



# High Halstow TIMES



*Home of the Heron*

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February 2009

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## *Project Day*

*It's not a whole day and it's more than just litter picking!*

Each month in this publication we give the date of the next 'Project Day' and say a little about what the volunteers had done on the previous occasion. However, it has been pointed out that what, who, why and where is not always totally clear when it comes to 'Project Day' so I will try and clear-up some confusion.

Firstly, despite for many years being referred to as 'Project Day' the event in general lasts no more than 2 hours, hardly a day! So in recent issues of the HHT we have started to refer to it as 'Project Morning'. The morning set aside is normally the Saturday after the Parish Council meeting (second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in Memorial Hall) and the meeting place is the Village Hall car park at 8:30am. The purpose of the meeting is to smarten and tidy up the village, fix any small jobs which need doing i.e. repair a fence, cut-back some hedges or install a gate etc. Alongside these projects a small group of helpers regularly volunteer to litter pick, often either Dux Court Road or Britannia Road. On occasions we might concentrate on a larger project like painting the bus shelters or installing a notice board. Anyone is welcome to attend (under 16's with parents permission first), and jobs are allocated purely on a 'would like to do' basis and no-one is asked to do anything they do not want to do. We meet back at the Village Hall for a socialable cup of tea and maybe a piece of cake. Before disbanding off home with a sense of pride, that we have helped the village-out for 2 hours in the month, to make High Halstow a nicer place to live.

Next Project Morning is Saturday 14th February.

## *Farmers Market*

After the Christmas break the Farmers Market is back at the Village Hall on Saturday February 7th, doors open from 9:30am. To book a stall please contact Margaret Church on 253709

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Details of Hall Refurbishment now online at [highhalstow.org.uk](http://highhalstow.org.uk) and available at next Farmers Market

### ***Busy Times Past and Future***

Our small group was pretty busy in December, starting with a combined Carol Service with 7 other W.I.'s here at St Margarets church. Our meeting a few days later was hectic but fun with wine, nibbles, and a speaker relating very funny incidents as he carried out his duties of Town Crier. A shopping trip to the Ashford outlet was followed by a sumptuous tea at Eastwell Manor, which was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Onto January and although numbers were down due to illness and holidays we had a real treat with a home grown speaker Gill Ellen, who took us on a trip on the Medway Queen from her birth to her re-birth in a few years time. Her talk with slides was riveting (excuse the pun) and although I'm not from these parts I feel strongly the this little ship should find her fight to restoration and fame if nothing more than for her incredible story in WW2. Gill is always ready to talk to groups and we can certainly recommend her. We did not travel far for our monthly lunch, the Red Dog had as usual good food and service.

Wednesday 3rd February brings Christoph Bull to tell us all about 'Dirty Dartford', He's not from the council cleansing department, but he is fascinated by history. A few days later will see us gathering at Deangate Golf Club for our annual dinner, a new venue for us. As I've yet to meet anyone that has eaten there in the evenings, I've got my fingers crossed that it will be good.

We meet at 7:30 in the 20 Memorial Hall, as a visitor it would cost a mere £1:50, pretty good value for an evening out with no travelling, see you there?

***Margaret Whitebread***

### ***Gardening Club***

This will give you time to put a reminder in your diary's, our year will start on February 10th, at 8 - 10pm with the AGM, after we have done the necessary business we have a glass of wine, and a few nibbles and a quiz, in the past the quiz has been from the Pbi, but so many people found it so hard that an alternative has been found.

And there are 2 full day tickets to the Hampton Court Flower Show in July to be won in our raffle. Members will receive information before this, but we would love to see anyone who would like to come along.

***Pat Hillman***

### ***High Halstow Village Hall Refurbishment Plans***

The draft plans have now arrived for the refurbishment of the Village Hall

They will be on display at the Village Hall during the Farmers Market on Saturday 7th February from 9.30 to about 11.00

Please come along and see the plans as we welcome your comments. The plans should also be on the website

[www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk) for you to view.

Village Hall Committee

### ***Dux Court Road***

Medway Council will be starting repairs to the pot holes in Dux Court Road in the week commencing 2nd February. With the recent icy weather, and frosty mornings please be very careful first thing as black ice can easily form on parts of Dux Court and Christmas Lane. Please take extra care and slow down.

***HH Parish Council***

### ***Dogs Mess***

It has been reported that there is an increase of dogs mess being left behind by owners. It is a public offence for a dog owner not to clear up after their dog, please deposit the mess in the dog bins provided.

***HH Parish Council***

### ***Memorial Hall***

Sadly Irene and Bob Pearce have had to resign from our committee for family reasons. They joined us when this committee was started in 2000, and have been very supportive at all times.

Irene has done a lot of research so we can get the land registered, which means that the land will always belong to the Parish. Bob has always been on hand to help with emergencies, some of which have not been very pleasant, and he has had the help of Henry Hayward.

We have been very fortunate as Angela Forward has agreed to join us as secretary and her husband Mick will help Henry when needed.

***Pat Hillman***

### *Santa's Visit*

It was once again a pleasure to deliver presents to the Village of High Halstow. With the streets lit up I was made to feel most welcome with the treats you so generously gave me and my helpers to keep me going

A special thank you to Derek and Jackie for collecting the presents in the shop in the days leading up to my arrival.

Thanks to Carl and Jo for the use of the car which helped transport me and my reindeers around on the night

With the money for delivering the presents, the donations on the night and the tin from Derek's shop £318 was sent to Demelza House so thank you all who contributed.

Happy New Year High Halstow

Father Christmas

### *Wanting something to do during the long winter months?*

Medway Adult Learning Service offers a wide range of subjects that will add new meaning to your leisure time.

Perhaps you have always wanted to learn to draw, be able to maintain your own car, plaster a wall or learn a second language?

There are hundreds of new courses starting in February through to July all you have to do is pick up a course directory and make your choice. Alternatively you can go on to the website [www.medway.gov.uk/learning](http://www.medway.gov.uk/learning)

There have a free information and advice service, just pop in to the Gillingham or Rochester adult learning centre or phone 01634 338400.

**Children and Adults learning and caring directorate  
Medway Adult Learning Service**

### *Friendly Club*

We started 2009 on January 28, with our 9th Birthday party, Apart from the usual party fare, plus a glass of wine and Birthday cake, Judy has arranged for some entertainers. No party would be complete without a present, so every member will receive a gift.

We have an interesting year planned for members, and look forward to seeing you all again, and to anyone who may be interested please come and join us we meet in the Memorial Hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2 4pm, we are not expensive. £2 per year annual subscription, plus 50p at the monthly meetings, this helps pay toward the hall hire, and general expenses

### *HH Cricket Club*

On 5th December an unauthorised party was held on the veranda of the Cricket Club Pavilion. We know it took place because 24 bottles of a well known, and expensive, Belgian beer were strewn across the grass together with the box that they had been packed in. Some of the bottles were broken, which made clearing up more difficult with green glass in green grass. Whilst the pavilion itself was untouched it appeared that some effort had been made to get into the scoreboard. The area of the outfield by the pavilion is under repair and all the good work there has been undone.

The police were informed of the incident, and they will be keeping an eye on the premises in the future. It is unlikely that an adult (over 18) was involved - they drink at home or in the pub! The officer pointed out that consumption of alcohol in a public place by a minor is an offence.

The Club is indebted to Jack the road sweeper for clearing the mess. This was way beyond the call of duty. The Club expresses its sincere thanks to Jack and anyone else involved. I hope that the perpetrators, and anyone who knows them, will learn a lesson from Jack on what it means to be part of a community and respect for property, and people, within that community.

**David Laphorn  
Life President  
High Halstow Cricket Club**

## *High Halstow Parish Precept 2009/10*

At the Parish Council meeting in January the Parish Council agreed to keep the precept at its current level.

The budget has been set for the coming year as per below:

HH Parish Council

### High Halstow Budget 2009/10

<u>Budget Heading</u>	<u>2008/09</u> <u>Initial</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2008/09</u> <u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2009/10</u> <u>Draft</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b><u>Personnel Expenses</u></b>			
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>22,890</b>	<b>25,190</b>	<b>26,380</b>
<b><u>Administration</u></b>			
Insurance	1,550	1,510	1,540
Audit Fee	410	410	420
Telephone	330	330	340
Subscriptions	470	480	490
Chairmans Allowance	400	400	400
Hall Hire	460	460	200
Miscellaneous Administration Costs	200	200	200
Office Supplies	350	350	350
Publications	50	50	50
Web Site	100	100	100
Annual Report	370	0	370
Election	250	0	500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>4,960</b>
<b><u>Rent</u></b>			
Garage Rent	930	750	770
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>770</b>
<b><u>Grants</u></b>			
Section 137	500	500	500
Other Grants	500	500	500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b><u>High Halstow Times</u></b>			
Printing	4,950	4,950	5,050
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>5,050</b>
<b><u>Green Spaces</u></b>			
Grass Cutting Contract	0	0	0
Other non contract costs	0	0	0
Tree Maintenance	1,500	1,500	1,500
General Maintenance- Forge Common	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b><u>Playground</u></b>			
ROSPA Inspection	80	70	80
Playground Maintenance	3,500	0	
Playground Equipment	3,500	0	20,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,080</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20,080</b>
<b><u>Highways/Footpaths</u></b>			
Bus Shelters	6,000	0	10,000

Speedwatch	0	0	1,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,000</b>
<b>Trailer</b>			
Trailer Maintenance	250	250	250
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Village Projects</b>			
Notice Board Maintenance	100	100	100
Christmas Parade	2,000	0	0
Rural Dickens	1,600	0	0
Bromhey	300	300	300
Project Day	250	250	250
Cricket Fence	250	250	250
Youth Projects	2,000	0	2,000
Sharnal Street Pond	200	0	200
CCTV	2,000	0	2,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>Contingency</b>			
Working Contingency	1,500	0	1,500
Long Term Contingency	6,000	0	9,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,500</b>
<b>Capital Provision</b>			
Heron Centre	43,000	43,000	48,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>48,000</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>110,240</b>	<b>83,400</b>	<b>136,090</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Precept	-43,410	-43,410	-43,410
Bank Interest	-1,500	-1,000	-500
High Halstow Times Advertising Income	-400	-200	-200
Street Cleaning	-12,730	-14,990	-15,290
Grass Cutting Contract	0	0	0
Allotments	-40	-40	-50
Recreation Ground - EDF Wayleave	-10	-10	-10
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-58,090</b>	<b>-59,650</b>	<b>-59,460</b>
Surpluses Brought Forward	-14,150	-15,390	-33,350
VAT Recovered		-3,710	
Heron Centre Fund Brought Forward	-38,000	-38,000	-43,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-52,150</b>	<b>-57,100</b>	<b>-76,350</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-110,240</b>	<b>-116,750</b>	<b>-135,810</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-33,350</b>	<b>420</b>

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In the above I would assume figure for grass cutting will have a nil impact although figure not known but income should not be less than expenditure

You will see that the two main projects which the Parish Council are keen to move forward in the coming year is the refurbishment of the play ground and replacement of two bus shelters.

## ***RESUME OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2009***

All councillors attended the January meeting of the Parish Council, together with 4 residents. The budget for 2009/10 as recommended by the Parish Council's Finance Committee was presented and adopted. This provides for no increase in the precept for next financial year a decrease in real terms. Gary Thomas has explained more elsewhere in this edition of the Times.

The replacement of the playpark was discussed. The bid for lottery funding has been turned down and it was decided to proceed with asking equipment providers to suggest alternative schemes limited to the funding available from the Parish Council about a third of the original sum. Not only is play equipment expensive, the necessary safety surfaces are also expensive and the existing, although adequate for the existing equipment, is not up to current safety standards and will have to be replaced with every new item for play. The Parish Council will at the same time investigate other sources of funding that may become available. Unfortunately many grant providers will not allow local authorities to bid and of course, parish councils are local authorities.

Whilst on the recreation ground, it was reported that the football team who had asked to play on the pitch had found accommodation at the school. The Parish Council will also be in touch with the Cricket Cub about requirements to allow a colts team to play on the ground.

