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Your Money Your Voice

A message from Councillor Carol Hart, Chairman of the Parish Council

Whether our newsletter is new to you, or you've been with us right from the start, the Parish Council extends a warm welcome to you and hopes that you find this latest edition interesting and informative.

If you've already read our 'mini' newsletter, which is being delivered to all households in the Parish, you'll perhaps realise that your Parish Council's finances are heading for difficult times in the coming years.

That's one reason why this year we have decided to give all residents the chance to let us know what they think is important in the Parish by issuing a questionnaire 'Your Money - Your Voice' which is being delivered to all households along with the 'mini' newsletter.

You can return the questionnaire to the Parish Clerk, drop it off at the Post Office counter in Tesco Express at The Dales, or even complete the questionnaire on line on the Parish Council's web site.

Please take this opportunity to let us know what you think. The closing date is 28 October 2011



Councillor Carol Hart

Switching on the West Hallam Christmas Lights and Carol Service

Saturday 3 December 2011 at the Village Hall

with Special guest

Andy Potter

From BBC Radio Derby

More details on [page 3](#)



Radio Derby's
Andy Potter

Remembrance Day Parade and Service



West Hallam's Remembrance Day Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 13th November 2011 commencing with a Parade and Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Village from approximately 10.30 am.

Following the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial there will be a Service of Remembrance in St Wilfrids Church you are all welcome to attend

Following this Special Service there light refreshments in the Church.



Last Brown Bin Collections for 2011

Just a reminder that week commencing 28 November 2011 is the last week of garden waste collections in West Hallam for this year.

From week commencing 12 December 2011 you may use your brown bins for recycling if you wish, instead of the green bags.

Also, if you are interested in purchasing a blue bin for recycling the cost of a 140 litre blue bin is £26.10, or for a 240 litre blue bin the cost is £28.15.

You can find out more about the Borough Council's refuse and recycling collection services plus information on why you should recycle and in what ways you can help the environment by visiting the Borough Council's web site at

www.erewash.gov.uk/refuse_and_recycling/default.asp



Powtrell Community Pavilion - Part Time Cleaner Required

A Cleaner for the new Community Pavilion at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground is required. Working 2 hours each week on a Monday the rate of pay is £5.93 per hour (National Increase in October 2011).

There may be additional cleaning required dependent on the extent of usage of the Pavilion and this would be discussed with the successful applicant when appropriate

As Cleaner you will be required to work with the minimum supervision and you will decide within some broad guidelines the cleaning frequency/schedule most appropriate for the Pavilion

If you are interested in this position please contact:

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DE7 6HW

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Closing Date: Friday 25 November





SWITCHING ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & CAROL SERVICE

**Saturday 3rd December 2011
at the Village Hall**



Special guest
Andy Potter
BBC Radio Derby

On behalf of the Parish Council, The Village Hall and St Wilfrids Church, the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs C Hart extends a warm invitation to you, your family and friends to join our special guests to switch on our Christmas Lights, to visit the Church, to meet Santa Claus, to join in the Traditional Carol Service and enjoy the following events:

- 11.00am - 5.30 pm Unwrapping the gift-A Festival of Christmas Trees and Cribs at St Wilfrids Church
- 5.00 pm-Hot food and refreshments available in and around the Village Hall
- 5.15 - 5.45 pm Children's Magical Show
- 5.45 - 6.00 pm Music by the Ilkeston Brass Band
- 6.00 - 6.05 pm Switching on the Christmas Lights by our Special guest **Mr Andy Potter** from BBC Radio Derby and a young person from West Hallam
- 6.05 - 6.15 pm Our traditional Carol Service led by Rev'd Simon White with the Ilkeston Brass Band

Santa Claus will also be at the event to meet the children

On arrival all the young children will be invited to put their names in a hat. Councillor Mrs C Hart will then select a name from the hat and that person will join our guests to switch on our Christmas Lights.

