

# HALAM NEWS

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Thanks to **the Holland family** of Gray Lane for sponsoring this edition.

*Peter Thompson 01636 814026*

## THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE BY JOHN DIGHTON

Thanks to a slip up at the Ministry of Education after the war, the girls of St. Swithin's School are billeted with the boys of Hillary Hall School. The warring head teachers have to join forces to conceal this from the parents, with classrooms and sports fields switching from male to female at the blow of a whistle.

A rollicking romp!!

The cast includes Halam residents & the play is on at the Lace Market Theatre, Nottingham, 8th - 13th June @ 7.30pm (plus Sat matinee @ 2.30pm)

Box office 0115 950 7201 [www.lacemarkettheatre.co.uk](http://www.lacemarkettheatre.co.uk)

### THANKS FOR SPONSORSHIP

Julie Chapman and Annette Goodman of Back Lane would like to thank the Halam residents who kindly sponsored them on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. They completed a charity ride in the grounds of Belvoir Castle to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Care. An especially wonderful effort from Julie, who herself suffers from a terminal illness. Together they raised over £750 and the event itself £6000. **David Goodman**

### GRAND SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

In the grounds of **Kelham Hall**  
**FREE ENTRANCE!**

Entertainment and activities commence at 2pm

Stalls, games and competitions, BBQ, Licensed Bar, live music and dance, fun for all the family

Plough Promotions

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Belated Happy **50th** Birthday to accomplished local artist **Kate Hill**
- Congratulations to **James Fraser** who recently passed his driving test

### LAXTON HISTORY DAY – 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Including vintage ploughing match (10am), guided walks & tours of church, talks, films, tractor & trailer rides & history displays.

Refreshments available.

### 2009 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Parish Council has once again entered Halam for the Nottinghamshire CPRE Best Kept Village Competition. This competition recognises the level of community involvement and the care for the natural and built environment, which turns a settlement into a living village. The judges are looking for evidence of general community involvement such as up-to-date notices of local events, footpath maps and signs of care for the village by those who live there. The judges are aware that all villages have areas within their boundaries that are beyond their control and which may be detrimental to the village scene - these may be excluded from the area to be judged. Judging takes place between **8th and 26th June** for all entrants and **6th and**



**24th July** for the finalists. Please do all you can to help Halam do well, especially helping to keep road frontages neat and tidy!

### MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN MAY

**10.55** Radley Road (Post Office)

**11.15** Spindlewood Bungalow

**June 12th & 26th**



### HALAM & DIST. WOMENS INSTITUTE

The June meeting will be on Tues 2nd May at 7.30pm. In July we meet at the same time on Tues 7th. Meetings are in the Village Hall  
**Glenys Herbert (812335)**

### CHURCH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Church Study Group will be on Thursday, 4th June at the Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**Tony Andrews tel 815584**

### MAGNA CARTA FOR HALAM SCHOOL

Halam School was very pleased to receive a framed copy of the Magna Carta donated by the **Denyer family** whose two daughters are ex pupils at the school. The Magna Carta: "The great charter extorted from King

John by the barons of England at Runnymede (between Staines and Windsor) on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1215, which guaranteed various rights and privileges to the subjects of the realm, and established the supremacy of the law over the will of the monarchy, it has ever since been looked upon as the foundation - stone of English political liberties.

### HALAM CHURCH CHOIR

The church choir would welcome anyone who would like to join us - if you don't feel able to commit to weekly services but might like to come and sing on other occasions such as weddings or at special services do get in touch We have a number of weddings over the summer - our church is increasingly popular as a venue. Please contact: **Alec Wells Tel: 813491**

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### HALAM OPEN GARDENS - JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

If anyone is willing to help on the day please contact **Paul Oakley 813896**  
Donations of books for the book stall can be dropped off at Ashdene, Radley Road

### ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JUNE 2009 SERVICES



June 7th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Revd E Kirk
	10:30am	Cluster Service @	Southwell Minster
June 14th	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Revd D McCoulough
June 21st	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion	Revd E Kirk
June 28th	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Revd D McCoulough

## HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2009

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

**Election of Chairman:** Simon Bust elected unanimously

**Election of Vice-chairman:** Andrew Fraser elected unanimously

**Election of other Officers:** The following positions were agreed unanimously:-

Halam Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris

Press Officer – Andrew Paris

Transport Officer – Glenys Herbert

NALC Representatives – Marina Thompson & Di Parrish

Snow/Flood Warden – Simon Bust

Internal Auditor – Mrs Janet Simmons

Flag Officer – Simon Bust

Crime Reduction Officer – Andrew Paris

Financial Officer – Mrs Mandy Rickett

**Matters arising** **1. Parish Council Annual Report** – format to be discussed at next meeting **2. Parish Council Insurance** – Andrew Paris had obtained alternative (cheaper) quotes than current renewal. Passed to Clerk and Financial Officer for action. **3. Water at allotments** – support from Building Better Communities is not available (said not to be of wide enough benefit to the village). Cost of survey/installation to be investigated by Glenys Herbert. **4. Water Cycle Survey** – Andrew Paris reported back that he had responded to this and had highlighted the flooding/drainage/sewer problems experienced in Halam. Copy passed to Clerk for filing.

**Village Hall** Marina Thompson presented three sealed tenders which were opened in public. Further meeting (closed) to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm to discuss further.

**Map for Village Notice Board** Being arranged through the CPRE's Tranquil Paths Scheme – Glenys Herbert coordinating

**RAF Memorial (School Lane)** Possibility of erecting a simple memorial to the WWII aircrew killed in a Lancaster crash just off School Lane is being considered – Andrew Paris will report back further

**BT Payphone** Parish Council will need to sign a “unmetered electricity supply” agreement (approx £20 p.a.) – unanimously accepted. Clerk to check regarding insurance for the kiosk.

**Village Design Statement** Meeting arranged with Planning Dept at Kelham Hall 10am 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Andrew Paris, Glenys Herbert and Marina Thompson to attend

**Strategic Housing Land Allocation Assessment (SHLAA)** Andrew Paris reported on an assessment prepared by District Council which identifies sites in Halam as “may be suitable” for the building of 202 new homes. He read out a response he had prepared expressing the Parish Council's surprise and concerns regarding the proposals. With the addition of a comment regarding development of the school playing field, it was unanimously agreed to send the letter to the District Council. It appears that the “sustainability” of development in the village has been based on the District Council's misconception that the village shop and post office is still open.

**Japanese Knotweed** Japanese knotweed is a rapid growing invasive weed introduced to Europe as an ornamental plant in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Once established, this large vigorous weed can colonise most habitats and is regarded as a troublesome pest in many parts of the country because of its rapid invasion and domination of habitats, which results in the exclusion of other plants. It can damage property (for example by growing through tarmac, concrete or even the floors of houses. The species also causes problems in terms of flood management. It increases the risk of riverbank erosion and can also create a flooding hazard if the dead stems are washed into the streams and clog up the channel. A fragment of root as small as 0.8 grams can grow to form a new plant. **Unfortunately Japanese Knotweed seems to have spread to Halam!** While there is no statutory requirement for landowners to remove the plant from their property, because of its potential harm to native species, it is listed on Schedule 9 and subject to section 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, which makes it an offence to plant, or cause this species to grow, in the wild. In addition, Japanese knotweed is regarded as controlled waste and has to be disposed of at licensed sites or by burning on site. For more information see [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) and search for knotweed – it can be treated with glyphosate (“RoundUp”), but will need to be treated twice a year for three years running

**Open Meeting** **1. Sinking of Radley Road by Gray Lane** – to be monitored **2. W.I. Notice Board** on bus shelter needs attention – Glenys Herbert to investigate **3. SelectaDNA Property Marking Kits** – Andrew Paris demonstrated these latest and most technologically advanced way of security marking property. Valuables and electrical equipment can be marked with invisible dabs of the special adhesive which is uniquely encoded with DNA. (See last month's Halam News for details). Kits are available at a greatly discounted price – contact Andrew Paris or Neighbourhood Watch directly

**Correspondence** **1.** Training Seminar: Code of Conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 – David Herbert and Andrew Paris to attend **2.** County Council Civic Service 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – Simon Bust to attend

**Planning Decision Ashcroft, Gray Lane** – two storey extension, conservatory, 3 x porches, new windows and doors, internal alterations: approved by District Council

**Planning Halam Lodge, The Turnpike** – application for erection of two-storey and single-storey extensions to dwelling: rejected unanimously – 1) loss of privacy for neighbours, 2) loss of amenity for neighbouring properties – size and location of extensions, and 3) loss of garaging

**Finance** Agreed unanimously to pay bin charges and fire check at village hall, and dog bin emptying costs. Clerk authorised to pay ongoing payments by standing order (electricity/rates/mortgages for village hall). Agreed to charges of £15 p.a. per village allotment, and to keep village hall charge at £6 p.h.

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall