



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



July 2013

High Halstow Charity Fun Day

in aid of **JDRF** IMPROVING
LIVES.
CURING
TYPE 1
DIABETES.

Saturday 21st September 2013



*An extravaganza to equal last
year's Jubilee Celebrations*

Mad Hatter's Tea Party for Children

Stalls / Barbecue / Cricket / Prizes

Live Music / Licensed Bar / Hat Parade

Childrens' Games / Dancing / Competitions

and much much more.....

*Put the date in the diary and watch out
for further details in next month's HHT.*

RSPB Statement on Lodge Hill

RSPB urges Medway Council to end plan to build on nationally-important wildlife site. The RSPB is urging Medway Council to reconsider its criticised proposals to build 5000 homes on a nationally important site for wildlife.

The appeal follows a letter from the Planning Inspector to the council, which finds Medway Council's Core Strategy (for housing development) unsound because Lodge Hill proposals are inconsistent with national planning guidance (the National Planning Policy Framework).

Commenting on the situation this morning, Martin Harper, the RSPB's Director of Conservation, said: "The leaders of Medway Council need to stop wasting time and money and identify alternative sites for development which will provide homes and jobs for the people of Medway, whilst protecting the environment for those people and for future generations."

Earlier this year, Natural England notified Lodge Hill - a former military training school in North Kent - as a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of its importance for nightingales and rare plants. The site has been identified as one of the most important in the country for nightingales. Martin Harper added: "This is not a case of wildlife versus jobs and houses. We perfectly understand Medway Council's desire to create employment and homes for the people of North Kent.

However, the Government's own guidance is perfectly clear: housing shouldn't be proposed for nationally-important wildlife sites before alternatives have been considered. "It is difficult to see how any rational planning authority could grant consent for a planning application, now that a government inspector has made it clear that the proposal is against national planning policy. We think now is the time to draw a line under the Lodge Hill proposal." The RSPB has worked closely alongside the Medway Countryside Forum and Kent Wildlife Trust in opposing the development of this site.

Memorial Hall AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 16th July 2013 at 7 30 pm. All are welcome to attend to express any suggestions for improvements they think are required.

Resume of the Parish Council Meeting

12th June 2013

The June meeting was attended by several parishioners, most of whom had come to discuss with the Parish Council their proposals for a football team to play in the village once again. The discussion was positive, but they had not realised that there were no longer changing facilities in the Memorial Hall and due to league rules this may prove to be a stumbling block. It was recommended to them that they should speak to the Memorial Hall Committee.

There were also discussions with members of the public about a party in the park event, similar to last year's Jubilee event.

A hole has been dug out of the safety wetpour under one of the pieces of play equipment in the fenced playpark. This had compromised the safety of the playpark. However, by the time you read this, it should have been dealt with – but the cost is a drain on the Parish Council's resources and without this vandalism, would have been unnecessary.

A resident of an adjoining village has asked to install a memorial bench to his late wife on Forge Common. Their children attended our primary school. Councillors were minded to allow this but a resident of High Halstow was vociferous that this should not be allowed to residents of another parish. No written details of the request have so far been received.

The new (to us) bus shelters are now installed. There is no shelter available for the stop in Christmas Lane at Gypsy Way, due to costs of removal of the old shelters and installation of the new, together with the legal costs incurred over the old shelter opposite Longfield Avenue. It is recognised that a path is needed to the stop itself and we are pursuing this with Medway Council.

Points made at the Parish Council Surgeries held during the King's Kitchen sessions once a month included the nuisance of cars parking on pavements, especially near the Red Dog. There have been requests for a football cage, skateboard facility, enclosed youth shelter and for a minibus to Bluewater. Following on from this, the production of a Neighbourhood Plan would establish needs for the village as a whole. Later in the year we will be inviting someone from Action with Communities in Rural Kent to explain all about it – what it is, how it's done and its future impact on the village.

Finally, a request to residents to cut back any hedges overhanging the footpaths. The paths are quite narrow in many places and it's not pleasant while walking along to be attacked by someone's hedge, especially if prickly or wet.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10 July 2013 at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Afternoon Tea in Memory of Grace Milner

Grace Milner sadly passed away recently. Grace was a supporter of village activities such as the Farmers Market and all charity fundraising for the Memorial Hall, especially the Macmillan Coffee morning, and had lived in High Halstow for most of her 93 years. Grace's family were sorry not to be able to spend time with her village friends who attended her funeral, so would like to take this opportunity to invite them and anyone else who knew Grace to join them for afternoon tea in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 18th August at 3 pm. If you have any photographs including Grace please bring them along.

High Halstow Cricket Club – June 2013

The improvement in the weather this month has not helped the 1st and 2nd XIs improve their results, which have been very disappointing. However, with so many young players turning out on a regular basis there is hope that increased experience will turn the tide. Unfortunately, in common with at least one other club in our league, we have had to withdraw from 3rd XI cricket for the rest of this season. It is hoped to return to 3 teams in 2014 as new members join the club, and some of the "short term retirees" return to active service.

The good news comes from the Colts, and particularly the U13s who, at the time of writing have won all 8 of the games they have played. Hopes are high for further progress into the league play-offs and to the final rounds of the cup competition. Congratulations to all concerned.

Carl Dockwray, our current Chairman, has introduced sessions of cricket for all children under the age of 11, held on Friday evenings from 6 p.m. These are designed to introduce the game to novices, some as young as 5, using a softball and to be fun. The more the merrier, so please come and join in!

David Laphorn

Life President HHCC

Allotments

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. Although there are currently no vacant allotments, there is also no one on the waiting list. Should you wish to be put on the waiting list please can you contact me (Chris Watson) on 256529 or email me at chris.watson123@btinternet.com.

High Halstow & District Gardening Club

It has been a busy time during the past few weeks. At the end of May, some of our members visited the Houses of Parliament and were given an interesting and entertaining tour. We then travelled by boat on the Thames to the Cutty Sark to visit the renovated ship in its new enclosed mooring.

Following a magical mystery tour through the Kent countryside near Canterbury, we enjoyed an evening tour of the garden at Old Bladbean Stud. Carol Bruce, the owner gave us a personal tour of her delightful garden explaining her philosophy of how a garden should be designed and cultivated. The weather was fine and the evening was rounded off by tea and cakes – a perfect summer evening.

Sue Marshall of Iris of Sissinghurst shared her passion for growing irises at our June meeting and illustrated the diversity and durability of irises in most gardens.

We have Steve Weller of Kent Chilli Farms speaking at our meeting on Tuesday 9th July and he will advise on growing and the use of chillies with tasters and samples of chilli produce.

Prior to last year, individual petunia plants were given to members to nurture for showing at the Annual Show but it was decided instead to provide plants for the three village sign sites. Many thanks to the members for their hard work in recently clearing the areas and planting petunias which should give a colourful display.

We meet most months on the second Tuesday at 8.00pm at the Memorial Hall normally for a talk followed by tea and coffee. If you have not renewed your annual membership, please contact Margaret Shuter to pay your £5 annual membership fee.

The Annual Show is on Saturday 24 August and both members and non-members are welcome to enter exhibits. If you would like a copy of the schedule which gives details of the classes for vegetables, flowers, domestic, arts and crafts, photos and children's exhibits, please contact Ingrid or George, the Show Secretaries on 01634 221579.

The Village Shop

Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm

Sunday 8am – 2pm

Telephone number: 01634 254561

Jazz Festival

Over £550 was raised from the event this year, which was a terrific start to the fund raising for 2013.

The weather held off long enough to allow the performance to be played in the Rectory Garden, which made it a great location for the event to be held.

Terrific performances from both Chris Irvine and Chris Buckwell entertained the audience and the refreshment area was kept steadily busy through the night

Many thanks to all the people who supported this event and again many thanks to both Chris's who gave their time free of charge.

Friends of St. Margarets



More pictures at
www.thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk

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.



**VINYASA YOGA IN HIGH HALSTOW –
5.30pm – EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Memorial Hall, beginners and intermediate very welcome. £5, no need to prebook. Please come along in your comfortable loose clothing and enjoy an hour just for you, mats and equipment provided.

Often starting with a joint warm up and then on to Sun Salutations (a sequence of set poses which flow from one to the next and are repeated), moving on to standing poses, hip openers, and balance. Then introducing core work and back strengthening, followed by seated poses and hamstring stretches before relaxation.

The word Vinyasa means breath-synchronized movement. So do expect movement, not just stretching. The class is energetic and dynamic and is also alignment orientated with each asana or posture being completed with an inhale or exhale. Given this, it is more fitness based and can be handy with weight loss.

Vinyasa brings a sense of calm, revitalising the body and mind with graceful movement and powerful postures, building strength, flexibility and increased energy levels.

Youth Questionnaire

We are working with Medway Council to see what other activities may be made available to the youth of the village. It was intended for a questionnaire to be included to assist with this process but this was not ready when this month's edition was printed. Please keep an eye on the two Notice Boards and Parish website for details of the questionnaire as we anticipate this will be out shortly.

Parish Council

2013 Photographic Competition



The High Halstow Photographic Competition has been running now for the past 4 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.

There are no restrictions this year with regards to previous winners, and 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 2013.

If you are a member of a group in High Halstow, why not send photos from an event you organised, i.e. Dramarama Summer Show, the Gardening Club, High Halstow Hikers etc. They would make great additions to the calendar produced at the end of the year, and you may win a prize for your efforts.

HH Parish Council

Table Top Sale

The Table Top Sale/Boot Fair scheduled for July has had to be cancelled due to the work on the hall. We hope to re-schedule the event later in the year.

Bel Shearman

Rectors Sabbatical

During the months of August, September and October I will be taking three months sabbatical or Extended Ministerial Development Leave. This is a three-month period working away from parish ministry and will involve theological study, as well as a period of retreat and spiritual renewal.

This is a biblical concept rooted in scripture particularly in the book of Genesis. "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

So God illustrates the natural rhythm of six days working, one day off. Later, in Leviticus the Israelites are told to let the land rest one year out of every seven. "When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a Sabbath to the LORD. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of Sabbath rest, a Sabbath to the LORD".

This is a recognition by God that we all need times of quiet, a break from our normal day to day busyness to reflect upon what God is calling us to do and take stock of our lives. Within the Church of England it is recommended that full time Parish clergy take 3 months extended leave every 8 years in order to refresh themselves physically, take time to do some extended study that will help to sustain their future ministry and reflect spiritually on their ministry and their relationship with the Lord. Having been in full time ministry now for almost 25 years this will be my first sabbatical leave. I will not be available at all during my Sabbatical leave and the Parish will be looked after by the church wardens and the lay ministry team with other local clergy coming to help out with communion services, baptisms and weddings. The first point of contact will be the church wardens:

At High Halstow the church wardens are John Myatt (256185) and June Collins (250105).

At Allhallows the church wardens are Richard Yelton (270093) and Shirley Brown (271385).

The lay ministry team are: Gill Ellen (253059), Richard Carter (363514), Di Welch (251495), Terry Burton (252076) and Sheila Marchant (250503).

I would like to say a big thank you to them and to the congregation as a whole who have made this possible for me.

Regards
Rev. Stephen Gwilt

Bus Shelters

Questions have been raised about the choice of bus shelters in Eden Road and Britannia Road and the answers are as follows:

Eden Road

Medway Council offered the Parish Council an opportunity to replace the bus shelter rather than repair the one that was there. The Parish Council took Medway Council up on their offer and we only had to pay for the installation of the newer one, and although it needs painting, it is in a far better condition than the previous one.

Britannia Road

The bus shelter that had been there for the previous 30 years was unfortunately on land that did not belong to the Parish Council and after legal action the Parish Council were instructed to move this shelter or be responsible for further legal costs and damages. The old shelter took up too much room and therefore permission to put this on the pavement would not be given. We are sure you would understand that we could not have people forced into the road to pass the shelter should they have a pushchair or pram etc. Medway Council again kindly offered to swap a spare shelter they were going to place elsewhere for our old one with again the Parish Council being responsible for the cost of installation. The alternative was to have just a bus stop there and no shelter at all so the Parish Council accepted the offer as some protection from the elements would be better than none.

Parish Council

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.

Parking on Kerbs

Complaints have been received by the Parish Council on the number of cars parked on the kerb, which is causing issues for pedestrians. Medway Council is aware of the issue on the peninsula as a whole and are considering random patrols of the smart car to issue tickets. We would prefer no penalties are issued so the Parish Council is asking people to park properly in order to avoid the issues.

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.

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PROJECT 90

**90 minutes spent improving
the village**

**The next Project 90 will be
Saturday 13th July
8:30am - 10:00am**

Village Hall Car Park

Dramarama Late Summer Show

Due to the refurbishment of the hall the postponed summer show will now be on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September 2013. This years' show will feature extracts'

from the musical Cats, a condensed Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and lots of comedy sketches, songs and dances, ticket details will be available in next months HHT, but please reserve the date.



HIGH HALSTOW & DISTRICT
GARDEN CLUB



ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

RECREATION HALL

HIGH HALSTOW

VEGETABLES, FLOWERS,
DOMESTIC, ARTS & CRAFTS, ETC

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON

MEMBERS

BENCHING OF EXHIBITS 9.30 TO 11.20 AM

OPEN TO PUBLIC 3.00 PM

REFRESHMENTS RAFFLE TOMBOLA

FULL SHOW SCHEDULE FROM SHOW

SECRETARIES 01634 221579

Joyous June

The bells rang out at the WI birthday meeting last month. A lovely evening enjoyed and shared with friends from other groups. A hand bell ringing team showed off their skills and then got some 12 ladies to join them. They had them playing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star in no time, albeit with a few mistakes.

Cardiff was terrific, good weather and great company. The conference was long and busy but ended on a high with guest speakers Griff Rhys-Jones and John Humphries.

Several of our ladies spent the day at Aylesford Priory celebrating 95 years of the WI in West Kent. There were lots to see and do and we were blessed with great weather.

Next month we have the next round of the County Darts tournament at Ryarsh, and a trip to Greenwich.

Our meeting is on July 3rd when we have a return visit from a lovely lady June Faulkner, talking about her experiences as a WW11 evacuee. Meeting starts at 7:30 and visitors are very welcome.

Margaret Whitebread

High Halstow Hikers

Our June walk was from the car park at Holly Hill close to the top of Birling Hill. This starting point supplies walkers with many options through the surrounding woodland including stretches of both the North Downs Way and the Wealdway. We chose to go North to Luddesdown along good tracks through the woods and then across open fields that are so flinty that it seems remarkable that they can be ploughed let alone used for crops. The view of the old buildings at Luddesdown Court as we approached the village must be one of the most attractive in the area and reminiscent of medieval times. The walking was relatively easy on the legs with just a few relatively gentle slopes at least by the route we chose. The relatively cool temperature for June actually made for very comfortable walking through this piece of largely unspoilt countryside.

Alan Marshall will lead a local walk on Sunday 14th July. This will be of 6-7 miles across the fields and marshes around Stoke and will start from outside the church on The Street in Upper Stoke at 10.00am.

For further details please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or on 01634 254428.

If there are any concerns on the day that conditions might mean the walk cannot proceed please call the same number.

Share your Thoughts, Ideas and Comments.

Do you have a story about the history of the Village, did you go to or know anything about the old school, can you tell us a story about a picture in the Memorial Hall? Would you like to promote an event or club within the village. Is there something concerning High Halstow that you would like to share with everyone. Then please write to the editor (address as shown on the back page) or e.mail your article/letter and we will share your thoughts with the village/world.

Booking The Hall

The Hall Committee is looking to increase the usage of the Hall after Phase 2 of the refurbishment is completed in September. If you are interested in hiring the hall please contact Crystal on 251849.

High Halstow Charity Fun Day – 21st September 2013

With the help of many of the village's clubs and organisations, the little seed of an idea to raise money for JDRF through a one day cricket competition has developed into the major event that you have read and heard about in recent weeks. You will see and hear a lot more in the build up to 21st September, when we hope that everyone will come out to enjoy themselves throughout the day, in addition to supporting local groups and the main charity.

Apart from the Grand Draw, tickets for which will be available shortly from various outlets in the community, one of the highlights will be an auction of sports related items which will be held at the cricket pavilion between the end of the cricket and the start of the evening entertainment. Lots already to hand include a golf day for four at the prestigious Bearwood Club in Berkshire, and similar event at the London Club. Players need to have a handicap of 24 or better. Opportunities to play on these championship courses do not arise very often, so we are expecting a high level of interest. There will be a wide range of lots with a range of values. One of the joys of an auction is that anyone can pick up a bargain, in the knowledge that, in this instance, every penny of the money will be going to JDRF. Full details of the lots will be available in advance of the auction.

Anyone requiring a supply of tickets for the Draw to sell within their own circle of connections, please contact me at 9, Marsh Crescent or on 250334.

David Lapthorn



The Garden Party 2013

Starts 12 noon 6th July

The Rectory Garden, High Halstow



BARBECUE



**Bouncy Castle, Skittles, Cream Teas,
Strawberries, Death slide, Games,
Shooting Range, Thomas The Tank
Engine Rides, Coconut Shy, Books, Live
Animals, Karmen Dancers, Live Music,
Water Slide, and lots of fun and games**



**With free concert from the
Stompers Jazz starting at 3:00pm**



Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

Chris Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 9th July 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



High Halstow Cookery Book

Dear Mums, Dads, Cooks, Chefs, anyone who cooks! I have not received any recipes for the second edition of the village recipe book. I know we are all busy with everyday tasks but please try to find a ten minute gap and send me your recipe. Maybe you could leave the entry to your children, I am sure we would get some surprising and amusing results if you were to ask them their favourite meal or treat. I hope the book won't be just me and the dogs, their meals don't vary much from day to day! I look forward to receiving your entries, if you prefer to leave the photo of yourself out then that's fine! Please send to:

Jeanette.dowsett@btopenworld.com

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:

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

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



St. Margaret's Churchyard Clean up day



July 27th

**Starts 9:30am everyone welcome,
come and enjoy some great
community spirit, and maybe
even a cup of tea !**

**Contact Rev Stephen Gwilt
on 01634 250637 for more details**



High Halstow 2013/14 Budget

Please find below the revised budget for the coming year which encompasses all the balances brought forward from last years accounts.

HH Parish Council.

High Halstow Budget 2013/14

<u>Budget Heading</u>	<u>2013/14 Revised Budget</u>	<u>2013/14 Revised Budget</u>
<u>Personnel Expenses</u>		
Clerks Fees	5,212	
Clerks Expenses	600	
Street Cleaning Wages	14,172	
Handyman's Wages	500	
Employees Tax & NI	2,664	
Street Cleaners Expenses	200	
Handyman reimburseable expenses	150	
Training	150	
Payroll Clerk	200	
Sub Total	23,848	
<u>Administration</u>		
Insurance	2,000	
Audit Fee	561	
Telephone	326	
Subscriptions	650	
Chairmans Allowance	400	
Hall Hire	200	
Clerks Administration Costs	600	
Other Admin Fees	300	
Publications	50	
Web Site	100	
Election	2,000	
Sub Total	7,187	
Rent		
Garage Rent	832	
Sub Total	832	
<u>Grants</u>		
Section 137	500	
Other Grants	500	
Sub Total	1,000	
<u>High Halstow Times</u>		
Printing	6,972	
Editor	100	
Sub Total	7,072	
<u>Green Spaces</u>		
Grass Cutting Contract	17,302	
Green Spaces - Other	4,000	
Sub Total	21,302	
<u>Playground</u>		
ROSPA Inspection	130	
Playground Maintenance	500	
Playground Equipment	5,000	
Sub Total	5,630	
<u>Highways/Footpaths</u>		
Bus Shelter Legal Costs	2,000	
Bus Shelter maintenance	1,000	
Speedwatch/Gating	5,000	
Sub Total	8,000	
<u>Trailer</u>		
Trailer Maintenance		250
Sub Total		250
<u>Village Projects</u>		
Village Hall		14,441
Church		4,635
Notice Board Maintenance		100
Project Day		250
Cricket Fence		250
Youth Projects		6,000
Airport Contingency		3,500
Events 2013/14		1,000
All Weather Path		5,000
Dog Bins		500
Legal Expenses - Land Registry		3,000
Sub Total		38,676
<u>Contingency</u>		
Working Contingency		1,500
Long Term Contingency		41,068
Sub Total		42,568
Total Expenditure		74,871
<u>Income</u>		
Precept		-40,000
Bank Interest		-550
Rural Liaison		-2,036
High Halstow Times Advertising Inco		-900
Street Cleaning		-17,540
Grass Cutting Contract		-17,776
Allotments		-90
Other		
Recreation Ground - EDF Wayleave		-10
Sub Total		-78,902
Surpluses Brought Forward		
Long Term Contingency		-44,662
Speed Watch		-5,000
Youth		-4,000
Other		
Village Hall		-4,441
Church		-1,635
Airport Contingency		-3,500
All Weather Path		-3,000
Elections		-2,000
Bus Shelter Legal Costs		-2,000
VAT Recovered		-7,225
Sub Total		-77,463
Total Income		-156,365



Jonathan Computers

Contact Jonathan directly on the Office No: 01474 879878 or
Freephone: 0800 321 38 79 Mobile No: 07905 120 557
 Web: www.jonathancomputers.co.uk Email: sales@jonathancomputers.co.uk
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| <input type="radio"/> Make Win 8 Look like XP, Vista or 7 | <input type="radio"/> Reconditioned Pc's & Laptops |

Do you want some training on using a computer?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I Can offer help with One-To-One Training, Beginners to Advanced | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up Skype Accounts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up your Existing Emails Or create New Ones for you | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up the internet on New PC's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up New Pc's & Laptops (Even if purchased from elsewhere!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn eBay, Amazon Etc. |

**I Am Based In
High Halstow
So Can Be Quick
To Respond**

I will deal with you personally so I can provide you with the best service. I offer a fast and friendly service and explain any problems about your computer to you in an easy to understand way.

*Regards
Jonathan*



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 I am a skilled tradesman who lives in High Halstow and has learned many skills in my 29 year career. I am a clean and conscientious worker who respects other people's property. Some of my skills are listed below.

Electrics ~ Washing machines ~ Dish washers
 Roofing ~ Tiling ~ Carpentry ~ Facia and Soffits
 Flat pack furniture ~ Wood flooring ~ Gutters
 Curtain tracks/poles ~ Painting & Decorating ~ Drains
 Flat screen TV's ~ Plastering ~ Plumbing ~ Fencing
 Bathroom re-fits ~ Kitchen re-fits ~ Landscaping
 Insurance work undertaken
 Please contact me if the work you require is not listed or for free friendly advice
 Quotes available via phone or email for small jobs
 Hourly rate basis is £35.00 first hour
 Then £20 per hour thereafter
 Daily rates available on request
 References available
 No job too small

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PAUL HUGHES Double Glazing Repairs

NO CALL OUT CHARGE FREE ESTIMATES

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HH Village 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. Please note that there is now an RSS feed on the Parish Website where you can get automatic updates when the site is updated. Please visit www.highhalstow.org.uk and follow the instructions on the right hand side.

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.

Local Businesses

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the Business Page is back on the website. Should you wish to advertise your business please visit <http://highhalstow.org.uk/business-page> where you can find all the details of how to put your business on the site.



Lots of FUN for all

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Saturday 20 July 12 noon to 4 pm



Cake sale



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Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday:

King's Kitchen

10:00

Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30

St Margaret's Church

Every Wednesday:

Tai Chi

10:30

Memorial Hall

Yoga

17:30

Memorial Hall

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

Other Dates:

Wednesday 3rd:

19:30

Women's Institute

Memorial Hall

Saturday 6th:

12:00

Garden Party

Rectory Garden

Sunday 7th:

09:00

Family Service

St. Margaret's Church

Tuesday 9th:

20:00

Gardening Club

Memorial Hall

Wednesday 10th:

20:00

Parish Council

Memorial Hall

Saturday 13th:

08:30

Project 90

Village Hall Car Park

Sunday 14th:

High Halstow Hikers

Details in HHT

Wednesday 17th:

10:00

High Halstow Golf Open

Deangate Ridge G.C.

Sunday 21st:

09:00

Family Service

St. Margaret's Church

Friday 26th:

19:30

Quiz Night

Memorial Hall

Saturday 27th:

09:30

Church Yard Clean Up

St. Margaret's Church

September 21st:

High Halstow Charity

Fun Day


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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Note from the Editor

The High Halstow Times is a friendly point of contact and all views expressed are those of the individual. No letter will be published without the name and address of the writer being supplied to the editor, which will be published alongside the letter. If you have a matter for complaint, it should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, which meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome.

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Sunday Services

8:00am High Halstow

Holy Communion BCP

9:30am High Halstow

1st and 3rd Sundays All age worship

2nd and 5th Sundays morning prayer

4th Sunday Family Communion

6:30pm High Halstow

1st Sunday Holy Communion

2nd and 3rd Sundays Evening prayer BCP

4th Sunday Informal worship

5th Sunday Songs of Praise

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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Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day of judgment approaching. Heb 10:25

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For further information or to express an interest, please contact;

Mr B J Rance 01634 840 766 or 07876064777

Body Wellness Tai Chi is a well-established class that has been running since September 2012 with a dozen regular members so far. Members enjoy benefits such as improved breathing, flexibility and movement in friendly and familiar surroundings. It provides gentle but highly effective exercise for local residents in a convenient location. The instructor, Mr B.J. Rance, has been involved in martial arts and tai-chi for over 50 years. He has constructed a programme that suits the needs of his members and the club boasts a friendly and supportive atmosphere. It is a place to make friends with new people as well as see familiar faces. Mr Rance's class brings a specialist skill to our local population adding a new and interesting activity to the services already available in the village.

All Age Service

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First and third Sunday of the month

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For more info contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on 01634 250637

High Halstow Village Hall

Village Hall Refurbishment – Phase Two

The building works for the above are well and truly underway which will see the biggest phase of the refurbishment to the Hall. The whole front of the Hall will be completely refurbished and will include the following:

- New roof over the front
- New Toilets
- New Doctors Surgery
- New Waiting Room
- Space for the new Kitchen (to be completed at a later stage)
- Additional storage

Remember you can see the plans at <http://highhalstow.org.uk/halls/village-hall-plans>

The Hall Committee is extremely grateful to the funding received from

Veolia Environmental Trust
Kent Downs and Marshes Leader Programme (RDPE)
High Halstow Parish Council
Garfield Weston Foundation

In addition the Hall Committee would like to express its gratitude as well the Youth Club and Sound Hole who have donated £2200 towards Phase Two. To have regular hirers of the Hall donate money bodes well for the future usage of the Hall as with improved facilities will be available for all. With this money we now have enough to see the completion of the building works for Phase Two. We are still fund raising to pay for the painting and decorating that will be required once the builders have finished on site.

Many thanks in particular to Ray Collins who has spent many an hour prior to the works starting to carry out the demolition works (inside) which has helped keep the cost of the project down and made Phase Two a reality. In addition Ray has been on site every day to ensure that any issues with the builders are addressed straight away and this has contributed to a good working relationship with the builders, B W May and Architects, Clay Architecture Ltd

For pictures of the work to date please visit <http://highhalstow.org.uk/>

The Hall Committee would also like to thank people for their understanding of the issues, in particular the lack of power to the kitchen, whilst the work has been undertaken. Next month though the works will be close to completion and will have all been worthwhile

Village Hall Refurbishment – Phase Three

The Committee is working towards finishing the project with the following works planned for Phase Three

- New kitchen
- Stairs for the new room
- New wall between new kitchen and new main door
- New main entrance

Events for the Year

We still have planned for the remainder of the year the following:

- High Halstow Open
- An Evening with Nicky Moore and Friends
- Tribute Act (to be determined)
- And much much more

Watch this space for details



High Halstow Golf Open July 17th Deangate Golf Course

At the time of going to press it may still be possible to enter the above.

For more details please visit <http://highhalstow.org.uk/>

Next edition August 2013; Contributions for August should be sent by 24th July to:

Carl Mitchell, 8 Marsh Crescent, High Halstow ME3 8TJ
or e.mail to editor@highhalstow.org.uk

Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

We would like to thank everyone in the Village who knew Grace Milner who sadly passed away on 17th May, and to those who attended her funeral. We would also like to say thank you to all those who helped us before and after her death and who helped Grace over the years. We know that Grace will be sadly missed by you and all her family.

Ken & Anne Billing
Maidstone Road
Gillingham

Please see page 3 for details of an afternoon tea in honour of Grace.

Project 90

Last months Project 90 saw litter collected down Dux Court and some rabbit holes filled-in in the Rectory garden in preparation for the Garden party.

This month we will meet on Saturday 13th July starting in the Car Park from 8.30. Why not come along and make a difference to the Village you live in.

If there are other projects you think the Parish Council could undertake with this scheme please let us know.

Parish Council

Return of Football on the Recreation Ground

A request has been received by the Parish Council for a High Halstow Football Team to start playing their home games on a Saturday on the Recreation Ground. There are other issues that the club need to resolve which may mean that the return to the Recreation Ground is not for the coming season, but for following year. The Parish Council would like to ensure sufficient time is allowed for all interested parties to have their say. As a result the application will be discussed in full at the next Parish Council meeting. If you have any comments please let the Parish Council know or come along on Wednesday 10th July at the Memorial Hall from 8.00 pm

Parish Council

Name and Address Supplied

Please note that all letters published will show the name and part address of the author.

Dear HHT,

I wrote the following poem after a long walk on the AllHallows sea wall, during which we met one of the farmers from St Mary Hoo. I thought you might like the poem for the HHTimes; it honours the inventiveness and hard graft of a local farmer whose name, sadly, I do not know. Details of my work, should anyone be interested, may be found at the two web addresses below.

www.lizzieballagher.com

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Lizzie Ballagher

Buckland Lane, Maidstone

Marsh Cowboy

Marsh grass is seared & bleared
By late spring blizzards & a blinding easterly.
"Knee-high by now, grass should be
On the flats," he grumbles wearily. Instead,
Cattle stumble over hoof-pocked, desiccated
ground.

Scant grazing here.

So the marsh cowboy drives his Chevy
To the levee of the long All Hallows sea-wall,
His wagon packed with feed-nuts.
Is this a better way to ride the range?

Who needs corrals, lassoes? The whoop and
holler

Of the singing rope? The creak of saddle
leather?

In their place he rides the bucking pick-up
In a sweeping circle shucking fodder out as fast
As his wife shells peas in August.

At the muck-splattered gate,
Thick-necked bullocks jostle & bellow,
Ridged shoulders shoving, breath bursting on
the icy air.

"Five hundred quid a day to feed that mob.
And after the wettest winter in a century—"

He shakes his head,
"—Still we need the rain
For grass and grain.
The world, the weather—
All gone mad."

No answer can we give in a parched April
To the wind's interrogation; to the marsh cowboy.

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