



# High Halstow TIMES

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March 2014

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## **The Big Boot Fair & High Halstow Village Market**

£5 per Stall / Table

**Saturday 1st March 2014**

**From 9:30am - 11:00am**

### *Stalls Include*

*Fresh Vegetables, Fresh Bread, Cakes, Cards, Jewellery  
Books, Sweets, Candles, Knitting and much much more.*

### *The Cafe*

*Why not come along to the cafe for a drink and a snack.  
Meet up with friends for a chat. Speak to a local Councillor about  
any issues you may have.*

### *Boot Fair*

*Clear out the garage and loft of those items you no longer use or  
want. It's a great way to meet people and make some extra  
money, whilst having a clear out.*

### **To Book a Stall / Table**

**Please Contact Michelle on 254121**

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### ***Responsible Parking***

Complaints have been received by the Parish Council on the number of cars parked on the kerb, or irresponsibly parked opposite turnings, side roads or on corners. Please make sure that your parked car/van is not causing an obstruction to other drivers or obstructing pedestrians on pathways. Medway Council is aware of the issue on the Peninsula as a whole and are considering random patrols of the smart car to issue tickets. We would prefer no penalties are issued so the Parish Council is asking people to park properly in order to avoid the issues.

## ***Gardening Club***

We held a successful AGM with a full committee being elected for the coming year. Thank you to Margot Sturt and Jill Norton for their hard work as Treasurer and Secretary but have now had to stand down. We welcome Bob Wells as our new Treasurer and Liz Flack as Secretary with Wendy White and Jan Hughes taking on the job of Speaker Secretary which has enabled Marj Ives to take on the role of Vice Chairman and Fund Raising. Pat Merritt and Maureen Caldwell are organising the trips for the Club this year. So we can look forward to a busy and thriving year ahead.

The Annual Dinner held at the old BP Club was a convivial evening with good food and company. Many thanks to Margaret Shuter for organising such an enjoyable evening for us.

On Tuesday 11 March, we will be holding our Spring Show for members, with entries for spring flowers, arts and crafts and domestic. The photograph theme is 'Winter Sparkle'. Benching of exhibits commences at 7.30pm for judging to start at 8.00pm.

If you wish to renew your Garden Club membership for 2014 which is still only £5.00 per person, this can be done at one of our meetings or contact Margaret Shuter.

## ***Friends of St Margaret's Church High Halstow***

Annual General Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Time: 7.00pm

Location: The Church

We are advertising this early so that you are aware that although the meeting is an open meeting for all to hear what has happened during the last year, please note that voting is restricted to one vote per Direct Debit/Standing Order completed and returned to the Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The form was available in last months HHT and can also be found at the following link:

<http://thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Application-Form-and-Standing-Order-Mandate.pdf>

Further details will be published in the HHT before hand.

## ***Friends of St Margaret's Church***

**Historic High Halstow Map  
Discovered at The Rectory.  
See page 7 for details.**

## ***High Halstow Hikers***

For our February walk we chose to start and finish at the Dirty Habit, a 12C pub at the top of Hollingbourne on the Pilgrim's Way. The route was (meant to be) about 7 miles and was selected as likely to be as good underfoot as can be expected after the rain and flooding this winter. While we stayed on the guided route this was the case. The most impressive section of the walk took us through the grounds of Leeds Castle. Extraordinary that a public footpath should provide such an excellent view of what is often termed the "Loveliest Castle in the World"! It certainly looked splendid in the morning sun. The route then took us west to Fulling Mill Farm where the flooded stream added to the attractiveness of a very well kept neighbourhood, at least for those of us not having to suffer the consequences of the flooding. Our route back was initially on good tracks as we headed for the Pilgrim's Way along the bottom of the Downs but an unplanned deviation that took us into Snarkhurst Wood created what most of the walkers generously termed an adventure. This led to muddier boots, wearier limbs and an enhanced thirst and appetite than expected. For 14 of us a very nice roast lunch and traditional ales back in the Dirty Habit managed to satisfy the last 2 of these. On Sunday 9th March starting at 10.00am we will do a local walk, starting from Sharnal Street and along the west bank of the Medway and Stoke Saltings. We will meet at the east end of Sharnal Street where there is on street parking. This is close to the roundabout on the A228 at the bottom of Christmas Lane. Coming down Christmas Lane you come off the roundabout in the direction of Grain and, with care, just 30yds later turn right across the dual carriageway. The walk is between 5 and 6 miles and is almost entirely flat but clearly some muddy patches can be expected. As always if you have any queries please contact Mitchell either on [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) or 01634254428.

