



# High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



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February 2013

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## *Project 90*

Project 90 was started back in June 2003 and has been going strong ever since. This year we will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the initial idea was to clear the three main fly-tipping sites on the extremities of our Village but in that time we have painted, fixed, chopped, collected, removed, replaced and installed all across the village to try and improve and enhance.

We begin again this month on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February meeting at the Village Hall Car Park at 8.30am, everyone is welcome and the more hands, the more we will be able to achieve.

If there are other projects you think the Parish Council could undertake with this scheme please let them know.

**HH Parish Council**

## *Village Hall Refurbishment – Phase Two*

At the time of going to press the tender document for Phase Two is almost complete

For this stage we are looking for the front of the hall to have a major overhaul and depending on costs we are looking for the following works to be carried out:

- New roof to the front
- New toilets including facilities for the disabled
- Rewiring
- Heating
- Plumbing
- Space made available for new Doctors facilities
- Alcoves removed with building squared off

Remember you can see the plans at  
<http://highhalstow.org.uk/halls/village-hall-plans>

## *Photographic Competition*

Following on from another successful Photographic Competition, and to encourage more entries pictures can now be sent to [photos@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:photos@highhalstow.org.uk)

There are no restrictions this year with regards to previous winners, and the categories are remaining the same i.e. Flora & Fauna, People & Places, 18's & Under. If you are submitting pictures of children, please supply parents permission (although large public events do not require such permission).

If you a member of a group in High Halstow, why not send photos from an event you organised, i.e. Dramarama Summer Show, the Gardening Club, High Halstow Hikers etc. They would make great additions to the calendar produced at the end of the year, and you may win a prize for your efforts.

Full details of this years competition will follow in future editions, but as Bruce would say 'keep snapping' or is it 'dancing'??

**HH Parish Council**

## *Parish Precept*

The Parish Council at the January meeting looked to set the precept collected to remain the same at £40,000 for the coming year. However the Parish Council at the time of going to press is still waiting for the Council Tax base in order to confirm if there is to be any change to the amount charged

In next months HHT there will be a breakdown shown as to where it is planned for your money to be spent.

**HH Parish Council**

## ***Village Hall and Village Market***

The Hall Committee has to raise approximately £8,000 a year just to keep the Hall open. This is to cover costs such as cleaning, electricity, water, insurance, general repairs etc. The money for this comes from the hirers of the Hall and not from any fund raising activities that the Hall Committee also undertake.

Fund raising activities are purely to bring money into the Hall to pay for the refurbishment programme that is underway.



**YOUR VILLAGE HALL  
NEEDS YOU!**

It is important to the Hall Committee that the fund raising activities it runs are successful not only with attendance but also for the money raised

Recent tribute bands organised have not been performing to capacity audiences with many of the attendees coming from outside the village.

The Village Market (formally the Farmers Market) is an opportunity to generate between £120 and £200 per month for the Hall Fund raising depending on attendance.

In recent months we have seen the number of stall holders reach record numbers with a terrific variety of goods on sale and although we recently lost the Butcher (although are hopeful this is only a short term problem) the number of people coming to the market has gone down

For any market to succeed it is imperative that the public support it as otherwise we will lose the support of the stall holders and the event will fold.

Please can I ask you to come along and not only support this great event and the stallholders but to remember that monies raised are going towards improving **YOUR** Village Hall

**Saturday 23 February 10.30am - 1pm**

**COFFEE MORNING**

£2.50

Enjoy home made cakes coffee teas

**Stalls include**  
Clothes  
Jewellery  
Gifts  
Cards

In aid of Anim-Mates our local animal rescue sanctuary

**High Halstow Memorial Hall  
The Street ME3 8SF**

## ***Village Hall Cook Book***

Thank you to all of those who contributed and purchased a copy of this first cook book in aid of the Village Hall.

Following this successful event it is planned to have another book later in the year so please watch this space for further details.

There a few copies left which will be available from the Village Market on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, price £6.50

## ***Speed Limits***

Please can I remind people to observe the speed limits through the Village. We should all be mindful that High Halstow is a nice place to live where children, older residents and walkers should feel safe. Some may not be as aware of the traffic as they might otherwise be. Please be careful.

**George Crozer, HH Parish Council**

## ***The National Lottery***

Lottery tickets are now available to buy from the Village Shop.  
Good Luck!



# COME AND JOIN US FOR A DANCE THROUGH THE AGES

ON SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2013 at  
7.30 - 11.00 p.m.

At Allhallows Village Hall

Please bring your own  
food and drink

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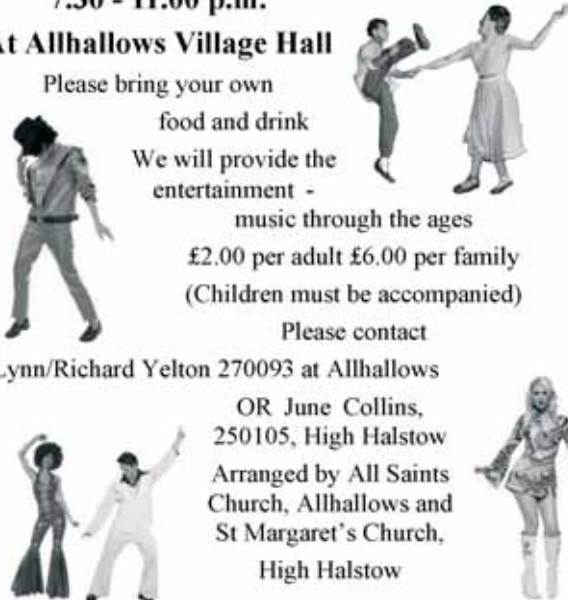
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Please contact

Lynn/Richard Yelton 270093 at Allhallows

OR June Collins,  
250105, High Halstow

Arranged by All Saints  
Church, Allhallows and  
St Margaret's Church,  
High Halstow



## 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 - Angela Forward 251756

Village Hall - Crystal Wakefield 251849

Please do not call on a Sunday.

## Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

One or two of your Parish  
Councillors will be at Kings  
Kitchen in the Memorial Hall  
on: Tuesday 12th February  
from 10.30 – 12.00pm and  
every 2nd Tuesday in the  
month.

Come and tell us your  
problems or find out about projects we are  
undertaking. If we can't answer your questions  
there and then we will get back to you.

**High Halstow Parish Council**



## High Halstow Hikers

In December we did what is already becoming  
a regular pre-Christmas walk. Two dozen of us  
walked to Cooling Court via Wybourne's Farm  
then through Cooling and down to the RSPB  
reserve and back to the village through  
Nothward Hill Woods for Yuletide refreshments.  
Although the ground was wet in most places it  
was manageable and the wonderful sunshine  
giving views across the countryside and river  
more than made up for it. The mulled wine and  
festive fare allowed us to toast another year's  
enjoyable walking.

The January walk was scheduled to be around  
Brenchley (near Tonbridge) but the footpaths  
around there were unsuitable after such wet  
weather and we had to reschedule that walk for  
later in the year.

Our provisional schedule for 2013 is below. The  
February walk will be from Gravesend along  
the river and canal path to Shorne Mead Fort.  
We will set off on Sunday 10th February at  
10am from the car park at Gordon Promenade  
East. This is alongside the canal basin and  
Gravesend Sailing Club (postcode DA12 2BS).

For further details please contact Mitchell at  
[mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) or on 01634  
254428.

Other 2013 walks:

March Saturday 9th -	Chilham
April Sunday 14th -	London Parks (incl Green and Hyde Park)
May Sunday 12th -	Brenchley
June Sunday 9th -	Stoke Marshes
July Sunday 14th -	Sandwich and Deal
August Sunday 11th -	Conyer
September Sunday 8th -	Ightham Mote/Oldbury Hill
October Sunday 13th -	Birling Hill/Luddesdowne
November Saturday 9th -	TBA
December Sunday 8th -	Local pre-Christmas walk

## Friends of St Margaret's Church

The first two fund raising events have happened with the first being the Christmas Tree Festival

Twenty-seven trees including a 'living' tree were present along with Karmann Dancers and the Church Choir

It is fair to say a great day was had by all to the extent that next years event has already been booked for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, more details to follow in the coming months

Thank you all to the groups, individuals, families and businesses for putting in a tree. Many thanks to Karmann Dancers and the Choir for performing on the day along with all of you who came to support this event which raised £220

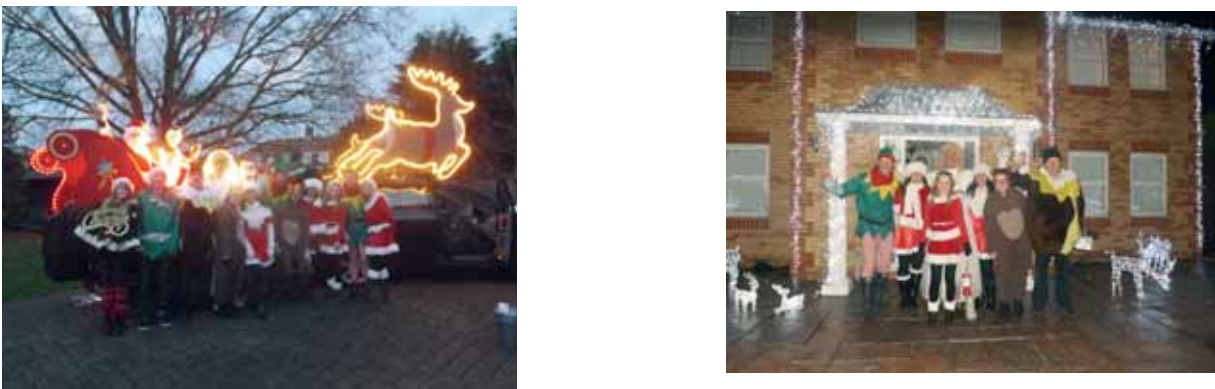
Hopefully more pictures of the event can be viewed on [www.thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk](http://www.thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk) which is a new site currently being built for the Friends. History of the village as well as the church will be added to this site so if you have any articles to put on please let us know



The second event was the annual Santa's Visit. With a record number of presents being delivered and donations saw a sum of £830 raised, so thank you to all who supported this

Who would have thought that Santa would be seen in High Halstow doing the Gangnam style dance, especially at his age. More pictures can be seen on [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)

Many thanks to all the helpers who made it a fun day



The meeting planned in January was postponed due to the snow so next month there will be further details of fund raising activities and hopefully an application form to join, so please watch this space.

## *High Halstow Cricket Club*

Last month, I referred to a notebook passed to me by John Durling, who had played for the club in the 1940's and 50's. The following notes, written no later than 1954, cover the history of the cricket club upto and including World War II. The post-war extract follows next month. In both instances there are many gaps, which I would like to fill from the direct knowledge of any reader who remembers those days or has family records of them.

*In 1885 there was a small club running in the village, which had their ground on Rayner's Meadow, now the farm's yard. It was not until 1895, ten years later, that the Rev T.W. Longfield formed the present club backed by other members of the village. The ground was then changed to the Rectory Meadow where it is to the present day. Boundary lines have altered considerably during the years. The boundary then was between two pools, the one in the wheelwright's yard and the one in the Rectory garden.*

*It was not until 1900 that the club really found its feet. There were only 6 or 8 matches a season played at first mainly against St Marys, Stoke, Grain and, later, Higham. Since 1900 the club steadily grew and was quite good by the time Mr Kemp was headmaster at the School.*

*Over the years, the boundaries of the ground have gradually worked away from the Rectory Garden until 1939, when the pitch was in the middle of the field. The old, original boundaries had by this time been taken over and a flourishing tennis club was now being run.*

*1939 saw the beginning of World War II and for nearly 3 years the ground was neglected, But in 1943 got the club together again. Fixtures were few were mainly between local army units. The war first brought Sunday cricket to the village which has now become very popular.*

Playing records for this period only begin in 1939, and show those players who scored 50 or more in a game and those who took 7 or more wickets in an innings. Many of you will recognise the names:

Name	Runs	Date	Opponents
R. Cross	54	10 June 1939	Henley's
G. Humphreys	58	17 June 1939	Rainbow
J. Aynes	52 n.o.	22 July 1939	Meopham
A. Corbett	60	29 July 1939	Chatham Albion
J. Hillier	58	29 July 1939	Chatham Albion
B. Munday	54	19 August 1939	Rainbow
R. Cross	65	18 May 1940	Rainbow
R. Cross	56	8 July 1940	Tower Hill Battery
A. Welch	71	9 July 1940	Fenn St Battery
R. Cross	62	23 July 1940	Battery R A
A. Corbett	58	30 July 1940	Fenn St Battery
A Corbett	65	31 July 1940	Capt Bird's XI
R. Cross	78	7 August 1940	R.E.
R. Cross	81 n.o.	14 August 1940	235 Battery

Seven wickets in an innings by one bowler is not a frequent occurrence, however Arthur Corbett achieved the milestone 3 times in 1939 and Ron Hampton once:

Name	Date	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maidens	Opponents
R. Hampton	27 May	7	17	4	1	Gillingham Congregationals
A. Corbett	8 June	7	18	7	1	Lyles XI
A. Corbett	8 July	7	27	11	5	Wanderers
A. Corbett	29 July	7	26	10	4	Chatham Albion

Our current players will do well to reach and maintain the standards set by these stalwarts of the club. The new season starts on 13<sup>th</sup> April, weather permitting, and indoor nets are already under way. The colts (under 17 and younger) are at King's School on every Sunday between 3 and 5 in the afternoon, whilst the adults are at Hoo School between 7 and 9 on Thursday evenings. All players, and prospective players are urged to attend. We have recently secured significant sponsorship from a major international company, which will help with necessary equipment supplies and maintenance. Further opportunities of support, particularly from local companies and individuals, are readily available to those interested in keeping cricket alive in the village.

David Laphorn  
Life President



Don't forget....

**Next Sale : 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 11am – 2pm,  
High Halstow Village Hall.**

Please do pop along, say hello, and have a browse through the variety of stalls. Stop for a lovely cup of tea, a bowl of soup and some wonderful homemade cakes. Buy some last minute Valentine gifts for your loved ones and buy a raffle ticket for the draw at 1.00pm. All proceeds raised will go to a local charity, all details confirmed in the next High Halstow Times.

All tables are now taken and we have everything from books, craft, cards and jewellery to freshly made Valentine's cookies for you to buy. Please stop by and support this local event.

Contact Bel Shearman on 251207 or visit the FB group "High Halstow Table Top Sales" if you would like any information about this or future events.



### ***Resume of the Parish Council Meeting 9th January 2013***

The main discussion at the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January was about the budget for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 and the amount of money (called the precept) that the Parish Council needs to raise through the council tax system for the year. The Chairman of the Finance Committee has written a separate article about this, which will be found elsewhere in this issue of High Halstow Times. This will therefore be a short résumé of the first meeting of 2013.

The Parochial Church Council asked for a grant towards the repair of the path to the church. This was granted subject to sight of their accounts. These have now been received and if agreed by councillors, the grant will be ratified at the next meeting.

The closures on the gates to the fenced play area on the Recreation Ground need repair again. It's not that long since they were last repaired. For the playpark to pass the annual RoSPA safety inspection, there must be functioning self-closing gates at 2 points in the fence. We would ask users of the playpark to ensure the closures, which have hydraulic mechanisms, aren't forced in any way and are allowed to work as intended. Each time they have to be repaired, the cost falls on all of you. This time we've had one quotation for over £1,000, which may not be as expensive as it looks in view of the hydraulics involved. Other quotes and other methods of repairing the gates so that they meet safety requirements are being investigated.

Finally, Medway Council has offered us a couple of bus shelters that are being removed from Halling. There will be some costs involved, but not as much as the purchase and installation of new shelters. One will replace the shelter at Eden Road, the other will be stored for the time being until a site is agreed on. The next meeting is on Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Happy New Year from all at the t:01634 253001

# The Red Dog

Everybody at the Red Dog would like to thank everyone who supported the 2012 Charity Christmas Raffle. A bike was donated to Brandon Waters who is being treated for a rare type of Leukaemia. Top left Bill with Brandon with additional money raised, bottom left is Brandon with brothers Kyle and Alfie. Far right Brandon presented with the bike from Gary. If anybody has any ideas for future fund raisers let us know especially if it benefits somebody in the village.



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## Dramarama

### *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*

The weather just held long enough to allow for four shows over three days to a total audience well over 400 people.

Mark Skudder made the dame part his own leaving the regular dame, George Crozer to be 6ft 6 dwarf as only could happen in High Halstow. What is it with Parish Chairmen wanting to be the dame – is it part of the job description?



Scenery was excellent, as is the norm, with the painted scenery from Jane Crozer in particular being worth the admission money in its own right. Costumes from Pauline Martin and friends were great as usual with Dave Harris providing one of the biggest laughs when he split his trousers half way through a scene.



With all the cast, young and old alike revelling in their roles it was a joy to be seen. What talent we have on the Peninsula, something we should all be extremely proud of. Roll on the next show in June.



## ***ST MARY HOO PARISH NEWS***

Hi. Just a short update on Parish news and projects. As another festive season passes by we hope that everyone had a happy and peaceful time. The weather has not been too kind but spring is not far away and we shall all be preparing for Easter before we know it.

Best wishes and congratulations to Terry and Jackie Ballard on the reopening of the Fenn Bell public house in late December. We wish them every success for 2013.

Phil Filmer, our Ward Councillor dealing with front line services, attended the St. Mary Hoo Parish Council meeting in September to hear resident's concerns over speeding traffic between Fenn Corner and Allhallows. As a result Ian Wilson of Medway's Highways dept. has commissioned an assessment and consultation to consider setting a local speed limit of 50mph and a possible further reduction to 30mph at St Mary's Cottages. Although difficult to enforce it is hoped that, if imposed, responsible motorists will comply and help to make the road safer, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. Phil has also been involved in investigating the flooding of the road at the junction of Fenn Street and Newlands Farm Road which has caused traffic issues and access problems outside Cliffe Auto Repair workshop. Highways dept. have identified a blocked or damaged pipe within the southern side culvert and have committed to link the south and north ditches by a new pipeline to encourage proper drainage. Preliminary clearance of the north ditch has taken place to identify the best location for the pipe and we hope to hear soon on dates and traffic management plans for the work.

Our maintenance plan for the Parish amenity areas has been hampered by weather conditions but we hope to be back on schedule soon. Discussion has taken place on defining and improving the pathways within the nature reserve at Newlands Farm Road. Please contact myself or Roxana, our clerk, if you have any ideas, concerns or information. We will be pleased to hear from you or indeed see you at Parish Council meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for 26th March at 7.30pm in the Fenn Bell PH function room.

Special thanks to our volunteers who help with inspecting and reporting on footpath conditions and in distributing the magazines. My personal thanks also to the councillors for giving their time to help the community, to Phil Filmer for his assistance on the traffic issues and of course to our clerk Roxana for her direction and service. Meanwhile we wish you a happy, safe and prosperous 2013. Best wishes

Bill Budd ~ Chair of St Mary Hoo Parish Council

### ***Noise Complaints Southend Airport***

Some of you may have noticed that there has been an increase in air traffic recently with additional flights going to Southend. Comments regarding noise at the airport should be made in the first instance to:

[LSAenquiries@stobartair.com](mailto:LSAenquiries@stobartair.com)

If you would like to further contact London Southend Airport regarding noise please use the following contact details:

\* By phone: Noise Complaints Hotline 01702 538599

\* In writing: LSACL, Southend Airport, Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 6YF  
Their aim is to respond in writing to all noise comments within 7 working days. However, in order for any comment to be logged as much information (date, time, location etc.) about the event must be given.

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

This charity exists to assist those in the Village who are in need, especially widows and widowers. The trustees wish to remind the people of the parish that they will give consideration to any request for a particular need, at any time during the year. All requests are dealt with in complete confidence and there is no need to wait for the October form

The trustees are:

Rev. S. Gwilt	- The Rectory
Mrs L. Munday	- 22 Willowbank Drive
Mr S. Bailey	- 27 Cooling Road
Mrs J. Gillies	- 22 Leaman Close
Mr J. Myatt	- Decoy Hill Road
Mr B. Prichard	- 9 Drayton Close
Mrs C. Peek	- 2 Willowbank Drive

## *Changes to Concessionary Bus Passes*

Changes are being made to the way concessionary bus passes for older and disabled people are issued in Medway. The English National Concessionary Travel (ENCT) Scheme was introduced nationally nearly five years ago and provides free off-peak travel on local bus services.

In the past Medway Council has renewed passes every five years. This will be change to a staggered system in future, starting with passes due to expire on 31 March. These will have variable expiry dates of between three and five years. The aim of this change is to reduce the number that need to be replaced at any one time, so instead of all passes being updated once every five years that will change to three, four or five years in length.

It will also help the council to keep its record of pass holders up to date to reduce the risk of fraudulent use and the cost of producing cards for people who, for example, may have moved out of the area. Medway Council has already contacted all existing pass holders asking them to confirm their details ahead of issuing the new passes. These can be used as soon as they are received. Old passes should be destroyed.

The vast majority of the 39,000 people contacted last year have responded leaving a shortfall of around 6,000 who will need to contact the council if they wish to continue taking advantage of free bus travel from the start of April. A poster campaign will launch at the end of this month reminding older and disabled residents to get in touch if they have yet to receive their concessionary bus pass.

Anyone who is expecting a new pass but does not receive it by the beginning of February should call Medway Council on 01634 333333.

Cllr Phil Filmer, Portfolio Holder for Frontline Services, said: "By writing to all existing pass holders asking them to confirm details has meant that our records are as accurate as possible. This means the correct passes will be received in adequate time before any existing passes expire at the end of March. So, existing passholders will not suffer any inconvenience as a result and will be able to continue to travel for free on bus services in Medway."

To find out more about the concessionary bus pass scheme in Medway visit [www.medway.gov.uk/buspasses](http://www.medway.gov.uk/buspasses)

**HANDY ANT**  
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## *2013 - Year of the Snake*

The celebration of the Chinese New Year in Medway has emerged from a small Chinese community event into the third largest celebration of its kind in the United Kingdom.

### **Chinese New Year Preview**

On Saturday, 9 February 2013, A Chinese New Year Preview comes to Chatham High Street where you will be able to browse around the market and enjoy the entertainment.

This free event takes place on Chatham High Street near Argos and in Pentagon Court, Pentagon Shopping Centre.

### **Chinese New Year Parade**

On Sunday, 17 February the Chinese New Year Parade will take place from noon along Chatham High Street.

This will be followed by a ticketed show at the Central Theatre starting at 2.30pm.



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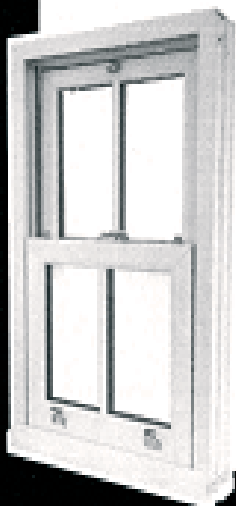
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## Sunday Services

8:00am High Halstow

Holy Communion BCP

9:30am High Halstow

1st and 3rd Sundays All age worship

2nd and 5th Sundays morning prayer

4th Sunday Family Communion

6:30pm High Halstow

1st Sunday Holy Communion

2nd and 3rd Sundays Evening prayer BCP

4th Sunday Informal worship

5th Sunday Songs of Praise

**Baptisms by arrangement**

**1st or 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30am**

For further information. Rev Stephen Gwilt 01634 250637

Or Email [stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)

*Caring for the needs of the community for over 1000 years*

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day of judgment approaching. Heb 10:25*

### *Dates for Diary*

Every Tuesday:	
King's Kitchen	
10:00	Memorial Hall
Bell Ringers	
19:30	St Margaret's Church
Every Thursday:	
Mother and Toddler's	
09:00	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes	
19:00	Memorial Hall
Every Friday:	
Pilates with Joy	
14:15	Memorial Hall
Every Saturday	
Karmann Dancers	
09:00	Memorial Hall

### *Other Dates*

Friday 1st	Youth Night
19:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 2nd	Village Market
09:30	Village Hall
Sunday 3rd:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Wednesday 6th:	Women's Institute
19:30	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 12th:	Gardening Club
20:00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 13th:	Parish Council
20:00	Memorial Hall
Sunday 17th:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Sunday 10th:	High Halstow Hikers
10:00	Details in HHT
Friday 22nd:	Quiz Night
20:00	Memorial Hall

### *Local History and Family Research Group*

Interested in taking part in a local history research group, perhaps including family genealogical research? Although we are a small village, High Halstow has existed since Saxon times and in some way been touched by some great events and people. The Time and Tides project is going ahead and memories of our more immediate past can be even more interesting. If you would like to know more or are just casually curious about the subject, either young or old, please let me know and perhaps a village meeting could be arranged discuss it further.

Dave Stephenson. 252016

[dennydave@talktalk.net](mailto:dennydave@talktalk.net)

### *The Village Shop*

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Please visit the Parish Council website for everything about our village. You can see the minutes of your Parish Council or look up local groups in the village, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events. Please note that there is now an RSS feed on the Parish Website where you can get automatic updates when the site is updated. Please visit [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk) and follow the instructions on the right hand side.

### *Local Groups and the Website*

You can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details. If your details need updating with either dates or details of events please let us know by emailing [gary@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:gary@highhalstow.org.uk). This can be used to keep your members informed and possibly attract new members to your group.

### *Local Businesses*

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the Business Page is back on the website. Should you wish to advertise your business please visit <http://highhalstow.org.uk/business-page> where you can find all the details of how to put your business on the site.

### *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, which will be published alongside the letter. 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.

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# Table Top Sale

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, High Halstow Village Hall

WELL WORTH A VISIT...!

11am to 2pm

★ ENTRY ★ BIG RAFFLE ★ REFRESHMENTS ★

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Hot Soup & Roll, Fresh Cakes, Tea & Coffee

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1.00pm

We have bargains galore! Handmade Wonders, Handbags, Jewellery, Jams & Chutneys, Craft, Cakes, Valentines Biscuits, Cards, with quality second hand books and jumble.... Come and see!

Find High Halstow Table Top Sales on:



HIGH HALSTOW  
Table Top **SALE** Group

Please contact High Halstow Table Top Sales on Facebook for enquiries about future sales, table hire, raffle donations & offers of help. Thank you.



All money raised from table hire, entry & raffle, 100% will be donated to our Village Hall charity ~ thank you all so much in advance for your support.

... See you Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb!!



## Jonathan Computers

Contact Jonathan directly on the Office No: 01474 879878 or  
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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer      01474 871269

### ***Let's Hear from You***

Do you have a story about the history of the Village, did you go to or know anything about the old school, can you tell us a story about a picture in the Memorial Hall.? etc

In terms of recent history, were you at a recent event in the village, did you enjoy the recent film shows ? Let us know your tales so we can publish in the HHT and or the website. It would be great to hear from you!!

### ***Booking The Hall***

The Hall Committee is looking to increase the usage of the Hall in particular during the daytime. If you are interested in hiring the hall please contact Crystal on 251849.

## ***COMING SOON TO HIGH HALSTOW***

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## Readers Letters

**Dear HHT,**

I should like to express my heartfelt thanks to the good Samaritans who came to my aid on last New Year's Eve. My car broke down in Dux Court Road and a gentleman stopped and very kindly took me to my destination in High Halstow. He then waited while I phoned the AA. A tow rope was needed to get the car off the road as it was causing an obstruction. A man named Ron provided the rope and was assisted by yet another gentleman to move the car. I do not have the names of these kind people but again I wish to express my gratitude to them.

**Mrs Pat Bradley  
Upnor.**

### High Halstow Village Market



## Saturday 2nd February

### High Halstow Village Hall

### 9:30am - 11:30am

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

**The next Project 90 will be  
Saturday 16th February  
8:30am - 10:00am**

**Village Hall Car Park**

**Dear HHT,**

I just wanted to pass on my belated thanks and congratulations to all of the members of local drama group [Dramarama](http://dramarama.org.uk) for their wonderful pantomime Snow White and The Seven Dwarves which recently ran at the Recreation Hall, High Halstow.

This was a really good show. I can't remember the last time my son sat and giggled all the way through a live show, but he did on this occasion – as did the rest of the audience present, young and old.

The songs, acting, dancing, costumes, and stage set were all spot-on. This was a hugely impressive production with much to admire. It was probably one of the best pantomimes I have been to see, professional or otherwise.

There were too many stand-out performances to focus on any one performer, all of the cast did a fantastic job keeping us entertained.

You can follow my link(<http://chrisirvine.wordpress.com/2013/01/28/dramarama-presents/>) for some of my own photos from the evening.

To end, a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put on the show. Fantastic work!

**Councillor Chris Irvine**

#### ***Name and Address Supplied***

Please note that all letters published will show the name and part address of the author.

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