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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Dora Rylatt would like to thank everyone for their donations to the 2010 poppy appeal which raised £200.56
- Congratulations to Imogen Lucking on passing her Modern Jazz dance medal with honours!

FLOWER ARRANGERS WANTED

The PCC of St Michael's Church needs more volunteers to join the team of flower arrangers who beautify our Church. A high degree of professionalism is not required, just the ability to arrange or refresh the flowers on the altar pedestal on an occasional basis. A roster is in the Church porch but volunteers can also contact Gwendy Roe on 812264 or call at Bailey Cottage.

WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

As some of you may know the editor travels far and wide as part of his "day" job, so in each edition of **HALAM NEWS** there will be a competition to guess where he has been in the last month, with a prize at the end of the year for the person who gets the most correct answers! Answers to this month's competition should be submitted by email to halam.news@hotmail.co.uk by the 15th of February. Include your name and address on the email! The clue for this month is:

"These twin cities sit on a walzing river".

Good luck!!

FEBRUARY

The word *February* is believed to have derived from the name 'Februa' taken from the Roman 'Festival of Purification'. As part of the seasonal calendar February is the time of the 'Ice Moon' according to Pagan beliefs, and the period described as the 'Moon of the Dark Red Calf' by Black Elk. February has also been known as 'Sprout-kale' by the Anglo-Saxons in relation to the time the kale and cabbage were edible.

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD: FEBRUARY 2011

We are very fortunate here in Halam to have a churchyard that is cared for by an enthusiastic band of helpers and whose efforts were singled out for praise last year when the judges for the Best-kept Village competition visited us. The judges praised the combination of careful grooming and judicious planting that gave the churchyard such vibrancy and colour and at the same time left opportunities for wildlife. Churchyards are often given the name "God's Acre" in so far that they are havens for wild flowers and varied fauna. Last year grass snakes, bumble bee colonies, toads, shrews and harvest mice have all been seen here in Halam churchyard.

Walkers passing through Halam use the churchyard as a resting place for sandwiches, and many come just to sit and enjoy the peace. At a time when burial space is becoming more limited (Southwell cemetery is now closed to burials), there is no danger of Halam becoming a closed site. Halam churchyard is available for burials to all irrespective of faith, creed or race. Churchyards, however, were not always places for peaceful burial and many parishes denied burial to non-conformist folk. In fact one such case was when a poor quarryman, Robert Roberts of Llanfrothen in Merioneth tried to have his young daughter buried in the local parish churchyard and the local vicar objected and padlocked the gate. Fortunately Roberts sought the help of a young 23 year old Welsh lawyer who championed the rights of the quarryman and went to the churchyard and cut the padlock and chain and the grieving family could bury their young daughter by candlelight. It was one of the earliest cases that the young lawyer had taken on but he became famous as a champion of the underdog throughout Wales and even England - two years later he became a MP and later in life he became Prime Minister - his name: **Lloyd George**.

David Herbert



THE WAGGON RE-OPENS

It was heartening to see so many villagers joining in with the opening day celebrations for the Waggon and Horses on Saturday January 29th. New tenants, Richard and Chris, were extremely pleased with the turn out for the visit of the shire horses at lunchtime and the opening night disco, and would like to thank everyone who came along to support them. New kitchen equipment will be installed soon so that food will be available for visitors to this Thwaites house - more details to follow. In the meantime do drop in for a pint or a glass of wine and enjoy your revitalised village pub!



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES – 13TH JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Andrew Fraser

Village Hall Storage Heaters – now all working. Need to be turned on 24hrs before any hall booking
Letting policy – Marina Thompson to circulate the draft policy for comment/feedback. Will be discussed further next meeting. The hall has suffered internal damage due to a burst water pipe. The hall is now out of commission until repairs have been carried out. An insurance claim is currently being filed by the Parish Council. Halam School PTA has offered to hold a fund-raising event to help with any additional repair costs. This will be a **Quiz** in School Hall on Friday **March 18th** run by Dave Berry! Possible future village events were discussed:-

- Royal Wedding – April 2011,
- Royal Legion/Poppy Special Weekend – 10-12 June 2011
- The Queen's Jubilee - 2012

Lancaster Bomber Memorial:

Planning approval has been given by the District Council. Draft lease being arrange with the Norwood Park Trustees for approval by them and the Parish Council. Aiming for an unveiling on 10th April

Grit Bin: A bin is due imminently. 1 tonne of grit has already been delivered.

Open Meeting:

County Councillor Andy Stewart reported that the County Council have used 24,000 tonnes of their road salt during the recent icy period. More reserves are on order (from Peru)

Other matters discussed:- 1) Thanks for the Christmas tree to the Clerk & Chairman 2) Thanks to Ian and Pat for gritting the paths at St Michael's Close 3) Pot holes on Radley Road. The County Council number for reporting potholes is **08449 80 80 80**, or highways problems can also be reported online at www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelling/roads/report-road-problems 4) Cllr Nora Armstrong reported that the planning for the barn at Hill Farm, School Lane had been refused at Appeal

5) Vacancy for School Governor at Halam School. Parish Council have been requested to provide a governor for the school. Andrew Paris (or Simon Bust) to consider filling the position. 6) Cllr Nora Armstrong: thanks to Glenys Herbert for representing the Parish Council at the recent planning meeting (wind-turbine at New Holbeck Farm)

Correspondence: Newark & Sherwood DC, Draft Climate Change Strategy Consultation – Andrew Paris to advise/respond as appropriate

Planning:

1. Beckside Cottage, Gray Lane: Householder application for the erection of an orangery – supported unanimously

Planning Decision: Memorial Stone, School Lane – approved by District Council

Finance: Clerk's wages – to be discussed at the next meeting

Unanimously agreed to reimburse Marina Thompson for expenditure on kitchen refurbishment

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th February 2011 **at 7.30pm** in the village hall

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st February** (**March meeting on Tuesday 1st**)

The meetings are at 7.30pm

(please check venue for Feb) **Glenys Herbert 812335**



**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FEBRUARY 2011 SERVICES**



Feb 6th	08:00	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
	09:30	Morning Worship	Revd David McCoulough
Candlemas celebration - candle lit church, please bring torches and glow sticks			
Feb 13th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Feb 20th	09:30	Family Communion	Revd David McCoulough
Feb 27th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough

HALAM OPEN GARDENS



Halam Open Gardens will be on Sunday June 26th this year. We welcome all our regulars but would be delighted if anyone else in the village would like to be included. Your garden doesn't have to be grand - interesting or amusing is just as good ! Don't forget, this is a valuable fund raising event by the people of Halam for their village, and your help by participating or just visiting the gardens is much appreciated. Please contact Paul Oakley tel 813896 or David Herbert tel 812335

ANY OLD TABLES?

If you have an old table or 2 that you are thinking of getting rid of, but which could be used in the Waggon & Horses, then Richard or Chris would be pleased to hear from you!



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