



High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

May 2013

High Halstow Village Hall Committee
are proud to announce

The High Halstow Golf Open

Wednesday 17th July

at Deangate Ridge Golf Course

First Tee-Times 10:30am

Prizes awarded for:

Longest Drive • Nearest the Pin

Individual Best Score (Stableford) & Runner Up

Team Prize with best three scores per hole from each team

& Runner Up Team • Booby Prize

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole this can be done for £20

There will also be a raffle at the Prize giving.



Booking Form

Name	Address	Tel No.	Email	Handicap (max 28)

I would like to book _____ places in the High Halstow open on the 17th July at £25 per person, to include bacon roll, 1 round of golf and sausage and mash dinner.

_____ x £25 = _____

Sponsorship: Sponsorship of hole @ £20.00 per hole (optional)

Total (cheques made payable to High Halstow Village Hall)

Payment: Please enclose a cheque (made payable to High Halstow Village Hall) for the full amount, with the completed booking form in an envelope marked High Halstow Village Hall and deliver to the Village Shop, Christmas Lane by 30th June.

Vandalism

Please note that some vandalism to both the Play Park and Village Hall has occurred in April. People should be aware that if evidence can be found as to who has caused the damage then not only will the Police be informed but compensation sought from the parents and/or culprits. Money spent repairing this damage is money that cannot be spent on improving facilities for all in the Village. If you have any details as to the culprits please can you inform one of the following: Roxana Brammer, Parish Clerk on 01474 871269 (email clerk@highhalstow.org.uk)

George Crozer on 07711432598 (email george@highhalstow.org.uk)

Gary Thomas on 01634 332397 (email gary@highhalstow.org.uk)

High Halstow Parish Council

High Halstow Cook Book

Following the success of the first Cookbook for Christmas I have been asked to see if I can put Volume Two together so that we have one available for this October. Like last time the Village Cook Book will be produced 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; well this is the time to let us know. It doesn't have to be a meal often seen in other books, lets include other types such as a favourite recipe for diabetics, free from gluten intolerance, vegetarian etc. Let your imagination run wild and enter. It was a lot of fun first time round and for those who thought about entering a recipe here's another chance. Go on you know you want to!

Please could we have the following:

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

Again like last time 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. We are hoping to go to print in September ready for the October Village Market Please send your recipe to jeanette.dowsett@btopenworld.com

Cricket Fun Day in Aid of JDRF (Diabetes Research)

You may have seen in the April High Halstow Times that the Cricket Club are hosting High Halstow 6's which is a six-a-side cricket competition between 6 and 8 teams from around the county. The event is being held in support of JDRF, the world's leading charitable funder of type 1 diabetes research, with the day including all manner of fund raising opportunities.

The Cricket Club would like to make this a celebration within the Village and would like as many organisations to play a part for its own benefit, with perhaps a small donation to JDRF. The event was initially planned for August 25th but with holidays planned as well as the Countryside Fayre it has been decided to move this to Saturday 21st September.

As a result the Cricket Club would like you to send a representative from local groups to a meeting in the Cricket Pavilion on Friday May 10th at 7.30. In addition if you are not a member of a group but would like to be involved in helping please feel free to come along to the meeting. It would be really good if we could make this a day to remember for all concerned as well as raising money for the JDRF and local groups. Should you wish for any information before hand please contact David Laphorn at d.laphorn@btinternet.com

Thank you in advance David.

Kings Kitchen

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High Halstow Hikers

Our April walk was a new venture with 16 of us walking through 3 of the London parks. We travelled by train from Chatham to Victoria very economically at £6.40 each because of being in a group. From Victoria we walked across to the front of Buckingham Palace where the crowds were gathering for the 11.00 changing of the guards. A short walk through St James Park included views of many exotic water-birds including pelicans. The Mall is shut to traffic on a Sunday so we strolled along that past Clarence House and into Green Park. Our route across the island of Hyde Park Corner allowed a view of numerous memorials to those fallen in battle. The weather for the day was excellent, just about the first good day of Spring, and meant there were many boats out on the Serpentine and a very long queue for those wishing to join them. We stopped for a picnic lunch at the memorial to Diana, Princes of Wales where Ron got much wetter than he had expected, courtesy of one of many youngsters enjoying the stream. After lunch we walked past the Albert Memorial through part of Kensington Gardens and up to Kensington Palace before turning back to the Round Pond and the ornate Italian Gardens at the northern edge of the park. Our route back to Victoria was along the whole of the north-side of the Serpentine. We had about 4 hours in London and walked about 6 miles with virtually no concerns with traffic and saw several of London's iconic sights. The enthusiasm of the group at the end of the day makes it seem likely that we will return to the "smoke" before too long.

Our next walk will be on Sunday 12th May from Brenchley and is described as "Iron Man of Brenchley" in the AA guide because this village was at the heart of the once thriving iron industry that Kent once had. The walk starts from Brenchley village car park which is reached by taking the A228 from West Malling continuing along Seven Mile Lane eventually turning left onto the B2017 (Badsell Road). After 1 mile turn right onto B2160 (Maidstone Road). After another 0.4 miles turn left onto Chantler's Hill and then first right onto Waterman's Lane. After 0.8 miles turn right onto Pixot Hill and follow signs to Brenchley which is reached after about another 0.6 miles. The walk is 6.5 miles in length and is along orchard tracks, field margins and paved footpaths which will hopefully make the walking not too muddy. The Bull Inn in the village and the Halfway House just outside will provide refreshment at the end for those that would like to take advantage.

For further details please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or on 01634 254428. If there are any concerns on the day that conditions might mean the walk cannot proceed please call the same number.

High Halstow & District Gardening Club

At our April meeting, we enjoyed an interesting talk on the various types of greenhouses with some tips on maintenance which will hopefully spurn us on to progress with the jobs that now need to be done in the garden. For our meeting on 14 May, Colin Humphrey is to talk on Growing/Showing Primulas. There are some places remaining on the trips to the garden at Old Bladbean Stud, Canterbury, Merriments Garden, East Sussex and Saluation House, Sandwich. These trips will now be open for non-members and if you are interested in joining the trip, please contact us.

Our annual show is to take place on 24 August and is open for both members and non-members to exhibit. The show schedule is being finalised and will be available shortly to enable you to plan your exhibits.

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Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

One or two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 14th 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 questions there and then we will get back to you.



High Halstow Parish Council

Village Hall AGM

Please note the Village Hall AGM is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th May at 6.00pm. All are welcome Hall Committee in particular representatives from the regular groups that hire the Hall.

Hope to see you there.

Hall Committee

2013 Photographic Competition



The High Halstow Photographic Competition has been running now for the past 4 years and we have had pictures submitted by young and old, complete novices and experienced photographers. All we ask is that the picture is taken within the boundaries of High Halstow.

There are no restrictions this year with regards to previous winners, and the categories are remaining the same i.e. Flora & Fauna, People & Places, 18's & Under. If you are submitting pictures of children, please supply parents permission (although large public events do not require such permission).

Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places within each category, and an overall winner is chosen. Winning pictures are used in the High Halstow Calendar and an exhibition of all the winning pictures and some of those that didn't win are shown at the October Parish Council meeting. Pictures can now be sent to photos@highhalstow.org.uk - all entries should be submitted by the 9th September 2013.

If you are a member of a group in High Halstow, why not send photos from an event you organised, i.e. Dramarama Summer Show, the Gardening Club, High Halstow Hikers etc. They would make great additions to the calendar produced at the end of the year, and you may win a prize for your efforts.

HH Parish Council

Speed Limits

Please can I remind people to observe the speed limits through the Village. We should all be mindful that High Halstow is a nice place to live where children, older residents and walkers should feel safe. Some may not be as aware of the traffic as they might otherwise be. Please be careful.

George Crozer, HH Parish Council

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Dramarama Date Change

Due to the start of Phase 2 of the refurbishment of the Village Hall, the date for the 'Summer Show' has had to be changed to 12th, 13th, 14th September. Watch this space for ticket details and more information on how rehearsals are going.

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The Villager



Villager Excursions

The Villager runs regular excursions to a range of regional destinations, both within and outside Medway. These trips give rural residents the chance to visit places which are not currently served by a direct or affordable public transport route. The services are also known for the positive community spirit which develops from a group of residents going out for the day together.

Where do the Excursions Go?

The excursions visit a wide range of destinations and The Villager is always open to suggestions for new places to visit. Past trips have included

- Brighton;
- Rye;
- Canterbury;
- Covent Garden;
- Lakeside;
- Greenwich;
- Hampton Court;
- famous stately homes and gardens; and
- large markets.

Please use the contact details at the foot of this page for more information.

Who can travel?

Anyone living in rural Medway can travel on the excursions. Before you can travel, you must become a member of a scheme by completing a membership application form (pdf 45KB).

To use this file, you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have this on your computer, please use our advice page. Alternatively, please use the contact information below to ask for a copy. When returning the form, please send it to the address at the foot of this page.

How much does it cost?

Individual membership of The Villager costs £5 or £15 for families (up to two adults and four children). Excursion prices vary but are usually between £7 and £15 per passenger.

How does it work?

Excursions run using a system of zones:

- Zone A: Cliffe, Cliffe Woods, Cooling, Wainscott
- Zone B: Cuxton, Halling, Upper Halling
- Zone C: Middle/Upper Stoke, Kingsnorth, Hoo, Hoo Marina, Chattenden, Upnor
- Zone D: Grain, Lower Stoke, Allhallows, St Mary Hoo, High Halstow

Each of Medway's villages is included in one of these zones and each zone receives a service at least once each month.

To book a seat, simply give call the number below and say which service you would like to travel on. As a member, you can specify which bus stop you would like to be picked up from and members with mobility difficulties can be picked up from home.

The Villager will contact a day or two before the date of the excursion to confirm that the service is running and give you a pick up time. As the routes are flexible and dependent on which passengers have booked a seat, it is not possible to publicise a fixed timetable but the pick-up will be within a 15-minute time slot.

For more information contact The Villager by telephone: 01634 336336

or by email: rural.projects@medway.gov.uk

or web: www.medway.gov.uk/transportandstreets/publictransport/communitytransport

or write to: The Villager, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR

High Halstow Primary School Report

The pupils have been as busy as usual at High Halstow Primary School. During Term Four we have taken part in several events.

On Wednesday 6th March all of the pupils took part in World Maths Day. The pupils enthusiastically participated in a range of maths related activities. Some of them included: looking at shapes, symmetry and angles through gymnastics, Using ICT to develop mental maths skills, weighing ingredients when cooking, using money by going shopping and exploring symmetry through drawings of animals. The pupils may not have realised that they were doing maths all day as they were having so much fun!

We held our second School Council charity event on Wednesday 27th March. All pupils were encouraged to come to school with a crazy hair style or hat for the day! The pupils donated £1 towards our chosen charities. Although we are supporting three charities this year: Demelza House, Red Cross and the Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance Trust we were focussing our support for this event on the life saving work that the Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance Trust do. We were surprised to see such crazy and unique ideas! Some came with dyed hair, others with homemade efforts and some even had hair half a metre tall!

Key Stage Two Pupils had the chance to attend Fizz and Quiz! This is an opportunity for pupils to show their knowledge in a range of topics. The winning team were the 'Quiz Smashers' and they each one an Easter egg.

One of the things we have been most excited about has been the introduction of House Teams at school. All pupils have been allocated a House Team: Herons, Skylarks, Lapwings or Redshanks. Birds were chosen as our team names after a vote. The pupils have become quite competitive in a bid to gain the most house points! Points can be earned by following the Golden Rules as well as for taking part or winning certain events. The first team to win the termly challenge of having the most points were the Skylarks team. They were very ecstatic with the result!

As well as all of these fun activities there has been lots of learning taking place! There have been a Tudor day in school, a Viking experience and several classes have been on visits out of school. There have also been opportunities to represent the school in sporting events and it was fantastic to see one of our pupils getting through to a county and regional sporting events.

Although Term Four has been a relatively short term it has been one of the busiest. We are sure Term Five will be no different!