Do come along and enjoy this festive celebration, with good food, music and an opportunity to meet our guests on this special day in our diary



Hanging Baskets



2012 will be the Parish Council's third year of sponsored hanging baskets being provided in the village . . . and the Parish Council would again like to place on record its thanks to those businesses and individuals who have previously supported these displays.

They have certainly provided an attractive feature in our village over the summer and we hope to be able to do the same - and maybe even extend to additional locations - next year.

If you would like to know more and the costs involved please contact the Parish Clerk, Mr Peter Briggs , whose details appear on the final page of this newsletter.

Have You Tuned in to the Local Radio Station for Erewash?

Do you know that **Erewash Sound** is the radio station JUST for Erewash and if you've not yet tuned in you really ought to give it a try!

Launched in late 2004 by a team of experienced volunteers, their daytime output consists of 'favourites of today and yesterday' from the 1950s to the present, local news and information, interviews, hourly national, international and local news, weather, travel. sport, competitions and chat, all delivered by a team of warm and friendly presenters. Night-time sees a diverse range of specialist music programming.



www.erewashsound.com

Erewash Sound launched in its present form on 96.8FM on Saturday 6th March at 9:00am from studios at the then Bennerley Business & Enterprise College in Cotmanhay (now the Ormiston Enterprise Academy), coinciding with a special launch party at and hosted by Ilkeston Co-op with special guest - Ilkeston born celebrity Robert Lindsay.

Erewash Sound is a genuinely local radio station, run by local people for local people. They are a not-for-profit community interest company, run by a team of dedicated but experienced volunteers, and a board of non-executive directors. This means their advertising and sponsorship revenue - plus other income - is used exclusively to cover running costs and develop the station further.

Listen today on 96.8FM or on the internet at www.erewashsound.com



Robert Lindsay at the launch of Erewash Sound

VILLAGE SNOW WARDEN

Earlier this year the Parish Council tried to recruit a volunteer 'Snow Warden' to assist in managing gritting arrangements in the Parish, between October and April.

Unfortunately no volunteers were forthcoming at the time, but now Councillor Gary Hamson has kindly agreed to step into the breach to help ensure that resources are used to best effect and are able to respond to local need.

Gary's role will be to

- **Provide information on local conditions to the Parish, the Borough and Derbyshire County Council**
- **To act as a single point of contact within the Parish**
- **To act as a co-ordinator for local volunteers**
- **To report on empty Grit Bins**

Whilst gritting is primarily undertaken by Derbyshire County Council, this year your Parish Council has agreed to hold a small supply of grit locally and the plan is for this to be deployed by them as required in key locations.

This does not of course mean that West Hallam's roads will be problem free - especially if conditions become severe. There are clearly limits to what anyone can do and we can't expect every road and footway in the Parish to be cleared of snow or ice. We will all need to be patient if things get bad.



It is however a step forward, made possible by the County Council encouraging these local voluntary arrangements and providing an initial supply of grit.

Any local residents who have a suitable vehicle and might be prepared to assist with grit distribution on a voluntary basis are invited to contact the Parish Council.

Gary's contact details appear on the back page of this newsletter.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

You may be aware that to mark 60 years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

In order to celebrate the very special and historical date the Parish Council of West Hallam is looking to form a Community Group to organise a special community event/s in West Hallam

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart invites representatives of Clubs and Organisations in West Hallam to join together to organise an appropriate event/s in the Village

It would therefore be helpful if you could forward your name and contact details so that an introductory meeting can be arranged to discuss how best the Village Of West Hallam can celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

If you are interested in joining this Community Group please forward your details to Mr Peter Briggs, Clerk to the Parish Council, 12 High Lane East, West Hallam, DE7 6HW - Telephone 0115-9328274 or e-mail peterbriggs07@aol.com

by Wednesday 30th November 2011

Affordable Housing Update

At its meeting on 5 September the Parish Council further considered the question of affordable housing in West Hallam.

Over the past months the issue has clearly attracted a lot of interest from residents, particularly around the question as to whether such development should be allowed within the Green Belt.

