



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



March 2013

Quiz Nights

We are now commencing our sixteenth year of quiz nights in the Memorial Hall and I thought the time was right to thank everyone for their support over the years. The quizzes were started originally by Pat and Frank Hillman but unfortunately my dear friend Frank passed away after just one quiz night. Pat continued with my help and that of May Smitherman and Hazel Stockbridge. The original quiz nights shared the profits with the various organisations who used the hall but that changed a few years ago as the hall needed all the money it could get for its upkeep. The team has changed over the years, May and Hazel gave up for personal reasons and Lesley Munday joined me on the marking team. Pat has moved away from the village to live closer to her family and frankly the quiz nights have not been the same since she left but I do my best – she is a hard act to follow. When Pat moved away John Pink joined the team.

Our evenings are fun filled, mostly at my expense (especially Margaret's music) and we still raise hundreds of pounds each year for the upkeep of the little hall. Once a year in April we hold the Quizathon in the Village Hall. This is our opportunity to help the big hall with its re-building project. We are able to fit many more tables into the hall and therefore there is an opportunity for others to join the fun. The evening is on Friday 26th April, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. The good news is that as usual there will be two Margaret's music rounds!! If you are interested in joining us please give me a ring on 244203 or have a word with either John or Lesley.

A note for our regulars, please remember that the March quiz night is a week earlier than usual as the last Friday is Good Friday. Look forward to seeing you on Friday 22 March.

Once again thank you to everyone for their support.

Margaret Church

Theatre Trips

For some time now I have been running trips to London mostly, to see current musicals. We have just seen The Bodyguard and in May will be going to see Matilda. John Pink helps me summon the troops and together we organise a really nice evening out for people who might not go to the theatre on their own. We now have many regulars on the coach who look forward to the next trip and who let me know in no uncertain terms what they would like to see next. I get group rate for the theatre tickets, usually half price, and the cost of the coach is split between how many are travelling. I do not make any profit from this, I just enjoy organising the trips. If you would like to be on our contact list, no commitment, just let me know on 244203.

Margaret Church

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

Village Hall Refurbishment – Phase Two

As reported last month the tender document is out with replies due back at the end of March.

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.

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

We will announce nearer the time the restrictions on the car parking which we are afraid are necessary for Health and Safety reasons so please watch this space.

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.

Table Top Sale

The Hall Committee would like to pass its thanks to Bel Shearman and friends who organised the Table Top Sale in the Village Hall which raised £190 for the Hall. It was good to see so many new faces in the Hall – roll on the next one in July.

Events for the Year

The Hall Committee is busy considering the events for the coming year. All suggestions will be considered. However, we are awaiting the results of the tender exercise before formally announcing the next event, as the timing of the works will need to be taken into consideration. Please watch this space.

Youth Club - 20 Years Old in April

Were you an early member of the Youth Club? Have you any fond memories of your time attending on a Tuesday Night? If so why not share your story as the Youth Club celebrates its 20th Year. Send your stories through to the editor.

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

High Halstow Village Market



Saturday 2nd March

High Halstow Village Hall

9:30am - 11:30am

*Fresh Fruit and Veg, Bread, Cakes,
Pet Food/Treats,
Sweets, Jams and Honey,
Hand-made Cards, Jewellery,
Gifts and Refreshments.*

More information available @ www.highhalstow.org.uk

Project 90

Project 90 started back in June 2003 so will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. As you now all know the initial idea was to clear the three main dumping sites on the extremities of our Village

For the February Project 90 we saw a tree made safe, litter picked, some play park maintenance carried out and hall wall repainted

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

We meet the Saturday after the Parish Council and apologies for the confusion on the dates in last month's edition. The next Project 90 is Saturday 16th March starting in the Village Hall Car Park from 8.30. See you then.

Resume of the Parish Council Meeting ***13 February 2013***

All parish councillors were present at the February meeting, which was also attended by two members of the public.

The two bus shelters offered to the Parish Council by Medway Council have been accepted. One will replace the existing shelter at Eden Road and the other will be stored for the time being. They are both of the metal and glass variety similar to those given to the Parish Council a few years ago. There is a preference among some councillors for wooden shelters that are perhaps more in keeping with a rural setting but obviously the donation of shelters saves money.

The RSPB submitted a retrospective application for a donation towards expenses for the Countryside Fair and a grant of £300 was made. The RSPB will be holding this most successful event again this year. It is to be hoped that any grant application is made before the event takes place in future.

We are all aware of how much rain we've had over the last few months. We've inspected the French drain installed a couple of years ago on the Recreation Ground. It's running freely and isn't blocked or broken.

Dog fouling of the streets and other public places is still an issue in the village, in spite of requests to dog walkers to clean it up. A resident has produced a stencil to remind people and this will be trialled in the most complained about streets. As the message will be painted on the pavements, the trial won't be able to start until the pavements are dry enough to apply the paint. In the meantime, please clean up after your dog. Don't forget to give your children bags if you get them to walk the family dog and do please show them how to pick it up safely. Finally, Cllr Martin Andrews attended a police liaison meeting. He raised the issue of parking by the shop with the PCSO and the situation will be monitored. The next meeting is on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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 March 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



Neighbourhood Police

I would like to take opportunity to introduce myself as part of the neighbourhood police team assigned to your wards. I assumed this post on 14th January 2013 when Medway Police went live with the introduction of the Medway Police Sector Model. The new model has assigned each ward with a Sergeant a number of dedicated Police Officers and PCSOs who are responsible for tackling local neighbourhood crime/ ASB activity. You will find your respective ward officers and all planned community engagements published on the Kent Police web site. If you have any concerns or issues raised by your constituents, please feel free to contact me or my Sector Sergeants on the following email addresses: BURGESS PS 11607, Michelle michelle.burgess@kent.pnn.police.uk > (Strood South/Cuxton and Halling)

DOWNS DS 8776, Alan
alan.downs@kent.pnn.police.uk > (Peninsular)

EVANS A/PS 9172, David
dave.evans@kent.pnn.police.uk > (Strood North)

HENSHAW DS 7674, Andrew
andrew.henshaw@kent.pnn.police.uk > (Strood South/Cuxton and Halling)

PHILPOTT PS 9467, Rebecca
becky.philpott@kent.pnn.police.uk > (Peninsular)

Also, Medway Police have created a bespoke West Sector e - mail account that is monitored on a daily basis with all communications being sent directly to the respective Sergeant or PCSO/Police Constable responsible for that particular ward.

You can find this e- mail address on the Kent Police Web site: nhp.medway.west@kent.pnn.police.uk > Telephone number - Ext. 01634 792332. Int. 042332

I look forward to working with you and meeting you all in the very near future.

Regards,

Inspector David Matson.

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.

Photographic Competition

Following on from another successful Photographic Competition, and to encourage more entries pictures can now be sent to 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

10th March is

Mothering Sunday

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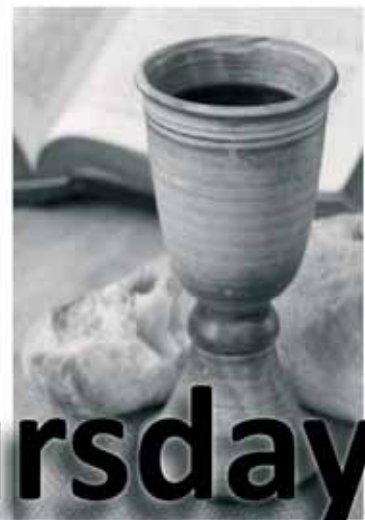
The final night before his suffering, Jesus told his disciples what they could expect in His coming Kingdom - service, forgiveness, communion, humility, persecution, love and Glory.

The term Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, from which we get our English word *mandate*. In the privacy of the upper room, Jesus entrusted His followers with a mandate:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

Join us on Maundy Thursday as we gather together for a bring and share supper and remember Jesus sacrifice for us in Holy Communion and words which teach us about citizenship in His Kingdom.



Maundy Thursday

28th MARCH 2013 at 7.30 - 9:30 p.m. At High Halstow Village Hall

Please bring your own food and drink

Please contact Richard/Lynn Yelton, 01634 270093 Allhallows

OR Liz Meredith, 01634 252939 , High Halstow



EASTER SERVICES

"Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" Matthew 20:28



24th March Palm Sunday

8:00am HH Holy Communion

9:30am HH & 11:00am AH. Morning prayer
with a Palm Sunday theme and Palm Crosses.

6:30pm Evening Prayer



29th March An Hour at the Cross

2pm Allhallows Church

This is a special service of reflection with video, music and voice to direct us to aspects of the passion Story



31st March Easter day

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30 HH & 11:00AH Special Family Communion with video, stories,

children's activities and songs to celebrate the greatest story ever told. **6:30pm HH Easter Celebration** An informal service with a range of music and video items to suit all tastes and ages

High Halstow Hikers

Several of the 18 intrepid walkers on our February route from Gravesend Prom to Shorne Mead Fort said they were looking forward to my report in the HH Times. They seemed to be wondering how a positive slant might be placed on a cold, increasingly wet, very mucky walk that started from the industrial hinterland of Gravesend and had to come back the same way because the intended return route from the fort along the seawall was impossibly deep in mud. One might add in the charms of the high speed trains along the route, the views across the bleak army firing range or avoiding the occasional tracker motorbikes. But I think it is best to focus on the excellent company who remained in good cheer, at least outwardly, despite the above, and pass quickly on to plans for the March walk.

Our March walk will be on SATURDAY 9th starting from the car park to the west of the village at 10.00. This is at the bottom of Taylor's Hill where it joins the A252. The most straightforward route from the Medway Towns is to take the M2 east and come off at junction 6 taking the A251 towards Ashford. After about 6 miles turn left onto the A252 following this for about 4 miles to Chilham where the car park is on the right. The walk will be c.6.25 miles long and takes in some of the North Downs Way and the Stour Valley Walk. It has some moderate hills. Good walking foot wear is a must as the ground is likely to still be wet. For further details please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or on 01634 254428.

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Keep Green Fingers Safe from Fire

Fire crews are urging the public to think carefully before lighting a bonfire to dispose of garden waste this Spring.

Head of Community Safety, Stuart Skilton, said: "It is important to position your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and overhanging branches. Never use accelerants such as petrol or paraffin to get it going and always keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby.

"When putting out your bonfire, ensure it has been extinguished fully and don't leave it to burn out unattended. If your bonfire does get out of control, it is far safer to call the fire service than trying to tackle the blaze yourself.

"It's also worth remembering that there are more environmentally friendly ways of getting rid of garden waste without having a bonfire. Most garden waste, such as grass cuttings and leaves can be composted or taken to your local recycling centre."

Take care with bonfires:

- A bonfire should not contain any potentially hazardous materials which may explode or give off toxic fumes, such as; aerosols, batteries, bottles, foam-filled furniture or tins of paint.
- A bonfire should be kept to a manageable size and evenly built so that it collapses inwards as it burns.
- Always check the bonfire's construction is still sound prior to lighting it, that there are no children or animals inside, and that hazardous items such as aerosols and fireworks have not been thrown onto it.
- The bonfire should not be lit by children or left unattended and nothing should be cooked on it.

For further advice on how to keep you, your family or a neighbour safe from fire call Kent Fire and Rescue Service for free on 0800 923 7000 or go to www.3breaths.info for further information.

Friends of St Margaret's 'In The Rectory Garden'

Next event to be planned is for June 15th so keep your diaries clear. What is it I hear you say, details in next months High Halstow Times.

High Halstow Cricket Club - February 2013

As promised in the last edition of High Halstow Times, the following notes, covering the immediate post-World War II years, are drawn from a book of club records handed to me by John Durling, who played for the club during this period.

1945 saw the Club come into its own again with a permanent fixture list, instead of relying on chance fixtures. In 1946 and 1947 much work and improvement was done do the club and ground. The pitch was improved and the boundaries were extended, and for the first time ever the complete ground was cut to the level of the table (square).

In 1946, Bert Munday hit a century against Cobham. This was the first known century by a member of the Club. In 1948, Mr B.H. Valentine, the former Kent and England cricketer, came to live in the village. 1949 was a good year for the Club and for the first time a member, Arthur Corbett, took 100 wickets in a season. On 23rd September of that year, Mr Valentine invited the whole Kent XI down to the Club. The game was a great success and raised nearly £100 for the church restoration fund.

1950 again saw the Kent XI at the Club, also the Middlesex and England cricketer Denis Compton. The proceeds of the match went to Douglas Wright's Benefit. The season was a poor one for the Club, only winning 11 out of the 41 matches played. The year had begun on a sad noted when one of the Club's youngest and best liked players, Pilot 2 R. Hall was tragically killed when his Spitfire crashed into the jungle.

There the written word ends, but records drawn from the score books of the time cover the years to 1953. The team performance is summarised as follows:

Season	Played	Won	Drawn	Tied	Lost
1949	38	23	5	0	10
1950	41	11	7	2	20
1951	26	12	2	0	12
1952	32	16	3	0	11
1953	37	10	7	0	19

In those matches, 75% of the games were played at home, and there were only 19 team totals in excess of 200 runs. In the current game, 200 is considered a par score for a 50 over innings and, when the ground is at its fastest, something nearer 230 can be difficult to defend. I suspect the grass was longer in those days, even though the boundaries may have been shorter, and bats have got better in recent years. But maybe there was more guile and cunning exercised by batsmen and bowlers in the early 1950's, compared with the big hitting that we often see today. Certainly the bowling records of Arthur Corbett and Ron Hampton indicate they made life very difficult for the opposition.

Whilst on the subject of long grass, the first cut of the outfield for the 2013 season should have been made by now. As I write this, with snow falling, the playing area is more like wetlands, with long grass (up to 12 inches in places) hiding puddles of surface water. There seems little prospect of getting the mowers out until well into March, by which time it may be necessary to revert to sheep – the mowers of choice between the wars!

In the hope that we will be able to get games started in April as planned, thoughts are turning to later in the season when a "Six's" competition is planned for the weekend of the August Bank Holiday. Clubs from all over Kent are to be invited to take part in teams of 6 (hence the name). As said earlier, it can be difficult to save runs on Rayner's Meadow with teams of 11 players, so teams of 6 covering the same area leads to great excitement (and tiredness!). The whole event will be held in support of children's diabetes charities, and we hope that other village organisations will avail themselves of the opportunity to take part with stalls and other activities at what is expected to be a major event in the calendar this year. More details next month!

David Lapthorn
Life President

High Halstow Budget 2013/14

In last months High Halstow Times it was mentioned that the plan for 2013/14 was to see the amount of income collected through the precept to remain the same but there was some confusion with regard to the the way the number of houses were to be calculated following the changes in Council Tax Benefit. As a result we were unable to fully confirm the situation until these numbers were cleared. The Government have provided a grant for this year to soothe the changes so the Parish Council are pleased to announce a reduction in the precept of 1.20%

Please find below a summary of the budgets agreed for next year

High Halstow Budget 2013/14 Considered January 2013

<u>Budget Heading</u>	<u>2012/13</u>			<u>2013/14</u>
	<u>2012/13 Revised Budget</u>	<u>Plus Use of Reserves</u>	<u>2012/13 Total Budget</u>	<u>Initial Budget</u>
<u>Personnel Expenses</u>				
Clerks Fees	5,160		5,160	5,212
Clerks Expenses	600		600	600
Street Cleaning Wages	13,895		13,895	14,172
Handyman's Wages	500		500	500
Employees Tax & NI	2,612		2,612	2,664
Street Cleaners Expenses	200		200	200
Handyman reimburseable expenses	150		150	150
Training	150		150	150
Payroll Clerk	200		200	200
Sub Total	23,466	0	23,466	23,848
<u>Administration</u>				
Insurance	2,000		2,000	2,000
Audit Fee	550		550	561
Telephone	320		320	326
Subscriptions	650		650	650
Chaimans Allowance	400		400	400
Hall Hire	200		200	200
Clerks Administration Costs	600		600	600
Other Admin Fees	300		300	300
Publications	50		50	50
Web Site	100		100	100
Election	2,000		2,000	0
Sub Total	7,170	0	7,170	5,187
<u>Rent</u>				
Garage Rent	816		816	832
Sub Total	816	0	816	832
<u>Grants</u>				
Section 137	500		500	500
Other Grants	500		500	500
Sub Total	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
<u>High Halstow Times</u>				
Printing	6,835		6,835	6,972
Editor	100		100	100
Sub Total	6,935	0	6,935	7,072
<u>Green Spaces</u>				
Grass Cutting Contract	17,302		17,302	17,302
Hedge maintenance	0		0	0
Other non contract costs	1,000		1,000	0
Tree Maintenance	0		0	0
General Maintenance - Forge Common	0		0	0
Green Spaces - Other				4,000
Sub Total	18,302	0	18,302	21,302
<u>Playground</u>				
ROSPA Inspection	122		122	130
Playground Maintenance	500		500	500
Playground Equipment	16,080		16,080	5,000
Sub Total	16,702	0	16,702	5,630

Note 1

Note 2

Note 2

Highways/Footpaths					
Bus Shelters	3,000		3,000		Note 1
Bus Shelter Legal Costs	2,000		2,000		
Bus Shelter maintenance			0	1,000	
Speedwatch/Gating	2,000	3,000	5,000		Note 1
Sub Total	7,000	3,000	10,000	1,000	
Trailer					
Trailer Maintenance	250		250	250	
Sub Total	250	0	250	250	
Village Projects					
Village Hall	15,000		15,000	10,000	Note 1
Church	5,000		5,000	3,000	Note 1
Notice Board Maintenance	500		500	100	
Bromhey	0		0	0	
Project Day	250		250	250	
Cricket Fence	250		250	250	
Youth Projects	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,000	Note 2
Airport Contingency	3,500		3,500	0	Note 1
Diamond Jubilee	2,140		2,140	0	
Events 2013/14			0	1,000	
All Weather Path	3,000		3,000	2,000	Note 1
Dog Bins			0	500	
Sub Total	31,640	2,000	33,640	19,100	
Contingency					
Working Contingency	0		0	1,500	
Long Term Contingency	0	44,783	44,783	-7,819	
Sub Total	0	44,783	44,783	-6,319	
Total Expenditure	113,281	49,783	163,064	78,902	
Income					
Precept	-40,000		-40,000	-38,540	
Grant				-1,460	
Bank Interest	-550		-550	-550	
Rural Liaison	-2,036		-2,036	-2,036	
Rural Liaison - Hall	-5,000		-5,000	0	
High Halstow Times Advertising Income	-900		-900	-900	
Street Cleaning	-17,540		-17,540	-17,540	
Grass Cutting Contract	-17,776		-17,776	-17,776	
Allotments	-68		-68	-90	
Other	-350		-350	0	
Recreation Ground - EDF Wayleave	-10		-10	-10	
Sub Total	-84,230	0	-84,230	-78,902	
Surpluses Brought Forward					
Long Term Contingency	-32,608		-32,608		
Buffer Zone	-18,000		-18,000		
Bus Shelters	-15,000		-15,000		
Speed Watch	-3,000		-3,000		
Youth	-2,000		-2,000		
VAT Recovered	-8,226		-8,226		
Sub Total	-78,834	0	-78,834	0	
Total Income	-163,064	0	-163,064	-78,902	
Total	-49,783	49,783	-0	0	
Changes to Reserves					
Note 1	Unspent monies carried forward to specific project				
Note 2	Unspent monies carried forward to Youth Projects				
	All other unspent monies to be carried forward now to general reserves				

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Summer Time

Don't forget to set your clocks forward by one hour on Sunday 31st March 2013, officially the start of British Summer Time. We may be losing an hour in bed but with extra daylight in the evenings and a long summer ahead, there's plenty to look forward to after the clocks go forward.

During British Summer Time (BST), civil time in the United Kingdom is advanced one hour forward of Greenwich Mean Time, so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

The practice was first established by the Summer Time Act 1916, after a campaign by builder William Willett. His original proposal was to move the clocks forward by 80 minutes, in 20-minute weekly steps on Sunday in April and by the reverse procedure in September. The bill was popular following its introduction in 1916, although it now divides opinion.

BST begins at 1:00 AM GMT on the last Sunday of March and ends at 1:00 AM GMT on the last Sunday of October. In 2013 it will begin on 31 March and end on 27 October.



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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

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*For further information. Rev Stephen Gwilt 01634 250637
Or Email stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk*

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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	Memorial Hall
09:00	

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
Sunday 9th:	High Halstow Hikers
10:00	Details in HHT
Tuesday 12th:	Gardening Club
20:00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 13th:	Parish Council
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 16th:	Project 90
08:30	Village Hall Car Park
Sunday 17th:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Friday 22nd:	Quiz Night
20:00	Memorial Hall

Local groups, please let us know the dates of your meetings/events for the coming year so we can include them in the HHT and on the website.



For more details,
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Mr B J Rance 01634 840 766 or 07876064777

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HH Village Website

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 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. 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.

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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!!

T'AI CHI FOR HEALTH

TUESDAY MORNING'S

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

It is with great regret to announce the death of our daughter Emma Louise. She passed away on New Years Eve peacefully. Emma was 5 years 4 months old and had a rare genetic disorder which was 'Life Limiting'. However Emma lived a full life considering her condition and was a happy child that wanted nothing more than to be cuddled and loved. She achieved so much in her short life. Meeting the prime minister at number 10 and receiving her Academic Achievement Award from Dr Rowan Williams then Arch Bishop of Canterbury for all her hard work at her Special needs School. We went on trips together including Euro Disney with Demelza House to see her favourite Mini & Mickey Mouse. Not bad for a child who we was told was 'Incompatible with life'. Emma was and still is an inspiration to all that knew her. She was also a source of hope for families who have babies with Emma's condition. Emma changed our lives and touched so many hearts in her life. We will miss her so much especially her brother Daniel (9) who was the best brother she could ever wish for. We know that Emma will always be looking over us and there will be a part of her in everything we do. Thank God for giving us this child. We would like to thank Rev Stephen Gwilt for his support and beautiful service at Demelza House chapel and at Bobbing Crematorium. Demelza House cannot be thanked enough for all the care, support and understanding they have given to all our family over the years. If anybody wishes to help Demelza and/or our Church donations will be gratefully received. And finally we want to thank those people in the Village that have asked us if we are OK. God bless you all.

Mr & Mrs Paul Channing

Christmas Lane

**VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 2ND MARCH
9:30 - 11:30AM
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PROJECT 90
90 minutes spent improving
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The next Project 90 will be
Saturday 16th March
8:30am - 10:00am

Village Hall Car Park

Dear HHT,

Is there a family in the village who can help? Susan has lived in High Halstow with John and I for over a year. She has a learning disability. She is now 19.

Although she can be shy when she first meets people Susan is very sociable and fun loving. She would be delighted if another young women could help her meet other young people and enjoy activities, perhaps once a month in return for an agreed payment. John and I are also hoping for a week's holiday during the summer and a further break later in the year. Again a respite payment fee would be agreed. Is there a family in the village preferably with an older teenager/ young women who could help?

Please call 01634 250509 if you might be a suitable and interested family or if you are a family in a similar position.

Marilyn and John

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