Written by School Council representatives



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Village Hall - Crystal Wakefield 251849

Please do not call on a Sunday.



The Garden Party 2013

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The Rectory Garden, High Halstow



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High Halstow Relief in Need Charity

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

The trustees are:

- Rev. S. Gwilt - The Rectory
- Mrs L. Munday - 22 Willowbank Drive
- Mr S. Bailey - 27 Cooling Road
- Mrs J. Gillies - 22 Leaman Close
- Mr J. Myatt - Decoy Hill Road
- Mrs C. Peek - 2 Willowbank Drive



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6:30pm High Halstow
1st Sunday Holy Communion
2nd and 3rd Sundays Evening prayer BCP
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5th Sunday Songs of Praise

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Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day of judgment approaching. Heb 10:25

Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday:

King's Kitchen
10:00 Memorial Hall
Bell Ringers
19:30 St Margaret's Church

Every Wednesday:

Tai Chi
10:30 Memorial Hall

Every Thursday:

Mother and Toddler's
09.00 Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes
19.00 Memorial Hall

Every Friday:

Pilates with Joy
14:15 Memorial Hall

Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers
09.00 Memorial Hall

Other Dates:

Wednesday 1st:
19:30 Women's Institute
Memorial Hall
Saturday 4th
09:30 Village Market
Village Hall
Sunday 5th:
09:00 Family Service
St. Margaret's Church
Wednesday 8th:
20:00 Parish Council
Memorial Hall
Friday 10th:
19:30 Meeting for Cricket Event
Cricket Pavilion
Saturday 11th:
08:30 Project 90
Village Hall Car Park
Sunday 12th:
High Halstow Hikers
Details in HHT
Tuesday 14th:
20:00 Gardening Club
Memorial Hall
Sunday 19th:
09:00 Family Service
St. Margaret's Church
Friday 31st:
19:30 Quiz Night
Memorial Hall
June 15th:
Music in the Garden
Rectory Garden
July 6th:
Rectory Garden Party
July 17th:
High Halstow
Golf Open
September 21st:
High Halstow 6's
HH Cricket Club

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For further information or to express an interest, please contact;

Mr B J Rance 01634 840 766 or 07876064777

Body Wellness Tai Chi is a well-established class that has been running since September 2012 with a dozen regular members so far. Members enjoy benefits such as improved breathing, flexibility and movement in friendly and familiar surroundings. It provides gentle but highly effective exercise for local residents in a convenient location. The instructor, Mr B.J. Rance, has been involved in martial arts and tai-chi for over 50 years. He has constructed a programme that suits the needs of his members and the club boasts a friendly and supportive atmosphere. It is a place to make friends with new people as well as see familiar faces. Mr Rance's class brings a specialist skill to our local population adding a new and interesting activity to the services already available in the village.

Your Parish Councillors

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

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Dear HHT,

I would like to say a really special 'Thank You' to all my friends that really helped me last month. And to all the people that sent me get well cards and flowers following my recent operation, which was really unexpected, but hopefully has been resolved now.

I look forward to meeting up with you all again now that I am able to get out and about.

Thank you for all the kind thoughts and comments that helped me over a bad time.

Ann Smith

PROJECT 90

**90 minutes spent improving
the village**

**The next Project 90 will be
Saturday 11th May
8:30am - 10:00am**

Village Hall Car Park

Dear HHT,

A huge 'Thank You' to everyone that supported the afternoon tea on Saturday the 13th, raising funds for the local support group for Motor Neurone Disease. You were just brilliant, we were overwhelmed with the response. You turned out in force and were so generous. Everyone thought the atmosphere in the hall was amazing, a true village 'get-together'. I delivered the result of your generosity to the support group, and they were so delighted to receive a total of £641. Yes £641 !! Of course we also have to thank others that contributed to the success. Friends of Marion for their time and cakes, the Memorial Hall Committee for all their wonderful help, and Tesco in Strood and Hoo Co-op for donations. Again, very many thanks.

Margaret Whitebread

Next edition June 2013; Contributions for June should be sent
by 24th May to:

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