

THE GARDEN PARTY 2014

Starts 12.00 noon, 5th July The Rectory Garden, High Halston



For more information contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on 01634 250 637 or stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk

Youth Club

After 21 years at the helm of High Halstow Youth Club, I have decided that it is time for me to take a back seat in the day to day running of this organisation. When this Youth Club opened in April 1993, 22 children attended the inaugural meeting and that number soon grew. With very little equipment but a lot of good will, we provided a meeting place for the young. As our finances grew, we were able to buy sporting and craft equipment with which to entertain the children, and we have always had a well stocked Tuck Shop

Over the years many people have given up their valuable time to act as carers for our young people. The Cricket Club gave coaching to those interested and gained a few useful players. Mr Colin Turner, who sadly has moved away from the Village, gave lessons in Electronics. This made our club much envied because no other clubs offered this. Also in the Craft section we have had ladies who taught knitting, card making, sweet making and many other creative activities. We have been fortunate in having the use of the Recreation Hall. This enables the youngsters to play football, table tennis, basketball and table football as well as having areas for board games and chatting to friends. In the summer we have a Barbecue and at Christmas, a Disco.

The continued success of this Youth Club would not have been possible without the children themselves. I have been privileged to get to know so many young people and their families in my time at Youth Club and will miss them all. My leaving will not herald the end of the Club. There is a fine team of dedicated people who under Mrs Peek continued leadership, will ensure that this is so. My special thanks go to Mrs Peek for who constant and practical help.

Finally my thanks to all, children and adults alike, for your support in the past years

Lesley Munday

Allotments

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. There is currently an allotment available, but it does require a bit of work to clear it, because of this the Parish Council would be prepared to waive some of the allotment fee to the person who takes it. If you want to be put on the waiting list or would like to know more about the available allotment please contact Chris Watson on 256529 or email me at chris.watson123@btinternet.com.

Dog Owners

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

High Halstow Parish Council

Gardening Club

We have enjoyed another busy this month at the Garden Club. Our speaker for June was Barbara Stevens on the Trial and Tribulations of Public Speaking. Her joy of life and humour over spilled into us all giving us an amusing and special evening.

Some of our members and friends were fortunate to visit Wisley during the recent fine weather. In addition to the usual delights, it gave us an opportunity to see the roses at their best, the commemorate Flanders Field of wild flowers plus an exhibition by the Delphinium Society. We are looking forward to our Garden Safari at the end of the month to visit some of our members' gardens ending with a cream tea.

The speaker for our next meeting on 8th July is Cyril Baldwin with a talk on 'Funny Funerals, Weird Wills and Eccentric Epitaphs'. We hope you can join us.

Bus Shelter – Christmas Lane

At the July Parish Council meeting the Parish Council should be making a decision as to the moving of the Bus Shelter currently near the vets and bring it into the Village by the bus stop just past Half Moon Way

This will be your chance to put your views across

HH 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.

Skateboard Equipment

The Parish Council is considering and has applied for funding for a half pipe piece of skateboard equipment. Because someone has objected to the original sighting (between the kick wall and the youth shelter) we are thinking of placing it to the right of the kick wall (as you look at it) – starting slightly back from the kick wall .The equipment is 1.2m high by 3.6m wide by 9m long. This is an ongoing project and has been up for consideration since 2011.

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

chris.watson123@btinternet.com

Information and photos can also be seen at the monthly surgery on July 8th at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall 10.30am - 12.00pm, or at the Parish Council Meeting on July 9th in the Memorial Hall at 8.00pm.

We are consulting on this project, so please give us your thoughts.



