



# High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

June 2016



*You are cordially invited to celebrate  
the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
on Saturday 11th June  
from 2pm to 9pm  
at the Village Hall & Recreation Ground*

*Have your photo taken with the Queen*

*See the 'March of the Scarecrows'*

**Craft  
Stalls**

**Face  
Painting**

**Teas &  
Coffee**

**Candy  
Floss**

**Karmann  
Dancers**

**Pony  
Rides**

**Live  
Music**

**Popcorn**

**Splat  
the Rat**

**Bar**

**Tack  
Stall**

**Food**



*The programme of events is being continually updated, so please  
visit [highhalstow.org.uk](http://highhalstow.org.uk) for more news and views*



THE QUEEN'S  
90TH BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION

## *Friendly Club*

Last month we heard all about Medical Detection Dogs. Sharon and her husband Brian came along with their dog Lucky who warns Brian when his blood sugar levels are too high or too low. We were all amazed by the ability of a dog's nose to detect minute changes in the breath and give a warning to its owner. They are also capable of detecting health problems such as cancer at a very early stage. Next month we meet on 22nd June at 2pm in the Memorial Hall when we will be having a bring and buy. All visitors are welcome, so come along and maybe bag a bargain.

## *Quiz Night*

It was the turn of Ian Stone's table to choose the charity for the April quiz. The recipient was The Milly Moo Foundation. This is a local charity which provides much needed holiday breaks for families with poorly children in Allhallows. We raised £214.00 which has been forwarded to the charity and a very nice certificate has been received back from them. The team to choose the charity for the May quiz is Diane McHale. I will let you know next month how much was raised and which charity the profit was donated to.



# HELP

Do you have an old working fridge or freezer that you no longer need ?

We desperately need a couple of replacement fridges and a freezer for the Garden Party in July.

If your able to help please contact Rev.Stephen Gwilt on 01634 250637

or  
stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk



## *Mast Update*

The Parish Council Planning committee met with Medway Council Planning and Developers today to discuss siting for the proposed mast. The developers are keen to work with the community to successfully bring a 4G mobile phone signal into the village.

They pointed out that we would almost certainly be getting another application to site a similar mast from the developers who have the contract to provide Emergency Services 4G cover for the whole country especially in rural areas. They also pointed out that it is possible for providers to share masts but this does require some negotiation between those providers.

We have suggested three possible alternatives:

- 1) Adjacent to the Village Hall.
- 2) Christmas Lane, just beyond the 30mph signs.
- 3) Highway land in the general area of the Vets and roundabout at the bottom of Christmas Lane.

The developers have agreed to look at each site in turn to assess its feasibility. They seemed most enthusiastic about "Highway land in the general area of the Vets at the bottom of Christmas Lane" but did add that for any alternative to be acceptable, it would need to be feasible. We will not know if any of the alternatives are feasible until the middle of June.

It is likely that the current planning application MC/16/1896, if not withdrawn to accommodate an alternative site, will go to the planning committee at the end of June 2016. It is therefore imperative we as individuals and as a community continue to make representation, either for or against, to the planning department by commenting via the council web site at:

[https://publicaccess.medway.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=\\_MEDWA\\_DCAPR\\_141917](https://publicaccess.medway.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=_MEDWA_DCAPR_141917)

Or by writing to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR quoting the reference number MC/16/1896.

**George Crozer**  
HH Parish Council

## *Dog Walkers*

Our rights of way and green spaces are for us all to enjoy. Please be aware that if you are exercising your dog it should be under control at all times, and it is your responsibility to clear up it's mess afterwards. Dog fouling is an eyesore, a serious health hazard and an environmental crime. Please clean up after your 4-legged friend.



## *Scarecrow Festival*

In recent months of the HHT you would have seen reference to the Scarecrow Festival which is to be part of the Queen's Birthday Bash. Well the time is getting closer and what we are looking for is the following:

- 1 4<sup>th</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> June – You place a scarecrow in your front garden for the rest of the village to admire and enjoy for the week.
- 2 On 11<sup>th</sup> June the scarecrow to make its way (you may have to help it) to the Recreation Ground where a suitable site will be made for the rest of the public to enjoy your handiwork.
- 3 We are looking for the rest of the community to show their appreciation for all of your efforts by placing a donation in the box in the shop which Bob has kindly allowed or paying a donation on the day.
- 4 In terms of rules there aren't any and it is left to your imagination as to what the scarecrow should look like. It could represent your local group, your family or anyone else come to that, the world is your oyster.

We hope you will enter into the spirit of the occasion either by erecting a scarecrow or by putting in a donation with all proceeds going to Friends of St Margaret's Church.



## *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 \*\***

## *Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors*

Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 from 10.30 – 12.00pm

and every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## *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.

## *Cooling Road Home Group*

Your readers will recall that, helped by their donations of wool, we have been sending blankets to several charities, including Morning Star, in South Africa.

Imagine how thrilled and delighted we were to receive a lovely letter of thanks from the latter, accompanied by photos of the children 'wearing' our High Halstow blankets, and would like to share these with you.



An email has since followed saying how much they would appreciate receiving more of our blankets so we would be most grateful if you could keep the wool coming!

Hazel Beringer  
Cooling Road Home Group  
(251135)

## ***Resume of The Parish Council Meeting Held On 11 May 2016***

The meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, where the Chairman is elected for the year and membership of committees and representation on other bodies is decided. George Crozer was re-elected Chairman. Cllr Williams was on holiday. The meeting was attended by Cllr Roy Freshwater of Medway Council and by 15 residents.

Stuart Bailey has resigned due to family and work commitments. I would like to thank him on behalf of everybody for his work for the Parish Council over the last few years, especially during the last year as Vice-chairman, for his expertise on planning matters and for his representation of the Parish Council on the Medway Area Committee of the Kent Association of Local Councils. Stuart's resignation has left us with a casual vacancy. If you're interested in joining the Parish Council, please see the notice elsewhere in High Halstow Times and on the noticeboards.

There were no nominations for the office of Vice-chairman. As not all members were present, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

The biggest issue was a planning application for a mobile phone mast right in the centre of the village, on the grass between Eden Road and The Street. Naturally the residents of Eden Road who would be directly affected by the mast being sited in front of their houses were not at all happy with the proposal. However, everyone agreed that a mast was needed somewhere in the village as mobile phone signals are poor, but that this was in totally the wrong place. A mast here could scarcely be more prominent. George is in talks with the planning case officer and the applicant to see if an alternative less sensitive site can be found.

Fencing was high on the agenda. The fence round the cricket pitch is repeatedly being vandalised and this time it will cost nearly £750 to repair. This, don't forget, comes out of *your* purse through the parish precept raised through the council tax. That's about £1 per household. The other fence is one that has been erected by a householder adjacent to the Recreation Ground, near the all-weather path. She says it is on her boundary as shown on her title deeds and that the previous fence had been erected within her boundary. This is being investigated as to the correct boundary between this property and the Recreation Ground.

The old climbing frame in the playpark is the only item of play equipment that was not replaced a few years ago. It was decided in principle that this will now be replaced. Cllr Chris Watson is doing the research and seeking grants towards the cost. If you can help with this, please contact Chris. Every penny is helpful and even a small donation will go towards making this possible. Also in the playpark, new swing seats will shortly be installed and minor repairs will be made to the safety surfaces. The vandalised litter bin has also been replaced. This is another cost to residents generally.

A complaint was made about the inconsiderate parking at school times now that the pedestrian crossing has been put in. The pedestrian crossing was achieved by a combination of pressure from parents and the Parish Council for the safety of all. That the regulations attached are being abused is a sad reflection on some people. Please be aware the parking enforcement unit has visited and at least one ticket has been issued.

Finally, preparations for the event to be held in June to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday are well in hand. Enjoy!

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Memorial Hall at 8 pm. You are all welcome to attend.

### ***Village Hall Quizathon***

The next quiz to be held in the Village Hall will be on Friday 15th July, starting at 7:30pm.

Please save the date, and come along and have fun with your family and friends, whilst helping raise funds for the Village Hall.

Tables can be booked with Margaret on 07702 196179 / 01903 304953 or Lesley on 250276.

### ***Calling all Local Groups***

We can advertise your activities on the Parish Council website if you give us details. See if the details are correct or missing. If you want any changes please email [gary@highhasltow.org.uk](mailto:gary@highhasltow.org.uk) with your updates. The page to be updated is as follows: [highhalstow.org.uk/local-groups](http://highhalstow.org.uk/local-groups)

### ***Vegetation***

The Parish Council is asking people who have shrubs/trees overhanging on to public walkways if they would mind cutting back in order for people to walk unhindered. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ***Thefts from Sheds and Outhouses***

Please be aware that thefts from sheds and outhouses have been reported recently on the peninsula and the Parish Council have been asked to remind people to lock up securely to make it more difficult for would be thieves.

**HH Parish Council**

***High Halstow Village Hall  
Finance Report  
2015/16***

**Profit And Loss Account – General Account**

Increased booking has seen the income for the General Account rise by £2,600. Income from general bookings, not including the Doctors Rent for the Surgery, is up 16%. In 2015/16 hall fees were not increased so all of this increase is down to increased usage, which shows the improvements that have been carried out have brought in new streams of income.

With regard to expenditure, the main reporting item is that electricity costs are lower this year due to overestimating the charge that needed to be accrued at the end of last year.

As a result of this the Hall Committee were able to transfer a further £2,000 in addition to the Doctors Rent to the HUGH Fund whilst leaving a reasonable working balance for the main hall. Historically we have had a working balance of up to £3,000 and this year we will have just under £4,500. I suspect that this is the healthiest balance the Hall has ever had.

**HUGH Fund**

The HUGH Fund obtains its funds from the following sources:

- Fund Raising
- Contributions from the General Account
- Donations

We have a number of regular fund raising activities under the banner of the HUGH Fund including the following:

- Quizathons; which are always popular
- Golf Tournament; which continues to grow
- Sale of High Halstow calendars
- Various Bars

This source of income increased by 42% last year and the monies raised was used on Phase Three.

As previously reported all the income from the Doctors Surgery is transferred to the HUGH Fund in order to service the outstanding loan from Phase One. As mentioned earlier a further £2,000 was able to be transferred in 2015/16 due to increased lettings. Again this money was spent on Phase Three.

We have been extremely lucky this year that we have received over £31,000 in donations. Not only did this allow the kitchen works to be finished in Phase Three, this has allowed Phase Four works to be commissioned in full and this will be undertaken in the coming year. Thank you all so much for these donations, I promise you it is appreciated and I hope this means that we are doing something right. In terms of unspent monies from the HUGH Fund as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, we have £30,292.

***Gary Thomas  
High Halstow Village Hall Treasurer***

***High Halstow Gardeners Club***

Our plant sale in May was a pleasant social evening with members able to bring and buy plants which successfully resulted in swelling the club's funds.

Bob Ogley will talk to us on 14<sup>th</sup> June on the Spirit of Invicta at our monthly meeting. This should be an interesting talk and visitors would be welcome to join us for this meeting at a cost of £1.50.

The schedule for the Annual Show on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August has been published giving details of the classes and exhibits for vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arrangements, cookery, arts & crafts. The show is open for non-members to exhibit and if you would like a copy of the schedule, please contact [hhdgc@outlook.com](mailto:hhdgc@outlook.com).



## ***Friends of St Margaret's Finance Report 2015/16***

I am going to try and not repeat myself too much from the Chairman's Report but feel I need to comment on the financial statements circulated as follows:



### **Subscriptions**

We started the year with twenty two monthly subscriptions and although we lost one we gained another two leaving the monthly subscriptions at twenty three. We are currently receiving £160 per month from these monthly subscriptions. In addition we have a further three people who paid annually. We have submitted all the paperwork regarding Gift Aid and this will be reflected in next years accounts.

### **Fund Raising Events**

The Friends raised money from the Christmas Tree Festival and Cake Festival. The Tree Festival is more about raising awareness and is well received within the community as attendance shows, The Cake Festival I believe can still grow and become a regular feature with the Village calendar.

In addition we have been fortunate that Ray Collins has gone out of his way to sell Christmas cards destined for this purpose. The annual visit from Santa Claus also produced nearly £1000 to the accounts.

### **Balances**

The amount at the end of the year amounts to £8,223 with half of this being earmarked for the roof replacement when due. The other monies are available for the PCC to approach us for funding.

### **Investment of Funds**

At last years meeting it was agreed to approach Medway Council in order to invest the funds with them at 0.5% above base rate but unfortunately they were not able to offer this and the committee decided not to invest and this is to be brought back to this years AGM for consideration for the coming year.

### **Way Forward for 2016/17**

An idea only given to me last week was to seek permission from the PCC so that we can advertise on a wall the ability to make a contribution to the Friends by showing the bank details as there maybe people willing to make a one of donation rather than being regular subscribers. From this meeting I will look to have this carried out as soon as possible.

I have already mentioned the various festivals, Tree and Cake. There will be a third one this year with the March of the Scarecrows which will feature as part of the Queens Birthday Celebrations. We hope you can join in .

I have also been approached by Maggie Ryan on behalf of the Cuxton Music Group who wish to put on a performance on July 13<sup>th</sup>. I would like to express my thanks for this kind offer and the full details of this are in the High Halstow Times.

Although to be honest this group is slowly building funds, I have always believed that we would be able to attract other people supporting us once we have projects identified by the PCC. To that aim I will be advertising the fact the next project the PCC will be requesting support will be in relation to the state of the electrics.

**Gary Thomas**  
**Treasurer**

***Friends of St Margaret's  
Annual General Meeting***

Following the recent Annual General Meeting the committee for the coming year will be as follows:  
Fred Beringer, Wendy Brunt, June Collins, George Crozer, Mike Meredith, Lesley Munday, Ann Smith, Gary Thomas, Di Welch.

### **A Reminder of How To Join**

Although in the past we had accepted requests for people to pay an annual fee in one go, it was not clear enough to all that this was the case, so just to be clear you could pay as follows:

- Monthly Standing Order
- One off Annual Fee

Forms are available on  
<http://thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk> or from any Committee member.


## High Halstow Hikers

In early May, fifteen of the Hikers made a journey to northwest Norfolk to do 2 walks over what was fortunately a very sunny weekend– the warmest of the year so far. It was particularly good to reacquaint with the Fletchers who had driven up from Devon. Our first walk was through the RSPB reserve at Snettisham, a village close to Sandringham. This takes you through a set of lakes to the beach on the eastern side of the Wash. We timed the walk to be in the late afternoon as recommended by RSPB to coincide with a spring-tide and experience the so-called “wader spectacular”. As the water races in across the vast mudflats the incoming tide forces 10,000’s of waders feeding out on the mud to take to the air and perform very impressive flight formations, on this occasion glinting in the early evening sun. As the mud became increasingly flooded large groups sped at low level over our heads to the gravel pits behind. The walk back to the cars worked up a thirst and appetite that was satisfied by drinks and excellent food at the Rose-and-Crown in Snettisham, the 2015 UK pub of the year.

