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*Peter Thompson 01636 814026*

## Wonderful Ofsted report at Halam School

Halam School was recently inspected by Ofsted and the inspection report was extremely positive about all aspects of the school. To quote from the first paragraph of the inspectors report:

**“Due to the excellence of the care, guidance and support provided, good leadership and management and good teaching, the overall effectiveness of the school is good. The pupils’ personal development and well-being are outstanding. A particularly strong emphasis on global education and ecological awareness contributes very well to the pupils’ excellent spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Pupils’ positive attitudes are reflected both in their pride in the school and their very high levels of attendance. Pupils enjoy learning. Their behaviour is excellent both in lessons and around the school and they show high levels of care and concern for each other”.**

Congratulations to Mrs Brown and all the staff & pupils on this super achievement.

*Halam School Governors*

### July Dates for your diary

3rd	10:10am	KS1 performance, Halam School
6th	1 - 5pm	Open Gardens
10th	2 & 6.30	KS2 performance, Halam School
16th	2pm	Sports Day and Summer Fair - School
18th	9:15am	School Leavers Service, Church



## **ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, HALAM JULY SERVICES**

July 5th	2pm	Wedding (Smith/Woodman)	Rev Tanner
July 6th	8am	Holy Communion	Rev Kirk
	9.30am	Family Communion	Rev Kirk
July 13th	11am	Sung Eucharist	Rev McCoulough
July 19th	2pm	Wedding (Bromily/Henderson)	Rev McCoulough
July 20th	9.30am	Family Communion	Rev McCoulough
July 27th	11am	Sung Eucharist	Canon Toy
Aug 2nd	2pm	Wedding (Marshall/Hallam)	Rev McCoulough

Thanks to everyone who helped with or contributed to the raising of **£280** for **Christian Aid. Bev Perks**

### **Unique Number Plate For Sale**

**H4LAM**

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for more details**



### Halam & District Womens Institute

The next WI meeting will take place in the garden of Dr Andrew Ward in Norwell on Tuesday 1st July. We will leave Halam at about 7pm and all are welcome to join

*Glenys Herbert 812335*

The **Mobile Library** will visit Halam as follows:

10:55 - 11.10 Radley Rd  
11.15 - 11.30 Sandalwood Bungalow

On:  
**July 11th & 25th  
August 8th & 22nd**

### Church Study Group

The next meeting of the Church Study group will be on Thursday 17th July ' 7:30pm at The Scypen, Radley Road . All welcome.

*Tony Andrews*

### **Old Vicarage Centenary Celebration and Teddy Bears Picnic**

To celebrate the Centenary of the Old Vicarage, Bev, Graeme and family invite everyone in the village to their gardens on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 2 - 6 p.m.** You will be welcome to come and go as you please, to enjoy the gardens, some music, swimming, sports & games. Tea & cakes will be available. For younger children there will be a Teddy Bear's Picnic at about 3.30 p.m. so don't forget your favourite Teddy. At 5.30 p.m. we will hold a short, informal Songs of Praise Service in the garden. Do bring a rug to sit on and of course, costumes and towels for those who wish to enjoy the pool (no changing facilities!)

*Bev/Graeme Perks & Rev David McCoulough*

### **AN EVENING OF OPERA AT MANOR FARM**

**Saturday 13th Sept.**

With professional soloists:

Zoe Turner (*soprano*), Domenico Colonne (*tenor*) and David Richmond (*piano*)

Raising money for the Church Organ Fund

**Tickets :£45 per person**



(inc champagne reception, supper and all drinks).  
Black Tie (optional)

Contact: **Karin Davis** 815854  
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**Alec Wells** 813491

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to Victoria & Owen Cole of School Lane on the birth of their daughter Matilda Rose (5th June)
- Congratulations to Bev and Graeme Perks who will celebrate their Silver Wedding on 9th July
- Dora Rylatt has received the "For Merit" award for 25 years outstanding service to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal— well done Dora!
- Well done also to Nick Rylatt, who with his Centre Parcs cycle centre team were winners at Nottinghamshire STAR awards.
- Margaret McCracken still isn't 50!

Information on the winner of the July draw of the Organ Fund 200 club will be published next month.

**JOHN KIRBY** 15TH APRIL 1928 - 23RD MAY 2008

It is with sadness that we have to report the death of John Kirby of St Helens Lane. John grew up in Hindhead, Surrey and spent much of his childhood wandering around the "Devils Punchbowl" and the "Golden Valley", where he developed his love of nature; he also used to speak of watching the "dog fights" of the RAF and the Luftwaffe fighter planes in 1940. He married Shirley in 1956 and they had 2 children, Caroline and Bruce. John worked in the coal business for over 30 years and the family moved to Halam in the late 1960's, at a time when fellow villagers thought it strange to live here and commute daily as far as Mansfield!

During his early retirement John enjoyed travelling and had a love of Cyprus, Crete and France, along with the countryside, history, food and wine. He regaled tales of the boat trips he'd enjoyed crewing with Ivan and Beryl Pentecost as they travelled the French waterways heading for the "Med". In recent years he became somewhat frustrated that he was unable to travel to these places nor visit friends in Denmark.

His interest and enjoyment in food led him to become involved in "restaurant projects" both in France and the UK, but his major project at home was his garden. He could be found either working in it or enjoying a glass of red wine and the peace - some of you may recall the infamous hammock with the fitted "optic" which was shattered on the occasion when John's aim "missed" the magpie! John was extremely good company and many of us will have fond memories of his generosity, of encouraging children to camp in his orchard and of the barbeques, of pleasant summer evenings with food and wine and latterly his enjoyment at the construction of his "Monet" bridge. We all continue to enjoy the Willow tree he planted on the roadside bank of the stream at St Helens Lane.

John was blessed with many friends and kind and helpful neighbours. Bruce and the family would like to say a special "Thank you" to the O'Shea family for their friendship and support in recent years.

**HALAM PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2008**

**Present:** Mr Fraser (in the Chair), Mr Herbert, Mrs Herbert, Mr Paris, Mrs Parrish & Mrs Thompson

**Apologies:** Mr Bust

**Matters arising** 1. Parking in the village – Andrew Paris has contacted our Beat Office. No response yet. Will progress\_2. Parking at village hall – car(s) being parked by non-users of village hall. Andrew Paris to draft a letter\_3. "Bend" sign missing at Edingley end of village – County Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that it has been reported\_4. County Cllr Stewart reported that the culvert near the bridge on The Turnpike will be investigated\_5. Spring at the top of Radley Road – Cllr Stewart was asked to report this to Highways. It may need attention before the winter freezes

**Village Hall** - Marina Thompson reported that the Veolia grant application has been sent in. Dulux paints are prepared to donate decorating materials. Local businesses will be approached for assistance at the appropriate time

**Development Proposal** Mr & Mrs Godfrey outlined a scheme under which they would be prepared to donate an area of land behind the current village hall for a car park/open space for the village hall. Some assistance with the refurbishment of the present hall was also offered. In return the Godfreys would like support to allow them a small scale residential development on the other part of their land behind the school. It was agreed that this proposal warranted further investigation and it was agreed to hold a meeting during the week commencing 23 June to discuss further

**Design Statement** A first draft was circulated for study and further comment

**Notice Board** Lettering has now been completed, Marina Thompson is to speak to Paul Oakley about a drawing or 'graphic' plan of the parish footpaths for the right-hand section of the notice board

**Speed Watch** Andrew Paris has contacted John Whitaker and the local Beat Officer. No responses yet. Will progress

**Village Hall Bin** Will now be emptied once a fortnight. The bin at the corner of The Turnpike and Holme Lane has not been emptied in a long while – Clerk to contact N&S DC

**Open Meeting** Tarmac on the pavement outside village hall is very poor – has been reported and a repair ref. number has been issued by the County Council

**Correspondence** 1. Partnerships with Parish Councils Questionnaire – Glenys Herbert to complete 2. CPRE: Tranquil Paths Proposals – Clerk to write saying that the Parish Council have no objections to the scheme or the proposed bench

**Planning** Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Appeals: Bramley, Halam Hill – notification that this application is to go to appeal. Clerk to write supporting Parish Council's previous objections

**Finance** Agreed to pay – notice board inscription, Parish Paths Partnership, fire extinguishers' service (Newark Fire)

**Date of Next Meeting:-** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall