

HALAM NEWS

JANUARY 2010



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Peter Thompson 01636 814026

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Welcome to Halam to The **Subramanian** family (Ganesh, Sarah, Hari, Jack & Meera) who have moved in to a house on School Lane and to **Arthur & Sandra Deakin** who are now residents of Back Lane.
- Congratulations to **Elizabeth Hallam** and **David Kinston** who were married during a Christian ceremony in Kruger National Park, South Africa on 17 Nov. Elizabeth grew up in Halam and attended the village school. She now is a GP in Long Eaton and David is a civil engineer working in Derby. David's parents live in Hermanus, near the Cape of Good Hope, hence the South African connection.

Thank you to the few hardy villagers who braved the cold on Dec 22nd to sing carols around Halam. £50 was raised which will be donated to a Hospice for children in Eastern Europe



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JANUARY 2010 SERVICES

Jan 3rd	8:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
	9:30 am	Morning Worship, The King Visits Jesus	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 10th	11:00am	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 17th	9:30am	Family Communion	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 24th	11:00am	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 31st	9:30am	Holy Communion @ St Giles, Edingley	Revd Canon Tony Evans

Feb 7th 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Candlemas and St Valentine Service with loads of candles - children dress in red.

A big thank you to everybody in the parish who helps look after St Michael's - cleaners, flower arrangers, those who help in the churchyard, with repairs and countless other acts of service. Wishing everybody in the parish a joyful and peaceful 2010.

David McCoulough

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET

There is a current consultation on proposed changes to the budget. For more details and to have your say on the proposals go online at

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budgetforthefuture or write to Budget Consultation, NCC, Freepost NG428, Nottingham, NG2 1BR.

You have until 22nd January to reply.

NEWARK HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTATION

Health services in the area are being reviewed and there is an opportunity to comment. The local media has particularly picked up on the item relating to the Accident and Emergency Unit at Newark Hospital. There is a proposal to reclassify it as a 'Minor Injuries' Unit rather than a full scale A&E. We are told this is because the unit is under-used and due to the facilities now required of an A&E it is not possible to upgrade it to the necessary level.

You can request a copy of the consultation document by emailing newark@nottspct.nhs.uk or call **01623 673131**.

There will also be open public meetings at the Aura Centre, Manners Road, Newark, NG24 1BS - Tuesday 26 January - 6.30pm-8pm and at Balderton Village Centre, Coronation Street, Balderton, Notts NG24 3BD - Tuesday 9 Feb - 3.30pm-5pm.

Displays will also be at Newark market place from 30 November. The consultation lasts until 6th March.

HALAM INAUGURAL ORGAN RECITAL

Paul Hale

**Saturday 23 January 2010
7.30pm**

St Michael's Church Halam

**Tickets: £8 (includes interval glass of wine):
from:**

Karin Lindley (Tel: 01636 815854)

David Herbert (Tel: 01636 812335)

Alec Wells (Tel: 01636 813491)

or by email: karinlindley@hotmail.com but hurry to book your tickets as these are sure to disappear quickly!

MOBILE LIBRARY JANUARY VISITS

10:40 Halam School

11:00 Radley Road (Post Office)

11:15 Spindlewood Bungalow

8th & 22nd January



HALAM & DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

The January meeting is on Tuesday 5th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The following meeting will be on Tuesday February 2nd at 7:30pm.

New members very welcome!

Glenys Herbert (812335)

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 10TH DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, David Herbert, Andrew Paris & Marina Thompson

Apologies: Glenys Herbert and Di Parrish

Matters Arising:

1) Marina Thompson asked that it be Minuted that she had contacted NALC prior to the October meeting and had been told that there would be no conflict of interest using a contractor who lived in the village just by virtue of them living in Halam.

2) Flooding on School Lane & water on the road at the top of Radley Road – the Chairman & County Councillor Stewart had met with County Council Highways. A further meeting with the residents affected is to be held and Councillor Stewart will apply as much pressure as possible on Highways to get the issues resolved.

Village Hall: The Clerk will progress the two outstanding quotations. The fire officer will be asked to give guidance on the specifications of the fire alarm system needed in the hall. The final specifications for improvements to i) the heating system, ii) the kitchen, and iii) fire alarm system (including the electrics) will be put together at a further Parish Council Meeting to be held 8pm Thursday 17th December. It was agreed to apply for a further Awards for All grant – Andrew Fraser to investigate.

Games Night: Matter deferred to January meeting.

Bomber Memorial, School Lane: Andrew Paris to supply the Clerk with a map of the proposed site and a sketch/photo of the proposed memorial for the insurance company, so that the increase in premium can be assessed.

Local Development Framework: Andrew Paris circulated the response he had made to the District Council's consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:-

1) water on the top of Radley Road, 2) fire regulations for the village hall, 3) Councillor Stewart giving attention to the highways problems in Halam, and 4) thanks for the Christmas tree

Correspondence:

1) Middlebeck Farm – proposed plans were examined. The Parish Council were pleased to note that the new plans have taken into account all the comments made previously by the Council. This was seen as a good improvement.

2) NHS – A&E at Newark Hospital – noted that this is to become a “minor accident unit” and may not be open 24 hours a day. Marina Thompson to investigate and to make written representation if necessary.

Planning:

1. New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road: erection of 15m anemometer mast for a period of 6 month – test equipment prior to application for erection of a wind-turbine. Supported unanimously

Planning Decisions:

Strickland Farm, The Turnpike: kitchen extension – application approved by District Council

Finance: The budget for next year was approved. Agreed to raise the 2010-11 precept to £7,500 (4 for: 1 against). Agreed to pay Neighbourhood Watch subscription.

Date of Next Meeting: Additional meeting – 8pm on Thursday 17th December to discuss village hall building work. Next ordinary parish council meeting – Thursday 14th January, 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 17TH DECEMBER 2009 AT 8.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Andrew Paris, Di Parrish & Marina Thompson

Planning: Hill Farmhouse, Halam Hill: Conversion/alteration of barn to create 2 bedroomed dwelling, 1.8m high garden wall and associated parking/access and householder application for the erection of garage – the proposal that “the Parish Council reject this application on the grounds of i) loss of privacy to neighbouring properties, ii) problems with the shared access, and iii) over-intensification of the yard between the barn and the farmhouse; but the Parish Council would look sympathetically on an application to convert the barn if these issues are addressed” was passed 4 for with 3 against.

Village Hall: It was agreed to progress final quotes for the prioritised alterations for the January meeting. The main priorities are the kitchen, the electrics/fire alarm system, and the heating system. A wet-electric system would be ideal, but the cost of repairing the current heaters and getting new storage-heaters would be investigated. David Herbert is to look at fund raising activities during 2010.

Finance: Agreed to pay Steve Rose (Parish Path Partnership).

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th January, 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall

Contact Notts County Council for road gritting requests - Simon Bust (Halam PC Snow Warden)

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Happy Birthday to **James Fraser**, who turned **18** on January 22nd!
- Belated birthday greetings to **Henry Perks & Catherine Todd** (both **18**) & **Angus Perks (21)**
- Congratulations to **Kirsty Reid & Henry Perks** on passing their driving tests!

LENT COURSE

There will be a Lent Course in Halam this year. It will be based on the well regarded York course and the theme will be "When I survey Christ's cross and ours". The first meeting is on Weds 4th Feb and the meetings will continue on the following 4 Weds (3, 10, 17 Feb, 4 Mar). The course will be held at the Scypen, Radley Road starting at 7:30pm. Again we are fortunate to have The Rev'd Russell Perry to lead us. All are welcome!

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 14TH JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, Glenys Herbert, Andrew Paris, Di Parrish & Marina Thompson **Apologies:** David Herbert

Matters Arising:

- 1) Flooding on School Lane – Notts CC Highways will clean out the main storm drains and monitor the results
- 2) Water on the road at the top of Radley Road – being progressed with Jo Hawton from Highways

Village Hall: The three quotes were compared and it was decided to appoint the lowest priced – Beckett Builders – subject to a possible start date and timescale. There is still some outstanding work to be finished – Clerk to progress. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would be the project manager and that he would be the sole contact point with the builder. Separately, Marina Thompson to liaise with the Energy Savings Trust – visit to be arranged

Games Night: Need to know the building work timescale. Will be held straight after work is completed to celebrate the e-opening. Aiming for a Saturday night around the middle of April

Bomber Memorial, School Lane: Weather has delayed obtaining photographs for the insurance brokers. Andrew Paris to progress asap

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:-

- 1) ice on roads and pavements – the Chairman has been talking to County Councillor Stewart about grit bins for Halam. The County Council have 5 for Cllr Stewart's area. Hopefully Halam will get one;
- 2) hedge at the bottom of Halam Hill – starting to obstruct the view when coming out of School Lane. Clerk to speak to householder;
- 3) Fallen trees obstructing footpath (Windmill Lane) – Clerk to contact Footpath Officer;
- and 4) Street lights not working in the village – **if a street lamp is out near your property, please report this on 08449 80 80 80**

Correspondence:

Appointment of Parish Rep to Newark & Sherwood DC "Standards Committee" – volunteer(s) needed: will advertise on the parish notice board

Planning:

1. Hill Farmhouse, Halam Hill: Conversion/alteration of barn to create 2 bedroomed dwelling, 1.8m high garden wall and associated parking/access (Listed Building Consent) – amended application – rejected on the same grounds as previously – i) loss of privacy to neighbouring properties, ii) problems with the shared access, and iii) over-intensification of the yard between the barn and the farmhouse
2. Middlebeck Farm, Gray Lane: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – approved unanimously

Finance: Many thanks to the Tea at Two club for their cheque as a contribution to the village hall

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th February, 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall

FREE EVENTS TO HELP LOCAL PEOPLE GET BACK INTO WORK

A series of events offering advice and help to anyone currently unemployed or facing redundancy have been organised in Newark and Sherwood. The free events are open to anyone of any age looking for advice on employment, education, housing, health, business start-up help and benefit advice. The sessions have been organised by Newark and Sherwood District Council's economic development service with the support of West Nottinghamshire College.

Organisations attending the sessions will include West Nottinghamshire College, Newark College, Dukeries College, The NE Group, Family Employment Initiative, Ollerton and District Economic Forum, Newark and Sherwood District Council's economic development, housing benefits and housing options teams, Business Link, NHS Nottinghamshire County, Jobcentre Plus, Working Links, Guideline Career Services, Newark and Sherwood Volunteers Bureau, Nottinghamshire County Council Libraries, Nottinghamshire Training Network, Nottinghamshire Families Information Service and Enable. (Not all organisations will attend every event. Different organisations will be attending different sessions depending on the geography they cover).

Specialist advice on how to cope with the recession is also available from Newark and Sherwood District Council's

website www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/recession

Tuesday February 9, 2010 - Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare, 1 The Crescent, Bilsthorpe, Newark, Notts, NG22 8QX

Wednesday February 10, 2010 Newark Town Hall, Market Place, Newark, Notts, NG24 1DU

All sessions are 10am to 2pm

CEDRIC HALLAM 1947 - 2010

Cedric Hallam lived in Halam since 1987 - at first using Holmhurst at weekends but on retiring in 1996 moved in permanently. Cedric's family was firmly rooted in Halam. His father was born in a house on Church Lane and his mother was born at Manor Farm. His parents were married in Halam and his father entered employment in a bank in Southwell and eventually moved to Pinner in North Middlesex where Cedric was born. He was youngest of three children. The family connection with Halam was maintained through holidays in Halam regularly staying in the family home on the Turnpike with Cedric's aunts. As a boy Cedric made friends with Halam children. These years for Cedric and his brother Denzil were very happy and it was because of this that Cedric decided finally to come and live here later in life.

Cedric attended Harrow Grammar school and showed his metal when he refused to join the school cadet force; he was firmly opposed to violence. He refused to join the School scout group, and joined the Methodist scout group instead. This independence of spirit marked him out all his life. He turned down his headmaster's advice to go to Oxbridge but instead decided to join a bank like his father. He was snapped up by the Merchant Bank Samuel Montague and Co where he worked for 4 years. He switched to the Banque Nationale de Paris where he had a meteoric rise to become, by the age of 34, Head of Currency trading for the bank world-wide. He continued in this role until his early retirement at the age of 48. His position at the Bank meant that he travelled all over the world and he used this to broaden his experience - for example when he attended conferences in Australia he took the opportunity to holiday in the Cook Islands.

Cedric was a committed Christian with two principal aims: encouraging young people (he was a scoutmaster in Harrow for 20 years); and encouraging cooperation between different Christian groups - especially being involved in the ecumenical movement in Middlesex.

