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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Welcome to Halam to The **Subramanian** family (Ganesh, Sarah, Hari, Jack & Meera) who have moved in to a house on School Lane and to **Arthur & Sandra Deakin** who are now residents of Back Lane.
- Congratulations to **Elizabeth Hallam** and **David Kinston** who were married during a Christian ceremony in Kruger National Park, South Africa on 17 Nov. Elizabeth grew up in Halam and attended the village school. She now is a GP in Long Eaton and David is a civil engineer working in Derby. David's parents live in Hermanus, near the Cape of Good Hope, hence the South African connection.

Thank you to the few hardy villagers who braved the cold on Dec 22nd to sing carols around Halam. £50 was raised which will be donated to a Hospice for children in Eastern Europe

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET

There is a current consultation on proposed changes to the budget. For more details and to have your say on the proposals go online at

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budgetforthefuture or write to Budget Consultation, NCC, Freepost NG428, Nottingham, NG2 1BR.

You have until 22nd January to reply.



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JANUARY 2010 SERVICES

Jan 3rd	8:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
	9:30 am	Morning Worship, The King Visits Jesus	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 10th	11:00am	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 17th	9:30am	Family Communion	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 24th	11:00am	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Jan 31st	9:30am	Holy Communion @ St Giles, Edingley	Revd Canon Tony Evans

Feb 7th 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Candlemas and St Valentine Service with loads of candles - children dress in red.

A big thank you to everybody in the parish who helps look after St Michael's - cleaners, flower arrangers, those who help in the churchyard, with repairs and countless other acts of service. Wishing everybody in the parish a joyful and peaceful 2010.

David McCoulough

NEWARK HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTATION

Health services in the area are being reviewed and there is an opportunity to comment. The local media has particularly picked up on the item relating to the Accident and Emergency Unit at Newark Hospital. There is a proposal to reclassify it as a 'Minor Injuries' Unit rather than a full scale A&E. We are told this is because the unit is under-used and due to the facilities now required of an A&E it is not possible to upgrade it to the necessary level.

You can request a copy of the consultation document by emailing newark@nottspxt.nhs.uk or call **01623 673131**.

There will also be open public meetings at the Aura Centre, Manners Road, Newark, NG24 1BS - Tuesday 26 January - 6.30pm-8pm and at Balderton Village Centre, Coronation Street, Balderton, Notts NG24 3BD - Tuesday 9 Feb - 3.30pm-5pm.

Displays will also be at Newark market place from 30 November. The consultation lasts until 6th March.

HALAM INAUGURAL ORGAN RECITAL

Paul Hale

**Saturday 23 January 2010
7.30pm**

St Michael's Church Halam

**Tickets: £8 (includes interval glass of wine):
from:**

Karin Lindley (Tel: 01636 815854)

David Herbert (Tel: 01636 812335)

Alec Wells (Tel: 01636 813491)

or by email: karinlindley@hotmail.com but hurry to book your tickets as these are sure to disappear quickly!

MOBILE LIBRARY

JANUARY VISITS

10:40 Halam School

11:00 Radley Road (Post Office)

11:15 Spindlewood Bungalow

8th & 22nd January



HALAM & DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

The January meeting is on Tuesday 5th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The following meeting will be on Tuesday February 2nd at 7:30pm.

New members very welcome!

Glenys Herbert (812335)

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 10TH DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, David Herbert, Andrew Paris & Marina Thompson

Apologies: Glenys Herbert and Di Parrish

Matters Arising:

1) Marina Thompson asked that it be Minuted that she had contacted NALC prior to the October meeting and had been told that there would be no conflict of interest using a contractor who lived in the village just by virtue of them living in Halam.

2) Flooding on School Lane & water on the road at the top of Radley Road – the Chairman & County Councillor Stewart had met with County Council Highways. A further meeting with the residents affected is to be held and Councillor Stewart will apply as much pressure as possible on Highways to get the issues resolved.

Village Hall: The Clerk will progress the two outstanding quotations. The fire officer will be asked to give guidance on the specifications of the fire alarm system needed in the hall. The final specifications for improvements to i) the heating system, ii) the kitchen, and iii) fire alarm system (including the electrics) will be put together at a further Parish Council Meeting to be held 8pm Thursday 17th December. It was agreed to apply for a further Awards for All grant – Andrew Fraser to investigate.

Games Night: Matter deferred to January meeting.

Bomber Memorial, School Lane: Andrew Paris to supply the Clerk with a map of the proposed site and a sketch/photo of the proposed memorial for the insurance company, so that the increase in premium can be assessed.

Local Development Framework: Andrew Paris circulated the response he had made to the District Council's consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:-

1) water on the top of Radley Road, 2) fire regulations for the village hall, 3) Councillor Stewart giving attention to the highways problems in Halam, and 4) thanks for the Christmas tree

Correspondence:

1) Middlebeck Farm – proposed plans were examined. The Parish Council were pleased to note that the new plans have taken into account all the comments made previously by the Council. This was seen as a good improvement.

2) NHS – A&E at Newark Hospital – noted that this is to become a “minor accident unit” and may not be open 24 hours a day. Marina Thompson to investigate and to make written representation if necessary.

Planning:

1. New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road: erection of 15m anemometer mast for a period of 6 month – test equipment prior to application for erection of a wind-turbine. Supported unanimously

Planning Decisions:

Strickland Farm, The Turnpike: kitchen extension – application approved by District Council

Finance: The budget for next year was approved. Agreed to raise the 2010-11 precept to £7,500 (4 for: 1 against). Agreed to pay Neighbourhood Watch subscription.

Date of Next Meeting: Additional meeting – 8pm on Thursday 17th December to discuss village hall building work. Next ordinary parish council meeting – Thursday 14th January, 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 17TH DECEMBER 2009 AT 8.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, Andrew Fraser, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Andrew Paris, Di Parrish & Marina Thompson

Planning: Hill Farmhouse, Halam Hill: Conversion/alteration of barn to create 2 bedroomed dwelling, 1.8m high garden wall and associated parking/access and householder application for the erection of garage – the proposal that “the Parish Council reject this application on the grounds of i) loss of privacy to neighbouring properties, ii) problems with the shared access, and iii) over-intensification of the yard between the barn and the farmhouse; but the Parish Council would look sympathetically on an application to convert the barn if these issues are addressed” was passed 4 for with 3 against.

Village Hall: It was agreed to progress final quotes for the prioritised alterations for the January meeting. The main priorities are the kitchen, the electrics/fire alarm system, and the heating system. A wet-electric system would be ideal, but the cost of repairing the current heaters and getting new storage-heaters would be investigated. David Herbert is to look at fund raising activities during 2010.

Finance: Agreed to pay Steve Rose (Parish Path Partnership).

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th January, 2010, at 7.30pm in the village hall

Contact Notts County Council for road gritting requests - Simon Bust (Halam PC Snow Warden)

A HAPPY 2010 TO EVERYONE WHO READS HALAM NEWS!