## ***Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors***

Chris(tine) Watson & Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 11th 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 Budget 2014/15**

At the Parish Council meeting of 12th February it was decided that there would be no increase in the Parish Precept for the coming year

Please find below a breakdown of the budget the Parish Council will be working with for next year

<u>Budget Heading</u>		<u>2014/15</u>	<u>Budget Heading</u>		<u>2014/15</u>
		<u>Initial Budget</u>			<u>Initial Budget</u>
<b><u>Personnel Expenses</u></b>		<b>24,257</b>	<b><u>Village Projects</u></b>		
<b><u>Administration</u></b>			Village Hall - Phase Three		10,000
Insurance		2,058	Church		6,635
Audit Fee		306	Notice Board Maintenance		100
Telephone		333	Bromhey		300
Subscriptions		650	Project Day		250
Chairmans Allowance		400	Cricket Fence		500
Hall Hire		82	Youth Projects		8,000
Clerks Administration Costs		600	Airport Contingency		3,500
Other Admin Fees		300	Events 2014/15 Provision		2,000
Publications		50	All Weather Path		6,000
Web Site		100	Dog Bins		500
Election		2,500	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>37,785</b>
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>7,378</b>	<b><u>Contingency</u></b>		
<b>Rent</b>			Working Contingency		1,000
Garage Rent		857	Long Term Contingency		42,281
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>857</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>43,281</b>
<b><u>Grants</u></b>					
Section 137		500	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>70,545</b>
Other Grants		500			
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1,000</b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>		
<b><u>High Halstow Times/Annual Report</u></b>			Precept		-40,000
Printing		6,385	Bank Interest		-300
Editor - Honorarium		100	Rural Liaison		-2,036
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>6,485</b>	High Halstow Times Advertising Income		-1,000
<b><u>Green Spaces</u></b>			Street Cleaning		-15,752
Grass Cutting Contract		18,708	Grass Cutting Contract		-18,100
Green Spaces - Other		2,000	Allotments		-90
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>20,708</b>	Recreation Ground - EDF Wayleave		-10
<b><u>Playground</u></b>			<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>-77,288</b>
ROSPA Inspection	)	110	Surpluses Brought Forward		
Playground Maintenance	)	500	Long Term Contingency		-51,688
Playground Equipment	)	6,000	Bus Shelters		-1,000
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>6,610</b>	Youth		-6,000
<b><u>Highways/Footpaths</u></b>			<b><u>Other</u></b>		
Bus Shelters		2,000	Church		-4,635
Bus Shelter maintenance		1,000	Airport Contingency		-3,500
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>3,000</b>	All Weather Path		-5,000
<b><u>Trailer</u></b>			Elections		-2,000
Trailer Maintenance		250	Dog Bins		-500
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>250</b>	VAT Recovered		
			<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>-74,323</b>
			<b>Total Income</b>		<b>-151,611</b>
			<b>Total</b>		<b>-0</b>

## ***Village Hall***

### ***a. Valentine Quiz Night 14<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> April***

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> saw another £300 raised for Phase Three of the Hall refurbishment, which we are hoping can be completed this coming year. The Hall Committee would like to thank Margaret, John and Lesley who always do a fantastic job in running these events. Thank you all for your continued support for this refurbishment programme. This is the first of four quiz's to be held within the hall this coming year. The next one will be April 11<sup>th</sup> and to book your team please contact Margaret on 244203, entry fee £3.00 per person

### ***b. An Evening with Nicky Moore and Friends 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014***

Back in September 2012, Nicky Moore brought a number of his friends back to perform and to help us raise money for the Village Hall. Nicky has been a great supporter to this Village and we are pleased to announce that there will be another performance by Nicky and Friends on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are £12.50 and are available from the shop

Guests this time include Emma who many will remember appeared on the reality TV show Lakesiders. Listen to some great performances including another brilliant rendition of Barcelona by Nick and one of his stars.

