

HALAM NEWS

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Welcome to **Ed Bratt, Jo Simpson, Lizzy & Paddy**, who have moved onto Radley Road
- Good luck to **Graham Lennard Jones** with his apprenticeship at Currys & to **Lizzie Lucas** who will be studying for A levels at Oakham School
- Congratulations to **Ant Barrowcliff, Joe Hunt** and **Alex Reid** who recently graduated in Real Estate Management, Biomedical Sciences and Criminology respectively.
- Sadly we have to report the passing of **Frank Roberts**, formerly of Church Cottage, aged 89, on 24th August following a short illness.

WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

The answer to last month's quiz was **Bogota, Colombia**. Answers should be submitted by 15th Oct by email to halam.news@hotmail.co.uk Include your name and address on the email!

The clue for this month's destination is:
Called Turicum by the Romans, this city, the largest in its country, sits on the river Limmat.
Where have I been? Good luck!!

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



The next meeting will be on **Tuesday Oct 4th at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall with the theme "Middens and Muck" and the competition is for a fancy loo roll cover.
November meeting is on **Tuesday 1st** at 7:30pm (Village Hall), where David Richard will speak about "My life as a Headmaster". The competition will be for an old school report
Glenys Herbert 812335

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BUDDING ENTREPRENEUR IN HALAM!

16 year old **Lizzie Lucas** of Gray Lane has invented and is now marketing & selling a unique new product to help overcome the problem of muddy wellies, thereby avoiding dry mud being left at the door and/or trampled through the house. Now in full production the **wellywasher** (one version pictured here) is being sold across the UK. It can be seen at Reg Taylors and Forest Feeds. More info and to buy on-line go to Lizzie's website at www.wellywasher.co.uk



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL OCTOBER 2011 SERVICES



Oct 2	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	9:30	Morning Worship & Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev D McCoulough
Oct 9	18:00	Evensong	Rev D McCoulough
Oct 16	9:30	Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Oct 23	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev D McCoulough
Oct 30	9:30	Holy Communion (joint with Edingley)	Rev D McCoulough

November 6th 9.30 a.m. Grandparents Sunday A time to give thanks for grandparents. Why not invite a grandparent to church for this special service?

**WE ARE
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Thanks to the Waggon & Horses for hosting the Halam MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday 30th Sept. £250+ was raised

GOLDEN WEDDING PARTY

Glenys & David Herbert celebrating their Golden wedding with family and friends at Ashdene.

Their actual wedding anniversary is not until November, but the party was held in September to take advantage of more clement weather!

Suggestions as to what David said to cause Glenys to laugh hysterically should be sent to the usual email address please.....!



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

There will be a working party in Churchyard on **Saturday 15th October** at 10am, weather permitting! Bring your wheelbarrow, strong gloves, secateurs and trowels plus a sense of humour! In return there will be tea, coffee, beer and buns as well as back ache and stiffness! It should be great fun



TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD OCTOBER 2011

Great Britain signed the Convention on Biological Diversity at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and committed itself to playing a part in conserving and sustaining the variety of life on Earth. A direct spin off from this was Westminster parliament developing a Biodiversity Plan called 'The Living Churchyard and Cemetery project.' This project has 7 aims:

- * to enhance wildlife and its habitat in churchyards and cemeteries
- * to preserve burial grounds as an essential part of historic landscape
- * to create an atmosphere of benefit to grieving visitors
- * to encourage educational use of burial grounds
- * to aid the understanding of our natural and cultural heritage and its importance in creation
- * to enhance the amenity value of burial grounds

For the seventh - well you will have to wait until the end of this piece for this gem.!

What does this preamble have to do with us in Halam? For the last 10 years a number of us have worked in the churchyard and made it into a place of magic, peace and enjoyment. Part of the churchyard is left wild, part is mown and part is planted with a diversity of perennials and shrubs which give colour, pleasure and peace to all that visit it. The churchyard has become not so much a vision of the dead rising up, as the dead providing sanctuary for species whose living space has been cut back. It contains a large variety of natural wild flowers and grasses, it is a haven for insects, vertebrates and invertebrates of all kinds (this summer I have seen both slow worms and grass snakes). Three years ago a magazine described the churchyard at St Michael's as 'a bit of heaven in this frenetic world'. Two years ago when Halam was visited by the Nottinghamshire 'Best kept Village Award' group the churchyard was singled out for praise as an imaginative and ideal answer to churchyard management. Now I have just learned that a body set up by HRH The Prince Philip - the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) is to use Halam churchyard as a role model to illustrate what can be achieved in responsible environmental care. Churchyards represent islands of conservation in an otherwise nature unfriendly world and here in Halam we should continue to do all we can to promote this aim.

And now I come to the 7th of the aims; that is **to promote community-based action for the benefit of the environment**. I would urge all of you to give some of your valuable time to the churchyard in Halam - perhaps a short time each month, or a few hours each year - help however small will be most welcome. Why not join in our communal work parties which take place 2 or 3 times a year? - Free tea, coffee, beer and grub - all we ask of you is a stiff back and a lot of sweat for a short period of time! The next working party is on **Saturday 15th October at 10 am** - bring a barrow, strong gloves, secateurs, trowels, garden fork and of course a sense of humour!

David Herbert

HALAM ACTIVITIES



Junior members of the Halam Church Choir
- Sarah, Isobel, Zoe & Ava. New members always
welcome. Please contact Alec Wells.



A new yoga class has started in Halam Village Hall
run by Paula Arnold.
For details of dates etc contact Marina Thompson
on 814026



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Halam St Michael's Church

ORGAN RECITAL

ROGER BRYAN

(Former organist at Lincoln cathedral)

Sunday 16 October 2011: 7.30pm

Tickets: £8 (includes interval glass of wine/soft drink) available from:

Karin Lindley (01636 815854)

David Herbert (01636 812335)

Alec Wells (01636 813491)

Or email: karinlindley@hotmail.com

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 22ND SEPT AT 19:30

Present: Andrew Paris (Chair), Chris Bevans, Sarah Godfrey, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Janet Simmonds

Apologies: Simon Bust

Matters Arising: 1) Dangerous trees on School Lane – some dead trees and over-hanging branches could be a hazard. The Clerk to contact Notts CC Highways. 2) Pot-holes on Radley Road – some have been patched but others still need attention. **Please report any particular pot-hole problems either by phone on 08449 80 80 80 or online at www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelling/roads/road-design-and-maintenance/report-road-problems - the more people who report a particular problem the more likely it is maybe that the pot-hole will be repaired.**

Village Hall: One of the storage heaters needs repair – Clerk to sort. Fire signs and extinguishers to be put in place by Millennium Fire Services.

Adoption of Standing Orders: Draft circulated – final adoption to be done next month.

Halam "Twinning": meeting to be arranged to discuss further, It was agreed that this was something that would have to be pursued outside of the parish council by any interested village residents.

Harvest Supper: Arranged for Friday 7th October, 7 for 7.30pm. The event will be in the traditional format of a village supper; tickets are £7.50 each and £5.00 for under 12s.

Open Meeting: Matters discussed – 1) Bus shelter guttering needs repair – Clerk to sort; 2) Phone box – still available for 999 calls. Electricity supply details still need to be sorted.

Correspondence: 1) NCC Local Improvement Scheme – any particular village "improvement" projects can receive funding from the County Council. 2) Winter Services to Parish Councils: we are still waiting for our grit bin from Notts CC. **Local farmers can receive payment from the County Council for clearing roads – further details from Joanne Horton 01623 520742 / joanne.horton@nottssc.gov.uk**

Planning: Ashcroft House, Gray Lane: proposed stables – agreed to support unanimously with the added comment that the stable should be for private use only.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th October 2011, 7.30pm in the village hall

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WAGGON & HORSES

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Live music continues after 8pm with a return visit from local contemporary folk band - **The Comdodgers**.



SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Fancy Dress **Halloween Cocktail Party** - join us from 8pm for frightfully good cocktails! Prize for the best costume!



SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Bonfire and fireworks party (subject to sufficient demand). £5 adult, £3 child (16 or under). Family ticket £15 (2 x adults & 2 x child). Bonfire lit at **6:30pm**. Fireworks start at **7:30pm**. Pie and pea supper will be available plus bonfire toffee and toffee apples. Tickets available at the Waggon 7th October onwards.

