, who moved into Strickland Farmhouse just before Christmas

#### VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

I'd like to thank the few hardy souls who turned out on the very wet evening of Thursday 18th December for carol singing in the village. The weather was so bad however that we had to abandon the effort early on. Nevertheless the grand sum of £50 was given in the spirit of Christmas by very good hearted villagers who we thank. And will be split between Cancer Research and Save the Children

*Tony Denyer*

#### VISITS OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

**6th Feb & 20th Feb 10.55** Radley Road (Post Office)      **11.15** Spindlewood Bungalow  
 So for everyone who has wondered where Sandalwood Bungalow was (me included).....  
 the actual stopping point is Spindlewood Bungalow !! (Ron & Olive Sharman's)

HAPPY CHINESE  
NEW YEAR! IT'S  
NOW THE YEAR OF  
THE Ox



## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JANUARY 2009 SERVICES

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	9:30	Family Communion	Rev Kirk
8th February	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Kirk
15th February	9:30	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough There will also be a commissioning service for Graham Cullen as Head of Halam School at this service
22nd February	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev MacCoulough
25th February	19:00	Holy Communion and Ashing for Ash Wednesday	

### BURGLARY IN HALAM

On Thursday 29th Jan between 1pm and 8pm a house on Radley Road was broken into and an untidy search made of all rooms. Items including a laptop computer were stolen. Did you notice any strangers in the village that day or see any unfamiliar cars?

Please contact [terry@bassettlawnw.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:terry@bassettlawnw.freeserve.co.uk) or call 01909 472875 if you have any information

## KIRTON WOOD CONSERVATION

A small group met in January at Kirton Wood to continue with the coppicing work carried out by previous groups. It was a pleasant morning for some energetic chopping and wood carting. The area cleared looked much better after the event and new growth will soon be showing. It was amazing to see new leaves already emerging and pussy willows soon to flower.

The next two work parties in Kirton Wood will be on **February 1st and March 1st, 10am - 1pm**. Meet at the entrance to Kirton Wood between Egmanton and Kirton with sensible clothes / shoes, gardening type gloves and a flask.

If you are interested in joining the reminder list to be told as each event approaches, please contact Lynda Milner on 01623 862025 or email: [lyndamilner@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndamilner@hotmail.com).

## **HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2009**

**Present:** S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris & M Thompson   **Apologies:** Mrs Di Parrish

**Matters arising** 1. Interactive speed sign not working – has been reported 2. Sinking road by Gray Lane junction – being monitored by NCC Highways Department 3. Wet on Radley Road at top end, near Oxton Road – NCC Highways Dept. to investigate old drains 4. Parish Plan letter to N & S District Council – still no response; clerk to contact District Council 5. Recent accident on corner near Strickland Farm – a record of this and other accidents to be kept to aid in road safety improvements 6. **Christmas Tree** – the tree was vandalised just before Christmas. It is very disappointing that the lights were pulled off and broken. The Parish Council would be very interested to receive any information about this unkind and pointless action.

**Village Hall** - Mrs Thompson & Mrs Herbert will prepare costed schedule of works and will report back

**Design Statement** - Andrew Paris circulated a draft Village Design Statement. Comments from other councillors to be given to Mr Paris by 18<sup>th</sup> January. A final draft will be presented to the next meeting (February)

**BT Phone box** - It was reported that the Parish Council agreed at the last meeting to purchase the Halam phone box, and to maintain the current electricity supply and lighting

**Rural Services Community** - To be put on agenda for February's meeting

**Open Meeting** - No matters raised

**Correspondence** - Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – a letter and plan have been received from N & S District Council outlining land in the parish that they consider may be suitable for future development. A Paris to prepare a response stating the technical reasons why certain sites would be unsuitable for such development.

### Planning

Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey sun-lounge to rear, and two storey lounge and bedroom extension to front – Little Oak, Radley Road: rejected 3 to 1 (with 2 abstentions) with the comment to be put on the application form that the Parish Council had concerns about the loss of privacy of the adjoining property due to an overlooking window in the new extension

### Planning Decisions

The following District Council decisions were reported:-

1. Ashcroft House, Gray Lane – formation of ménage: approved
2. Strickland Farm, The Turnpike – erection of single and two storey extension to form annex (retrospective): approved

**Finance** - None this month

**Date of Next Meeting:**- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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MARCH 2009



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## CHURCH STUDY GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Church Study Group on Weds each week for 5 weeks during Lent. We will follow the popular York course on the topics of Faith, Hope and Love. Again we are fortunate to have the Rev Russell Perry to lead us. The first meeting will be on Wed 4th March starting at 7.30pm and will be held at The Scyphen, Radley Road. All are very welcome!

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The April meeting will be on Tuesday 7th  
**Glenys Herbert (812335)**

## SPRING CLEANING

House keeper / cleaner ready to do your spring cleaning.  
Excellent refs available.  
Please call **01636 812334**  
(leave a message if not there!)



**MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN MARCH**  
**10.55** Radley Road (Post Office)  
**11.15** Spindlewood Bungalow  
**6th & 20th March**

March bustles in on windy feet  
And sweeps my doorstep and my street.  
She washes and cleans with pounding rains,  
Scrubbing the earth of winter stains.  
She shakes the grime from carpet green  
Till naught but fresh new blades are seen.  
Then, house in order, all neat as a pin,  
She ushers gentle springtime in.  
- Susan Reiner, *Spring Cleaning*

## VILLAGE VENTURES

### LONDON MOZART PLAYERS TRIO ENSEMBLE

SUNDAY 5 APRIL 7.30pm  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, HALAM  
Tickets: £8 (includes interval glass of wine)

Alec Wells: 01636 813491

Email: [alec.wells@metronet.co.uk](mailto:alec.wells@metronet.co.uk)

David Herbert: 01636 812335

Bev Perks: 01636 812181

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Nothing to report this month.....there must be something interesting going on for someone next month.....let me know!!!!

## HISTORY ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Laxton holds a unique place in the agricultural and social history of England, & it is right here on our doorsteps. It is the last example of a working open field farming system where individual farmers work their strips in three large open fields. The system is managed by the Court Leet, which is the only such manorial court in the land with the power to determine its own legal proceedings and levy fines. Each year there are a series of walks round the village and the fields, looking at different aspects of life in Laxton today; how it has been shaped by its history and how it has adapted to current requirements to conserve wildlife and nature. The walks are lead by Stuart Rose, a Laxton Farmer and member of the Jury and Court Leet. All walks leave from the Visitor Centre in the Dovecote Inn car park and are free of charge. Walkers are recommended to bring a packed lunch and to come with stout footwear and clothing appropriate to the weather. The first walk takes place on 15th March, beginning at 10am. Please call **07939 228353** if you are interested in coming along.



## THE FURNITURE PROJECT LAUNCHES ITS NEW WEB SITE

[www.thefurnitureproject.net](http://www.thefurnitureproject.net)

Now you can arrange to donate furniture and other household goods **ON LINE**, thanks to Kukimedia, one of Nottingham's top web site design companies, who have donated this new web site. You can now also find out all about The Furniture Project - Nottinghamshire, how to donate furniture, what we do, who we help, how to get help and how to volunteer, just by logging on. Remember we will collect **free of charge**, your **reusable** unwanted household furniture, electrical items, bric-a-brac and clothing. These are then given to the needy and can help turn a house into a home for families and individuals. Donations of items are vital to the continuing help that we can provide.

**Unit 190, Road E, Boughton Industrial Estate North, Boughton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9LD**  
Tel/Fax: 01623 836410 or [www.thefurnitureproject.net](http://www.thefurnitureproject.net)



**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
**JANUARY 2009 SERVICES**

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22nd March	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev MacCoulough
		Baptism—Eleanor Howarth	
29th March	9:30	Family Communion @ St Giles Edingley	



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**WARTIME PLANE CRASH IN HALAM**

In the early hours of the night of 10<sup>th</sup> April 1943, Avro Lancaster ED823 was on a night training flight from RAF Winthorpe. The plane collided with high-tension cables and then crashed into the fields just beyond Halam village. Sadly the entire crew of seven men was killed. The crash site was just off School Lane, between the lane and Goldhill, and it said that you can still tell where the plane crashed by a slight depression in the ground. Round this spot the ground is bare and crops grow only very sparsely, whereas the rest of the field produces normal crops.

[Information from "Nottinghamshire Air Crashes" by David Needham]

It would be interesting to hear from any of the older residents who remember that tragic night., and maybe there is interest in erecting some sort of memorial or information plaque, similar to Farnsfield. Please contact Will Hill or Andrew Paris (815844) with any info you may have.

**HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2009**

**Present:** S Bust, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris, D Parrish & M Thompson **Apologies:** A Fraser

**Matters arising** 1. "Road narrows" sign has been re-erected near Norfolk House 2. Investigation (digging) to take place at the top of Radley Road (near Oxton Road) 3. Letter to Newark & Sherwood DC regarding Parish Plans and the Local Development Framework – awaiting email response from District Council 4. Interactive speed sign is now repaired 5. Village notice board – now fixed 6. Phone box – now adopted. Need to identify electricity supplier

**Village Hall** Mrs Thompson & Mrs Herbert will obtain quotes for a priority list of work on the hall, meeting will then be held to approve the most urgent repairs/refurbishments

**Design Statement** Andrew Paris circulated an outline design for the final Village Design Statement document. Andrew Paris will contact the District Council for advice in getting the VDS adopted by the District Council, will also check to see what funding may be available

**Rural Services Community** No action to be taken

**Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** Andrew Paris circulated the response which had been sent to the District Council. He was thanked for his work on this.

**Open Meeting** No matters raised

**Correspondence** Consultation on Development Policies – Andrew Paris to read document and advise

**Planning**

**1. Halam Church House, Radley Road** – first floor extension to form loft store over existing garage – supported unanimously

**2. New Holbeck Farm** - proposed construction of 2 agricultural dwellings for farm workers – both District Councillor and Parish Councillor spoke in support of this application at the planning committee meeting. Decision has been deferred to next meeting.

**Planning Decision Little Oak, Radley Road** – demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey sun-lounge to rear, and two storey lounge and bedroom extension to front – planning approval given by District Council. Andrew Paris to check dates of consultation and approval

**Finance** Thanks to the Tea-at-Two-Thirty club for £60 cheque towards village hall improvements

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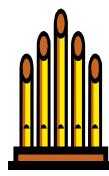
## LAXTON WALKS AND MAY DAY DAWN CHORUS

Stuart Rose's public walks round Laxton and the Open Fields got off to a good start in March when a group of 19 people joined him for one of the longer walks of the year. The series continues on **18th April** with a look at the architecture and mediaeval landscape. The walk starts at 10am from the Visitor Centre. Please bring a packed lunch. On **May 1st** Stuart meets walkers at The Visitor Centre at **5.00am** to reach Laxton Castle in time to watch the sun rise. Rattlejag Morris from Retford will present a programme of traditional dances followed by a BBQ breakfast and a barrel of beer (small donation required for breakfast). Walkers can then follow a route round the open fields accompanied by a bird expert to identify the contributors to the dawn chorus. Please call 07939 228353 to book in.



## HALAM CHURCH ORGAN FUND

Work will soon be commencing to build and install the new organ in church. We are hoping to finalise details for the plaque to be placed next to it and so would request anyone who would like their names or an event to be recorded on it, and who have not yet contributed, to do so soon to enable us to complete the final plan. Donations can be sent to Karin Davis or Alec Wells. We are very grateful to those who have contributed so far and will be in touch to confirm their commemorative messages. Although we have been delighted with the support so far for the project, we still need further contributions to achieve our target and are starting another 200 club with 5 monthly draws of £50 and a final one of £500. Tickets cost £20 and can be obtained from David Herbert or Alec Wells.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Holy Communion at 7pm in The Village Hall on Thursday 9th April. Rev David McCoulough will be presiding There is a list on the Church Notice Board for anyone wishing to come to write their name on - or please ring Bev Perks 812181



Holy Week and Easter are drawing close and many of us will celebrate the resurrection, new life and hope that Easter day proclaims. As we move to lighter days, warmer weather and emerging life in our fields and gardens, Easter is a good time to reflect on hope. For Christians the death and resurrection of Jesus are the cornerstone of meaning. However dark, difficult and depressing things might be, or become, Easter bursts into those realities with rays of new life and hope. In Holy Week we enter the drama of Jesus' own darkness and death on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but emerge from the tomb, slightly bewildered perhaps, to experience once more that light and love are more powerful. However we celebrate this year hopefully we get at least glimpses of that Easter joy, hope and love that I believe Jesus wants us all to experience.

Happy Easter

Rev David McCoulough (Priest-in-Charge)

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Yes, at long last, it's Happy Birthday to **Margaret McCracken** (Madge to her friends) who on April 26th will reach the ripe old age of **50**

## BLACK BUNNY RABBIT

A jet black Bunny Rabbit has set up home in the garden of Applegarth - if it could be yours please contact Julie Paris on 815844  
*(Could it be the Easter bunny???)*



## HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS



## HALAM VILLAGE WEBSITE

For his community service activity as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Ben Thompson has offered to re-vamp the Halam Village website. He'd like to know what sort of things you'd like to see on the website so please email him with your ideas at:

**ben.dofe.webdesign@gmail.com**

## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN APRIL



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**April 3rd & 17th**



## HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The next meeting will take place on April 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The May meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May also at 7.30pm

**Glenys Herbert (812335)**

## COACH TRIP TO COVENTRY

Southwell Churches Together are organising an outing to Coventry on Thursday April 30th. The cost is £12 and the coach would leave Halam at 9.40am.

Those interested please call  
**Ros Johnson on 816235**



## **MAY CLARKE, DIED 16TH FEBRUARY 2009, AGED 102 YEARS**

May was born in Halam and spent most of her years, post childhood, living and working in the village.

She worked with her Aunt and Uncle on the farm at "Littledale Cottage", then she moved with her widowed Aunt to The Cottages on the Turnpike in 1940. During & after World War 2, May worked at Caudwells Flour Mill in Southwell, cycling there, or walking in bad weather! Until 1966 she looked after her Aunt - a difficult and demanding task!

May was a regular member of the congregation at Halam Chapel and loyally supported their events. She was well known in the area for her beautiful knitting and cooking, winning many prizes at local shows. She took great pride in her garden, particularly her tomatoes and sweet scented flowers

After a fall six years ago, May went to Ashlands, but will always be remembered for her caring friendship and generosity and for being a wonderful neighbour to so many.

### **Eleanor Bust**



### **ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL APRIL 2009 SERVICES**

5th April	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev McCoulough
	9:30	Family Communion	Rev McCoulough
(meet at pub car park at 09:20 for procession to Church)			
10th April	10:00	Devotion (Good Friday)	Rev Kirk
12th April	11:00	Sung Eucharist (Easter Day)	Rev McCoulough
19th April	09:30	Family Communion	Rev McCoulough
26th April	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Kirk
2nd May	15:00	Wedding (Victoria Marsh and Paul Raynor)	

### **HALAM OPEN GARDENS - JUNE 28TH**

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The black and white cat which was found dead on Cultersforth Lane has been given a decent burial.

## **HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2009**

**Present:** S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris, D Parrish & M Thompson

**Matters arising** 1. New Beat Office: Halam has a new Beat Officer, PC Daniel Bebbington. Andrew Paris to arrange an invite to the next Parish Council meeting 2. Village notice board – map for third section. Mrs Thompson to speak to Paul Oakley about proposed illustration, or Tranquil Paths (CPRE) can provide a footpath map 3. Tranquil Paths Scheme – bench at top of Gray Lane. Now not likely to happen due to lack of funding

**Village Hall** Mrs Thompson to obtain 4 tenders for the required work. It seems that a Management Committee is more likely to get grants than the Parish Council. However an Awards for All grant can be applied for by the council when new funding becomes available in April

**Design Statement** Andrew Paris has sent a draft to Newark & Sherwood planning for their comments regarding adopting the VDS as a supplementary planning document. Will progress this.

**Consultation on Development Policies** Andrew Paris reported the responses he had made on behalf of the Parish Council regarding development in the countryside and protection of Mature Landscape Areas

**Open Meeting** County Councillor Andy Stewart advised the meeting that the green lane to Edingley at the top of Cultersforth has been closed for surface repairs (after damage by motorbikes). He also reported that funding for a notice board map may be available via the Building Better Communities scheme. Cllr Stewart reported that the police community speed vans now do not do routine village speed monitoring; they only monitor accident black-spots where death or serious injury had occurred

**Correspondence Victim Support** – received an appeal for financial support. Although it was agreed that this is a good cause, it was decided that it wasn't in the Council's remit to make a contribution **Letter from Planning re Parish Plans** – now difficult to get these accepted as Supplementary Planning Documents, but they will be taken into account as consultation documents when the new Local Development Framework is finalised **Draft Shopfronts & Advertisements** – Andrew Paris to check and report back

**Planning Ford House, The Turnpike – demolish existing house and garage. Construct new dwelling and garage** – rejected unanimously. Size and scale of proposed new house is not in keeping with the site and the neighbouring properties. Does not compare in size and scale with existing property. The style is not vernacular and is out of keeping with the adjoining properties and the location in the village. In addition the supporting documentation with the application is misleading as it does not reflect the present condition of the site – it has already been cleared.

**Finance** Agreed to pay the following: Parish Paths Partnership (Allen Clarke Farming); NALC subscription; exterior decoration of the village hall; and the Clerk's wages. The Council thanked Patrick for his input and work over the past 12 months.

**Date of Next Meeting:- Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall, followed by the usual April Parish Council meeting (at 7.30pm)

# HALAM NEWS

MAY 2009



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**Peter Thompson 01636 814026**

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## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN MAY

**10.55** Radley Road (Post Office)  
**11.15** Spindlewood Bungalow  
**May 1st, 15th & 29th**



## HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The May meeting will be in the Village Hall on Tues 5th May at 7.30pm. In June we meet at the same time on Tues 2nd. Meetings are in the Village Hall

**Glenys Herbert (812335)**

Spring has sprung and many of us will be spring cleaning or attempting once more to clear out the garage or shed! Cleaning and tidying tasks for some are a chore, for others a delight. The jobs usually need doing however we view them. Keeping a medieval church clean, tidy, and maintained is quite a significant task. I wanted to say a thank you on behalf of the Parochial Church Council and myself to all those in the village (and beyond) who help look after the church and churchyard. I know there are many of you who clean, garden, support social and fundraising events regularly or occasionally and all that you do is greatly appreciated. St Michael's is your parish church and it is well looked after and loved by many, if not all, in the parish. In whatever way you help and support the life of the church here, a **BIG THANK YOU.**

**Rev David McCoulough**



## HALAM VILLAGE WEBSITE

For his community service activity as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Ben Thompson has offered to re-vamp the Halam Village website. He'd like to know what sort of things you'd like to see on the website so please email him with your ideas at:

**ben.dofe.webdesign@gmail.com**

Also - any local business which would like to advertise on or have links to the Halam website should also contact Ben (814026)

## M. BUTTERFLY BY DAVID HENRY HWANG

Not the same story as the Puccini opera but with oriental connections, this intriguing play is based on true events. A French diplomat, posted to China, looks for extra-marital excitement and finds it. But this is the early 60's and spies are everywhere. He's playing a dangerous game and one day he's be found out. There is some nudity in this play. Directed by **Linda Croston** and performed at the Lace Market Theatre, Nottingham, 4th - 9th May.

**Box office 0115 950 7201    www.lacemarketttheatre.co.uk**

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to Jon & Tracey Whitaker of The Old Plough on the birth of **Max Harvey Whitaker** at 3.45am on 28th March. He weighed in at 2.94kg.
- Who would believe that **Don Reid is 60** - but he will be on May 21st - Congratulations Don!
- We can also report that **Stuart Ockelford** is now **40!** Happy Birthday Stuart!!
- Congratulations to Chris and Charlotte who became **Mr and Mrs Atkins** on Saturday 25th April - we wish them a long and happy marriage!!

## CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Church Study Group will be on Thursday, 7th May at the Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, at 7.30 pm. We will study a different approach to understand the Bible texts combining reading with meditation, prayer and contemplation. All are welcome. **Tony Andrews tel 815584**



## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MAY 2009 SERVICES

<b>2nd May</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Wedding (March/Raynor)</b>
<b>3rd May</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Revd McCoulough</b>
	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Family Communion</b> <b>Revd Kirk</b>
<b>9th May</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Wedding (Briggs/Benjamin)</b>
<b>10th May</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> <b>Revd McCoulough</b>
<b>16th May</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Wedding (Foggo/Broadhurst)</b>
<b>17th May</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Family Communion</b> <b>Revd Kirk</b>
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Deanery Service at Southwell Minster</b>
<b>21st May</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Ascension Day Service</b> <b>Revd McCoulough</b>
<b>23rd May</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Wedding (Midgley/Brian)</b>
<b>24th May</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> <b>Revd McCoulough</b>
<b>30th May</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Wedding (Pegg/Rimmer)</b>
<b>31st May</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Joint Pentecost Holy Communion Service at St Giles, Edingley. Led by Archdeacon of Newark</b>

**10th - 16th May is Christian Aid week**

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## LAXTON: FARMING IN AN OPEN FIELD VILLAGE

Exhibition at the Weston Gallery, DH Lawrence Pavilion, Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham Uni.  
Until Sunday **16 August**  
Admission to the exhibition is free!

## SELECTADNA PROPERTY MARKING KITS

SelectaDNA is the latest and most technologically advanced way of security marking your property. Valuables and electrical equipment can be marked with invisible dabs of the special adhesive which is uniquely encoded with DNA. In this way, if the property is stolen, it can be positively and individually identified using forensic tests. SelectaDNA is proved to reduce burglary by up to 85%; it is police approved and holds "Secure by Design" status. Your property can be secured within seconds by simply brushing the solutions on to valuables. Once dried SelectaDNA is almost impossible to remove.

The kit comes with warning labels and window stickers, this deters burglars and thieves as they know that DNA links them to the crimes they commit and the police regularly scan stolen property for traces of SelectaDNA.

Through Neighbourhood Watch, these kits are available at a greatly reduced price of £13.00 each (normal cost £49.00). They can be ordered through our local Neighbourhood Watch office or the website [www.bnwa.org](http://www.bnwa.org) by clicking "Contact Us". I will be taking a sample kit to the next Parish Council (14<sup>th</sup> May) or you can contact me for further info. **Andrew Paris 01636 815844 / andrew\_paris@yahoo.com**

## HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2009

Present: S Bust, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris & M Thompson Apologies: A Fraser & D Parrish

Matters arising 1. Jubilee tree plaque – to be obtained imminently 2. Bus shelter – cleaning to be arranged as the current cleaners cannot continue

Chairman's Report 1. Parish Council meetings were held monthly over the past year 2. The P.C. considered many planning applications – on only one of which the District Council went against the PC's views 3. Road repairs – some had been carried out this year 4. Speed watch – continues, but lack of police back-up is disappointing 5. Neighbourhood watch – scheme continues with some parts of the village working well while others don't work so well (Andrew Paris to investigate) 6. Parish Paths Partnership – the paths and gates are now greatly improved. 7. Games Night – held at the end of last year, was most successful 8. Village Design Statement – waiting for response from N&S DC (Andrew Paris to progress) 9. Village Hall – progress this year has been disappointing, but not due to lack of effort. Grant funding has been unavailable so far 10. Thank yous... the clerk, Pat Rickett for all his work and support; all Halam Parish Councillors for their input and various roles; County Cllr. Andy Stewart for his support and input at County Council level; residents of the village for their attendance at meetings and their input; and everyone who has helped in the smooth running of the Parish.

Open Meeting: 1. Police support for speed watch- Cllr Andy Stewart reported that other parishes have written to the Chief Constable. He will keep us informed of responses. 2. Annual Parish Report – a written annual statement was suggested. To be considered further. 3. Waggon & Horses – complaints have been made that this is no longer a village pub and that locals wanting an evening drink do not feel welcome. No appropriate action that the Parish Council can take.

## HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2009

Present: S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris & M Thompson Apologies: D Parrish

Matters Arising Beat Officer – a shift change meant that he couldn't attend this meeting. Andrew Paris will invite him to the next meeting

Village Hall Waiting for quotes. Awards for All grant to be applied for once received. Tiles on the roof need attention – some have slipped. The idea of weekly evenings in the hall was discussed – it may be the Chris (Simon Bust's son-in-law) would take on the licensee position.

Village Design Statement Waiting for response from District Council (Andrew Burt) – Andrew Paris to progress

BT Payphones Phone box is to be adopted by the Parish Council (£1 fee). The electricity supply company needs to be identified

Village Map Paul Oakley has agreed to draw a map; will be given a brief from the discussions at the meeting.

Tranquil walks – Halam is the first parish to have one of these walks. CPRE will be holding an event to launch the scheme

Local Development Framework Andrew Fraser reviewed letter from N&S DC and no further action to be taken at this stage

Open Meeting 1). sinking of road at GrayLane/Radley Road junction – is this sinking into the sewers? To be monitored\_2). Open gardens – planned for 28 June. Proceed to be split between church and village hall. Off-road car parking to be sorted out

Correspondence 1). Best kept village – agreed unanimously to enter (£5 fee) 2). Building Better Communities – the Clerk to speak to Severn Trent regarding the possibility of having water laid on at the allotments 3). N&S water cycle strategy – Andrew Paris to respond regarding sewers & drainage in Halam 4). Letter from Mr & Mrs Ian Sharman – thanking the Parish Council for their support regarding the recent planning application at New Holbeck Farm

Planning Ashcroft, Gray Lane – two storey extension, conservatory, 3 x porches, new windows and doors, internal alterations: passed unanimously

Planning Decision Halam Church House – planning approved by District Council

Finance Agreed to pay: dog bin, insurance, allotments

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the various council officers are elected by the Parish Council.

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*Peter Thompson 01636 814026*

## THANKS FOR SPONSORSHIP

Julie Chapman and Annette Goodman of Back Lane would like to thank the Halam residents who kindly sponsored them on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. They completed a charity ride in the grounds of Belvoir Castle to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Care. An especially wonderful effort from Julie, who herself suffers from a terminal illness. Together they raised over £750 and the event itself £6000. **David Goodman**

## GRAND SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

In the grounds of **Kelham Hall**  
**FREE ENTRANCE !**  
Entertainment and activities commence at 2pm  
Stalls, games and competitions, BBQ, Licensed Bar, live music and dance, fun for all the family  
Plough Promotions

## 2009 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Parish Council has once again entered Halam for the Nottinghamshire CPRE Best Kept Village Competition. This competition recognises the level of community involvement and the care for the natural and built environment, which turns a settlement into a living village. The judges are looking for evidence of general community involvement such as up-to-date notices of local events, footpath maps and signs of care for the village by those who live there. The judges are aware that all villages have areas within their boundaries that are beyond their control and which may be detrimental to the village scene - these may be excluded from the area to be judged.

Judging takes place between **8th and 26th June** for all entrants and **6th and 24th July** for the finalists. Please do all you can to help Halam do well, especially helping to keep road frontages neat and tidy!



## MAGNA CARTA FOR HALAM SCHOOL

Halam School was very pleased to receive a framed copy of the Magna Carta donated by the **Denyer family** whose two daughters are ex pupils at the school. The Magna Carta: "The great charter extorted from King John by the barons of England at Runnymede (between Staines and Windsor) on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1215, which guaranteed various right and privileges to the subjects of the realm, and established the supremacy of the law over the will of the monarchy, it has ever since been looked upon as the foundation - stone of English political liberties."



## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JUNE 2009 SERVICES

June 7th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Revd E Kirk
	10:30am	Cluster Service @	Southwell Minster
June 14th	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Revd D McCoulough
June 21st	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion	Revd E Kirk
June 28th	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Revd D McCoulough

## THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE BY JOHN DIGHTON

Thanks to a slip up at the Ministry of Education after the war, the girls of St. Swithin's School are billeted with the boys of Hillary Hall School. The warring head teachers have to join forces to conceal this from the parents, with classrooms and sports fields switching from male to female at the blow of a whistle.

A rollicking romp!!

The cast includes Halam residents & the play is on at the Lace Market Theatre, Nottingham, 8th - 13th June @ 7.30pm (plus Sat matinee @ 2.30pm)

Box office 0115 950 7201 [www.lacemarketttheatre.co.uk](http://www.lacemarketttheatre.co.uk)

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Belated Happy **50th** Birthday to accomplished local artist **Kate Hill**
- Congratulations to **James Fraser** who recently passed his driving test

## LAXTON HISTORY DAY – 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Including vintage ploughing match (10am), guided walks & tours of church, talks, films, tractor & trailer rides & history displays.  
Refreshments available.

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**June 12th & 26th**



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**Tony Andrews tel 815584**

## HALAM CHURCH CHOIR

The church choir would welcome anyone who would like to join us - if you don't feel able to commit to weekly services but might like to come and sing on other occasions such as weddings or at special services do get in touch. We have a number of weddings over the summer - our church is increasingly popular as a venue.

Please contact: **Alec Wells Tel: 813491**

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If anyone is willing to help on the day please contact  
**Paul Oakley 813896**

Donations of books for the book stall can be dropped off at Ashdene, Radley Road

## HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2009

**Present:** S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris, D Parrish & M Thompson

**Election of Chairman:** Simon Bust elected unanimously

**Election of Vice-chairman:** Andrew Fraser elected unanimously

**Election of other Officers:** The following positions were agreed unanimously:-

Halam Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris

Press Officer – Andrew Paris

Transport Officer – Glenys Herbert

NALC Representatives – Marina Thompson & Di Parrish

Snow/Flood Warden – Simon Bust

Internal Auditor – Mrs Janet Simmons

Flag Officer – Simon Bust

Crime Reduction Officer – Andrew Paris

Financial Officer – Mrs Mandy Rickett

**Matters arising** 1. **Parish Council Annual Report** – format to be discussed at next meeting 2. **Parish Council Insurance** –

Andrew Paris had obtained alternative (cheaper) quotes than current renewal. Passed to Clerk and Financial Officer for action. 3. **Water at allotments** – support from Building Better Communities is not available (said not to be of wide enough benefit to the village). Cost of survey/installation to be investigated by Glenys Herbert. 4. **Water Cycle Survey** – Andrew Paris reported back that he had responded to this and had highlighted the flooding/drainage/sewer problems experienced in Halam. Copy passed to Clerk for filing.

