

HALAM NEWS

JULY 2012



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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JULY 2012 SERVICES



July 1st 08:00 Holy Communion
09:30 Morning Worship - Animal/Pet Blessing Service
July 8th 18:00 Evensong
July 15th 11:00 Sung Eucharist
July 22nd 09:30 Family Communion "Olympics Special"
July 29th 09:30 Joint Holy Communion @ Edingley

Rev D McCoulough
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Canon John Toy

Congratulations to **Anne Godfrey** who has been selected to train for Reader Ministry in the Church of England. She will be helping in both parishes leading worship, preaching, pastoral visiting, and in due course helping with funerals.

Pastoral Care Team - St Michael's PCC and St Giles Edingley PCC have agreed to set up a Pastoral Care Team for both parishes. Because I am very part time as Priest in Charge I am conscious that pastoral care could be improved. I hope this mainly lay team will assist me and make a real difference. More information in a future edition.

David McCoulough Priest in Charge

Lancaster Bomber Flypast



Meet at the Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial
Saturday 7th July - approx. 2.30pm to 2.45pm
(weather permitting)

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be held on
Tuesday 3rd July at 7.30pm at Carole Layfields house (Farnsfield). The August meeting will be Tuesday 7th. All Welcome

Glenys Herbert



HALAM SCHOOL SPORTSDAY



The School Sportsday & Summer Fair will take place on Wednesday
18th July from 1:30pm onwards

HALAM OPEN GARDENS

A very big thank you to all those who opened their gardens, served refreshments, manned stalls or generally contributed to the 2012 Open Gardens event. Also thank you to those from the village who came and supported the event on what turned out to be a fine and pleasant day. Your time and generosity resulted in us raising £1063 for the Village Hall and St. Michael's Church.

Paul Oakley

DENISE TEMPORAL (NÉE HOGGARD)

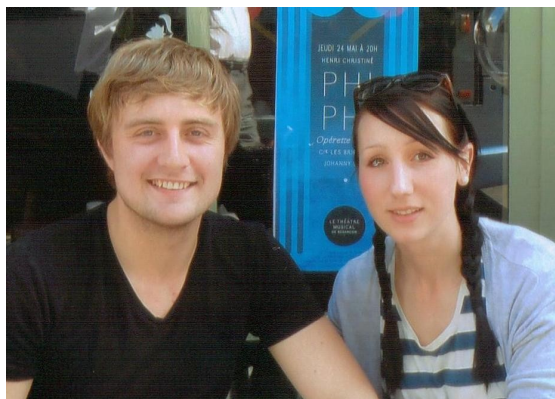
In 1995 my sister-in-law passed away from an aggressive form of Breast Cancer.

Denise was popular and well known in Halam, being especially devoted to its church and school.

On the 22nd of July several of us will be joining her daughter Elizabeth, taking part in the Cancer Research **Race for Life**. We would be grateful for any donations however small so that we can raise as much as possible in Denise's memory.

Thank you in advance!

Liz Hoggard 01636 815353



Congratulations go to Tom Sharman and Natalie Rich who were recently engaged. They have moved into Grange Farm Cottage.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Happy 18th birthday (July) to Hannah Copeland of Radley Rd.
- Happy 60th birthday (June) to Anne Godfrey of Manor Fields

HELP NEEDED

Victoria Starkey is looking for an enthusiastic young person to help maintain her potted plants over the summer period. Payment is offered. Drop round to see Victoria at Hill Farm House if you are interested in helping out!

JULY ACTIVITIES AT THE WAGGON & HORSES

Wimbledon fortnight will be shown on the TV in the bar, with pitchers of Pimms and Strawberries & Cream available.

The next **Music Night** will be on **Saturday 21st July**.

Come along for a **Games Night** on **Friday 27th July** from 9pm plus watch the Olympics Opening ceremony!

Don't forget that Wednesday night is Curry Night now with a choice of 6 curries!! £8.50 gets you a curry and a drink!



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HALAM'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Halam celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style, despite the weather not being as kind as it could have been!. From the very well attended Jubilee Church Service, through the Big Lunch at the Waggon, the Village Tea, the Jubilee Treasure Hunt and Royal Quiz, the Jubilee Scarecrow competition and the lighting of the Halam Jubilee Beacon, there was something for everyone, and it was heartening to see so many villagers involved.

THE VILLAGE JUBILEE TEA

More than 100 residents attended the Halam Village Jubilee Tea held in the Village Hall, which saw Edith Brown unveil the magnificent Jubilee Patchwork and the handing out of commemorative mugs by Eleanor Bust. The patchwork is the result of a huge village effort, but special thanks go to Olive Sharman, Marina Thompson, Glenys Herbert and Carolyn Todd for driving it to completion. A frame has been commissioned and the patchwork will be on display in the Village Hall.



JUBILEE COMPETITION WINNERS

The Jubilee Treasure Hunt : The Subramanian Family
The Royal Jubilee Quiz : A 3 - way tie between : The Frasers, The Davis's & and the Spencer-Paris's

THE HALAM JUBILEE BEACON

Thanks to Alf, Jim & Vic Shaw for building and lighting the Jubilee Beacon - a fitting end to a great celebration weekend!

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 References available

THE JUBILEE SCARECROW COMPETITION

There were 24 superb entries into the Diamond Jubilee "Royal" Scarecrow competition, demonstrating what a wonderfully creative village we have! The winners and highly commended scarecrows are shown below (along with the names of their creators). They were voted for by the people who participated in the Treasure Hunt over the Jubilee Weekend. Congratulations though, have to go to everyone who took part - it was a magnificent effort! It is hoped in future that there will be some sort of annual competition (not always scarecrows!) for everyone to have some fun with.

Linda Croston

1st - Sue Hardstaff & Lottie Guy



2nd - Victoria Starkey



3rd - Julie & Andrew Paris



HIGHLY COMMENDED



Mary Glazebrook



Pupils & Staff at Halam School



Carolyn Todd



Malcolm & Jo Willcox

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH JUNE 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Village Hall: problems with ants – everyone who rents the hall is to be reminded to sweep up any crumbs etc at the end of the letting. Resolved to have the hall sprayed for ants. A “Rent this Hall” sign is to be put outside the hall to advertise its availability

Queen’s Jubilee: County Cllr Stewart has offered to pay for the frame for the new village patchwork quilt. Many congratulations to everyone involved in making the quilt, and a big thank you to all who helped to make the village’s Jubilee weekend so enjoyable. G Herbert & S Godfrey to arrange giving “Halam Jubilee mugs” to the rest of the children in the village

Trees: the over-hanging trees on School Lane have been attended to

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

Drains: renewal of the drains along the Turnpike has been put into the County Council’s Highway budget for this (financial) year – work will be completed before April 2013

Halam Housing Needs Survey: Detailed discussion at next month’s meeting. There will then be a public open meeting with the survey organisers present. Copies available from the clerk, and on the www.halam.org.uk website

Open Meeting: Matters discussed: 1) water at the top of Radley Road (Oxton Road end) – Cllr Stewart is progressing this; 2) grit bin – new stock due October, ours will be delivered then; 3) Weeds along roadside/pavements – please report any problems to County Council Highways 4) Open Gardens – raised £530 for village funds. Many thanks to Paul Oakley and everyone involved in the Open Gardens day. Suggested that money be put towards a fridge /wine cooler – Village Hall Cttee to consider. 5) Faulty heater switch in village hall – to be attended to; 6) obstructions (rocks) on Back Lane – clerk to talk to Highways

Correspondence: 1) Early Day Motion on planning appeals – letter from MP Mark Spencer 2) Lengthsman Scheme – parish asked to take on District/County Council jobs & responsibilities: no action to be taken at present 3) street light switch off – our consultation is under consideration. Should have a (positive) response shortly

Planning Decisions: The District Council reported the following decisions: 1) The Paddock, Gray Lane: householder application to extend existing 2.1m high front boundary to south-east boundary – passed 2) Denlloit, Radley Road: erection of new dwelling – passed 3) Maythorne House, 5 Manor Fields: householder application to replace windows and doors – passed 4) Halam House, Radley Road: householder to remove single-storey side extension and erect two-storey side extension – passed 5) Fairfield House: householder application to construct single storey side extension and form first floor balcony – refused

Date of Next Meeting: 12 July 2012 at 7.30pm in the village hall

ANN GIBBS

A number of Halam people will remember Ann when she lived in the terrace in Radley Road with her husband Peter. Many will remember her gentle smile and her eagerness to help and her support in all sorts of ways. She moved to Halam in 1976 and lived here until Peter’s death in 1996, at which time she moved to Southwell. That, in brief, is her connection with Halam but this was only part of a rich and rewarding life in which she devoted her self in service to others.

She was born in 1926 Nutfield in Surrey and trained as a physiotherapist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham in 1946. She immersed herself in the rehabilitation of physically disabled people, a vocation that she loved. By 1953 she felt the call of a spiritual life and entered a convent at Haywards Heath as a Canoness Regular at St Augustines Congregation of Windesheim. There she was known as Sister Mary Paul.

In 1972 she was granted a dispensation to leave convent life and she travelled to the Far East as a physiotherapist. On returning to England she met her husband Peter in London. They married in 1975, coming to Halam in 1976. On moving to Southwell in 1995 her horizons widened and, in addition to joining the guild of stewards at the Minster, she travelled within Europe and Russia on charitable missions. She was also a frequent visitor to city of Bruges where her former order of nuns had a convent. After about 10 years she retook her vows and spent the twilight of her years in Southwell, leading a life of prayer, a life of support for others, and as a companion to so many lonely aging folk within the town.

She made little of her own protracted illness and gave real joy and happiness through her kindness, friendship and her smile

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD - JULY 2012

What a Jubilee celebration! Plenty to remember and a commemorative mug given to every child in the village. Yes we all have things that remind us of past events - national, international and of family events such as birthdays, weddings and departed friends. These can be called customary memories such as are the gravestones in the churchyard - even these bring a smile to my face as I am cutting the grass in the churchyard and I remember the person whose name is engraved in that place.

However more important are those memories that come to the door of our memory unannounced, such as stray dogs that amble in, wag their tails, sniff around a bit and sometimes never leave - our lives are enriched and measured by these unexpected memories. The trigger of such memories is often some simple thing such as a snatch of song, a sudden transient smell, a taste, a sound of rain on a tin roof - there are so many triggers which is not surprising as a memory is a photograph taken by the heart to make a special moment last forever.

A tulip tree planted in the church yard some years ago has this last week born its first flower - this has detonated softly a loving memory that we might have roses in December. As the author of the prophet Kahlil Gibran says: 'Yesterday is but today’s memory and tomorrow is today’s dream.'

Or as Dean Martin sang in 'Memories are made of this':
'Don't forget a small moonbeam, fold in lightly with a dream
Yours lips and mine, Two sips of wine
Memories are made of this'

David Herbert

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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AUGUST 2012 SERVICES



Aug 5th 08:00 Holy Communion
Aug 12th 09:30 Joint Service @ Edingley
Aug 19th 09:30 Holy Communion
Aug 26th 11:00 Sung Eucharist

Rev D Keene
Canon R Turner
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Halam has made it to the second round of the Best Kept Village Competition - how about weeding the footpath/kerb outside your property? Halam Hill and Radley Road are in need of particular attention! Thanks in advance!

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



The August meeting is Tuesday 7th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. *The Sept meeting will be on Tuesday 4th.*

Glenys Herbert

SCARECROWS

Due to popular demand, photo's of all of the Royal Scarecrows will be displayed on village notice boards

BILL MILNER

Bill was Nottinghamshire man born and bred. He was born and raised in Kirklington where his father was the local blacksmith. He went to Kirklington School and trained as a joiner. His happiness was made complete when he met Elsie his future wife at a farm in Blidworth where she used to go regularly for a holiday from her home in Bishop Middleham in County Durham. They got married at the Parish Church at Bishop Middleham and 55 years ago he and his bride moved into Radley Terrace, and their son Kevin was born in 1959

Bill worked as a joiner in the construction of many local power stations providing shuttering for concrete construction and it was this work that took the family to East Ham in Greater London for 4 and a half years. They kept on their house in Halam however and returned to it in 1970. For the next 20 years or so Bill worked at the Rehabilitation centre in Rainworth

This then is the bare bones of a life devoted to his family but he was much bigger a man than this brief outline can indicate. He was quiet, thorough and meticulous with a great love of sport especially Horse racing and golf. He had an encyclopaedic knowledge of these sports going back over many years. He was always busy serving his immediate neighbours with many practical acts of kindness but all done in an understated way. He was a tireless servant of the church both in Halam and in Kirklington, and in both these church communities he was a tower of strength. He helped in the church yard – especially nurturing plants recently planted and encouraging those who helped look after the church yard by constantly stating how wonderful everything looked!

Bill will always live in the hearts and minds of many of us in Halam as being a good man - what better accolade could there be?

A gentle friend, a willing host,
Affection deeply planted,
It's strange that those we miss the most,
Are those we take for granted

(John Betjeman)

David Herbert



Victoria Starkey in patriotic mood while waiting to cheer on the Olympic torch relay in Newark

Elsie and Kevin Milner would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness at this sad time, also Rev David McCoulough for his blessings and prayers and a lovely service. Thanks as well to the staff at "Waggon and Horses" for hosting a reception after the funeral. It was nice to see so many people come to say farewell to Bill.

