

# HALAM NEWS

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*Peter Thompson 01636 814026*

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Yes, at long last, it's Happy Birthday to **Margaret McCracken** (Madge to her friends) who on April 26th will reach the ripe old age of **50**

## BLACK BUNNY RABBIT

A jet black Bunny Rabbit has set up home in the garden of Applegarth - if it could be yours please contact Julie Paris on 815844  
(*Could it be the Easter bunny??*)



## LAXTON WALKS AND MAY DAY DAWN CHORUS

Stuart Rose's public walks round Laxton and the Open Fields got off to a good start in March when a group of 19 people joined him for one of the longer walks of the year. The series continues on **18th April** with a look at the architecture and mediaeval landscape. The walk starts at 10am from the Visitor Centre. Please bring a packed lunch. On **May 1st** Stuart meets walkers at The Visitor Centre at **5.00am** to reach Laxton Castle in time to watch the sun rise. Rattlejag Morris from Retford will present a programme of traditional dances followed by a BBQ breakfast and a barrel of beer (small donation required for breakfast). Walkers can then follow a route round the open fields accompanied by a bird expert to identify the contributors to the dawn chorus. Please call 07939 228353 to book in.



## **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS**



## HALAM VILLAGE WEBSITE

For his community service activity as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Ben Thompson has offered to re-vamp the Halam Village website. He'd like to know what sort of things you'd like to see on the website so please email him with your ideas at:

[ben.dofe.webdesign@gmail.com](mailto:ben.dofe.webdesign@gmail.com)

## HALAM CHURCH ORGAN FUND

Work will soon be commencing to build and install the new organ in church. We are hoping to finalise details for the plaque to be placed next to it and so would request anyone who would like their names or an event to be recorded on it, and who have not yet contributed, to do so soon to enable us to complete the final plan. Donations can be sent to Karin Davis or Alec Wells. We are very grateful to those who have contributed so far and will be in touch to confirm their commemorative messages. Although we have been delighted with the support so far for the project, we still need further contributions to achieve our target and are starting another 200 club with 5 monthly draws of £50 and a final one of £500. Tickets cost £20 and can be obtained from David Herbert or Alec Wells.



## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN APRIL



**10.55** Radley Road (Post Office)  
**11.15** Spindlewood Bungalow  
**April 3rd & 17th**



## HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The next meeting will take place on April 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
The May meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May also at 7.30pm  
**Glenys Herbert (812335)**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Holy Communion at 7pm in The Village Hall on Thursday 9th April. Rev David McCoulough will be presiding There is a list on the Church Notice Board for anyone wishing to come to write their name on - or please ring Bev Perks 812181



## COACH TRIP TO COVENTRY

Southwell Churches Together are organising an outing to Coventry on Thursday April 30th. The cost is £12 and the coach would leave Halam at 9.40am. Those interested please call **Ros Johnson on 816235**



Holy Week and Easter are drawing close and many of us will celebrate the resurrection, new life and hope that Easter day proclaims. As we move to lighter days, warmer weather and emerging life in our fields and gardens, Easter is a good time to reflect on hope. For Christians the death and resurrection of Jesus are the cornerstone of meaning. However dark, difficult and depressing things might be, or become, Easter bursts into those realities with rays of new life and hope. In Holy Week we enter the drama of Jesus' own darkness and death on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but emerge from the tomb, slightly bewildered perhaps, to experience once more that light and love are more powerful. However we celebrate this year hopefully we get at least glimpses of that Easter joy, hope and love that I believe Jesus wants us all to experience.  
Happy Easter  
Rev David McCoulough (Priest-in-Charge)

## MAY CLARKE, DIED 16TH FEBRUARY 2009, AGED 102 YEARS

May was born in Halam and spent most of her years, post childhood, living and working in the village. She worked with her Aunt and Uncle on the farm at "Littledale Cottage", then she moved with her widowed Aunt to The Cottages on the Turnpike in 1940. During & after World War 2, May worked at Caudwells Flour Mill in Southwell, cycling there, or walking in bad weather! Until 1966 she looked after her Aunt - a difficult and demanding task!

May was a regular member of the congregation at Halam Chapel and loyally supported their events. She was well known in the area for her beautiful knitting and cooking, winning many prizes at local shows. She took great pride in her garden, particularly her tomatoes and sweet scented flowers

After a fall six years ago, May went to Ashlands, but will always be remembered for her caring friendship and generosity and for being a wonderful neighbour to so many.

### **Eleanor Bust**



### ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL APRIL 2009 SERVICES

5th April	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev McCoulough
	9:30	Family Communion	Rev McCoulough
(meet at pub car park at 09:20 for procession to Church)			
10th April	10:00	Devotion (Good Friday)	Rev Kirk
12th April	11:00	Sung Eucharist (Easter Day)	Rev McCoulough
19th April	09:30	Family Communion	Rev McCoulough
26th April	11:00	Sung Eucharist	Rev Kirk
2nd May	15:00	Wedding (Victoria Marsh and Paul Raynor)	

### HALAM OPEN GARDENS - JUNE 28TH

Would you like to help benefit the village and open your garden this year? Whilst welcoming regulars we would love to see some new gardens opening - from the small but beautifully formed to the large & well established, every garden has something to offer. Remember all profits go to good causes in the village. **Paul Oakley 813896**

The black and white cat which was found dead on Cultersforth Lane has been given a decent burial.

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

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

**Matters arising** 1. New Beat Office: Halam has a new Beat Officer, PC Daniel Bebbington. Andrew Paris to arrange an invite to the next Parish Council meeting 2. Village notice board – map for third section. Mrs Thompson to speak to Paul Oakley about proposed illustration, or Tranquil Paths (CPRE) can provide a footpath map 3. Tranquil Paths Scheme – bench at top of Gray Lane. Now not likely to happen due to lack of funding

**Village Hall** Mrs Thompson to obtain 4 tenders for the required work. It seems that a Management Committee is more likely to get grants than the Parish Council. However an Awards for All grant can be applied for by the council when new funding becomes available in April

**Design Statement** Andrew Paris has sent a draft to Newark & Sherwood planning for their comments regarding adopting the VDS as a supplementary planning document. Will progress this.

**Consultation on Development Policies** Andrew Paris reported the responses he had made on behalf of the Parish Council regarding development in the countryside and protection of Mature Landscape Areas

**Open Meeting** County Councillor Andy Stewart advised the meeting that the green lane to Edingley at the top of Cultersforth has been closed for surface repairs (after damage by motorbikes). He also reported that funding for a notice board map may be available via the Building Better Communities scheme. Cllr Stewart reported that the police community speed vans now do not do routine village speed monitoring; they only monitor accident black-spots where death or serious injury had occurred

**Correspondence Victim Support** – received an appeal for financial support. Although it was agreed that this is a good cause, it was decided that it wasn't in the Council's remit to make a contribution **Letter from Planning re Parish Plans** – now difficult to get these accepted as Supplementary Planning Documents, but they will be taken into account as consultation documents when the new Local Development Framework is finalised **Draft Shopfronts & Advertisements** – Andrew Paris to check and report back

**Planning Ford House, The Turnpike – demolish existing house and garage. Construct new dwelling and garage** – rejected unanimously. Size and scale of proposed new house is not in keeping with the site and the neighbouring properties. Does not compare in size and scale with existing property. The style is not vernacular and is out of keeping with the adjoining properties and the location in the village. In addition the supporting documentation with the application is misleading as it does not reflect the present condition of the site – it has already been cleared.

**Finance** Agreed to pay the following: Parish Paths Partnership (Allen Clarke Farming); NALC subscription; exterior decoration of the village hall; and the Clerk's wages. The Council thanked Patrick for his input and work over the past 12 months.

**Date of Next Meeting:- Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 16th April at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall, followed by the usual April Parish Council meeting (at 7.30pm)