Friendly Club High Halstow

Wednesday July 23rd Memorial Hall 2pm-4pm

Speaker June Faulkner 'Growing Old Disgracefully'

All welcome

High Halstow Hikers

There were many absences for Linda Dobson's June walk for a variety of reasons but 6 members plus 1 Herbert managed to find their way via the very narrow and bendy lanes to the Fox and Hounds, Romney Street. The lanes were a match for those of Devon and Cornwall! It was a beautiful sunny morning with the English countryside of woodland, fields and pastures at its most picturesque, and the views from the top of the North Downs were absolutely stunning. Having had a dry spell for some time the walking was reasonably easy and the steep hills were managed without too much difficulty! After a 3-hour hike the tired group welcomed the sight of the rustic Fox and Hounds pub to rest their weary limbs and quench their thirst with a welcome pint (or 2).

On Sunday 13th July we will take one of the KCC's "Explore Kent" walk which have all been highly successful to date with their well-marked tracks and excellent guides. This one will start as usual at 10.00 am and be from the free car park at Dene Park. We will take a 5-mile circular route through woodland, the Park and Shipbourne all to the north of Tonbridge. The car park is reached by taking the A227 from Wrotham towards Tonbridge and turning left off this into Puttenden Road about a mile after passing through Shipboune which itself is about 5 miles south of Wrotham. More details of the walk can be found at

http://www.everytrail.com/guide/shipbourne. All are welcome.

Enquiries can be made with Mitchell on 01634 254428 or <u>mitch.dowsett@icr.ac.uk</u>.

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

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 8th 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

The Chairman being unwell, the meeting held on 11th June was chaired by the Vice-chairman, Gary Thomas. The meeting was attended by 14 members of the public.

There were several planning applications, all relating to Flanders Farm. This is actually in Hoo St Werburgh parish but apart from a few Hoo properties, affects High Halstow residents more. All applications were to do with hours of operation and measures to ameliorate the impact of the fruit packaging operation on local people and the Parish Council had no objections to any of the proposals.

Cllr Brian Williams was co-opted at the May meeting and will be going on a training course for councillors arranged by the Kent Association of Local Councils. He has already raised several queries and is getting involved.

The Football Club asked if they could play some friendlies over the summer. They were given permission for fortnightly games, starting on 21st June to mid-August. We will arrange the extra marking out of the pitch, which they will pay for. Subsequently they have informed us that they will not play at all during August, to give the pitch time to recover before the start of the new season.

Chris Watson reported that there is now a half plot allotment available – if you're interested please contact either Chris or the Parish Clerk. Our details are elsewhere in the magazine.

Following the May meeting, consultation was undertaken about the proposal to allow a 20m tall telecommunications pole on the Recreation Ground. Results of this were reported and the Parish Council voted not to allow this. The pole may well be sited elsewhere in the village on Medway Council land adjacent to a highway, but Gary seems to think it may be sited somewhere else instead. Wherever it goes, it has to pick up a signal from Medway Maritime and be able to transmit it to the primary school in Cliffe.

Chris Watson reported on the comments received about the proposal to place a half pipe skateboard facility on the Recreation Ground between the kick wall and the youth shelter. She received positive comments, but a letter had been received from the cricket club, objecting to this particular spot as it would interfere with the bowlers' line of sight. It was suggested the half pipe could go the other side of the kick wall, nearer the allotments. A vote was taken and the Parish Council agreed in principle to provide the half pipe. Consultation is currently in progress over the alternative site. Grant funding is now being applied for.

Chris reported on the surgery, which was also attended by ClIrs Gary Jerreat and Brian Williams. They met the new PCSO, Chris Price, who is responsible for Hoo, Cooling, Grain, Stoke, St Mary Hoo and Allhallows as well as High Halstow. In spite of this workload, he did say he would try to walk through the village and make himself visible. Residents complained about youths in cars in the car park at night and the noise and loud music they played. If you know your young people are involved, could you please point out that the car park is really for hall users, not socialising and that they should be more considerate of others.

Gary Thomas said that a scheme was being drawn up for a paved footpath from Half Moon Way to the bus top in Christmas Lane. He had asked for the scheme to include moving the bus shelter for the far end of the road by the vet's and for the cost to the parish of doing this. A consultation evening with site visit was held on 25th June. It is to be regretted that only 2 residents attended. A recommendation from that meeting will be put to the Parish Council at its next meeting, together with a proposal for the expenditure. We understand that if the Parish Council agrees, Medway Council will then start formal consultation on the entire scheme.

Finally, Lesley Munday announced that the Youth Club meeting and barbecue on 8th July will be her last active weekly participation, although she will still be involved with the Youth Club in the background. A vote of thanks was proposed to Lesley for her commitment and work with the Youth Club over many years.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July at 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

HH Parish Council

Alive and Well? By 2032 the populations of 65-54 year olds and the over 85s are set to increase by 39% and 106% respectively... If people can skip healthy for longer, they will remain engaged members of society.

Ageing Population, The Kings Fund (2012). How do we bring about a community that cares about and for itself?



High Halstow Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall's AGM is on the 14th July at 7:30pm. Anyone can attend, questions and suggestions for improvement welcome.



Village Hall

Phase One of Refurbishment Works

The snagging issues have now bee completed for this phase so that the final invoice to the builder has been paid

Phase Three of Refurbishment Works

Grant applications are being worked on as well as fund raising events being staged so that the building works can be brought to an end. In July we have the following:

1 Quiz Night – 11th July 2014

The second Quiz Night for the year. Please contact Margaret on 244203 to book your table. This is always a tremendous occasion with lots of laughs for all as well as giving the grey matter a little test

2 Golf Tournament – 11th July 2014

The second High Halstow Open will be staged at Deangate Ridge Golf Club – please see advert for details. This is a joint event between the School PTA and the Village Hall, so why not book your space to support two organisations in the Village



Off to University?

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

The scheme is available only to students living in the parish of High Halstow at the time of application. Closing date is 30th August 2014, and applications

received after that date will not be considered. In your letter of application please state your name, address, telephone number, the universities you have applied for and the length of your course. Proof of acceptance on your course will be needed before the bursary can be given. No appeal is available for unsuccessful applicants Please apply in writing to, The Chairman, High Halstow relief in need charity, Th Rectory, 2 Cooling Road, High Halstow, Rochester, ME3 8SA. PLEASE mark "Bursary Application" clearly on the front of the envelope.



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DATE	Friday 11th July 2014				
LOCATION	Deangate Ridge Golf Club				
TIME	11:00am Coffee+8acon Roll for Noon Tee Off				
COST	£25 Per Person				
INCLUDES	18 Hole Stableford, Coffee+Bacon upon arrival, Presentation and Prizes + Roffle,				
ENTRY FORM	Available from Village Shop, School Office & www.HighHalstow.org.uk				
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High Halstow PTA & High Halstow Village Hall Committee Proud to Present

High Halstow Golf Open

Sponsored by Rosewood Cleaning

Friday 11th July 2014 Deangate Ridge Golf Course From 11.00am

Prizes awarded for

Longest Drive * Nearest the Pin Individual Best Score (Stableford), Runner Up & 3rd Place Team Prize with best three scores per hole from each team Booby Prize

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, this can be done for £20

There will also be a raffle at the Prize giving

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

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

Total (Cheques Made Payable to High Halstow Village Hall)

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



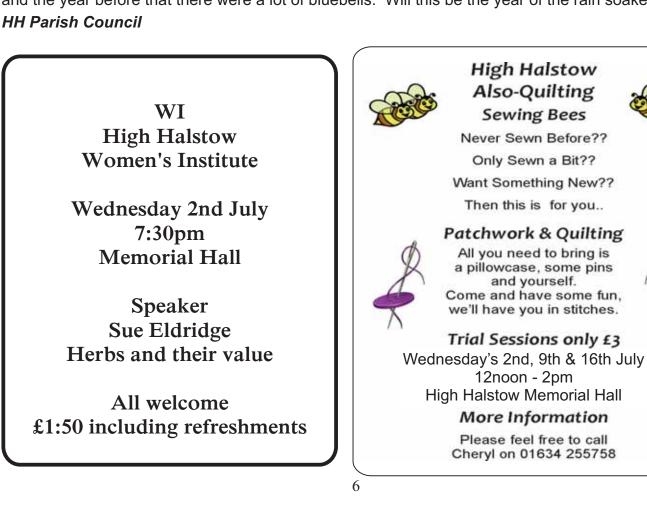
2014 Photographic Competition

The High Halstow Photographic Competition has been running now for the past 5 years and we have had pictures submitted by young and old, complete novices and experienced photographers. All we ask is that the picture is taken within the boundaries of High Halstow, it doesn't even have to be taken within the past few months, a favourite picture from years ago is applicable.

The categories are remaining the same i.e. Flora & Fauna, People & Places, 18's & Under. If you are submitting pictures of children, please supply parents permission (although large public events do not require such permission).

Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places within each category, and an overall winner is chosen. Winning pictures are used in the High Halstow Calendar and an exhibition of all the winning pictures and some of those that didn't win are shown at the October Parish Council meeting. Pictures can now be sent to photos@highhalstow.org.uk - all entries should be submitted by the 9th September 2014.

Last year we had some lovely pictures of poppy fields, the year before we had a lot of snow pictures and the year before that there were a lot of bluebells. Will this be the year of the rain soaked heron?



High Halstow Cricket Club – June 2014

It may seem strange saying that things are better this year than last, with the 1st XI at the bottom of Kent League Division 5. However, the 2nd XI are climbing their table after 3 consecutive wins (more than both teams won all last season!), and a 3rd XI took to the field at Selling in a friendly game. New players have joined, and others rejoined, so there is a quiet optimism running through the club at the moment. There remains a long way to go to ensure Kent League survival, but there is sufficient ability available to see that goal achieved.

The individual highlight of the season so far was a personal best of 150 by Ben Bowles against RACS, which enable the 1st XI reach 313-7, their highest total in the Kent League. With Ashley Trigg scoring 137 in the Sunday League game the week before, these two young batsmen possess the ability, if not yet the consistency, to score many runs this season. But even they are behind Chris Lally, whose total of 382 run come from only 7 innings. With so many runs being scored, it is no wonder that the bowlers are struggling to keep up, but young Clarke Dockwray is doing his best. At just 13, he is the leading wicket taker with 21, many of which have come in adult games.

The youngest colts continue to fare well. The U11 Herons have won 3 of their 6 games, and the U13s have won 6 of the 7 games they have played. The U15s also have a 50% win ratio, which the U17s (most of whom are U15) have yet to achieve any success. But they will surely improve with experience over the next 3 or 4 years.

The team highlight of the season so far was the winning of the Medway T20 competition, held at High Halstow on a rather soggy May Bank Holiday Monday. In fact so soggy that the final against Frindsbury was delayed until 13th June. High Halstow set a challenging target, but Frindsbury fell well short, to give the home side their first silverware since winning the KCL Division 4 title in 2008.

On a slightly different note, the club is in discussion with Medway Council to host an evening of Rounders in the Community – probably during July, before the evening light fades. The date, when agreed, will appear on the various High Halstow websites. The event, staged during one evening, will be for all people of all ages – with or without ability in Rounders – to come and have a go. Potential for a lot of fun – definitely not serious, although children are usually keen to ensure parents are well beaten!

David Lapthorn

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
Mrs J. Gillies	-	22 Leaman Close
Mr J. Myatt	-	Decoy Hill Road
Mrs C. Peek	-	2 Willowbank Drive
Mrs J. Collins	-	6 Marsh Crescent

Dog Walkers

Our rights of way and green spaces are for us all to enjoy especially this time of year. Please be aware that if you are exercising your dog it should be under control at all times when in a public place.

George Crozer, HHPC





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

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and an assortment of homemade cakes. Visit the hall which was built to honour the men from High Halstow that returned from the war, See the memorabilia and photos we have collected.