Halam School PTA Auction of Promises will be on Saturday 13th October. All Welcome!

CYCLING SUCCESS FOR HALAM SCHOOL DADS!

After several attempts at training, the Halam Dads set off on their bikes not knowing if they would all make the journey to Skegness. At least they looked the part in their matching t-shirts, even if some of them felt a bit rough from the night before!

It's about 75 miles to the seaside town. Not a journey to be taken lightly but the aim was to raise as much money as possible for new playground equipment at Halam C of E Primary.

Fortunately, there are plenty of cafes along the scenic route, of which the intrepid cyclists made full use. Three punctures tested their repair skills and although there were a few showers, the weather was kind to them.



At about 3:30pm, the weary dads finally reached their destination, the RNLI building at Skegness. There they were greeted by the town's mascot, Jolly the Fisherman, and their families.

It was a superb effort! At last count, they'd raised well over £2,000. If you would like to support the dads, there's still time. Call Sara on 07883 082053



This wonderful photo by Declan Joyce captures the moment on Saturday 7th July when the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster flew over the Halam Bomber Memorial to pay tribute to the seven airmen who died in Halam in 1943. We were treated to three low-level passes of the Lancaster and a parting wave from the pilot. It was a thrilling sight and a wonderful mark of respect for the crew.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 12TH JULY 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Village Hall: the money raised by Open Gardens is still to be allocated – Village Hall Committee to put forward proposal(s) at next meeting. Unanimously agreed to spend up to £50 for two signs advertising the village hall for hire

Potholes: some have been filled in, but others still need attention. Further work has been delayed by other urgent work needed due to flooding

Drains: work will be undertaken in due course

Halam Housing Needs Survey: the organisers of the survey will be invited to the September or October parish council meeting, which will be an open meeting for the village. **The survey is now posted on the www.halam.org.uk website**

Localism Act 2011: New Standards & Conduct Arrangements for Members: Andrew Paris reported that the standards & code of conduct for parish councils has been updated. A model code has been issued by the District Council, but it was agreed to wait for the recommendations from NALC

Open Meeting: Matters discussed: 1) water at the top of Radley Road (Oxton Road end) – Cllr Andy Stewart is progressing this with Highways; 2) grit bin – currently out of stock. New stock due October, ours will be delivered then; 3) street light switch off – our consultation is under consideration. Should have a (positive) response shortly; 4) obstructions (rocks) on Back Lane – clerk to talk to Highways 5) concerns about the parking at St Michael's Close now that the driveway to Field Cottage has been reinstated.

Pilot Lengthsman Scheme: no action to be taken at this stage

Correspondence: Best Kept Village competition – Halam is now through to the second round. **Further efforts to keep the village neat and tidy would be appreciated!**

Planning: The Waggon & Horses, The Turnpike: 5 x illuminated, and 6x non-illuminated signs – unanimously agreed to support the application with the comment that the District Council should ensure that the final signage is in keeping with the listed building

Finance: Agreed to pay the Neighbourhood Watch subscription

Date of Next Meeting: 9th August 2012 at **8.00pm** in the village hall – **PLEASE NOTE START TIME**

MUPPETS & "EXOTIC HOTEL" NIGHT AT THE 'FLICKS'

Oxton Projection House returns on Saturday 1 Sept. The first film is The Muppets which was only released late last year. With the help of three fans the Muppets reunite to save their theatre from being redeveloped. The second film is The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12A), a highly-acclaimed comedy drama starring Maggie Smith, Judi Dench and Bill Nighy amongst others. Released only last year, it tells the story of a group of retirees who journey to a newly refurbished hotel in India, which doesn't live up to its advertisements. However the guests are eventually won over by its charm.

As an added inducement to enter into the spirit of things we are inviting the children to bring their Muppets with them and we will be selling curry, Naan bread and Indian beer in addition to the usual popcorn, snacks and drinks.

Doors open at 3.30 pm and the first film will be shown at 4.00pm. Doors open at 6.30pm for the second film which is shown at 7.30pm.

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD - AUGUST 2012

This has been a lovely summer for me as I love rain. My fondest memories are of going onto the beach at Porthcawl with my yacht under my arm, dressed in short trousers and school cap, (I always wore this in case I happened upon a funeral - then I could take it off!) all in the fine drizzling rain which is a speciality of that corner of God's own land. So you see, wet warm days make me nostalgic. This summer, however, has not fulfilled all my dreams as the rain has not been drizzle but very heavy downpours - South Wales valley rain - not Porthcawl rain.

I love rainy days now because the streets are not full of little pink men in T shirts and wearing flip flops; the women are not in shoulderless dresses with white strap marks on scalded crimson skin, and there are no idiots in convertibles wearing sunglasses listening to hip-hop loudly in traffic jams while bopping their head and looking round to see who is checking them out. Furthermore there is no greater pleasure than operating the smooth mechanism of a well constructed umbrella.

Yes I know that we gardeners have to work a bit harder with grass cutting, but there is no point weeding as the plants and weeds grow so fast and lush that no one will recognise weeds for what they are, but assume that they are part of a well-ordered herbaceous border. So called 'dreadful' summers are not dreadful at all but can be a huge source of inspiration - in 1816 there was a 'dreadful' summer because of the volcanic eruption of Tambora in East Indies. It rained almost every day; crops rotted in fields, food riots broke out and in Ireland there was a further rotting of potato crop and widespread famine. Byron went to Italy to escape the weather but without success - a member of his house party was Mary Shelley, and when Byron, one wet day, suggested that for amusement they write ghost stories Mary Shelley wrote 'Frankenstein'. It was published 2 years later. Byron's personal physician wrote 'Vampyre' which was the inspiration for Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' and Byron himself wrote a poem 'Darkness' which was about the extinction of the sun.

Such weather had unexpected benefits- the soaring price of oats in Germany led to a shortage of horse feed and the invention of the 'Draisine' of Karl Drais - this was a forerunner of the bicycle and was demonstrated the following summer in June 1817 when the sun was shining again. Ella Fitzgerald is well known for her Blues song: 'Into each life some rain must fall'.

But remember you don't get rainbows if you don't have rain. We see this in Turner's painting of that year 1816 when the overwhelming rains, which heightened the freshness of colour and the scattering of the sun's rays by the volcanic dust caused vivid rainy sunsets and dawns, paintings of great splendour and a milestone in development of Modern Art.

