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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to Tracey & Jon Whitaker of the Old Plough on the birth of a little sister for Max. Sophia Elizabeth popped out at 23:54 on 24th March weighing 6lbs 2.5 ounces
- Belated Happy **60th** birthday to Patricia Kells of School Lane

WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

The answer to last month's quiz was **Indianapolis**

Answers to this month's competition should be submitted by email to halam.news@hotmail.co.uk by the 15th of April

Include your name and address on the email! The clue for this month's European destination is: "If you take the Main river to the sausage factory, then where have I been?". Good luck!!

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th April** (May meeting on Tuesday 3rd) The meetings are at 7.30pm (please check venue for April)

Glenys Herbert 812335



CHANGES TO ADDRESSES

Look out for a local consultation which could lead to all Halam addresses having to have house numbers - for instance, Ashdene could become # 31 Radley Road. & The Old Rectory # 3 Halam Hill etc. More details from **O. Fallpiro @ Kelham**

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The Parish Council will be entering the Best Kept Village competition again. Judging takes place during May/June.

Please help by ensuring that frontages are clean and tidy. Any road and/or pavement issues should be reported to the Clerk

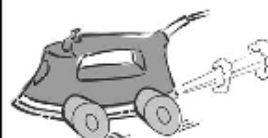
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ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN! MAKING MUSIC IN HALAM CHURCH!

It would be great to have some younger members singing with Halam Church Choir. Any children who would like to come and sing would be made most welcome - and you would earn a bit of pocket money into the bargain! Our rates of pay would be £8 per month for attending 4 choir practices and 4 Sunday services. Choir practice takes place on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm until approximately 7.30pm. And if you play piano or keyboard there will be opportunities to play our fabulous new organ. Do come and join us!

Contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 812335 or **Karin Davis** Tel: 815854 or talk to the **Reverend McCoulough** or **Mr Cullen** at Halam School.

TALES FROM CHURCHYARD APRIL 2011


It is to be hoped that everyone has filled in the census form by now and sent it off. But what a rigmarole - and was it necessary? Those that govern us like to know a lot about us - indeed as early as 1086 King William of England arranged for a census to take place and the result was bound into the Domesday Book. Since then sporadic census counts were taken but it was not until 1801 that they became a regular feature. Thereafter every 10 years a census has been taken with the exception of 1941 - the census was not carried out during the war as much of the population was scattered throughout the Empire and Europe. The census began in a simple way and its objectives were also simple. A member of the community who could read and write in a fair hand was appointed enumerator for the day. It was his task to go round the allotted part of the town or village, gain access to each property and sit down and list everyone at that house that day - record their age, name and occupation. The first house visited in a village usually belonged to a prominent member of the community; from then on the entries became more hurried and less legible, so that often the last few pages of the particular entry might be difficult to read by later assessors. No-one was exempted - so that in 1861 when the enumerator visited a prominent member of the community at Osbourne house on the Isle of Wight - the head of household was given as 'Victoria' - occupation 'Queen' and then it listed her family one by one and the servants - it included the Queen's age and where she was born. All houses were visited by the enumerator, and also anyone in a caravan such as travellers or people living rough. There are many instances of unconventional overnight abodes in the routine census such as sheds, byres and barns!

The only real information needed in a census is Name; age; marital status; occupation; place of birth; country of origin; employer or employee, and the relationship to the head of household. Names were given in full, as has always been the case; genealogists of the future find additional names most helpful in tracing links, however this has latterly been done away with.

It will be 100 years before anyone will learn what Halam was like in 2011 but it is interesting to note what Halam was like 150 years ago - The enumerator was Jason Adamson, a flour dealer living close to the first citizen recorded in the 1861 census - a painter of the name of John Roe. Looking through the census for that year Halam had many residents with surnames Kemp, Glazebrook, Rogers, and Hallam. There were two wheelwrights: Wright and Bradley; 8 farmers; 6 framework knitters and 10 silk winders; 2 blacksmiths; 2 shoemakers; 3 market gardeners, an innkeeper by the name of Bell, and a plethora of dressmakers and agricultural workers. The population was 382 persons - number of houses 99, of which 2 were being built and 4 uninhabited - giving a good general picture.

It was a very thorough and effective way of carrying out the census and it was also relatively cheap! The 1861 census for England, Wales and Ireland cost about £41,000 and costs as late as 1911 was £147,000. Compare this with this census today, which is expected to cost £478,000,000 - yes millions! No longer do we have an enumerator for Halam but we have a book of many pages pushed through the letterbox of every household and an army of enforcers whose job it is to make sure everyone fills in the form - the cost of policing alone comes to £250 million pounds. The form is available in some 56 languages and residents should fill in the information in English (with help if necessary). At a time where government spending should be limited and contained why should so much money be spent acquiring information already available in the public domain via Revenue Office, government agencies etc. Surely we really are in the age of the bureaucrat, an age of profligacy much of which could be corrected by having an enumerator in every location. There was no cost of the enumerator in 1911 - it was a privilege and honour in an age of public service - what could be better to do in the age of this 'big' society?

David Herbert



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APRIL 2011 SERVICES**



Apr 3rd	08:00	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
	09:30	All Age Morning Worship	Revd David McCoulough
Apr 10th	11:00	Sung Eucharist & dedication of Lancaster Bomber Memorial	Revd D McC & The Ven. (Air Vice Marshall) Robin Turner DL CB
Apr 17th	09:30	Family Communion (Palm Sunday) Palm Procession from Waggon at 09:25	Revd David McCoulough
Apr 21st	19:00	Holy Communion & Foot Washing (Maundy Thursday)	Revd David McCoulough
Apr 22nd	10:30	Good Friday devotions	Revd David McCoulough
Apr 24th	11:00	Sung Eucharist (Easter Day) Easter Egg competition and Easter Egg hunt	Revd David McCoulough

The next **Laxton public walk** in the calendar is on **Saturday 2nd April at 10.00am** **MEDIEVAL LANDSCAPE AND VILLAGE** **Approx. 3.6 miles, +/- 3 hours** On this second walk in the series; Stuart will introduce walkers to the medieval architecture and landscape of this 18th century village, explaining how the open field farming system shaped the development of the village with its central farm buildings surrounded by fields. The walk will include a visit to the castle – known as the best preserved motte & bailey castle in the county,

STORMING TO MONGOLIA

Many villagers will have been pondering the presence of the ambulance in the grounds of the Old Rectory, now I feel I should explain this after getting a number of worried callers asking if The Perks family were all well. So here goes. During this up and coming summer the Perks boys and some good friends shall be departing the UK bound for Ulaanbaatar. You are forgiven if you have no idea where this is; it is in fact the capital of Mongolia. This 10,000 mile trip will take us through 16 countries; Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Mongolia to name but a few. The ambulance will be our mode of transport and upon arrival it shall be donated to the local health authorities in Mongolia for use as a 'mobile clinic,' providing a much needed boost to the Mongolian health services. We shall also be raising money for *Help for Heroes* and *Christina Noble's Children Foundation*, a charity based in Mongolia who care for homeless and orphaned children, giving them a roof and an education, things we may often take for granted. For more information about the team, our goals and how you can help visit:

www.stormingtomongolia.co.uk or email stormingtomongolia@gmail.com.

Angus Perks

ELECTING A NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on April 14th will be the last for the sitting Parish Council and a new Parish Council will be elected in May. The deadline for nominations is Noon on 4th April and nomination forms etc can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or directly from the District Council. Some members of the current Parish Council will not be seeking re-election, so there is an opportunity for some new people to serve. An election will only take place for Halam PC if there are more candidates than available seats. More details at www.nalc.gov.uk or www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk where you can also download the nomination pack.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES – 10TH MARCH 2011 AT 7.30PM

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

Matters Arising: Halam Parish Council – election is coming up on Thursday 5th May. There will be some vacancies to fill on the Parish Council at that time. Nomination forms are available from the Clerk and also from Kelham Hall.

Village Hall: Letting policy – Marina Thompson circulated a draft documents. Agreed unanimously to adopt with a couple of amendments. Insurance claim – insurance company has agreed to replace units and ceiling in the Committee Room. Need flooring receipt to progress claim for the carpets/vinyl further. Agreed to replace the damaged floor in the main hall with “like for like” oak floor.

Solar Cells – grants may be available for public buildings to have these fitted on the roof. Will investigate further to see if viable.

Lead theft – some lead has been stolen from the village hall and the roof damaged. A further insurance claim will have to be made. **Did anyone see anything suspicious near the village hall over half-term?**

Lancaster Bomber Memorial: Andrew Paris reported on the draft 199 year lease – agreed to sign document. Unanimously agreed to buy a wreath for the parish council chairman to lay at the dedication service on 10th April – all villagers welcome on that day.

Halam “Twinning”: Marina Thompson reported on an approach made by the village of Ceron in the Burgundy area of France to investigate the possibility of twinning with Halam. Awaiting further correspondence. It was felt that this would be more suitable for a “Twinning Committee” rather than the parish council. Volunteers will be sought to form such a committee.

Celebration of Royal Wedding: 29th April this year; Marina Thompson circulated a report with some ideas for celebrating the event. A wedding photograph competition, flower arranging, art competition and baking challenge will be investigated further.

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:- 1) Work on Edingley road & pavements - County Councillor Andy Stewart reported that there were no plans for work of this nature for Halam 2) Cutting of services for elderly, especially the home monitoring system – Cllr Stewart to investigate the details and report back to next meeting 3) Grass verges by the ford – with drain work scheduled, concern was expressed regarding damage to verges in the village. Notts CC Highways will be contacted to be made aware of these concerns 4) State of Halam ford – situation to be looked at further once winter water levels have fallen

Correspondence: County Councillor Andy Stewart: repair work to be carried out on the Turnpike drains during March County Council Civic Service; 26th June date clashes with Open Gardens. No one to attend service. Best Kept Village: agreed to enter Halam in 2011

Finance: Clerk's wages – unanimously agreed to pay

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th April 2011: **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm, followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm** in the village hall