The next morning we ventured a little further north, just beyond Hunstanton, to start our walk from Holme-next-the-Sea, a very attractive small village that is set nicely between the main coast road and the sea. We followed a route named “Blood-and-Sand” by a local walking group although we never quite worked out the “blood” part. The walk took us through a small nature reserve to the dunes that edge much of that coast to reach the beach that stretched into the distance because of the low tide. The walk to the west eventually took us through gathering groups of sunbathers to the strange multi-coloured cliffs at Hunstanton and shortly afterwards to welcome refreshment on the lawn of the Ancient Mariners looking out over the sea. The route back to Holme took us along the edge of the golf course on the left and past a beautifully clear, flowing stream on the right on which we passed many families of ducklings hurrying across the top of the water to the safety of mum and dad. At the end of the varied walk of about 5.5 miles there was unanimous agreement that the trip to Norfolk had been very worthwhile.

Our June walk will be on Sunday 12th June (NOT Saturday 11th so that we can avoid HH’s celebration of Queen’s 90th birthday). The plan is to have a BBQ on the shingle beach of St Mary’s Bay; this is best done close to high-tide which means an afternoon walk starting at 3.00 from St Mary’s Hoo. Please park close to the farm (ME3 8RW) which is the first building in the village when you turn left up Hall Road from the Ratcliffe Highway on the way to Allhallows. Bring whatever you wish to cook. The walk will be about 5 miles in total. Because of holidays the next two walks will be later in the months at 10.00 on Sunday’s 17th July and 21st August. The first of these will be around Westerham close to Chartwell (Churchill’s country house). All are welcome on the walks.

Any queries to [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) 01634-254428.



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**The Memorial Hall**  
**10am - 2pm**

Saturday 4th June  
 Sunday 10th July  
 Saturday 13th August  
 Sunday 11th September  
 Sunday 9th October  
 Sunday 13th November\*  
 \*12noon - 3pm  
 Sunday 11th December

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- Fuel, power and starter pack for open fire (October-March) inc. in rent
- Further fuel for fire available to purchase locally
- Bed linen and towels inc. in rent
- Off road parking for 1 car
- Lawned garden with furniture opposite cottage across road
- One well-behaved dog welcome
- Sorry, no smoking
- Shop and pub 1 mile.

The cottage is advertised with Sykes Cottages (<http://www.sykescottages.co.uk/cottage/Cornwall-Fivelanes/Laburnum-Cottage-935455.html>)

Alternatively I live in the village and will be able to offer a discounted rate if you contact me directly on: Andy 01634 936095  
 Mobile: 07958 604268





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



**Bumps to Toddlers**  
 at High Halstow Village Hall  
**Monday**  
**9am-10.30am**

For pregnant women and children from birth to toddler stage.

This session includes sensory fun, introducing solid food, stories & rhymes, tummy time, staying safe and much more!

Come along and meet other parents and their babies.

Self baby weighing is also available in this session.

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](mailto:childrenscentre@stjames.medway.sch.uk)  
[www.stjamesisleofgrain.org.uk](http://www.stjamesisleofgrain.org.uk)

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## Dates for Diary

### Every Monday:

Bumps & Toddler's

09:00

Village Hall

### Every Tuesday:

King's Kitchen

10:00

Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30

St Margaret's

Church

### Every Wednesday:

Stay & Play

09:00

Village Hall

### Every Thursday:

Mother and Toddler's

09:00

Memorial Hall

Sugar Babes

19:00

Memorial Hall

### Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers

09:00

Memorial Hall

Karate

09:30

Village Hall

### Every Sunday:

Déjà Vu Spiritual Centre

18:30

Village Hall

### Every 4th Wednesday:

Friendly Club

14:00

Memorial Hall

### Other Dates:

Wednesday 1st:

19:30

Women's Institute

Sunday 5th:

09:30

Memorial Hall

Sunday 5th:

10:00

Family Service

Tuesday 7th:

20:00

St. Margaret's Church

Wednesday 8th:

20:00

Tabletop Fair

Saturday 11th:

14:00 - 21:00

Memorial Hall

Gardening Club

Memorial Hall

Parish Council

Memorial Hall

Queens 90th

Celebrations

Recreation Ground

Sunday 12th:

High Halstow Hikers

Details in HHT

Sunday 19th:

09:30

Family Service

Friday 24th:

20:00

St. Margaret's Church

Quiz

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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**Wednesday  
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**For children 0-5 years.**

A wide range of activities for children and adults to get involved with including creative activities, physical activities and exploration.  
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St. James' Church of England Primary Academy High Street Isle of Grain ME3 0BS

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

www.stjamesisleofgrain.org.uk

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## Murder at Heronwood Falls Saloon



### Murder Mystery Evening

"Howdi Partner" you are invited to the Heronwood Falls Saloon to help us solve a murder!

Friday 23rd September 2016  
and

Saturday 24th September 2016

Doors @ 6:30pm

Show Starts prompt @ 7:30pm

(Please try to be seated by 7:00pm)

Tickets = £10.00\*  
including 3 course meal with licensed bar.

at High Halstow Recreation Hall  
Tickets available from Wenda on 253169

Hosted by the HH Village Hall Committee  
in partnership with Dramarama

\* Tickets will not be available on the night.



**NEW Fitness class starts 6th June**

**High Halstow Village Hall**



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**A New Fitness Class  
"Seated Exercises"**

**Thursday Morning 11:30am - 12:15pm  
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**Come and join us...No Lycra Necessary!!!**

**Phone Wendy (255366) or  
Ann (251914) for more info.**

*High Halstow Stitchers  
in  
The Memorial Hall*

*1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays in each month 12-2pm*

*A chance to learn a new skill involving Stitches  
of all types from friendly, like minded  
ladies and to pass on any skills you may have.*

*Quilting - X Stitching - Patchwork - Knitting  
Sewing in General etc.*

*Come along and join us.*



**High Halstow Toddler Group**

*Term time only*

**Thursday mornings**

**9-11**

**In**

**The Memorial Hall**

*From birth - 5 years*

**If you are a Mummy, Daddy, Grandparent or Carer please come  
along for a chat and some homemade cake whilst your children  
play!**

**Just £2 a  
session**

**For More Information Please Contact Emma**

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## Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

These Summer months, with their longer days and lighter evenings are so welcome, giving plenty of scope to 'do things'. However, later in the year, when the clocks go back and the dark hours return to limit our options you may start to think about what and how to spend some of your precious 'free' time. Recently, and after many years, I was able to play a little Whist and enjoyed it so much I would like to take it up again. So, I now wonder if there are others who miss playing, or would want to learn, perhaps meeting once a month for a friendly game (and here I emphasise the word friendly). Please give it some thought and I will write again later in the year to ask if anyone is interested.

**Christine Wilson**

**The Friends of St Margaret's  
are pleased to present**

**The Cuxton Music Group**

**Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup>  
8:00pm at St Margaret's Church**

**Tickets from the Village Shop  
Price £6.00**

**Refreshments will be available on the night**

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## High Halstow Parish Council

[www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)

### VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

**There is a vacancy on the Parish Council  
which will be filled by co-option.**

**Applications should be made in writing, by letter or email, either to the Clerk to the Council or to the Chairman, accompanied by a brief CV and outlining why you are applying and what you can bring to the Council. Should there be more than one applicant, informal interviews will be held.**

**For further information or to discuss what is involved, please contact the Clerk or the Chairman**

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## Help us to Celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday

A time to come together and give thanks for our wonderful Queen and for her faithful service.

Have you met the Queen in person? We would love to hear from you, maybe you can share your experience with us.

Contact Rev Stephen Gwilt

On 01634 250 637  
Or  
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**Sunday 12th June**

**High Halstow 9:30am  
Allhallows 11:00am**

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