David Herbert



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Following success at "A" level:

- **Hannah Copeland** will be going up to Cambridge to study Economics
 - **Alice Fraser** will attend Birmingham City University to study Nursing
 - **Cy Holmes** will study Geography at Northampton University
- We wish them all well!**

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SEPTEMBER 2012 SERVICES



Sept 2nd 08:00 Holy Communion
11:00 Holy Baptism - Hector Marchant

Rev D McCoulough

Sept 9th 18:00 Evensong

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Sept 16th 09:30 Family Communion

Rev D McCoulough

Sept 23rd 11:00 Sung Eucharist

Rev D McCoulough

Sept 30th 09:30 Communal Patronal Festival & Gift Sunday

Rev D McCoulough

Pastoral Care Team

On 7th October at the 9.30 a.m. Service the new Pastoral Care Team will be commissioned. As most of you know I am only allocated 20% of my time to be the Parish Priest for the Benefice of Edingley and Halam. Many of you I know are good neighbours to one another and this is a great gift to the church and the parish. However I am not able to visit as much as I would like. I am delighted that Anne Godfrey feels called to this ministry and as part of her Reader Training she will co-ordinate the team under my oversight. If somebody is ill, lonely, stressed, new to the village, celebrating the birth of a baby, bereaved or housebound, then it may be appropriate for a member of the pastoral care team to call. The team to be commissioned will be Anne Godfrey, Russell Perry, Barbara Tittensor and Ann Nunn. Please contact Anne in the first instance hagodfrey@btinternet.com

David McCoulough Priest-in-Charge



Halam Primary School is having another Bag2School collection. Please take this opportunity to sort out your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – including clothes, shoes, hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows)

We will receive **£500 per tonne** which will be a great boost for our fundraising.

Please put items in black bin liners and bring to the front of school on Tuesday 18th September by 9am. Unfortunately we cannot take bags before then due to lack of storage. Many thanks for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



The September meeting is Tuesday 4th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. *The Oct meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd.*

Glenys Herbert

Congratulations to Ben & Gillian Pykett on the birth of daughter Izabelle Jayne on the 19th August 2012. Maureen Pykett of Back Lane is a very proud Grandma!

£64 was raised in the recent collection for Marie Curie. Thanks to all who contributed. T Denyer.

There is to be a **work party in church yard on Saturday 22nd of September - starting at 10 am** You are all welcome to come and give a hand! There is much cutting back to be done - hedge trimming, path maintenance, general weeding etc. Please bring a stout pair of gloves, garden fork, secateurs and if possible a wheelbarrow There will be coffee, beer, rolls, biscuits and cake

David Herbert



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12's from: Marina Thompson,

Glenys Herbert, Sarah Godfrey or Margaret McCracken

FESTIVAL OF BIRD ART

If you admire craftsmanship of the highest order and would like to treat yourself, make a note not to miss the annual Festival of Bird Art at Bakewell on September 8th and 9th 2013. This event, run by the British Decoy and Wildfowl Carvers Association (BDWCA) hosts the British Championships for 2012 as well as the Association's own annual competitions.

You will see a breathtaking selection of birds of every type imaginable standing on the display tables. The event, in the Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, is open 11 - 5 on 8th September and 10 - 4 on 9th. Admission is £2, Senior Citizens £1 and under 16s free

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9TH AUGUST 2012 AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present. S Bust, J Simmonds, S Godfrey, G Herbert, D Herbert, and C Bevans,

Apologies. Andrew Paris and Councillor Stewart

Village Hall. The harvest supper will be held in the village hall on Saturday 6th October. The tickets will be £7.50 each including supper and £5 for under 12's (available from Glenys, Marina, Margaret or Sarah). It has been suggested that we buy a fridge for the kitchen. Marina Thompson is to look into any health and safety implications of providing one for hall users. The committee is to look into the cost of buying two more tables.

Drains. The problems at the Turnpike are an ongoing issue that will not be resolved until March 2013.

Open Meeting:

1) The footpath along Cutlersforth to Machins Farm is a cause for concern. The parish clerk is to contact the footpath office.

2) There are several bags of rubbish that have been dumped on Mill Lane. The clerk is to report it to Newark and Sherwood fly tipping hot line.

3) It has been reported that hedge trimmings have been left on the road to Southwell. Villagers should note that it is the responsibility of the land owner to clear up after hedge cutting.

4) Yet again there have been complaints about the poor visibility when proceeding out of School Lane on to the Turnpike. The parish council have raised this with the Highways Department in the past. It may help move things along if villagers could make complaints to Nottingham Highways Department in person.

5) It has been reported that there are cars parked and youths gathering around the borrowers' tree and the war memorial. Andrew Paris is to be asked to report this to the beat officer in the hope that these areas will be included on their route.

Halham Housing Needs Survey. Miles King the Trent Valley Partnership project officer from the Midlands Rural Housing Trust is to come and speak at an open meeting at **7pm on 13th September**. Miles carried out the survey. Hopefully as many people as possible will attend this meeting to enable an informed decision to be made, whether or not to take this matter further.

There is no point in village residents complaining that they are unhappy with any future outcome if they do not come to this meeting!

Localism Act 2011: New Standards and Conduct Arrangements for Members. Andrew Paris is to look at the new NALC guidelines. It was agreed not to send any of the parish council for training.

Best Kept Village Competition. We came second!!! Many thanks to everyone in the village who made such a great effort. A certificate and a cheque for £50 will be presented to us in November.

Lengthsman Scheme. This is still in the consulting stage.

Planning. Greenacres, Radley Road - An application has been made for a single storey side extension joining up with the existing garage. It was a unanimous decision to support the application.

Finance. The accounts were approved by the council

Next Meeting. Will be on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm.

Miles King will be speaking at an open meeting about the housing needs survey at 7.00pm

If anyone wishes to have an item added to the Parish Council agenda, please make sure it is submitted in writing to the Clerk, at least 5 days in advance of the meetings as items raised during the open meeting technically should not be acted on.

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD - SEPT 2012

Well that was a great show - the 30th Olympiad - it was a wonderful spectacle and I could not but be impressed by the gracious demeanour of both victor and vanquished. There was an overwhelming feeling of well being and it helped all of us to forget Euro Crisis, Libor fixing scandals etc.

There were very few contestants who were prevented from competing in the games because of "Positive drug Test" and only one who had her medal confiscated. Chemical enhancement of performance is not new - The word assassin comes from the word "Hasish" which was used to inspire fanatical devotion in warriors promoting Islam. The Royal Navy had to find new inspiration after being chased away from the North Sea by the Dutch, and they found their "Dutch Courage" by liberal doses of grog (rum). The Royal Navy has dropped this tradition now but the quest for performance enhancing substances is as great now as it has always been. Culpeppers herbal of the 18th century listed some 43 plants that could offer relaxation coupled with enhanced performance and tonic properties- yes and many of them can be found in the church yard- why do you think I spend many hours there each month? One such herb is Herb Bennet - "The blessed Herb"- herba benedicta- which is reputed to have miraculous properties. Most of these plants are made into infusions which can then be drunk or rubbed in. Nettles, docks, elderflower, hearts ease and bugle are listed as plants when suitably prepared "can make the heart merry, drive away melancholy and quicken the spirit" Today nothing changes- men are succumbing to email promises of improved performance by drugs - and women are enticed by "A youth activating concentrate" in Good Housekeeping magazine!

