

HALAM NEWS

MARCH 2009



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Peter Thompson 01636 814026

APPEAL FOR ARTICLES

I'd be grateful to receive any articles for publication in the coming months to ensure that the **HALAM NEWS** continues to be both interesting and informative

CHURCH STUDY GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Church Study Group on Weds each week for 5 weeks during Lent. We will follow the popular York course on the topics of Faith, Hope and Love. Again we are fortunate to have the Rev Russell Perry to lead us. The first meeting will be on Wed 4th March starting at 7.30pm and will be held at The Scypen, Radley Road. All are very welcome!



Tony Andrews (815584)



HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The **March** meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and there will be a talk by Margaret Harrison who is a Blue Badge guide in Nottingham.

All welcome to attend

The **April** meeting will be on Tuesday 7th

Glenys Herbert (812335)

SPRING CLEANING

House keeper / cleaner ready

to do your spring cleaning.

Excellent refs available.

Please call **01636 812334**

(leave a message if not there!)



MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN MARCH



10.55 Radley Road (Post Office)

11.15 Spindlewood Bungalow

6th & 20th March

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Nothing to report this month.....there must be something interesting going on for someone next month.....let me know!!!!

HISTORY ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Laxton holds a unique place in the agricultural and social history of England, & it is right here on our doorsteps. It is the last example of a working open field farming system where individual farmers work their strips in three large open fields. The system is managed by the Court Leet, which is the only such manorial court in the land with the power to determine its own legal proceedings and levy fines. Each year there are a series of walks round the village and the fields, looking at different aspects of life in Laxton today; how it has been shaped by its history and how it has adapted to current requirements to conserve wildlife and nature. The walks are lead by Stuart Rose, a Laxton Farmer and member of the Jury and Court Leet. All walks leave from the Visitor Centre in the Dovecote Inn car park and are free of charge. Walkers are recommended to bring a packed lunch and to come with stout footwear and clothing appropriate to the weather.

The first walk takes place on 15th March, beginning at 10am. Please call **07939 228353** if you are interested in coming along.

THE FURNITURE PROJECT LAUNCHES ITS NEW WEB SITE

www.thefurnitureproject.net

Now you can arrange to donate furniture and other household goods ON LINE, thanks to Kukimedia, one of Nottingham's top web site design companies, who have donated this new web site. You can now also find out all about The Furniture Project - Nottinghamshire, how to donate furniture, what we do, who we help, how to get help and how to volunteer, just by logging on.

Remember we will collect **free of charge**, your **reusable** unwanted household furniture, electrical items, bric-a-brac and clothing. These are then given to the needy and can help turn a house into a home for families and individuals. Donations of items are vital to the continuing help that we can provide.

Unit 190, Road E, Boughton Industrial Estate North, Boughton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9LD

Tel/Fax: 01623 836410 or www.thefurnitureproject.net

March bustles in on windy feet
And sweeps my doorstep and my street.
She washes and cleans with pounding rains,
Scrubbing the earth of winter stains.
She shakes the grime from carpet green
Till naught but fresh new blades are seen.
Then, house in order, all neat as a pin,
She ushers gentle springtime in.
- Susan Reiner, *Spring Cleaning*

VILLAGE VENTURES

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS TRIO ENSEMBLE

SUNDAY 5 APRIL 7.30pm

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, HALAM

Tickets: £8 (includes interval glass of wine)

Alec Wells: 01636 813491

Email: alec.wells@metronet.co.uk

David Herbert: 01636 812335

Bev Perks: 01636 812181



**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
JANUARY 2009 SERVICES**

1st March	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev Kirk
	9:30	Family Communion	Rev Kirk
8th March	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Kirk
15th March	9:30	Family Communion	Rev MacCoulough
22nd March	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev MacCoulough
		Baptism—Eleanor Howarth	
29th March	9:30	Family Communion @ St Giles Edingley	



**OUTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY
Dvořák - Stabat Mater**

Saturday 28 March 2009: 7.30pm
Southwell Minster

Tickets: £12.50 £10 £8

The Minster Shop: Tel: 01636 812933

Music In The Yard: 01636 814411

Woodlanders: 01636 815172

WARTIME PLANE CRASH IN HALAM

In the early hours of the night of 10th April 1943, Avro Lancaster ED823 was on a night training flight from RAF Winthorpe. The plane collided with high-tension cables and then crashed into the fields just beyond Halam village. Sadly the entire crew of seven men was killed. The crash site was just off School Lane, between the lane and Goldhill, and it said that you can still tell where the plane crashed by a slight depression in the ground. Round this spot the ground is bare and crops grow only very sparsely, whereas the rest of the field produces normal crops.

[Information from "Nottinghamshire Air Crashes" by David Needham]

It would be interesting to hear from any of the older residents who remember that tragic night., and maybe there is interest in erecting some sort of memorial or information plaque, similar to Farnsfield. Please contact Will Hill or Andrew Paris (815844) with any info you may have.

HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2009

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

Matters arising 1. "Road narrows" sign has been re-erected near Norfolk House 2. Investigation (digging) to take place at the top of Radley Road (near Oxtan Road) 3. Letter to Newark & Sherwood DC regarding Parish Plans and the Local Development Framework – awaiting email response from District Council 4. Interactive speed sign is now repaired 5. Village notice board – now fixed 6. Phone box – now adopted. Need to identify electricity supplier

Village Hall Mrs Thompson & Mrs Herbert will obtain quotes for a priority list of work on the hall, meeting will then be held to approve the most urgent repairs/refurbishments

Design Statement Andrew Paris circulated an outline design for the final Village Design Statement document. Andrew Paris will contact the District Council for advice in getting the VDS adopted by the District Council, will also check to see what funding may be available

Rural Services Community No action to be taken

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Andrew Paris circulated the response which had been sent to the District Council. He was thanked for his work on this.

Open Meeting No matters raised

Correspondence Consultation on Development Policies – Andrew Paris to read document and advise

Planning

1. Halam Church House, Radley Road – first floor extension to form loft store over existing garage – supported unanimously

2. New Holbeck Farm - proposed construction of 2 agricultural dwellings for farm workers – both District Councillor and Parish Councillor spoke in support of this application at the planning committee meeting. Decision has been deferred to next meeting.

Planning Decision Little Oak, Radley Road – demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey sun-lounge to rear, and two storey lounge and bedroom extension to front – planning approval given by District Council. Andrew Paris to check dates of consultation and approval

Finance Thanks to the Tea-at-Two-Thirty club for £60 cheque towards village hall improvements

Date of Next Meeting:- Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall