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A happy and prosperous 2009 to all our readers!

Peter Thompson 01636 814026



A large group of Halam residents and friends (plus Moss the dog) enjoying the beautiful Boxing Day weather on a long winter walk. This photograph was taken whilst the group waited for the Fraser family on New Hall Lane.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- They're coming thick and fast nowadays....so it's Congratulations to **Sue Hoggard** of New Hall Lane who hit the **BIG 50** on December 28th (Sue Rodgers mentioned that there's no telegram this year, but Buckingham Palace is pleased to note that you're half way there!)
- Congratulations also to **Julie Paris** who passed her British Citizenship exam and became a British National at a ceremony on 16th December. Whilst it's doubtful that she'll lose her Texan accent straight away, her newly acquired stiff upper lip is bound to come in handy !!
- Well done to **Karin Davis** and all the children who took part in the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, especially **Evie Hoggard** for stepping in to sing at the last moment!
- Welcome to **Graham Cullen**, new Head Teacher at Halam School. Graham comes to Halam from Lowdham School where he was the Deputy Head - more about Graham in the next issue !



Julie Paris at her British Citizenship ceremony with Cllr The Hon Joan Taylor of Nottinghamshire County Council

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)

WORK OFF THE POUNDS AT KIRTON WOOD

The November work party in Kirton Wood made great progress with the coppicing and had the satisfaction of seeing a real improvement. It has been impossible to arrange a December event, so next one will be on **Sunday January 11th, 10am - 1pm**, when everyone can come and act on those good resolutions to get more fresh air and exercise. Meet at the entrance to Kirton Wood between Egmonton and Kirton with sensible clothes & shoes, gardening type gloves and a flask.

There will be events in February and March before a break to allow the birds to nest in peace. If you are interested in joining in in January or later, please contact Lynda Milner on 01623 862025 or email: lyndamilner@hotmail.com

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on the 29th Jan at The Scypen, Radley Road.

Tony Andrews (815584)



HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The January meeting will be on Tuesday 6th Jan at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be an open meeting with a quiz - nibbles and drinks provided - all welcome!

Glensys Herbert (812335)



**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
JANUARY 2009 SERVICES**

4th January	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev MacCoulough
4th January	9:30	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough
11th January	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Kirk
18th January	9:30	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough
25th January	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev MacCoulough

Happy New Year to all in the village and thanks very much to everyone who has supported St. Michael's over the past year, whether it be through your participation in Bible Study Group, contribution to the Organ Fund, attendance at our various concerts, fundraising ventures, quietly working away in the background to support these events, Halam Open Gardeners, through regular attendance at services, participation as PCC members, selling Christmas cards/calendars, cleaning the Church, providing lovely flowers each week at the altar, serving at the altar, singing in the choir, tending the Churchyard, opening/locking the Church everyday - very much appreciated

Bev Perks, Churchwarden

VISITS OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

9th Jan & 6th Feb 10.55 Radley Road (by the Post Office)
23rd Jan & 20th Feb 11.15 Sandalwood Bungalow
(official schedule not published yet - these are the anticipated dates)

SALSA SET NEWS

Each New Year we make our resolutions to take more exercise, lose a few pounds, make a bit of time for ourselves, lay off the chocolates or beer etc. with high hopes of making a difference to our lives. Sadly, within a few weeks we have usually slipped back into the old routine because the regime of depriving ourselves of things we like holds no appeal and the rewards are slow to show. Now we can offer the New Year's Resolution you will want to keep! The Salsa Set classes provide exercise, time for yourself away from temptation, new friends and fun.

During January we are able to offer the classes only £2 each thanks to the last of the Lottery's support, so what better time to give it a try?

Absolute beginners are welcome to join the to the first class at 7.00pm. which will focus on learning the steps to the basic dances and getting fit. If you have taken a break, this is your chance to get back into the swing of things. Regular dancers will be warmed up for the improvers' class at 8.05pm

Classes restart on **January 5th at 7.00pm** (in Laxton) Everybody is welcome, with or without a partner. Beginners will start dancing alone, and El Nico, Niarena and members of The Salsa Set will dance with you if you don't have a partner.

Please phone 01777 871506 to book a place. If you are not sure which class to join, please phone to discuss or see www.thesalsaset.org.uk

From February we will be an independent, self-financing community group. We are planning a party to celebrate the end of our year's grant and the start of our new venture. Anyone who has joined during the past year will be welcome so please look out for details.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2008

Present: Simon Bust, David Herbert, Andrew Paris & Di Parrish

Apologies: Andrew Fraser, Glenys Herbert & Marina Thompson

Matters arising

1. New bus stops – Halam will be getting new posts and signs
2. Sinking road by Gray Lane junction – has been reported to NCC Highways Department
3. Double bend sign near Norfolk House – has been re-erected in the wrong place; to be moved asap
4. Village Hall Christmas tree – has been put up

Village Hall - Held over to next meeting for Mrs Thompson to report

Design Statement Delayed due to Mr Paris' family bereavement. Andrew Paris & Di Parrish to prepare final draft for next meeting (January)

Open Meeting

Matters raised: 1) Christmas tree - thanks, 2) poor repairs to Radley Road/Gray Lane junction, 3) water on road at Oxton Hill end of Radley Road – Cllr Andy Stewart to report to County Council for further investigation

Correspondence

1) BT Phonebox at Turnpike crossroads – agreed to a) buy phonebox from BT for the village at an estimated cost of £5 – 3 for: 1 abstention, and b) to retain lighting at a cost of approximately £20 p.a. – 2 for: 2 against (Chairman's casting vote for)

2) Rural Services Community – to be put on agenda for January's meeting

Planning Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey sun-lounge to rear, and two storey lounge and bedroom extension – Little Oak, Radley Road: rejected unanimously with the comment to be put on the application form that the Parish Council had concerns about the loss of privacy of the adjoining property due to an overlooking window shown on the plans (but not on the elevation)

Finance The budget for 2009-10 was approved unanimously agreed to keep next year's precept at the same level as last year – i.e. £7,000

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 8th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall