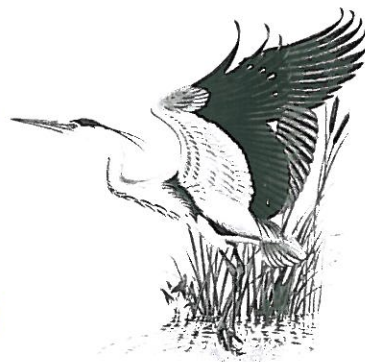


High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

June 2009

***High Halstow Primary School
Change in category from Community to Foundation***

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that The Governing Body of High Halstow Primary School intends to make a prescribed alteration to High Halstow Community Primary School, Harrison Drive, High Halstow, Rochester, Kent, ME3 8TF. The proposed alteration is to Change School Category from Community to Foundation from 01 January 2010.

The Governing Body believes that changing the category of the school will allow us to embed and further develop strategies needed to move our school towards becoming a 21st Century School. We believe we can make cost savings that will lead to more resources being available in the classroom, ensure staff are of the highest quality and properly rewarded for their work, and endeavour to keep our class sizes at 30 or below. By not making changes we will continue to work as we always have done, tied by Local Authority policy in certain areas that we feel are better delegated to schools to control. We believe that in order to ensure every child at our school gets the best possible education a change in category is essential.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Chair of Governors, High Halstow Primary School, High Halstow, Rochester, Kent, ME3 8TF. Alternatively they can be downloaded from our website: www.highhalstowprimaryschool.org.uk/foundationstatus.htm, or requested via an email to foundation@highhalstowprimaryschool.org.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to The Chair of Governors, High Halstow Primary School, High Halstow, Rochester, Kent, ME3 8TF. Objections and comments may also be made by sending an email to foundation@highhalstowprimaryschool.org.uk

M Stutely – Chair of Governors
3rd June 2009

***High Halstow Play Park Questionnaire
Pages 7,8,9 & 10***

Please complete and return to the Village Shop by 13th June.

Mother & Toddlers Group

We meet every Thursday (Term time only) 9am to 11am in the Memorial Hall. It is £1 for a parent and child (50p for each additional child). Under 6 months are free. Tea, coffee, squash & biscuits are provided. We are a really friendly group and would love some new faces. Everyone is welcome. My contact details are Catherine Harvey - (01634) 251380 / 07847 873 212. 11 Northwood Avenue.

Evening of Clairvoyance

Thank you to everyone who came along and raised £400 for the Grange Old People's Home and £100 for a school in Kenya.
S. Grove

Nicky Moore

Following an evening of great entertainment from Nicky Moore and Friends, good food (as always) and drinks from the bar over £350 was raised in respect of the refurbishment programme for the Hall. Many thanks to Nicky and his singers who gave their time for free.

High Halstow Village Hall

Following a successful AGM the Committee has been strengthened by the joining of Crystal Wakefield and we would like to wish her well in her new role.

The accounts are with the auditors but the finance report showed a profit for the Hall Accounts of £4,856.36 with the HUGH fund showing a profit of £3,928.35

We are still awaiting the revised drawings from the Architects following the successful showing of the original plans at the Farmers Market. Please continue to watch this space.

May we also remind everyone that ball games are not permitted on the Village Hall Car Park and that offenders may be prosecuted. This hardline has been taken due to the continual cost of repairing windows broken by footballs. The broken glass is also a health risk and raises safety issues.

Hall Committee

Farmers Market

Please come along and support the Farmers Market on June 6th where the regular stall holders can be found. In addition there will also be the meat raffle, won last month by Gary Thomas. Please note though there will not be a market in July as this is the same day as the Garden Party.

Hall Committee

Post Office Robbery Convictions

Three thugs who raided the village store, threatening Derek and staff with a weapon, have each been jailed for four years. Martin Price, 27. Jason Swallow, 23, and Darren James, 23, fled from the post office in High Halstow but were arrested soon afterwards. Price, of Castle Road, Chatham, Swallow, of Darnley Road, Strood, and James of Stanhope Road, Strood, admitted robbery and other offences to "wipe the slate clean." James and others had three days earlier robbed a mini-mart in Allhallows of £400 and attempted to rob a store in Hoo where a metal pole was brandished. Swallow asked for other offences mostly involving thefts to be considered and Price, who has 111 offences on his record, was to be sentenced for three burglaries.

Judge Philip St John-Stevens said the court viewed robberies at vulnerable targets very seriously. A degree of planning was used to raid the store in High Halstow.

"The person in the shop didn't know if you were going to use the weapon or not," he said.

Overhanging Shrubs and Trees

Please ensure that any overhanging shrubs and trees are trimmed back from the public footways and are not causing an obstruction. These can be dangerous and cause accidents and injury.

HH Parish Council

PROJECT MORNING
90 minutes spent improving
the village

Saturday 13th June

8:30am Start at the Village Hall

Report Crime!

While Kent is a safe county with low levels of serious crime, nuisance behaviour continues to disrupt the lives of far too many residents. Kent Police take this very seriously indeed, which is why they are introducing more neighbourhood officers to work with residents and local organisations to find real solutions to anti-social behaviour and other local problems. In neighbourhoods across Medway people are already seeing the change.

Anti-social behaviour is any behaviour that affects other people in a bad way. Types of anti-social behaviour could be: noise nuisance, litter and fly-tipping, vandalism, graffiti, fires being started, nuisance and abandoned vehicles, rowdy behaviour, begging, drunkenness, dealing in or taking drugs, gangs or groups behaving in an intimidating way, prostitution, indecent behaviour, nuisance neighbours, threatening behaviour and harassment, misuse of fireworks, noisy or intimidating dogs, hoax calls to emergency services. Any of these can make an area frightening and unpleasant for people to live, work and relax in. Sometimes the behaviour forces people to change the way they live.

Should you witness anti-social behaviour or indeed even be a victim, please speak to your neighbourhood police officer. At the very least - please keep a record of activity and inform the Parish Councillor for Police Liaison.

Always call 999 if:

- a crime is happening now
- people are injured
- people are being threatened or are in danger
- someone suspected of committing a crime is nearby

Call Kent Police on 01622 690690 to report any non-emergency crime.

In this day and age I understand that individuals may hesitate to contact the Authorities for fear of reprisals: should this be the case please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence and I will act on your behalf.

To help please record when and where the problems are happening, including:

- dates and times of incidents
- as much detail as possible about what happened
- names and/or descriptions of those involved
- details of any witnesses
- how the incident has affected you.

Martin Mitchell
HHPC Police Liaison
Tel: 07531984169

Fashion Show

Friday June 19th
Doors open 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

Talk, fashion show, refreshments, items to buy on the night. See the posters now up in the village. For tickets contact June Collins 250105 or Margaret Whitebread 250677

Get a few friends together and have a fun evening out all for just £3 a ticket.

Friendly Club

Gill Ellen gave a very informative talk on the Medway Queen, Gill also showed slides, showing the Medway Queen as she was, and also the sorry state she was in before restoration began. Thank you Gill it was a lovely talk. The meeting held on 27 May was a Bring and Buy, the proceeds will go to help towards an outing to a pantomime in the new year. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 June.

Ambulance Service Community First Responders

With the recent mentions in some of the local publications including the HH Parish Council Annual Report, I thought now is a good time to put 'pen to paper' myself.

Some of you will have no doubt seen me driving around the village with my car marked up to identify me as a Community First Responder (CFR), others have come into contact with me whilst I have been attending an incident in the village.

Firstly may I briefly explain what we do:

CFRs are part of the South East Coast Ambulance Service; we are all unpaid volunteers who carry out our duties in our own time using our own vehicles. We are not a substitute for the Ambulance Service but additional assistance within our own communities.

When someone falls ill suddenly, they often need medical treatment. In more serious cases, early treatment has been proven to increase the patient's chances of survival. After 8 minutes of a patient's heart stopping beating, their chances of survival decrease by 10% for every minute thereafter. However, if the patient can be defibrillated within 8 minutes of the collapse, their chance of survival increases by up to 75%.

The ambulance service responds immediately using a special prioritising control system. However, even then, delays can still occur due to:

- High volume of calls
- Traffic congestion
- ***Remote rural locations***

Our Role:

CFRs are alerted to an incident at the same time as an NHS ambulance (we are all issued with mobile phones and a pager). If we are available, we will move as swiftly as possible to the address given – we are not permitted to disobey normal traffic regulations. On arrival at the incident, we assess the patient and start to administer the appropriate treatment; potentially, life saving treatment, until we are able to hand over the patient to the ambulance crew. We will then often remain with the patient, assisting the crew if required until they are able to transport them to hospital.

Our Kit:

We carry an Emergency response bag containing oxygen, airways, assorted masks, suction pump, burns and wound dressings. We also carry and administer aspirin for potential heart attack victims and Glucogel to treat diabetic patients.

In addition, we also carry a Semi Automatic External Defibrillator to use on those patients suffering from cardiac arrest.

Training:

We are all trained to use the equipment we carry. This is normally done at training courses held on a weekend with an assessment being held the following weekend.

This is followed by several shifts with ambulance crews to gain first hand experience of attending incidents and help to prepare us for that first call out when we know we may be the first on the scene of a potentially life threatening medical emergency.

For the protection of the potentially vulnerable people we serve, all volunteers have to undergo checks by the Criminal Records Bureau.

Community First Responders only operate within their own community, normally within a 3 mile radius of where they live but due to the nature of the peninsular I will often be requested to attend patients in Grain, All Hallows, Cliffe, Chattenden, Hoo and any small community between. To assist with administration and coordination each group of CFRs in Kent are formed into 'schemes'. We in this area are known as the 'Hoo Scheme' which I now coordinate. Following training etc, myself and a fellow responder based in Wainscott, went 'live', covering the Hoo peninsular in July 2008. In the 7 months following, my colleague and I have attended 339 incidents in this area, more than twice as many as the next busiest scheme in Kent.

Over the past few months we have been joined by more new Responders, raising our numbers to six. The SECamb policy is that each new Responder scheme will be set up and provided with two kits to share between active responders, and that further equipment will be self funded by the schemes. Due to the generosity of many local organisations and businesses, I have now placed an order for 4 more Responder kits so that each Responder will have their own kit. Considering that each kit currently costs £1685, these organisations have been very generous. As the scheme expands, I'm sure I will be out again with my begging bowl in the future.

I have refrained from mentioning any of our benefactors as some have wished not to have it publicised at this stage.

What do I as Community Responders get out of it?

- Getting trapped at the level crossings en-route to a potential cardiac arrest in Grain is something I do not wish to experience every day.
- Not all call-outs have the result we would all like.
- + The look on people's faces, when I arrive at their door within a few minutes of them phoning for an ambulance, and being able to help.
- + Handing over a patient to the ambulance crew in a far more comfortable state than before I arrived.
- + The genuine thanks and appreciation from patients and ambulance crews alike.

If anyone else fancies becoming a Community First Responder or would just like a chat about what we do, or any organisation that would like me to come along and give a chat on what we do – please get in touch with me. A member of the Parish Council will I'm sure point you in the right direction.

Steve Joyce

Community First Responder

RSPB calls for more volunteers in North Kent

RSPB North Kent already has around 50 active volunteers working in a variety of roles. However, with ongoing improvements to visitor facilities at Cliffe Pools there is a particular need for volunteers to meet an increasing number of visitors and help to show them around. RSPB's Cliffe Pools is one of Britain's most important wildlife sites. RSPB Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Cartlidge, said: "People can support the RSPB in a variety of different ways. Volunteers chose to give us their time and without their support it would be impossible to carry out all the important conservation work that we do. We offer all volunteers full training and ensure they have fun too."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the RSPB in North Kent should contact Sally Jennings on 01634 222480. No experience is necessary and full training will be given.

Resume of the Parish Council Meeting

The May meeting each year is correctly called the "Annual Parish Council Meeting" and is the meeting where the Chairman is elected for the forthcoming year, representatives are appointed and various jobs assigned. George Crozer and Gary Thomas were again elected as Chairman and Vice-chairman respectively.

Medway Council's Sports Development Officer had asked if the Recreation Ground could be used, in conjunction with the Cricket Club, for the cricket tournament of the Mini Youth Games. This is for primary schools and it is expected children from 39 schools will take part. It will be held on Thursday 11 June between 8 am and 4 pm. The children will arrive from their schools by minibus and it is expected cars will be a minimum but in any case the police will be in charge of traffic management to ensure safety for everyone.

The contract we have with Medway Council to do the street cleaning in the village was for nine years and expires on 31 August. We have put in a tender for the nine years from 1 September and hope that it will again be awarded and that street cleaning in the village will carry on seamlessly. We're now waiting for the outcome.

The arrangement we have with Medway Council for the maintenance of the green areas of the village is by means of an open-ended agreement and is not a formal contract in the same way. The amount received to do this has not increased this year and Turfsoil have agreed to hold their price as well. As you know, we have added the areas still owned by Taylor Wimpey, who agreed that we should maintain them on their behalf and we are being paid for this. This started at the beginning of the year and we hope residents are now beginning to see a more uniform look in the village.

Some exploratory work has been done on the drainage ditch and culvert that runs across the recreation ground. The report identified work that has to be carried out and the drainage authority (Medway Council) gave us 6 months from the beginning of April to do this. The alternative would have been a 28 day injunction at the time. Failure to comply and complete the necessary repairs within the 6 months will mean the work will be carried out by Medway anyway and we will be charged, which will be more expensive as costs such as officer time would be added. The quotation obtained from Medway's preferred contractor will be discussed at the next meeting. We do not have to use this contractor but if we use another and the work is not deemed to be up to standard, more expense will be incurred.

At the end of the meeting it was reported that a resident had complained about shrubs overhanging the footway in Christmas Lane, which made it difficult to walk past and unpleasant too after rain.

HH Parish Council

**So
You
Think
YOU
can**



do a great BBQ?

Here is the chance to show just how good you really are at doing a BBQ. With some great prizes on offer, including a "ProBBQ XL20" from the USA, worth over £280, there is a real incentive to put your skills to the test. Have you got what it takes to be the best out door chef in the area? Can you convince the top judges that yours is the best plate of BBQ food they have tasted? Are you man or woman enough for the challenge? More details coming soon.

Saturday 22nd August at the Rectory

Over £500 worth of prizes !

Organised in conjunction with the British BBQ Society.

Contact Rev Stephen Gwilt for more info on 01634 250 637

High Halstow Play Park

You may have seen in the paper recently that Medway Council are looking to improve play park facilities within the Medway Towns.

In the first wave of improvements Medway have selected eleven areas to see improvements to their facilities. High Halstow, being one of the eleven areas, has been chosen to benefit with a grant of £30,000 which will be targeted for improvements for the age range 8-13. In addition the Parish Council is putting a further £20,000 towards improvements to meet improvements for children under 8.

Part of the process involved in achieving these long awaited improvements is to consult the public both young and old. This is being achieved by a variety of ways including

- 1 Involving the children at the school to seek the opinion of children
- 2 Visiting the play park and seeking comments from children who are using the current facilities
- 3 Visiting the Youth Club to talk to children about their requirements
- 4 Asking adults to complete a questionnaire

As a result please find the questionnaire for adults on the next few pages and both Medway Council and High Halstow Parish Council would like as many people as possible to complete and return to the shop no later than **June 13th**. The Parish Council will keep you informed of the progress being made to make the dream of new and improved facilities a reality. The completion of the improvements must be completed no later than 31st March 2010.

This is your opportunity to help shape the new and improved play park so please help us by completing the questionnaire for the children of High Halstow

HH Village Website

Did you know you can see the minutes of your Parish Council on our website! If that is not your cup of tea, you can also look-up local groups in the village, plans for the Hall Refurbishment, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events.

For all your village needs the site is
www.highhalstow.org.uk

Whist Drive in Aid of the Air Ambulance June 27th Memorial Hall

Please come along to our whist drive on Saturday 27th June at 7:30pm. It will be a friendly evening with a cup of tea or glass of squash and a biscuit at half-time. There is a big raffle with all proceeds going to the Kent Air Ambulance fund. Tickets are just £2.00 each from Freda Jordan at 2 Goodwood Close. Other dates are 22 August, 26th September, 24th October and 28th November.

MEDWAY PLAYBUILDER PROJECT

Playbuilder is a nationally funded project that will refurbish 22 play areas in Medway over 2 years. The play areas for year 1 have been selected and we are consulting local people on how they would like these areas improved. Playbuilder focuses on 8-13 year olds and aims to increase play value and accessibility for all children.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could spare five minutes to answer the questions that follow. Your answers are confidential and all responses are anonymous.

Q1 Have you ever visited the High Halstow, The Street Play Area?

Yes..... ☐ No ☐

Q2 How often do you use this play area?

Never ☐ A couple of times during the week ☐
 Every day ☐ Less Often..... ☐
 On the weekends ☐

Q3 Why do you visit this park? (please tick all that apply)

It is close to where I live ☐ I go with other parents..... ☐
 It is close to my childrens school..... ☐ It has better facilities than other parks. ☐

Q4 Please rate the park in the following areas:

	Good	Fair	Poor
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility <u>within</u> the play area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility of the play equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair of equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convenience of location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to the play area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality and Variety of equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5 What do you like about the play area?

Q6 What do you dislike about the play area?

Q7 Do you think the play facilities need improving?

Yes..... ☐ No ☐

Q8 If you have answered 'yes', please say how the play facilities could be improved.

Q9 Overall, how would you rate this park in terms of play value for your child?

Very Poor ☐ Poor ☐ Ok ☐ Good ☐ Very Good ☐

Q10 Do you think play areas are important facilities for Medway?

Yes..... ☐ No ☐

ABOUT YOUR CHILD

This next section is to help us get a better understanding of the different types of people that use the park.

Q11 Does your child have a disability?

Yes..... ☐ No ☐

Q12 How old is your child?

0 - 2 years..... <input type="checkbox"/>	8 - 10 years..... <input type="checkbox"/>	18 and over..... <input type="checkbox"/>
3 - 4 years..... <input type="checkbox"/>	11 - 14 years..... <input type="checkbox"/>	
5 - 7 years..... <input type="checkbox"/>	15 - 17 years..... <input type="checkbox"/>	

ABOUT YOU

Q13 Please tick the one that most closely describes your home situation.

Single parent with children at home..... ☐

Couple with children living at home ☐

Q14 Your postcode: (Please note: this information is used only to map possible need to local area and not to identify you)

Q15 Are you:

Working full time..... ☐

Working part time ☐

Working shifts ☐

Studying or training ☐

Unemployed & looking for work..... ☐

Permanently sick/disabled ☐

Retired ☐

Full time parent/carer ☐

Something else ☐

Q16 Your cultural background:

White - British..... ☐

White - Irish..... ☐

Any other White background..... ☐

Mixed - White & Black Caribbean..... ☐

Mixed - White & Black African..... ☐

Mixed - White & Asian..... ☐

Any other Mixed background ☐

Asian or Asian British - Indian ☐

Asian or Asian British - Pakistani ☐

Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi ... ☐

Any other Asian background ☐

Black or Black British - Caribbean..... ☐

Black or Black British - African ☐

Any other Black background ☐

Chinese..... ☐

Any other..... ☐

Q17 Which age group are you in?

16 - 18 ☐

25 - 39 ☐

60 + ☐

19 - 24 ☐

40 - 59 ☐

High Halstow Teenager Lands a Role in the West End.

Tommy Murray, 14, of The Hundred of Hoo Media Arts School who lives in High Halstow, Kent has been given the opportunity to understudy the part of 'The Apprentice' in the English National Opera's major new production of Benjamin Britten's masterpiece 'Peter Grimes'. Directed by David Alden, Peter Grimes opens at the London Coliseum on Saturday 9 May. Tommy has been working hard to maintain school work and to prepare for the nine performances lasting until the end of May.

The family including Tommy's brother Patrick are very proud of his accomplishments. Tommy was selected at audition for this role and it is helping him to gain very useful experience in the West End Theatre to help him fulfil his dreams to becoming an accomplished actor.

Later in the year Tommy will also be appearing locally at the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone in the musical 'Footloose' in the principle role of Willard produced by the Stage Theatre Society based in Gillingham.

Tommy says "I realise how lucky I am to work in such a professional environment and the chaperones, singers, other actors, technicians, and crew are absolutely amazing. I can't thank them enough for their friendship and support. Also my school have been so supportive and I think that all the great drama productions, shows, choir, dance classes have all helped me so much with developing my technical skills."

Some of Tommy's previous achievements have included parts in Blunderbus's 'Wind in the Willows', Play on Words 'Trading Tales', Three Towns Theatre Company 'Blitz' and many school productions.

Tickets: Box Office: 0871 911 0200 or online www.eno.org

For more information contact: Ken Murray 07710 540 401



It's All The 'W's'- Walking, Workshop and Water.

Last month had a serious side with a discussion on the nations bee problems. This is a meeting often with low attendance, but not this year. Maybe it was the promise of a quiz set by our treasurer that we attempted over coffee. The questions were very difficult but we certainly had fun guessing the answers. The lunch club returned to the Sir John Falstaff at Higham. I understand that the food was pretty good but the one lady serving was a little stressed. Coming up - we have a walk with a guide, along the new Rochester River Walk followed by lunch. Two members are to attend a 'Composting Workshop'. Six of us will be taking part in a quiz which if we win will take us through to the W.I. county final. Several members are going to the Loose Village Water Safari which is part of an open gardens scheme organised by the Ellenor Lions Hospices.

Next month is our 'birthday meeting' when the emphasis is on fun. A buffet, and entertainment by Ann Hall who teaches and demonstrates belly dancing, and usually wants volunteers to have a go, should make for a fun evening.

For more information on any of the above please ring 250677

Margaret Whitebread

High Halstow Cricket Club – May 2009

Despite last month's pessimism concerning the weather, May has proved to be generally sunny and dry, although cold at times, enabling us to get through a hectic programme of fixtures.

There is no doubt that the most outstanding of many individual performances of note came from U17 Ashley Trigg. Playing for the Sunday Friendly XI he scored a maiden hundred, only to follow it a week later with a similar score for the 2nd XI against HSBC in Division III (2nd XI) of the Kent League. Other Colts, notably Aaron Robertson, Jake Barrett and Adam Colgate are making significant contributions in adult cricket as well as their own age groups. All our colts teams have had early season wins, so the records already show a significant improvement on 2008.

The 1st XI are top of Division III (1st XIs) after 2 rounds of matches, which is encouraging. However, more difficult matches are expected in the coming weeks. The 2nd XI have also started well with 2 draws against good sides in Division III (2nd XIs). It is too early to report on the performances of the 3rd and 4th XIs who have only played one match each so far.

Four of the top six individual scorers in the Fantasy Cricket competition at 20th May are colts – surely an incentive to the more experienced players to do better!

For continuing details visit <http://www.highhalstow.clubfantasycricket.co.uk> , and http://high_Hlt228272863h_Hlt228272863alstow.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp for fixtures and results.

Other events are coming thick and fast. By the time you read this, we will have completed our 10 k Sponsored Walk in aid of the club's Colts Section and the refurbishment of the play park. Hopefully the weather would have been kind to us and with everyone back safely. Thank you for your support.

On 11th June the Club together with the Parish Council is playing host to the Medway Mini Youth Games, at which some 39 Primary Schools will play Kwik cricket on the Recreation Ground and Rayners Meadow. The event, run by Medway Council's Sports Development Team, promises to be a great day for all the young people concerned.

The August Bank Holiday sees the welcome return to the Cricket Ground of the Village Family Day. The object is to bring everyone together for a day of fun and games, with stalls and side-shows. All local groups and organisations are invited to send a representative to a meeting in the pavilion on Tuesday 9th June starting at 8 p.m., to discuss arrangements for the event. A cross-group organising committee will be required so please come along.

David Laphorn

Chairman

HH Cricket Club

Women-for-Women Cycle China Funding Better Health for Women & Babies

Denise Thomas of 31 Cooling Road, has taken on the challenge to raise £3300 and cycle 225miles to support Sir Robert Winston in his tireless research into improving the health of women and babies throughout the world. Denise is cycling around 50 miles per day as training for the Cycle China 2010 challenge and has entered the London to Brighton bike ride (56 miles) this June. To help raise funds Denise has organised a charity golf day at Deangate Ridge on September 8th and a Disco at Cliffewoods Community Centre on Saturday 3rd October. For further information on these events and other ways you can help Denise please call her on 256459 or e.mail mumsteddies@yahoo.co.uk

Red Dog

Forthcoming events for June

Saturday 6th June All Day Bar-B-Q

Sunday 7th June Bingo 7.30pm

Sunday 14th June Quiz Night 7.30pm

Saturday 20th June Pink Disco 8pm
in aid of Breast Cancer

Tuesday 23rd June Curry Night
6-9.30pm

Saturday 27th June Karaoke
with Magic 8pm

Suggestions welcome for events
at **your** local pub

Two meals for £10.00
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Lunchtime

Kids Eat Free on Sundays with
Paying Adults

Readers Letters

Please send in your letters by e.mail to
editor@highhalstow.org or by hand to 8
Marsh Crescent, High Halstow. Name and
addresses can be withheld on request.

Queen B & The Redfords

- Don't Stop me Now -

- Another one Bites the Dust -

- I Want to Break Free -

And many more of the other classic Queen
and Freddie Mercury hits. It is with great
pleasure that the Village Hall Committee
can announce that the Queen tribute band
'Queen B' will be returning to the Village
Hall on October 17th. And also appearing
on the same night will be The Redfords
with their blend of classic greats and
modern day hits, listen to them at
theredfords.net.

More details to follow shortly..

Need to Hire a Hall?

If you are interested in hiring either of
the halls in the village please contact :
Memorial Hall - Pat Hillman 251064
Village Hall - Ann Smith 251914

Note from the Editor

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of contact and all views expressed are
those of the individual. No letter will be
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of the writer being supplied to the editor,
although this information may be withheld
from appearing in the HHT upon request.
If you have a matter for complaint, it
should be brought to the attention of the
Parish Council, which meets on the
second Wednesday of every month, at
8pm in the Memorial Hall. Members of the
public are always welcome.

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HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2009

1PM - 4PM

**LOTS OF
STALLS, GAMES,
FUN, MUSIC,
ENTERTAINMENT & PRIZES**

**PLEASE CALL WENDA ON
253169
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STALL**

The Garden Party is Coming

4th July 12:00 - 4:00pm

Come and join us as we celebrate 233 years of giving away America

A special prize for the best stars and stripes costume

Bigger and better than ever before come and spend the day with us, bring your granny, your kids, your neighbour, your friend from work and don't forget to bring your money as there will be plenty to spend it on.

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Springwatch Stars on Your Doorstep

With the long cold winter seemingly well behind us, BBC's Springwatch is back on the airwaves! Every night around 4 million viewers tune in to learn more about the wild and wonderful animals found across Britain at this time of year. This year viewers are sure to have noticed changes to the presenter team, however, the real stars of the show are the animals themselves. While BBC's fantastic coverage allows people a real close encounter with nature, the RSPB are keen to give viewers the chance to see these animals in the flesh.

RSPB's Damian Fleming says: "Springwatch is a national institution and plays a vital role in connecting a very large audience with wildlife. We hope the show will encourage more people to get out and look for wildlife themselves. In North Kent we are very lucky that most of this years Springwatch stars are out there on view at our local reserves. To have to chance of seeing birds like the Kingfisher or a Kestrel in the wild is an opportunity not to be missed".

RSPB reserves up and down the country are putting on special events to encourage Springwatch viewers to see its star animals first hand. RSPB's Medway reserves at Cliffe Pools and Northward Hill have special Springwatch events on June 6 and 13 and there is another event at Elmley, on Sheppey, on June 9. RSPB staff will be on hand to show you around the reserve and help you spot your Springwatch favourites.

For more information on the RSPB's Springwatch events, visit www.rspb.org.uk/springwatch or call 01634 222480

Dates for Diary

Every Other Tuesday:

Mobile Library

12:30/12:50

Village Hall Car Park

12:55/1:15

Northwood Ave.

Every Wednesday:

Painting & Drawing for Beginners

10.00

Memorial Hall

Every Thursday:

Mother and Toddler's

09.00 to 11:00am

Memorial Hall

Sugar Babes

19.00

Memorial Hall

Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers

09.00

Memorial Hall

Other Dates

Wednesday 3rd

Women's Institute

19:30

Memorial Hall

Saturday 6th

Farmers Market

09.30

Village Hall

Tuesday 9th

Open House

12.15

Memorial Hall

Tuesday 9th

Gardening Club

20.00

Memorial Hall

Wednesday 10th

Parish Council

20:00

Meeting

Memorial Hall

Saturday 13th

Project Morning

08:30

Village Hall

Wednesday 24th

Friendly Club

14:00

Memorial Hall

Friday 26th

Quiz Night

20:00

Memorial Hall

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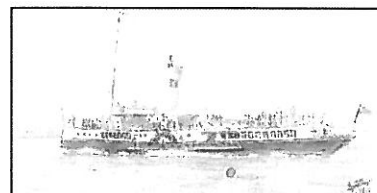
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