



Halam News

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WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

- **Matthew McAllister:** classical guitarist; in Halam Church on Sunday 25 March at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 include interval glass of wine from: Karin (815854) Bev (912181) Glenys (812335).
- **Southwell Choral Society** will be performing Handel 'Judas Maccabaeus' in Southwell Minster on **Saturday 3 March** Tickets are: £12.50 (front nave) £10 (rear nave) and £8 (side aisles) available from Music in The Yard (Tel: 01636 814411);Glenys Herbert ; Karin Davis.



Halam & District Women's Institute

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday March at 7.30pm in Halam village hall and our speaker Mr Smith's topic is 'Britain in Bloom'. The competition is a 'Wild Flower Arrangement': Everyone welcome! For information contact **Glenys Herbert** Tel: 01636 812335.



Parish Pump

- **Congratulations!** to Liz and Duncan Hoggard on the birth of their son Alex on Tuesday 30th January; a brother for Natasha, Kirsten and Evie.
- **Belated birthday greetings** to Betty Godber who was 80 last month on the 3rd of February!

Halam Millennium Photo Archive



Founder member Mrs Monica Brown cuts the cake at Halam & District 50th birthday party in May 2006!



In Memory of David Wilson



David lived in Halam with Marjorie and his daughters Davina and India for over 20 years. He was a fixture within the village and enriched the village with his love of the countryside, of the horses he rode, and for the Hunts that he supported. These passions allowed him to cope with the pressures of present day Forensic psychiatry and allowed him to develop a great sense of humour and fun. David enjoyed life.

Some years ago we were talking together about obituaries in the British Medical Journal and David said that he thought them rather staid and old-fashioned; in the last few days this conversation has come back to me, so I will describe him in the horse terms that he knew so well:

"Hard-working; well balanced; full of presence and ability, and showing great form; excellent paces and conformation; loves a challenge; easy to control in the field but not a novice ride; Strong and reliable in all conditions."

'Horses he loved; laughter and the sun,
All beauty, wide spaces and the open air
The trust of all dumb living things he won,
And never knew the luck too good to share.'

(Extract from the service held in the Minster 12 February)

Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Contributed by David Herbert



In Memory of Monica Brown



Monica Brown, who was buried last week at Halam St Michael's Church, was the last surviving founder member of Halam & District Women's Institute. If she had lived until June she would have reached her 90th birthday!

Monica had just paid her last full subscription to the W.I. and was looking forward to another W.I. year and contributing, as she had always done to our meetings. She much enjoyed being able to cut the cake at our 50th birthday celebrations last year. She was the centre pin of a large family who still live in, or are involved with the village. The Brown family lived at Cutlersforth Farm for many years. We all have very happy memories of Monica and will miss her greatly, none more so than her children, grandchildren great and great great grandchildren who will always remember 'Nan' being there for each and every one of them. We extend our deepest sympathy to them all.

Contributed by Glenys Herbert (W.I. President)

A Message from Will and Rebecca at the Waggon!

We are leaving the Waggon and Horses at the end of this month and will be relocating to the French Horn at Upton in the summer!

We would like to thank you all for your support over the last 8 years and invite you to our leaving party at the Waggon on Sunday 25 March anytime from 7pm onwards. We would love to see our customers past and present, to say goodbye! - Will

The Annual Meeting of the Halam Vestry

This will take place at the school on **Monday 26th March at 7 p.m.** This is a public meeting open to all members of the village. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint church wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

The Parish vestry was developed in the 14th century and became the main instrument of administration of the village. It was composed of all the men of the village who were rate payers. The vestry was in fact the Parish Council up to 1894 when it was replaced by a non-ecclesiastical body by the Local Government act. It was responsible for care of the poor and sick; the maintenance of footpaths and roads; provision of justices of the peace, and the appointment of church wardens. Up until 1894 the vestry could appoint, if it so wished, a parish constable; parish way wardens, and a beadle. The vestry was also responsible for establishing a village goal or lockup and a cattle and sheep pound. Halam folk must have been very law-abiding as there is no evidence of it ever having a village lockup!!

I am sure that many of you are interested in keeping alive this village tradition and so do please come along to the statutory meeting and have a say in who you think should be a church warden and who should look after the churchyard. This is important as the present day parish council has little or no power, - it can no longer lock people up for the night; give out alms to the poor; make decisions about its roads; but the office of church warden still has some power. Come along to the meeting and learn more.

David Herbert

"Tea-at-Two-Thirty"

We continue to meet each Tuesday afternoon at half past two in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come for an hour of convivial company and conversation with tea and biscuits (plus two parties each year). During the past year the group has raised £100 for the Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance as well as making a donation to the Parish Council. - **Cedric Hallam**

Halam Open Gardens 2007

The village "open gardens" event will take place on the Sunday 17th June. We hope that all those who opened their garden last year will do so again this year- and hopefully others will join and open their garden as well. I would like to make a request for books to be sold at a stall on that occasion- so don't just throw them out - save them for the open gardens stall.

Contact **David Herbert** at 812335 or direct at Ashdene for information or to volunteer help. Thank you all!

Parish Council Meeting: 8 February 2007

Present: Chairman S. Bust; A. Fraser; G. Herbert; Clerk P. Rickett.

Apologies: N. Armstrong; I. Sharman; D. Parrish; A. Paris.

Minutes of previous meeting were signed as a true record.

Village Hall: refurbishment: held over to next meeting.

Government white paper: to be passed to A. Paris.

Parish Plan: The Beat Officer will attend the next meeting. Neighbourhood Watch is ongoing. The Annual village booklet will be on the next agenda.

Design Statement: ongoing.

Noticeboard: is being arranged.

Signage on Halam Hill: It was felt that there are too many signs on Halam Hill - to be put on the next agenda.

Open Meeting: the meeting was opened for members of the public to speak.

Correspondence: 1) Item for circulation to councillors 2) EMA of Local Councils - no-one to attend 3) Threat to lottery funding - will be replied to 4) Post Office closures - letter of objection to be written 5) Parish Council pack from e.on - a sample pack was sent to the P.C. containing battery operated phone charger, hand warmers, foil blankets etc. - the Clerk to look into the costs. 6) Funding seminars - Mrs G Herbert to attend.

Planning applications: none

Planning decisions: Bramley, Halam Hill - refused.

Finance: agreed to pay the following: 1) Village Hall cleaners £54.20. 2) NALC subscription £71.99 3) Retrospective - speed gun £81.

Risk assessment to be on the agenda at next meeting.

Items for the next meeting: 1) Noticeboard 2) Road signage 3) Crime Liaison officer - 7pm 3) Risk assessment 4) Village Hall plans 5) Annual Village booklet.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8 March at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.



St Michael the Archangel: March Services

4 March 2 nd of Lent	8.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Perry 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. Perry
11 March 3 rd of Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev Perry
18 March 4 th of Lent	MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30am Family Communion: Rev. Perry
25 March 5 th of Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist: Rev. Perry 7.30pm: Concert: Matthew McAllister Abolition of Slavery 200th Anniversary Passiontide Service: The Minster: 6.30pm

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

LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course will meet each Thursday during Lent, starting on 1st March at The Scypen, Radley Road, Halam, at 7.30pm. We ask the question, "Could we build a better World?" - learning from William Wilberforce. All are welcome. - **Tony Andrews**