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HALAM NEWS by 25th of each month to:
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A very Happy Christmas to all our readers !
Peter Thompson 01636 814026

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- ◆ Congratulations to **Pippa Elizabeth Oxley** of Uno Cottage Halam, who married Stuart James Bond of Bleasby on 1st November at Kirklington Church.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Chris Davis** who joined the "I am 60!" club on 24th November!
- ◆ Goodbye and Good Luck to **Mrs Kate Brown** who starts her new job as head teacher at Bracken Lane School in Refford in January. Everyone at Halam School wishes her well and says "Thank you" for being such a super head teacher for the past 6 years!
- ◆ Happy 18th birthday for November 19th to **Stephanie McCracken** (to save you working it out.....31)! 🍷

THE THANK YOU SECTION !!

- ◆ **Elsie Milner** says "Thank you" to everyone who has helped clean the Church this year, especially as the decorating activities meant more work than usual. All the hard work paid off however, and the Church always looked nice and clean!
- ◆ **Sarah and Andrew Godfrey** would like to thank everyone who helped make such a success of the bonfire evening! Over £575 was raised which will be put towards Village Hall improvements
- ◆ **The Editor** would like to say a big "Thank You" to the printers of the **HALAM NEWS** - Copy Right Print Services and also to all the people who have helped with the distribution of this publication in the last 12 months. They are: **Kate Hill, David Herbert, Sarah Fowler, Tony Hallam, Glenda Hutchinson, Patricia Kells, Don Reid and Richard Brown.**
- ◆ **Dora Rylatt** thanks everyone who contributed to the Royal British Legion **POPPY** appeal this year, which raised £262.10. Thanks also to **Nick Rylatt** for acting as chauffeur!

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat	6th	14:00	School Christmas Fair (School Hall)
Thurs	11th	14:30	School Christmas Play (School Hall)
		18:00	School Christmas Play (School Hall)
Tues	16th	10:30	School Carols & Mince Pies (School Hall) (grandparents and senior citizens of the Parish)
Thurs	18th	14:15	School Church Service (Halam Church)
Thurs	18th	18:30	Singing in the Village - meet at the Waggon & Horses car park to go Carol singing around Halam - all welcome to join in!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Continuing with their tradition of offering an alternative to pantomime, the **Lace Market Theatre** Nottingham presents a specially commissioned adaptation of Dickens enduring tale. Ghosts rattle their chains, miserly Ebenezer undergoes a nocturnal transformation....the goose is cooked and Tiny Tim gets his pudding! **Plus 3** Halam residents in the cast!
Dec 8th - 13th @ 7:30pm & Dec 13th @ 2:30pm
www.lacemarkettheatre.co.uk Telephone 0115 950 7201

The recent **RNLI** collection in Southwell/Halam raised over £3300. Thanks to all who contributed. **Bev Perks**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION OF NEWARK & SHERWOOD

Local people and businesses are being invited to have their say on how the district is regenerated and its economy developed in the next 10 years.

Stimulating tourism, encouraging new industry and helping market towns to become sustainable are three of the areas where Newark and Sherwood District Council is looking for local input, ideas and comments.

The council has created an economic regeneration strategy to guide the district's economic development and regeneration to 2018.

Six areas have been highlighted as priorities for the next 10 years:

- Diversification of the industrial structure of the local economy
- Enhancing learning, skills and employability
- Stimulating the renewal of the district's rural communities
- Encouraging the sustainable development of market towns
- Improving the worst areas of deprivation
- Stimulating the development of tourism

The aim now is to find out from local people, businesses and other key stakeholders working around the area, their views on the targets and plans set out in the strategy.

The strategy can be viewed online at :

www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/economicregenerationstrategyconsultation
Comments can be returned by email or post.

All comments received will be taken into consideration as the strategy is finalised. The completed strategy will be published in February 2009

BABYSITTER NEEDED?

Responsible 14yr old girl willing to babysit any aged toddlers or young children at weekends. Please call 01636 812181 Bea Perks



**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
DECEMBER 2008 SERVICES**

7th Dec	8:00am	Holy Communion	Rev Kirk
7th Dec	9.30am	Family Communion	Rev Kirk
14th Dec	11:30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev MacCoulough
21st Dec	9.30am	Family Communion& Carols	Rev MacCoulough
21st Dec	6:00pm	Renaissance Singers Carol Service, raising money for the Children's Society & Family Care. Free Glass of wine after the service!	
24th Dec	5:00pm	Crib Service	Rev MacCoulough
24th Dec	11:15pm	Midnight Mass	Rev Kirk
25th Dec	9.30am	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough
28th Dec	9:30am	Joint service with Edingley (at Halam Church)	

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards showing the lovely Nativity scene window at St Michael's Church, Halam are being sold in aid of our church and the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust has grant-aided several of our recent projects including the current redecorating work and the new organ project.

These high quality cards are in packs of five with envelopes and priced at £3.50 per pack. You can see the cards on the parish and church porch notice boards and to order please contact Tony Hallam on 01636 812580 or email to:
tony@hollyhousehalam.fsnet.co.uk



**HALAM & DIST
WOMENS INSTITUTE**

The Christmas party is on 4th Dec at 7.30pm in the Village Hall .

Glenys Herbert (812335)

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The December meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the 16th at The Scypen, Radley Road.

Tony Andrews (815584)

NEWS FROM HALAM SCHOOL

This term we have been very busy! KS1 went to the library and LP2 have put up a lovely display about Pirates. KS2 visited **Bestwood Park** to go orienteering and build shelters - we had a great time though it was very wet! We had a fantastic **Maths Day**, we made chairs and towers out of newspapers, played maths games and baked shaped cookies. Some of years 4,5 and 6 attended a **Young Voices Concert** in Birmingham on 24th Nov to support children with cancer. It was a wonderful day and the final concert of 5000 children singing was fantastic. We are starting to practice our school Christmas play called Jesus@Bethlehemstable.com and to get ready for other Christmas events!

Elizabeth Fraser, Junior reporter

VILLAGE VENTURES

APPASSIONATA

Flute & Harp Duo

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALAM

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 7.30PM

Tickets: £8 (includes interval glass of wine)

(available from Karin Lindley: 815854 or email karinlindley@hotmail.com

Alec Wells: 813491 David Herbert 812335
Bev Perks: 812181)

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2008

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

Matters arising **1. Village Hall** – Veolia have declined our grant application. Mrs Thompson is to start putting together a costed schedule of work. Other areas of possible grant funding will be explored. Outside painting is progressing – waiting for drier weather. Slates on the roof need some attention **2. Stables on Cultersforth Lane** – District Council have been asked to check position of current building **3. Sinking road by Gray Lane junction** – County Cllr Andy Stewart will bring up the matter with Highways department **4. Neighbourhood Watch** – Andrew Paris to contact all coordinators to check that the system is working properly **5. Halam Charities** – Simon Bust reported that the annual meeting had been held and that Christmas parcels would be distributed as usual

Design Statement - Little feedback had been received from parishioners. Andrew Paris & Di Parrish to prepare final draft for next meeting (December)

Local Development Framework Evidence Base Andrew Paris circulated draft comments on the document from Newark & Sherwood DC. Agreed that these should be forwarded to N&S with some minor amendments

Freedom of Information Act Agreed to adopt the New Model Publication scheme

Harvest Supper/Games Night The evening was most successful and raised £262. Thanks to all who contributed to a very enjoyable event

Open Meeting 1) County Council budget for pavement repairs, 2) grass cutting of the verges

Correspondence 1) Bus Stop Improvement Scheme – Clerk to write to the County Council to get a plan of any proposals for Halam 2) Tranquil Paths Proposal – Glenys Herbert to talk to Rosamund McFarlane about a place to put the proposed bench 3) Double Bend Sign – expected to be back in place 21st November

Planning **1. Proposed ménage – Ashcroft House, Gray Lane:** supported unanimously with the comment to be put on the application form that this was conditional on the ménage being for private use only **2. Erection of single and two storey extension to form annex – Strickland Farm, The Turnpike:** Simon Bust declared and interest and withdrew from the meeting room. Supported unanimously **3. Proposed construction of 2 agricultural dwellings for farm workers – New Holbeck Farm, Radley Road:** supported unanimously

Finance 1) The budget for 2009-10 was circulated for further discussion next meeting. 2) Petty cash payments for 2007-08 were reviewed 3) Agreed to pay Copy Right Print Services (Andrew Paris declared an interest and took no part in the proceedings), and S. Rose (Parish Paths Partnership) 4) The account books are to be passed to Mrs Simmons (Internal Auditor) for the annual audit

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall