

Halam News

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Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday February at 7.30pm in Halam village hall and our speaker David Keene's subject will be 'My Life as a Clergyman'. The competition is: A Limerick beginning 'There was an old lady from Halam'. Everyone will be made most welcome. For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

- **Southwell Choral Society** will be performing Handel: 'Judas Maccabaeus', a story of conquering heroes which Handel wrote to commemorate the victory of the Duke of Cumberland over the Scots at Culloden in 1746. The concert takes place in Southwell Minster on **Saturday 3 March** Tickets are: £12.50 (front nave) £10 (rear nave) and £8 (side aisles) and are available from Music in The Yard (Tel: 01636 814411) or via Glenys Herbert or Karin Davis.
- **Matthew McAllister**, an amazing classical guitarist will be performing in Halam Church on 25 March at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 and include a glass of wine during the interval and are available from Karin Davis (815854) Bev Perks (812121) & Glenys Herbert (812335).



St Michael the Archangel: February Services

Sunday 4 February 3 rd before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion Both services: Rev. R. Perry
Sunday 11 February 2 nd before Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev. R. Perry
Sunday 8 February 1 st before Lent	9.30am Family Communion Rev.. R. Perry
21 February Ash Wednesday	7.00pm Holy Communion St Giles Edingley (Cluster service)
25 February 1 st of Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist Canon R. Turner

For information contact Churchwardens: Bev Perks (Tel: 812181) David Herbert (Tel: 812335).

LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course will be held jointly for Halam and Edingley. It will follow the plan set by the popular York courses. (The format works brilliantly - Church Times"). There will be five sessions in Lent, starting on Thursday 1st March and continuing on succeeding Thursdays. The theme is "Could we build a better world? - Learning from William Wilberforce." For more details see the posters. Rev'd Russell Perry has kindly agreed to lead us. The first meeting on Thursday will be held at the Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, starting at 7.30pm. If you plan to come, it would be helpful, but not essential, to let me know on Tel: 815584.

All are welcome! - **Tony Andrews**

Wanted Urgently! Mid-Day Supervisor!

Halam Primary School urgently needs a midday supervisor for WEDNESDAY lunchtimes. Please contact Claire Hyatt at school (01636 813062) if you are able to help.

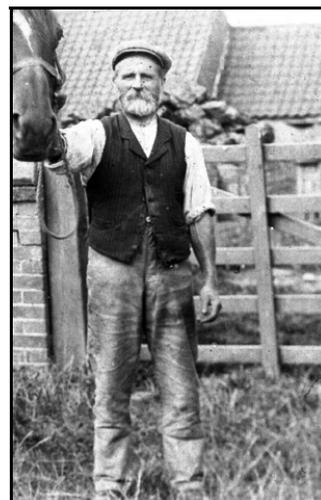
Following last month's article.....

Halam Post Office and Stores

Janet Arnold was one of the postmistresses during the time when the post office and shop were located in the Waggon and Horses. Janet was a likeable Halam character who lived with her father Joe at Thornholme on Gray Lane.

Her shop was crammed with every conceivable item including vegetables grown in their garden. Her speciality however was the huge selection of sweets which attracted hordes of school children, including our own, who streamed across the road under the supervision of crossing lady Edith Brown and later Jill Wright. Under Janet's stern gaze those that sought to handle the goods before purchase were told sharply to "look but don't touch duckie". Our cat Jasper loved visiting the post office and his favourite spot was dozing on the stamp book. On one occasion he spent the night in the upstairs storeroom causing Janet to ring the police in the belief that there was a burglar up there!

Tony Hallam



This photograph, from the collection of Mrs Eleanor Bust, shows Thomas Bust who was the first official sub-postmaster in Halam appointed in 1885. He was sub-postmaster until 1899. During this time the post office was situated at the Waggon & Horses. A Post Office had existed from an earlier time but as a receiving office only. - The Fd

A Hymn & Prayer For Civil Servants
(Contributed by David Herbert)

O Lord, Grant that this day we come to no decisions,
neither run we into any kind of responsibility, but that all
our doings may be to establish new departments, for ever
and ever, Amen.

O Thou, who seest all things below
Grant that Thy servants may go slow,
That they may study to comply
With regulations till they die.

Teach us, O Lord, to reverence
Committees more than common sense;
To train our minds to make no plan,
And pass the baby when we can.

So, when the tempter seeks to give
Us feelings of initiative,
Or when, alone, we go too far,
Chastise us with a circular.

Mid war, and tumult, fire and storms,
Give strength, O Lord, to give out forms,
Thus may thy servants ever be
A flock of perfect sheep for Thee.

(Published anonymously in the Daily Telegraph and
reprinted in 'Verse & Worse: A Private Collection' by
Arnold Silcox (Faber 1958).

Halam Millennium Photo Archive
(From the collection of John Jackson)



Chapel Bungalow on Back Lane owes its name to the
fact that it was once used as a chapel and meeting house
for the Methodists in Halam.

The 1844 Directory records a 'Church Sunday school
...also used by the Methodists as a preaching room' above
what was the Post Office and stores at one time, attached
to the Waggon & Horses public house. Later a chapel
further up Back Lane 'complete with Steward John
Rollings and harmonium players R. Linney and Miss
Gibson' was in existence. This was later converted to farm
buildings and then a house. On the outer walls traces of
the formerly high windows of the chapel exist. According to
Miss Coulthard's book about Halam, services took place at
6pm on Sunday evenings, one Sunday afternoon monthly,
once a month on Wednesdays and every third Thursday.
This chapel was eventually replaced by the new chapel
built in 1897, which is now Halam Village Hall.

Parish Council Meeting: 11 January 2007

Apologies: A Fraser; A Paris; N Armstrong (arrived later).

Minutes of the previous meeting: were signed as a true
record.

Matters Arising: None other than those on the agenda.

Village Hall: Mr J Thornewill will draw up plans for
refurbishment and submit to NSDC to satisfy the Disabled
Access requirements and improvements needed to the
village hall in general; for attention of: The Chairman &
Clerk.

Draft Regional Consultation: A Paris has reported on
behalf of the Parish Council.

Government White Paper: to be put on next agenda.

Parish Plan: Nothing to report.

Design Statement: More information will be published in
the next newsletter.

Noticeboard: Awaiting a price from Mr Islip.

Open Meeting: Several points were raised by the public
the main ones being: 1) The Interactive sign – this should
be in place early in the New Year. 2) Road Drains –
several are overflowing. 3) Cllr Stewart informed the PC
that he was having a meeting with the Highways
Department to discuss drains. 4) A letter was read out
from Cllr Laughton informing the PC that he had been put
forward as a parliamentary candidate but would continue to
help PC.

Planning: 1) Barnholme Radley Road: single storey
extension to side and back and detached single garage –
passed unanimously.

Planning Decisions: Orchard View Radley Road –
approved.

Finance: It was agreed to pay the following: 1) Christmas
tree lights. 2) Village Hall cleaners.

Risk Assessment: Information from A Paris was
circulated to the meeting. This item would be put on the
next agenda.

Items for next Agenda: 1) Signage on Halam Hill. 2)
Financial Risk Assessment.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8 February 7.30pm.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at
8.10pm.

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