



# High Halstow TIMES



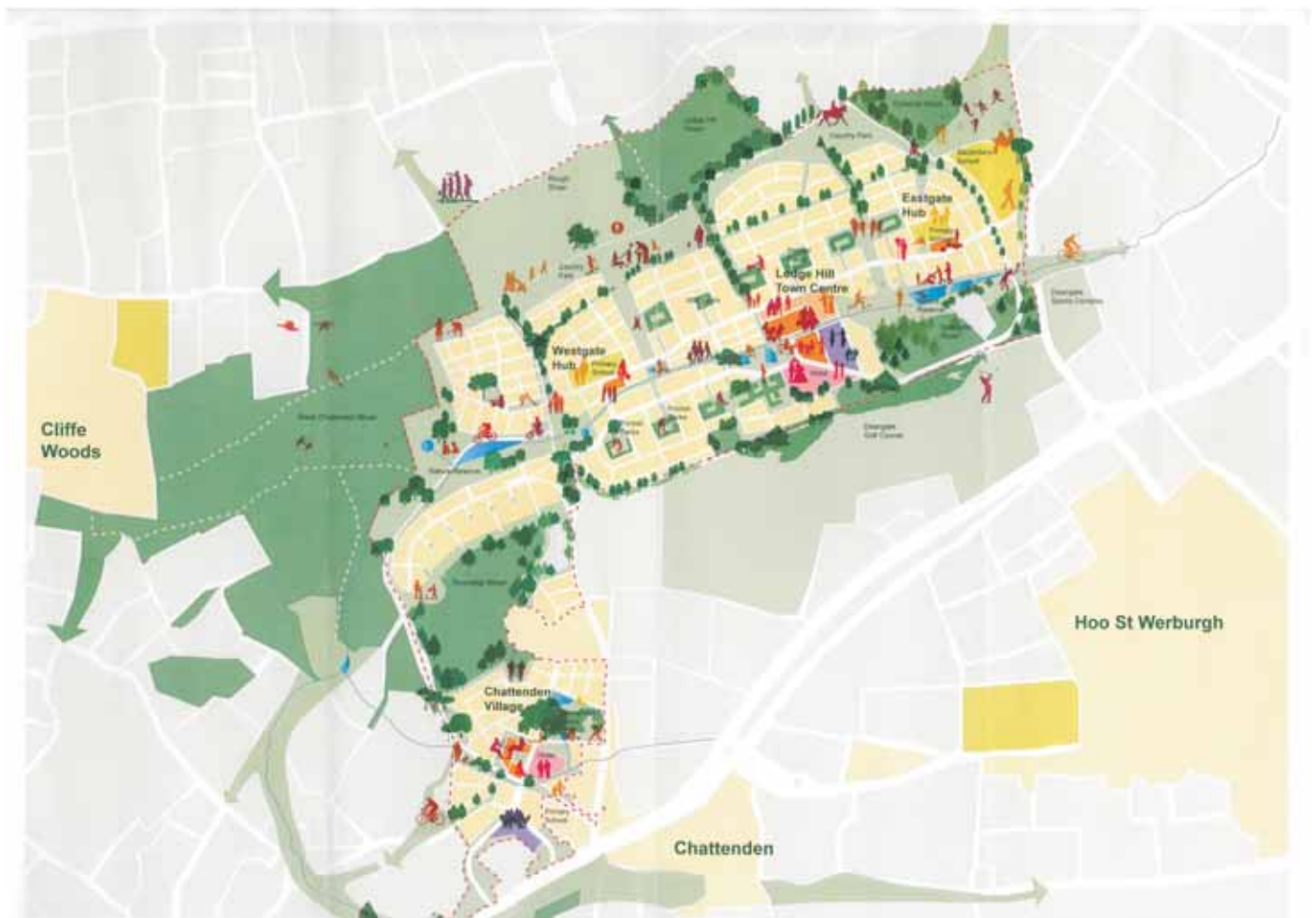
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March 2011

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***What will Lodge Hill mean for High Halstow***



I guess it depends on what you are expecting but here are the main points as far as I can see that will affect High Halstow.

- 4000 to 5000 houses
- 2 Hotels
- 3 New Primary Schools  
(including the existing one at Chattenden)
- A new secondary school.
- A town centre with retail outlets, a supermarket and industrial area.
- A country park.
- One of two main entrances from Dux Court Road.
- Both access points emerge onto A228 (top of Four Elms Hill and Dux Court)

The whole development will sit in the valley that runs westward from Dux Court Road up to and including Chattenden village. You won't be able to see it from the bypass but it will be visible from  
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### *Football Cage*

The Parish Council are considering seeking funds to assist the installation of a football cage which will allow people to play football (five-a-side size) on an all-weather surface.

Before the Parish seek funding from additional sources, which it will need to do, comments are sought from the parishioners on the possible location of the football cage. Two possible solutions have already been identified as follows:

1. On the Recreation field joined up with the existing Kick Wall.

*Advantage* - part of the facility is there already.

*Disadvantage* - lack of lighting in the darker evenings.

2. On the grass area between Wilcon and Abbey estates.

*Advantage* - may be able to be located near existing street lighting.

*Disadvantage* - away from the main recreational facilities within the village.

Should you have any comments please either:

1. email the [editor@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:editor@highhalstow.org.uk)

2. leave comments on the Parish website [www.highhalstow.org.uk/blog/football-cage](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk/blog/football-cage)

3. send your comments to the Parish Clerk

**High Halstow Parish Council**

**FARMERS MARKET  
1ST SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
9:30AM - 11:00AM  
VILLAGE HALL**

### *High Halstow and District Gardening Club Annual Dinner on 11th February 2011*

This was originally our Christmas Dinner which had to be postponed due to the snow in December and was finally held on Friday 11th February. 71 people attended this event and enjoyed an excellent dinner with entertainment. My thanks to everyone who supported this event and helped to make it a special occasion.

Members of the Garden Club decided at the AGM that in future they would prefer this event to be held after Christmas rather than in December. The next Annual Dinner for the High Halstow and District Gardening Club will therefore be held in February 2012.

Gwen Bucknall

### *Annual Parish Meeting 13th April 2011 8:00pm Memorial Hall*

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13th April. This is the annual meeting arranged by the Parish Council for you, the parishioners of High Halstow. It is an opportunity to hear about the activities of both the Parish Council and other local organisations over the last year and to raise any issues you wish. We are also hoping to have a speaker on an interesting topic that concerns us all but at copy date this has not been finalised. More news on this in the April High Halstow Times.

We are hoping that this April issue will contain the Parish Council's annual Report. To help us with this, **would all village organisations please write a short report**, which should be e-mailed to [clerk@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:clerk@highhalstow.org.uk). by the 24th March.

Many thanks in advance. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place in the Memorial Hall, starting at 8pm and will conclude with the Chairman's buffet.

**High Halstow Parish Council**

## ***Resume of the Parish Council meeting held 9th February 2011***

The February meeting of the Parish Council was attended by Jason Cates, Emergency Planning Officer with Medway Council. He spoke of the particular problems that any emergency on the Peninsula would create. He was due to attend a meeting with Highways and the police the following week and was hoping to put in place a set plan for traffic issues. Police officers have a lack of local knowledge and the police have promised to brief them better.

It was stated that Neighbourhood Watch reports have not included High Halstow recently, even though it is known there have been some incidents. Cllr Martin Mitchell promised to investigate.

There was no objection to a planning application for an extension and new garage at 12 Goodwood Close.

The grounds maintenance contract for parish land, Medway Council land and land still in the ownership of Taylor Wimpey ends on 31 March. The new contract will be let by sealed tender and documents are being sent out for a decision to be made at the next meeting. Cllr Gary Thomas has been looking into the feasibility of providing a football cage, following a successful visit of one last Easter. Apart from type (permanent, semi-permanent, portable), size and price, a suitable site needs to be identified, should it be proved that this is something the village wants. Gary said he would write a fuller article to go in the Times. Reports were given on repairs to windows in the Recreation Hall and to the floor in the Memorial Hall.

Please note elections for the Parish Council and Medway Council take place on Thursday 5th May.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th March 2011.

## ***High Halstow and District Gardening Club proposed Outings/Activities for 2011***

Sunday 17 April - Day trip to Columbia Street Flower Market in London £20

Thursday 5 May – Visit to the Tulip Festival at National Trust property, Polesden Lacey in Surrey. Tour of the house also possible if wanted. £23 for non-members of the NT or £13 for members

Sunday 19th June – Garden Safari and Tea at The Oast, Ducks Court Farm. Cost to be decided.

Sunday 26th June – Visit to the stunning Royal Horticultural Society Garden at Hyde Hall in Essex to see the beautiful roses, woodland, lakes and dry gardens. Spectacular! £20

Sunday 17 July – Meet at Gravesend for a boat trip on the Princess Pocohontas down the Thames to Southend and back with free time to enjoy a gentle stroll along the pier and sea front in Southend and have a pub lunch! £20

Prices may alter slightly depending on the number of people on the outing and the size of coach that has to be booked.

Gwen Bucknall

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### *Walking Club (High Halstow Hikers)*

The February walk involved a circuit from Ranscombe Farm (entrance on Cuxton Rd by M2 junction) to Cobham and back via the beautifully renovated Darnley Mausoleum. Also included: a particularly striking lookout toward the south and the discovery of lots of alternative walks that could be enjoyed by one and all.

The next 3 walks are as follows, all starting at 10.00 am on the 2nd Sunday in the month:

Sunday 13th March: starting from High Halstow village hall car park walking to Stoke and back including a walk along the seawall and, given that this will be low tide, onto the saltings (weather permitting). Hopefully also visiting a very impressive lookout position (permission pending). About 6 miles. Led by Alan Marshall.

Sunday 10th April: starting from the Harty Ferry Inn on the Isle of Sheppey towards Leysdown including Shellness (where there is a naturist beach but seems a bit early in the year for that sort of thing!) and along the edge of Swale looking towards Whitstable. Seals may sometimes be seen on the mud banks in the estuary. About 8 miles.

Sunday 8th May: Darnley Trail meeting at Shorne Country Park. Meeting point to be announced. Through woods to Cobham. About 6.5 miles.

Your contacts remain Mitchell Dowsett on [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) and Derek Baker on 07710-806757.

### *Note from the Editor*

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

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

## MARK RECKLESS MP

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### MEET YOUR LOCAL MP

Mark Reckless MP will be holding a public surgery on

**Friday 8th April 2011**  
**10am - 1pm**  
**Memorial Hall**  
**The Street, High Halstow**

Local residents are invited to come along and meet their Member of Parliament at an open surgery

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

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### *Can It Get Any Better? Great Meeting and Darts Success.*

Last month we invited the men to join us as the speaker was Ian Fletcher who had recently returned from Afghanistan, Ian is an Officer in the Royal Navy. We watch the news and see all the footage, but it becomes more real when you hear about the daily events from someone who has experienced it. All Ian asked for was a donation which was to go to the 'Help The Heroes' fund. Every one enjoyed the evening, and we made use of the men who were brilliant. They moved chairs and tables and one was even found in the kitchen helping his wife drying up! We also had another new member with 2 ladies who intend joining us.

Success in the county darts tournament. We won 2-0 at Ryarsh and now go to Matfield for the next round, win there and we will be in the semi-finals.

We have made rough plans for the summer outings with many members showing an interest in trips to Hythe, Sandwich, a walk with the RSPB warden, afternoon tea and even a 'cinema club'.

At the next meeting Ben Croxford will be telling us about 'The Kent Historic Environment Record'. Personally I haven't a clue what that is but all will be revealed on Wednesday 2nd March in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

**Margaret Whitebread**

## *High Halstow Website Relunched*

The website has undergone another change. The Parish Council site will not only inform you of up-to-date news effecting the Village, but will also make it easier for you to play your part in consultations that effect you in the Village. Please visit the site at [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk). The site isn't completely finished yet with the main picture due to be changed shortly and some of the old news etc still to be transferred. Information sent to [editor@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:editor@highhalstow.org.uk) may also be put on the website.

### *Local Groups*

The website contains details of the local groups which operate within the Village. For those who do not have access to the website we plan to put a regular feature in the HHT of some of the detail on the website so as not to exclude those without access to the website. For this month we have chosen

#### **ABC High Halstow Badminton Club**

A Badminton Club for people wishing to play League Badminton. Village Hall, Wednesday 8pm (1st Sept until 31st May club night). (Matches 7pm) We at present run 3 teams; 1 mixed team in Medway League Division 1, 1 mixed team in Rainham League Division 3, 1 men's team in Rainham Men's Division 3. Club night is used to practice and maintain fitness. Some Club nights are used for matches, so any new members are advised to contact the Secretary beforehand. Contact: Frank Allen, 251883

#### **Sugababes**

This group meets in the Memorial Hall every Thursday evening from 7 until 9pm and make all the various icing figures, etc, that are needed to put on to your special cakes. Contact: Crystal Wakefield, 251849

Note for All Local Groups:

Should the details on the website be incorrect or you wish to update with some news please let us know and we will update. Details on the site.

**Gary Thomas HHPC**

## *Village Hall Update*

### **Dolly Parton**

From a fund-raising point of view it was disappointing that the Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers Tribute night made a small loss. As a Village we were lucky that we were able to get such a talented duo to a Village of this size as they have performed at much bigger venues and certainly larger audiences. I hope we get them back again as I am sure another time we will sell out.

### **Farmers Market**

The Farmers Market continues to be a success with new stall-holders last month arriving. We have our regulars with meat, bread, veg etc as well as cards, jewellery, candles, hand made pens etc. You mustn't forget the meat raffle which offers you the chance of a voucher for £30. Other local groups, have you thought of using this as an event to raise some money for your group? If so book a stall and contact Michelle (Tel No. 254121) for a space. Next market is on Saturday 5th March doors from 9.30 at the Village Hall.

### **Village Hall Refurbishment**

With regard to the Hall refurbishment programme: the Hall Committee, has revised the brief with the architects in order to reduce some of the consultancy expenses to be incurred at the start of the project in order to see some progress on the works themselves. As a result we are looking for Phase One works to hopefully start in June of this year. This will follow Building Control works to be undertaken to ensure the design meets all regulations. It is anticipated that although the Hall will be out of action for a number of weeks in June, the Doctors Surgery will not be effected and operational as normal. We will keep all hirers of the hall up-to-date with the plans as well as the residents, so please watch this space.

**! STOP PRESS !**  
**MEMORIAL HALL EASTER MARKET**

**16TH APRIL 12pm-3pm**

**All you need for Easter; Chocolate Eggs,  
Cakes, Cards and Refreshments.**

**More details to follow.....**

## *High Halstow Cricket Club*

In mid-February, we experienced several days of drying wind which made ground conditions good for mowing and other treatments. However, the grass was not ready and the moment passed. Since then, with no sun or frost and plenty of moisture, the growing season has kicked in, but the ground is too wet to get on without doing irreparable damage. But these frustrations are an annual event, and we should be used to them by now.

Preparations for the new cricket season are well in hand, despite the weather. Winter nets for adults started at the end of January at Hoo School, and at Kings School for colts. If any member, or prospective member, wants to come along, sessions are respectively, from 7 till 9 on Thursday evenings and from 3 till 5 on Sundays. With the aid of a substantial grant from the EON Community Investment Fund, the Club has put considerable resources into autumn renovation of the pitch and the acquisition of turf care machinery at Hoo School. The remainder of the grant is being spent by the School on playing equipment, with the aim of expanding the sport within the School. Whilst the raising of standards of the playing surface is expected to take up to 5 years, 2011 should be a significant improvement on last year. This will be particularly important for our 3rd XI who won promotion to Kent Feeder League 1A (Central).

We will again be fielding 4 league teams on Saturdays and a full range of colts teams from U11 to U17. The Sunday League side has moved from the Medway Sunday League to the Kent Sunday Development League Division 3, which will be more challenging for our talented younger players. Our season opens when the 1st XI plays Ashford at Rayner's Meadow on 30th April. There then follows a week of cup games for the various Colts XIs. We hope that the weather will allow outdoor practice a couple of weeks before this intensive start.

In many respects, playing is the easy part for any sports club. The big challenge is to run the organisation successfully, and that requires volunteers. Very often duties are carried out by 2 or 3 generous souls for the benefit of all. We are fortunate to have many colts' parents who wish to be involved in the provision of cricket facilities for their youngsters. But despite this generous giving of personal time, we need more volunteers to step forward. On the more "glamorous" side, new players (of all ages) are welcome, as are aspiring umpires and scorers. No previous experience is necessary, as we will teach the appropriate skills. However, there remains the bulk of administrative and maintenance tasks to be undertaken, including mundane matters like fund-raising, equipment and facility maintenance, not forgetting team management. Ideally, we would like to appoint a Volunteer Co-ordinator to harness the skills and knowledge of members and friends alike with the aim of spreading the load and enhancing the value of the club to its members and the community. If you wish to find out more about how you can help, to whatever extent, please contact David Lapthorn on 01634 250334.

D.A. Lapthorn  
Chairman

## *The Time and Tides Project*

Do you live in or near High Halstow? Want to get involved in a fun community art and history project for people of all ages? Got a secret talent or an unusual story about your village? We're helping communities to investigate their hidden histories and unique stories from their village's past and to present these findings artistically through drama, recordings, artwork, music, talks, workshops and events that the community can come together and enjoy.

We're working with organisations in your village, including your Parish Council, so we'll keep you posted on how to get involved, but to find out more or register your interest, contact Nancy - 01634 813179 / [nancy@icontheatre.co.uk](mailto:nancy@icontheatre.co.uk). Or simply come along to the Free Family Fun Day on the 15 April at the High Halstow Village Hall to find out more information.

## *Karmann Dance Centre*

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all pupils and students for their hard work over the past year, they have managed to help raise donations for different organisations whilst performing at various displays and fetes and attained brilliant results in their examinations and star awards.

On behalf of the parents and pupils of the Karmann Dance Centre may we say a huge THANK YOU to MS CHARLOTTE GOLDSACK, MRS BURTON, HAZEL WOOLMER and MS CHARLOTTE BURTON FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE throughout the year at rehearsals and examination session, we could not have done it without your support in chaperoning and putting them through their paces.

### ROSETTE BALLET - TURQUOISE

LAURA GOOD	PASS
REBECCA GOOD	PASS

### JUVENILE BALLET

SOPHIE LINE	85% H
REBEKAH DISSINGTON	83% HC
ROSE LOVE	83% HC

### JUVENILE TAP

SOPHIE LINE	83% HC
REBEKAH DISSINGTON	81% HC
ROSE LOVE	80% HC

### PREPARATORY BALLET

SOPHIE LINE	83% HC
REBEKAH DISSINGTON	80% HC
ROSE LOVE	81% HC

### PREPARATORY TAP

SOPHIE LINE	85% H
REBEKAH DISSINGTON	81% HC
ROSE LOVE	80% HC

### SCHOOLS AND GENERAL - PRIMARY

ROSE LOVE	85% H
SOPHIE LINE	85% H
SOPHIE O'GORMAN	83% HC
REBEKAH DISSINGTON	83% HC

### SCHOOLS AND GENERAL - GRADE 1

CHARLOTTE FORD	86% H
HAZEL WOOLMER	86% H
NIAMH ROBB	85% H
SAMANTHA FORD	85% H

### PRIMARY BALLET

ABBIE MORTIMER	80% HC
SOPHIE LYONS	80% HC
KATY ONG	80% HC

### PRIMARY TAP

SOPHIE LYONS	82% HC
ABBIE MORTIMER	78% C
KATY ONG	78% C

### FREESTYLE - TROUP

HAZEL WOOLMER	85% HC
NIAMH ROBB	85% HC
CHARLOTTE FORD	85% HC
SAMANTHA FORD	85% HC

### GRADE 1 BALLET

CHARLOTTE FORD	87% H
HAZEL WOOLMER	85% H
NIAMH ROBB	82% HC
SAMANTHA FORD	81% HC

### GRADE 2 TAP

SUZY ONG	83% HC
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### GRADE 3 BALLET

SUZY ONG	81% HC
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### GRADE 4 BALLET

CHARLOTTE GOLDSACK	82% HC
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### TAP - BRONZE

CHARLOTTE GOLDSACK	83% HC
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### FREESTYLE - PAIRS

DERRIEE FRITTER	83% C
ASHLEIGH EVANS	83% C

### FREESTYLE - SOLO

CHARLOTTE GOLDSACK	83% C
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### ADULT TAP - GOLD

SARAH MORTIMER	83% HC
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Congratulations to everyone.

H = Honours  
C = Commended  
HC = Highly Commended



## *Apply now for your Royal Wedding Street Party*

There is just one month left for residents to contact Medway Council to apply for their Royal Wedding Street Party. Residents who want to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton by holding a street party need to contact the council to apply for a road closure by Friday, 18 March.

Medway Council is helping to cut the cost of street parties so residents can celebrate in style with family, friends and neighbours on 29, April, but is advising residents to plan ahead and get in touch.



Street parties often take place on public highways, and arrangements need to be made in advance to ensure the correct signage is being used, to make sure it is safe to close the road and that alternative routes are available for traffic, all of which can usually cost up to £1,000. The council is waiving this cost, but residents will have to ensure they have their own Public Liability Insurance, in the event of an accident.

In order to grant permission for a street party to go ahead, Medway Council will need to make sure that closing the road wouldn't have an impact on traffic flows or bus services and that it doesn't conflict with any other maintenance or utility work that may be happening. Arrangements will also need to be in place to ensure the Emergency Services continue to have access to all routes and are aware of any planned closures.

Medway Council's Portfolio holder for Front Line Services, Cllr Phil Filmer said: "We want residents to enjoy this momentous occasion and street parties are a great way for people of all ages to get together.

"However, as these will mainly be on the public highway, it is important that arrangements are made in advance and the proper signage is erected to ensure everyone's safety.

"The council can provide advice about road signs and whether you will need a licence. We will be assessing all applications individually. To avoid disappointment, I would urge anyone considering holding a street party to get in touch with the council as soon as possible."

For your royal wedding bash, you will need the following:

### A Road Closure Notice:

To apply for a road closure, contact Medway Council's traffic department on 01634 333333 or email [traffic.management@medway.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.management@medway.gov.uk) for an application form.

Applicants will need to provide consent from all residents affected by the road closure. The council will assess each application individually.

### A Temporary Event Notice:

Some activities, such as selling alcohol or live entertainment, will require a temporary event notice, which will cost £21. These need to be applied for ten working days before the event.

Residents should contact Medway Council's licensing department for further information and advice on whether they require a licence on 01634 337107 or [licensing@medway.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@medway.gov.uk).

### Insurance:

You will need to ensure you have Public Liability Insurance, in the unlikely event of there being an accident





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**Mothers Day**  
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### SAMPLE MENU

Salmon Gravlax with garlic cream cheese & bagel toast  
Home smoked chicken ceaser salad  
Thai spiced crab cakes with sweet chilli "pot noodle"  
Poached chicken and crayfish ballentine with French style lemon  
peas  
Trio of Kentish lamb, confit lamb breast, slow cooked lamb heart  
and glazed two bone rack  
Grilled swordfish with Asian vegetable and mussel risotto topped  
with vermicelli noodle salad  
Red wine braised oxtail with savoy cabbage and chorizo mash  
Pan roasted pork chop with Aspells balsamic cyder vinegar,  
shallot jus and roasted garlic mash  
Dark Chocolate cappucino mousse with milk foam & biscotti  
Retro 70's selection plate:- treacle tart, lemon meringue, cream  
caramel and profiterole  
New York style baked cheesecake topped with fresh strawberry  
and lime coulis

## **HIGH HALSTOW & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

### **Programme for 2011**

All meetings start at 8.p.m. in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

January	No meeting	
February 8th	Annual General Meeting	Followed by Quiz & Raffle
March 8th	Spring Show	Members only, details to follow
April 12th	Reminiscences of a Funeral Director	Mr John Weir
May 10th	Bring & Buy	Anything connected with the garden
June 7th	Reminiscences of an Asylum Judge	Chris Buckwell
July 12th	What are the judges are looking for?	Dusty Miller
Aug 27th	Annual Show	
Sept 13th	Nature Photographer's Year	Roger Canis
Oct 11th	The Medway Queen	Gill Ellen
Nov 8th	Maintenance of the National Trust Gardens	Roger Smith
Dec 2nd	TBC	

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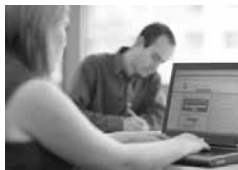


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# **THE RED DOG GOLF SOCIETY**

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

**Saturday 12th March**  
**8:30am start**  
**in Village Hall**  
**Car Park**

**Refreshments served afterwards**

***Bogus Callers***

There have been reports in the Dartford area of people dressed as police officers knocking on people's doors reporting that there is a problem involving banks. They are then asking the householder if they can quickly check their bank cards. These are NOT real police officers and this is not something that a genuine police officer would do.

Never give your bank details to anyone in these circumstances. If in doubt contact Kent Police on 01622 690690 or 999.

For general enquiries or further advice on doorstep callers or consumer issues please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or visit [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)

**HH Parish Council**

## Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday	
King's Kitchen	
09:00	Memorial Hall
Every Wednesday	
Painting & Drawing for Beginners	
10.00	Memorial Hall
Every Thursday	
Mother and Toddler's	
09.30	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes	
19.00	Memorial Hall
Every Saturday	
Karmann Dancers	
09.00	Memorial Hall

## Other Dates

Wednesday 2nd	Women's Institute
19.30	Memorial Hall
Friday 4th	Youth Night
19:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 5th	Farmers Market
09:30	Village Hall
Tuesday 8th	Gardening Club
20:00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9th	Parish Council
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 12th	Project 90
08:30	Village Hall Car Park
Sunday 13th	High Halstow Hikers
10:00	Village Car Park
Friday 25th	Quiz Nite
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 16th April	Easter Market
12-3pm	Memorial Hall

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## Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a councillor on the High Halstow Parish Council. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01474 871269.

## Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is looking for new members to join the committee and help decide the future of the hall. If you are interested then please contact Gary Thomas on 01634 252812

## Readers Letters (continued)

**Dear HHT,**

Do you have an old car that you are about to replace? Is it an old banger, been parked on your drive way for ages and is now getting on your nerves? The number of students opting to study for a qualification in Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair has increased drastically recently. Students undertake work on cars in the Motor Vehicle Workshop at North West Kent College Gravesend to practice and develop their skills. These cars are stripped down and re- built on a regular basis and have a limited life expectancy! As a consequence the School of Engineering is constantly seeking to source replacement vehicles. If you know of any possible sources of vehicles which we will collect free of charge. Please contact Winston Sewell or Andy Stevens on 01322 629653

### **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

**Dear HHT,**

Ref: Geoffrey Longfield

An amateur family historian is trying to help a group of French historians who are documenting the allied airmen sadly killed during the Second World War. He is trying to trace the family of Geoffrey Phelps Longfield who was born in 1909 and was the son of our Rector. The citation from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is as follows:

Name: LONGFIELD, GEOFFREY PHELPS  
Initials: G P

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Wing Commander (Pilot)

Regiment/Service: RAF Volunteer Reserve

Unit Text: 105 Sqdn.

Date of Death: 26/02/1943 (33yrs)

Service No: 27229

Additional information: Son of the Revd. Thomas William Longfield, B.A. and Mrs. Longfield, of High Halstow Rectory; husband of Margaret Joan Longfield, of Shorne. The historian is looking to obtain any photograph and perhaps some biographical information about him. If anyone has information which could help please contact Jonathan Ives, Fleet, Hampshire  
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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269



## *What will Lodge Hill mean for High Halstow (continued from front page)*

Dux Court Road and High Halstow. There will be two main connections into the development, one at the western end at the top of Four Elms Hill and one at the eastern end onto Dux Court Road. No other entrances are proposed.

It is proposed that Lodge Hill will be linked to the Medway Towns and its communication links by a "fast-track" transport system, which may incorporate Hoo. Linking the other villages on the peninsula would make journey times un-acceptable instead it is likely that the existing buses will run into Lodge Hill forming a hub for onward Journeys.

The Developers are currently in consultation with Natural England to minimize the impact on the ecologically sensitive areas that surround the site and the wider North Kent Marshes with their Special Protection Areas so fundamental in recent times with proposals for an estuary airport. It is extremely important that we as a community involve ourselves in the ongoing process so that we can achieve the very best for the present and future residents of High Halstow.

I very much hope that Land Securities will be able to attend our Parish Annual Meeting in April where they will be able to expand on their proposals and the impact they will have on High Halstow.

If you have comments or concerns, and are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know as soon as possible so that your views can be properly represented.

George  
george@highhalstow.org.uk  
07711 432598

### *Readers Letters*

*Dear HHT,*

I recently had the misfortune of having to contact the police to investigate why 2 saplings trees in my front garden had been hacked in half. The investigating officer stated that it was criminal damage and would be filing a full report for the same. A recommendation was that we install CCTV on the premises, as this is not the first occasion that damage that has been caused. Homeleigh Nurseries have kindly donated 2 replacement trees as a result of this incident and will be checking on their progress as time goes by. I would like to thank Homeleigh for this gesture of kindness.

**Name and Address Supplied**

*Readers Letters  
continued inside...*

*Dear HHT,*

The Dolly Parton /Kenny Rogers show at the village hall on sat 5th February was a great success the performers were amazing. It was a pity more tickets were not sold, for £9.50 per ticket it was money well spent. The organisers did a splendid job. Also a vote of thanks to the bar staff who kept the amber nectar flowing. So make sure you don't miss out on the next show.

**R Ives  
Willowbank Drive**

***Date for your Diary  
Easter Market  
16th April 12-3pm  
Memorial Hall***

Next edition April 2011; Contributions for April should be sent by 24th March to:  
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