In 1987 his beloved aunts had died and he bought their home with the purpose of living in it himself. On moving to Halam he immersed himself in village life and in the wider community in Southwell. He encouraged the setting up of 'Churches Together' in Southwell and became involved with Southwell Methodist and Catholic Churches and St Michael's church in Halam. He gave much of his spare time to this and was widely-known and respected for his work. He became treasurer at St Michael's in Halam and always gave well-considered and confident advice. He often played the piano at the Tea at Two club in Halam and was an organist at the Methodist church in Southwell. He lived frugally at Holmhurst - the house was unaltered except for introducing a computer point. He did not own a car but walked everywhere and was the quiet and unassuming friend of many. He loved travelling to Scotland in recent years and enjoyed the companionship of his loving friend Sandra who did so much to comfort him in the last few months of life.



I had been acquainted with Cedric since 1987 but I never really knew him; I worked with him on the Parochial Church Council, and in setting up the organ fund which he successfully steered to a triumphant conclusion; I valued him for his humility, self-effacement and quiet strengths - but only now do I fully recognise the magnitude of his moral bearing, vast wisdom and intelligence, quietly living amongst us.

"A Gentle guest, a willing host,
Affection deeply-planted -
It's strange that those we miss the most
Are those we take for granted."

David Herbert



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FEBRUARY 2010 SERVICES

Feb 7th 8:00 am Holy Communion Revd Canon Tony Evans
Feb 7th 9:30am Morning Worship Revd David McCoulough
This will be a 35min service celebrating Candlemas & Valentine's day,
so wear something red and we will light lots of candles!!
Feb 14th 11:00am Sung Eucharist & Baptism Revd David McCoulough
Feb 17th 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service @ St Giles Edingley
Feb 21st 9:30am Family Communion Revd David McCoulough
Feb 28th 11:00am Sung Eucharist Revd David McCoulough

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11: 00 Radley Rd (Post Office)
11: 15 Spindlewood Bungalow
5th & 19th February

HALAM & DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

February 2nd - Carol Layfield and Jenny Bradford will be giving an update on knitting with the latest design ideas

March 2nd - As we had to cancel the January meeting due to the weather, we are very fortunate that John Meredith is able to come along in March. Everyone (including men!) are very welcome to attend as we will be hearing about the fantastic trains in the Isle of Man, a place which seems so close to home but which has some amazing engineering feats. It should be a fun evening, with refreshments and nibbles provided by the ladies of the WI. Both meetings are in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

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SOUTHWELL PECULIAR

Southwell Peculiar is a collection of tales presented by an enormous cast of people from Southwell and the local villages (including Halamites); tales that tell of Stonemasons and Murderers, of Romantic Poets & Bramley Apples, of Cardinals, Kings and the VI. Now that winter turns to spring, come to Southwell Minster to see the show. It will be an evening in which you will be surprised, amazed and downright entertained by a feast of local stories, springing forth from every nook and cranny of the this remarkable building (plus Andrew Paris in a toga!!!).

March 4th, 5th & 6th at 7:30pm in Southwell Minster

Tickets are £6 from the The Minster Shop (01636 812933)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 11TH FEBRUARY 2010

Matters Arising:

- 1) Flooding on School Lane – Notts CC Highways have "jetted" the drains and water should now be freely draining away - to be monitored.
- 2) Water on the road at the top of Radley Road – action still to be undertaken
- 3) Debris dumped on School Lane - quick response from Notts CC to clear, clerk will write to thank them for acting speedily

Village Hall:

Building inspector had visited and some remedial work on the alterations that have been completed will need to be undertaken. Work on the Kitchen and Heating will start at the beginning of March. The door from the main hall to the corridor will need to be widened and the Parish Council is grateful to Councillor Stewart for providing £400 towards the cost

Games Night:

Need to know the building work timescale. Will be held straight after work is completed to celebrate the re-opening

Bomber Memorial, School Lane:

Awaiting feedback from the insurance brokers and then the Parish Council will need to decide whether or not to progress.

Planning decisions

Hill Farmhouse, Halam Hill: Conversion/alteration of barn to create 2 bedroomed dwelling, 1.8m high garden wall and associated parking/access (Listed Building Consent) – amended application – approved by the planning dept at N&SDC

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 11th March, 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Adrian and Rose Lucking send their congratulations and would like to say how proud they are of their daughter **Imogen**, who has passed her instrumental audition and will start at the Junior Dept at the Minster School in September. Well done!!
- Happy Birthday to **Robert Oakley** who was **18** on February 2nd.

LENT COURSE

The Lent Study meetings in Halam this year. With the theme "When I survey Christ's cross and ours" continue each Wednesday in March (3, 10, 17, 24). Meetings are held at the Scypen, Radley Road starting at 7:30pm. Again we are fortunate to have The Rev'd Russell Perry to lead us. All are welcome! **Tony Andrews 815584**

THE ORGAN INAUGURATION

Saturday 23rd January marked the culmination of over two years hard work raising money for our new organ. I am very grateful for all the time and effort on behalf of the fund, by so many people, especially by the other 2 members of the committee David Herbert & Karin Davies. Many thanks to all whose contributions have enabled us to commission such a fine instrument.

Over 160 people were present to hear Paul Hale, Rector Chori and Organist of Southwell Minster, perform an excellent inaugural recital. He played a variety of works which beautifully demonstrated the incredible versatility of the instrument and during the recital said that as a parish church we had an instrument to be proud of which had the timbre of a cathedral organ, all be it on a smaller scale!

After the concert we retired to Ashdene for supper and are thankful to David & Glenys for their hospitality and to those who prepared and served the food

To Paul, as diocesan organ adviser, and to Jonathan Wallace and his team from Henry Groves and Sons we owe our special thanks.

Alec Wells

VILLAGE VENTURES

ESSENTIALLY BRASS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALAM

Sunday 11 April 2010: 7.30pm

Tickets £8: (includes interval refreshments)
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David Herbert: Telephone 01636 812335

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Edingley, Church Lay by - Thursday 11th & 25th March 6-7pm
If you would like to suggest a location, please do get in touch. To keep up to date with any route changes, visit

www.thefullmoonmorton.co.uk



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IMPROVEMENTS AT HALAM SCHOOL

Halam Primary School has embarked on a refurbishment plan which began over February half-term. The project, which will take place in school holidays, will be undertaken in three phases. The school is proud of its part in the community and the fact that it remains very popular outside its catchment area, but recognise that to build on this and improve the environment for pupils and staff, a modernisation programme is required.

Phase 1

The conversion of the old school dining room into a meeting room and teaching room.

Phase 2

The refurbishment of the staff-room, which will include a new kitchenette and furnishings. The conversion of an old toilet block into a resource room. The refurbishment of one the older classrooms, including its cloakroom and toilets.

Phase 3

The total refurbishment and rationalisation of another of the older classrooms and the infant toilet block, plus the formation of a new internal corridor which will improve access between the new and old parts of the school.

Graham Cullen, Headteacher

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Make a note - Halam Open Gardens will be on Sunday June 13th this year. More details in forthcoming editions



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MARCH 2010 SERVICES

Mar 7th	8:00	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
Mar 14th	11:00	Morning Worship	Revd David McCoulough
(A more informal service for Mothering Sunday with posies & cake)			
Mar 21st	9:30	Family communion	Revd David McCoulough
Mar 28th	11:00	Palm Sunday - Sung Euch	Revd David McCoulough
Apr 1st	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Agape meal and Holy Communion at Holy Trinity , Southwell (note change of address). Lead by Revd David McCoulough all are welcome - List on Church notice board.	
Apr 2nd	10:30	Good Friday - Devotions	
Apr 4th	8:00	Easter Day - Holy Comm	Revd David McCoulough
Apr 4th	9:30	Easter Day - Family Comm	Revd David McCoulough

EASTER EGG COMPETITION - Design a hard boiled egg & paint, decorate or dress it up - be creative and bring it to the 9:30 Easter Day service. Prize for the under 11 and over 11 years old winners.

CARERS IN THE COMMUNITY

It is estimated that there of upwards of 80,000 people in Nottinghamshire who care for another person; looking after children, loved ones and the elderly. But there are only 6,000 people who are registered with Nottinghamshire County Councils Social Services department. So called 'hidden' carers have become the focus of much debate recently and it leaves the question; What do people know about care services available in Nottinghamshire?

At times it can be quite challenging for a carer to manage by themselves when looking after someone who is dependent on them and this is when many people seek help. This can be in the form of respite care, emotional support and also financial support. But the first problem for many people is "who do I turn to?". There are services throughout the County that aim to help both carers and the cared for and as part of its work the Nottinghamshire County LINK (Local Involvement Network) has launched an initiative to find out what the community know about local care services and how to access them.

Nottinghamshire County LINK seeks to find out the views of local people on health and social care services in Nottinghamshire and it engages with the public to find out what they think about local services and how they can be improved to meet the local community's needs. It then goes on to investigate issues that the public raise.

The LINK wants to find out what carers know about local services and are asking the public to send in their views. The main questions it has been asking as part of its investigation are:

- What care services do you use in Nottinghamshire and what areas of the County do they cover?
- What is your opinion of these services? Do they meet your needs?
- Do you feel you need more information about the services available in your area?
- Are you a carer from or provide care to people from an ethnic minority group?
- Do you receive adequate emotional support as a carer?
- How do you think the new Personal Budgets scheme will affect the level of service in your area?

The LINK would like to know your answers to the above questions and if you'd like to find out more information about the LINKS investigation into carers services or would like to send in your views about other services in the County, you can contact them on 0115 9754647 or e-mail them at info@strongerlocalvoice.com.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Eleanor Bust wishes to thank her many kind friends and neighbours, and all her family, for the cards, flowers and messages received after her recent accident. They, and all the offers of help are greatly appreciated.

THE SOUTHWELL PECULIAR

Halam should be justly proud of itself in providing much talent of all ages in Southwell Minster for the series of sketches at the "Southwell Peculiar". The enthusiasm shown by the children in portraying Southwell life at the time of the Commonwealth was infectious. Older members of the village were able to convey the maturity of their years in illuminating the murky times of the Roman occupation. Alan McCracken and Ian Anderson acting as doughty centurions gave one much confidence in their future roles as village constables; Andrew Paris gave hope that members of the Parish Council can at times be well-dressed even if it is in a scarlet curtain remnant, Julie Paris was able to demonstrate that one can have a good hair style without resorting to the tender care of the other Julie at the sign of the Plough; and the whole was made special by the youngest performer in the Minster - Maisie Bagley - who meandered about in a charming way and treated the applause as if it was intended solely for her. The Halam contingent was large and so it had the honour of dealing with two periods of history, whereas other villages only had one each. On a more serious note - well done Halam and well done to all the villagers who gave much of their time and effort in support of this marvellous venture. A most enjoyable and interesting evening was had by all!

David Herbert



FAREWELL

Halam School said goodbye to Julie Johnson who retired at the end of the Spring term. She has been an inspirational music teacher at the school

for 16 years and will be greatly missed!



GUIDED WALKS

There is a brand new compilation of Notts Guided Walks. This has been put together by a team of three volunteers, concerned at the demise of the county's annual publication of a similar name. The new version is available in limited numbers as a booklet and there is a new web site giving general advice and a convenient monthly listing of walks showing details of where to meet, duration etc. There is also a special section on Walking for Health events. www.nottsguidedwalks.co.uk

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Free kick boxing, street dance, DJ skills and football sessions are being held as part of a scheme to give young people more to do. The new sessions start week commencing Monday April 12 2010 and are all free for ages 12 to 16:

Mondays - Kick boxing at Newark Martial Arts Centre, 6.15pm - 7.45pm.

Street dance at Yorke Drive Pavilion, 5.45pm - 7.15pm.

Wednesdays - DJ skills at Balderton Young People's Centre, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Fridays - Football at Magnus Sports Centre, 6pm - 7pm.

To sign up email 'PAYP weekly' to ed.walsh@nsdc.info or call 01636 655701



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

APRIL 2010 SERVICES

Apr 1st 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Agape meal and Holy Communion at **Holy Trinity**, Southwell (note change of address). Lead by Revd David McCoulough all are welcome - List on Church notice board.

Apr 2nd 10:30 Good Friday - Devotions

Apr 4th 8:00 Easter Day - Holy Communion

Revd David McCoulough

Apr 4th 9:30 Easter Day - Family Communion

Revd David McCoulough

Apr 4th 11:30 Christening - George Haddesley

EASTER EGG COMPETITION - Design a hard boiled egg & paint, decorate or dress it up - be creative and bring it to the 9:30 Easter Day service. Prize for the under 11 and over 11 years old winners.

Apr 11th 11:00 Sung Eucharist

Revd David McCoulough

Apr 18th 9:30 Family Communion

Revd Canon Coates

Apr 25th 11:00 Sung Eucharist

Revd David McCoulough

After a cold and icy winter spring brings with it colour and warmth and fresh life. Buds are shooting forth, plants are beginning to emerge from the cold ground, and we might feel ready to look out spring and summer outfits in anticipation of warmer and longer days. So much new life still hidden from us in nature, but alive and stirring. Sometimes we may feel as if the things of God are hidden or indeed absent, but the living God is always working often in the depths, often hidden from sight, even in the cold and dark places of life. At Easter we celebrate again the bursting forth of new life in the resurrection of Jesus and are reminded that he desires to burst forth in our lives and in unexpected places and ways Have a joyful Easter **David McCoulough**

CONCERTS IN HALAM

Everyone will be delighted to know that the Organ Committee sent **£700 to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal** - this was the proceeds from the Paul Hale Organ Recital added to the retiring collection for the appeal. We also gave the proceeds from the sale of the programmes - £84 - to the Minster Choir Association. And we all had a marvellous time as well! Thank you to all those who generously supported this concert.

The next concert is on **Sunday 11 April 2010 at 7.30pm: Essentially Brass** will provide us with an eclectic range of music including Classical through to Jazz and Modern Classics. The concert proceeds will be given to the Nottingham-based charity the **Arimathea Trust** which provides help for refugees. Tickets are £8 and are available from: Karin Lindley (815854), David/Glenys Herbert (812335), Bev Perks (8121810) or Alec/Penny Wells (813491).

Saturday 1st May at 5.00am LAXTON MAY DAY DAWN CHORUS WALK Approx. 5½ miles 3 hours walking, 5 hours total, meeting at Laxton Visitor Centre in the car park of The Dovecote Inn Stuart Rose offers early risers a unique opportunity to watch the sun rise over Laxton from the motte and bailey castle. The Rattlejag Morris Dancers from Retford dance in the May (the first day of summer) and invite you to share an outdoor breakfast (small donation). Expect to be back to the start about 10am. Further details from Stuart on 07939 228353

IN MEMORY OF BRUCE HUTCHINSON 1934 - 2010

Bruce was a Nottinghamshire lad. He was born in Carlton, met Glenda when they were both at school and they married in Nottingham. He trained as a civil engineer at Loughborough having had his National Service deferred - but he could not escape conscription into the forces. He accepted this with forbearance and humour - characteristics which he showed throughout his life. In his professional life he had had many challenges; he ran his own business during the early 1970's when there was a sharp decline in house building and funds to finance such enterprise. Nevertheless his optimism and reliance on a strong family life led him to overcome any setbacks. By 1984 he and his family moved into Halam where they were to become well-established and a great asset to the community. He was always busy and in great demand by builders, architects and surveyors; but more importantly he was kept busy by his children! His family was the most important thing for him and he enjoyed those times most of all

He became an expert on provision of health care in the region as he had had a terrible fall in the 70's and broken his thigh, back, arm and wrist, and subsequently had major surgery; latterly he had more crippling and disabling serious medical problems. When asked how he was he would reply that he was "fair to middling" if not too bad and "fair to rough" if he was really poorly. But at the same time a smile was always on his face and a quiet acceptance of whatever life threw at him - he was indeed a most courageous man and made little of his increasing disability. In 2009 he and Glenda celebrated their Golden wedding which was a wonderful occasion and a tribute to his resilience and the love and care shown to him by his family.

Glenda would like to thank the very many villagers who took the time to write to her at the time of Bruce's death. She treasures these letters and cards and is sure that in the months and years to come they will be a source of great comfort. It is fitting to remind people that much of Bruce's professional legacy can be seen in the many buildings and extensions in Halam and the surrounding district.

"Reader, if you seek his memorial, look around you."

David Herbert



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HALAM & DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 6th**

The meeting is in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

Glenys Herbert (812335)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 11TH MARCH 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, Glenys Herbert, Andrew Paris, Di Parrish & Marina Thompson **Apologies:** David Herbert

Matters Arising: 1) Flooding on School Lane – seems to have improved since the drains were cleaned out. The Parish Council will monitor the results – it may be that further work will be needed on the drains along the main road 2) Water on the road at the top of Radley Road – a meeting has been held with Highways and a scheme of works is being put in place 3) Traffic lights on Halam Hill – situation will be monitored

Village Hall: Work is now under way. Marina Thompson will source kitchen – three quotes to be obtained. **A “volunteer working party” is to be organised to help fit the kitchen and paint the interior. Anyone interesting in helping out should contact Marina Thompson (814026).** The possibility of panelling the lower section of the main hall is to be investigated.

Bomber Memorial, School Lane: The additional premium for insuring a memorial will be in the region of £70 p.a. Discussion was given as to whether the Parish Council should/could afford this, and eventually it was agreed unanimously that, if the memorial is built, then the Parish Council would pay the insurance. It was stated that the fund raising for the memorial should try to support its ongoing costs as well as the building of it.

Grit Bins and Salt: It is hoped that the County Council will supply one of these for the parish. It will be sited at the Gray Lane/Radley Road junction. Simon Bust is to investigate the possibility of having an additional store of salt/grit in the village.

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:-

- 1) support for the insuring of the propose Bomber Memorial – this would commemorate the death of seven young men
- 2) flooring in the village hall – should be of a non-slip nature

Correspondence:

- 1) Public Byway No. 22 – Edingley – work is being done at the top of Cultersforth Lane
- 2) NCC Local Improvement Scheme – passed to Andrew Paris
- 3) Consultation on Development Contributions for Strategic Infrastructure – passed to Andrew Paris
- 4) Halam W.I. – a letter expressing dissatisfaction with the current village hall heating

Planning:

1. Roseneath, The Turnpike: householder application for the erection of a single storey extension – supported unanimously
2. New wall on Back Lane – seems to be built too far forward? The Clerk to check with N&S Planning Dept.

Planning Decisions:

New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road – erection of test anemometer – approved by District Council

Finance: Unanimously agreed to buy a new Minute Book, and to pay the NALC Subscription

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th April, 2010, at 7.00pm in the village hall – **(note earlier start time) this will be the Annual Parish Meeting at which the Chairman will give his annual report on parish matters.**

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

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11: 15 Spindlewood Bungalow **16th & 30th April**

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HALAM NEWS

MAY 2010



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Thanks to **the Dick family** of Gray Lane, for sponsoring this edition

PETER THOMPSON 01636 814026

THE 19TH HOLE AT NORWOOD PARK GOLF CLUB

The club house at Norwood Park Golf Course is under new management and a number of events are being planned which will be open to all. The first event is on **Friday 28th May** and will be a:

FISH & CHIP NIGHT - but with a difference!



It's a cheap as chips at £10 per head, to include Prawn Cocktails and Crayfish Tails as well as a fish supper. Come along from **7:30** onwards.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MAY 2010 SERVICES



May 2nd	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev'd David McCoulough
May 2nd	9:30	Morning Worship	Rev'd David McCoulough
		This will be a "holiday service" so wear your sunglasses & bring buckets and spades, as the beach comes to Halam-by-the-Sea!!	
May 9th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev'd David McCoulough
		Baptism of Robin Perry	
May 13th	9:30	Ascension Day, Holy Communion (Said) @ St Giles, Edingley	
			Rev'd David McCoulough
May 16th	9:30	Family Communion	Rev'd David McCoulough
May 23rd	11:00	Pentecost, Sung Eucharist	Rev'd David McCoulough
May 30th	9:30	Joint Service Family Communion	Rev'd David McCoulough
June 6th	9:30	Blessing of Animals Service - A chance to bring your pets to church to give thanks for the joy they give us	

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Stephanie McCracken** who attended a reception at St James Palace in the presence of HRH Prince Philip to receive her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award
- It's the big **50** for **Natalie Copeland** in May - Happy Birthday Natalie!
- Happy **18th** Birthday for 5th May to **Jack Thompson**
- Thanks to **Liz and Duncan Hoggard, David Stubbs** and **Victoria Starkey** for attending to the planter at the front of the Village Hall.

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THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Reusable Furniture Donations. We will collect any unwanted household furniture, electrical items, bric a brac and clothing. These are given **FREE** to those in need and can help turn a house into a home for single people and families.

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Excess Stock Sales. We have a wide range of household furniture and bric a brac for sale in our warehouse, open Monday to Friday 10am to 4 pm. We are situated at Unit 190, Road E, Boughton Industrial Estate, near New Ollerton on the Tuxford road. We also have an outlet in the New Ollerton indoor market, open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

All at affordable prices!

We are always looking for people to help the project as a volunteer. If you have a few hours a week to spare and would like to help in anyway, please contact:

James Kitchen the Project Manager on 01623 860838

**Unit 190, Road E. Boughton Industrial Estate North.
Boughton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9LD.
Tel / Fax: 01623 836410.**

INVITATION TO QUIZZERS

Egmonton Village Hall is holding a fun quiz on Friday 14th May at 7.30pm. This will be a light hearted quiz with an emphasis in enjoying the evening more than rivaling 'Eggheads'. There is no limit on the number in your team and supper is included in the £6per person entry fee. Everyone is welcome. Please call to book your tickets on **01777 871171**

BOOKS WANTED!

Donations of books are welcome for a book stall at the Open Gardens event on June 13th. Please drop any donations in to Glenys or David at Ashdene



COFFEE MORNING

At Edingley Chapel on Saturday 8th May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

Cake stall, tombola and book stall.

All donations gratefully received.

In support of Edingley Methodist Church and the Arthritis Research Campaign

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING — 16TH APRIL 2010 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Matters Arising:

1) Jubilee Tree – has died. David Herbert will source a suitable replacement and then a plaque will be put in place. 2) Bus shelter – now being cleaned by Mr & Mrs Bevan (many thanks). 3) Police speed monitoring – vans & cameras now available. Community Speed Watch to be revitalised and police support will be sought. County Cllr Andy Stewart will be asked if the results from the recent Police presence in Halam can be released. 4) Mrs Di Parrish made comment that it was a pity that the Waggon & Horses didn't function as the local village pub any more.

Chairman's Review:

Simon Bust reviewed the past year. There had been monthly parish council meetings plus addition meetings to discuss specific matters – thanks to all who attended. Planning issues had been important again this year, but the District Council had generally been in agreement with the parish council. Parish Paths Partnership has continued with improvements to Halam's footpaths and associated gates/styles – many thanks to Chris Mercer.

There have been a number of issues with Highways; some progress has been made but there are still some outstanding problems. The more residents who complain to the County Council about problems, then the more likely they are to be resolved – **the number to ring is 08449 80 80 80.**

The precept has been increased for the first time in many years. Some parish council reserves were spent on starting the village hall refurbishment, so it was thought prudent to build up the council's reserves again. Granting funding of £9,000 has now been received so work continues.

The Chairman thanked the parish councillors for their work and support over the year. Thanks also to Mrs Janet Simmons (auditor) and to the clerk, Patrick Rickett, and to Mandy Rickett.

Open Meeting:

W.I. notice board still needs repairing.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 16TH APRIL 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Andrew Paris, Di Parrish & Marina Thompson

Matters Arising: 1) Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy – Andrew Paris to respond to the District Council: threshold set too low, shouldn't apply to single dwellings; needs to be applied locally to development, not just used centrally, and; should be ring-fenced so that it is used only for local improvements (not lost into central funds) 2) County Council – benches & notice boards – Halam has already been 'ear-marked' for a new bench; Chairman to investigate 3) Bomber memorial – it is now very likely that funding will be available from Building Better Communities

Village Hall: Work is progressing. Marina Thompson to source kitchen. A new outside door is to be fitted, thanks to £400 from Cllr Andy Stewart. Volunteers are now needed to help paint and tidy – Marina Thompson to organise a working party

Open Meeting: Nothing to report this month

Correspondence:

- 1) County Council Civic Service – Sunday 27th June: Simon Bust to attend
- 2) Organic Garden Waste Collection – Kelham Hall April 20th – passed to Andrew Paris
- 3) Best Kept Village Competition – agreed to enter
- 4) Parish paths Partnership – 19th April, County Hall – letter passed to Chris Mercer

Planning:

Hill Farm, School Lane: conversion of barn to form dwelling with replacement garage/garden store – rejected unanimously: grounds – neighbours' objections, loss of privacy; over-intensification of site; single access; proposed wall, too tall & intrusive

Planning Decisions: Roseneath, The Turnpike – approved by District Council

Finance: Unanimously to pay dog bin & bus shelter cleaning. Insurance due to re-new in June clerk & Andrew Paris to check policy & cover

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th May 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall

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(meet at Ashdene if village hall not usable)

Glenys Herbert (812335)



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A BIG THANK YOU FROM OUR NEW M.P.

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of those people who took the trouble to go out and vote on the 6th May. I am delighted to have been elected as your MP for Sherwood and am looking forward to working hard on your behalf.

The level of support I received is very humbling, and I am enormously grateful to all of those who put up posters delivered leaflets, knocked on doors and all the other tasks so many of you helped with.

I am in the process of sourcing my constituency office, which will be in Hucknall, but we will retain a presence in Calverton and I will run surgeries throughout Sherwood. In the mean time feel free to contact me if I can assist, and I will respond as quickly as I can.

I am keen to continue meeting as many people as possible, so if you are arranging a function or meeting please let me know and if my diary allows I will be there.

My contact details are 07973 192672 or

mark@sherwoodconservatives.com

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Westminster
London
SW1A 0AA

Thanks Again!

