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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Eleanor Bust wishes to thank her many kind friends and neighbours, and all her family, for the cards, flowers and messages received after her recent accident. They, and all the offers of help are greatly appreciated.

THE SOUTHWELL PECULIAR

Halarn should be justly proud of itself in providing much talent of all ages in Southwell Minster for the series of sketches at the "Southwell Peculiar". The enthusiasm shown by the children in portraying Southwell life at the time of the Commonwealth was infectious. Older members of the village were able to convey the maturity of their years in illuminating the murky times of the Roman occupation. Alan McCracken and Ian Anderson acting as doughty centurions gave one much confidence in their future roles as village constables; Andrew Paris gave hope that members of the Parish Council can at times be well-dressed even if it is in a scarlet curtain remnant, Julie Paris was able to demonstrate that one can have a good hair style without resorting to the tender care of the other Julie at the sign of the Plough; and the whole was made special by the youngest performer in the Minster - Maisie Bagley - who meandered about in a charming way and treated the applause as if it was intended solely for her. The Halarn contingent was large and so it had the honour of dealing with two periods of history, whereas other villages only had one each. On a more serious note - well done Halarn and well done to all the villagers who gave much of their time and effort in support of this marvellous venture. A most enjoyable and interesting evening was had by all!



David Herbert

FAREWELL



Halarn School said goodbye to Julie Johnson who retired at the end of the Spring term. She has been an inspirational music teacher at the school for 16 years and will be greatly missed!

GUIDED WALKS

There is a brand new compilation of Notts Guided Walks. This has been put together by a team of three volunteers, concerned at the demise of the county's annual publication of a similar name. The new version is available in limited numbers as a booklet and there is a new web site giving general advice and a convenient monthly listing of walks showing details of where to meet, duration etc. There is also a special section on Walking for Health events. www.nottsguidedwalks.co.uk

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Free kick boxing, street dance, DJ skills and football sessions are being held as part of a scheme to give young people more to do. The new sessions start week commencing Monday April 12 2010 and are all free for ages 12 to 16:

Mondays - Kick boxing at Newark Martial Arts Centre, 6.15pm - 7.45pm.

Street dance at Yorke Drive Pavilion, 5.45pm - 7.15pm.

Wednesdays - DJ skills at Balderton Young People's Centre, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Fridays - Football at Magnus Sports Centre, 6pm - 7pm.

To sign up email 'PAYP weekly' to ed.walsh@nsdc.info or call 01636 655701



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

APRIL 2010 SERVICES

Apr 1st 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Agape meal and Holy Communion at **Holy Trinity**, Southwell (note change of address). Lead by Revd David McCoulough all are welcome - List on Church notice board.

Apr 2nd 10:30 Good Friday - Devotions

Apr 4th 8:00 Easter Day - Holy Comm

Revd David McCoulough

Apr 4th 9:30 Easter Day - Family Comm

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Apr 4th 11:30 Christening - George Haddesley

EASTER EGG COMPETITION - Design a hard boiled egg & paint, decorate or dress it up - be creative and bring it to the 9:30 Easter Day service. Prize for the under 11 and over 11 years old winners.

Apr 11th 11:00 Sung Eucharist

Revd David McCoulough

Apr 18th 9:30 Family Communion

Revd Canon Coates

Apr 25th 11:00 Sung Eucharist

Revd David McCoulough

After a cold and icy winter spring brings with it colour and warmth and fresh life. Buds are shooting forth, plants are beginning to emerge from the cold ground, and we might feel ready to look out spring and summer outfits in anticipation of warmer and longer days. So much new life still hidden from us in nature, but alive and stirring. Sometimes we may feel as if the things of God are hidden or indeed absent, but the living God is always working often in the depths, often hidden from sight, even in the cold and dark places of life. At Easter we celebrate again the bursting forth of new life in the resurrection of Jesus and are reminded that he desires to burst forth in our lives and in unexpected places and ways Have a joyful Easter **David McCoulough**

CONCERTS IN HALAM

Everyone will be delighted to know that the Organ Committee sent **£700 to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal** - this was the proceeds from the Paul Hale Organ Recital added to the retiring collection for the appeal. We also gave the proceeds from the sale of the programmes - £84 - to the Minster Choir Association. And we all had a marvellous time as well! Thank you to all those who generously supported this concert.

The next concert is on **Sunday 11 April 2010 at 7.30pm: Essentially Brass** will provide us with an eclectic range of music including Classical through to Jazz and Modern Classics. The concert proceeds will be given to the Nottingham-based charity the **Arimathea Trust** which provides help for refugees. Tickets are £8 and are available from: Karin Lindley (815854), David/Glenys Herbert (812335), Bev Perks (8121810) or Alec/Penny Wells (813491).

Saturday 1st May at 5.00am LAXTON MAY DAY DAWN CHORUS WALK Approx. 5½ miles 3 hours walking, 5 hours total, meeting at Laxton Visitor Centre in the car park of The Dovecote Inn Stuart Rose offers early risers a unique opportunity to watch the sun rise over Laxton from the motte and bailey castle. The Rattlejag Morris Dancers from Retford dance in the May (the first day of summer) and invite you to share an outdoor breakfast (small donation). Expect to be back to the start about 10am. Further details from Stuart on 07939 228353

IN MEMORY OF BRUCE HUTCHINSON 1934 - 2010

Bruce was a Nottinghamshire lad. He was born in Carlton, met Glenda when they were both at school and they married in Nottingham. He trained as a civil engineer at Loughborough having had his National Service deferred - but he could not escape conscription into the forces. He accepted this with forbearance and humour - characteristics which he showed throughout his life. In his professional life he had had many challenges; he ran his own business during the early 1970's when there was a sharp decline in house building and funds to finance such enterprise. Nevertheless his optimism and reliance on a strong family life led him to overcome any setbacks. By 1984 he and his family moved into Halam where they were to become well-established and a great asset to the community. He was always busy and in great demand by builders, architects and surveyors; but more importantly he was kept busy by his children! His family was the most important thing for him and he enjoyed those times most of all

He became an expert on provision of health care in the region as he had had a terrible fall in the 70's and broken his thigh, back, arm and wrist, and subsequently had major surgery; latterly he had more crippling and disabling serious medical problems. When asked how he was he would reply that he was "fair to middling" if not too bad and "fair to rough" if he was really poorly. But at the same time a smile was always on his face and a quiet acceptance of whatever life threw at him - he was indeed a most courageous man and made little of his increasing disability. In 2009 he and Glenda celebrated their Golden wedding which was a wonderful occasion and a tribute to his resilience and the love and care shown to him by his family.

Glenda would like to thank the very many villagers who took the time to write to her at the time of Bruce's death. She treasures these letters and cards and is sure that in the months and years to come they will be a source of great comfort. It is fitting to remind people that much of Bruce's professional legacy can be seen in the many buildings and extensions in Halam and the surrounding district.

"Reader, if you seek his memorial, look around you."

David Herbert



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**HALAM & DISTRICT
WOMENS INSTITUTE**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 6th**

The meeting is in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

Glenys Herbert (812335)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES – 11TH MARCH 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Matters Arising: 1) Flooding on School Lane – seems to have improved since the drains were cleaned out. The Parish Council will monitor the results – it may be that further work will be needed on the drains along the main road 2) Water on the road at the top of Radley Road – a meeting has been held with Highways and a scheme of works is being put in place 3) Traffic lights on Halam Hill – situation will be monitored

Village Hall: Work is now under way. Marina Thompson will source kitchen – three quotes to be obtained. **A “volunteer working party” is to be organised to help fit the kitchen and paint the interior. Anyone interesting in helping out should contact Marina Thompson (814026).** The possibility of panelling the lower section of the main hall is to be investigated.

Bomber Memorial, School Lane: The additional premium for insuring a memorial will be in the region of £70 p.a. Discussion was given as to whether the Parish Council should/could afford this, and eventually it was agreed unanimously that, if the memorial is built, then the Parish Council would pay the insurance. It was stated that the fund raising for the memorial should try to support its ongoing costs as well as the building of it.

Grit Bins and Salt: It is hoped that the County Council will supply one of these for the parish. It will be sited at the Gray Lane/Radley Road junction. Simon Bust is to investigate the possibility of having an additional store of salt/grit in the village.

Open Meeting: Matters discussed:-

- 1) support for the insuring of the propose Bomber Memorial – this would commemorate the death of seven young men
- 2) flooring in the village hall – should be of a non-slip nature

Correspondence:

- 1) Public Byway No. 22 – Edingley – work is being done at the top of Cultersforth Lane
- 2) NCC Local Improvement Scheme – passed to Andrew Paris
- 3) Consultation on Development Contributions for Strategic Infrastructure – passed to Andrew Paris
- 4) Halam W.I. – a letter expressing dissatisfaction with the current village hall heating

Planning:

1. Roseneath, The Turnpike: householder application for the erection of a single storey extension – supported unanimously
2. New wall on Back Lane – seems to be built too far forward? The Clerk to check with N&S Planning Dept.

Planning Decisions:

New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road – erection of test anemometer – approved by District Council

Finance: Unanimously agreed to buy a new Minute Book, and to pay the NALC Subscription

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th April, 2010, at 7.00pm in the village hall – **(note earlier start time) this will be the Annual Parish Meeting at which the Chairman will give his annual report on parish matters.**

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

10: 40 Halam School 11: 00 Radley Rd (Post Office)
11: 15 Spindlewood Bungalow 16th & 30th April

Should anyone like a closer look at the new organ or have the opportunity to play it, please get in touch with Alec Wells on 813491 or by email : alec.wells@metronet.co.uk