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May 2012



Jubilee Party In The Park



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Come and join in the fun and celebrations.

Village Hall AGM

Please note the Village hall AGM is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th May at 6.30pm. All are welcome

Hall Committee

Peninsula Times.

Despite rumours, we do not charge community groups, scouts, village sports clubs, chess clubs or any other not for profit organisation for space to promote fund raising activities in the magazine. If any of the village clubs and societies would like new members or the public to attend an event, we can help. As a rule of thumb we need the information emailed to us by the tenth of the month prior to the event (10th June for a July event) I can be contacted for these things on 01634 780041 or 07795 101875 and the email address is

office@peninsulatimes.co.uk

Regards

John Parkinson

Editor Peninsula Times

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

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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.

Anim-Mates Charity Meal

A Rochester restaurant is hosting a fundraising lunch in aid of Anim-Mates, the St Mary Hoo animal rescue sanctuary, on Sunday 20 May. The Shozna Indian and Bangladeshi Restaurant is putting on a special three course meal, in Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 1RR. The meal, which must be booked in advance, is £15 per head. Bookings can only be made by calling Sue Perkins on 01634 254172. For any further details please contact Sue Perkins on 01634 254172.

Many Thanks.

Dennis

Hon. Secretary

"Saving just one animal won't change the world, but it surely will change the world for that one animal."

Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

One or two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 8th May 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 problem there and then we will get back to you.

High Halstow Parish Council.

A New Family Service



Great stories, fun action songs, arts & crafts, crazy puppets, video's, musical instruments, flags and fun for the whole family as well as a time to reflect, learn and worship together as God's family. So why not come and join us and find out what God has to say about his purpose for our lives.



1st & 3rd Sunday
of the month,

Starts 4th Sept

9:30am High Halstow

11:00am Allhallows

Come and put the JOY back into life

Red Dog Update

Further to my last letter, I thought I would write to give an update on the state of affairs at The Red Dog. After speaking with many people regarding a meeting it has been suggested that this may not be a good idea and after listening to reasons, I tend to agree. I would however like to give everybody the opportunity to raise any points that they feel necessary either by emailing me at lee.j.atkinson@hotmail.co.uk or by coming to see me at the pub. As I said before, all comments and requests will be taken on board and I will reply to all emails. After speaking with lots of people from the village, it has become glaringly apparent that so many people want so many different things that could never co-exist so we will have to just try to please the majority. To give an idea I have been asked for a cheap frozen menu, an a la carte menu, a traditional pub menu, the Indian back, a night club, a pool table, a dart board, live music, no live music, different furniture, the furniture to remain, the staff to be changed, the staff to remain, central heating, football on the TV, no TV, an over 21 policy, cheap spirits, a juke box, no juke box, a fruit machine, no machines and a regular lap dancing night.

Although I am keen to hear from people who are yet to voice their opinions, a few changes have already been made. Spice Fusion is now gone and the menu is now a fairly typical pub menu. Nearly all food is made fresh on the premises but we are going to price it towards the lower end of the scale, focusing on smaller margins in order to attract more diners thus making the pub a viable proposition. The kitchen is open Monday to Saturday 12pm-3pm and 630pm-9pm and Sundays 12pm-4pm for roast dinners. The Pub sign is being changed imminently and a traditional sign featuring a Red Dog will replace the current design. I apologise for the delay on this. The company commissioned for the work seem to be very slow but rest assured I am chasing them and if need be will instruct a different company. I have however had at least as many people for the Indian cuisine to return as I have had for the menu that we have decided to deliver. It is possible that as long as it doesn't affect the Pub in any way, a takeaway/delivery option will be available. I can't stress enough that it will be a takeaway/delivery only and that the atmosphere of the pub will remain paramount.

I am sorry to disappoint some, but I will not be entering into the night club or lap dancing industry anytime soon. For many reasons there will not be a pool table but the dart board is due up as soon as the cabinet is delivered. I understand the darts team will represent the pub again in the new season and I am very much looking forward to supporting them. On the subject of pub games, I would like to organise a regular Poker night and Euchre Drive so please contact me if you are interested. We entered a Bat and Trap team in the peninsular league last season but were unable to fulfil the fixtures due to lack of support. Should anybody want to play this season, I will be happy to pay the fees and support the team. Again please contact me if you would like to play. The Golf Society runs on the 1st Friday of every month and costs approximately £30 including breakfast, Golf, dinner at the pub and prizes. We have people who are complete beginners and we have some local pro golfers who play so all standards are welcome and will enjoy it.

With regards to entertainment, I will continue to provide live music. Whether this is long term will depend on the support it receives. Just to explain why this is a fine balancing act, if a band charges £200, I would need to sell approximately 150 pints of beer more than I would without entertainment just to break even. For the time being we will continue to show sporting events on the TV but if it doesn't prove more popular, the plan will be to take it down after the Olympics as the costs far outweigh any additional generated revenue.

I have no intentions to sell cheap spirits and instead choose to support the police's responsible drinking directive. To that end I see no reason to employ an over 21's policy and would like to reiterate that everybody is welcome at the Pub, but unsavoury behaviour will not be tolerated.

In my opinion, I totally agree that some furniture needs to be changed and that the Pub needs a cosier atmosphere and the need for heating is obvious. I can assure you that plans are in place for both issues to be resolved but at the current time the funds are unavailable. As I said previously some things will need to be done in accordance with the incline in trade. Obviously now as the Pub is being tailored to peoples requests this will happen and these improvements will take place in the autumn before the cold weather returns. Until then we will continue to light the open fires should the temperature drop.

There is no doubt that since my last letter we are seeing an incline in trade and I would like to thank both new and existing customers alike. One thing that has come to light since speaking to people recently is that rumours are rife and very much removed from the truth. Some have been so bizarre that if they weren't so damaging to my business and the likelihood of your Pub remaining open would be hilarious. As I say, this is a working project so please don't hesitate to contact me with any requests, questions or opinions.

Lee Atkinson

Farmers Market Saturday 5th May



The Farmers Market on 31st March raised a further £140 for the Hall. The Used Book Stall has proved extremely popular with more books being kindly donated each month to help raise money for the Hall. Why not come along and see if you can pick up a bargain, buy your meat and vegetable, have your breakfast and have a chat.

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**

High Halstow Hikers

About 15 people took part in our April walk starting from Upper Upnor going along the foreshore of the Medway past the ruins of Cockham Fort to Hoo Marina. We returned on a near parallel route along a gently rising ridge from Hoo to Chattenden and down the banks to Upnor. The views across and along the Medway through the moored boats were terrific and the weather was pleasant enough to enjoy a pint in garden of the King's Arms.

Our May walk will be further afield on SATURDAY 12th May not Sunday 13 as previously stated. It will start from the Car Park in Jockey Lane that is on the northside of the grounds of the large St Dunstan's Church in Cranbrook. The postcode for those that might wish to find it on a satnav is TN17 3DQ. As usual we will start at 10.00am. The walk is about 6.5 miles long and about halfway around we get to the entrance to Sissinghurst Castle where there is a very nice coffee shop that is open to all. The plan would be to stop there for 15 minutes before returning to Cranbrook.

Future walks include:

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 or on 01634 254428.

Project 90

In April repairs were carried out to the Cricket Fence and litter picking around the Recreation Ground occurred. As said last month we will be getting paint in to paint the fence around the play park which will keep us busy for a while

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 12th May at 8.30. When finished a cup of tea and cake available.

Unbelievably Close

Well we made it to the final of the County Darts competition, beating our semi-finalists in two straight games. The final was painful as we were so evenly matching scores down to single figures. We just could not finish, missing the last doubles by landing on the wrong side of the wire. So we were the runners-up, but that's the best we have done in this annual competition. Anyway, did we really want to win a little round medal on a green and white ribbon? I would rather have had the pot plants that the scorers received.

Last month we had a visit from a very enthusiastic retired member of the Royal Engineers, telling us all about the relatively new charity 'Help 4Heroes'. It has raised an amazing £129m+ so far. The story of its conception and how it has grown, especially in these financially difficult times, was at times quite moving, more so with the stories of such inner strength and camaraderie of the injured soldiers. Steve Craddock is only too pleased to talk to any group large or small, if interested please get in touch with me for his contact details.

About 20 W.I. members and some husbands met at the Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, (I just call it the Sikh Temple in Gravesend). First impressions are jaw dropping. I've only seen the top of it as I drive into the town. Approach it front on and you are then struck by its size, simply HUGE. It is the largest in Europe, and very beautiful. A lovely man with a soft and soothing voice took us around the building. Sitting in one of the three large halls he told us a little of the history, explained the meaning of various symbols and what it meant to live your life as a Sikh. There are many rooms for various purposes and we ended our visit in the dinning hall where we had a little food. A truly memorable evening, it seemed as if we had been briefly transported to India. Visitors are most welcome, groups or individuals.

Coming up is a visit from Hollingbourne ladies. We have arranged a guided tour on the RSPB reserve followed by lunch at the Horseshoe and Castle and maybe a game of darts, as it was a darts match that brought us together.

This month is our annual meeting when the committee is voted in. I have come to the end of my time as President and so hopefully will be handing over to someone as yet unknown. All being well we will still have an institute in the village, and June will be a great meeting as we celebrate our 'birthday'. A magician will be entertaining members and guests along with food and wine etc. I'm not sure if I will be doing these reports in future as I will not be on the new committee. I do try to make them interesting and fun to read. If you are the one that does read them, then thank you and goodbye (I think) from me.

Margaret Whitebread

High Halstow Relief in Need Charity

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

The trustees are:

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Mr B. Prichard - 9 Drayton Close

May - Memorial Hall

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POCKET MONEY
PRICES**

As promised last month, final details of our Jubilee Tea appear above, come along and join us.

At our recent hall meeting the improvement of the kitchen was discussed and details agreed - work should start in August.

Unfortunately the Whist Club has been discontinued after many years, but if anyone wants to start it up again, please get in touch.

We have regular bookings during the week and children's parties at the weekends, but we do have Wednesday and Friday mornings free at the moment if you are thinking of starting something new.

We look forward to seeing you in June.

High Halstow and District Gardening Club

The Plant and Garden Equipment Bring and Buy Sale will be held on **Tuesday 8th May** at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. We would be grateful for any plants and equipment that you are able to donate to be sold at the Sale! All are welcome to attend.

Please note that the Annual Summer show this year is on **SUNDAY 26th August** NOT Saturday.

On **Sunday 17th June**, we are holding a HOG ROAST at The Oast, Ducks Court Farm. Members, friends and family are all welcome. Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained from Gwen Bucknall (01634 250456). The tickets include a drink either a glass of beer, wine or a soft drink and a desert in addition to the Hog Roast, so are excellent value. We need plenty of people to attend as the Hog roast feeds about 130 people!

On the **11th December**, we have added a Christmas Social to our programme, with mulled wine and mince pies etc. It will be held at the usual meeting time 8pm in the Memorial Hall, so we hope all members will attend!

Outings

We had a very successful outing to a National Trust property at Bateman's which was Rudyard Kipling's House, on Saturday 31st March. In spite of the fact it was the one cold day of the week, everyone enjoyed themselves visiting the House, learning about Rudyard Kipling's life and walking down by the stream through flower covered meadows to the working water mill. More frequent visits were made to the excellent café, due to the low temperatures!

On **Sunday 15th April**, we visited the Royal Horticultural Gardens at Wisley and enjoyed the gorgeous spring flowers. The orchid exhibition in the new glasshouses was superb.

On **Saturday 5th May** we will be off to Winchester to visit the Cathedral and enjoy free time in this attractive city.

If you would like to come to NT Mottisfont Abbey Gardens at Romsey in Hampshire on Sunday 24th June, or come on a cruise on the Princess Pocahontas from Gravesend to Southend on Sunday 8th July, please contact Gwen Bucknall on 01634 250456.

Joining!

If you would like to join the High Halstow and District Gardening Club please contact Gwen Bucknall on 01634 2505456. It only cost £5 per annum!

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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

01634 252016

Elvis Charity Tribute Night

7th July 2012

Starts at 7.30pm till
12pm at the Hoo Institute
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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.

12 volunteers were trained in oral history interviewing techniques at the end of April and we are looking for local people to be interviewed!

Have you or a relative lived in High Halstow for a long time?

Would you like to have a chance to tell someone the stories you remember about the village?

We are also running a local history workshop to teach you the basics of local history research. This will include a visit to Medway Archives and from there you can undertake some research of your own, which will be displayed in October in a local exhibition. Support from the project officer will be provided as you undertake your research. Booking for the workshop and archive tour is necessary.

The local history workshop will be run on Wednesday 16th May in Chatham from 10.00-1.00 and the introductory trip to Medway Archives will be held in Strood in the morning of Wednesday 23rd May, 10.30-12.00

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.

For more details or to take part in the project please contact the Project Officer on Nicola@icontheatre.org.uk , phone 01634 813 179 or write to ICON Theatre, The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, Chatham, Kent ME4 4SE

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

Wednesday 2nd	Women's Institute
19:30	Memorial Hall
Friday 4th:	Red Dog Golf Society
	Details from the Red Dog
Saturday 5th:	Farmers Market
09:30	Village Hall
Sunday 6th:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Tuesday 8th	Gardening Club
20:00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9th	Village Hall AGM
18:30	Village Hall
Wednesday 9th	Parish Council
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 12th	Project 90
08:30	Village Hall
Saturday 12th	High Halstow Hikers
10:00	Details in HHT
Sunday 20th	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Friday 25th	Quiz Night
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 26th	Take That Tribute
19:30	Village Hall

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

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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Youth Night



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8:30am - 10:00am

Village Hall Car Park

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details need updating with either dates or
details of events please let us know by emailing
gary@highhalstow.org.uk. This can be used to
keep your members informed and possibly
attract new members to your group.

Local Businesses

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that
the Business Page is back on the website.
Should you wish to advertise your business
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WE NEED YOU! As part of Changes in the Current, our FUSE Medway Festival commission, we will be collecting local peoples' river stories and photographs. The stories will be used as inspiration, will be displayed during the performance and will be offered to Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre after the project.

WHAT TYPE OF STORY? These stories could be well known or very personal. They could be modern or historical, long or just a sentence. Whatever your story we would like to hear it. If you know someone that might have a story, why not ask them? You might be surprised by how much people have to tell! We would also like to see photographs or drawings of the river as you remember it.

EXAMPLE: "The planes used to come out of shop No. 3 into their first drop of water. What a sight. The men were allowed to stand on the slip way to watch. The planes used to taxi to Borstal, taxi back again and take off. I never got tired of watching it, never. It was marvellous" Ivy Powel

WHAT YOU CAN DO: We would like you to write down something you remember about the River Medway or find a photo and send it to us. We would like stories from people of all ages so why not ask a friend what they remember about the River Medway and send that in too?

Another Option...

MEMORY BOARDS

We are also asking schools and local organisations to create memory boards. If you work in a school, care home, day care centre, youth centre or anything similar we would really like to hear from you. It is up to you how you organise the project, all we ask is that the outcome is a memory board that can be displayed as part of the 'Changes in the Current' project, sharing memories, photographs and true stories about the river and its history. This should be sturdy; if possible support itself and please keep in mind that it will be outside.

Deadline: 19th May 2012

If you have a story or picture please send it to us at The Right Step Dance Company, PO Box 653, Rochester, ME1 9HP or email it to info@therightstepdc.co.uk

Completed memory boards should be delivered to The Right Step Dance Company, picked up by your TRS dance teacher (if you have one) on their next visit or alternatively, just arrange a collection time with Rebecca Ashton.



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Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

We would like to express our gratitude to all residents of High Halstow who generously donated money for our appeal to raise flight money to fund a little girl from Belarus to stay with us for a respite break.

We are touched by everyone's kindness, especially to DWS Electrical Ltd who paid for the flight outright, we also had an amazing offer from another lovely lady (who wishes to remain anonymous) to pay for the flight, the money was used to pay for another child, we had lots of other donations and we are eternally grateful, the charity, Concern for Chernobyl Children are also extremely grateful for all the kind donations which will help to bring more children over to breath some fresh air.

The charity are still looking for host families to care for children still affected by the Chernobyl Disaster for a much needed health break. They arrive 20th July and leave 17th August. You don't need any experience or a spare room, the children are used to sharing and don't like to sleep alone.

If you are interested or for further details please contact: Karen 07821479181. Kerryann 07793434195. Anise 07762002633 or Peter 01474 351879/07802230412.

Again, many thanks to everyone for their generosity, we e-mailed Marsha to tell her the wonderful news who is bored waiting to come over.

Bruce, Lesley, Jasmine and Abigail Mulhall
Thames Avenue

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 8th.

Details to follow shortly so watch this space

Name and Address Supplied

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

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.

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

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The Rectory, High Halstow

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