June 2015

High Halstow Gardening Club

At our May meeting we were treated to an inspiring talk from Verity Thompson on her experiences of Walking the Camino. She gave an entertaining account of the highpoints and downsides of walking the 500 miles in 32 days culminating in completing the walk in the cathedral at Santiago. We were pleased that we were joined by several visitors for this meeting. Hilary Newman will be giving a talk at our 9th June meeting on 'The Lazy Gardener' which should give some helpful advice.

The schedules for the annual show to be held on Saturday 29th August are now available giving details of the classes for exhibits for vegetables,

flowers, domestic, floral art, art & crafts and photographs. The show is open for both members and nonmembers to exhibit. If you would like a copy of the schedule, please contact 01634 221579 or hhdgc@outlook.com.



The Memorial Hall

The Committee wish to thank Syd Brunt for restoring the bench in the garden of the Hall many positive comments have already been received.

By the time this issue has been delivered, the Friendly Club would have been visited by a Pearly King and Queen, the Committee would like to remind people of this Club held once a month and really lives up to its name, so if you have not thought about going along just check your diary for the 4th Wednesday of the month as there may be an outing or special event, and of course, the holiday in September.

The Committee would like to offer their congratulations to Paul Bushell being the winner of The Volunteer of the Year at Medway Maritime Hospital, Paul, although not a Committee member is always ready to help if required.

High Halstow Website

Please visit the Parish Council website for everything about our village. You can see the minutes of your Parish Council or look up local groups in the village, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events.

Noisy Scooters/Motorbikes

A number of complaints have been made about scooters and motorbikes racing around parts of the village, particularly around early and late evening. The bikes are known to be loud and a nuisance especially when young children are being put to bed and trying to sleep. It is thought that the motorcyclists live in the village and are not passing through but riding around as fun. Please could whoever is responsible for these bikes/or are the parents of the young adults responsible for the bikes ask the riders to be more considerate to other residents in the village. Police constables in uniform, that have reason to believe that a motor vehicle is being used in a manner that causes or is likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public do have the power to seize or stop the vehicle under Section 59, Police Reform Act 2002.

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Building Works Phase Three

The tender has been agreed with BW May who carried out the work for Phase Two being the successful tenderer. We have had to take out the new stairs and works to the bar area this time due to the high cost but this phase is the important one which will see the new main entrance and kitchen completed.

The works will start from 8th June and be ongoing for up to 10 weeks so apologises for any inconvenience in the short term. The hall though will continue to be open for business as the main hall, the Green Room and Doctors Surgery will not be affected.



Hoo Peninsula Cares CIC Does

What is Hoo Peninsula Cares CIC?

Hoo Peninsula Cares CIC is a recently formed "Community Interest Company". A CIC is special sort of company whose main purpose is to serve the community and any profits it makes are reinvested in the local community rather than being paid to shareholders.

One of the great strengths of the Peninsula is its old fashioned sense of community, it is one of the things that make it a real joy to live here. Our aim is to empower local people to work together to help local people with local resources to help meet the needs of local people.

The Hoo Peninsula Cares CIC was formed after a series of seven meetings across the peninsula from Grain to Cliffe. We wanted to get local opinions on some of the day to day problems people are facing in our communities. We found that social isolation, poor transport and lack of local facilities were common problems facing all of our communities. We want to make a difference so:

We want to help people who are stuck at home and can't get out

We want to help people who struggle to get to doctors appointments

We want to help people do their shopping

We want to help people who only see a carer for 10 minutes a day.

Who are we? We are a group of ordinary people just like you and we are looking for other ordinary people to help us do an extraordinary job for some wonderful people who sometimes need a helping hand or a friendly face.

To learn more join us as we start an exciting journey as we seek to develop this unique community minded culture on the Hoo Peninsula. WHoo cares ? We care! Do you?

> Monday the 29th June. At 7:30pm The Memorial Hall High Halstow.

> > Refreshments will be served

Low Flying Jets

Some of you may have noticed that there has been an increase in air traffic recently with additional flights going to Southend. The following link will take you straight to the page where you can register a complaint on the airports operations which they will investigate comments regarding noise at the airport should be made in the first instance to:

http://www.southendairport.com/contact-us/comments/

or via the High Halstow Parish Council website www.highhalstow.org.uk

If you would like to further contact London Southend Airport regarding noise please use the following contact details:

- * By phone: Noise Complaints Hotline 01702 538599
- * In writing: LSACL, Southend Airport, Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 6YF

Their aim is to respond in writing to all noise comments within 7 working days. However, in order for any comment to be logged as much information (date, time, location etc.) about the event must be given.

If you are quick enough with your smart phone or have fast enough broadband there are several sites which will tell you exactly which plane has just flown above your head and its altitude and speed.

High Halstow 2015 Photo Competition



After the huge success of last year, the HH Photo Competition returns for it's 8th year. Pictures can be emailed to photos@highhalstow.org.uk and can be from a camera, phone or any other device. The categories are the same as last year:

Under 16's - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Flora & Fauna - 1st, 2nd, 3rd People & Places - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Overall Winner

Winners will receive a prize, certificate and their photo included in the HH Calendar.

Resume Of The Parish Council Meeting Held On 13 May 2015

The meeting held on 13th May was the first meeting of the new council following the elections held on 7th May. Then new council consists of (in alphabetical order) Martin Andrews, Stuart Bailey, Ray Collins, George Crozer, Gary Jerreat, Bill Khatkar, Carl Mitchell, Christine Watson and Brian Williams. George was re-elected Chairman and Stuart was elected Vice-chairman. There are also two new Medway councillors, Roy Freshwater and Mick Pendergast. Phil Filmer retained his seat. None of them were able to attend the meeting and introduce themselves. The meeting was also attended by 7 members of the public.

After the elections for Chairman and Vice-chairman, councillors were appointed to the Planning, Finance and Personnel committees, as representatives on outside bodies and to other responsibilities. Although no longer councillors, Gary Thomas and Lesley Munday have kept connections with the Parish Council, Gary as Webmaster and Lesley as the Parish Council's representative on the committee of the Friends of St Margaret's.

Carl continues as High Halstow Times Editor. If you wish to advertise, please contact him. We have a new system for payment of advertisements which we hope will be easier. Payments must now be made on placement of the advertisement and you can either pay by cheque to "High Halstow Parish Council" or you can pay by bank transfer directly into our account. Carl will give you details but please use a reference of HHT with your company name so that your payment can be identified. Carl will take your details and you will be sent a receipted invoice in due course for your records. The rates for adverts are £20 for a quarter page and £40 for a half page per edition. The accounts for 2014/15 were presented, agreed and signed. Also signed were the audit annual return statement of accounts and governance statement.

Chris reported that allotment plot 6 is available but although there are people on the waiting list, noone wants it. We are considering what needs doing to it to make it more attractive for someone to take on.

We are waiting for a start date for the work to the public footpath that runs across the Recreation Ground from Ruggles Close to The Street. We have suggested work should start when the schools close in July for the summer holidays. At present we've heard nothing more about the proposed pedestrian crossing between the school and the car park. Also on highway matters, reports were made of a commuter coach driving out of the village down Christmas Lane at 59mph and of groups of motor cyclists at Kingsnorth Industrial Estate.

Chris Peek reported that volunteers are needed to help with the Youth Club. Please contact her if you're interested in helping out.

Finally, the Parish Council is considering providing a public defibrillator and the Chairman of the Memorial Hall offered that it could go in front of the hall if no other more suitable place could be found.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th June in the Memorial Hall at 8pm.

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

Kings Kitchen



A Coffee and Cake Café for the Whole Village.

Open 10.00am - 1.00pm every Tuesday in the Memorial Hall.

Why not come in and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

A warm welcome awaits you.

Spot The Mistake?

Anyone with local knowledge will have realised that Rochester Bridge has more than 200 years of history. Apologies, I have no idea where the last zero went. Our last meeting was our AGM we had 2 new committee members and our Secretary and President changed jobs. Crystal Wakefield now takes the helm as our new President.

2 members enjoyed afternoon tea at Crockham Hill WI (dreadful place to find) with a speaker on The Titanic Disaster. We also joined Hollingbourne WI for a walk to Stoneacre, just outside Maidstone. The walk did not happen as Leeds Castle had an event that totally clogged the roads, so we were all late. Super guided tour of the house and garden followed by tea and home made cake. The present tenant was a real character and he quite made the day.

Next month is our birthday meeting when we will be entertained by Trevor Styles, a singer and guitarist, with good food of course. Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd June at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall. Visitors very welcome just £1:50 on the door.

High Halstow Friendly Club.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 24th of June. We will be having a bring and buy. This helps towards our funds and is the chance to bag a bargain. There will also be the usual raffle and refreshments with lots of time to chat with friends. Visitors always welcome, we start at 2pm in the Memorial Hall.

De Ja Vu

The name of our group is DE JA VU. We are a spiritual centre with amazing mediums every Sunday where everyone is welcome. Doors open from 6:15 to 6:30 at the HH Recreation Hall.

We also have an amazing evening of clairvoyance on the 4th of July with international medium NATALIE WALKER this is a ticket event which starts at 6:30 till 10pm this will be an evening not to miss !!!

Tickets can be bought at the centre on a Sunday for £10 only or you can call Tina on 07545 180434 we welcome your support and will be lovely to see you all. We have on going events through out the year so stay in contact or come and join our Sunday evenings of mediumship hope you can all attend the DE JA VU team

High Halstow Hikers

We had over twenty participants for our May walk from Hadlow just north of Tonbridge. The weather was perfect and the 7-mile walk was very varied while undemanding. We parked close to the unmissable folly built by William Mayas an attachment to Hadlow Castle. Rumour has it that he built this tower to spy on his wife who he suspected of having an affair with a local farmer. Not a great plan as before it was completed she had left for said farmer. The walk took us pretty much due north to West Packham passing Hazel Woods where there were bluebells in abundance alongside many other colourful wild flowers. Coming out at West Wickham we were met by an archetypical English village scene of the cricket pitch on the village green, alongside the church and a cracking pub (the Swan) that provided welcome refreshments at the mid-point of our warm-weather walk. We took a short circular route from the village to see the medieval Dukes Place which is thought to have been associated with the local branch of the mysterious Knights Templar. The route from West Peckham took us a long the Greens and Way to the gates of Oxon Hoath, a splendid 14th Century former manor house in 73 acres of grounds. We followed the public footpath through the grounds which gave lovely views across the Weald from their slightly raised position and returned to Hadlow through the surrounding farm land.

On Sunday 7th June we will do one of our local walks of about 6 miles around High Halstow. We will start at the village car park at 10.00 am. Enquires about any of the walks can be made on 01634-254428 or mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com.

Don't be Shy!

Have you got something that you want to get off your chest! Does your club need to tell the world about what's happening. Do you have an event to promote. Is there a story about the village which just needs to be told. Do you know an interesting fact about High Halstow you would like to share. Are you a poet without anyone knowing it! Do you have an old bike, pram, life size Peter Andre model that you would like to sell. Whatever it is then drop me a line at editor@highhalstow.org.uk and we'll publish your article in the HHT. Don't be slow talk to High Halstow...

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

14:00

Other Dates:

Wednesday 3rd: Women's Institute 19:30 Memorial Hall Sunday 7th: Family Service

09:30 St. Margaret's Church

Sunday 7th: High Halstow Hikers
Details in HHT

Tuesday 9th: Gardening Club
20:00 Memorial Hall
Wednesday 10th: Parish Council

20:00 Meeting

Memorial Hall

Sunday 21st: Family Service

09:30 St. Margaret's Church

Friday 27th: 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.

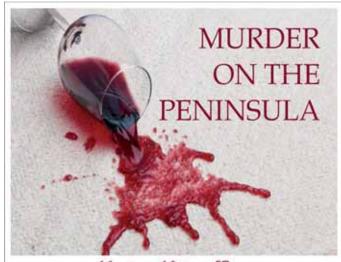


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Village Hall Event Planner

The Village Hall Committee will be looking to put on a number of events for the coming year, below are dates already agreed

Quizathons

Friday 17th July Friday 16th October

Murder on the Peninsula

Saturday 7th November See details in HHT

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9:30am High Halstow

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6:30pm High Halstow

1st Sunday Holy Communion 3rd Sunday Informal worship 5th Sunday Joint Songs of Praise with Allhallows See notice board for venue

Baptisms by arrangement 1st or 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30am

For further information. Rev Stephen Gwilt 01634 250637 Or Email stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk

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St. James' Sure Start Children's Centre For families with children aged 0-5 years



Stay and Play

High Halstow Memorial Hall Every

MONDAY 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop-in to this Stay and Play session for 0- 5year olds to enjoy fun activities with other families and to learn new skills with your child.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: St. James' Sure Start Children's Centre

St. James' Church of England Primary Academy High Street Isle of Grain ME3 0BS

01634 270341 E: childrenscentre@stjames.medway.sch.uk

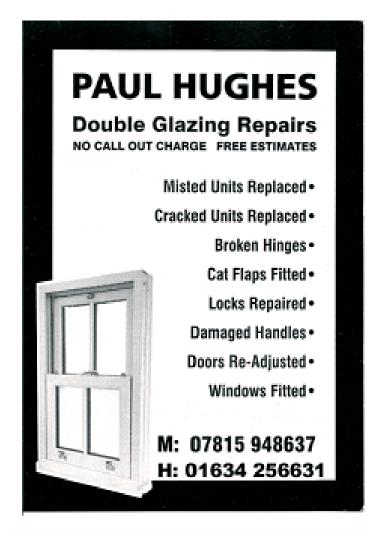
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Local Groups and the Website

You can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details. If your details need updating with either dates or details of events please let us know by emailing gary@highhalstow.org.uk. This can be used to keep your members informed and possibly attract new members to your group.

High Halstow Friendly Club

We meet at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month for 2hours in the Memorial Hall. Come along and join our friendly club.

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

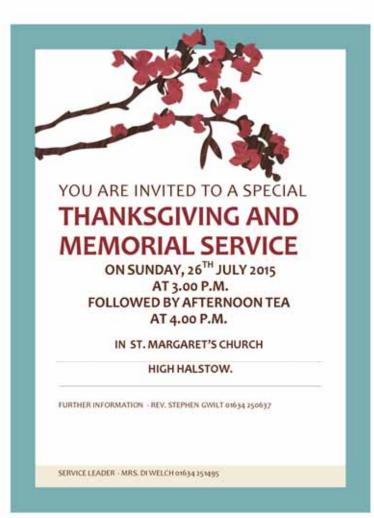
Mr S. Bailey - 27 Cooling Road

Mr J. Myatt - Decoy Hill Road

Mrs C. Peek - 2 Willowbank Drive

Mrs J. Collins - 6 Marsh Crescent





Armed Forces Day 27th June 2015

Free entry family fun day at Great Lines Heritage Park, Gillingham.

Display stands open to the public Armed Forces and Veterans Parade and Drumhead Service Beating Retreat

There will be bands, military displays and Royal Engineer trades village; concerts and arena displays; military bridge building competition; inter-service tug of war challenge; drive a digger; children's rides and an obstacle course; music and entertainment all day; Armed Forces charities; and food and drink stalls.

In conjunction with The Royal Engineers at Home.

No on-site public parking.



Consultation on Medway Council's charges for care and support

With more people living longer and the introduction of the Care Act, Medway Council will increasingly need to provide more care and support.

To make sure everyone can get the care and support they need, we are proposing some changes to the way we currently administer our service.

If you are **currently receiving care** from Medway Council or are a carer, you will not be affected by the changes (unless you move into residential care in the future) but you are welcome to respond to the consultation.

There are three main areas that we are consulting on:

- What administration charges we apply to people who can afford to pay in full for their own care at home
- · All services are charged for from the date that the support or care starts
- · Charges around Universal Deferred Payments Scheme.

Have your say

The consultation is running between 14 May and 15 June 2015. Please read the background papers first which are available on the Medway Council website on the following link:

www.medway.gov.uk/carehealthandsupport/socialcareconsultations.aspx

Results

All the responses to the consultation will be collated and analysed. A report on the findings will then go to Cabinet on 7 July 2015.

For information in a different format or if you have any questions about the consultation, email michelle.lofting@medway.gov.uk



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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

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

Barbecue for Sale

I am selling a barbecue. It's an Outback Charcoal Roaster 3000. It was £250 when new. It comes with a cover, several cooking tools and even a bag of charcoal! Any reasonable offers considered.

All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the HUGH Fund to help towards fitting the new kitchen in High Halstow's Village Hall. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you.

Chris Peek 2 WIllowbank Drive email chris.peek@lineone.net

Tel: 01634 252604

Mobile (text only) 07769 712390

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 9th 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

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.

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.

Next edition July 2015; Contributions for July should be sent by 24th June to:

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