Those of you who live on the "Wilcon" estate noticed during last year that there were two landscape maintenance teams at work. This was confusing to everyone. Essentially, the landscaped areas that were adjacent to the roads had been adopted by Medway Council and as such were (and still are) being maintained by the Parish Council's contractors under the agreement with Medway Council. The other communal areas have not been handed over and were being maintained by the developer, now after various company take-overs, Taylor Wimpey. We negotiated with Taylor Wimpey and from January 1st have a contract with them to maintain these areas. This means that it is all being done by our contractor Turfsoil and when the areas are finally adopted, the transition will be seamless. We have also negotiated to replant the buffer zone at the rear of properties in Cardigan Close; however the planting scheme has to be costed and approved by Medway Council who own the land and it may be that we do not obtain the approvals in time for this winter's planting season. Councillors discussed the implications on maintenance of the Christmas Lane roundabout if the appeal for sponsorship is taken up by an unknown party.

The Parish Council is moving forward with replacing bus shelters and Carl Mitchell will be contacting more manufacturers.

During the report by the police representative, it was mentioned that the police intend to carry out a speed check in Christmas Lane.

Finally, we are pleased to report that £300 was raised for Demelza House by Santa during his visit just before Christmas.

### ***HH Village Website***

Did you know you can see the minutes of your Parish Council on our website! If that is not your cup of tea, you can also look-up local groups in the village, plans for the Hall Refurbishment, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events.

For all your village needs the site is  
[www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)

**PROJECT MORNING**  
**90 minutes spent improving**  
**the village**

**Saturday 14th February**

**8:30am Start at the Village Hall**

**Love your village this Valentines!**

### *Use antibiotics wisely*

That's the message this winter as residents look to keep infections away.

NHS Medway is urging the community to think twice before reaching for antibiotics as the magic potion to cure all illnesses.

Antibiotics are medicines used to treat infections caused by bacteria.

Primary Care Trust Antibiotic Pharmacist Janice Moorekite said: "If you take antibiotics for the wrong reasons the bacteria in the body will build up a resistance to it and the antibiotics will not work to treat illnesses in the future."

People should take the advice of either their doctor or pharmacist and take medicines as prescribed until the course is complete.

Bacteria, including some which can cause hospital infections such as MRSA, builds up a resistance to antibiotics the more they are used.

Janice added: "We know coughs and colds get better just as quickly without antibiotics. Antibiotics do not work against colds or flu."

The doctor will only prescribe antibiotics when they are needed such as when a patient has a kidney infection or pneumonia. For further information call NHS Medway Antibiotic Pharmacist Janice Moorekite on 01634 382895.

Fact file:

To treat colds, coughs or sore throats drink plenty of water and rest.

Colds can last up to a fortnight and over-the-counter remedies can help ease symptoms.

See your doctor if a cold lasts more than three weeks or you become breathless or have chest pains, or already have a chest complaint.

### *Dates for Diary*

Every Other Tuesday:

Mobile Library

12:30/12:50

Village Hall Car Park

12:55/1:15

Northwood Ave.

Every Wednesday:

Painting & Drawing for Beginners

10.00

Memorial Hall

Every Thursday:

Mother and Toddler's

09.30

Memorial Hall

Sugar Babes

19.00

Memorial Hall

Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers

09.00

Memorial Hall

### *Other Dates*

Wednesday 4th

19:30

Women's Institute

Memorial Hall

Saturday 7th

09.30

Farmers Market

Village Hall

Tuesday 10th

12.15

Open House

Memorial Hall

Tuesday 10th

20.00

Gardening Club

Memorial Hall

Wednesday 11th

20:00

Parish Council

Meeting

Memorial Hall

Saturday 14th

08:30

Project Morning

Village Hall

Wednesday 25th

14:00

Friendly Club

Memorial Hall

Friday 27th

20:00

Quiz Night

Memorial Hall

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## High Halstow Cricket Club



**High Halstow Cricket Club (Colts Section), would like to invite Any members of the Youth Club who have an interest in learning how to play cricket, to join them at their Indoor Winter Nets Sessions. These are held on Sundays, January through to the end of April, between 4 and 5pm at the Kings School, Rochester.**

**Any parent wishing further details, then please contact**

**Malcolm Coomber (Colts Coordinator) on 251473.**

### *Soldiers, Sailors and Skylarks*

The RSPB is inviting Kent Residents to discover a different side to the River Thames with a new walking guide. Readers will discover the wildlife of the North Kent Marshes, as well as a hidden waterway, and the tale of some secret prehistoric treasure.

