

# HALAM NEWS

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## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL JUNE 2012 SERVICES



<b>June 3</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion</b> <b>09:30 Diamond Jubilee Service/Trinity</b> <b>(wear red white and blue!)</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b> <b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>18:00 Jubilee Evensong (using part of the Coronation Service)</b>	
<b>June 17</b>	<b>09:30 Family Communion</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>June 24</b>	<b>11:00 Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b>
<b>July 1st</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion</b> <b>09:30 Morning Worship - Annual Blessing Service</b>	<b>Rev D McCoulough</b> <b>Rev D McCoulough</b>

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Cruz family on the sad and untimely passing of Jacqueline, beloved wife and mother.

### PLAYGROUND PEDAL

A group of dads from Halam School is determined to go the extra mile to raise funds for the school playground. They're plan to cycle c75 miles from Halam school to Skegness on 7th July. Why not get behind the cyclists by sponsoring them? To sponsor or for info call Ganesh on 07725 192 225.

### PTA CAKE SALE

The PTA are selling homemade cakes & tea at Halam School on **Friday 1st June (3.30-4.30)** & the pupils Jubilee Celebration work will be on display

## TALES FROM THE CHURCHYARD JUNE 2012

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be caught up in the excitement of the national Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II. Celebration in June invariably means balmy, warm evenings and food and drink in garden - or more precisely the BARBEQUE season.

This word should only be applied to the actions of men, in general, who in summer are obsessed by the mistaken idea that they can cook on a barbeque; this desire has continued down through the centuries until now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the art has been perfected - an art he reserves for special guests who would much prefer to take their charcoal in tablet form and their meat slightly on the cooked side. To help our individual celebrations I would like to include a few tips:

- 1) Guests should be chosen from acquaintances that you don't mind never seeing again - always choose people who have a fast car and sat nav so that they can get to the hospital quickly.
- 2) Charcoal is usually found in a split damp bag at the back of the garage where the cats usually visit. Lighter fuel is needed - usually 2 bottles and a gallon of paraffin. Matches - do yourself a favour and use a new box - if you use last year's they will be damp and fall to bits at the first strike.
- 3) Three implements are needed- any old fork, but chose the tweezers with care - most tweezers grasp the food then spin it uncontrollably into the air and onto the lawn. If this happens and you have pets make sure you wipe the food on your pinny.
- 4) Ingredients - I recommend sausages, thin ones, as these then fall through the grid and char beautifully; beef burgers - be careful to chose thin ones as otherwise they wont dry out and resemble a crisp; chicken - marinade in wine over the previous night to give a delicate flavour which you will then cook out of it in minutes. Lots of red and green peppery things are required to take away the taste of burning. Wine is essential to help your guests forget the whole thing. Sauce red or brown, and mustard in quantity will help overpower all sense of taste
- 5) One should always remember to ask guests how they like their meat cooked - it sounds as if you care - but you will have no chance of success.
- 6) Lighting the barbeque takes great skill and is often only mastered by a pyromaniac. Arrange damp charcoal on the grid, pour on the 2 bottles of lighter fuel and ask guests to go inside the house for a few minutes. Go upstairs and throw lit matches on to the pyre; when one hits the target it should be safe to return to the barbeque in about 10 minutes. Repeat these steps several time and when fire has started recall your guests.
- 7) State loudly to your friends: "I do hope we will have enough" Now drink more wine - this helps you to entertain your guests and detracts from the food. Turn the sausages until they are burnt outside and raw in the middle - as last year. The chicken may not be quite ready - serve the chicken after the pudding and the cheese and biscuits.
- 8) By the time the food is eaten the barbeque will be at the right temperature and you can all huddle around it for warmth - flap away the gnats and remember to remove the cat from off the grill.

In summary if you feel the impulsive desire to cook outside, keep it to yourself - remember the guests this year will not be the guests of last year.

**David Herbert - BBQer extraordinaire**

## HALAM DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

### SUNDAY JUNE 3RD 2012

- 9:30am** **Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Church Service at St Michaels Church**  
- Dress in Red, White & Blue and bring flags and banners!
- 1:00pm** **Royal themed "Big Lunch" at the Waggon & Horses**  
- A few places still available - book to avoid disappointment

- 2:00pm+** **Watch the Jubilee River Pageant on the big screen at the Waggon**

### MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2012

- 4pm - 6pm** **Traditional Village Tea in the Village Hall**
  - Donations of cake, trifle, jelly and sandwiches etc welcomed (from 2pm)
- 6.30pm+** **Evening events based in the Waggon & Horses (BBQ food available)**
  - Village Treasure Hunt (£1 per person entry fee) & vote for the best scarecrow!
  - Jubilee themed Quiz (£1 per person entry fee)
- 9:45pm** **Walk to watch the Halam Jubilee Beacon being lit @ 10pm**



## NEW DATE FOR OPEN GARDENS - 17TH JUNE

Halam Open Gardens will now be held on June 17th, not the 24th as previously stated. Please come out and support your village and have a wander round - the diversity on offer has something for everyone, with gardens big and small, traditional or modern, and not forgetting the abundantly floral St. Michael's churchyard.

Plus the Jubilee Scarecrows on display, Strawberries & Cream, Teas, Plant Sales, as well as Tombola, White Elephant and various stalls at Ashdene. Only £4 per person, children free! All proceeds to go to Halam village funds. **Sunday June 17th 1pm - 5pm**

## ACTIVITIES AT THE WAGGON & HORSES

- 1) England **Euro 2012** matches 15 & 19 June will be screened
- 2) Bookings being taken for Sunday 17th June - **Fathers Day**
- 3) Saturday 23rd June Live music with local musicians **Arcade**
- 4) From 26th June we will screen **Wimbledon** fortnight - why not come and enjoy a jug of Pimms or strawberries and cream?

## PIANO TRIO CONCERT

**June 17th, 2.30pm for 2.45 at Halam Court, Back Lane**

Featuring works by Tchaikovsky & tunes from Palm Court Era

Price : £12.50 includes Pimms and Canapés

First 10 seats for Halam residents @ £8.50

Contact **David Butterworth** on **07850 833 890**

## LAXTON CHARITY GYMKHANA & DOG SHOW

**Saturday 7th July from 9am. Bar from 12 noon.**

More info from **Nick Rowe** on **07780 585 299**

## HALAM & DISTRICT W. I.



May was a very busy time for Halam WI. At the start of the Month the AGM was held. The Secretary reported on the many activities the group had undertaken over the past year. The Treasurer confirmed there are 24 active members and that we were holding our own financially. Thanks were given to the Glenys Herbert for her role as President of Halam WI and she was re-elected to the position for the coming year. Sarah Godfrey was asked to join the Committee as Dora Rylatt has stood down from the committee after many active years of service. Halam WI would like to thank Dora for her commitment and support to the group and hope to see her regularly at our meetings.

May also saw the annual Birthday Party which took place The Waggon & Horses, Halam. Seventeen members attended the 3 course meal. Thanks to Glenys for baking a beautiful WI "birthday" cake and to Ann Loveridge who iced it.

Following a visit to the 2011 Newark & Sherwood Show, Julie Paris and Marina Thompson decided to enter Halam WI into the 2012 WI Competition. The aim was to try and win the Novice Entry as Halam WI had not entered for many years. The main competition was for a Floral & Green Foliage entry, a craft item and an A5 Flyer. Marking would also take into account the staging and interpretation of the theme - Feast and/or Festival.

Halam WI decided on the theme of Feast of Thanksgiving. Tasks were split and Sarah Godfrey produced a lovely miniature quilt, using a Log Cabin design, Marina designed the A5 Flyer and Val Seddon created a wonderful floral design. To try and bring the whole thing together, Julie, Carolyn Todd and Marina hand made a large Cornucopia (Horn of Plenty) using chicken wire and moss. Thanks to Glenys and Linda Croston who helped with staging the whole piece on show day. The hard work and enthusiasm paid off with Halam WI winning the Novice Prize, best Floral Design and coming 2nd overall. Thanks to all who helped with ideas, encouragement and support!

Next meeting is a Faith Supper on **Tuesday 12th June at 7pm** to be held at Ashdene (Dress in red/white/blue & bring a plate) **Marina Thompson**

## HALAM ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

**Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman :** Chairman – Simon Bust, Vice-chair – Andrew Paris

**Election of other officers :** Christmas charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris, Press officer – Andrew Paris, Transport officer – Glenys Herbert  
NALC Representatives – Janet Simmonds & Sarah Godfrey, Snow/flood warden – Simon Bust Flag officer – Simon Bust, Internal auditor – Marina Thompson, Financial officer – Mandy Rickett

**Matters arising:** 1) Turnpike drains – work programmed for this financial year, 2) water at the top of Radley Road (Oxton road end) – has been reported previously to Highways; County Cllr Andy Steward to progress, 3) tree on School Lane – overhanging tree has been reported; should be worked on soon

**Village Hall:** electric storage heaters now seems to be working effectively

**Village Hall Committee:** the Waggon & Horses has offered to buffer the hall floor when needed.

**Queen's Jubilee:** the new village patchwork quilt will need a frame/box to mount and protect it. It was suggested that this year's Open Gardens funds could be used for this

**Halam Housing Needs Survey:** the report is being circulated to parish councillors for detailed discussion at next month's meeting. There will then be a public open meeting with the survey organisers present. Copies are available from the clerk

**Potholes:** some have been filled in, but others still need attention. Please report any problems to the county council – the more people who report, the more likely the potholes are to get fixed - **pressure from parishioners may help to get this resolved, the council can be contacted online through the County Council's website, or on 08449 80 80 80**

**Development Management Policies Consultation Paper:** Andrew Paris reported on the consultation paper, and a proposed response regarding "Developers' Contribution" was agreed

**Open Meeting:** Matters discussed: 1) it was suggested that the parish council could organise a "car club" – providing a car for parishioners to hire. The proposer was asked to write an article for the Halam News to gauge interest for such a scheme, 2) the school PTA asked for the parish council's support in raising funds for a new play area for the school. While the council didn't feel it was appropriate to give financial support (this is a school matter not a parish matter), they agreed to give assistance where possible. The PTA are organising an auction of promises; anyone who can offer a product or service for this should contact the organisers

**Correspondence:** 1) Revised Ethical Framework 2) Election of Police and Crime Commissioner – in November there will be an elected Commissioner responsible for all policing in Nottinghamshire. Further details can be found on the Notts Police website

**Planning:1) Fairfield House: householder application to construct single storey side extension and form first floor balcony** – a letter of objection from a neighbouring property was read out. The application was rejected unanimously Grounds for rejection: adverse impact on the amenities of neighbouring properties by virtue of loss of privacy and overbearing impact

**Finance:** parish council insurance – awaiting second quote (from Zurich). Andrew Paris to check current levels of cover

**Date of Next Meeting:** **Please note change of date -WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012** at 7.30pm in the village hall

**Can everyone please weed their frontages for The Jubilee, Open Gardens and Best Kept Village Competition - Thanks!!**