



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



June 2014

Broadband Mast In High Halstow

At the May Parish Council, MLL Telecom consulted the Parish Council to obtain their views on a potential monopole mast required to provide connectivity to schools across the peninsula, to meet curriculum delivery requirements. This scheme is being provided by Medway Council; MLL Telecom is providing the design and delivery for them. To reach the schools one solution might involve a mast on High Halstow Hill. A high point is needed as the network needs clear, direct 'line of sight' between locations.

Who are MLL Telecom?

MLL Telecom is a specialist Microwave Radio Technology company based in Marlow, Buckinghamshire. From a single link between two points, to a fully designed, planned, installed and maintained solution, they offer a complete range of services to Councils, companies and mobile phone systems, as per <http://mlltelecom.com>

What does it mean to High Halstow?

MLL Telecom are looking for a site within High Halstow to site a 20m mast which would be capable of receiving a signal from Medway Hospital which in turn would be passed to Cliffe, Stoke, Allhallows and Grain.

If the mast is placed on parish land then MLL Telecom would be prepared to give free broadband access to the Village Hall as a benefit to the community as a whole

If additional services were then to become available via the mast then as part of the licence with the Parish Council, a source of income would be paid to the Parish Council and again this would be seen as a benefit to the community as a whole.

Would High Halstow School Benefit from this service?

Currently High Halstow Primary School has declined to join the Council scheme and therefore would not receive the service, although this does not preclude them from joining at a later date.

Should a mast not be placed in High Halstow and the School wish to join at a later date then there could be additional costs incurred in bringing the service to High Halstow which would not be funded as part of the initial scheme.

How much would it cost the residents of High Halstow to access the service?

The details of how the service would be charged and accessed by the residents has yet to be determined as the only purpose of the scheme at the moment is to bring broadband to the schools on the peninsula.

MLL Telecom is developing a superfast broadband service for residential customers. They say they aim to provide a competitive service. This should mean prices will be between £15 and £35/month, depending on service levels. This service has not yet started so no guarantees are available and these prices may change.

What is the process involved in bringing this scheme to fruition?

MLL Telecom are currently working through and identifying necessary sites for the masts to be sited.

Following the landowners permission (please note if Highway land then permission is already given within existing laws) planning permission would still be required as the mast is over 15m in height.

MLL Telecom are trying to provide service across the Council network by the start of the September term, so site choice will have to be finalised and the planning application will need to be submitted quickly.

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Is it Safe?

MLL Telecom explained that the links they will be installing are narrow, focussed beams, the power of which are measured in tenths of a watt, whereas mobile phone masts broadcast across the whole surrounding area at around 100watts output.

What are the Parish Council doing?

The Parish Council learnt of these details for the first time at the meeting and are aware that MLL Telecom do not have to use our land, but are now aware that if we were to work with them, then high speed broadband can be brought into the Village Hall and a superfast broadband service could be made available to the village as a whole.

Additional sites will be identified and passed back to MLL Telecom to determine if suitable alternatives are available, as clearly at the Parish meeting, there were a number of people who were against the idea.

The Parish Council are also aware that MLL Telecom are now looking at alternative sites outside of the village. It is clear that if the mast does not come here, the services available would also not be coming here.

We are now aware that it is a quick timetable but the aim that Medway Council has is for the scheme to be ready for the September school term so we are seeking your views. If the Parish Council are to be involved in this process a decision may need to take place at the June meeting. Please come along and have your say.

HHPC

Bus Stop At Christmas Lane (Near the Village Sign)

At the time of going to press we can tell you that Medway Council are working on a scheme to put a path in for the above site, as previously requested.

In addition we have also asked them to let the Parish Council know if it would be possible to move the existing bus shelter by the Vets and to incorporate this with the new path.

We haven't heard if this is possible or the cost so please watch this space. If you have a view on this please let the Parish Council know.

HHPC

Project 90

Project 90 is taking a break until the autumn when it will come back fully refreshed. The Parish Council though would like to thank all the willing volunteers who have come out each month over the last eleven years to collect rubbish, paint fences, repair gates, install benches, repair fences, trim hedges, cut branches, fill holes and much more as well. We look forward to seeing it back later in the year.

