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*Peter Thompson 01636 814026*

### APPEAL FOR ARTICLES

I'd be grateful to receive any articles for publication in the coming months to ensure that the **HALAM NEWS** continues to be both interesting and informative

### NEW HEAD TEACHER AT HALAM



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

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

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

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

### VISITS OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

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



## OUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY

# Dvořák Stabat Mater

**Saturday 28 March 2009: 7.30pm**  
**Southwell Minster**

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



### HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

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

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

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

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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

### VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

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

*Tony Denyer*

HAPPY CHINESE  
NEW YEAR! IT'S  
NOW THE YEAR OF  
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**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
**JANUARY 2009 SERVICES**

1st February	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev Kirk
	9:30	Family Communion	Rev Kirk
8th February	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Kirk
15th February	9:30	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough
		There will also be a commissioning service for Graham Cullen as Head of Halam School at this service	
22nd February	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev MacCoulough
25th February	19:00	Holy Communion and Ashing for Ash Wednesday	

**BURGLARY IN HALAM**

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

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

**KIRTON WOOD CONSERVATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Open Meeting** - No matters raised

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

**Planning**

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

**Planning Decisions**

The following District Council decisions were reported:-

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

**Finance** - None this month

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