

HALAM NEWS

MAY 2009



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HALAM VILLAGE WEBSITE

For his community service activity as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Ben Thompson has offered to re-vamp the Halam Village website. He'd like to know what sort of things you'd like to see on the website so please email him with your ideas at:

ben.dofe.webdesign@gmail.com

Also - any local business which would like to advertise on or have links to the Halam website should also contact Ben (814026)

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Box office 0115 950 7201 www.lacemarkettheatre.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN MAY

10.55 Radley Road (Post Office)
11.15 Spindlewood Bungalow
May 1st, 15th & 29th



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to Jon & Tracey Whitaker of The Old Plough on the birth of **Max Harvey Whitaker** at 3.45am on 28th March. He weighed in at 2.94kg.
- Who would believe that **Don Reid** is **60** - but he will be on May 21st - Congratulations Don!
- We can also report that **Stuart Ockelford** is now **40!** Happy Birthday Stuart!!
- Congratulations to Chris and Charlotte who became **Mr and Mrs Atkins** on Saturday 25th April - we wish them a long and happy marriage!!



HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The May meeting will be in the Village Hall on Tues 5th May at 7.30pm. In June we meet at the same time on Tues 2nd. Meetings are in the Village Hall
Glenys Herbert (812335)

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Church Study Group will be on Thursday, 7th May at the Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, at 7.30 pm. We will study a different approach to understand the Bible texts combining reading with meditation, prayer and contemplation. All are welcome. **Tony Andrews tel 815584**

Spring has sprung and many of us will be spring cleaning or attempting once more to clear out the garage or shed! Cleaning and tidying tasks for some are a chore, for others a delight. The jobs usually need doing however we view them. Keeping a medieval church clean, tidy, and maintained is quite a significant task. I wanted to say a thank you on behalf of the Parochial Church Council and myself to all those in the village (and beyond) who help look after the church and churchyard. I know there are many of you who clean, garden, support social and fundraising events regularly or occasionally and all that you do is greatly appreciated. St Michael's is your parish church and it is well looked after and loved by many, if not all, in the parish. In whatever way you help and support the life of the church here, a **BIG THANK YOU.**

Rev David McCoulough



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MAY 2009 SERVICES

2nd May	15:00	Wedding (March/Raynor)	
3rd May	08:00	Holy Communion	Revd McCoulough
	09:30	Family Communion	Revd Kirk
9th May	14:00	Wedding (Briggs/Benjamin)	
10th May	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd McCoulough
16th May	14:00	Wedding (Foggo/Broadhurst)	
17th May	09:30	Family Communion	Revd Kirk
	18:00	Deanery Service at Southwell Minster	
21st May	18:00	Ascension Day Service	Revd McCoulough
23rd May	14:00	Wedding (Midgley/Brian)	
24th May	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd McCoulough
30th May	14:00	Wedding (Pegg/Rimmer)	
31st May	09:30	Joint Pentecost Holy Communion Service at St Giles, Edingley. Led by Archdeacon of Newark	

10th - 16th May is Christian Aid week

HALAM OPEN GARDENS - JUNE 28TH



Would you like to help benefit the village and open your garden this year? Whilst welcoming regulars we would love to see some new gardens opening - from the small but beautifully formed to the large & well established, every garden has something to offer. Remember all profits go to good causes in the village. **Paul Oakley 813896**

LAXTON: FARMING IN AN OPEN FIELD VILLAGE

Exhibition at the Weston Gallery, DH Lawrence Pavilion, Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham Uni.
Until Sunday **16 August**
Admission to the exhibition is free!

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Through Neighbourhood Watch, these kits are available at a greatly reduced price of £13.00 each (normal cost £49.00). They can be ordered through our local Neighbourhood Watch office or the website www.bnwa.org by clicking "Contact Us". I will be taking a sample kit to the next Parish Council (14th May) or you can contact me for further info. **Andrew Paris 01636 815844 / andrew_paris@yahoo.com**

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2009

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

Matters arising 1. Jubilee tree plaque – to be obtained imminently 2. Bus shelter – cleaning to be arranged as the current cleaners cannot continue

Chairman's Report 1. Parish Council meetings were held monthly over the past year 2. The P.C. considered many planning applications – on only one of which the District Council went against the PC's views 3. Road repairs – some had been carried out this year 4. Speed watch – continues, but lack of police back-up is disappointing 5. Neighbourhood watch – scheme continues with some parts of the village working well while others don't work so well (Andrew Paris to investigate) 6. Parish Paths Partnership – the paths and gates are now greatly improved. 7. Games Night – held at the end of last year, was most successful 8. Village Design Statement – waiting for response from N&S DC (Andrew Paris to progress) 9. Village Hall – progress this year has been disappointing, but not due to lack of effort. Grant funding has been unavailable so far 10. Thank you... the clerk, Pat Rickett for all his work and support; all Halam Parish Councillors for their input and various roles; County Cllr. Andy Stewart for his support and input at County Council level; residents of the village for their attendance at meetings and their input; and everyone who has helped in the smooth running of the Parish.

Open Meeting: 1. Police support for speed watch- Cllr Andy Stewart reported that other parishes have written to the Chief Constable. He will keep us informed of responses. 2. Annual Parish Report – a written annual statement was suggested. To be considered further. 3. Waggon & Horses – complaints have been made that this is no longer a village pub and that locals wanting an evening drink do not feel welcome. No appropriate action that the Parish Council can take.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2009

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

Matters Arising Beat Officer – a shift change meant that he couldn't attend this meeting. Andrew Paris will invite him to the next meeting

Village Hall Waiting for quotes. Awards for All grant to be applied for once received. Tiles on the roof need attention – some have slipped. The idea of weekly evenings in the hall was discussed – it may be the Chris (Simon Bust's son-in-law) would take on the licensee position.

Village Design Statement Waiting for response from District Council (Andrew Burt) – Andrew Paris to progress

BT Payphones Phone box is to be adopted by the Parish Council (£1 fee). The electricity supply company needs to be identified

Village Map Paul Oakley has agreed to draw a map; will be given a brief from the discussions at the meeting.

Tranquil walks – Halam is the first parish to have one of these walks. CPRE will be holding an event to launch the scheme

Local Development Framework Andrew Fraser reviewed letter from N&S DC and no further action to be taken at this stage

Open Meeting 1). sinking of road at Gray Lane/Radley Road junction – is this sinking into the sewers? To be monitored. 2). Open gardens – planned for 28 June. Proceed to be split between church and village hall. Off-road car parking to be sorted out

Correspondence 1). Best kept village – agreed unanimously to enter (£5 fee) 2). Building Better Communities – the Clerk to speak to Severn Trent regarding the possibility of having water laid on at the allotments 3). N&S water cycle strategy – Andrew Paris to respond regarding sewers & drainage in Halam 4). Letter from Mr & Mrs Ian Sharman – thanking the Parish Council for their support regarding the recent planning application at New Holbeck Farm

Planning Ashcroft, Gray Lane – two storey extension, conservatory, 3 x porches, new windows and doors, internal alterations: passed unanimously

Planning Decision Halam Church House – planning approved by District Council

Finance Agreed to pay: dog bin, insurance, allotments

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the various council officers are elected by the Parish Council.**