



# High Halstow TIMES



*Home of the Heron*

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**August 2010**

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***Red Dog Lease Signed  
New Vision for Traditional Country Pub***

My wife Rachel and I are delighted to finally be in a position to announce our plans regarding The Red Dog Public House. There have been some complex and drawn out legal procedures that have prevented us doing this until now.

Having had both Pubs and Restaurants previously, we had very specific criteria when searching for a new premises and The Red Dog more than satisfied our requirements. We were looking for a premises, which we could turn into a traditional country style pub and restaurant and the fact that it was situated in the village that my wife was from was obviously an added incentive.

We plan to completely refurbish the premises creating a warm atmosphere both inside and out. Although I am not against Sky TV, Juke Boxes and Pool tables, they will not be present at The Red Dog as they don't fit what we are trying to achieve. There will be a high quality fresh food menu with full A La Carte options and an extensive wine menu complementing. A selection of carefully selected and ever-changing cask ales will be the focal point of the bar along with the expected lagers, ciders and soft drinks and a few quirky additions that we have found over the years.

To get the full potential out of The Red Dog, we are going to be making some changes to the layout of both the bar/restaurant area as well as the car park and gardens. By making these changes we hope to be able to make it a more comfortable and attractive venue to frequent. Depending on local interest, it would be great to have some traditional pub teams competing locally such as cards and Bat and Trap. There will also be a sponsored golf society running throughout the year.

At present I can only announce an opening date of Friday 22nd of October, as there are several stages of works to be carried out, not all of which are under my control. I do however, expect to be able to drive the project forward now to open sooner and will keep all that are interested up to date with developments via the High Halstow Times. There will also be regularly updated photos, news and opinion polls on our Facebook page, 'The Red Dog High Halstow' until our website goes live. We are currently asking for suggestions for the 1st guest ale so please get in touch with any requests.

We have been touched by the number of people getting in contact to wish us luck with this project and would like to thank you all. This has certainly made us even more determined to give High Halstow a pub to be truly proud of.

***Lee Atkinson,  
The Red Dog, High Halstow***

***Farmers Market / Car Boot Sale: Saturday 31st July  
Back to Skool Disco: Saturday 25th September  
Dolly Parton Tribute: February 2011***

### ***The Village Shop***

The land at the side of the current building was sold at auction this week. Derek is very pleased to report that the new owners are committed to the existing plans of developing a new and vibrant village shop. They are very excited about the opportunity this development presents and intend to get work underway as soon as possible. It is hoped that there will not be any disturbance to the existing shop/post office until the new one is ready to open. Derek is delighted by the outcome of the auction and is extremely pleased that his vision for a new improved village shop might soon come to fruition.

### ***Report Crime***

Always call 999 if:

- a crime is happening now
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- people are being threatened or are in danger
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby
- an act of vandalism is taking place
- anti-social behaviour is happening

To help, please record when and where the problems are happening including:

- dates and times of incidents.
- as much detail as possible.
- names and/or descriptions of those involved.
- how the incident has affected you.

You should be given an incident number when you report the problem, if you are not please ask for one. These numbers affect the statistics of reported crime in our area.

***Martin Mitchell***  
***HHPC Police Liaison***

### ***Please clear up after your Dog***

There has been an increase in dog foul not being picked up by owners walking their dogs. This has been noticeable on both the footpaths and the Recreation Ground and also on the RSPB land surrounding Forge Common etc. On 1st October 2009 a dog fouling order was introduced by Medway Council under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environments act 2005 that makes it an offence to fail to remove dog faeces (without reasonable excuse) from any area to which the public have access. The fixed penalty for this offence is £80 fine. Please make sure you clean up after your dog.

***HH Parish Council***

### ***Overheard at a Bus Stop in High Halstow***

"You didn't go? Oh it was very good."

"Why who was in it?"

"Oh you know, the funny tall one, the short fat one, the one with a funny costume, and one the who sing's very well!"

"What about that good looking chap, was he in it again?"

"Yes and he can dance now too!"

"Ohhh, I wish I had gone now!"

"They had a good crowd, over 80 for each night"

"I didn't know we had so many old people in the village"

"No, not over 80's, but over 80 people in the audience"

"Oh, that's not bad, what was the show about?"

"Well, they did some really funny sketches, one was about a man killing his adulterous wife"

"That's not very funny! That's not funny at all, the poor dear was probably just looking for some attention!"

"Oh, she was getting some attention alright!...Then there were some lovely songs and dancing, the younger ones did a lovely song"

"Ohhh I do like watching the younger ones', I should have gone!"

"You should've. The girls did a number with a horn, a feather and some fairy lights...and then lots of uh-uh-uh's"

"Ohhh, I bet that was good"

"Then they did this one thing where the women danced whilst the men read newspapers, then all the men showed us their knickers and suspenders!"

"There knickers and suspenders!"

"Yes, I saw it with my own eyes"

"Ohhh, I should have gone!!"

"And at the end of they did this really good Bollywood dance with everyone on stage, and the costumes were all so bright and beautiful and they all danced so well. It made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up, and it's been a long time since that has happened..know what I mean??"

"Ohhh, I should have gone!!"

"Yes, you should. And then after the break they did a lovely song, some very good tap dancing, some more funny sketches, and the tall funny one forgot his lines again, the table fell over on the other one...it was very good though. Then they finished with a fantastic 50's show, it was just like a West End show with fantastic singing and dancing."

"Ohh, I should have gone, I'll definitely go next time. It sounds so good."

"We are so lucky to have Dramarama in the village, and all that for £4, that's almost the same price as McDonalds quarter pounder meal I'm gonna get in Strood".

"Yeah I know, I'm gonna get a McFlurry too, wish the bus would hurry up"...

**RSPB Wildlife and Country Fair Sunday 5th  
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Wildlife-based events, walks and stands plus craft marquees, childrens activities, rides & inflatables, Copperfield Clog dancers, CORUM hand bell ringers, sheep shearing, sheep dog and dressage demos, pony rides, beekeepers, spinners, weavers & lacemakers plus BBQ, tea & cakes and so much more... All set within the fabulous North Kent Marshes landscape. Plenty to see and do whatever the weather, please join us.

There will also be Car Boot Pitches & all pitches must be pre-booked. For details please ring Joan on 01634 220121

Small charge/donation for parking

**Quiz Nites**

By the time you read this we would have had our third Quiz Nite without Pat. She is a very hard act to follow but hopefully our quizzers are still enjoying the quiz nites. The format hasn't changed and we still have a great deal of fun whilst raising funds for the upkeep of the Memorial Hall. We have a full house at the moment with tables but if you would like to go on a waiting list or need to make contact with any of the team of three the numbers are as follows: Margaret Church 831570, Lesley Munday 250276 and John Pink 251536.

The news of Pat is that she has now moved into her new home in Woodley and is frantically decorating. She sends everyone her love.

**Margaret Church**

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**Even Doctors Have Accidents**

Last month Dr. McKeever was unable (due to a broken leg) to attend as our speaker, much to many member's disappointment. Dr. McKeever we wish you a speedy recovery and hope we can arrange to hear you next year.

Difficult to get another W.I. speaker at such short notice so we entertained ourselves by relating 'how we met our husbands'. This proved to be sometimes ordinary, sometimes surprising, and one truly amazing.

We have been out and about with 3 members enjoying an afternoon of dance, consisting of Line, English, and International Country dancing. Although very hot the hall in Priestfields Almshouses was quite cool and what a venue with beautiful oak panelled walls and incredible murals. Burham and Wouldham W.I. invited us to a meeting with food and a talk and demonstration of a Magic Lantern show. One slide was 200 years old, amazing. Our monthly lunch club visited The Pier at Upnor which had very nice food, friendly staff and a lovely location. The committee enjoyed a meal at the Golden Dragon in Chatham, this is always excellent but sadly its now closed and will become a Nepalese restaurant.

Coming up, a 'Fuel and Power 'day at Snodland with the manager of Kingsnorth being one of four great speakers. A visit to St Margarets Bay for a walk and lunch. A fund raising meal at yet another members home. An evening of entertainment by locally talented folk, a cream tea at Borstal W.I. and finally a mini bus trip to Finchcocks with yet another afternoon tea.

No meeting in August, good thing as we would have difficulty fitting it in.

If you are interested in the W.I. ring me for more info on 250677

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### ***High Halstow Cricket Club - July 2010***

Sadly, we are not to visit Lords this year. Our exploits in the nPower National Village Knockout Cup came to an end at Bentley in Essex, when, in the round of the last 16 we lost an absorbing game, in which we under-performed with the bat. However, the large crowd, including a significant proportion from Kent, thoroughly enjoyed the day. The Club would like to thank all those who supported us in this game and earlier in the month in our successful game at home against Cambridgeshire champions, Fordham.

Unfortunately, the 1st XI have recently found themselves 4 or 5 players short, through injury and unavailability. As a consequence, the team is finding the second half of the season to be a struggle in Division II of the Kent League. However, the youth of the side (only 3 or 4 are over 25) gives confidence for the future. Meanwhile the 2nd XI are beginning to put results together, and are now 3rd in Division III (2nd XI). Much of this success arises from Daren Brumbaugh's magical form with the bat. At the time of writing he is the leading run scorer in the entire Kent League with 736. He is being ably supported by U17 Adam Colgate, who is the 5th highest scorer in the division with 325 runs.

The 3rd XI are also pushing hard for promotion, currently sitting 3rd in Division 1B (Central) of the Kent Regional League. The 4th XI continue to enjoy themselves, whilst being unable to field a regular XI which makes consistency of result difficult to achieve.

The Colts competitive season is now complete with the exception of one final which will take place in September. There has been much improvement across the board. The U11 Hardball (Heron's) finished 3rd in their league, ahead of the Egrets who came a very creditable 9th. Special mention should be made of Heron's captain, Tyler Dockwray, who plays for Kent at Under 10. We also participated in the U11 softball league and, although we were unable to play as many games as we wished, we were able to introduce the game to a number of very keen young ladies. The U13s did well to finish 3rd in their league and, despite missing out on play-offs, this can be considered a very positive result. The U15s had an excellent season, finishing top of Medway Youth League U15 (West), and earning a place in the playoff final in September against the winners of the East division. They also reached the final of the U15 cup, where they lost to Rainham in a game played on the main ground at The Mote, Maidstone. These are remarkable successes because most of the side are still under 14 and will have another chance at this age group in 2011. The U17s also won their division, but lost to Upchurch from U17 (East) in the championship semi-final.

Congratulations are due to all the young player who have taken part in the Colts competitions this year, to their coaches and parents, without whom none of this would have been possible.

One of the architects of our 1st XI success over recent years has decided that this will be his last season of competitive cricket – the last of over 30. Rupert Staple has only been with us for 3 seasons, but his impact has been huge. The fact that he plays for Kent Over 50s, yet remains one of the leading bowlers in the Kent League, is testimony to his skill and fitness. We, and batsmen throughout the League will miss him. On 11th September, the Club is hosting a testimonial match in his honour featuring players from the last 30 years of league cricket in Kent. We hope that many other guests from the world of Kent cricket will also attend, and invite friends from the village to join us on what promises to be an exciting and vibrant day.

***David Lapthorn***  
***Chairman***

### ***Village Speed Limit***

Please be aware that the speed limit within the village is 30mph, speeding is a major cause of accidents and fatalities are more likely at speeds above 30mph. Some areas are considering lowering the speed limit to 20mph in built up areas. Traffic Police can prosecute anyone exceeding the speed limit.

### ***Speedwatch***

Medway Police have purchased additional speed camera devices to be used by Parish Councils to monitor speeding within their own Parish. The cameras can be operated by teams of volunteers who take note of registration plates of speeding motorists. A warning letter from the Police will be sent to persistent offenders. If you are interested in volunteering for this scheme please contact the Parish Clerk or any other of the Parish Councillors.

***HH Parish Council***

## ***High Halstow and District Gardening Club***

### **London Outing, 28 June 2010**

We had a wonderful outing to London on the 28th June and the weather was absolutely gorgeous. Firstly we went to the Tower Bridge Exhibition and appreciated seeing the excellent views over London and the River Thames from the aerial walkway, followed by a visit to the engine room to find out how Tower Bridge used to be lifted. After a leisurely lunch, we cruised down the River Thames in beautiful sunshine from St. Catherine's Dock to the Thames Flood Barrier near Greenwich. Here we sat and enjoyed afternoon tea on a terrace in the sun overlooking the flood barrier, followed by a highly informative lecture which included watching working models and films explaining exactly how the flood barrier was built and worked. An excellent day was had by all.

### **Annual Summer Show in the Recreation Hall, Saturday 28th August 2010**

The Summer Show is an excellent annual event and involves a great deal of hard work on behalf of the Committee and other loyal members to set it up and organise it on your behalf, so please come and participate! There is a very wide variety of classes that members or non members can enter things for:- Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers and Pot Plants, Domestic, Floral Art, Arts and Crafts, Children (under 14) can create an animal out of 2 or more vegetables and Novelty items. Every member was given a schedule with their Geranium plant, (which we hope you will remember to enter!) so read the schedule carefully and decide what you will enter in advance and let's see if we can beat last years' record number of entries to make the show even more successful and enjoyable! If you have lost your schedule, please contact Wendy White. Entries for members cost 10p per exhibit and non members 20p per exhibit. Please follow the guidelines given in the schedule very carefully and ensure that you have completed your entry form and benched your exhibits between 9.30am and 11.20am at the latest in order to give the Judges time to do their work.

Doors open to the public at 3pm and the presentation of trophies will take place at 4pm.

Refreshments will be on sale, and there will be a raffle, a tombola and a few other competitions to enter, so don't forget to bring some money with you! All you men, don't forget to make your Grandparent's Treat for Class 54! Parents and Grandparents, please encourage your under 14 year old children to be creative and make a vegetable animal from 2 or more vegetables for Class 81. It will be great fun to make, so we want to see lots of entries for this!

We would be very grateful if anyone would be kind enough to donate any good quality items for the raffle and tombola. If you are able to contribute some items, please take them to Margaret Shuter at 45, Christmas Lane as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Gwen Bucknall**

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### *New children's play areas opened for the summer holiday.*

More of Medway's revamped play parks have been opened in time for the summer holiday. On Saturday, 17 July, Cllr Howard Doe, Medway Council's Portfolio Holder for Community Services, opened play areas at Capstone Farm Country Park and Riverside Country Park.

The two play parks at Capstone Farm Country Park have been refurbished, while a submerged shipwreck has been built for children to play on at Riverside Country Park. When they're not playing on the shipwreck, families can relax and spend time together at the new picnic area. Capstone Farm Country Park has been funded by Playbuilder money, while the Big Lottery funded Riverside's revamp.

Both parks are disabled and toddler-friendly and include basket swings, a fully accessible roundabout and a multi play area that can be used by children with mobility issues. Residents and children have been instrumental with the design of the new parks and submitted their ideas at a series of consultation events and creative workshops last year.

Medway Council's Portfolio Holder for Community Services Cllr Howard Doe said: "The council is committed to improving high quality play facilities for children and young people in Medway. Residents, children and community groups have been crucial in our plans to ensure the new and improved play areas meet their needs and contain the type of play equipment and picnic areas they want and would use. Play areas not only give children and young people somewhere to meet their friends, but are also an important tool to promote health and fitness. I hope our children enjoy playing in these new parks."



# Youth Night

**The Summer is here and were back in the garden Friday 6th August 7:30 - 10:00pm**

Come and join us for  
a free BBQ,  
football, aerial slide,  
or just chill out in  
great surroundings.

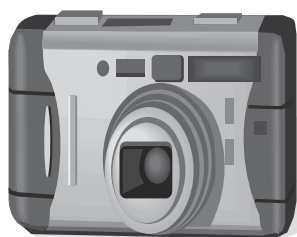


For more information contact Rev. Stephen Gwilt at 01634 250637

# Say Cheese !



Building on last years success we are again running a photographic competition to try and find High Halstow's best photographers for 2010. The categories are simple. Under 16's anything in the village . For the Over 16's there are 3 categories, People, Places & Fauna and Flora. All photographs must be taken in the parish boundaries, they must be clearly marked as to who took them where they were taken and when they were taken and contact details. Maximum 4 entries per person. In addition where photographs of children are submitted, parental approval of ALL the children on the picture must be included with the entry. As the winning photographs will be included in the 2011 High Halstow Calendar, photographs MUST be of sufficient size and quality to enable enlargement and reproduction. The Judges decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered into. Winners will be announced at the parish council meeting in October 2010.



All entries to be posted through the Rectory letter box by Friday 3rd September 2010. Digital entries should be on a CD or DVD where possible. For Further details Please Contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on 250637



## ***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 - Chrystal Wakefield 251849

Please avoid phoning on a Sunday as we are often busy with family and won't be able to take your booking.

## ***HH Village Website***

The Parish Council website has been relaunched. Did you know you can see the minutes of your Parish Council on our website! If that is not your cup of tea, you can also look up local groups in the village, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events. A reminder for local groups is that you can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details.

For all your village needs the site is:

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

Local businesses can now advertise on the village website, please visit the site for info.

## ***Parish Council Vacancy***

There is currently a vacancy on the High Halstow Parish Council, if you wish to apply for the position please contact the Parish Clerk on 01474 871269 or apply in writing to: 53 Capelands, New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent DA3 8LQ

## ***Your Parish Councillors***

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

# Sunday Services

8:00am

*Holy Communion BCP*

10:30am

*1st and 3rd Sundays Morning prayer*

*2nd Sunday Family Communion*

*4th Sunday Informal Service*

*5th Sunday Joint service with All Saints Church Allhallows*

4:00pm Joy club

*For families of all ages Memorial*

*Hall High Halstow during term time*

6:30pm

*1st Sunday Holy Communion*

*3rd Sunday Evening prayer, BCP*

*5th Sunday service of healing prayer*

*Baptisms by arrangement*

*2nd or 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am*

*For further information. Rev Stephen Gwilt 01634 250637*

*Or Email [stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)*

*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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## Healthy vision for High Halstow residents

Everyday in Britain, 100 people start to lose their sight and in many cases a simple regular eye check-up is all that's needed to avoid long-term damage.

To urge residents in the local High Halstow community to have regular eye examinations, Kent Association for the Blind is promoting the 'Eye Care We Care' campaign. The campaign, aimed at children and adults alike, has three clear messages:



1. Everyone, including children as well as people who think they can see perfectly well, should have a thorough eye examination at least once every two years

2. In some circumstances, an optometrist may recommend more frequent NHS sight tests. For example, if you're diabetic or 40 or over and have a family history of glaucoma

3. Eye examinations are an essential health check; just like regular visits to the dentist they should be a part of everyone's normal health regime

Dr Huw Pinney, Chairman of Kent & Medway Local Optometric Committee is endorsing the campaign:

"I am delighted to support Kent Association for the Blind's 'Eye Care We Care' campaign. So often people don't realise that sight loss can be avoided by a simple eye examination which can help detect early signs of harmful conditions such as glaucoma. Other conditions

can also be picked up before other symptoms have been spotted such as high blood pressure, diabetes and some heart conditions."

If you would like to find out more about the campaign contact Charles Marshall, Head of Fundraising at Kent Association of the Blind on 01622 691357. You can email Charles at [charles.marshall@kab.org.uk](mailto:charles.marshall@kab.org.uk)

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**BACK TO SKOOL DISCO  
SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**

The kids have gone back to school, the summer nights are fading so let your hair down and party to some of those old school anthems you used to love. In aid of the HH PTA and the HUGH Fund, we are having a disco at the Hall. Free glass of alco' punch for anyone in school uniform, tuck shop and prizes for best dressed. Disco and licensed bar from 7:00 - 11:30. Tickets £6.00 each from Carl (250911) or Wenda (253169). Old school pictures of friends/spouses wanted to be copied and stuck up on our wall of shame! School uniform optional.

***Dolly Parton Tribute Act Returns  
February 2011***

We are pleased to announce the return of Dolly Parton Tribute night at the Village Hall. In February 2001 she will be returning along with Kenny Rogers and Shania Twain. This show was a great success last time and everyone agreed how much fun it was. Even if you are not a fan of Dolly's music you will have a great evening out on your own doorstep. Ticket info to follow soon.

***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, although this information may be withheld from appearing in the HHT upon request.

Past copies of the HHT are available on the village website [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)

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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## *Water for Wildlife*

The people of Kent are being asked to spare a thought for the birds and other garden wildlife during the long summer months. The RSPB is urging residents to provide supplies of fresh clean water and keep lawns, trees and shrubs green and lush so they provide insect food.

Birds that rely on food they extract from the ground, like worms and slugs, particularly struggle in long, dry spells. Species like blackbirds, song thrushes and robins will find it extremely difficult to find the food they need if the earth is dry and solid. Most small birds need to drink at least twice a day to replace lost water. Birds get the liquid they need from their food, and by drinking. Many insectivorous birds get most of their water from food. Seed-eating birds have a dry diet and they do need to drink more.

They also need water for feather washing. Bathing and preening are essential to keep feathers in good condition. And keeping in good condition helps birds get around, find food, and evade predators. The easiest way to provide water in your garden is a bird bath. It needs to have shallow sloping sides with a shallow approach to water. Make sure the surface of the bath is rough so birds can grip it with their claws, and not slip.

The simplest bird bath is a plant saucer with textured finish and a stone in the middle. You could set several of these around your garden.

Sophie McCallum, RSPB South East media officer, said: "Birds aren't worried about the aesthetics of their baths and as long as the dish is simple, functional and could withstand a vigorous bathing session from a flock of starling for example, it will be suitable. You don't need to spend a lot of money on a fancy structure and you don't need to put out a lot of water – a small amount, refreshed twice a day, would be fine. It's important to position the bath where birds will feel safe. Birds get excited and pre-occupied about bathing, and tend to be more vulnerable than at other times. Make sure birds have clear visibility as they bathe, with bushes or trees nearby to provide cover if alarmed, and perches to use when preening.

The RSPB is also encouraging gardeners to install a water butt, to collect any rainwater that we do get this summer. Even if only small amounts are collected in the next few weeks, when the wetter seasons start they will be completely full for next year's dry spells.

Water from water butts is ideal for the almost daily watering needed in summer, and can also be used for topping up ponds.

You could also use 'grey water' from things such as baths or preparing vegetables and salads to keep your lawns saturated.

For more information on visit [www.rspb.org.uk/advice](http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice)

### *All Saints Prom Concert*

*(All Saints Church, Allhallows)*

*7.30pm start  
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Refreshments provided as part  
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## Readers Letters

**Dear HHT,**

On Friday the 2nd July, I had cause to call out an emergency plumber to come and unblock my drains. It was an extremely hot day and the smell was, as you can imagine, quite disgusting. Apart from finding my drain blocked with what you would expect, he also found a very large ball of "fat" lodged in the drain belonging to my elderly neighbour, which at some time, had been poured down a toilet and had caused the blockage to occur. Common sense would tell you not to pour fat or grease into the main drainage system. But whoever did so, (and it was most certainly not my elderly neighbour or myself), incurred me a costly plumber call-out. This is not the first time I have had to have drains cleared because of irresponsible people putting items down the toilet that they shouldn't. Kindly have some consideration and refrain from flushing baby wipes, cotton wool and fat/grease/oil etc. down the toilet. Its' not what the drainage system is there for. Thank you.

**Name and Address Supplied**

**Dear HHT,**

Having read in the High Halstow Times, that the Parish Council have discussed the possibility of having the recycling bins removed from the car park at the Village Hall. I would like to express my concern of placing these bins at the site near the Veterinary Surgery. I work in the surgery and we see enough cut paws and injuries from sharp objects, without having broken glass etc. near the surgery, This would also cause more parking obstructions to that which already exist. The other two alternatives, make a lot more sense.

**Wendy Featherstone.**

### ***New Walking Club to Start in the Village***

Do you enjoy the air and views of the countryside and enjoy walking in the company of like-minded people? Yes? Then keep your eye out for the details of a new walking club in next month's HH Times

### ***Housekeeper Wanted***

12-15 hours per week over 4 or 5 days in the village of High Halstow. Would suit someone with high degree of initiative for all household duties. In addition we are willing to pay a higher rate for someone with office skills in which case we would divide the hours between household and office.

Pay negotiable. Must be discreet and trustworthy. References would be appreciated but not absolutely necessary.

Please phone 01634 255816

**Dear HHT,**

Following your articles in the HH Times I would like to give feedback on your proposals to move the recycling bins from the village hall car park. Having looked at the reduced number of bins (there appear to now only be three) I would suggest that if they are positioned together near the fence leading to the grassed area, then there should be sufficient gap to prevent people using them as an aid to climbing on the toilet roof. The car park is a logical place for the bins to remain and the car park surface should be robust enough to accommodate their emptying. Looking at the alternative locations suggested I think that none of them are a better alternative. The space by the vets is too small and already visitors to the vets have difficulty parking in this area. The grass common area on the new estate is a green area for children to play on and for people of the village to enjoy, I do not think that siting recycling bins on this area will fit with the surroundings. Finally the car park in Deangate is too far out of the way and I believe that resiting them here will lead to less people recycling and therefore defeat the point of having the bins. They need to be sited in a central location that people use on a regular basis and hence my belief that leaving them in the current location is the best option from those proposed.

**Name and Address Supplied.**

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