



# High Halstow TIMES



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April 2012

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## *Project 90*

In March we saw 15 sacks of rubbish collected on the roads leading in and out of the Village. Medway Council are taking over the responsibility of clearing these roads from April so we will be looking for other things to do in order to spruce the Village up.

One idea being put forward is to paint the playground fence in order to bring it up to scratch. We suspect this will be like the Forth Bridge, one panel at a time in order to complete properly

Are there other ideas you would like to see happen, if so please let the Parish Council know and we will see what is possible

If you can spare 90 minutes once a month please come along to the Village Hall Car Park on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30. When finished a cup of tea and cake available.

See you then

## *Christmas Tree Festival*

I know it is a bit early thinking about Christmas, just as the clocks have gone forward, but please can put a date in your diary, it is proposed there will be a Christmas Tree Festival in the Village Hall on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Details to follow shortly so watch this space

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**TAKE THAT TRIBUTE**  
**SATURDAY 26TH MAY**

See page 11 for further details.



***Diamond Jubilee***  
***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June***

The plans are underway for the big event

The event to start around 4.00pm will include:

1. Children's tea party
2. Local groups and their stalls
3. Light Entertainment
4. Children's games
5. Teas, coffee
6. Live music
7. Licensed Bar
8. Bell Ringers
9. Lighting of the Beacon

It is not too late for your group to take part. For further details please contact [josh@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:josh@highhalstow.org.uk)

**Farmers Market : Saturday 31st March**

**9:30 - 11:30am Village Hall - Fresh Fruit/Veg, Meat, Bread and Cakes, Easter Gifts and More..**

## ***The Friendly Club***

We have had a good start to the year by going for a meal to celebrate our club birthday in January, in February we had our game of Bingo plus time to chat and catch up on all our news, in March we are Flower Arranging and Margaret Burton will be coming to sort us out, and in April we are having a Quiz with Mike and Liz Meredith these should be very good afternoons, we are still looking forward to our holiday in September and there are still places to fill if you would like to join us.

Mrs Margaret Bufford would like to say 'Thank You' to all the people who sent her get well cards and messages and good wishes for a speedy recovery she appreciated peoples kindness. She is doing well and managing on her crutches.

**Sheila Marchant**

## ***Annual Report***

It is this time of the year that the Parish Council would like to bring together a report of the Village activities and the various groups/organisations that do so much good in the Village over the past year. It would be great if as many reports could be submitted in order for the report to be circulated in next months HHT. Please could you send your report to the editor and the clerk, no later than **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.  
Thank You

**High Halstow Parish Council**

### ***The Village Shop***

#### ***LONGER Opening Hours***

Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm

Sunday 8am – 2pm

New Telephone number: 01634 254561

### ***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

NB: Wednesday mornings at the Memorial Hall are now free for bookings.

## ***Farmers Market***

It has been suggested by members of the parish that the Farmers Market should offer a delivery service along the same lines as the major supermarkets for Parishioners unable to visit the market. Volunteers have been requested to ride Lesley Munday's 1950's shopping bike, and Dramarama have donated a superhero costume complete with cape and mask to help the delivery boy/girl travel faster around the village. With the next market being on 31st March, deliveries could start as soon as April 1st. Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known at the Farmers Market by signing up to 'I've been fooled' list...

## ***Memorial Hall***

As mentioned last month we are still working towards updating our kitchen area - we hope to have this started during the summer.

Our Jubilee Celebration will be on Sunday 3rd June from 2 - 5pm, in the form of a very special tea. This was inspired by a visit to 'The Secret Garden' nr. Ashford for my birthday last summer.

More details next month.

**Ann**

## ***The Village Cook Book***

Is your bolognese beyond belief, or does your pudding possibly take pride of place?

Well we are going to produce the High Halstow Village Cook Book in aid of the Village Hall and this is where we would like your help. Do you have a favourite recipe that you would like to share; this is the time to let us know and have it published for the village/world to enjoy.

Please could we have the following:

- 1 The recipe details
- 2 A picture of the finished recipe
- 3 Your name and address
- 4 A picture of yourself  
(passport size would be great)

The level of responses and recipes sent in will determine how the book(s) will be produced and available. We hope you like the idea and join in. More details to following future HHT's.

## *High Halstow Hikers*

Our March walk started and finished at Brickhouse Farm, the farm on the S-bend on the road between Fenn Corner and Allhallows and took place on a lovely clear, warm early Spring day. The raised land at the start of the walk gave terrific views across the marshland and the estuary beyond to Essex. The route took us to St Mary's Bay being passed by large skeins of some of the last Brent Geese of the winter (but no people!). We turned back in land at the Bay eventually taking the gentle rise up the footpath towards Coombe Farm and back to our starting point. The route took in the western edge of Lord Foster's suggested place for an Estuary airport and emphasized both the unspeakable damage to this outstanding environment this would effect and also the danger from bird strike that the then government announced as the primary reason for excluding the previous "Cliffe" airport plan.

Our next walk will start at 10.00am on Sunday 15th April from outside the Kings Arms at the top of the very picturesque High Street in Upper Upnor. There is a public car park close to the pub and also parking on the road if the car park is full. We will walk through Lower Upnor to Cockham Fort and Hoo Marina returning to Upnor along the Saxon Shoreway. The walk will be about 6 miles long including the shoreway, woodland and quaint villages. This walk will be led by Alan Wilson.

Other walks in the first part of 2012 are listed below. All are Sundays with expected start times of 10.00 am. Full details of each will appear in the HH Times immediately preceding the respective walk.

13th May	Cranbrook and Sissinghurst
10th June	To be announced
8th July	High Halstow to Egypt Bay (repeats the first walk of our group as requested by many).

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

## *Quizathon*

Traditionally the quizathon has been held in the Recreation Hall to allow more people to join us for a fun evening and also as a way of the Memorial Hall assisting the Recreation Hall with all the major works needing to be done. Last year we broke with tradition because the Memorial Hall needed a new floor and other remedial works which would have a major price tag. This work is now complete in the Memorial Hall, albeit we are always renovating and upgrading, and we now want to return to the Recreation Hall and assist with their fundraising. With this in mind the quizathon will be on 27th April. The normal start time for quiz nights is 8.00 but because we have more rounds at the quizathon (making it a marathon) we will be starting at 7.30.

Please come along and support both the quiz team and the efforts of the Recreation Hall committee. If you haven't had an opportunity to view what has been done so far in the hall, now is your chance. If you do not normally attend quiz nights but would like to join in on the quizathon please give me a ring on 244203 or speak to Lesley Munday or John Pink.

Thank you in advance of your support.

## *Margaret Church*

### *Hiring the Village Hall*

Later evenings during the week are normally taken but Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings are available to hire. During the day and early evening though, the Hall is also available to hire so if you have a group that needs a venue or daytime party, function then please contact Crystal on 251849 for details

### *Hall Refurbishment* *Phase II* *Grant Applications*

We have a number of applications currently going through different stages for Phase Two and as soon as we hear anything we will let you know.

*It was all Henry's Fault  
(Henry VIII that is)*

He blew all the money his dad (Henry VII) had left, raised the taxes to the maximum (nothing changes) defaced the currency (we now call it inflation) and still needed more money. He also wanted a divorce because he wanted a legitimate son and heir (or so they say).

Henry's quick fix (all politicians like these) was to take over the Church, give himself a divorce and nationalise all the abbeys and monasteries (pinch the goodies). All he had to do was hang those religious who didn't play ball, pension of the leaders who did and make redundant, without compensation, the workers. Other than the coup de-tat on the Pope he didn't change the format of practised religion and still burnt a few who wanted to change the current practice. After realising the assets of the wealthy religious houses he scraped the barrel by picking on the small churches. In particular our church of St. Margarets, at High Halstow.

We didn't have much. Our village wasn't rich and prosperous, just a combination of three small hamlets and the Street. No industry- no trade. In fact the church or holy place was here first, probably the abode of a saxon hermit which became a focus for the area.

After his commissioners had picked the bones clean (they were paid on commission) he gave our church to his lackeys in Rochester.

Especially he had pinched the charity kept and administered by the rector at St. Margarets for the poor. Amongst "Good King Hal's" loot were the investments from which Richard Longemen, 1493, willed "xiiid to be given each Good Friday to Xii poor of the parish " (about 10% of the then village population). The revenue from the sale of land whete, malte and lambes willed by Thomas Dalham, 1501 and in particular the revenue from the iii acres of land to be sold by the "iiii chef men of the parish of Halstowe so exectors do bake pastyes at my moneyth day besides brede, ale and other charges' in perpetuity. Richard Whitbrede 1522.

The poor got poorer and increased in number, with little help until Henry's son King

Edward organised some form of relief but he died young. His eldest sister Queen Mary didn't do much and it wasn't until Queen Bess brought in the poor laws that help was organised nationally. Some would say these poor laws remained largely unchanged until 1835. In effect the poor and destitute became the legal responsibility of their parish. This meant that beggars and unemployed strangers were moved on, after a spell in the stocks to persuade them not to return, and relief was given only to those borne in the village.

Eventually a parish poor relief rate was raised and a refuge established for destitute villagers e.g., a husband dies and his wife and children are thrown out of the 'tied' farm cottage. If they had no relatives who could afford to help, their care fell to the parish. Starvation was the 'means' test. In High Halstow the basement of what was later our "Red Dog" became the poor house.

Obviously the parish boundary became the crunch line, we didn't want foreigners or any strays from Hoo, St. Mary's or Cooling. It was important as well for marriages, baptisms and burials, and even more for Tythes, the greater and the minor. Maps would make little difference - even today is there any villager who knows the boundaries of our village, parochial or political?

What became known as Rogation days, or Rogation Sunday came into being. Villagers walked their parish borders or the inhabited parts thereof, sometimes with garlands and banners and the children singing.

Might it not be fun one day to have a village outing, a memory of the Rogation sundays. Our boundary of High Halstow (the Holy place) is far too long to walk in a few hours and some parts are restricted but perhaps graded walks, some easy for the kids and their families, some for the more active (High Halstow hikers?), similar for cross country runners or joggers, and perhaps some bike routes, cross country or road?

**Dave Stephenson**



*Resume of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on 14th March 2012*

The Parish Council met on 14<sup>th</sup> March and was chaired by Cllr Thomas, the Chairman being away on business. 9 members of the public also attended, including a representative of the builders of the new house under construction in The Street, near Goodwood Close.

The main point of discussion during the meeting was the bus stop and shelter outside this new house. A statement prepared by the builder's planning consultant was read out, claiming the stop/shelter should be moved as it was in a dangerous position. It was decided to seek a site meeting with Arriva and planning, transport and highway officers of Medway Council. The representative from the builders promised to remove the fence they had erected round the shelter, while matters were resolved. It was also reported that planning permission isn't needed to install a shelter by the bus stop in Christmas Lane, near Half Moon Way.

Cllr Chris Watson reported on the first Councillors' Surgery, held in the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of the month, during Kings Kitchen. Nine people came to speak to her. Cllrs Collins, Gordon and Jerreat attended the next surgery.

There is a leak from an ancient water pipe belonging to the Recreation Hall that is affecting the car park. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the work needed, as if left the leak will damage the car park. Other works on the Recreation Ground were about to start and at the time of writing have just been completed.

The last meeting of Medway Council's Rural Liaison Committee was extended to all parish councillors and clerks and focused on the possible airports being promoted by Norman Foster for the Isle of Grain and "Boris Island" in the Thames Estuary. A Government document about airports will eventually be published for consultation and it was agreed the Chairman attend a conference which is likely to be held in due course.

Cllr Josh Gordon reported on the plans for the Jubilee. He has formed a group to plan events, which will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and end with the lighting of a beacon. This will be lit between 10 and half past ten in the evening – the time will be notified, so that the lighting of beacons throughout the country is co-ordinated.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting and will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April in the Memorial Hall at 8 pm. Brian McCutcheon of Medway Council has been confirmed as one speaker, he will give an update on developments on the Peninsula, including Lodge Hill. We have also invited a speaker from Action with Communities in Rural Kent to talk about Neighbourhood Planning, which is part of the new Localism Act and which must be community led. There will also be the usual amusing annual report from the Chairman, a chance to ask questions and discuss village matters and of course to chat to other residents over a buffet.

**I would be grateful if local organisations could send written reports to me as soon as possible.** I shall be away for a few days and won't be able to remind you all. Please email to [clerk@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:clerk@highhalstow.org.uk) or post to 53 Capelands, New Ash Green, Longfield Kent DA3 8LQ. Alternatively you can put through the door of any councillor.

Many Thanks.



# TIME

AND

# TIDES



*A local history and community arts project*

## Time and Tides Project Update

Money has been awarded to the ICON Theatre recently by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Medway Council to run a local history and arts project focussing on the villages of Cuxton, High Halstow and Upnor and anyone with an interest in the area. The project is called Time and Tides and offers a chance for local communities to research their local history and take part in arts and drama activities.

Since the taster sessions held in January and February the project team has been designing and organising the rest of the project. In the pipeline are some adult and family learning events in the form of talks and guided walks.

The next projects to be run will be local history learning workshops, which will teach the basics of local history research and include a visit to Medway Archives, and also an oral history project. There will be opportunities to take part as either an interviewer or an interviewee and we will be talking to people about how life in High Halstow has changed over the years.

The interviews will be preceded by a training course on how to undertake oral history interviews. This is a free all-day course and will be held on either Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April or Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012. These will be a chance to learn a new skill, catch up with friends and learn new things about the village where you live. If you would like to interview someone, attend the course or know of someone who would make a good interviewee then do please get in touch!

The local history workshops will teach you the basics of local history research, include a visit to Medway Archives and from there you can undertake some research of your own, which will be displayed in November in a local exhibition. Support from the Project Officer will be provided as you undertake your research.

The free local history learning workshop will be held in Chatham on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 from 10.00 – 1.00 and the visit to Medway Archives in Strood will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10.30-12.30.

For teenagers there will be opportunities to take part in verbatim theatre, to make a heritage documentary DVD and to help create a website for the project.

If you could not make the introductory events or have not returned an Expression of Interest Form do get in touch to find out more or sign up to the events. Please contact the Project Officer on [Nicola@icontheatre.org.uk](mailto:Nicola@icontheatre.org.uk), phone 01634 813 179 or write to ICON Theatre, The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, Chatham, Kent ME4 4SE

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### ***Local History and Family Research Group***

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

Dave Stephenson.

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

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### ***Your Parish Councillors***

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Your councillors may also be contacted  
through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

### ***We Have Almost Done It***

Our darts team played Swanley Village in the last round of the county competition. Our opponents practised each week, and they had a number of supporters at the pub. We too had members to cheer us along, but they were trying to find us as we started the match. Best out of 3, and we normally get down to double one to finish the game (we are not that talented). We were on form, both teams scored some high numbers bringing the scores down quickly. Thirty to finish, aim for outside the board and work your way in - third dart, double 15!! Not sure who was more surprised them or us. Game two and down to thirty again. Our most experienced player missed the double but got the single. Not to worry, landing in the 7 left double 4 to finish, and she did. The opposition looked stunned, and we couldn't believe it. Our supporters arrived, just in time for the food. Next match is in Maidstone, where we play the semi's and the final. We have been this close before, perhaps this time we will be the W.I. Darts Champions. Mention was made in a recent HHT that although the dart board has returned to the Red Dog, we still have not played there. As we relocated to the Prince Of Wales in Strood where the landlord has looked after us and the other teams extremely well. We felt it would have been wrong to have switched pubs mid season, but hope to return next winter.

Our annual dinner was at the BAE Systems Club at Bells Lane. Great night, the food was very good indeed. Jason really looked after us well, and we had almost a full house, with just a couple of members absent due to health.

Coming up. Our Murder Mystery night, a visit to the impressive temple in Gravesend, and an evening in Sevenoaks entitled 'A Taste Of India'

Our last meeting was another great evening. Kev Reynolds took us on a wonderful tour of Kent with slides and stories. With the better weather arriving it made one feel like getting out and about in our lovely countryside. Hopefully this month will be just as good although completely different. On the 4th Steve Craddock will be telling us all about Help For Heroes. I understand he is an excellent speaker. All are welcome to come along, starts at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall.

Margaret Whitebread



## *Dates for Diary*

Every Monday	
Zumba	Village Hall
19:00	
Every Tuesday	
King's Kitchen	
10:00	Memorial Hall
Bell Ringers	
19:30	St Margaret's Church
Every Thursday	
Mother and Toddler's	
09:30	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes	
19:00	Memorial Hall
Every Saturday	
Karmann Dancers	Memorial Hall
09:00	

### *Other Dates*

Saturday 31st March	Farmers Market
9:30 - 11:30	Village Hall
Sunday 1st: <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Family Service
09:30	St. Margaret's Church
Wednesday 4th	Women's Institute
19:30	Memorial Hall
Friday 6th: <i>Good Friday</i>	An Hour at the Cross
14:00	St. Margarets Church
Sunday 8th: <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Family Communion
09:30	St. Margaret's Church
Wednesday 11th	Parish Council
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 14th	Project 90
8:30	Village Hall
Sunday 15th	High Halstow Hikers
10:00	Details in HHT
Wednesday 25th	Friendly Club
14:00	Memorial Hall
Friday 27th	Annual Quizathon
20:00	Village Hall

### *Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors*

One or two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 – 12.00pm and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month.

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

**High Halstow Parish Council.**

## Village Hall

The polish on the floor has been removed so the slippery effect has been dramatically reduced, but we are still going to keep an eye on it. Touch up painting has also happened now as chips occur when tables and chairs clip the walls. We will be trying to keep on top of this and plan to do this regularly.

It has been identified there is a leak under the car park and due to the age of the pipes it has been recommended that the whole length of the pipework is replaced. We are grateful to the Parish Council for a grant of £1300 in order for the repairs to be carried out. By the time this has gone to press the order for the work would have been placed.

What next for the Hall, well we have a fund packed year ahead of us with the following being planned:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April: Annual Quizathon** (This is run by the Quiz organizer's in the Memorial Hall and we are extremely grateful for their continued support)

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Take On Take That Tribute Act**

Other acts are to follow in the autumn, so watch this space for details.

### *Zumba Classes*

FON latin dance fitness classes for all ages/sizes/ability's!

High Halstow Village Hall  
Mon 7.00pm

Cliffe Scouts Hut  
Mon 8.30pm+ Thurs 7.30pm

Cliffe Memorial Hall  
Wed 9.30am

Cliffe Woods Community Centre  
Weds 8.30pm

Classes £5

Any further info please contact 07746 082 182



### *Let's Hear from You*

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

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

### *Note from the Editor*

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

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### *High Halstow and District Gardening Club*

### **Spring Show 2012**

Our Spring Show was held on the evening of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Memorial Hall in High Halstow and was highly successful. There were 27 exhibitors, who collectively entered 139 exhibits which was more than last year so that was pleasing. There were a wide range of entries, which looked amazing in their quantity and quality and filled the hall with colour.

Rosemary Collins achieved the highest number of points in the 2011 Spring Show and therefore acted as the judge for the 2012 Show. She is highly respected within the Garden Club for her knowledge and expertise and did an excellent job. Thank you Rosemary.

Congratulations to the winners! The results were as follows:

**Winners of Section 1** – Flower exhibits (Jointly achieved 9 points)

Dennis Follett

Judy Denhard

Fran Carr

**Winners of Section 2** – Domestic exhibits (Jointly achieved 6 points)

Margot Sturt

Oonagh Elliott

### **Overall Winner**

Oonagh Elliott with 13 points, so she will be next year's judge!

**Gwen Bucknall**



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*Jonathan*

# Youth Night



Sadly because of the date of Easter there is no youth night in April but if the weather is good we will reconvene on 11th May in the Rectory Garden for bbq so watch this space.

Bring your own music, tuck shop will be available, as well as some great games  
For more info contact [stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)

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# ***Take On Take That***

*(4 piece Tribute Band)*

***Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>***

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### PROJECT 90

90 minutes spent improving  
the village

The next Project 90 will be  
Saturday 14th April  
8:30am - 10:00am

Village Hall Car Park

### 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.

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## Farmers Market



Wow!! Last months Farmers Market was really well attended with £140 being raised for the Hall. New stalls included a book stall in aid of the Hall, so if you have any books you would like to donate these would be gratefully appreciated, just bring them along



The next one is

**Saturday 31st March**

*Please note April market  
has been bought forward  
due to Easter.*



**Times 09.30 – 11.30**

Your chance to speak to a local Parish Councillor re any issues you may have

Enter the raffle to win £30 meat voucher from Denis Hills

Other local groups – have you considered using this event to raise money for your group. For a stall please contact Michelle on 254121

## Easter Services

### 1st April Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion, High Halstow  
9:30am Family Service, High Halstow  
11:00am Family Service, Allhallows  
6:30pm Evening Prayer BCP High Halstow

### 6th April Good Friday

2:00pm An Hour at the Cross High Halstow

### 8th April Easter Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion, High Halstow  
9:30am Family Communion, High Halstow  
11:00am Family Communion, Allhallows  
6:30pm Holy Communion, High Halstow

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

### **Programme for 2012**

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

January	No meeting	
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Annual General Meeting	Followed by Quiz & Raffle
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Show	Members only, details to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Homeopathy	Wanda Wright
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bring & Buy	Anything connected with the garden
12 <sup>th</sup> June	"Kent" An Unusual View	Graham Johnson
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sweet Peas	Philip Johnson
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug (Sun)	Annual Show in the Recreation Hall	
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	The Devils' Garden	Russ Bowes
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	"I am a tulip, what are you?"	Jackie Aviolet
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Four Seasons Walk through Kent	Christopher Wade
December	Social, Mulled wine and mince pies!	

Annual dinner will be held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Subscription to join the High Halstow and District Gardening Club is £5  
per annum per person.

JP/GMB



## *High Halstow Memories*

### *Was this the first cast of Dramarama?*



Looking through old photos, I came across this one from about 1963 or 1964

I cannot remember the play but would be nice to confirm the names which I believe from the left is as follows:

Back: Mrs Gibson, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Eldridge  
Front: Valerie Gibson, Mrs Owen and Mrs Laphthorn

Mum, dad and myself cannot remember what the play was about. I don't remember the hall being built but do remember the swings, monkey bars and slide which were at the back 'opening for business'. We turned up the next day with butter wrappers and smeared it over the slide. It made it much more slippery, but left black grease over the rear of your trousers! I do remember using the Library on the end of the hall, and trying to find books for Mum to read. I also remember hanging around the hall in the evenings, watching the bats flying and watching the football team on Sundays. I also remember attending Mrs Winder's dance classes and Pathfinders in the hall.

**Mark Owen**

**Editors Note** – Can you confirm the names, do you have any memories from the past you would like to share – please let us know

## Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

Its great to get out in the Garden at this time of the year, to get out in the sun shine jump on the mower and cut the grass or in my case almost dislocate your shoulder trying to start the old Hayter and trudge round wishing you could justify spending another £1000 on a new sit on. Either way its a fantastic feeling and smell isn't it!!

Good to see residents getting out to clear winter away and look forward to spring because it's just around the corner. But please spare a thought if you are lighting a bonfire to get rid of the old leaves and grass etc .... Your next door neighbour may not be such a keen gardener as you, they may be doing the winter washing instead ... thinking .. It's a great day I think I will hang out the washing today and get that fresh spring smell without using a bottle !!

Please ask next door before striking up or use the recycle bins Oh ! ..

And dont forget like I stupidly did that Petrol is not a good idea to "Get it going a bit better"!!

**George Green Fingers**  
Woodlands

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

Please note that from December 2011, all letters published will show the name and part address of the author.

### **Kings Kitchen**

A Coffee and Cake Café  
for the Whole Village.

Open 10.00am - 1.00pm  
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a chat.  
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### **Kent Police**

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You can now call Kent Police for non-urgent issues on **101**. The number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To make it quicker and easier for the public to get in contact with their local police, 101 has been introduced in England and Wales. It gives a single, easy-to-remember number to call to report crime and other issues which do not require an emergency response.

You can also call 101 to speak to your local neighbourhood officer, to make a general enquiry or to make us aware of a policing issue where you live.

#### **What classes as an emergency?**

Calling 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or a life is at risk, or there is a traffic incident involving personal injury or danger.

Each call to 101 will never cost more than 15 pence - no matter what time of day you call, how long your call lasts or even if you call from a mobile. We do not receive any of the call cost.

### **The Garden Party is Coming** **7th July 12:00 - 4:00pm**

A special prize for the best Olympic themed costume

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**The Rectory, High Halstow**

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