

# HALAM NEWS

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## WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

The answer to last month's quiz was **Providence, Rhode Island**. Answers should be submitted 15th August, by email to [halam.news@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:halam.news@hotmail.co.uk) Include your name and address on the email! The clue for this month's destination is:  
**Founded as a salt trading town this capital city is the 3rd highest in the world.**  
Where have I been? Good luck!!

## HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday Sept 6th at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall, when local Orchid Expert, Arthur Deakin will be our speaker - so bring along any ailing orchids and ask his advise!. (October meeting will be Tuesday 4th)  
**Glenys Herbert 812335**



## MUSIC AT THE WAGGON

The next music evening at the Waggon will be on Saturday 10th Sept, from 7:30pm, when a young Southwell acoustic guitarist starting his solo career - "Just Brad" - will entertain us.



## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Welcome to Trevor and Carole Kemp who moved into Trevor's parents house on Gray Lane on 19th August.

Following success in A levels, we wish the following young residents of Halam all the best as they embark on the next phase of their education at University:

- Amber Brown, who will study Geography at Aberystwyth
- Freddie Hunt who will study PE at Leeds

Congratulations to Katie Hill who recently passed her driving test!



Jessica Newsome and Richard Owen who were married on 23rd July in Southwell Minster. Jessica is the daughter of Paul and Janette Newsome of Gray Lane.

## HALAM CHURCH CHOIR

After the summer recess, choir practice will start again on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm for the children and 7pm for adults. We now have four children in the choir and new members, adults and children, will be very welcome. The children are paid £1 for each attendance at rehearsals and services.

**Alec Wells**

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## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SEPTEMBER 2011 SERVICES



Sept 4 8:00 Holy Communion  
Sept 11 18:00 Spoken evening prayer  
Sept 18 9:30 Family Communion & Baptism  
Sept 25 11:00 Sung Eucharist & Baptism  
Oct 4 8:00 Holy Communion  
9:30 All age Harvest Thanksgiving

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## TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD: SEPTEMBER 2011

There has been an invasion of the churchyard and in gardens by a red army of ladybirds. They were on the long stems of grasses, amongst the lush green leaves of the cranesbill and scampering among the needles of the yew and juniper. What has brought about this invasion and what does it portend?

There is no doubt that the dramatic increase is due to the prolonged high pressure, warmth and dryness that we have enjoyed over the last 6 weeks, with the associated proliferation of aphids. Over the last few weeks I have seen these attractive red beetles seemingly sunning themselves on the lichen and mosses of the gravestones and trees - they move quickly, but at present rarely fly as they seem so content to be where they are. They are the gardener's best friend as they feed on herds of aphids, green, white and black, and scale insects. It is this that has helped associate them with benefit rather than ill, and for centuries they have been associated with 'Our Lady', the Virgin Mary, the more so because artists originally depicted her in scarlet cloak.

The seven spots of the common ladybird has been associated with the seven joys and seven sorrows of Mary, but this delightful beetle has a characteristic that many would find enviable - once it has become an adult it stays the same size for the rest of its life!

They have few predators as their bright colour warns potential enemies and when winter comes they hibernate. When spring comes the adults mate and as the new generation hatches the old generation dies out. The ladybird will eat about 5000 aphids in its year-long life and so its benefit to the garden should never be underestimated. If we give ourselves time to look around our environment we would be overjoyed at the splash of colour they provide, - the colour appears and disappears as the beetle dives in and out of the foliage and when we see it we smile and our day has been enriched by them:

'Ladybugs all dressed in red, strolling through the flowerbed.  
If I were tiny just like you I'd creep among the flowers too.'

Before we had barometers our forefathers relied on the ladybird to help forecast the weather - if the ladybird is easily seen in large numbers a spell of fine weather is to be expected; let's hope they return in large numbers for the bank holiday weekend!

David Herbert

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011 AT 8PM

**Present.** Simon Bust, Janet Simmons, Sarah Godfrey, Glenys Herbert, David Herbert, Chris Bevans

**Apologies.** Andrew Paris

**Village Hall.** The harvest supper will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. This year it will be without the games. The games will probably be held as a separate event. More details from Glenys Herbert and Sarah Godfrey will follow.

**Standing Orders.** The standing orders are to be inspected by Andrew Paris ready for adoption in September.

**Parking in the Village.** Complaints have been received about cars parked opposite road junctions. This makes it difficult to proceed onto the road, ie when pulling out onto Radley Road from Back Lane, Grey Lane or St Michael's Close. The parish council request that residents try to park considerately. This also applies to cars parked near the School Lane and Radley Road junctions with the Turnpike.

**Street Lights in St Michael's Close.** New street lights have been installed that unfortunately do not illuminate the front doors on the close.

**NALC** Janet Simmons and Sarah Godfrey will represent the parish council

**Future Chairman.** Andrew Paris is to be asked if he would like to attend "an introduction to Chairmanship" on 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**Standards Committee.** Newark and Sherwood have asked if anyone wants to be considered to be nominated as a parish representative on the Standards Committee.

**Planning.** An application has been made to enlarge the entrance to "Green Acres" on Radley Road. It was a unanimous decision to support the application on condition the gates were not of a 'solid' construction.

**Finance.** It was agreed to pay £67.25 costs for the parish council election and £111.80 for bin emptying for the year.

**Next Meeting** This will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm.