

HALAM NEWS

MARCH 2012



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THE SILVER SCREEN IN OXTON

Take a large serving of Irish stew, a sprinkling of Irish cinema and a splash of Guinness and Irish whiskey with the sounds of Wholesome Fish and you have the perfect ingredients for a St Patrick's Day celebration, brought to you by The Projection House, Oxton's very own film night, on Friday, March 16th.

Doors open at 6.30pm. Irish film The Guard will show at 7.30pm. Starring Brendan Gleeson, Don Cheadle and Mark Strong, The Guard is a comedic, fish out of water tale of murder, blackmail, drug trafficking and rural police corruption, and the two cops who must join forces to take on an international drug-smuggling gang, an unorthodox Irish policeman and a straitlaced FBI agent.

If the craic's good, why not stay for a good old Irish ceilidh at 9.30pm to midnight. The band Wholesome Fish are guaranteed to get everyone up dancing. With influences spanning a world of tastes – from Celtic and gypsy-rooted folk through to Cajun, bluegrass, boogie-blues and punk – the Fish have their own distinctive and powerful sound.

Film only Tickets cost £4, £3 for concessions. Food, film and band tickets cost £10, or £9 for concessions. Tickets are available in advance from Roy Walker on 0115 9653595. Tickets on the day cost will incur an additional charge of £1

HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



The next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 6th** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The April meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd**.

Glenys Herbert 812335

EVENSONG, SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

On Sunday 11th March evensong at 6 pm will be sung by Cantilene a group of singers from St. Marks Church in Mansfield. There will be interesting settings of the music and we look forward to hearing them. There will be a collection for Framework, a local charity for homeless people in which we have supported before. **Alec Wells**

HALAM TODDLER GROUP

Halam Toddler group is held every other Friday at the village hall, from 10.30am-12pm, £2 per family. Come along for a cup of tea and chat while your little ones play. The next session is Friday 9th March.

THE WAGGON & HORSES

We launched our **NEW MENU** on **27th February**, including the all new Homemade Waggon Burgers. Please come and try them!!



Wednesday night is our weekly **CURRY NIGHT** - Curry and a drink for **£8.50**

The Corndodgers will be back again on **Saturday 3rd March** for another live music evening from 7:30pm onwards.

On **Saturday 17th March** we'll celebrate St Patricks Day with an Irish themed menu and quiz (from 9pm)

Bookings also being taken for **Mothering Sunday** on **18th March**.

3 courses £18.95 for adults and £9.95 for children.

2 courses £14.95 and £7.95 respectively

March 24th Charity Race night -in aid of "Wish House" who brighten up the lives of terminally ill children.

Check out posters in pub for more details.

Under starters orders from 9 pm



Dates for your diary

- A Memorial Service for Tony Poole will be held in Southwell Minster on Wednesday 28th March at 3pm.

Laxton Walks

- Laxton walk - Sunday March 11th at 10.00am LAXTON AFTER WINTER Approx. 4 miles, 3 hours. A chance to see the fields after winter
- Laxton walk - Saturday 31st March at 10.00am MEDIEVAL LANDSCAPE & VILLAGE Approx. 3.6 miles, 3 hours. An introduction to the medieval architecture and landscape
- The walks are free of charge and start at 10am at the Visitor Centre, in the car park of The Dovecote Inn, with a showing of the introductory film

Countryman's Fair

- There will be an Easter Monday Fun Day at the Dovecote Inn, Laxton on Monday 9th April in aid of the Lincs. & Notts Air Ambulance. Lots of events and fun for the children. Full details next month. Please keep the date free and come along to support this great cause.

Dog pooh continues to be an issue, with dog walkers not using the dog pooh bin or clearing up after their pooch. One dog was allowed to foul a garden without the walker clearing up afterwards. Please be considerate!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Matthew Strathern hit the big 5-0 on February 21st - he's in denial!

STOP PRESS - THE NEW MENU AT THE WAGGON

Just back from the Waggon trying out the new menu! Not only is the menu itself beautifully presented, but the Waggon Burger was a big hit with all 8 diners. In effect it's a build your own burger as you select the type of bread, the type of burger (beef, lamb, chicken or vegetarian) and a topping and it's served with choice of potatoes, salad and coleslaw. The hand made lamb and beef burgers were particularly succulent. Be warned that the Waggon Burger Bundle (a sample of all four burgers) is exceptional value and more than enough to feed 2! Peter Thompson

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**ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
MARCH 2012 SERVICES**



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Halam Primary School is having another Bag2School collection. Please sort out your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles - including clothes, shoes, hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows) We will receive £500 per tonne which will be a great boost for our fundraising. Please put items in black bin liners and bring to the front of school on Tuesday 27th March by 9am. Unfortunately we cannot take bags before then due to lack of storage.

Mar 4	8:00	Holy Communion	Rev D McCoulough
	9:30	Morning Dragon Service	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 11	18:00	Evensong	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 18	9:30	Mothering Sunday Family Communion	Rev D McCoulough
Mar 25	11:00	Sung Eucharist - Passion Sunday	Rev D McCoulough

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – 9TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: S Bust, A Paris, C Bevans, S Godfrey, D Herbert, G Herbert, J Simmonds

Village Hall: Chris Bevans reported that the village hall website was under construction –

www.halamvillagehall.org.uk Links between this site and the current village website will be set up as soon as possible. A quote for the remedial electrical work was discussed and authorised unanimously

Trees: dangerous and overhanging trees – as County Councillor Andy Stewart was absent the Clerk will contact him to progress

Drains: work on the main drains under **The Turnpike** is imminent – road works and traffic lights should be in place this month. **Water at the top** (Oxton Road) end of Radley Road – to be discussed further with Cllr Stewart. **Missing drain cover by water works** – this is still marked by a post and has not been replaced. Clerk will progress this matter.

Grit Bin: still awaiting the promised grit bin (for the Radley Road/Gray Lane junction). To be progressed again with Cllr Stewart. There is still a small quantity of grit/salt available from the Parish Clerk in case of emergency need – contact Patrick Rickett

Open Meeting: Matters discussed: 1) state of Radley Road – to be monitored, 2) Queen's Jubilee: proposals received from the village hall committee – supported in principle, 3) Queen's Jubilee: mugs for children in Halam – Simon Bust to arrange, 4) footpath behind Strickland Farm – Clerk to contact County Council Footpaths Officer

Correspondence: A letter was read out which suggested that a) householders should be encouraged to clear the snow away from the pavements, at least in front of their own house (BBC solicitor stated that householders are very unlikely to be sued for clearing snow), b) snow should be cleared away from any road drains and gulleys – this allows thawing water to drain away and not lie on roads to freeze over-night, c) during bad weather, please check on vulnerable neighbours in the village – are they coping with the cold weather, do they need provisions, or even some company

Finance: Unanimously agreed to pay – NALC subscription and the entry fee for Best Kept Village competition. The section of the Financial Regulations dealing with the getting of quotes was reviewed. It was unanimously agreed that the threshold where any supply or service has to have three quotes should be raised from £100 to £250

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th March 2012, 7.30pm in the village hall.

TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD

When I think of March my thoughts automatically turn to my homeland (hiraeth), the squally winds and rain, and the daffodils that carpet the hedgerows and broken wood glades, and of course St David's Day!

This month in deference to my fellow English villagers I write about the primrose and springtime; primroses in the churchyard conjure up a very English bucolic scene. Chaucer writes of 'Primerole' and 'Pryne rolles' which were names used in England at that time and derived from the Italian 'Fior di primavera' - or spring flower. Meanwhile in monastic texts we read of prima rosa - (first rose) - a name preferred by men of learning. By the 16th century all these ideas had hybridised and 'naturalised' as we gardeners say. and we obtained the single English name for this delightful flower - the primrose. The Latin name 'Primula Veris' means the first little one of spring.

Shakespeare used the flower's name eight times in his plays. We have never tired of this flower and even politicians utilised the flowers charms to ingratiate themselves with people that mattered - (nothing changes!). Whilst walking one day with Queen Victoria at Osborne House, Benjamin Disraeli told her how fond he was of these flowers and how they made him think of her - I don't think he meant short fat clumps, but tall graceful nodding sprays of loveliness. She never forgot the compliment and when he died in 1881 she sent a large wreath of primroses to his funeral. The Conservative party in 1882 named April 19th, the anniversary of his death, as 'Primrose day' and that was the date of the founding of the Primrose League, - a popular movement aimed at promoting Toryism across the social classes; Prime Minister David Cameron is simply using an old idea when he speaks of the 'Big Society'.

I seem to have waffled on at length, but I will end with a quote from Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' to encourage village folk to visit the churchyard!

'And in the wood where often you and I
Upon faint primrose beds were wont to lie.'

Do visit me in the churchyard in March and see the vast numbers of primroses there - I promise that you will enjoy it - and perhaps be inspired to lend a hand!

David Herbert