Come on along to see talent of tomorrow performing today it really is a great night out.



### ***c. Golf Tournament***

Following the successful event last year we are looking to hold another event again this year. Details to follow shortly.

### ***d. Booking***

Are you a group looking for a venue to meet on a regular basis? If so have you considered using the Village Hall. You can hire the main hall, the Green Room or both rooms for a variety of activities be it meetings, children's parties, etc etc. Many evenings already have regular bookings but there are many opportunities available during the day. For more details please contact Crystal on 251849.

### ***e. Village Market***

An opportunity for anyone to bring along their unwanted goods and have a table alongside the regular traders. The market starts at 9:30am and finishes at 11am. The usual stalls will be there including bread, vegetables, cakes, knitwear, cards, pet food, books, candles, sweets, jewellery and more. Please see the advert inside on the front page for full details on how to book a table.

### ***f. Fund Raising Events***

People who attended the quiz night on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February were asked what events they would like the Hall Committee to lay on to help raise funds towards Phase 3. A popular choice was for a Race Night, which we are looking into, however, if you have any other ideas please do not hesitate to get in touch via the [editor@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:editor@highhalstow.org.uk)

## ***Village Hall Committee***

## ***Project 90***

Project 90 is now into its eleventh year and as well as the usual litter picking other improvements to the Village has been undertaken over the years. This has included repairing of the cricket fence, tree planting, hall repairs, painting, clearance of the allotment site, and much much more. This is a chance for people to give up 90 minutes for once a month and help keep the village the special place we believe it is.

As a result we are looking for additional things that can be carried out in order we can plan and perhaps attract other people along to help out. If you have ideas please let your Parish Councillors know and if you wish to help the next day will be Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, meeting in the car park at 8:30. Tea and cake served at the end of the session.



### *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.

Disclaimer Please note High Halstow Parish Council: 1. makes no endorsement of any of the businesses listed in the High Halstow Times 2. is not responsible for the content of external websites. 3. the information is offered 'as is' with the wish to be helpful.

Advertising rates are £15 per quarter page per edition; £30 per half page per edition. Items should be sent to [editor@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:editor@highhalstow.org.uk)

### *Allotments*

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. Although there are currently no vacant allotments, there is also no one on the waiting list. Should you wish to be put on the waiting list please can you contact me (Chris Watson) on 256529 or email me at [chris.watson123@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.watson123@btinternet.com).

### *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. If you, or an elderly relative would feel safer at home with a telephone 'Lifeline' the Charity could help with this. 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
Mrs C. Peek	- 2 Willowbank Drive
Mrs J. Collins	- 6 Marsh Crescent



# Quiz Night

**Tuesday 11th March**

**& Every 2nd Tuesday of the month!**

## @The Red Dog

**QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM**

- £2.00 per person
- Teams Of 1-8
- "Prize" for Winning Team,

***Come & Join the Fun!***



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**The RED DOG (01634) 253001**

### *Red Dog New Menu*

When was the last time you tried the food at the Red Dog? They have a new menu including Pub Favourites like Sausage & Mash, Fish & Chips or Home Made Lasagne, as well as an extensive Fish Menu and a Grill Menu serving a wide range of Steaks and Burgers. Starters include Scallops, Calamari, Pate & Chicken Wings. A childrens Menu is also available. Bookings can be made on 253001.

### *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.

**WI**  
**High Halstow**  
**Women's Institute**

**Wednesday 5th March**  
**7:30pm**  
**Memorial Hall**

**Speaker**  
**Verity Thompson**  
**(a members daughter)**  
**Walking the Camino**

**All welcome**  
**£1:50 including refreshments**

**Kings Kitchen**

A Coffee and Cake Café  
for the Whole Village.

Open 10.00am - 1.00pm  
every Tuesday  
in the Memorial Hall.

Why not come in and enjoy a cuppa and a  
chat.

A warm welcome awaits you.