The new walk takes you to the beautiful Thameside bay of Higham Bight, an RSPB reserve home to swirling flocks of dunlin and the calls of curlews, and a Bronze Age burial mound of Barrow Hill. It is near here that a secret stash of gold coins hidden inside a hollow piece of flint was discovered, an early money box perhaps or an attempt to hide stolen treasure?

RSPB Community Officer Carol Donaldson who created the trail, with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund said "Gravesend's history has always been linked to the river but just outside town a wider landscape exists where the air is still full of the songs of skylarks. I hope the guide will encourage people to appreciate this hidden side of the River Thames.

The Soldiers, Sailors and Skylarks trail begins in the historic town of Gravesend whose waterfront once bustled with sailors and fisherman. The walk then leads along the River Thames past the RSPB Shorne Marshes Reserve to Shorne Fort.

Originally built to repel invasion by France, the Fort was landscaped in 2008 by the RSPB with the help of Gravesham Borough Council and Ibstock Corey.

On the return journey, walkers can discover the hidden remains of the Thames and Medway Canal, now a wildlife sanctuary.

To receive a free copy of Soldiers, Sailors and Skylarks contact the RSPB North Kent Marshes team on 01634 222480 or e.mail northkentmarshes@rspb.org.uk



## *High Halstow Primary School PTA*

The last term was especially busy for us, with a Christmas Shop, Bazaar and Raffle to organise, the PTA were kept extremely busy. We already have a good selection of events for the coming term all of which are listed at the end of this newsletter.

### **New Secretary**

At our last meeting, Ami Lawes was voted to be our new Secretary and we would like to offer thanks to her for taking this position forward. We now have a full complement of officers for this year.

### **Yellow Moon, Christmas Shop & Christmas Cards**

Thank you to everyone who made purchases through our Yellow Moon catalogue. We receive regular commission cheques from them, the last one being for £28.87 based upon sales of £307.33. Despite the credit crunch and looming recession, the Christmas Shop was one of our best, raising a profit of £270.72. Enormous thanks need to go to Pat Carter and her team of buyers, wrappers and sellers. We hope you enjoyed opening your children's' gifts on Christmas Day. Thank you to all our Christmas card designers. The PTA has received a donation of £42 commission from the card company.

In our last newsletter we hinted that your donated funds will be put to use. We are now very pleased to be able to reveal that a new multi skills area is due to be completed in the playground shortly. This includes 6 different activities, and 2 wall boards to go on existing kick wall in the shape of a target and a white board.

The new multi skills area will shortly be offered to KS2 pupils to use during break times. It is with the continued support of all our parents and their families that we can create exciting additions to the school, all of which are of great benefit to our children's education.

### **100 Club**

At the last School Council meeting the committee carried out our November 100 Club draw. The winners of which are as follows:-

1st No. 36 - Mrs Hilda Woolmington

2nd No. 62 - Mrs Lesley Munday

3rd No. 42 - Mrs Pat Carter

If you would like to join the 100 Club or if you are an existing member and would like to purchase another number, please give your details in at the school office (your name, child's name and contact telephone number in an envelope marked "100 Club") and you will be contacted when a number becomes available. The 100 Club is open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and even the family dog! Each number costs £1 per month payable once a year. Our fees will shortly be due for 2009, so if you are already a member of the 100 Club please look out for the payment reminder slips.