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

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



The Village Shop

Opening Hours Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm Sunday 8am – 2pm Telephone number: 01634 254561

Need to Hire a Hall

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

Memorial Hall - Angela Forward 251756 Village Hall - Crystal Wakefield 251849

Please do not call on a Sunday.

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

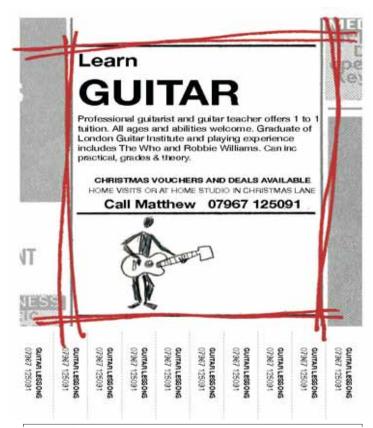
Other Dates:

Wednesday 2nd: 19:30 Saturday 5th: 12 Noon Sunday 6th: 09:00 Tuesday 8th: 20:00 Wednesday 9th 20:00 Friday 11th:

Friday 11th: 19:30 Sunday 13th:

Sunday 20th: 09:00 Wednesday 23rd: 14:00 - 16:00 Friday 25th: 20:00 Sunday 27th: 15:00 Women's Institute Memorial Hall Garden Party Rectory Garden **Family Service** St. Margaret's Church Gardening Club Memorial Hall Parish Council Memorial Hall High Halstow Open **Deangate Ridge** Golf Club Village Hall Quiz Village Hall **High Halstow Hikers** Details in HHT Family Service St. Margaret's Church Friendly Club Memorial Hall Quiz Night Memorial Hall World War 1 Commemorative Tea Party Memorial Hall

Local groups, please let us know the dates of your meetings/events for the coming year so we can include them in the HHT and on the website.



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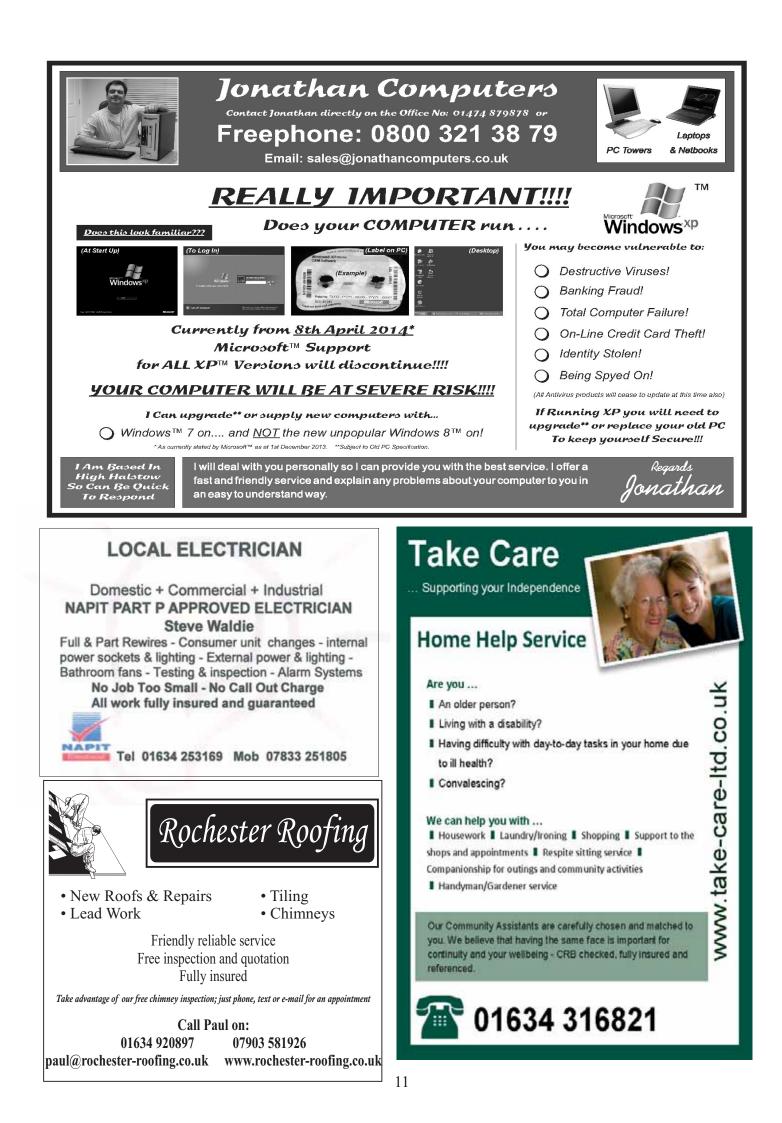
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Your Parish Councillors

01634 250286 George Crozer, Chair e.mail: george@highhalstow.org.uk Gary Thomas, Vice Chair 01634 252812 e.mail: gary@highhalstow.org.uk Martin Andrews 07984 791029 Ray Collins 01634 250105 Stuart Bailey 01634 255537 Gary Jerreat 01634 253999 Lesley Munday 01634 250276 01634 256529 Christine Watson

Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

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



Readers Letters

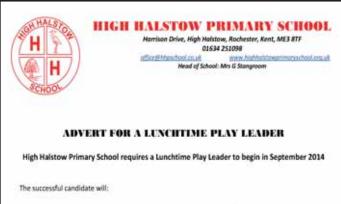
Dear HHT,

The staff, pupils and PTA members at High Halstow Primary School would like to say a big thank you to the owners at The Red Dog who paid for the entertainment at our first school disco for some time. The PTA organised two fantastic discos for the pupils on 6th June and everyone who came had a wonderful time. Due to the generosity of the owners at The Red Dog, there will be a larger profit from the event which means the money will be able to be used to make further improvements to the school for the pupils.

Thank you From Mrs Stangroom and all of the staff, pupils and PTA at High Halstow Primary School

Dear HHT,

Well we missed that one....all the time we have been buzzing around worrying about an Estuary Airport, the number of flights in and out of Southend and Stansted (not so much) Airport have increased dramatically AND they are all flying right over our village....so the Government took our eye off the ball! Why should they build in the most difficult place when they can do what they like when we are reeled in by Boris and his fantasy Island! Watch this space subversive information does work! Vic Godding Christmas Lane



- Supervise pupils in the dining area, playgrounds or other parts of the school premises
- Proactively engage pupils in developmental play and sporting activities in the playground
 Be a good team member and promote the primary school's positive ethos where pupils are histly valued members of our school community
- Work with pupils to increase the social and play aspect of the playground and help children develop their own social/play skills

To apply for this position, you are invited to request a job description and application form or go onto the school website where you will find the relevant information under the 'Vacancies' tab. Your application will need to be returned to the Head of School, Gemma Stangroom, by Friday 11th July at 10am. Please deliver your application by hand to the school office, post it to the school address above, or email it to <u>office@hhoschool.co.uk</u>

Successful candidates will be interviewed after applications have been considered.



Dear HHT,

I happened by chance to meet David Lapthorn cutting the grass at the cricket ground one Friday afternoon and he informed me that the final of a 20/20 competition was being played that very evening.

Well the weather was great, the bar was stocked, drinks would be cold, and of course there would be burgers. What other incentives did I need?

After settling myself down with a drink and the obligatory burger or three (it would be rude not to as they had made them) I watched a thoroughly entertaining game of cricket and was impressed with the standard. High Halstow failed to drop any catches, perhaps England could have some lessons, as well as a run out and plenty of runs.

We are lucky here that we can come along and watch our local cricket team in such lovely surroundings, another great asset to our village life here.

Many congratulations to High Halstow Cricket Club for winning and providing a good evenings entertainment.

One happy if slightly full up supporter.

G.Thomas Willowbank



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.

Next edition August 2014; 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