Pity the poor athlete who is not supposed to use performance enhancing substances - but three cheers for we old folks who need to pour out a strong cup of coffee in order to clear the mind so as to remember that the wife is waiting at home, and the evening meal has been waiting over long. Then in such a fix the only solution is to enhance ones boldness with a glass of Scotch!!

David Herbert

HALAM NEWS

OCT 2012



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THANKS

- From the Hoggard family to all who supported them on them on the Cancer Research UK "Run for Life". They raised over £900 in memory of Denise and were really touched by everyone's generosity and the memories they shared.
- To all those who helped out in the Churchyard on Sat 22nd Sept

CATS

- A tabby and white male cat with a distinctive short stubby tail is missing. If anyone sees him, please contact Chris or Katie on 815576
- A black and white cat was found dead at the Pumping Station and has been buried

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Welcome to Halam to Elizabeth Berry who has moved in the "The Croft", Radley Road and to Paul & Sheila Ackroyd who have moved in to Radley Terrace
- Good luck to Beatrix Perks who has started an internship with Accenture in London

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The October meeting is Tuesday 2nd at 7:30pm in the Village Hall where the theme will be "every picture tells a story" - speaker David Darby. Competition is for a miniature Picture. *The Nov meeting will be on Tuesday 6th* **Glenys Herbert**



HARVEST SUPPER

6th October in the Village Hall

Tickets £7.50 for adults and £5 for under 12's from: Glenys Herbert, Sarah Godfrey Marina Thompson or Margaret McCracken



THE HALAM CRAFT CLUB

Following on from the success of the Halam



Diamond Jubilee Patchwork, we have decided to form a **Halam Craft Club**, initially focussed on sewing, knitting and needlework.

The first meeting will take place on **Wednesday 3rd October from 1:30 to 2:30** in the Village Hall. Come and join Marina and Glenys for a bit of a natter whilst honing your needlecraft skills! If you're interested but can't make that time then please call Glenys on 812335 or Marina on 814026.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL OCTOBER 2012 SERVICES



Oct 6th	13:00 Holy Matrimony - Alistair & Claire	
Oct 7th	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30 Morning Worship/Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev D McCoulough
	Commissioning of Pastoral Care team	
	11:00 Holy Baptism	Rev D McCoulough
Oct 14th	18:00 Evenson	Anne Godfrey & Rev D McCoulough
Oct 21st	09:30 Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Oct 28th	11:00 Sung Eucharist	Anne Godfrey & Rev D McCoulough
Nov 4th	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30 Morning Worship/Grandparents Sunday	Rev D McCoulough
All Harvest gifts will be donated to the work of Framework		

AUCTION OF PROMISES AT HALAM SCHOOL

Saturday 13th October

This will be a spectacular evening auction of products and services kindly donated to raise the final funds needed to acquire fabulous new Playdale equipment for the children.

Doors open at 6.30pm for the lots to be previewed and the auction will commence at 7:30pm.

The auction lots include:

MOT & Air Con service	Signed Football Shirts
6 bottles of wine	A man with a van
A days carpentry	A Cottage for a weekend
Notts Forest tickets	Norwood Golf for 4
Meal for 2 at the Waggon	Babysitting
Ingredients for a Sunday lunch	Gossips Cream Tea
Majorca Villa for a week	Divine Body Voucher
Phil Vickery signed photo	Ranulph Fiennes signed book
Wheelgate Park passes	Family haircut
£200 of Goods & Services from Palings Soft Furnishings	

Tickets cost £5 to include a light supper and drink.

To donate auction lots of reserve tickets call Kelly Sheard on 07523 006 749 or email kellysheard@live.co.uk



Junior members of the Halam Church Choir enjoying a summer trip to Newland Farm Ice Cream Parlour

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13TH SEPTEMBER @ 19:30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Halham Housing Needs Survey: Mr King from Midlands Rural Housing addressed the meeting regarding the survey completed in February/March, and the report from April 2012. There was a general discussion including comments from the members of the public present. Since the scheme seems to have little support in the village, and given the negative comments received from parishioners to date, the Parish Council unanimously agreed not to pursue the scheme any further at this stage

Village Hall: Bookings for the hall have increased slightly including; mothers & toddlers group, Young Farmers, and three party bookings. A "For Hire" sign is to be erected shortly.

Harvest Supper: 7pm on Saturday 6th October – tickets £7.50 each and £5.00 for under 12 year-olds

Rural Community Action: no action at this stage

Localism Act 2011: New Standards & Conduct Arrangements for Members: Andrew Paris is still waiting for the recommendations from NALC

Hedges & Roads: still ongoing

Open Meeting: Narrowing of Radley Road by the Pumping Station due to slipping of the bank – to be reported to County Cllr Andy Stewart

Correspondence: 1) Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – to be circulated to Parish Councillors

2) Superfast Broadband for Notts Campaign – **to join this campaign to increase broadband speeds in the county go online at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband or phone 08449 80 80 80. Paper survey forms can also be obtained by calling 0115 977**

2931. The county needs 5,000 votes of support to get a share of government funding to get a share of funding 3) N & SDC Localised Council Tax Support Scheme – survey to be filled in and returned 4) Citizen of the Year 2012 – "individuals to be recognised for their personal achievements or dedication to the community". Nominations may be made to the District Council (closing date 02/11/2012) 5) Winter Service – the Clerk is to confirm Simon Bust's role as Snow Warden to County Council and five bags of road salt will be delivered for Parish use

Planning Decision: Green Acres, Radley Road – application for extension approved by District Council

Finance: 1) Appointment of new Auditor – this is a formality regarding statutory external audit

2) Issue of cheque for "For Hire" signage

Date of Next Meeting: 11th October 2012 at 7.30 in the village hall

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD - OCTOBER 2012

What a fun day we all had in the churchyard on Saturday, the first of the autumn tidy up jobs giving the impression that we, the villagers, were in charge of a wild delinquent piece of natural England. What an illusion! The work party was made up of some 20 folk who all seemed desperate to pretend that they were all under the age of 40; at 11 O'clock we were all refreshed by a cup of tea and we were all ready to enjoy that and pretend that we were not suffering from stiffness and painful backs.