The Christmas Draw was held at the PTA Christmas Raffle and Cake sale. Here are the winners' names and numbers:-

1st £100 - No. 64 Miss Corinne Smyth

2nd £50 - No. 44 Mrs Karen Beattie

3rd £25 -No. 38 Mrs Hunt-Earle

### *FORTHCOMING EVENTS*

Adults Quiz Night	Friday 7th February
Fizz and Quiz (KS2)	Friday 13th February
Mothers' Day Shop	18, 19, 20th March
Pamper Evening	Friday 20th March
Tea and Treats (KS1)	Friday 15 May
Spring Raffle	Friday 22nd May
Fathers' Day Shop	17, 18, 19 June
Summer Fair	Friday 27 June

## *Nativity Pictures from Joy Club*

Pictures from the Joy Club Nativity are available from Stephen Gwilt for a small donation.



### *Note from the Editor*

The High Halstow Times is a friendly point of contact and all views expressed are those of the individual. No letter will be published without the name and address of the writer being supplied to the editor, although this information may be withheld from appearing in the HHT upon request. If you have a matter for complaint, it should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, which meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome.

Advertising rates are £15 per quarter page per edition; £30 per half page per edition.

### *Need to Hire a Hall*

If you are interested in hiring either of the halls in the village for a party, function or meeting please contact :

Memorial Hall - Pat Hillman 251064  
Village Hall - Ann Smith 251914

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## Cinderella



**FEBRUARY 19TH / 20TH / 21ST @ 7:30PM**

**MATINEE ON SATURDAY 21ST @ 2:00PM**

**TICKETS: £4.00**

**RECREATION HALL HIGH HALSTOW**

**FRED BERINGER (251135) OR ANITA RUSSELL (271535)**

## Big Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended my 40th Birthday party on the 24th. I was deeply touched by all your good wishes and messages and because of your generosity we have managed to raise £400 for Cancer Research UK, which is a fantastic amount. I would also like to thank everyone for helping out, both before the party and on the night. I hope you all had as much fun as I did.

Lots of love, Claire xxx

## Winter and Spring

Now that Christmas has gone and the New Year is with us, here is a selection of Villager trips from the coming season...

### Museum of London, Docklands

Using stories of trade, commerce and migration, this 200-year old warehouse shows the long history of London as a port. With archaeological finds, unusual objects, fascinating tours, films, and events, this certainly is one of the capital's real hidden gems.

The Museum is also accessible via riverboat; enjoy a 10-15 minute journey on a Thames Clipper riverboat to Canary Wharf Pier.



### Imperial War Museum, London and Churchill's War Cabinet

**War Museum.** Chronicling the history of conflict from the First World War to the present day, the museum's vast collections range from tanks and aircraft to photographs and personal letters as well as films, sound recordings and some of the twentieth century's best-known paintings. **Churchill's Cabinet.** "This is the room from which I will direct the war." Experience the Cabinet War Rooms, housed beneath London's streets, where Winston Churchill and his War Cabinet led the country during the Second World War.

### The Royal Mews

One of the finest working stables in existence, the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace provides a unique opportunity to see the work of the Royal Household department that provides road transport for the Queen and members of the Royal Family. The Mews has a permanent display of state vehicles. These include the magnificent Gold State Coach used for Coronations and those carriages used for royal and state occasions, state visits, weddings and the State Opening of Parliament.



### Audley End House, Saffron Walden, Essex

King Henry VIII gave Walden Abbey to Sir Thomas Audley, who transformed it into his mansion, Audley End. Audley End remains one of England's grandest country homes with over 30 lavishly decorated rooms to enjoy and explore. On display are a rare set of English tapestries by Soho weaver Paul Saunders. Wander round the beautiful 19th-century parterre with its magnificent floral displays and take a turn around the organic walled Kitchen Garden growing original fruit and vegetable varieties.



**Group hires.** From 1 April 2009 group hires will cost £70 with our driver and £60 without our driver.

**Excursions.** Trips must have a minimum of eight passengers to run or they may be cancelled at short notice.

**Can you help?** The Villager runs with help from a number of volunteers. This makes a big difference to the service. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a volunteer driver then please call the Villager to find out more. We would be pleased to hear from you, even if you are only able to drive occasionally.

Contact the Villager on 01634 890100  
or via e-mail rural.projects@medway.gov.uk

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