



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



August 2015

Resume Of The Parish Council Meeting Held On 8 July 2015

The meeting held on 8th July was attended by all parish councillors and 7 members of the public.

The only planning application was for Flanders Farm, which is not actually in the parish. They want to amend the hours for their current operation, to be the same as the working hours for an application at the end of last year, which has permission for Monday to Sunday working from 5.30 am to 11 pm. The Parish Council has responded that until the latter development and noise barrier are completed, hours should remain as existing so that residents remain unaffected by the extended hours for as long as possible. Residents do notice the existing noise and have told us that the hours for which they have permission aren't being adhered to. This information has been passed on the local planning authority (Medway Council).

I reported last month about the upgrading of the surface to the public right of way across the Recreation Ground. Medway Council have appointed their contractor and work should start in the middle of August.

By the time you read this, RoSPA should have made their annual inspection of the play equipment. We are waiting to receive their report.

Chris Watson reported that yet another complaint was made at the councillors' surgery about the medical practice in that the complainant was unable to get an appointment to see a doctor and was asked to visit the Hoo doctors' surgery. A lot of money raised by residents and others had been spent on the hall, the surgery had been improved but the public were not receiving a service.

Chris Peek reported on the final Youth Club session of term, when the traditional barbecue had been held. This had been attended by the "Village Voices" photographer. The Youth Club has 28 on the waiting list – half of these are already 9 years old - and is greatly in need of adult volunteers. Sessions recommence on 22nd September.

The school has been asked if they would like the Parish Council to donate a bench or tree to their outdoor sitting area project.

Finally, a recent edition of High Halstow Times contained the new bus timetables. These were provided to us by Medway Council. There was no consultation with the Parish Council and we aren't responsible for the new times. We are aware of deficiencies and the impact the new times will have on residents. If you wish to complain, contact either Arriva or Medway Council.

We don't meet in August. We hope you all enjoy the summer break.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September in the Memorial Hall at 8pm. You are all welcome to attend as observers.

Save the Date



This years Macmillan coffee morning will be on Friday 25th September. As in previous years Ann Smith and her band of willing helpers will be hosting a coffee morning in the Memorial Hall, with tea, coffee, cakes, buns, biscuits and much more on offer for this very worthwhile charity. Please try and keep the date free. More details in next months HHT.

New Village Market: Saturday 8th August at the Memorial Hall

HH Gardening Club

With Sue Shaw's lead we followed in the footsteps of Paddington Bear to Peru during this month's meeting of the Gardening Club. Sue provided many pictures and objects to bring to life her travels to Peru on an exotic bird watching trip.

Some of our members enjoyed a splendid afternoon tea in lovely weather at Marj and Roy Ives' house as part of our fund-raising efforts.

As usual there is no club meeting in August but we have our Annual Show on Saturday 29th August at the Recreation Hall, High Halstow. The benching of exhibits is between 9.30 am to 11.20am ready for judging. The show is to be officially opened at 3.00pm by Medway's Town Crier, Robin Burfoot. Both members and non-members can exhibit in all classes for vegetables, flowers, baking, arts & crafts and photographs. Please contact the Show Secretaries on 01634 221579 or by email to hhdgc@outlook.com for a copy of the full show schedule. We do hope to see you at the show. We will meet again on Tuesday, 8th September for talk by Martin Newcombe on 'Mushrooms and Toadstools'.

High Halstow 2015 Photo Competition



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

Under 16's - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Flora & Fauna - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

People & Places - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Overall Winner

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

The Village Shop

Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm

Sunday 8am – 5pm

Telephone number: 01634 254561

High Halstow Hikers

Our July walk was around the area to the west of Conyer, a village that many seem to know little of. It lies at the end of a creek off the Swale between Sittingbourne and Faversham. Over recent years this location has led to the development of a very substantial marina which the fourteen of us had a good view of as we headed out of the village taking the seawall to the Swale. The walk was in good weather and took a straightforward route for a couple of miles along the seawall during which some had the good fortune to spot a seal with its pup. The top of the seawall was cracked badly in places because of the dry weather and this meant we had to keep our eyes to the ground much of the way. We turned inland at the hamlet of Tonge close to an area of old oyster beds and made our way back to Conyer mainly along infrequently used narrow lanes through orchards and other agricultural land. After about 6.5 miles of pleasant walking we passed back close to Conyer marina, this time seeing the stunningly white New England-style club-house. This was unfortunately members-only so most of the group instead visited the very attractive Ship Inn for welcome refreshment.

The August walk will start at 10.00 on Sunday 9th from outside the British Pilot public house in Allhallows (ME3 9QW). This will be another walk that gives excellent views over the riversides around us. All are welcome. Any queries to Mitchell on 01634-254428 or mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com.

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.

High Halstow Village Hall

Quizathon

Margaret, Lesley and John did it again, putting on another great evenings worth of entertainment with the latest Quizathon. A further £177 was raised for the Village Hall and this is being put to good use with the refurbishment programme. Thanks to the Quiz Team for running of the event and to all who came along to support this

Our table suffice to say didn't win but were pleased to thrash Mark and Noleen Skudder's table for I believe the first time. This may be because they were not there but a wins a win and it is not our fault they were running scared.

Refurbishment Phase Three

At the time of writing this report the works for Phase Three are nearly finished. You will see that there is a new main double door entrance to the side of the hall, a new kitchen is in place where the old Doctors Surgery was, a disabled ramp leading into the new entrance and a new fire escape in anticipation of the stairs to be fitted in phase four have all been completed for this phase.

Refurbishment Phase Four

The Hall Committee are working to see if we can complete the stairs and the works upstairs before Christmas so please watch this space for further details

Village Hall Event Planner

The Village Hall Committee is still looking to put on fund raising events for the year and below are dates that have already been agreed

Quizathons: Friday 16th October

Murder on the Peninsula: Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November - SOLD OUT

High Halstow Golf Tournament: Wednesday 23rd September
Please see separate poster for details



Barking Dogs

A barking dog can be a real irritation at anytime of the day if left unchecked. Please be mindful that your dog isn't causing others sleepless nights or disturbed enjoyment of their garden. If you leave your dog

out during the day when you are out, it might be worth checking with a neighbour that they are not howling for your return. Please be considerate to those around you and how often your dog is barking.

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There will also be a raffle at the Prize giving

Booking Form

Name	Address	Tel. No	Email	Handicap (Max 28)

I would like to book _____ places in the High Halstow Open on 23rd September 2015 at £27.50 per person to include Coffee/Tea and bacon Bap before the start
One round of golf
Ham, Egg and Chips after your round of golf _____ x £27.50 = £_____

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

Total (Cheques Made Payable to High Halstow Village Hall) £_____

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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:

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| Rev. S. Gwilt | - The Rectory |
| Mr S. Bailey | - 27 Cooling Road |
| Mrs J. Collins | - 6 Marsh Crescent |
| Mrs L. Munday | - 22 Willowbank Drive |
| Mr J. Myatt | - Decoy Hill Road |
| Mrs C. Peek | - 2 Willowbank Drive |
| Mrs N. Turner | - 12 Marsh Crescent |

Record Breakers

Summer Reading Challenge 2015

In partnership with The Reading Agency, Medway Libraries will once again be running the Summer Reading Challenge.

The challenge is for four to 12-year-olds, and is available in all 16 libraries in Medway. The theme for summer 2015 will be Record Breakers.

Children are encouraged to borrow and read six library books, of their choice, during the summer break. After reading each book they receive a reward, finishing after the sixth book with a medal and personalised *Record Breakers* Certificate.

This year challenge will run from Saturday, 11 July - Saturday, 12 September 2015.

To celebrate this year's themes, Medway's Libraries will be hosting a wide range of events throughout the summer.

For a full list of free activities, please visit your local library for a copy of the timetable or visit the Medway Council website and search Reading Challenge.

Any children who successfully complete the challenge and sends a photo of themselves with their certificate to editor@highhalstow.org.uk will be included in the High Halstow Times.



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4th Sunday Family Communion

6:30pm High Halstow
1st Sunday Holy Communion
3rd Sunday Informal worship
5th Sunday Joint Songs of Praise with Allhallows
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For further information. Rev Stephen Gwilt 01634 250637
Or Email stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk

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

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The All New High Halstow Market and Table Top Sale

High Halstow Memorial Hall
Saturday 8th August
10am - 2pm

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Butcher, Jeweller, Hand-made-Cards, Make-up,
Lucky Dip, Bric-a-Brac, Hand Bags,
Dragon & Fairy Ornaments, Cakes
and much more!!

Refreshments available.

If you would like a table, please call Pat 01634 251077

Raffle for the Friendly Club and Charity

HH Primary School Vacancy

An Apprentice Finance and Administration Assistant is required at High Halstow Primary School.

For more information please go to:

<http://www.kenttrainingandapprenticeships.co.uk/vacancy/finance-administration-assistant/>

Regards

Frances Penney

Secretary High Halstow Primary School

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, and it is your responsibility to clear up it's mess afterwards.

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.

Your Parish Councillors

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

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High Halstow & District Gardening Club

ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST



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Hat found

Has anyone lost a hat? One was found on the Recreation Ground on the evening of Tuesday 7th July, after the Youth Club end of term barbecue. It is black and red and was bought in 'Next'. Please let me know if you think it might be yours.

Chris Peek

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