HHPC

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

Skateboard Equipment

The Parish Council are considering, and have applied for funding for a half pipe piece of skateboard equipment. We would like your thoughts on where this could be sited on the recreation field. One place could be between the kick wall and the youth shelter at the back of the recreation field (photo below shows this area). The equipment is 1.2m high by 3.6m wide by 9m long. This is an ongoing project and has been up for consideration since 2011.

If you would like to comment or see photos of the equipment please contact Chris Watson on 01634 256529 or email Chris.watson123@btinternet.com

Information and photos can also be seen at the monthly surgery on June 10th at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall 10.30am - 12.00pm, or at the Parish Council Meeting on June 11th in the Memorial Hall at 8.00pm. We are consulting on this project, so please give us your thoughts.



Village Hall

a. Village Market

The Village Market will be stopping until September so please watch this space for its return. This is due to clash of dates and the usual August break.

b. Phase Three

As you are aware we are still fund raising for the final part of the refurbishment works with the remaining part being the following:

- New kitchen
- New main entrance including new back wall
- Stairs to the room above
- Additional storage

As a result the Village Hall Committee is planning the following events for the coming year.

1. Quiz Night – 11th July 2014

The third Quiz Night for the year. Details in next months HHT.

2. Golf Tournament – 11th July 2014

You will see the advert for this joint event with the PTA. Come along to what will be a great days entertainment and help raise money for both the School and Village Hall.

3. Quiz Night – 17th October 2014

The fourth and final one for the year.

4. Auction – 25th October 2014

Back by popular request, there will be another chance to bid and win a bargain. Details to be in future HHT so watch this space.

5. High Halstow's Tea at the Ritz

Plans are being put together for this event, which has been asked for people in the Village. Again details to follow so watch this space.

c. Booking

Are you a group looking for a venue to meet on a regular basis? If so have you considered using the Village Hall. You can hire the main hall, the Green Room or both rooms for a variety of activities be it meetings, children's parties, etc etc. Many evenings already have regular bookings but there are many opportunities available during the day. For more details please contact Crystal on 251849.

Village Hall Committee

Responsible Parking

It has been noticed that a number of vehicles around the village are either parking on the kerbs, causing obstruction to pedestrians and risking children crossing the road unseen between parked cars; or are parking on corners which is a danger to other road users. Please park with consideration to pedestrians and other road users.

High Halstow Hikers

Mike Davies led the May walk and writes: 8 intrepid walkers assembled in Faversham on a chilly and very windy May Sunday morning. The walk was a mystery to nearly all, but the Kent Explore guide expertly showed us the route. Once we left Faversham town the area quickly opened up to a great view of Faversham Creek with some interesting boat yard activity, some very well restored craft and quite a few under renovation. Leaving the boat yards the area became very open, windswept with some wading birds on the mudflats. One bizarre point of interest was a caravan on a pontoon, which was moored some 10m from the bank, loads of supposition on what it was doing there, but the real question was WHY? Faversham Creek morphed into Oare Creek and once again a hive of boat activity, some 800m of moored boats along the creek edge. On the final leg of walk in Davington we were very close to Bob Geldorf's house but no one was sure where it actually was. Returned to the Bull Inn and opposite was a building from Napoleonic times which was the battery which housed guards for the local gunpowder factories, an interesting finish to an enjoyable morning.

The walk on Sunday 8th June will be led by Linda Dodson starting (10am as usual) and finishing at The Fox & Hounds Pub, Romney Street, Knatts Valley, Sevenoaks TN15 6XR. There is plenty of parking space at the back of the pub and a few spaces in the front too. They have a small website: <http://foxandhoundsromneystreet.co.uk>. Note: the little lanes leading to the pub are bendy and narrow. The walk will be about 7 miles and will be muddy in parts if it has rained or is raining. The attractive route goes through woodland, fields & pasture land. There are a couple of steep hills as the walk meanders up and down the North Downs giving good views. If anybody needs to contact Linda her mobile is 07729958219; landline 01732 762283.



Off to University?

The High Halstow Relief in need charity has a limited number of small bursaries available to students going to University for the first time in the academic year 2014-2015. Those who started last year and were able to apply for a bursary may also apply.

The scheme is available only to students living in the parish of High Halstow at the time of application.

Closing date is 30th August 2014, and applications

received after that date will not be considered. In your letter of application please state your name, address, telephone number, the universities you have applied for and the length of your course. Proof of acceptance on your course will be needed before the bursary can be given. No appeal is available for unsuccessful applicants.

Please apply in writing to, The Chairman, High Halstow relief in need charity, The Rectory, 2 Cooling Road, High Halstow, Rochester, ME3 8SA. PLEASE mark "Bursary Application" clearly on the front of the envelope.



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DATE Friday 11th July 2014

LOCATION Deangate Ridge Golf Club

TIME 11:00am Coffee+Bacon Roll for Noon Tee Off

COST £25 Per Person

INCLUDES 18 Hole Stableford, Coffee+Bacon upon arrival. Presentation and Prizes + Raffle.

ENTRY FORM Available from Village Shop, School Office & www.HighHalstow.org.uk

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There will also be a raffle at the Prize giving

Booking Form

| Name | Address | Tel. No | Email | Handicap (Max 28) |
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I would like to book _____ places in the High Halstow Open on 11th July at £25 per person to include bacon roll and coffee and one round of golf _____ x £25 = £_____

Sponsorship: Sponsorship of hole @£20 per hole (optional) £_____

Total (Cheques Made Payable to High Halstow Village Hall) £_____

Please enclose a cheque for the full amount with the completed booking form in an envelope marked **HIGH HALSTOW VILLAGE OPEN** and deliver to **The Village Shop** or the **School Office**

High Halstow Pilates

Pilates classes continue in the Memorial Hall every Friday afternoon, 2.30pm to 3.30pm. We are a small friendly group as numbers are limited to a maximum of 12 per session to enable close supervision. Classes are £8 per session, payable in 6 weekly blocks but must be booked in advance due to the class size.

What is Pilates?

Pilates is a form of physical conditioning using a unique system of stretching exercises developed by Joseph Pilates over 90 years ago. These exercises when performed with slow control, using a particular breathing pattern, work the deep postural muscles. This increases flexibility, builds strength, improves posture and develops stamina.

Body Control Pilates has simplified the original classical exercises making them capable of accommodating any level of fitness. This makes Pilates ideal for first time exercisers as well as those requiring rehabilitation after injury.

At the moment the classes at High Halstow are full but I teach classes in other areas on the Hoo Peninsula as well as Longfield, Stansted and Aylesford. I am hoping to start new classes at Hoo Swimming Pool on a Wednesday afternoon – anyone interested in either beginners or intermediate level classes, or to be put on the waiting list for a vacancy at High Halstow please contact me on 01634 222275 or 07967 493351 e-mail joy@pilateswithjoy.co.uk



Dog Owners

We all know that dogs bark - nothing we can do about that, but please, if shutting your dog out in the garden, be mindful of people that live around you and that they may either work night-shift or like to enjoy the peacefulness of their own garden. A barking dog can be a real irritation at anytime of the day, it may be worth checking with your neighbour if your dog is howling whilst you are away or if he sits patiently waiting for your return. Please be considerate to those around you.

High Halstow Parish Council

WW1 Commemorative Tea Sunday 27th July in the HH Memorial Hall at 3pm

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and an assortment of homemade cakes.

Visit the hall which was built to honour the men from High Halstow that returned from the war, See the memorabilia and photos we have collected.

There are still some families in the village that had relatives who were part of WW1.

We look forward to seeing you for a tea and a chat.



The Village Shop

Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm

Sunday 8am – 2pm

Telephone number: 01634 254561

Need to Hire a Hall

If you are interested in hiring either of the halls in the village for a party, function or meeting please contact:

Memorial Hall - Angela Forward 251756

Village Hall - Crystal Wakefield 251849

Please do not call on a Sunday.

Hoo Nat West Branch Under Threat - Have Your Say

NatWest, the bank that likes to say Yes. Not however, it seems, if you're a resident on the Hoo Peninsula! We have been informed by Medway Councillor Chris Irvine that despite NatWest, and it's parent company Royal Bank of Scotland, being bailed out by us, the taxpayers, to the tune of some £46 billion during the disastrous financial collapse in 2008, RBS is set to proceed with plans to close it's NatWest branch on the Hoo Peninsula in Hoo St Werburgh. There has been no consultation. The decision has seemingly been delivered as a fait accompli.

This decision is extremely concerning. This NatWest branch is the only bank on the whole of the Hoo Peninsula. The decision to pull out of the area without any consultation with either residents, customers or elected representatives to consider the possible alternatives is a completely unacceptable way of doing business.

Medway Councillor Chris Irvine has created an online petition opposing the Hoo Branch closure. He is seeking an urgent meeting with RBS alongside local MP Mark Reckless to discuss the matter Whilst RBS may well say they will put in place arrangements within local post offices for customers who lose out, there are many elderly and disabled residents, not to mention local businesses, who rely on this branch and who may, due to it's unique location, be unable to access a full banking service should the Hoo branch be closed.

Rather than closing the Bank perhaps RBS should consider increasing the services available at the branch which maybe better for them as well as the customers it is supposed to be serving To sign the online petition please go to
<http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/ross-mcewan-stop-the-closure-of-hoo-s-natwest-branch>



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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. 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:

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| Rev. S. Gwilt | - The Rectory |
| Mrs L. Munday | - 22 Willowbank Drive |
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Chris(tine) Watson & Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 10th June 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

Vacancies at AC Goatham and Son

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Irrigation manager: We are looking for talented individual with experience in field drip irrigation systems to manage our schemes across 14 sites. It would help if the successful applicant had experience in the building of systems as well as the management of fertigation and irrigation programmes. You will need to have a clean driving license and be prepared to work across Kent. Due to seasonal demands this role will require a flexible attitude to working hours; there are peak times when support is essential.

HGV 1 driver: With immediate start we are looking for an HGV 1 license holder. The successful applicant should have a clean license and some knowledge of the haulage industry.

The successful applicants will have previous experience working within a similar environment so please do not apply if you do not have the right experience, as this is essential to the roles. Pay rates to be discussed with suitable applicants.

Best wishes Sarah Calcutt Tel: 07767 783891 Email Sarah@acgoatham.com | Flanders Farm, Ratcliffe Highway, Hoo, Rochester, Kent ME3 8QE

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

09.00

Memorial Hall

Every 4th Wednesday:

Friendly Club

Memorial Hall

Other Dates:

Sunday 1st:

09:00

Family Service

Wednesday 4th:

19:30

St. Margaret's Church

Women's Institute

Memorial Hall

Sunday 8th:

High Halstow Hikers

Details in HHT

Tuesday 10th:

20:00

Gardening Club

Wednesday 11th

20:00

Memorial Hall

Parish Council

Wednesday 25th:

Memorial Hall

Friendly Club

Memorial Hall

Friday 27th:

20:00

Quiz Night

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.



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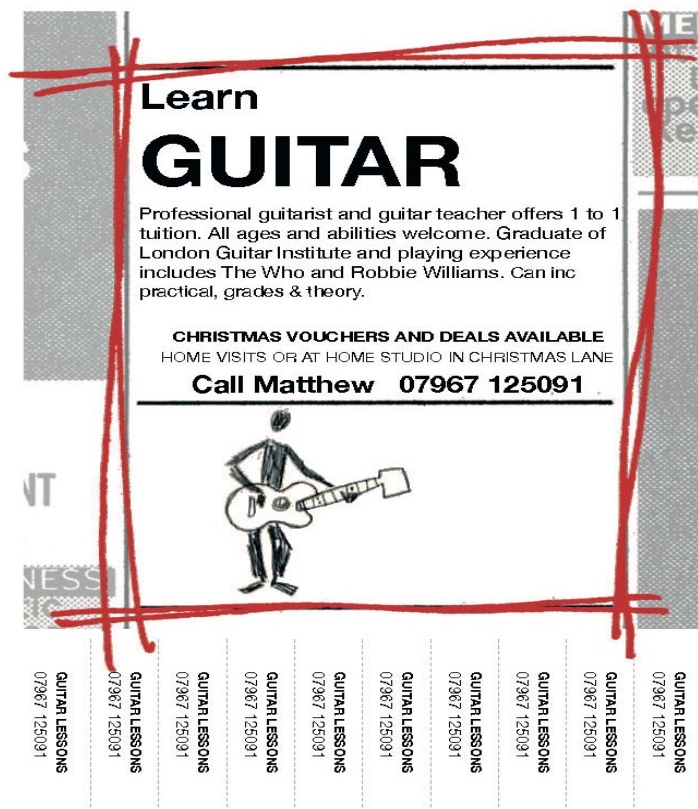
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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269
clerk@highhalstow.org.uk

THE GARDEN PARTY 2014

***Starts 12.00 noon, 5th July
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Dramarama

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to cancel this years summer show. It was not an easy decision to make as a lot of hard work and long hours had already been put into preparing for the show. We will be performing at the Allhallows Fete and the HH Rectory Garden Party, as well as some other events closer to Christmas. Our pantomime will be early 2015, and we hope that you will come out and support us.

Dramarama



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

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Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

Cooling Road Home Group

We were sorry to hear that, due to financial reasons, Blythwood's South of England depot in Strood is having to shut down. To date we have sent them a total of 854 blankets.

However we are happy to find that one of their current volunteers is running a new charity 'Social, Environmental and Educational Development' (SEED) and will be happy to receive our future donations of blankets and knitted garments to pass on to those in need. So please keep the wool coming, it's business as usual! And thank you for your generous help in the past.

By the way, we can make use of any type of wool, including cones intended for knitting machines.

Hazel Beringer (251135).

Dear Sir,

Friends of Chernobyl's Children (FOCC) Medway

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the people who generously donated clothes and other items for the children following my recent appeal in the High Halstow Times.

I have been overwhelmed by the response to it and really appreciate everyone's kindness. The amount of clothing received has seriously exceeded my expectations. I think there will be some really smart looking Belarusian children in Medway this year!

Although the aim of the yearly visits is to improve their health, the children have a month of fun, partaking in many activities and outings. They go home with happy memories and your donations will add to their knowledge that there are people in England that love and care for them.

Thank you again.

Margot Sturt

32 Willowbank Drive

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

Dear HHT,

Dine & Dance Spring Ball

Cancelled

What a lovely idea this was, an opportunity to attend a social event where you could dress up in your finery, have food and entertainment for £12.50 (reduced to £10 !), all within convenient walking distance and bringing together our community, with a Bank holiday to follow to recover.. OK, at Netherfield Hall it wasn't and unlike Mrs Bennet I am not desperate to marry off five daughters but goodness me, do you know of any other village for which such an unique occasion has been organised. This could have been the first of many splendid evenings each year. I am disappointed for Mrs Briand who thought of arranging this and worked so hard to make it happen."

John Wilson

Dear HHT,

Coming soon a "20 metre pylon" near you!
Proposed to be in the recreation ground behind the cottages opposite the memorial hall.

At the May Parish Council meeting the installation of the pylon was spoken of when a representative from 'MLL Telecoms' was invited to stand and explain what this was all about. There had been no advance notice that this was to be discussed and even some of the Parish Council seemed unaware of what it was about. It would seem that via the Government and Medway Council, MLL Telecoms has been given the job of getting agreement for the pylon to be installed within a month and up and running by September 2014. Our school will not be using the network and the only immediate perks would be wi-fi to the Recreation Hall - maybe later we will get better broadband reception but at a price.

There seemed to be a lot of 'if's but's and maybe's' in the talk from MLL Telecoms. It would seem that a lot of background work has gone on before Wednesday 14th May. So why have we a savillage not been made aware earlier?

Please come along to the June Parish Council meeting to find out more and have your say.

Ann Smith

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