I for one really enjoyed the mug of tea dutifully served up by Maureen Andrews in a way that made the Japanese tea ceremony seem obsolete. It is amazing to think that the tea bag is over 100 years old. This invention came about by accident - an American tea merchant in New York sent out to traders samples of various teas in silk sachets rather than as loose tea. This penny-pinching act was misunderstood by his customers who failed to realise that they were supposed to cut open the sachet and empty its contents into a pot before brewing. The result of this miscalculation was an instant success with American tea drinkers – and the silk bag was quickly replaced with gauze and then in time with a heat-sealed paper fibre bag.

It took about 50 years for the idea to cross the Atlantic and when it arrived it was treated with suspicion - after all it was a foreign invention. In addition the tea bag was attached to a short string to allow easy removal but the string often fell into the pot and then - surprise surprise - many thought that the tea resulting had more flavour because of the string rather than that of the bag which contained not tea leaf, but tea dust from floor of the tea traders' warehouse. We Brits also objected to the practice of dunking the bag in lukewarm water rather than in boiling water.

In response to the 'dumbing down' of one of the world's greatest drinks (one on which the Empire was based), to a drink of a beige tannic concoction that neither refreshed or satisfied, many upper class establishments have returned to brewing leaf tea so that the best standards of tea drinking are adhered to. Need I say more than to stress that Maureen's tea served up in the churchyard was fantastic and welcome, and was the stimulus for this month's 'Tales from the Churchyard'.

David Herbert

REFLECTIONS ON THE POWER OF FLIGHT

72 years ago this summer the Battle of Britain was fought in summer skies over the 'Garden of England'. At first the battle in July 1940 involved our only fighter plane, the Spitfire, but by September of that year the Hurricane came into service, albeit in small numbers; and as we all know the sanctity of this Kingdom was preserved.

Recently I came across these lines of poetry written by Gray 150 years or so earlier in 1785, and I would like to share them with you:

'The time will come, when thou shalt lift thine eyes,
To watch a long drawn battle in the skies,
While aged peasants, too amazed for words,
Stare at the flying fleets of wond'rous birds,
England so long the mistress of the sea,
Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,
Her ancient triumph yet on high shall bear,
And reign, the sovereign of the conquered air.'

We have our own Bomber Memorial here in the village but we can still marvel at these prophetic lines written by Gray so many years ago.

David Herbert



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CRAFT ACTIVITIES

- **Wed 5th Dec 7:30** A fun evening in the Village Hall making **Xmas Bead Decorations** and **Snowflakes**. Please let Marina (814026) or Suzi (813913) know in advance if you will attend. Mulled wine will be served!

- **Sewing Club** will meet at **10am** in the Village Hall on **15th & 22nd Nov** (Weds)



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Happy 21st birthday to **Henry Perks** (Oct) and **Catherine Todd** (Nov)

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The November meeting is Tuesday 6th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. *The Dec meeting will be on Tuesday 4th*



Glenys Herbert

HALAM & EDINGLEY

PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 1st Dec

11am - 2pm

£2 entrance includes a drink, mince pie and golden raffle ticket!

Thanks to all who attended or contributed to the auction of promises. £6000+ was raised, a magnificent total!

WAGGON & HORSES EVENTS

Bonfire (6:30) Fireworks (7:30).

Sat 3rd Nov

Adults £5, Children £3,

Family (2 + 2) £15



Fri 9th : Charity Race Night from 8:30pm



Sat 17th : Live music with local artist **Garry Perkins & The Food Doctors**. 8pm



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME — GARDEN OPENINGS

Bev and Graeme Perks would like to thank all volunteers who've helped support all four NGS garden openings during 2012 (and prior to that), whether it be helping bake delicious cakes or refreshments, support in the kitchen and front of house, or on gate admission duty, car parking or plant sales. We have together raised £3,529 over the 4 open days and 6 smaller private openings. We have donated the refreshment monies of £850 to St Michael's Church as we've done for many years or shared the donation with The Burns Unit City Hospital; the remainder is raised for NGS which donates most incomes countrywide (about £2.2m p.a!) to nursing-based charities such as Marie Curie, Macmillan nurses, Hospice Care including Gardeners Benevolent Fund and part to the National Trust to fund x 3 horticultural trainees per year. Some of the income raised from plant sales is donated to the NGS also.

May we please thank all who have contributed to this magnificent accomplishment - without whom we could not conceive of such success. This has been our 10th year of voluntary opening for National Garden Scheme, which celebrated its 85th year in 2012. Within this village we have been fortunate to have had Ashdene and Holbeck Lodge also voluntarily contributing their time, skills and energy towards NGS for which, as Assistant County Organizer for Nottinghamshire, I am very grateful. Thank you one and all - of course, if anyone would like to become involved I would welcome their support! **Beverley Perks, The Old Vicarage**

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

NOVEMBER 2012 SERVICES



Nov 4th	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30 Morning Worship/Grandparents Sunday	Rev D McCoulough
Nov 11	10:55 Act of Remembrance & Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
Nov 18	09:30 Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Nov 25	18:00 Evensong	Ann Godfrey
Dec 2	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30 Morning Worship & St Nicholas Toy & Gift Service (donated to Family Care)	
Morning Prayer will be said in Church on Wednesdays at 9am starting 31st October. This is a short said service of about 15 mins. All are welcome.		
A big "Thank You" to all who helped decorate the Church for harvest, as always it looked magnificent! Gifts were given to Framework, in Newark		

'SHACKLETON'S DREAM': HALAM AUTHOR — STEPHEN HADDELEY

At 7.30pm on 11 November, Halam Church will be hosting a presentation by local author Stephen Haddelsey about his latest book: *Shackleton's Dream*, published earlier this year. The book explores the British Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition led by Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary, the conqueror of Everest. Stephen will be giving a slideshow and presentation at the British Science Museum in November and has generously agreed to give the same talk in Halam.

In November 1915 Sir Ernest Shackleton's dream of being the first man to cross Antarctica was shattered when his ship *Endurance* was destroyed by ice; Shackleton would not live to make a second attempt - but his dream lived on. Forty years after the loss of the *Endurance*, Fuchs and Hillary set out to succeed where Shackleton had so heroically failed. Their perilous 2000 mile journey was undertaken across the most demanding landscape on the face of the planet, where temperatures can plunge to a staggering -129°F and dense clouds of drift snow blind and disorientate. This book tells the story of that journey.

Stephen has a growing reputation as a fine writer specializing in polar exploration. Sir Ranulph Fiennes describes *Shackleton's Dream* as: "Extraordinary. A story that proves that courage, determination, danger and disaster remain as much a part of Antarctic exploration in the Modern Age as in the Heroic Era". The evening certainly promises to be truly fascinating and informative.

Tickets for the presentation cost £5 and include a drink at the end of the evening and an opportunity to meet the author, who will also be signing copies of his book. Tickets are available from Karin Lindley: Telephone 01636 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com for information. Proceeds will be divided between the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust and Halam Church. Hope to see you there!

Thanks go to **Dora Rylett** who is stepping down from running the annual Poppy Appeal after 30 years! Dora is grateful to everyone for their generosity over the years. **Chris Winning** is handling the appeal this year.



The **MacMillan Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning** hosted by the **Waggon & Horses** raised **£210.45**. Thanks to all who helped or participated!
Julie Paris

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 11TH OCTOBER @ 19:30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Village Hall: The village hall committee requested the purchase of the following items; 1) vacuum cleaner, 2) splash mat for kitchen floor (by sink), and 3) paper towel dispensers for the toilets (x2). The first two were unanimously agreed, but Chris Bevans is to investigate cheaper alternatives for the towel dispensers. Agreed to reimburse Sarah Godfrey for kitchen towel dispenser (already fitted)
Winter maintenance of the hall – weeds round the sides of the hall needs removing and guttering round the porch needs fixing; Clerk to organise. Flag bunting will be taken down now (Marina Thompson). Charity functions – it was asked whether charities hiring the hall for fund raising functions could be given a discounted hire rate. It was agreed that the hourly rate for the hall was reasonable and that discounting the rate could lead to precedents, so no discounts could be given.

Harvest Supper: Many thanks to those who made it such an enjoyable evening. The event raised £369 for village hall funds

Localism Act 2011: New Standards & Conduct Arrangements for Members: Andrew Paris awaits the recommendations from NALC

Hedges & Roads: some work has now been done, but we are still waiting for the major drain work to be completed on the Turnpike. This will be done this financial year i.e. by April 2013 **Rural Community Action:** no action at this stage

Open Meeting: matters discussed; 1) awkward positioning of traffic control lights at the end of School Lane during recent roadworks, 2) street light switch off – still being discussed by County Council, but it is likely to start prior to Christmas, and 3) sewage washing into the Beck by St Helen's Lane during the recent rains – the work to be done on the Turnpike drains should fix this, but the situation needs monitoring. Any further problems need to be reported

Correspondence:

- 1) N&SDC Allocations & Development Management – Andrew Paris to report to the next meeting
- 2) NALC AGM on 14th November – Janet Simmonds to attend
- 3) Neighbourhood Planning – questionnaire to be circulated and completed next meeting

Planning: Sarah Godfrey left the meeting (pecuniary interests)

1) Fairfield House, School Lane: Householder application construction of single storey side extension and first floor balcony resubmission – amended plans (reduced size of extension) supported 3 for with 1 against

2) Evergreen House, School Lane: Householder application for erection of a cart shed style garage with hipped roof – plans unanimously rejected on grounds of design and layout, but comment made that a revised application could be looked on sympathetically

Finance: invoice from Allan Clark Farming (for Parish Paths Partnership work) to be forwarded to County Council footpaths department with covering letter for payment by them. Allan Clark Farming should also be informed that the PPP scheme is no longer running

Date of Next Meeting: 8th November 2012 at 7.30 in the village hall

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD - OCTOBER 2012

With the passage of the last few years I am thrilled to see so many walkers and tourists visiting the churchyard in Halam. Many alight upon it by accident, but others make a deliberate journey to Halam having read about the churchyard in magazine publications or have heard it praised by friends and relatives as an example of combining nature conservation and garden grooming.

Two years ago I was wandering around some Lincolnshire villages and came across the village of Scopwick midway between Sleaford and Lincoln. There, in the churchyard of the Holy Cross Church, I noticed a military grave to Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee. A man cutting the grass in the churchyard that afternoon gave me some background about that particular grave. Magee was the son of an American father and English mother, both missionaries in China where it is thought he was born. He trained as a pilot in Ottawa with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941, and was transferred to a Spitfire operational training unit in Llandough, South Wales, later that year. He died in a mid-air collision over Lincolnshire while on active service on 11th December 1941 and was buried within a short distance of the crash site.

So why mention this in this article? During the dark days of the Battle of Britain many young men trained with the Royal Canadian Air force (and this included many Americans who volunteered to fight Hitler's Germany, as even at that time the United States was still officially neutral), and then transferred to the RAF. Magee was 18 years old when he entered flight training and in June 1941 was a test pilot for the new Spitfire V; as he orbited and climbed upward in the sky he was struck by the experience to write a poem :

Three months later he was killed.

On the 28th January 1986 the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded after lift off and all on board were killed. President Reagan referenced Magee's poem: "We will never forget them this morning as they prepared for their journey and waved goodbye and slipped the surly bonds of earth and touched the face of God."

So it is that this month we remember, on the 11th, at the Lancaster bomber memorial all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. May it also inspire us all not to neglect churchyards as we can all find inspiration in them, as I did in the village churchyard of Scopwick that summer afternoon.

David Herbert

**'Oh I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climb'd, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and
swung
high in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
my eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I topped the windswept heights with easy grace
where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.'**

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 1st Dec

11am - 2pm

£2 entrance includes a drink, mince pie and golden raffle ticket!



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Happy **40th** birthday to Nick Rylett for Dec 16th and in addition a huge "Well Done" to Nick who has recently donated a kidney to his sister Louise!!
- Welcome to the Winterbottom family who have moved into Ashdene on Radley Road
- Welcome to Andrew Fogarty & Purba Choudhury and their 2 daughters Tara & Bethan who have moved into Halam Grange, The Turnpike.
- Goodbye and Good Luck to Tony & Maureen Andrews who moved to Farnsfield
- Congratulations to Peter Glazebrook on another year of fantastic vegetable growing and for being featured in a article in the national press celebrating his achievements!

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The December meeting is Tuesday 4th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. *The Jan meeting will be on Tuesday 8th*

Glenys Herbert



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A very Happy Christmas to all our readers.

May your days be merry & bright!

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL DECEMBER 2012 SERVICES



Dec 2nd	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	09:30 Toy Service with Bishop Nicholas	Rev D McCoulough
	All gifts/toys will be delivered to Family Care Notts	
Dec 9th	18:00 Evensong	Rev D McCoulough
Dec 16th	09:30 Family Communion & Holy Baptism	Rev D McCoulough
	19:30 Service of Lessons & Carols, collection to Armithea Trust	
Dec 23rd	08:00 Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Dec 24th	17:00 Crib Service	Rev D McCoulough
	23:30 Midnight Eucharist	Minster Staff
Dec 25th	09:30 Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Dec 30th	09:30 Joint service @ Edingley Church	
Jan 5th	10am - Noon Christingle Activity Morning in Church	

Wishing all parishioners and readers a joyful and peaceful Christmas. Many thanks to all who support St Michael's in a variety of ways - cleaning, churchyard work, flowers, financial, visiting, general goodwill etc

May the light of Christ shine in all dark places this Christmas and always.

Rev David McCoulough

THANK YOU'S

- **Glenys & David Herbert** would like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes received following their move to The Scypen.
- The **Thompson** family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages received after their dog "Moss" had to be put to sleep on Nov 20th
- The **Editor** thanks the hardy band of souls who deliver the Halam News each month; **David, Richard, Sarah, Tony, Don, Glenda, Kate & Helen**



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WAGGON & HORSES - CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Christmas Eve : Bar open 12pm - 12am Food from 12pm - 6pm

(Chris Bevans performing from 8pm)

Christmas Day : Bar Only 12pm - 2.30pm & 7.30pm - 11pm

Boxing Day : Bar open 12pm - 11pm Food from 12pm - 2.30pm & 5.30pm - 9pm

Dec 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th Normal opening hours

New Years Eve : Bar open 12pm - 3pm & 6pm - Late. Food from 12pm - 3pm **(Disco from 9pm - complimentary buffet)**

New Years Day : Bar open 12pm - 10.30pm Food from 12pm - 4pm

Chris, Richard and the Team would like to wish all of their customers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2013!

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8TH NOVEMBER @ 19:30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Village Hall: The paper towel dispensers for the toilets (x2) have now been repaired so new ones are no longer needed.

A request was received from the Sewing Club that they could have free use of the village hall for a time while the club was established. Unanimously agreed to let the club have six free sessions.

Winter maintenance of the hall – guttering round the porch needs fixing and the roof may need some work; Clerk to report back to the next meeting.

The village Christmas tree will be erected next month (December).

It was agreed to spend up to £60 on a vacuum cleaner for the hall (6 for: 1 against)

N&SDC Allocations & Development Management: Andrew Paris reported back on this. No action required at present

Neighbourhood Planning: the questionnaire was discussed and Andrew Paris was asked to complete it and return to the District Council

Nottingham Waste Core Strategy: Andrew Paris reported on this; no further action required at this stage

Localism Act 2011: New Standards & Conduct Arrangements for Members: Andrew Paris is still waiting for the recommendations from NALC – Mandy Rickett to contact NALC

Hedges & Roads: a fallen tree on School Lane was removed by the County Council. The Clerk will phone Highways yet again regarding the missing cover near the water-works. Street lights – many of these are not working in the village – **street light problems should be reported by phoning 08449 80 80 80 or online on the County Council's website at www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelling/roads/road-design-and-maintenance/report-road-problems**

Open Meeting: matters discussed; 1) power cuts occurring recently – will try to find out more, 2) Neighbourhood Watch – this has been “patchy” and erratic over the past couple of years. Andrew Paris to raise this with the scheme organisers at the NW AGM in November

Correspondence: N&S Homes AGM – no one to attend

Planning:

Listed Building Consent – Waggon & Horses, The Turnpike: display of illuminated and non-illuminated advertising signs – supported, but with the comment that the parish council are relying on the Conservation Officers to ensure that the signage is in keeping with the Listed building and is sensitive to the setting of the pub in the village

Finance: 1) agreed unanimously to reimburse Sarah Godfrey for the kitchen towel dispenser, 2) agreed unanimously to pay the external auditor for 2011/2012 (statutory requirement), 3) Budget for 2012/13 to be circulated for discussion at next month's meeting

Date of Next Meeting: 13th December 2012 at 7.30 in the village hall

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD - DECEMBER 2012

How many young horse chestnut trees continually spring up in the churchyard! I am always anxious to find them when they are only one or two seasons developed as leaving them any longer only brings about much hard work - and everyone knows how much I dislike such hard work! Equally undesirable in the churchyard is the profusion of young damson trees which, when established, grow very fast indeed. The horse chestnut is spread by birds who like pecking at the outer case of the conker, and the damson is spread by the birds because of a liking for the fruit...However the tree which is most widespread is the ash. Ash seedlings are spread by the wind and are very quick and clever colonisers, so imagine my amazement when I read in the newspapers that this country imports hundreds of thousands of ash trees each year! Why? - when it grows in such profusion and rapidly becomes a nuisance!

Now the ash tree is under threat from a deadly fungus creeping through our land causing canker to form on branches and leaves to slowly blacken and die. The ash tree appears to be threatened with extinction - or is it? Like humans, ash trees have many different genetic variants and there will be some variants that will be resistant to this latest plague. After the glacial period ash trees re-colonised the east coast and East Anglia from the continent. It is these ashes that are now most threatened. Those ashes that survived the glacial period in the extreme south of the UK originated and spread from extreme south of Europe many millennia before, and it is to these hardy genetic variants that we must depend for the ash surviving in this country.

Trees have always been a force for good in English and European culture. It was trees that joined forces with the Hobbits in Tolkien's books; Robin Hood sought solace and shelter in our very own local Sherwood Forest; the word 'druid' is derived from early sources associated with forests, and it was the druids that first established our cultural identity.

So let's make an effort and create small plantations. For 30 years whilst gardening at Ashdene I have lifted out of the soils countless saplings - walnut, oak, ash, holly, hawthorn, and hazel - placed them in pots and then once a year gone around the countryside and planted these young plants around the village. It is amazing how many plants can be relocated in this way without any one noticing until the tree is about 15-20 years old. Let's remember these lines from A E Houseman in his work 'The Shropshire lad' and redouble our efforts to keep Halam well-stocked with trees.

'Give me a land of boughs in leaf,
A land of trees that stand,
Where trees are fallen there is grief.
I love no leafless land.'

David Herbert

FRAMEWORK HOUSING ASSOCIATION

December is a time when Framework host street collections across Nottinghamshire. Each year this activity helps to raise over £5,000 to support the vital work that we are all a part of. This year we are very low on people taking part in the collections and we need your help. There are many locations where you can get involved. One hour of your time can help. It would be a real shame if we had to cancel some of the collections and fail to reach our target

Dates, times and locations:

Saturday 1st December 10am – 12.30pm Beeston, Radcliffe on Trent, Arnold

Saturday 8th December 10am – 1pm Burton Joyce, Mapperley

Thursday 13th December 9:00am – 12:30pm: Bingham

Saturday 15th December 10am – 1:30pm: West Bridgford, Mansfield, Newark (till 1pm only in Newark)

Tuesday 18th December 10am – 4pm: Nottingham City Centre

(We particularly need your support in Mansfield, Newark, Beeston, Radcliffe on Trent and Arnold)

Please email Natalie: Natalie.goodrich@frameworkha.org or telephone 0115 9709515 if you can be of assistance