

# HALAM NEWS

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## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AUGUST 2011 SERVICES

**Aug 7 8:00 Holy Communion**  
**9:30 Morning Worship - holiday service**  
**18:00 Evensong @ Edingley**  
**Aug 14 9:00 Holy Communion @ Edingley**  
**Aug 21 9:30 Family Communion**  
**Aug 28 9:00 Holy Communion @ Edingley**  
**11:00 Sung Eucharist**

Canon J Smith  
Rev D McCoulough  
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Rev J Quarrel  
Canon J Smith  
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## THE CHALINZE - KILIMANJARO CHALLENGE

This summer, I will be amongst a party of 10 climbing Kilimanjaro to raise money for a school in Chalinze, about an hour from Dar-es-Salaam. The money will go towards completing a classroom at the school and providing mosquito nets in an area where malaria is a real hazard. Kilimanjaro is 19,710 feet high, temperatures at the top can get to -20, and altitude sickness is a real problem! We hope to do the climb in just over 5 days. I do hope you can give a small amount of sponsorship to this good cause and to spur us on! Donations can be made through this website: [www.justgiving.com/climb2011](http://www.justgiving.com/climb2011) Many Thanks! Neville Croston

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## HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday August 2nd (September meeting is on Tuesday 6th)** Aug meeting at 7.30pm in the garden at Ashdene, please bring a sharing plate.  
**Glenys Herbert 812335**



## WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

The answer to last month's quiz was **Sao Paulo, Brazil** Answers should be submitted 15th August, by email to [halam.news@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:halam.news@hotmail.co.uk) Include your name and address on the email! The clue for this month's destination is:

**"Maybe JFK Jr came across some red chickens at this Brown University"**

Where have I been? Good luck!!

## TALES FROM THE CHRUCHYARD - JULY 2011

I have had a few very dreamy weeks with strange and wonderful names buzzing through my subconscious. These exotic names come in two groups. The first includes 'Hookers Green'; 'Rowney Olive'; 'Massicot'; 'Bohemian Lake'; 'Gamborge' and 'Sienna Kush', - perhaps stations on the London Underground, or faraway destinations in a travel brochure? The second group includes 'Small Skipper'; 'Meadow Brown'; 'Speckled Wood' "Comma" and "Painted Lady" - perhaps these are code names for Southwell rogues? In reality the first group are pigments used by Impressionist painters to capture their environment, and the second group are the butterflies that are prevalent at present. But why link these two groups together? They come together when we stop torturing our lawns and allow the grass to grow unfettered by regular mowing.

A neatly-mown lawn is devoid of interest and has very few insects as residents. In the churchyard and in the paddocks at Ashdene I have left large swathes of grass growing unhindered, and what a joy this has been - at first we saw the emergence of large areas of bugle and the blue of germander speedwell and then the red of scarlet pimpernel. In the last few weeks we have seen the growth and flowering of so many different grasses of every hue and tone. These areas of un-mown grass are about two feet in height and are homes to thousand of insects and larvae of the summer butterflies. It is no wonder therefore that I have seen hundreds of butterflies around the churchyard and garden as well as soldier beetles, shield bugs and grasshoppers. I shall cut these areas finally in 4 weeks time and remove the cuttings so as not to enrich the soil and thereby ensure that I will have an equally colourful spring and summer next year. So forget about mowing the lawn, let the grass grow and have a nice cool beer instead!

How servile is the meadow grass to reckless winds, or boots that pass

To lay it low, each slender spear that has to wait another year

To have the chance to reproduce,

Then reproduce it will again though bullied by the snow and rain,

For meadow grass is stronger than that tallest monument of man,

So what is learned from meadow grass, why patience! Wait for time to pass

Then rise again, as does the hay, to live and fight another day,

For time will tell, and all will heed the beauty of your noble deed.

For sure, if meadow grass can thrive, then thank your God that you're alive.

David Herbert

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Elizabeth and David Kinston and their daughter, Sophia, who was baptised by Revd David McCoulough at St Michael's Church on 3 July 2011. Sophia is the granddaughter of Tony and Maureen Hallam, of Back Lane

### ST MICHAELS CHURCH, HALAM CHANGE TO PATTERN OF SERVICES

From September we will be changing slightly the pattern of services. There will not be an 11am service on second Sunday but there will be Sung Evensong at 6 pm instead. This change is to enable me to assist in other villages once a month in the morning. Many villages do not have weekly services and this is one way to help a little!

**Rev David McCoulough**

Paul and Janette Newsome hope that the aerial display and other festivities to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Jessica, on 23rd July, didn't disturb too many villagers! A wonderful time was had by all!



### BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Judging is imminent, so please make sure that your frontage looks good!



### WAGGON & HORSES NEWS

**WANTED! Darts, Dominoes and Pool** players. We are looking at setting up teams to enter in to the winter leagues, if anyone is interested in playing for the pub, then please contact Chris or Richard on 01636 813109 or pop into the Waggon



**Live Music : Saturday 6th August from 7.30pm**

**The Corndodgers** will be playing live! The Corndodgers are a six piece band based in Nottingham. Mostly they play traditional music mainly from North America, and their music covers a range of genres. Although the music is predominantly North American Folk, it is heavily influenced by Bluegrass, Jazz and Blues.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 14TH JULY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Sarah Godfrey, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmons

**Matters Arising:** 1) County Cllr Andy Stewart reported that the drains on The Turnpike were to be repaired imminently.

**Village Hall:** The Insurance claim for the flood damage has now been settled. The claim for the lead stolen off the roof is still ongoing – quotes have been submitted to the insurance company.

The door to the store (old committee room) needs re-hanging.

**Village Hall Committee:** The committee will organise the cleaning of the hall and liaise with the parish council on maintenance matters. It will also organise fund raising events for the hall. Lettings will still be arranged through the Clerk.

**Adoption of Standing Orders:** Simon Bust and Andrew Paris to meet and report back to the next meeting.

**Halam "Twinning":** A small group of villages are interested in taking this further, but it may be that the French village is rather too remote to make twinning worthwhile/interesting. Awaiting further feedback.

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed – 1) willow tree near ford – over hanging verge and needs cutting back. Not the responsibility of the parish council. 2) Old peoples' bungalow (St Michael's Close) has been empty for some time. Clerk to contact the District Council to find out what the situation is. 3) Mirror at the junction of School Lane/Turnpike – Clerk to contact landowners to advise them to check any liability issues. 4) Hedges obstructing pavements – **County Council Highways are currently looking at overhanging hedges. Please ensure that your hedges/trees do not obstruct any pavements or footpaths.** 5) Best Kept Village competition – **judging is to take place shortly. Please tidy up around your front garden/property so that Halam can be judged favourably.**

**Finance:** Unanimously agreed to pay P & M Ricket – insurance claim money covers this work

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011, **PLEASE NOTE LATER START AT 8.00pm** in the village hall