Those of you who have been following the saga will know that East Midlands Housing (who are looking at the provision of affordable housing in West Hallam in conjunction with the Borough Council) have issued a statement indicating that further investigation of the two suggested sites at Beech Lane and High Lane West have been put on hold while they, with planning and housing staff at the Borough Council, investigate alternatives suggested through the public consultation exercise.

Also, EMH's bid for grant funding for a scheme in West Hallam was not successful. To be able to proceed with a development, a further bid for grant will have to be made whenever grant funding is made available for

Housing Association bids - timescale not known

Notwithstanding that things seem to have come to a halt for the time being, the Parish Council thought it appropriate to agree a policy in respect of affordable housing in West Hallam, and this it did in the following terms:-

- **The Parish Council would support the provision of affordable housing in West Hallam where this can be shown to meet an identified local need.**
- **The Parish Council welcomes East Midlands Housing decision not to pursue further the two original identified sites, pending investigations into possible alternatives.**
- **The Parish Council would only consider supporting the provision of affordable housing on any site in the greenbelt where such proposal has the broad support of the local community.**

We shall all have to 'watch this space' for further developments.

Calling Local Clubs and Organisations



Are you involved in a local club or organisation? If so would you like the opportunity to include an item in a future issue of this newsletter?

The Parish Council will consider publishing notices regarding club and community events, articles and news items from clubs and organisations active in West Hallam, either as a 'one off' or on a regular basis.

The next issue will be due around January/February so if you have something which you would like to be considered for inclusion please let us know.

You can get in touch by e-mail to westhallamnews@parkhalldesigns.co.uk

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- **Fly Posting** - the Parish Council is aware of recent unauthorised advertising signs in certain prominent locations and, particularly where these have related to commercial activities, has taken the issue up with the parties concerned.
- **Damage to Play Equipment - Station Road Recreation Ground** - the Parish Council has recently received a letter of apology from a young person who was involved in causing damage to the 'hurricane swing' at the Station Road Recreation Ground. The matter was been dealt with under the terms and conditions of the restorative justice arrangements, for which the Council received £68.50 towards the cost of repairs
- **Parking on Kiln Close** - the Parish Council is aware of residents' concerns about parking problems on Kiln Close and that the police have been keeping an eye on the situation. The Parish Council is pleased that the Bottle Kiln has now completed it's extended car parking provision for approximately 12 additional cars, which should help alleviate some of the concerns. Patrons of the premises are however still urged to park considerately.
- **Pharmacy Update** - at it's September meeting the Parish Council received a copy of the NHS update on West Hallam Pharmacies as published in the Derby Telegraph and confirmed that two applications to open new pharmacies in West Hallam due to open on 2 August had been granted a three month extension by NHS Derbyshire. Obviously one of those is now open. We can but see what happens next. In the meantime the Doctors are being allowed to continue to dispense medicines to all their patients for a transitional period covering the next few months.
- **HGVs/West Hallam Storage Depot** - the Parish Council continues to liaise with TDG and figures received have confirmed that there has been a reduction in the number of HGVs associated with the depot travelling through prohibited areas in and around West Hallam.
- **Church Clock** - the Parish Council has made a contribution to cover the cost of the annual clock maintenance at St Wilfrid's Church in the sum of £164.00.
- **St Wilfrid's Churchyard** - following the closure of St Wilfrid's Churchyard maintenance responsibility passes to Erewash Borough Council. Representatives of the Parish Council, Borough Council and Church are meeting early next month (November) to discuss and agree the detail associated with the transfer of responsibility.
- **High Lane East and Central Recreation Grounds** - following requests from young people, the Parish Council has installed goal posts (one at each location) at both High Lane East and High Lane Central Recreation Grounds. The steel goal posts had been kindly made available by West Hallam Juniors Football Club, which no longer had any use for them.

The Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council will take place at the Powtrel Community Pavilion, Beech Lane, West Hallam on Monday 7 November 2011 commencing with a public open session at 7.00 pm.

The agendas for meetings are available on the Parish Council's [web site](#) at least three days before the meeting and all residents are very welcome to attend.

Your West Hallam Parish Councillors



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