**High Halstow Pre-school**

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For more details,  
call Natacha  
on 254178

**Toddler Group**

Come and join us for a cake & a  
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A great way for Mums & Kids  
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Babies to 4 year olds,  
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# Newly discovered map sheds light on the history of High Halstow

A hand drawn tithe map has recently been discovered in the loft of the Rectory. The map was drawn in 1843 and is a copy of an original drawn in 1839. It gives a wonderful snap shot of life in the village almost 180 years ago. The main village which presently has over 400 houses consisted of less than a dozen including the present red Dog public house. The only road that has a name on the map is Clinch street. Many of the areas around the village that get flooded in heavy



rain can be seen on the map marked as a pond. There is one corner of my front garden that is always a little damp can be seen as one of these ponds, which explains a lot. The map measures 8 foot long and 6 foot 6 inches wide and is pasted onto a cloth background. To give parishioners a chance to view the map, before it is put in storage in the Medway archives, it will be mounted on the wall in the church over the Easter period. Dates and times in the next HH Times. An beautifully illustrated old Cradle roll giving the names of children baptised in the church was also found. This dates from what we think is the late 1950's to the mid 960's was also found and a copy of that will be on permanent display in church soon. If you were born here in the 60's maybe your name is on it. Many of the names do look very familiar.

## Dates for Diary

### Every Tuesday:

King's Kitchen

10:00

Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30

St Margaret's

Church

### Every Wednesday:

Tai Chi

10:30

Memorial Hall

### 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

### Every 4th Wednesday:

Friendly Club

Memorial Hall

### Other Dates:

Saturday 1st:

09:00

Village Market

Village Hall

Sunday 2nd:

09:00

Family Service

St. Margaret's Church

Tuesday 4th:

10:30

HH Pancake Race

Memorial Hall

Wednesday 5th:

19:30

Women's Institute

Memorial Hall

Saturday 8th:

19:00

Nicky Moore &

Friends

Village Hall

Sunday 9th:

High Halstow Hikers

Details in HHT

Tuesday 11th:

20:00

Gardening Club

Memorial Hall

Wednesday 12th

20:00

Parish Council

Memorial Hall

Saturday 15th:

08:30

Project 90

Village Hall Car Park

Wednesday 26th:

Friendly Club

Memorial Hall

Friday 28th:

20:00

Quiz Night

Memorial Hall

Saturday 29th:

19:00

Roaring 40's Night

Village 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.*

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### 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
e.mail: <a href="mailto:gary@highhalstow.org.uk">gary@highhalstow.org.uk</a>	
Martin Andrews	07984 791029
Ray Collins	01634 250105
Stuart Bailey	01634 255537
Gary Jerreat	01634 253999
Lesley Munday	01634 250276
Christine Watson	01634 256529

Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269  
[clerk@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:clerk@highhalstow.org.uk)



### Prayer chain



In the summer, people from the church visited some of the homes in High Halstow offering to pray for anyone who was sick, anxious, bereaved or in any kind of need. These prayers were for their family, friends, neighbours in the village, and for what was happening in the wider world. We have done this for several years because we believe that prayer does change things and

that God does answer prayer. We also asked if there was anything they wanted to give thanks for.

At those times in our lives when things seem to go wrong and when we feel at the end of our tether there we would like to offer you our help through our confidential prayer chain. This can be made use of by contacting Mrs Diane Welch on 251 495. Simply phone Diane and if you prefer total confidentiality then only initials would be used instead of your full name. She will pass your prayer need to the next person on the prayer chain and so on successively till everyone on the chain has the information and will bring your prayer request to God. If you would prefer a face to face chat about anything, in strict confidence, that may be troubling you please feel free to contact Mrs Gill Ellen on 253059 or Rev Stephen Gwilt on 250637. If no one is there please leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

## The GREAT High Halstow Pancake Race (Bring your own frying pan)



**Toddlers and Adult Races  
Meeting at the memorial Hall  
Tuesday 4th March 10:30am**

Entry by donation, in aid of the Morning Star Children's Centre.  
A charity that helps hundreds of Children in the city of  
Welkom in South Africa who are suffering from AIDS.  
Run By the Kings Kitchen, a ministry of St. Margaret's Church.

**Christian Aid**  
We believe in life before death

## Super Soup

# Lent Lunch

Teas and cakes and the usual Kings Kitchen fayre 10:00-12:30

Delicious tasty home made soups and bread 12:30-2:00.

Every Tuesday in Lent (11th March to 15th April)

*All proceeds go to helping some of the poorest people  
in the world through Christian Aid*

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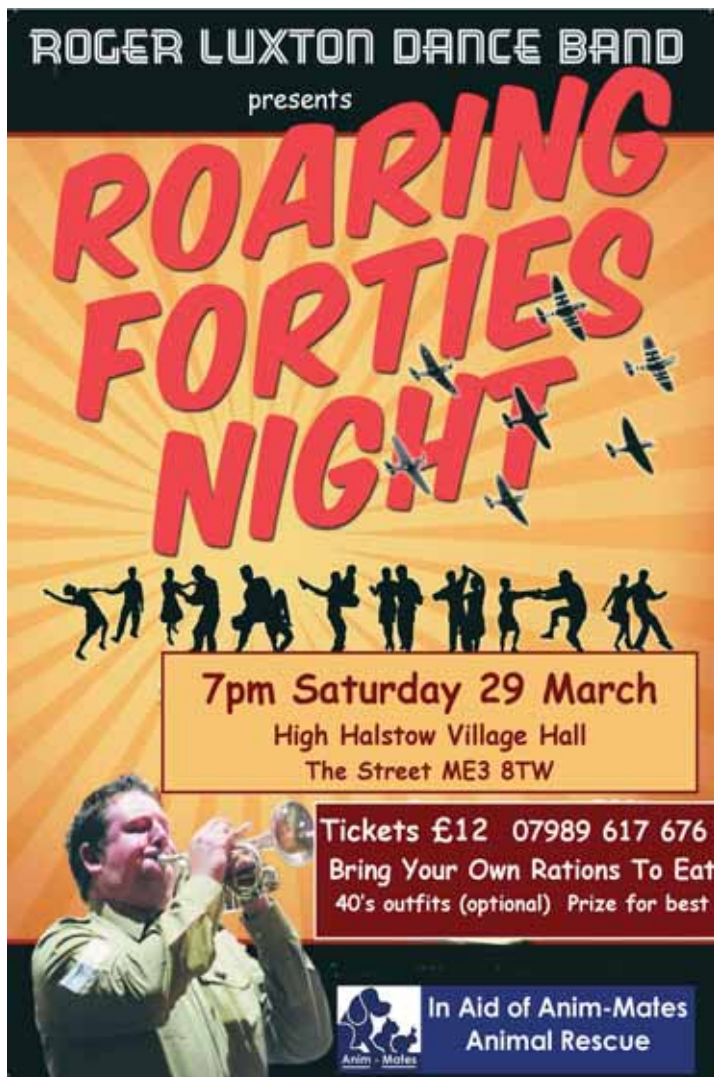
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## The Kings Kitchen

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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](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.



# PTA

## The FUN Quiz on the BIG screen

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday  
14th March  
7.30pm**

**Each round is a different game...**

**Name That Tune, BlockBusters, TV Theme Tunes, Catch Phrase, Family Fortunes, Who Wants to be a Millionaire and more...**

***Come along for a fun packed night, and you might learn something too!!***

- ☐ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm
- ☐ High Halstow Primary School
- ☐ £4 per person, teams of up to 8
- ☐ Bring nibbles & drinks

**To book a table call Jamie on 254178**





# Jonathan Computers

Contact Jonathan directly on the Office No: 01474 879878 or

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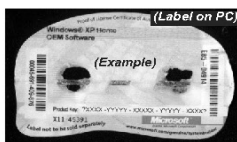
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## **REALLY IMPORTANT!!!!**

**Does your COMPUTER run....**

**Does this look familiar???**



**Currently from 8th April 2014\***

**Microsoft™ Support**

**for ALL XP™ Versions will discontinue!!!!**

**YOUR COMPUTER WILL BE AT SEVERE RISK!!!!**

**I Can upgrade\*\* or supply new computers with...**

☐ Windows™ 7 on.... and **NOT** the new unpopular Windows 8™ on!

\* As currently stated by Microsoft™ as at 1st December 2013. \*\*Subject to Old PC Specification.

**I Am Based In  
High Halstow  
So Can Be Quick  
To Respond**

I will deal with you personally so I can provide you with the best service. I offer a fast and friendly service and explain any problems about your computer to you in an easy to understand way.



**You may become vulnerable to:**

- ☐ Destructive Viruses!
- ☐ Banking Fraud!
- ☐ Total Computer Failure!
- ☐ On-Line Credit Card Theft!
- ☐ Identity Stolen!
- ☐ Being Spied On!

(All Antivirus products will cease to update at this time also)

**If Running XP you will need to  
upgrade\*\* or replace your old PC  
To keep yourself Secure!!!**

*Regards  
Jonathan*

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## **HANDY ANT Property Maintenance**

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Roofing ~ Tiling ~ Carpentry ~ Facia and Soffits  
Flat pack furniture ~ Wood flooring ~ Gutters  
Curtain tracks/poles ~ Painting & Decorating ~ Drains  
Flat screen TV's ~ Plastering ~ Plumbing ~ Fencing  
Bathroom re-fits ~ Kitchen re-fits ~ Landscaping

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## **Take Care**

... Supporting your Independence



### **Home Help Service**

**Are you ...**

- An older person?
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**We can help you with ...**

- Housework ■ Laundry/Ironing ■ Shopping ■ Support to the shops and appointments ■ Respite sitting service ■ Companionship for outings and community activities ■ Handyman/Gardener service

Our Community Assistants are carefully chosen and matched to you. We believe that having the same face is important for continuity and your wellbeing - CRB checked, fully insured and referenced.



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## Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

Could I please suggest that the men that come round picking up litter on Fridays, do it in the afternoon after the refuse collections have finished instead of the morning. As the refuse men just don't care how much litter they drop! I live in Drayton Close and I watch the refuse men dropping litter as they are throwing it into the back of the lorry and they walk over it instead of picking it up. I have complained a few times to Medway Council but nobody seems to care anymore. This is just a common sense suggestion please.

Thank you.

**Paula**

**Drayton Close**

### ***High Halstow Parish Councillor Vacancy***

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor to join the High Halstow Parish Council.

Applications should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk at 53 Capelands, New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent DA3 8LQ or email [roxana@madasafish.com](mailto:roxana@madasafish.com).

Should there be more than one applicant the Council will hold a round of interviews to choose the successful applicant.

Applicants should be in by 11th March.

**HH Parish Council**

### ***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**

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

**The next Project 90 will be**  
**Saturday 15th March**  
**8:30am - 10:00am**

**Village Hall Car Park**

Dear HHT,

**Friends of Chernobyl's Children (FOCC)**  
**Medway**

Do you have any clothing that your children have grown out of? If so, the Friends of Chernobyl's Children (FOCC) Medway can make good use of them.

This year FOCC Medway is hosting 12 children aged from 8 to 12 years from the middle of June. The boys and girls arrive with very few personal items, so ensuring they have appropriate clothing is usually one of the first challenges. Any donations will be gratefully received - even if it is only one item.

The Friends of Chernobyl's Children is a local branch of a charity that helps children from Belarus by giving them a recuperative holiday which allows respite from the poverty and difficult conditions they face at home for a month each year. (More information can be found at <http://www.focc.org.uk>) This is provided through family placements and the charity meets the full cost of these visits which include optical, dental and health checks as well as lots of tender loving care.

If you have anything to donate, please contact Margot Sturt by telephone on 01634 250258 or by e-mail: [margotandphilip@gmail.com](mailto:margotandphilip@gmail.com)

Many thanks for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Margot Sturt

### **Job Vacancy**

Office worker (preferably experienced) needed for 12-15 hours per week. Should be able to record data for accounting and be happy to do day to day administration.

Ability to use twitter and other social media an advantage.

Must be very computer literate and it would be an advantage to understand Search Engine Optimisation.

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