



High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

September 2009

Queen B & The Redfords

- Don't Stop Me Now -
- Another One Bites The Dust -
- I Want To Break Free -

And many more of the other classic Queen and Freddie Mercury hits. It is with great pleasure that the Village Hall Committee can announce that the Queen Tribute Band 'Queen B' will be returning to the Village Hall on October 17th. Also appearing the same night will be The Redfords with their blend of classic greats and modern day hits. Listen to them at the theredfords.net

Ticket prices are £17.50 with tickets available from Margaret Church on 253709 and Wenda Wright on 253169

There will be a licensed bar with doors open from 7.00pm

Village Hall

The architects appointed by the Hall Committee, Clay Architecture, are due to complete the revised plans by the end of September. The next stage will be to seek planning and building control permissions which is hoped to be completed by Christmas. Meanwhile we have received detailed estimated costings which will enable us to seek additional funding from a number of different partners which again we hope can be in place when we seek tenders in the new year. Please watch this space for further news.

News From The Parish Council

Bus Shelters - Medway Council have offered the Parish Council two second-hand bus shelters which we have gladly accepted and are now waiting for the shelters to be installed. These will replace the shelters opposite Longfield Avenue and the one outside the Village Hall.

Play Park - At the time of going to press we are still awaiting the proposed plans from Medway Council. The plans should incorporate comments from the consultation exercise that has been carried out involving the various interested parties. There may be an opportunity to see the proposals prior to the next HHT so please look out for notices in the Village Notice Boards and both Halls. The plan is still for the new refurbished play park to be completed by the end of March 2010.

Swing Night



Swing Night at
THE RED DOG

3rd October
8'til Late

The Swing Brothers

are

Magic & Footie
Cocktails

Dress to Impress



QUIZ NITE

I think most of the quizzers know there is no quiz nite in August.

The next quiz-nite is on 25 September 2009. We look forward to seeing you then.

Editors Comment. I am pleased to see the price has gone up to £2.50 per person. Perhaps it will enough to buy Margaret some decent music (not Michael Jackson) and Pat some new quiz books.

Help For Heroes

Following Dramarama's successful summer production, we are pleased to say £301.67 was raised for 'Help The Heroes', the chosen charity this year. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

Say Cheese !



Building on last years success we are again running a photographic competition to try and find High Halstow's best photographers for 2009. 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 2010 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 2009.



All entries to be posted through the Rectory letter box by 13th September 2009. Digital entries should be on a CD or DVD where possible. For Further details Please Contact:
Rev. Stephen Gwilt on 250637



High Halstow Cricket Club

The club's Colt section rounded off their season with an enjoyable Presentation Evening and BBQ at Rayners Meadow on the 25th July. During the evening, after some delicious burgers, hot dogs etc. Awards were presented to the recipients by senior members of the club and Colt coaches.

Although top honours were elusive this year, all four teams (Egrets, Herons, U13's and U17's) gave an admirable account of themselves, both in the league and cup matches with some memorable individual performances and team wins.

This section of HHCC has gone from strength to strength, due not only to the increase in the number of young players, but the skills of the coaching staff ably supported by all the parents and helpers etc. The enthusiasm of these budding cricketers is something to be admired. Long may it continue!

Starting next season there is the distinct possibility of the introduction of an all-girl team run by one of the lady members. This is a first for HHCC and what a great prospect!

Hopefully by maintaining the use of the Recreation Ground next year, all of the up and coming colts will be able to take advantage of this facility in bringing on their skills, and realising their full potential in graduating into senior cricket.

Malcolm Coomber on behalf of HHCC.

Pictured below are some of the Colts with their medals and trophies accompanied by Tom Robertson, the U13's coach



Farmers Market

The Farmers Market has been running now for over two years. In that time over £4,000 has been raised for the benefit of the Village Hall

The Market is held on the first Saturday of the month (with the exception of January) with the Village Hall opening its doors at 9.30am and closing approximately at 11.00am. Anyone wishing to book a stall please contact Margaret Church on 253709

This article is to inform you of some of the stall holders who come each month to support our Market - First we have Lucy:



Lucy and her daughter make the chocolate in Fairseat, where they live on a family farm. They make them in the little Victorian dairy at the back of the farmhouse using only the finest ingredients.

The base product is tempered and crystallized in large Bains Marie. One each for dark, milk and white chocolate. It is then moulded in shapes appropriate to the flavours that they are about to make. To do this the moulds are filled with molten chocolate, then rattled and tapped vigorously to expel any air bubbles before excess chocolate is scraped away. They are left to set whilst the fillings is made.

Lucy says that the creation of fillings is fun as many liquors and spirits are involved and a certain amount of 'quality control' is obligatory.

When the fillings are made they are piped into the moulds together with any in-fill required.

When the fillings are set, the chocolates are covered with a final layer of chocolate and, once again, allowed to set.

Truffles are dipped in molten chocolate and rolled in their finish or individually wrapped in foil. Flat pack boxes are made up, the chocolates placed therein, closed, tied and labelled.

Then all that is left is the dreaded washing up!

Project 90

It started in June 2003 and was called Project Day but now has become known as Project 90 where volunteers give up 90 minutes of their time on the Saturday morning following the Parish Council meeting to try and improve the village we all live in.

In July not only was the litter picked in Dux Court but windows were replaced in the Village Hall, fences creosoted at the Memorial Hall and running repairs carried out to the bus shelter opposite Longfield Avenue.

The next one is September 12th with the fun starting 8.30am in the Village Hall Car Park - with a free cup of tea and cake afterwards.

Why not come along and see the difference you can make in 90 minutes.



Friendly Club

We are sorry that there was no meeting during August, but because of various summer activities and holidays, we decided there would not be a meeting just for August. BUT we will be back on September 23, so we hope to see you then.

Because holiday coaches now require a minimum number of people before they will take us on holiday, we are looking into the possibility of 5-day break instead of 8 days. If any member has any ideas please let us know.

We are looking for new members. Any one 40 and over is welcome, and we meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.

Women-For-Women Cycle China

Funding Better Health Care for Women & Babies

Denise Thomas of 31 Cooling Road, has taken on the challenge to raise £3,300 and cycle 225 miles to support Sir Robert Winston in his tireless research into improving the health of women and babies throughout the world. Denise is cycling around 50 miles per day as training for the Cycle China 2010 challenge and has entered the London to Brighton bike ride (56 miles) this June. To help raise funds Denise has organised a Charity Golf Day at: **Deangate Ridge on September 8th** and a **Family Disco at Cliffe Woods Community Centre on Saturday 3rd October**. There will be a small auction for Echo's gym membership, then a raffle that includes prizes of £100 Theatre tickets, Round of golf at Deangate for 4, valued at over £50. Pentagon shopping vouchers, then the usual entry into places like Health and sports clubs and the ice bowl, cuddly toy, wine etc etc.

Entrance will be £10 per family, on the night, with bar available, starting around 7.30.

For further information on these events and other ways you can help Denise please call her on 256459 or email: mumsteddies@yahoo.co.uk

The Red Dog Forthcoming Events For September

Sunday 6th September Bingo
Everyone Welcome Eyes Down 7.30pm
Larger attendance Larger Prizes

Saturday 19th September
Disco with Cara

Two Meals for £10.00
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
11 to 3
&
6 to 9.30

Kids Eat Free on Sundays

3rd October 8 'til Late
Swing Night
With The Magic Foot
Cocktails
Dress to Impress

Gardening Club

Don't forget the Garden Club's Annual Show on Saturday 29 August.

Apart from the obvious flowers and vegetables there will be some lovely pot plants, both in flower and some that are just foliage. There are flower arrangements and the Craft section is always interesting. Not only ladies but gents also enter our Domestic class: which includes cakes, jams, preserves, and pastrys and sugar craft, just to mention a few.

There will also be Refreshments, Tombola, and a Raffle. There is also a free raffle for anyone who enters as an exhibitor. As well as the members own free raffle.

I Know The Score

Four players have joined the High Halstow League. There is still time to show how good you are at picking results. The game is free to enter - so just follow the link below and follow the instructions to log-on. Once you have logged in, click on the Mini-Leagues link on the right of the page and then enter the code FC58D-GBM

<http://ikowthescore.premierleague.com/>

League positions to 27th August

Mrs A Sitta 255
Ben_De_Legs 210
comos1 130
cousboss 60

Editors comment - come on lads, we cannot let a girl win (especially one who picks the scores based on the colour of the shirts!)

Women's Institute

Up to London to see the Queen

We have not been too busy over the last few weeks, but some of us spent a lovely afternoon in a members garden enjoying a strawberry tea, that's what summers are all about; friends and food! Seven ladies had a great day touring the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace, and no, we didn't see the Queen. If you have the chance to go, do, as we would highly recommend it. We have just spent a very entertaining afternoon playing Beetle, with some fun-loving ladies who prove that when it comes to childrens games age doesn't matter.

Looking ahead, several W I ladies will be travelling back to London for a tour behind the scenes of the three unique stages of the National Theatre, followed of course by afternoon tea. Later in September four members are to attend 'Kent Day'. This is a day of speakers covering topics with a link to Kent such as hydroponics, oil seed rape, our shrinking green spaces and organic cleaning products.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd September when we will have an insight into pilates. After all those teas and cakes we will need to get back into shape. All visitors are welcome, just £1:50 on the door.

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Memorial Hall

The 2009 AGM was held in July, and we were pleased to see a couple of regular groups represented.

The only major change to the committee was that Irene and Bob have retired and Angela Forward has kindly agreed to take on the task of Secretary.

The recent 'clean up' is finished and the hall is looking smart again, we have also had an Asbestos Survey done, as part of the Health and Safety Regulations, I am pleased to say there was nothing nasty in their report.

Stolen Motor Bike

Please be aware that on the evening of Thursday 20th or Friday 21st August a motorbike was stolen from outside the front of a house in Willowbank Drive. If you have any information please pass on to the Police or pass to the Parish Council who will pass the information on.

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. 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.

Advertising rates are £15 per quarter page per edition; £30 per half page per edition.

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

Readers Letters

The Redford's Acoustic Picnic

What a fabulous afternoon! It was a perfect Sunday, glorious sunshine, location the Cherry Orchard on the RSPB'S ground, bring your own picnic, drink and listen to some fantastic music by local musicians. Some excellent pieces of material written by the young musicians and some older more familiar pieces and all for £5.00. Money well spent. I look forward to I hope will be an ever-increasing event.

Angela Bostock

A letter to the man that (anonymously) telephoned me at 11.12 pm and again at 11.39 pm on the 15th August.

The Village Hall has been used since the 1960's for all sorts of functions and occasionally we have had problems, but on the whole that is very rare. This particular evening, 15th August, was a nice summer evening and the people using the Hall may have ventured outside. There were only three children at the party, and those playing in the swing park are sometimes older ones who may not even be involved in the Hall function.

The music stopped at 11.30 pm as is the usual time for Hall users. We do not have a paid caretaker (as you seemed to think). The Hall is run by a group of volunteers and the people of the Village normally appreciate that by doing this they have a place to use for family of community functions.

I presume that you have not lived in the Village very long so do not know of the benefits that young and old get from this.

I do not appreciate being threatened with police calls late at night especially from someone that wants to remain anonymous

Ann Smith

Dates for Diary

Every Wednesday
Painting & Drawing for Beginners
10.00 Memorial Hall
Every Thursday
Mother and Toddler's
09.30 Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes
19.00 Memorial Hall
Every Saturday
Karmann Dancers Memorial Hall
09.00

Other Dates

Wednesday 2nd Women's Institute
19.30 Memorial Hall
Saturday 5th Farmer's market
09.30 Village Hall
Tuesday 8th Open House
12.15 Memorial Hall
Tuesday 8th Garden Club
20.00 Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9th Parish Council
20.00 Memorial Hall
Saturday 12th Project 90
08.30 Village Hall
Wednesday 23rd Friendly Club
14.00 Memorial Hall
Friday 25th Quiz Night
20.00 Memorial Hall

Your Parish Councillors

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

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 - Pat Hillman 251064
Village Hall - Ann Smith 251914

Report Crime

Always call 999 if

- a crime is happening now
- people are injured
- people are being threatened or are in danger
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby

Call Kent Police on 01622 690690 to report any non-emergency crime

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

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

In this day and age I understand that individuals may hesitate to contact the Authorities for fear of reprisals: should this be the case please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence and I will act on your behalf

Martin Mitchell

HHPC Police Liaison 0753 1984169

PROJECT 90

90 minutes spent improving the village

Saturday 12th September

8:30am Start at the Village Hall

Free Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Buns afterwards for all the helpers

Contributions for August should be sent by 24th September to:
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or e.mail to editor@highhalstow.org.uk