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**Peter Thompson 01636 814026**

### NEW HEAD FOR HALAM SCHOOL

Following a rigorous selection process, **Mr Graham Cullen** has been appointed by the school Governors and will become Head Teacher on 1st Jan 09. Mrs Kate Brown has successfully been appointed to the Headship of a large primary school in Retford and will sadly leave Halam School at the end of this term.

### HARVEST SUPPER & GAMES NIGHT

- ◆ Saturday 11th October
- ◆ 7.30pm
- ◆ Halam Village Hall
- ◆ £6 entrance (inc supper)
- ◆ £1 per game entry fee



This was a really great event last time it was held, so come along and have a fun filled evening!

**Tickets from Marina Thompson 814026**

### ORGAN DISCOVERY

Whilst dismantling the old church organ David Herbert and I were amazed to find, on the old wooden pipes, names carved into the wood. These are the names of past and extant villagers and were carved by their own hands, with dates and other information. Many are by well known members of our community in their formative years. Modest donations to the organ fund will ensure their continuing anonymity! Alternatively there may be people out there who would like, for a larger donation, to have the information made available to them!! Graffiti it would seem is not a recent occurrence and indeed may have been initiated in Halam in the 50's and 60's.....

*Alec Wells*



### **OUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY**

VIVALDI : GLORIA  
ANDREW CARTER : BENEDICITE

**Saturday 15 Nov 2008 @ 7.30pm in Southwell Minster**

**Tickets: £12.50 / £10 / £8 from :**

**The Minster Shop: 01636 812933 or Karin Davis on 815854**

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- ⇒ Linda Croston would like to thank her husband Neville and daughter Rowena for organising a surprise 60th birthday party for her - 1st Sept was the day her free bus pass arrived !
- ⇒ Parish councillor, history buff and local printer, Andrew Paris, is fifty (that's **50**) at the end of October - that means he's 6 months older than "you know who" !!
- ⇒ The Godfreys would like to thank all of their neighbours for their understanding regarding the noise that occurred during Camilla's 18th birthday party on 31st August! A wonderful time was had by all!
- ⇒ "OOPS" - last month we should have said that it was Natasha Hoggard who had done well at her AS levels and on top of that she's passed her driving test - so that's "well done" on 2 counts to Natasha!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection for the **Marie Curie Cancer Fund**.  
**Tony Denyer**

At the October Parish Council meeting there will be the chance to find out more about the **Village Design Statement**.  
Thursday 9th October - **7pm** start

### CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th October at 7:30pm at The Scypen, Radley Rd. All welcome.

**Tony Andrews (815584)**



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The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th October** in the Village at 7:30pm Hall. Mr Ruffon will talk about "Evacuees in World War II"

*Glenys Herbert 812335*

### HALAM CHURCH ORGAN FUND - 200 CLUB

The winner of the £500 final prize in the 200 club draw will be announced after October 1st and will be displayed on the village notice board outside Church. The winner will also be notified personally.

St Michaels Church Halam reg charity # 249 359

**Alec Wells**



### ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL OCTOBER SERVICES

Oct 5th	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev David MacCoulough
	9:30	Family Communion	Rev David MacCoulough
Oct 12th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Erica Kirk
Oct 19th	9:30	Family Communion	Rev David MacCoulough
Oct 26th	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Erica Kirk

During our All Souls' Day services on Nov 2nd, we will remember those from our parish who have died in the past year. It is also traditional to remember loved ones who have died in previous years. If you'd like us to remember those special to you please let Rev David McCoulough have their names asap. Names will be read out at both 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. services on November 2nd. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle. [davidmcc@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:davidmcc@southwell.anglican.org)

### WOODLAND CONSERVATION EVENTS

The first event at Kirton Wood will take place on **Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The group will be continuing with the coppicing work started this spring. Volunteers are invited to gather at the entrance to the wood on the Kirton Road between Egmonton and Kirton at 10am. You will need sensible clothes and sturdy shoes plus a pair of robust gardening gloves. You need no previous experience or skills as full instruction will be given. The group will work through until approximately 1:00pm with a stop for a coffee break, so please bring a flask. For further information or to add your name to the list of people interested in conservation events in Kirton Wood over the autumn and winter, please contact Lynda Milner on 01623 862025 or email: [lyndamilner@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndamilner@hotmail.com)

### LAXTON WALKS AND TALKS

The last of this year's public guided walks around Laxton takes place on 12th October. Walkers meet in the Visitor Centre at 10:00am for the longest walk in the programme – about 5 miles. The focus is to view the village and Open Fields after harvest and to see the church decorated for the season along with the entries in the competition. An introductory film will be shown in the Visitor Centre before walkers move on to take a look at each of the three fields. You are invited to bring a packed lunch which will be eaten as a picnic during the walk. Guided walks or talks about Laxton at your own venue are available free of charge to groups – Just telephone to agree a convenient date and location. For further information, please telephone Stuart Rose on 07939 228353

### Raindrops (by Anon)

Raindrops are such funny things.  
They haven't feet or haven't wings.  
Yet they sail through the air  
with the greatest of ease,  
and dance on the street  
wherever they please

### SALSA SET NEWS

The Salsa Set's new season of classes started with a swing in September. The two classes each week have attracted an average of over 60 dancers, including a surprising number of absolute beginners. These included a couple of husbands who had been coerced into joining - but they seemed to be having fun and have returned after their first night. Since we started our dancers have ranged in age from teens to seventies. If you are thinking of joining or coming back, it is not too late. The emphasis is on enjoying yourself while learning the moves. We are doing refresher work for the improvers until the start of October and we'll be helping new beginners to catch up. Tel: 01777 871506 Please also see [www.thesalsaset.org.uk](http://www.thesalsaset.org.uk)

## **HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2008**

**Present:** S Bust, A Fraser, D Herbert, G Herbert, A Paris, D Parrish & M Thompson

**Matters arising** 1. Flooding on School Lane – Highways Dept. has been contacted  
2. Blocked gully on Radley Road (opposite old shop) – Mrs Thompson has contacted the County Council

**Village Hall** Outside decoration will be started when weather improves. Mrs Thompson to organise cleaning and painting of the lobby by the front door. Veolia grant (£18,000 applied for) – decision will be made at the start of November. Mrs Thompson to prepare a schedule of works with highlighted priorities

**Design Statement** A draft Village Design Statement will be presented at the start of the October Parish Council Meeting for comment and input from parishioners

**Speed Watch** Recent sessions have revealed increasing speeds. Andrew Paris to progress getting back up from Beat Officer. County Council will be asked to carry out a traffic calming survey to see if there any physical traffic slowing options available.

**Parish Plan** Andrew Fraser to write a letter to District Council regarding the current position regarding the influence of Parish Plans and our proposed updating of the current plan

**Local Development Framework Evidence Base** Andrew Paris circulated a report on the document from Newark & Sherwood DC. A response was discussed; Andrew Paris to action

**Open Meeting** Matters discussed : 1. Dead branch on Halam Hill opposite Old Vicarage – County Council has been informed 2. Village Design Statement 3. District Council Land Availability Plan 4. Neighbourhood watch – some messages do not seem to get through – Andrew Paris to investigate

**Harvest Supper/Games Night** A games evening is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Marina Thompson will investigate catering options. Andrew Paris & Marina Thompson will organise publicity and tickets

**Planning** Bramley, Halam Hill – applicant has won the appeal for planning permission

**Date of Next Meeting** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall – *note earlier start to allow time for presentation of Village Design Statement information*