**Village Hall** Marina Thompson presented three sealed tenders which were opened in public. Further meeting (closed) to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm to discuss further.

**Map for Village Notice Board** Being arranged through the CPRE's Tranquil Paths Scheme – Glenys Herbert coordinating

**RAF Memorial (School Lane)** Possibility of erecting a simple memorial to the WWII aircrew killed in a Lancaster crash just off School Lane is being considered – Andrew Paris will report back further

**BT Payphone** Parish Council will need to sign a "unmetered electricity supply" agreement (approx £20 p.a.) – unanimously accepted. Clerk to check regarding insurance for the kiosk.

**Village Design Statement** Meeting arranged with Planning Dept at Kelham Hall 10am 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Andrew Paris, Glenys Herbert and Marina Thompson to attend

**Strategic Housing Land Allocation Assessment (SHLAA)** Andrew Paris reported on an assessment prepared by District Council which identifies sites in Halam as "may be suitable" for the building of 202 new homes. He read out a response he had prepared expressing the Parish Council's surprise and concerns regarding the proposals. With the addition of a comment regarding development of the school playing field, it was unanimously agreed to send the letter to the District Council. It appears that the "sustainability" of development in the village has been based on the District Council's misconception that the village shop and post office is still open.

**Japanese Knotweed** Japanese knotweed is a rapid growing invasive weed introduced to Europe as an ornamental plant in the early 19th century. Once established, this large vigorous weed can colonise most habitats and is regarded as a troublesome pest in many parts of the country because of its rapid invasion and domination of habitats, which results in the exclusion of other plants. It can damage property (for example by growing through tarmac, concrete or even the floors of houses. The species also causes problems in terms of flood management. It increases the risk of riverbank erosion and can also create a flooding hazard if the dead stems are washed into the streams and clog up the channel. A fragment of root as small as 0.8 grams can grow to form a new plant. **Unfortunately Japanese Knotweed seems to have spread to Halam!** While there is no statutory requirement for landowners to remove the plant from their property, because of its potential harm to native species, it is listed on Schedule 9 and subject to section 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, which makes it an offence to plant, or cause this species to grow, in the wild. In addition, Japanese knotweed is regarded as controlled waste and has to be disposed of at licensed sites or by burning on site. For more information see [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) and search for knotweed – it can be treated with glyphosate ("RoundUp"), but will need to be treated twice a year for three years running

**Open Meeting** 1. **Sinking of Radley Road by Gray Lane** – to be monitored 2. **W.I. Notice Board** on bus shelter needs attention – Glenys Herbert to investigate 3. **SelectaDNA Property** Marking Kits – Andrew Paris demonstrated these latest and most technologically advanced way of security marking property. Valuables and electrical equipment can be marked with invisible dabs of the special adhesive which is uniquely encoded with DNA. (See last month's Halam News for details). Kits are available at a greatly discounted price – contact Andrew Paris or Neighbourhood Watch directly

**Correspondence** 1. Training Seminar: Code of Conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 – David Herbert and Andrew Paris to attend 2. County Council Civic Service 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – Simon Bust to attend

**Planning Decision Ashcroft, Gray Lane** – two storey extension, conservatory, 3 x porches, new windows and doors, internal alterations: approved by District Council

**Planning Halam Lodge, The Turnpike** – application for erection of two-storey and single-storey extensions to dwelling: rejected unanimously – 1) loss of privacy for neighbours, 2) loss of amenity for neighbouring properties – size and location of extensions, and 3) loss of garaging

**Finance** Agreed unanimously to pay bin charges and fire check at village hall, and dog bin emptying costs. Clerk authorised to pay ongoing payments by standing order (electricity/rates/mortgages for village hall). Agreed to charges of £15 p.a. per village allotment, and to keep village hall charge at £6 p.h.

**Date of Next Meeting**: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall