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A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW BEGINNINGS

On January 1st it's usual to look to the future with anticipation of what the new year may hold and for 2011 that hopefully means big things for 2 new businesses! We can look forward to new tenants (Richard & Chris) in the Waggon & Horses and John & Lesley Stoppard (of Radley Road) have just opened a new butchers shop in Farnsfield (the produce is of excellent quality if turkey and venison at Christmas was anything to go by!). More details below on both ventures, but we wish them much success and encourage all villagers to become regular customers! **Peter Thompson**

NEW BUTCHERS SHOP IN FARNFIELD



Butchering has been a Stoppard family trade since 1870, and our newest venture is a butchers shop on Main Street in Farnsfield.

We will be specialising in the freshest produce; All beef will be personally selected from Newark Cattle Market or from local farmers with whom we have been dealing for over 30 years. The beef will be hung for 21 days to enhance tenderness and flavour.

We will also be making sausages and burgers on site, and selling home made pies and pasties and home cooked hams.

We opened on 10th December and were very pleased to welcome many villagers in the shop during the run-up to Christmas. We hope to be able to be of service to you in 2011 and beyond!

John & Lesley Stoppard

ST MICHAEL'S PROMISE PROGRAMME

On behalf of Revd David McCoulough, the Churchwardens and PCC I would like to thank all those who gave so generously in support of the 2010 Promise Programme for the Church, including those who have supported St Michael's in the past and continue to do so. It is too early to report the final results but the initial estimates are encouraging. We hope to have some figures in the next issue of **HALAM NEWS!**

Thanks again. **Tony Andrews, Planned Giving Secretary**

HALAM VILLAGE HALL

Unfortunately a burst pipe over the festive period caused flooding and damage to the floor and fixtures in the village hall. The Parish Council are organising repairs etc. and hopefully the hall will be fully functioning as soon as possible. More info from the Parish Clerk.

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD: JANUARY 2011

"The Holly and the Ivy, when they are both full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown."

We all learnt to sing this carol in primary school, but I am sure that we never gave much thought to the meaning contained in this carol's verses. We are grateful for holly and ivy to decorate our homes at Christmas as we can depend on the colours that they give to this drab season. Long before Christ's birth holly and ivy played a large part in the pagan winter festival Saturnalia and the early Christian church embraced the symbolism into its own structure. But what does it mean – the holly bears the crown?



Holly was deliberately planted in woods containing oak and ash to stimulate and encourage growth of such trees which were then cut down for oak timber, or for ash poles and charcoal. As for the holly - that was left uncut and so over the years holly trees would reach in excess of 60 feet in height and be the tallest tree in the mixed wild wood.



The other plant associated with Christmas is the Mistletoe. When Glenys and I moved to Halam in 1978 there was no mistletoe in the village. Glenys in the first winter of our being here inoculated two of the apple trees in the paddock and the result is for all to see - it is now everywhere in the village - growing largely on apple trees but also on willow and hawthorn and poplar; So decorate your homes with ivy and holly every Christmas but never forget the mistletoe which can be most useful if you are tongue-tied at parties!



David Herbert

NEW FACES AT THE WAGGON

From later this month Richard Shaw (Formerly of Halam House Farm, Radley Road) and Christian Wilson (Partner) are very pleased to be taking over the tenancy of the Waggon and Horses.

It is our strong belief that the village needs a traditional pub that serves quality home cooked food and fine cask ales! We are therefore asking the villagers of Halam to tell us what you would like your local pub to offer?

We have a new website: (www.waggonandhorseshalam.webs.com) & there is an "ideas and feedback" page where we would ask as many people as possible to give us their views. Please be assured your views are of the utmost importance to us, and we guarantee to respond to all feedback given and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

You are all very welcome to come into your local from **Friday 21st Jan 2011** and we would like to invite you to join us for our official opening day on **Saturday 29th Jan 2011** from 12pm.

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to wish Roy and Laura every success in their new business venture.

We look forward to seeing you soon and making many new friends!

Chris & Richard



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

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

Matters Arising: Grit: 1 tonne of grit has been ordered – 5 bags of 20kg each only arrived. To be used sparingly!

Village Hall: Storage Heaters – now all working. Need to be turned on 24hrs before any hall booking

Letting policy – Marina Thompson working on draft wording. Fire evacuation procedure to be included in the letting documentation. New booking rate to be £10 per hour Fire Risk Assessment – to be completed by Millennium Fire Services

Schedule of Halam PC Works Nothing further to report this month

Lancaster Bomber Memorial: Stone has been chosen – this is being supplied free-of-charge by Lafarge, Loughborough. Waiting planning approval

Christmas Tree: Will be put up this week. May need new outdoor lights

Grit Bin: A bin is on order (paid for by County Cllr Andy Stewart). This grit is for use on public highways and pavements, it is not for use on private paths or driveways

Open Meeting: County Councillor Andy Stewart reported that parish meetings with the County Highways representatives are still continuing Other matters discussed:-1) Icy state of Radley Road

Planning:

1. New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road: Installation of single 250kW wind turbine – to be discussed at District Council Planning Meeting, 7th December 4pm at Kelham Hall. Parish Council member to attend to support application

2. Norwood Park Golf Club, Norwood Park: Display of advertising banners – approved 5 to 1 abstention. Comment added that the parish council has no objection to banners being used to publicise special events, but that they wouldn't want to see permanent banners

Finance: Clerk's wages – to be discussed at the next meeting

Agreed to pay Building Regulation Fee

Unanimously agreed to keep next year's precept at £7,500

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7.00pm in the village hall

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Linda & Neville Croston would like to wish all their family and friends a very happy 2011. Instead of sending Christmas cards, this year they made a donation to the "Make a Wish" foundation which helps terminally ill children

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th January (February meeting on Tuesday**

1st) The meetings are at 7.30pm

(please check venue for Jan) **Glenys Herbert 812335**



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

JANUARY 2011 SERVICES



Jan 2nd 08:00	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 9th 11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 16th 09:30	Family Communion	Revd David McCoulough
	11:00	Holy Baptism - Henry Ben
Jan 23rd 11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 30th 09:30	Holy Communion @ St Giles, Edingley	

A Big Thank You to all who support the life and work of St Michael's in a rich variety of ways. Cleaning, flowers, social events and concerts, donations and regular giving, looking after fabric and churchyard, help with children at the school and general goodwill throughout the Parish.

Thanks be to you and thanks be to God.

Happy New Year

The Reverend David McCoulough

ST MICHAEL'S HALAM ALL AGE WORSHIP

JANUARY — APRIL 2011

Sunday Feb 6th 9.30 a.m. Candlemas Celebration

Candlelit Church - please bring torches/glowsticks

Sunday March 6th 9.30 a.m. Pancake Sunday

Thinking about Lent and eating pancakes

Pancake races after the service



Sunday April 3rd 9.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday

Bring mums, aunties and grandmas, traditional simnel cake and posies for all the ladies

Sunday April 24th 11 a.m. Easter Day Celebration

Celebrate the new life of Easter - Easter egg hunt, paint/design an egg competition, egg races

A Short Monthly Service for Children of all ages!

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