May 2014

Traffic Calming - High Halstow School

Following concerns raised by parents, Medway Council placed as speed indicator device outside the school for the week commencing 24th March, which for a virtual day indicated that:

- Average speed was 23mph.
- The 85th percentile speed (the speed that 85% of the traffic drives at or less) was 31mph.
- 15.4% of vehicles exceeded the posted 30mph, note this is for the 24 hour period.
- Traffic flow was in the region of 1,400 vehicles per day.

This traffic behaviour is considered good for a 30mph section of route though it is recognised that the activated sign may have had an influence on driver behavior. A formal speed survey will be undertaken by Medway Council after the Easter period.

Under Medway Council's Local Transport Plan, priority is given to schemes on casualty reduction grounds Bearing in mind that there have been no personal injury accidents it may prove difficult to justify any measures.

The Parish Council have been asked for its views and this is an opportunity for you to have your say and let the Parish Council know for its next meeting. For any scheme to be approved though Medway Council will pass the preferred options through its safety audit process and works would only be started should there be avail able funding.

Options to consider though are as follows:

- 1. Zebra Crossing.
- 2. An isolated raised table between school and doctor's surgery with 20mph zonal signage The raised table will be flush with the footway and will slow vehicles at this location, the use of 20mph signage may further reduce speeds, however, there may be some noise implications due to site conditions.
- 3. A table and a set of two speed cushions either side of the table with 20mph zonal signage As above but with lower speeds, as cushions will have the effect of reducing speeds in advance of table. There may be some noise implications, directly outside residential properties and traffic speed is already low, particularly at school arrival and egress.
- 4. A priority working system outside the school The priority system will have the effect of reducing the width of the road crossing (down 3.5-4.0m), which would lead to improved gap acceptance for pedestrians, however, experience has shown that drivers who have priority, approach at higher speeds which could lead to pedestrian accidents.
- 5.A priority working system outside the school with raised table As above with the benefit of reducing traffic speed though high and perhaps unjustifiable cost.
- 6.A permanent speed indicator flashing sign similar to what was there before Easter.

There are advantages and disadvantages associated with all options and costs may also be prohibitive.

High Halstow Parish Council

Allotments

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. There is currently an allotment available, but it does require some work to clear it, because of this the Parish Council would be prepared to waive some of the allotment fee to the person who takes it. If you want to be put on the waiting list or would like to know more about the available allotment please contact Chris Watson on 256529 or email me at chris.watson123@btinternet.com.

Friends of St Margaret's Church High Halstow

Annual General Meeting: 12th May 2014

Time: 7.00pm

Location: The Church

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

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

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

Further details will be published in the HHT before hand.

Friends of St Margaret's Church

Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

Chris(tine) Watson & Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 13th 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

Annual Reports

Apologies there will be no Annual Report's this month due to other issues. Please be aware that this should be produced next month

HH Parish Council

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 <u>any time</u> during the year. If you, or an elderly relative would feel safer at home with a telephone 'Lifeline' the Charity could help with this. All requests are dealt with in complete confidence and there is no need to wait for the October form.

The trustees are:

Rev. S. Gwilt - The Rectory

Mrs L. Munday - 22 Willowbank Drive
Mr S. Bailey - 27 Cooling Road
Mrs J. Gillies - 22 Leaman Close
Mr J. Myatt - Decoy Hill Road
Mrs C. Peek - 2 Willowbank Drive
Mrs J. Collins - 6 Marsh Crescent

Responsible Parking

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

Dog Walkers

Our rights of way and green spaces are for us all to enjoy especially this time of year. Please be aware that if you are exercising your dog it should be under control at all times when in a public place.

George Crozer Chair Parish Council



The Big Boot Fair & High Halstow Village Market



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Meet up with friends for a chat. Speak to a local Councillor about any issues you may have.

Medway Council Caddy bags for your recycling available for £1.50 for a roll.

Boot Fair

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

To Book a Stall / Table Please Contact Michelle on 254121

Friends of Chernobyl's Children (FOCC) Medway

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

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

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

If you have anything to donate, please contact Margot Sturt by telephone on 01634 250258 or by e-mail: margotandphilip@gmail.com or if more convenient then clothes can be dropped off at the Village Market on Saturday 3rd May.

High Halstow Village Hall AGM

Please note the Village Hall AGM is to be held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday 14th May

at 6.30pm

All are welcome in particular representatives from the regular groups that hire the Hall.

Hope to see you there

Hall Committee



High Halstow Hikers

Our April walk started from Camer County Park between Sole Street and Meopham. We followed one of KCC's "Explore Kent" walks which are detailed in a series of exceptionally clear pamphlets: not only maps and directions but over 20 photos of junctions with yellowdotted route indicators across them. So far our experience of their walks and instructions has been excellent, probably helped by the weather being flawless on each occasion. This time the route took us around Henley Wood and then southwards close to Luddesdown giving lovely views across the valley. As we headed towards Meopham Green we passed through a very large field occupied by around 150 sheep and their less than one week-old lambs that were creating an amazing din but very endearing spectacle. It was a challenge to move our dozen walkers from the benches at the Green where preparations for the upcoming cricket season were being made. The latter parts of the route back to Camer Park involved some walking through quiet Sunday morning housing and lastly a path through fields of waist-high oilseed rape that left many of us with a bright yellow dusting on our clothes. Overall, this was a highly enjoyable early Spring five-mile walk taking a little less than two and a half hours.

The May walk will start at 10.00 on Sunday 11th from The Bull Inn, 1 Tanner Street, Faversham,ME13 7JL and will be led by Mike On this occasion if you have questions about the walk please email Mike on mikeplotters@me.com or call him on 01634271651 or 07772549124.

The walk on Sunday 8th June will be around the Otford area and led by Linda Dobson. More details next month. For more general queries about the walking group which is free to anybody to join on either an occasional or regular basis please contact Mitchell on mitch.dowsett@btopwenworld.com or 01634-254428.

Red Dog New Menu

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

Gardening Club

Sudi Austin from Flynns Bee Farm on the Isle of Sheppey gave us an informative talk on how her grandfather had prompted the benefits of propolis, a sticky, antiseptic resin used by bees to seal and clean the insides of their hives, as a means of curbing the pain of stiff joints. This has led to a thriving business in honey products, royal jelly and other preparations. Sudi gave us an opportunity to taste the unusual honeys and chutneys.

In contrast, at our May meeting on 13th, we have a talk on Forensics by David Tadd which should be interesting.

Again at the May, Farmers Market, we are having a stall to sell items to raise funds for the club and your support would be appreciated.

Two outings have been arranged for this year. The first, on 21st June is to Wisley and the other trip is to Rye and Great Dixter on 16th August. We are currently taking names so we can book the appropriate size coach.

Various members are cultivating the petunias for planting around the village signs which will be planted out later in the month.

If you would like to join us for any of our meetings at 8.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, we would be pleased to welcome you.

Street Cleaning

Residents will be concerned to hear that Jack, who has worked as one of our street cleaners for many years, is shortly to have an operation which means he will be off work for 5 weeks or so. We trust the operation will be a complete success and look forward to seeing him back when completely recovered. In the meantime, we wish him well.

Arrangements for cover are as follows:

John, our other street cleaner will be working each area of the village on alternate days. He will also be working an additional hour each day in the area he's not doing that day, just covering the hot spots. In this he will be helped by his son on a voluntary work experience basis. By this means we hope to maintain the overall standard of cleanliness of the village as far as possible.

HHPC



2014 Photographic Competition

Please see page 7 for details

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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This year's summer show from Dramarama will mark the anniversary of the start of the 1st World War, 100 years ago, by include a tribute to the brave men and women who lost their lives in the two World War's. There will also be the usual mix of comedy sketches, songs and



dance routines. The show will be on the 12th, 13th and 14th June in the Recreation Hall at 7:30pm, tickets will be going on sale shortly in the Village Shop and via the normal cast members. Please come along and support this local group, as without the audience there will be no show!

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP High Halstow Primary School PTA

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December	£100	£50	£25

We ask that you pay your subscription on an annual basis of £12 (The start date has just been changed to September each year) Although should you join now and pay £4 your number will be entered into the remaining draws of May to August 2014! Please note that the cut off date is Wednesday 30^{th} April 2014.

Please fill in the slip below and return it to school in an envelope marked 'PTA Lottery' and you will receive notification of your number asap.

The Lottery is open to everyone and you can have as many numbers as you wish. All subscription monies are used to pay out the winnings and to make a profit for the PTA funds. This is then used to buy items for the children which the school budget would not normally be able to support.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Newly Discovered Map Now On Display In Church

A hand drawn tithe map has recently been discovered in the loft of the Rectory. The map was drawn in 1843 and is a copy of an original drawn in 1839. It gives a wonderful snap shot of life in the village almost 180 years ago. The main village which presently has over 400 houses consisted of less than a dozen including the present Red Dog public house. The map measures 8 foot long and 6 foot 6 inches wide and is pasted onto a cloth background.



To give parishioners a chance to view the map, before it is put in storage in the Medway archives, it is now mounted on the wall in the church. An beautifully illustrated old Cradle roll giving the names of children baptised in the church was also found. This dates from what we think is the late 1950's to the mid 960's was also found and a copy of that will be on permanent display in church soon. If you were born here in the 60's maybe your name is on it. Many of the names do look very familiar.

Both of these will be on display after the usual morning services from 6th April to 25th May.

Sadly for logistic reasons it is not possible to be open at other times

2014 Photographic Competition

The High Halstow Photographic Competition has been running now for the past 5 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, it doesn't even have to be taken within the past few months, a favourite picture from years ago is applicable.

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 2014.

Last year we had some lovely pictures of poppy fields, the year before we had a lot of snow pictures and the year before that there were a lot of bluebells. Will this be the year of the rain soaked heron?

HH Parish Council

Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday: King's Kitchen

10:00 Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30 St Margaret's

Church

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 Memorial Hall

09.00

Every 4th Wednesday:

Friendly Club Memorial Hall

Other Dates:

Wednesday 30th April: RSPB

19:30 Hustings Event

Village Hall

Saturday 3rd: Village Market

Village Hall

Sunday 4th: Family Service
09:00 St Margaret's Church
Wednesday 7th: Women's Institute

19:30 Memorial Hall

Sunday 11th: High Halstow Hikers

10:00 Details in HHT

Monday 12th: FO St Margaret's 19:00 The Church

Tuesday 13th:

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Wednesday 14th

Gardening Club

Memorial Hall

Village Hall AGM

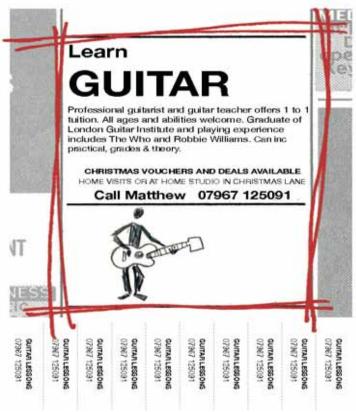
Wednesday 14th Village Hall AGN 18:30 Village Hall Wednesday 14th Parish Council

20:00 Memorial Hall
Saturday 17th: Project 90
08:30 Village Hall
Sunday 25th: Spring Ball
19:30 Memorial Hall
Wednesday 28th: Friendly Club

Memorial Hall

Friday 30th: Quiz Night
20:00 Memorial Hall

Local groups, please let us know the dates of your meetings/events for the coming year so we can include them in the HHT and on the website.





Your Parish Councillors

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

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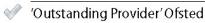
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We then have to work out a track plan, and how we are going to build the structures for the track to be erected on.

Next we then have to work out all the electrical circuits for controlling the trains and the points.

Then for some comes the fun part, making the buildings and scenic details. Painting figures, and all the finite details that brings the layout to life. Some members even build their own track, locomotives and rolling stock, which can involve mechanical engineering.

All the above is to enable us to run engines and trains of our choice. Some members like to run steam outline trains, other like more modern trains. It doesn't matter what the train is, the members respect each other's models. We all have different skills, and learn from each other. You're never too old to acquire new skills.

All this usually means numerous cups of tea or coffee and biscuits to discuses how we are going to manage all these ideas, so there are a social side of the club.

Also members might have an interest in railway history. Why the railways were built in the eighteen hundreds? Others like the engineering side of not only the railway engines, but bridges, viaducts or buildings. Some like the study of uniforms, railway tickets or other functions of the railways like the Royal Mail trains or even the building of the Channel Tunnel Railway.

So as you can see, we just don't watch trains going round and round. There are lots of various aspects to the hobby, building, painting, history, research, and a lot more.

If you would like to find out more, why not come and join us on one of our club Nights, or you can check out our web site for pictures of the layout, this is still "Work in progress", but it will give you an insight to our activates.

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Ralph Smyth Secretary.

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PROJECT 90

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The next Project 90 will be Saturday 17th May 8:30am - 10:00am

Village Hall Car Park

Readers Letters

Distributor Required

One of our HHT distributors, Rene Carter, has left the village so we are looking for someone to distribute the Times to about 30 houses in the Street. If you feel like a little gentle exercise once a month, please give me a call and I'll give you the necessary details. A big thank you to Rene for her help and good luck in her new home.

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NEW REDUCED PRICE

Dear HHT,

I am Brown Owl for Brownies and I am writing to let you know that we are opening a Guide Unit at Allhallows from September. There are currently only to Brownie units and one Rainbow unit in the Area. There is a Brownie Unit at Grain and Allhallows and a Rainbow Unit at Allhallows. Rainbows are 5 -7 year olds, Brownies 7 - 10 Year olds and Guides are 10 - 14year old. We currently have 7 Brownies that are ready to move up to Guides and we are hoping to advertise this in all the local villages. Would it be possible for us to put something in a Newsletter to inform people.

Also I currently have no Brownies who come from High Halstow but have had as many as 4 up until this year and would really like to know if you would be able to contribute financially in order for us to continue growing. I understand that we have to have at least 2 people from your village attending. I have always had Brownies from Stoke and High Halstow but have not thought before to ask for support. My email address for Brownies is

<u>firstallhallows_c@btinternet.com</u> my email above is a work email.

Thanks
Cheryl Rousell
Brown Owl 1st & 2nd Allhallows
Rainbows Brownies and Guides



Next edition June 2014; Contributions for June should be sent by 24th May to:

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