



# High Halstow TIMES



*Home of the Heron*

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**February 2010**

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## *The Red Dog Public House*

It is often said that real life is stranger than fiction and whilst that may be true occasionally, the reality is that most of the time real life is usually very boring in comparison to fiction. That is the reason why so many rumours are started and people gossip. What they don't know they make up. That has certainly been true with regard to the Red Dog.

The trustees of the Red Dog have heard many rumours regarding the pub over the last few months, many of them fascinating, some bizarre but none of them close to the truth. As trustees we feel that it is important for us to re-assure parishioners as to the true position.

The Red Dog public house belongs to the High Halstow Relief in Need Charity. It does not belong to the Church or the Parish Council and neither the Church nor the Parish Council gains financially from the charity nor do they have any control over the charity. The Charity is independent and has its roots in an 18th Century charity set up by a previous Rector and church wardens. The purpose of the charity was and remains to relieve the need and hardship of people in the parish.

Over the last few years we have paid for repairs to people's homes, helped with heating bills, helped people with funeral expenses as well as new glasses, we have provided equipment for disabled children and housebound adults as well as supplying emergency phone lines for those who are vulnerable and living alone and more recently we have given bursaries to young people going to university. All of our funds are used solely for the benefit of residents of the parish.

Our primary source of funding is the rent paid by leasing out the Red Dog. Recently the rent has not been paid, and despite our best efforts the trustees have been forced to take legal action in order to regain control of the premises. On 12th January 2010 the trustees obtained an order for possession of the property. This is not something that it has done lightly but we have a legal responsibility to do what is best for the charity.

The charity is committed to maintaining a successful and thriving village pub and has no intention of selling the building. The charity can now begin the process of looking for a new tenant for the Red Dog. We have not made any decisions as to who the new tenant will be.

There will be a period of advertising and the terms of the new tenancy will be discussed with professional advisors to ensure that we are making the best business decision for the charity, as we are required to do by charity law.

We know that having the Red Dog closed will be very inconvenient for many people in the parish but we wish to re-assure parishioners that we are as keen as anyone to get it re-opened as soon as is reasonably practicable.

We will keep people informed of firm developments through the High Halstow Times. In the meantime we ask you to be patient.

Anyone wishing to take on the tenancy should contact Mr Mark Foster at Rogers Stevens & Chance on 01634 841433.

***High Halstow Relief in Need Charity***

***Farmers Market - Saturday 6th February 9:30 - 11:30  
Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, Meat, Bread, Cakes, Pasties and Pies,  
Cards, Chocolate, Honey, Handmade Craft, Jewellery, Ornaments and Gifts.***

### ***Friendly Club***

On Tuesday 26th January we were 10 years old, so there was the usual Birthday tea, Birthday gifts and also we hired an entertainer, more about that next time.

I do hope all our members remembered our change of day from the 4th Wednesday to the 4th Tuesday of each month.

This change of day was done to avoid any clashes with other activities in the area.

Our next meeting is on TUESDAY 23rd February.

***Pat Hillman***

### ***Village Play Park***

The programme for bringing in new pieces of equipment and upgrading the play park is still on track for completion by the 31st March 2010. We are still awaiting confirmation as to the exact dates and will notify you as soon as possible. Should the work be commencing before the next HHT is published then there will be notices put in the Parish Notice Boards. There may well be an impact on the use of the car park, as the contractor carrying out the work will be utilising some of this space. Please accept apologies for any inconvenience should this occur.

***HH Parish Council***

### ***Village Speed Limit***

Please be aware that the speed limit within the village is 30mph, speeding is a major cause of accidents and fatalities are more likely at speeds above 30mph. Some areas are considering lowering the speed limit to 20mph in built up areas. Traffic Police can prosecute anyone exceeding the speed limit. Please drive carefully.

***HH Parish Council***

### ***Quiz Nite***

Yes! We are back again starting on 29th January, so we hope your brains are all charged up after the break, hopefully there will be all the usual banter and laughter that we usually have.

You will be pleased to know, that although Margaret has moved she will be back to do 'Margaret's Music' each month.

***Pat Hillman***

### ***Santa's Visit***

I am pleased to say following my annual visit to High Halstow on Christmas Eve, £732 was raised. This has been split between the two charities, Help for Heroes and Cerebral Palsy Care. This included donations of £180 over and above the small charge for the delivering of the presents. Many thanks to you all

***Father Christmas***

### ***Parish Precept***

The Council is pleased to announce that there is no increase in the precept for the forthcoming year. In the March HHT it is anticipated that the complete breakdown for the budget for next year will be published for your information

***Parish Council***

### ***Dog Fouling Act 2005***

There has been an increase in dog foul not being picked up by owners walking their dogs. On 1st October 2009 a dog fouling order was introduced by Medway Council under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environments act 2005 that makes it an offence to fail to remove dog faeces (without reasonable excuse) from any area to which the public have access. The fixed penalty for this offence is £80 fine. Please make sure you clean up after your dog.

***HH Parish Council***

### ***Memorial Hall***

The bad weather affected so many people, and we didn't get away scot free. We had a frozen pipe at the back of the hall, but fortunately no permanent damage was done, thanks to Pat Ford who soon had the repair done. I don't know if the bad weather was also to blame, but our door lock packed up, but Steve Steward soon had that sorted. Fingers crossed there shouldn't be any more now. A big thank you to everyone who was inconvenienced, and didn't complain.

***Pat Hillman***

### ***Garden Club***

We start our Gardening year on 9th February with our AGM, it will follow the usual pattern, and there will be two tickets for the Hampton Court Flower Show.

There are some changes to our committee, which I am sure you will approve, and again there is a new programme for the whole year. Please come and join us – everyone is welcome.

***HH Garden Club***

## ***Resume of the High Halstow Parish Council Meeting - 13 January 2010***

The meeting held on 13 January – the first of 2010 - was attended by 8 councillors, the Footpaths Officer and, surprisingly in view of the weather, one member of the public. She is to be applauded for making the effort. The Parish Council is still one member short, as no-one has come forward to be considered to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Margaret Shuter. If you would like to get involved in what happens in the place in which you live, do give it some consideration. You may speak to any parish councillor or the Parish Clerk. Details are given both in High Halstow Times and on the website.

There was no objection to a planning application for a single-storey extension and internal alterations to provide a bathroom for the disabled to a property in Christmas Lane. An objection was made however to the building of a pair of houses on the corner of Eden Road and Harrison Drive, as it was felt the site is cramped, would create some loss of amenity to adjoining and other neighbouring properties and also on highway grounds as new accesses on the corner would have to be made.

The most important item for discussion was the precept. This is the amount of money required by the Parish Council and which is raised through the Council Tax. The Finance Committee having met three times to work through the budget for 2010/11, it was decided not to increase the precept this year. So even though you may find an increase in council tax, none of it will be due to the Parish Council. Savings have been made through obtaining grants towards the new play park and the works to the ditch on the Recreation Ground last year, which has helped keep the precept the same.

You may have noticed the “new” bus shelters at the Recreation Hall and at Heronsbank/Longfield Avenue. These have been provided, installed and donated by Medway Council, following a programme of new shelters elsewhere in Medway. They are not the “rustic” shelters that we were intending to buy, but it seemed silly to refuse perfectly serviceable shelters on grounds of appearance. We are continuing our bus shelter fund as the other shelter in the village will need replacing at some time. The “new to us” ones are in fact second-hand, therefore they will also need replacing at some time in the future.

The new play park is due for installation by the end of March. New swings will be provided, as will an item of equipment for toddlers and equipment aimed at the 8 to 13 years age group. Some equipment will be inside the play park fence and some outside it at the back of the hall. A grant was also obtained to renew the ground under the kick wall and tidy up the shrub area between the public conveniences and the allotments. This work will also take place before the end of March. Each contractor is aware of the other, in case they both appear on site at the same time! When start dates are notified to us, we will inform the school, so that parents will be forewarned of potential parking difficulties. The Parish Council has also agreed to the use of the Recreation Ground for Mini Youth Cricket (arranged and managed by Medway's Education Department) on 2 or 3 occasions next summer. This is a repeat of last year's event, which was well organised and caused no problems.

Trees promised from Groundwork could not be delivered because of the snow and were diverted to elsewhere, where they could be delivered and looked after. The Parish Council has ordered other trees for Forge Common which should arrive (weather permitting) and be planted in the next few weeks.

### ***HH Parish Council***

#### ***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

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

The Parish Council website has been relaunched. 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, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events.

A reminder for local groups is that you can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details.

For all your village needs the site is:

[www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)

## *High Halstow Cricket Club*

The Cricket Club is delighted to report that agreement has been reached with Hundred of Hoo School to further enhance the relationship between the two organisations. Since the School's foundation more than 50 years ago, former pupils of have played their summer game at High Halstow. In more recent years the Club's Colts Section has been well served by current students from the School.

As part of the agreement, the Cricket Club's qualified coaches will run coaching sessions at the School and provide expertise and assistance in the preparation and maintenance of the School's cricket square. The Club's winter nets for adults will be held at the School from 7-9pm every Thursday between now and mid-April and the 3rd and 4th XIs will use the School's facilities for home matches on Saturdays from May onwards. In addition the School will have access to the Club's facilities at High Halstow.

Readers will recall the 1st XI won promotion at the end of last season and will take their place in Division II of the Kent League in 2010. The 2nd XI will be pressing for promotion from Division II (2nd XIs). The 3rd and 4th XIs play in the newly re-organised Kent Regional League, which feeds directly into the Kent League. Traditional Sunday cricket is not forgotten, with a full fixture list as well as participation in the Medway Area Sunday League.

The Colts Section are fielding teams at U17, U15, U13 as well as 3 teams at U11, with every prospect of putting out an all-girls team at U11 this year. All the teams participate in the Medway Youth Cricket League. Several members have represented Medway District, and we are pleased to report representation at the Kent County winter training. Our colts nets are held at Kings School on Sunday afternoons until April. Full details of the Colts Section are available from Malcolm Coomber on 01634 251473.

As part of our preparation for the new season, the Club is taking part in NatWest Cricket Force 2010. On the weekend of 27 and 28 March volunteers from the Club, sponsors, parents and other supporters will be doing all the jobs (big and small) necessary to get the season under way – including making sure all volunteers are well fed and watered during the weekend. Why not find out how you can help, then register as a volunteer? Contact David Laphorn.

Higher standards of cricket inevitably lead to higher costs, so fund-raising will take on particular significance this year. There will be a quiz night on 20th March in the Memorial Hall, and a Spring Bank Holiday Sponsored Walk on 31st May. Proceeds will be shared between the Club and Hoo School, in support of their cricket. The Family Fun Day returns on August 30th. More details of all these events are available from David Laphorn (01634 250334). As ever we are very grateful for the continuing support of all our sponsors, donors, parents and other friends. Together we can make this an entertaining and successful 2010 for all.

**David Laphorn**  
**HH CC Chairman**



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### *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.



## *Not Beaten By The Snow*

I was so disappointed to have to cancel our January meeting that plan 'B' was drawn up, and so we met just two weeks later. It was good to see everyone again and our speaker was someone not to be missed. We have been very lucky by recently having two 'home grown' speakers. A member guided us through a painting of a Christmas scene in December. Fun was had by all

with lots of laughter, and for some it got a little messy. It was a member's husband that joined us in January, telling us of his work as a free lance photographer and displayed some brilliant pictures of well-known people. My favourites were one of the Queen wearing the biggest smile ever, and a lovely one of her Mother looking so elegant as she always did. Frank Bruno at his fittest with not a lot on was pretty memorable to.

I must mention a great day out that a small group of us had travelling by train to see The Snow Queen at the lovely though small Theatre Royal in Margate. This is a town that could be wonderful, but is looking rather sad. Lunch was enjoyed overlooking the sea, and a walk to see the show took us through a fabulous Victorian square, which in its prime would have been magnificent.

Coming up is the next round of the darts at Ryarsh, and we are returning to Deangate Golf Club for our annual dinner. Last year they looked after us really well and the food was very good.

Next W.I. meeting is on 3rd February when we will learn about Puppy Walking for Guide Dogs, complete with dog. Just £1:50 on the door, not a lot for a good evening out.

Advance notice. Colin Breed, a retired police officer will tell us about his work following the Zeebrugge Ferry disaster. This will be an 'open meeting' so if any gentlemen would like to join us they would be made most welcome.

**Margaret Whitebread**

## *High Halstow Parish Council Vacancy*

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council, anyone interested in applying to become a Parish Councillor should contact Roxana Brammer on 01474 871269

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For further information call:

**Wanda Wright LCH, MARH, (Registered Homeopath)**  
5 Cooling Road, High Halstow. Tel : 01634 252284  
or email : [bespokehomeopathy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bespokehomeopathy@yahoo.co.uk)

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## **PROJECT 90**

**90 minutes spent improving the village**

**Saturday 13th February**

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

**Free Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Buns afterwards for all the helpers**

## *Your Parish Councillors*

George Crozer, Chair	01634 250286
e.mail: <a href="mailto:george@highhalstow.org.uk">george@highhalstow.org.uk</a>	
Gary Thomas, Vice Chair	01634 252812
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Ray Collins	01634 250105
Pat Hillman	01634 251064
Carl Mitchell	01634 250911
Martin Mitchell	07531 984169
Lesley Munday	01634 250276

Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269



# Free craft day at High Halstow

Organised in partnership with High Halstow Youth Club

**Friday, 19 February 2010**

**High Halstow Memorial Hall, The Street, High Halstow**

*(Parking available across the road at the village hall)*

Come along and try your hand at fun arts and crafts including **clay modelling, face painting, fabric printing** and much, much more. Drop in or stay for the whole session. Tea and coffee for parents who want to stay.

• **11am to 12.30pm for Under 8s**

*(Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult).*

• **1.30 to 3pm for 9-14-year-olds**

*(Children over eight may attend unaccompanied, but we advise parents of younger children to drop them to the hall and sign them in before leaving)*

• Places subject to availability, first-come-first-served.

• Please wear old clothes or an apron.

• This workshop is open access, so young people can come and go as they please. Medway Council is not responsible for those who choose to leave the hall.

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### *Dates for Diary*

Every Wednesday	
Painting & Drawing for Beginners	Memorial Hall
10.00	
Every Thursday	
Mother and Toddler's	Memorial Hall
09.30	
Sugar Babes	Memorial Hall
19.00	
Every Saturday	
Karmann Dancers	Memorial Hall
09.00	
Sunday 14th, 21st, 28th	
Joy Club	Memorial Hall
15.00 - 17.00	

### *Other Dates*

Wednesday 3rd	Women's Institute
19.30	Memorial Hall
Saturday 6th	Farmer's market
09.30	Village Hall
Tuesday 9th	Garden Club AGM
20.00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 10th	Parish Council
20.00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 13th	Project 90
08.30	Village Hall
Thurs 18th - Sat 20th	Dick Whittington
19:30	Village Hall
Tuesday 24th	Friendly Club
14.00	Memorial Hall
Friday 26th	Quiz Night
20.00	Memorial Hall

### *Local Lad Branches Out*

Nathan Hall who has lived in the village all his life and attended High Halstow Primary School and Hundred of Hoo Secondary school is now starting out in business on his own. Nathan has worked as a joiner for an exhibition company completing projects at the Chelsea Flower show, NEC Centre and O2 arena is now turning his hand to domestic maintenance, everything from hanging a door, to fixing a leaking tap. As Nathan says 'No Job too Small', you can contact Nathan on 253542 or 0773 8649067.

### *I Know The Score*

<http://ikowthescore.premierleague.com/>

League positions to 27th January  
Mrs A Sitta = 1360  
Ben\_De\_Legs = 1280  
cousboss = 1185  
comos1 = 1035  
eric007 = 420

*Mrs A Sitta is still in the lead, Ben\_De\_Legs is slowly catching up.*



# FANCY A CUPPA AFTER DROPPING OFF THE KIDS ? OR SOMEWHERE TO GO FOR ELEVENSES ?



The Kings Kitchen  
opens every Tuesday  
morning from 9:00  
till 12:00 noon in the  
Memorial Hall.

Serving, teas, coffee, hot chocolate, soup  
and a selection of cakes and biscuits. There  
will be a warm welcome from your host Liz  
Meredith and a relaxing atmosphere to get  
over the trauma of the school run ! So don't  
just stand at the school gate chatting come  
in and chat over a drink instead. Or pop in  
midmorning and meet with friends and  
neighbours for elevenses

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## The Kings Kitchen

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For more info contact Rev Stephen Gwilt [Stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)



# Youth Night



A place to just hang out and be yourself  
Friday 5th February and  
the first Friday each month  
Youth Open Night at the Memorial Hall.  
7:30-10:00pm entrance free.

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Yoga

Pilates  
Ceramics  
Film making & editing  
Bead jewellery & accessories  
Community choir

COME AND JOIN US – TRY AS MANY OF THE SESSIONS AS YOU LIKE –  
MOST WILL LAST NO LONGER THAN HALF AN HOUR

### *The Medway Queen*

The Medway Queen Preservation Society celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2010, and although it has been a long hard struggle for the dedicated team of volunteers, there is now light at the end of the tunnel, as the valiant little ship is at last having its hull rebuilt at a shipyard in Bristol.

Not being robust enough to be towed to the Albion Shipyard, she was dismantled at Damhead Creek, with each part being numbered, photographed and listed to enable her to be rebuilt in dry dock. Every part that could be saved and reused was carefully stored and later taken to Bristol by lorry.

Although there is still a long way to go, the hull of the ship is now taking shape, the keel was unveiled last June by the Lord Mayor of that city, many of the frames are now in place, bulkheads are being added, a ship is being re-born.

The Medway Queen is the first ship in 50 years to be riveted not welded, and the Society had to promise to use as many traditional skills as possible, and also to use apprentice labour for the fitting out of the ship when she is back in the Medway area. The MQPS are grateful to Medway Council who have offered the use of Gillingham Pier to use as a fitting out berth - that task could take up to a year to complete.

If you would like to find out more about the Medway Queen and to see the progress being made, visit [www.medwayqueen.co.uk](http://www.medwayqueen.co.uk), and click on the webcam to view the daily progress in the dry dock.

Noreen Chambers, Vice President MQPS said "We expect the ship back by the end of the year and then we can start to fit her out, finances permitting. We will have apprentices involved in that task and have had great co-operation from local colleges. Donations always welcome, people can donate online now or send to the Medway Queen Project office. 42 North St, Strood. ME2 4SN.

*(Thank you to Noreen for providing us with this information.)*

# **DRAMARAMA**

**PROUDLY PRESENTS**

## **Dick Whittington and his Cat**



**FEBRUARY 18TH / 19TH / 20TH @ 7:30PM**

**MATINEE PERFORMANCE SATURDAY 20TH @ 2:00PM**

**TICKETS: £3.50 RECREATION HALL, HIGH HALSTOW**

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## Readers Letters

**Dear HHT,**

Today is Sunday 10th January 2010 and as far as we and most villagers are aware the Red Dog will close its doors and it may not re-open. Steve Waldie and his family have run the local pub for 28 years, no mean feat when one considers we have had two major recessions and are now in the middle of a very difficult time for all Public Houses, for those of us who appreciate what happened in the last few months a thank you to Steve and the Staff is in order, we may not have had a pub over Christmas if it was not for staying power.

The second part of this letter comes from a delegation through myself and Chris Hills who are both Red Dog users and concerned that as a community asset, we the community, do not know what the future is for the Red Dog. After all when it closes its doors today it is no longer a Pub or indeed a business!!! It will have not loyalty to sell on, no fixtures and fittings achieving nothing but depreciation and the possibility of an empty run-down building on our door steps. Is it not time that the committee of the Relief in Need Charity who own the building informed the community of there plans and actions, it may not be our business but we believe we as part of the community should know what is planned for this empty ex Pub and ex-village asset.

**Vic Godding and Chris Hills**

### ***Report Crime***

Always call 999 if

- a crime is happening now
- people are injured
- people are being threatened or are in danger
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby

Call Kent Police on 01622 690690 to report any non-emergency crime

To help please record when and where the problems are happening including:

- dates and times of incidents.
- as much detail as possible.
- names and/or descriptions of those involved.
- how the incident has affected you.

**Martin Mitchell**

**HHPC Police Liaison**

**Dear HHT,**

High Halstow is very proud to be associated with the "Home of the Heron", I as a local resident consider this to be an unwise choice unless you are willing to sacrifice the right to have garden ponds and keep fish in them.

Even though my modest pond is just a few feet from my lounge window, to date I estimate that I have personally contributed, albeit unwillingly, to providing the local marauding herons some 50 meals over the last two years. My enjoyment of this

beautiful garden feature has been totally destroyed. My neighbour had a much larger and better-stocked feeding station for these birds and daily one is seen stalking his pond. In fact last week he brought along two of his friends to also have lunch.

I read that one way of protecting your pond was to erect a trip wire around the perimeter to stop the herons from walking into the water as they are considered a wading bird. Let me inform your readers that this does not work at all as I have witnessed herons diving into large ponds for the fish. Other methods of protection are covering in netting or mesh screens, but we don't build garden ponds just to spoil their looks by covering them in hideous green netting or rusty wire mesh. Besides this, netting interferes with the planting of the water and marginal plants.

If my fish were considered farm animals and there safety was being threatened could I shoot the herons like farmers can do to dogs worrying their sheep? I wonder if the European Court of Human Rights may have an opinion on this.

Perhaps the answer would be for those who support the Heron should provide feeding stations around the village and surrounding areas so that the Herons will be so well fed that they would leave my fish alone.

Perhaps the High Halstow Times would like to set up such a fund and organisation.

***Name and Address Supplied***

Contributions for March should be sent by 23rd February to:  
Carl Mitchell, 8 Marsh Crescent, High Halstow ME3 8TJ  
or e.mail to [editor@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:editor@highhalstow.org.uk)