Mark Spencer MP



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- The 50th birthdays are coming thick and fast now.....so Happy **50th** Birthday to **Marina Thompson** on June 18th and to **Sarah Godfrey** on June 23rd.
- **Sandra Fraser** wasn't 50 in May but she will be next year :-)

HALAM GOLF SOCIETY

A small band of golfers from Halam get together regularly to play both the par 3 and 18 hole courses at Norwood Park. It's a fairly informal group and the standard starts at mediocre and declines from there.....!

We usually meet at 5:30pm each Friday to play the par 3 and rounds of the main course are then planned. If you'd like to join in or if you want any

more info, contact: **Peter Thompson** on **814026** or at pjthompson99@gmail.com



HALAM & DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday**

1st June (next meeting Tuesday 6th July) The meetings are in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

Glenys Herbert - 812335

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JUNE 2010 SERVICES

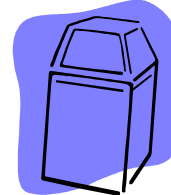


June 4th	13:00	Holy Matrimony	- Rachel Thomas and Adam Baum
June 5th	13:00	Holy Matrimony	- Nicola Brown and Christopher Tait
June 6th	8:00	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
June 6th	9:30	Morning Worship & Blessing of Animals Service	Revd David McCoulough
June 13th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
June 20th	9:30	Family Communion	Revd David McCoulough
June 27th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough

DOG POOH

Dog owners and walkers are reminded not to let their dogs foul in the village - this is a particular problem on Gray Lane. There is a

specially installed bin on Radley Road to deposit dog waste - please use it & remember that longevity of residency does not bring with it the right to allow your dog to foul the village!



BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Parish Council has again entered Halam in the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition sponsored by Wilkinsons. Round 1 judging will take place between **7th and 25th June** and second round between **5th and 24th July**. The judges are looking for evidence of general community involvement and the care for the natural and built environment, which turns a settlement into a living village. The competition and the awards support and promote local projects and community effort - so please do what you can to help our cause by attending to your frontages and picking up litter etc! A good start has been made by **Duncan and Liz Hoggard, Victoria Starkey and David Stubbs** with the restoration of the village benches and the spraying of the weeds in the village hall car park - thank you all for doing this! David also intends to clean the village signs prior to judging. More info from any member of the parish council.



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THEFT OF MANHOLE COVERS/GRATES

Recently a manhole cover and a drain grate were stolen out of the road near the Manor House, Radley Road. Presumably this was for the scrap metal value, but it left a couple of very dangerous uncovered holes. There have been a few petty thefts from gardens and cars in the parish in the last few weeks. Please be alert for unusual vehicles or suspicious strangers in the village and report anything you see to the police immediately on 0300 300 99 99. Descriptions of persons and vehicles, especially number plates are very useful.

If you witness a crime in progress then call **999** at once.

THE WAGGON & HORSES

Below is a clarification from the Parish Council regarding the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting:

The Parish Council wishes to clarify its position regarding the report of April's Annual Parish Meeting. Mrs Di Parrish's remarks made about the Waggon & Horses were expressed as her own personal view and not as those of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has no remit regarding this issue, and at the time when Mrs Parrish made her remarks, the Chairman stated that this was not a matter for Parish Council discussion or comment.

The Parish Council would like to apologise that this was not made clear in the report in May's edition of Halam Hews, and is sorry for any misunderstandings that this may have caused.

As a response to the comments made at the Annual Parish Meeting, Roy and Laura Wood from the Waggon & Horses have asked for the following to be published:

We outline below, 10 key points about the business in Halam which, incidentally, the Michelin Guide refers to as "A bright and up-to-date pub".

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT - *we currently employ 6 fulltime members of staff and 18 part-time all from within 7 miles of the pub (10 from within Halam)*

LOCAL SUPPORT - *we make donations to the Halam organ fund, provide food for the Harvest supper, provide cookies for Tonya's challenge, we have also raised money for various causes including The British Heart Foundation, Lifeboat, RSPCA to name but a few.*

REDUCING LOCAL NOISE POLLUTION - *the numerous complaints about noise coming from the pub stopped the day we took over control in April 2007.*

LOCAL AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION - *we are recognised by industry experts as one of the best pubs in the country. This is confirmed with numerous national awards including 'Best Pub Experience' 'Classic Food Pub' and 'Telegraph Top 50 Pubs'.*

LOCAL SUPPLIERS - *we contribute to the local economy by using local suppliers for example; Vegetables from Kirklington, Meat from Newark, Dairy from Hockerton, Bread from Farnsfield, Fish from S R Owen (Southwell Market), Electrician from Southwell, Plumbers from Fiskerton, Flowers from Blidworth.*

SOCIETAL CHANGES - *in order to survive and be commercially viable, many leisure businesses throughout the UK have had to evolve to adjust to and embrace the whole family experience as fewer customers today visit Pubs purely for drinking purposes alone.*

HALAM SCHOOL - *we allow our pub car park to be used as a safe drop off point for the school.*

CUSTOMERS - *We have a database of over 10,000 loyal customers from around the country with numerous abroad who provide positive feedback and support what we do and how we do it.*

LOCAL AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT - *not only do we have a responsible attitude towards environmental issues, we have recently become the first CarbonNeutral® Pub in the UK.*

LOCAL VILLAGERS - *the numerous villagers that come into the pub for a drink receive the warmest of welcomes*

To conclude, we conduct our business responsibly and in the way which we choose to and we are disappointed that Di Parrish takes issue with that.

DO YOU WANT A 3RD WHEELY BIN FOR GARDEN WASTE?

Newark and Sherwood District Council is conducting a survey to see how many households would be interested in having a third wheeled bin for garden plant waste (grass and shrub cuttings, weeds etc). Leaflets and posters will be appearing around the district soon and we encourage everyone who is interested in receiving a garden bin service to register their interest.

The service would cost around £26 per year, with extra bins being available for an additional charge. The Waste Management Team at Newark and Sherwood District Council needs at least 4,500 people to say they would like the service before it can go ahead. So if the response to the survey is low the service may not happen at all! The area included in the survey is likely to be much bigger than the area serviced by any resulting pilot scheme so to give HALAM the best chance of being included we encourage you all to respond if you're interested.

You can tell the council that you would be interested in the service on their website:

www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Or by calling 01636 655 600

As an extra incentive to respond one lucky householder will win £100 worth of garden centre vouchers!

This is a survey to gauge potential demand and does not constitute a formal agreement to provide or purchase any resulting service.

This competition is not open to any employees of Newark and Sherwood District Council or their immediate family. No cash alternative will be offered. The deadline for forms and competition entries to be returned is 12pm, July 31 2010. For full terms and conditions visit our website

The information you provide will only be used for this exercise and will not be shared with any third parties. For more information about how your information will be used and your rights under the Data Protection Act 1998 please contact Matt Adey on the number above.

HALAM VILLAGE HALL UPDATE - TWO PHASES:

Phase 1 - Using money previously held by the Parish Council (reserves from the income generated by Halam School Kids Club as well as previous village fund raising events) the outside of the hall was painted, the main entrance was changed and a new path for disabled access was created. Additionally the original entrance changed to a fire exit and a new store area created.

Phase 2 - Following the successful application to the Big Lottery (October 2009), the Parish Council received £9000 specifically aimed at refurbishing and maintaining the village hall. Only money from this grant has been used on this phase of the project. The toilet area was altered to create a joint disabled toilet and ladies toilet, the kitchen and committee room were reorganised to create a new larger kitchen (fully refurbished) and a smaller store area created. The original corridor was widened to meet the needs of wheel chair based visitors which resulted in new walls and ceilings being created. Due to the kind donation of paint by Dulux Decorating Centre, Nottingham all of the affected areas have had a new lick of paint. Part of the main hall has been freshened up as well.

Apart from the main building work the rest of the work undertaken has been through the generosity of members of our village who have kindly donated their time and skills to help get the work to this stage - **thanks to the following members of our community:**

- Painters – **The Fraser Family, 3 x Thompsons, Don Reid, Richard Holmes**
- Initial kitchen design - **Sarah Godfrey**
- Installing the kitchen - **Richard Holmes**
- Plumbing work - **Andrew Godfrey**

To finish this phase of the refurbishment we have to arrange for the installation of three new storage heaters into the main hall and the electrical connections in the kitchen. There is still more painting to be completed and I am always looking for volunteers to help with the odd door painting or woodwork (the bits I don't like doing!!).

In addition to those who have given their time and skills, the following people need to be recognised:

- **Andrew & Sarah Godfrey** of School Lane for hosting a Bonfire Party in 2008 and raising over £750 towards the Village Hall Refurbishment project. Their efforts and all those who attended resulted in the purchase of a new cooker and dishwasher for the new kitchen. Additional thanks to those that helped making food before, serving on stalls etc. **Cath Holland** and **Julia Fernandez** for serving behind the 'Busty Wench Bar'. **Simon Parker** and family who helped to clear the field of rubbish afterwards. 'It was a real village effort'
- A kind benefactor for the donation of the Extractor Hood for the kitchen
- **Frank Key**, Nottingham – who have generously helped with finalising the design, negotiating discount prices for the sink and taps and finally providing the kitchen for a good price.

What next.....

There will be a special event on Sunday 18th July to celebrate the formal re-opening of Halam Village Hall. Further information to follow, but book this date in your diaries!!

Marina Thompson 814026



The new village hall kitchen is taking shape!

OPEN GARDENS - SUNDAY JUNE 13TH 2010, 1PM - 5PM

We would love to see more village people supporting our local Open Gardens event - even if you're not a gardener, why not bring along a friend or relative who may enjoy the event? As always, volunteers to help on the day are welcome, especially with teas and donations of tarts, sponges and cakes would be appreciated (for the sale of produce and provision of teas) as well as books for the second hand book stall (please deliver to Ashdene). **Paul Oakley & David Herbert**



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Congratulations to
Richard and Tracey
Holmes who will
celebrate their
silver wedding in June
- they haven't
changed much!!!

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Church Study Group on Tuesday 29th June at 7:30pm at The Scypen, Radley Road. All Welcome. Tony Andrews 815584

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES - 13TH MAY 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Andrew Paris & Marina Thompson **Apologies:** Di Parrish

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman:

Simon Bust was elected Chairman, with Andrew Fraser as Vice-Chairman, voting was unanimous

Election of Other Officers:

The following officers were elected unanimously:-

Christmas Charities – ARP/SB Press Officer – ARP Transport – GH NALC representatives – MT/DP

Snow/flood warden – SB Flag officer – SB Crime reduction – ARP Internal auditor – Mrs Janet Simmons Financial officer – Mandy Rickett

Matters Arising:

From County Councillor Andy Stewart: 1) Parish will be getting a new bench to replace the one at the end of Holme Lane, 2) Water at the top of Radley Road – drainage “grips” are to be dug, 3) Blocked drainage along the Turnpike is to be investigated, and 4) Gulley cleaning will be carried out as soon as possible.

Other matters: The owners of the Waggon & Horses had been upset by the remarks made at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was unanimously agreed that it should be made publicly known that the views expressed were those of an individual parish councillor and not the opinion of the parish council generally. To be published in Halam News.

Village Hall: New kitchen is now installed, with new flooring. Much of the hall has been freshly painted. A big effort was made to make the hall presentable for this month's use as a polling station. Aiming to have a “big re-launch” of the improved hall in the middle of July (probably 18th). Marina Thompson will prepare a list of future fund-raising events for presentation at the next parish council meeting. It was unanimously agreed to donate the organ from the village to hall to a “worthy cause”.

Best Kept Village Competition: Halam has now been entered

Bus shelter: W.I. notice board door is to be repaired

Open Garden: Planned for 13th June. 8 – 10 gardens will be open – volunteers are needed to help with the running of the day. Please contact David Herbert.

Open Meeting: Nothing to report this month

Correspondence:

1) NCC Local Improvement Scheme Initiative – to be held on 15th June at Newark Showground – MT/GH to attend 2) N&SDC Local Development Framework – ARP to report back 3) N&SDC Dog Control Orders – passed to ARP for feedback 4) Organic Garden Waste Kerbside Collection – passed to Andrew Paris

Planning:

1. Hill Farm Barn, Halam Hill: single storey extension to rear – supported unanimously: comment added on return to N&SDC asking if any improvement could be made under planning gain requirements to improve the sight-lines up Halam Hill when emerging from School Lane.

2. Ashcroft House, Gray Lane: proposed wildlife pond on land adjacent to Ashcroft House – supported unanimously.

Planning Decisions:

Hill Farm, School Lane: conversion of barn to form dwelling with replacement garage/garden store – refused by District Council. The applicant is very unhappy with the decision and has contacted the parish Council Chairman. Agreed unanimously to send her the extract of the minute dealing with the parish council's discussion of the application.

Finance: Unanimously agreed to pay the premium for the coming year's insurance

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th June 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall