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WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

The answer to last month's quiz was **Budapest**.

Answers to this months competition should be submitted by email to halam.news@hotmail.co.uk by the 15th of March.

Include your name and address on the email!

The clue for this month is:

"If the 500 is 100 in 11 & the Superbowl will be 46 in 12, then where have I been?". Good luck!!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- It has been a double birthday celebration in the Whitaker household in 2012 with John turning 40 in January and Tracy closely following in February - congratulations to them both!
- Halam's very own boffin Prof. Ed Copeland will hit the big **5-0** on 3rd March - so Happy Birthday Ed!

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st March** (April meeting on Tuesday 5th) The meetings are at 7.30pm (please check venue for March)

Glenys Herbert 812335



HALAM QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 18th March, 7:30 start in the School Hall
With famed Quizmaster - Dave Berry

Teams of up to 6 people **£4 per person**
(proceeds split between Halam School PTA and Village Hall)
There will be a licenced bar but bring your own nibbles
Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received!

Book your place by contacting:

Helen Fynn (0795 105 3683) or Marina Thompson (814026)

THANK YOU!

Olive Sharman and her family would like to thank all those in Halam who helped to give Ron a rousing send off! I lost my lovely man on the 5th February. The church supported us from that moment on; The Rev David McCullough turned up the next day unannounced to give us his blessings and prayers and offer help and support; David Herbert, as always, was very kind, and to these and all the others who helped behind the scenes to make things run smoothly – our heart felt thanks - not forgetting the Organist Alec Wells who, as ever, did a magnificent job playing Rons favourite hymns.

Thanks also to Chris and Richard at the Waggon and Horses who created the wonderful atmosphere for a wake for all to remember. My memories of that wake are hazy but everyone says it was a good get together to remember a well loved and respected member of the community. People gave generously and over £1000 was collected for Macmillan Nurses

Olive Sharman

HALAM - LANCASTER BOMBER MEMORIAL - DEDICATION - SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2011

For the last year or so Tony Denyer and Andrew Paris have been working on getting a memorial erected to the memory of the seven airmen who were killed in 1943 when their Lancaster bomber crashed in Halam parish. At the start of February the site was prepared and levelled and the stone was delivered. Thanks to the generous donation from Lafarge Aggregates & Concrete UK the memorial is a large boulder, which will have an inscription in memory of the airmen who died that tragic night. The memorial site is just off School Lane on the edge of the golf course. The stone stands on a piece of land kindly donated by Sir John Starkey and the Trustees of Norwood Park; there will be a seat and interpretation board to give more information about the plane and its crew.

We are planning to have a memorial service in Halam church and a dedication of the stone on 10th April this year – the anniversary of the crash. The service will start at 11 a.m. in the church, followed by a blessing at the memorial site at round 12 noon. Afterwards it is planned that refreshments will be available in the Waggon & Horses.



We have managed to trace relatives of many of the crew members including the nephews and nieces of the Australian pilot; they are planning to come across from Australia to attend the service and dedication. We are hoping to have many other relatives attending on the day, as well as representatives from the RAF. Everyone will be welcome to attend, and it would be great to see our friends and neighbours from the village at the events.

We were very lucky in securing some funding from Nottinghamshire County Council, & Shani Lambert from the County Council has been invaluable in getting the project underway. **However we are still around £2,000 short of funds, and although we hope to hold some fund raising events later in the year, any donations (however small!) would be very gratefully received.** To find out more please contact Tony (814708) or Andrew (815844) or andrew_paris@yahoo.com

RON SHARMAN (1933 - 2011)

On the 5th February this year Halam lost one of its most notable and respected residents. A Halam villager through and through and a great supporter of this rural community, Ron Sharman was born in 1933 in a cottage on the Turnpike near the Halam Beck and, at age of seven, his parents moved to Littledale. They



moved again when he was eleven to Holbeck Farm where Ron remained for the rest of his life, except for a short interlude in Southwell when he was first married. His entire schooling was at Halam School – in those days this was an all-round education that prepared him well for his life in the farming community. He was a fast learner - and had to be - because at the age of 25 he took over the running of the Holbeck Farm on the death of his father. These then are the bare bones of his presence with us, alongside Olive his wife, his sons Ian and Richard and his daughters Anne and Nancy. His hobbies were shooting and conservation and ‘making light’ of the bureaucracy that bedevils farming today.

He was a gentle, loving giant of a man who loved fair play. He was a man of few words but full of meaningful expression. He built up his farming business relentlessly and progressively until he had one of the largest milking herds in the district, the ‘Holbeck Herd’, and of this he was justly proud. He moved with the times though and was never afraid to make important decisions. This was in evidence last year when his sons sold off their Holstein herd (a herd which he had carefully bred over years) to replace it with one of Montbéliarde cattle in order to support the production of Stilton cheese. This ability to adapt to circumstances was one of Ron’s great qualities – whether it meant he had to be calving cows, de-icing the milk lines on freezing mornings, sorting out a stubborn combine harvester or giving the muck-spreader a kick!

He was a stalwart supporter of the Southwell Ploughing Match for 50 years and he made sure that those of us who were not farmers in the village supported the event every year - we did not dare say no!

Shooting was his relaxation and alongside it went the benign conservation of hedgerows and flora and fauna - he said that you could not run a successful dairy industry without having a proper respect for the environment. He was a great traditionalist and shoot days had their own proper protocols and the social gatherings that followed each shoot were as important as the shoot itself and the handling of dogs. He was a life-long supporter of the village pub but had been saddened in recent years by the limited access that the village had for a well-earned pint. Likewise the President’s tent at the Southwell Ploughing Match was a natural haven for him at the end of a busy show day and that is where, under his guidance, I gave up my fear of alcohol (!)

His natural courage and love were evermore evident during his last short illness, which he made light of, and which he minimised in the presence of his family. His family was his life; his herd was his life; the land was his life. When he was at Halam School he, together, with his classmates, was asked to write an essay about what he liked doing best on holiday - his answer was short and to the point (typical of Ron) “ I love helping Dad muck spreading ”.

An honest man is now at rest,
The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, and guide of youth;
Few hearts like this, with virtue warmed,
Few heads with knowledge so informed;
If there’s another world, he lives in bliss:
If there is none, he made the best of this.

Robert Burns

David Herbert

THE ROYAL WEDDING,
APRIL 29TH 2011



The Parish Council will be organising a Halam event(s) to help to celebrate the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton. Some of the options could be:

- Setting up a wide screen TV to watch the event live, and celebrate with a glass of champagne
- Afternoon tea for the village on the School field, with traditional games and sports
- A Royal Quiz held at the Waggon & Horses

In order to assist with the planning and organisation, could you please contact either Glenys Herbert (812335) or Marina Thompson (814026) to let them know:

- If you have any other ideas for events
- If you will be in the village on that date and wish to participate in the festivities
- If you are willing to volunteer to help with the organisation of the events or provide equipment (e.g. loan of gazebo/tent etc)

We hope this will be a memorable village event and one that as many villagers as possible participate in!

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Each year Halam is entered into the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village competition, and this month the Parish Council will decide whether or not to enter for 2011. The judges look at the whole village including the general upkeep of household frontages and communal areas.



The feedback from last year, was that we have a lovely village but with a little more attention, we could again, be a contender for the final. To help Halam get into the final this year, could all villagers check the state of the pavements, roads and signs near their home and if you think any area needs attention, then contact either the Clerk to the Parish Council (Pat Rickett 813181), any Parish Councillor, or Notts County Council directly on 0844 372 8381

Thanks for your support - **Marina Thompson (814026)**

LIFE IN NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Exhibition of "Life in North Nottinghamshire past and present" continues at Thoresby Gallery until Sunday 20th March. The following talks are open to all:

Sunday 6th March

2pm until 4pm

'The German Internees at Boughton Camp'

Irene Miller of Ollerton Yesteryear group shows a DVD with introduction and narration. Includes coffee/tea and biscuits.

Sunday 13th March

2pm until 3pm

The Wellow Maypole

Janet Carr gives a talk on the subject of the history of Wellow Maypole and celebrations.

Sunday 13th March

3pm until 4pm

Laxton History Society

Stuart Rose, Clerk to the Gaits & Commons of Laxton Court Leet will speak about 'Laxton: England's Last Open Field Farming Village'

Sunday 20th March

2pm until 4pm

'The Chesterfield Canal'

Dr Geraint Coles of The Chesterfield Canal Trust
1 ½ - 2 hours including coffee/tea and biscuits.

Anyone interested in attending the talks should let Caroline at Thoresby Gallery know:

caroline@thoresby.com 01623 822365

Like an army defeated
The snow hath retreated,
And now doth fare ill
On the top of the bare hill;
The Ploughboy is whooping-anon-anon:
There's joy in the mountains;
There's life in the fountains;
Small clouds are sailing,
The rain is over and gone!"

- **William Wordsworth, March**

NEWS FROM THE WAGGON & HORSES

The Waggon is now serving lunches daily from 12:00 to 2:30 and is open for coffee and bacon rolls from 10:30 every Sunday

SUNDAY NIGHT FAMILY QUIZ

Starting from 13th March, and every Sunday night thereafter, we will be having a family quiz night. The quiz will start at 7:30 pm, so bring your thinking caps!



TEA @ TWO THIRTY

Every Tuesday the Tea at 2:30 ladies and gents meet for a natter over a cup of tea. Everyone is welcome!



VICARPEDIA

"Not Wikipedia, but Vicarpedia"

This Lent, why not come down to your local pub and ask the Vicar any questions you have about the Bible, the Church, faith and religion? The Revd David McCoulough will be in the Waggon on Tuesday 15th and 22nd March between 7:30 and 8:30pm. It's an informal and relaxed opportunity to chat, ask those niggly questions and have a social drink!



For more details or to get in some quick questions email:

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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
MARCH 2011 SERVICES



Mar 6th	08:00	Holy Communion	Revd David McCoulough
	09:30	All Age Morning Worship (Pancake Sunday)	Revd David McCoulough
Mar 9th	19:00	Ash Wednesday cluster service with St Giles	
		Holy Communion with ashing	
Mar 13th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough
Mar 20th	09:30	Family Communion	Revd David McCoulough
Mar 27th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Revd David McCoulough

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH - PROMISE PROGRAMME

We do not yet have the final figures for the results of the Promise Programme but the increase in giving achieved is about £4500 pa allowing for gift aid which is a uplift of about 55%. In addition there were some generous donations. Although we fell short of our target, it is a creditable achievement, particularly in today's financial climate. The Parochial Church Council would like to offer warm thanks to all those who helped with the programme and those who give financially to St Michael's.

Tony Andrews

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD (MARCH 2011)

When I was a young lad living in Wales I looked forward to three important days each year: the first was, naturally, Christmas Day; the second was St David's day and the third was Whitsunday. Christmas was wonderful - I would have a stocking with an apple, some toffees, some shiny new pennies, a pair of bed socks and a Rupert Annual: that was all - but these were treasures indeed! Whitsun was almost as important because if I was reasonably well-behaved in chapel in the previous few weeks I might be allowed to go on the Whitsun treat - so for those few weeks I caused no disturbance in chapel, did not try to burn holes in the bibles or hymn books with sunlight focussed by a magnifying glass secretly brought into chapel as a diversion; and I was careful to comment sensibly in some way on the uplifting message of the day! So what of St David's day? St David's day - 1st March - was my day. I could adorn my school blazer, my school cap and my satchel with an excess of patriotic symbolism. It was the one way that I was permitted to show individuality - I would wear a daffodil from the garden in my lapel, and have two enormous leeks - one on my satchel and the largest across my chest like the bandolier of an Italian brigand. I was not alone - my fellow pupils wore leeks or daffodils - and so did the folk in the town. It was a national day of pride. The daffodil was, and is, a symbol - but what of the other floral symbols in the UK? The Irish are proud of the shamrock and wear it on St Patrick's day. The thistle - Scotland has it as an emblem, but I have never seen one worn on St Andrew's day; and as for the Rose - why don't the English wear it on St George's day? Perhaps the English should think of wearing the rose. English men have always been reserved - the only floral tribute they seem to wear is a carnation in the city or at a wedding. And what about birthdays? My birthday was never celebrated at home and I never had a party - but have made up for it since. Birthday celebrations are wonderful, and like the wearing of a daffodil, are a form of poignant symbolism.

David Herbert

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES — 10TH FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Simon Bust, David Herbert, Glenys Herbert, Andrew Paris, Di Parrish & Marina Thompson **Apologies:** Andrew Fraser
Matters Arising: 1. Pavement up Halam Hill needs sweeping - District Councillor Nora Armstrong will get this addressed 2. Fly tipping - more illegal dumping has taken place on School Lane. This has been reported to the District Council. **A blue van was seen in the area on Sunday night (6th Feb); did anyone see anything suspicious?**
Village Hall: The insurance loss adjusters are assessing the water damage claim. The like for like cover should allow for a replacement floor in the main hall, new units in the committee room as well as general repairs required. **Letting policy** - Marina Thompson to collate the comments/feedbacks. Will be discussed further next meeting. The hall will be rented out for the District Council elections in May at a rate of £10 per hours (15 hrs)
Lancaster Bomber Memorial: The site has been set out and the stone delivered. Clerk to check into authority to sign the lease and then a draft will be discussed for approval.
Community Climate Change: A Paris reported on this Dist Council report. A response regarding waste policies had been submitted.
Celebration of Royal Wedding: 29th April this year; parish council agreed that a celebratory event should be held. Marina Thompson and Glenys Herbert to report back.
School Governors: Andrew Paris is to be the PC's nomination for governor for Halam School
Open Meeting: Matters discussed: 1) Drains on the Turnpike - County Councillor Andy Stewart reported that these are still to be worked on 2) Water on the top of Radley Road - County Council have this on their schedule of works 3) Turnpike bridge - Cllr Bruce Laughton reported that this was to be checked out to see if the flow underneath can be increased
Planning: Halam Cottage, Radley Road: extensions and conversion of single dwelling to form two semi-detached dwellings - agreed to support 4 for. 1 against with 1 abstention
Finance: Clerk's wages - a modest increase in salary was agreed in line with current guidelines and taking into account the length of time since the last increase. Unanimously agreed to pay NALC subscription and dog bin emptying costs. The costs associated with the forthcoming parish council election were discussed
Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th March 2011 at **7.30pm** in the village hall