



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



September 2012

Skateboard Park



The Parish Council would like to thank all of those who have contributed to the discussion on the possibility of a skateboard park as requested by the youth. As said last month the Parish Council will be looking to make a decision at the SEPTEMBER Parish Council meeting as to what it may do in respect of this request.

The issues for the Parish Council will obviously be cost and location. It is still not too late to have your say either by letting the editor have your comments or adding to the growing comments on the website at <http://highhalstow.org.uk/blog/skateboard-park>

HH Parish Council

COME AND MEET YOUR PARISH



COUNCILLORS

One or two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 11th September 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.

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 aware of the traffic as they might otherwise be. Please be careful.

George Crozer

PROJECT 90


90 minutes spent improving
the village

The next Project 90 will be
Saturday 15th September
8:30am - 10:00am

Village Hall Car Park

Village Hall

a. **An Evening with Nicky Moore and Friends**

The Hall Committee is so pleased to announce that Nicky Moore is  back with friends for a performance on 22nd September at the Village Hall. Tickets are £12.50 and are available from the shop. Come on along to see talent of tomorrow performing today. Buffett included in the price.

b. **Take On Take That**

Ticket sales have started extremely well considering the event is Friday 9th November. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

c. **Fund Raising**

Latest news is as follows:

1. A small grant application has gone into the National Grid which we are hoping will be able to fund some materials for minor works which we are hoping to carry out ourselves.
2. A grant request has been made with the Trusthouse Foundation which we are hoping for a successful outcome in early October
3. As indicated last month the Village Hall Committee has reviewed the specification to see what we could do ourselves thereby reducing the costs to say just materials. As a result we have also submitted a small grant request with Awards For All to help us pay for this, We are hoping for a result in early October
4. The application with BIFFA has been turned down at present as the amount of money required for Phase Two exceeds the limit set for their terms and conditions, We will be looking to see if we can resubmit with a smaller project in Phase Three

e. **Farmers Market**

September 1st with doors open from 9.30. To book a stall please contact Michelle on 254121. Have you considered using this event to raise money for your group or raise awareness of your group?

f. **New Groups**

Are you a group out there looking for a regular venue, then why not consider the Village Hall. With the first phase of the improvements completed and more on the way, it makes an ideal venue for you to undertake your hobby, class etc. For more details on availability and costs please contact Crystal on 251849

Take on Take That



**High Halstow Village Hall
Friday 9th November
Doors open at 7:30pm
Fully Licensed Bar
Tickets £12.50
from Gary on 07809 287128
Wenda 253169 or
The Village Shop**

g. **Programme of Events Up To December:**


- i. Farmers Market 1st September
- ii. Nicky Moore 22nd September
- iii. Farmers Market 6th October
- iv. Farmers Market 3rd November
- v. Take On Take That 9th November
- vi. Church Christmas Market
10th November
- vii. Farmers Market 1st December
- viii. Christmas Tree Festival
8th December



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meeting please contact:

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

Please do not call on a Sunday.

NB: Wednesday mornings at the Memorial
Hall are now free for bookings.

Britannia Way / The Street Bus Stop

Thank you for the many, many comments with regards
to the Bus Stop at Britannia Way / The Street. It is
clear that a lot of people feel very strongly that the
Bus Stop should not be removed and the Parish
Council are in agreement with this sentiment. The
matter is with our legal advisors, and we hope to be
able to provide an update, subject to legal constraints,
at the next Parish Council meeting which is on
Wednesday 12th September at 8:00pm in the
Memorial Hall.

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Dramarama

With only a matter of days before the cast return
after their summer break Pauline Martin is furiously
penning the last few pages of the 2013 Dramarama
pantomime. Strict secrecy surrounds the script (not
easy to say after a glass or two of local plonk!), and
the cast wait with baited breath to see which role
they will be given. As we go to print it is still not
known what the pantomime will be, although Snow
White is still strongly rumoured to be the Director's
choice. The first meeting back normally starts a bit
like going back to school after the summer holidays,
lots of how-do-you-do's, and what-you-been-up-to's,
then we form a circle and settle-down to the first
read through, and the realisation that the hard work
is about to start all over again. With renewed
enthusiasm we commit to learning our lines early,
and promise not to miss a Thursday evening.
Once rehearsals are underway, we hope to post
some sneaky peaks on the High Halstow website,
and please don't forget to save the date, the
pantomime will be January 17th, 18th and 19th
tickets available soon at £4.00 each

Dramarama

The Village Cook Book

The Village Cook Book is gathering pace and
we have started to receive the recipes for the
Village Cook Book with more being promised.

The Village Cook Book will be produced in aid
of the Village Hall and this is where we would
like your help and would like to think it will make
a nice Christmas present. Do you have a
favourite recipe that you would like to share;
well this is the time to let us know. Please could
we have the following:

- 1 The recipe details
- 2 A picture of the finished recipe
- 3 Your name and address
- 4 A picture of yourself
(passport size would be great)

The level of responses and recipes sent in will
determine how the book(s) will be produced
and available. We hope you like the idea and
join in. We are hoping to go to print in October
ready for the November Farmers Market so
there is still time for you to submit your
favourite or unusual recipe.

Save the Date
28th September, 9:30am Onwards
Macmillan Coffee Morning
High Halstow Memorial Hall



Nearly everyone knows someone who needs, or has needed support from 'Macmillan Cancer Care' and this is why I and my bank of helpers, over the last 8 years have (with your help) raised £3312. This has been gratefully received by Macmillan from High Halstow. Last year we hoped to hit over £3000 and we made it, maybe it can be £4000 this year.

Please come and join us in the Memorial Hall, where you can enjoy tea, coffee, cakes, scones and beautiful cupcakes, all homemade. As well as jams, marmalade, bespoke cards and jewellery. There will be a raffle and our 'Pick-a-Duck' tombola, where everyone is a winner.

If you are unable to come and join us but would like to donate, we can arrange to deliver a box of cakes to your door for £5.

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Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Committee are pleased to announce the kitchen has now been completed and looks amazing, great work from Anthony Rutherford who worked very hard and completed the work before allotted time

Should anyone want work done by Anthony they can always come and check out the kitchen, especially on a Tuesday morning when you can get a cup of coffee

Thanks again Anthony

Looking ahead, we will be opening our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 25th November, the exact time of opening will be confirmed next HHT

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High Halstow Cricket Club – August 2012

As I write, there are 2 league games to be played by all three senior sides. Whilst relegation for both the 1st and 2nd XIs is not a mathematical certainty, by the close of play on 25th August, both sides are likely to be returning to Division 4 for the 2013 season. Clearly this is very disappointing for all concerned with the club, but the loss of so many experienced players from last year has left the selectors struggling to put out viable teams. When there is a shortage of numbers, it is the 3rd XI that suffers. As a consequence, several of their games have been conceded – although they have also benefited from concessions by other teams. It seems we are not alone to have problems this year. The 3rds look as though they will finish 7th in the Kent Regional League Division 1B (Central) – in the circumstances not a bad effort.

With 2 games to play, the Sunday League XI are looking for a mid-table finish in Division 3 of the Aero Development League. This league is a valuable education for the younger players, as the playing conditions require each team to field a minimum of 6 players under 21 years.

The Sunday Friendly XI has won 3, lost 3 and had 4 rained off. It is a pity that many of our “social” players missed such a large percentage of their season through the vagaries of the English weather.

The Colts have had a mixed season. Unfortunately we were unable to field an U11 Softball team this year, but the U11 hardball team held its own in the Medway Colts League, despite losing several of last year's team through old age! These young players (mostly under 12s) played U13 cricket this season and did very well to finish 2nd in the league. Their highlight, however, was victory in the U13 Cup followed by winning the League Championship pay-off – well done. The U15s struggled in their league, but they learned a lot and will do better next year. The U17s, drawn at times from all the colts age groups, finished a very creditable mid-table. In the Medway Colts Cricket Festival, the U16 team (again drawn from all the age groups) had an enjoyable couple of weeks, winning half their games.

So far as the weather is concerned, this has been the worst season any of us can remember,. We could have played throughout March and early April, but thereafter was nothing short of disastrous for us, and for other teams around the county. In all, we have lost 33 out of 115 matches to the weather. Many of these games could have been played but for the puddles on parts of the outfield, which lingered longer than one would have thought possible. We need to do all possible to improve the drainage during the course of this winter. It is a sad fact of life that the loss of complete matches means a loss of revenue to the club. Meanwhile, necessary expenditure continues to accumulate. No one is happy!

If there is good news to be read, it is that no player has left High Halstow for another club. Players have moved away, retired, or taken a step back for family reasons. However, plenty of work will be required to put 3 competitive teams out next year, if we are to make a swift return to the successes of the recent past.

High Halstow WI

August is usually a quiet month for the WI, however eighteen members did meet for afternoon tea at the Kings Arms, Upnor. Plenty of good food was on offer which was well appreciated.

Two members joined Stoke WI's Open Evening. They had an interesting and enjoyable evening listening to and joining in with the "Boxley Handbells".

Our September meeting is on Wednesday 5th September and the speaker will talk on Homeopathy. Don't forget all are welcome.

Val Osenton



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Don't forget Monday Nights are Zumba Nights

High Halstow Times Your Help Wanted

Ann Smith after ten years of arranging the deliveries for the High Halstow Times has decided it is time to hand over to someone new. Ann is happy to continue until the end of the year should this help any prospective volunteer. If you are interested in taking over from Ann and finding out what is involved please ring Ann on 251914. The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to Ann for many years of service as it is much appreciated.

HH Parish Council

HH Investors Club AGM

The AGM took place in July at the commencement of our Fifteenth year of trading. We were able to take a measure of satisfaction from the way we have survived the continuous issues attacking the financial world since 2008. It really is the challenge that makes investment exciting. In late August, on the hottest day of the year, once the few spots of rain left us. Members and partners were able to to enjoy an extensive lunch in a Member's garden, drinks and food provided by everyone. It was so pleasant to be able to sit outside in the warmth - but we made sure we packed up before those darned mosquitos woke up for their evening meal !

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The trustees are:

Rev. S. Gwilt	- The Rectory
Mrs L. Munday	- 22 Willowbank Drive
Mrs M. Bufford	- 34 Christmas Lane
Mrs J. Gillies	- 22 Leaman Close
Mr J. Myatt	- Decoy Hill Road
Mr B. Prichard	- 9 Drayton Close
Mrs C. Peek	- 2 Willowbank Drive



Harvest Festival service with a collection for Christian Aid & Medway Foodbank

Sunday 30th September

9:30am St.Margarets Church, High Halstow

11:00am All Saints Church, Allhallows

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Harvest Supper

We bought roses for Valentines day, eggs for Easter, made merry at the Queens Diamond Jubilee, rejoiced at the Olympics so why not join us as we feast at the Harvest supper.

For thousands of years communities have gathered together at the end of the summer to celebrate a bountiful harvest. Despite living in an industrial age our village is surrounded by growing food and have all seen next years food been collected in.

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High Halstow Hikers

A small group of us did an 8 mile circular walk from Reculver taking in part of the Wantsum Way. The weather was warm and sunny and the high tide made the beach an attractive proposition. But we ignored this temptation and headed inland to the marshland and small fields that persist in the area. Many of these were being harvested as we walked around them. One feature that unfortunately does not persist is the promised (by Ordnance Survey map book) remote and famous pub about 3/4 of the way round. This is now instead an unremarkable house with a large dark patch on the wall where the pub sign used to hang. Fortunately there is an attractive watering hole back in Reculver.

The September walk will be led by Alan Marshall and will be more local starting from Lower Higham where the Chequers and Railway Inn are. It should be ok to park up around there. The walk will follow the route of the old canal for about a mile and a half to Hoo Junction, then take the old military road down to Shornmead Fort. The sea wall will be followed past Higham Saltings, turning back towards Higham along the edge of the old gravel pits, crossing the railway at Church Street and heading across the fields back into Lower Higham. Total about 6.5 to 7 miles max. People can contact Alan on the numbers or email below:

Alan Heron Recreations 01634 272490 07534 989438 alanmarshallheron@talktalk.net
<http://heronrecreations.moonfruit.com>

Other walks for the year will be as below with further details to follow in future HH Times:

14th October, Cliffe Fort and Lakes

11th November, Knowle Park and Greensands Way

16th December, Local pre-Christmas walk.

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



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Christmas Tree Festival

I know it is a bit early thinking about Christmas, with the first signs of summer just arriving, but please can put a date in your diary, it is proposed there will be a Christmas Tree Festival in the Village Hall on December 8th.

Details to follow shortly so watch this space.

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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.

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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 Story Lab Certificate.

The challenge will run from Saturday, 14 July until Friday, 14 September 2012.

For more information visit the official Story Lab website www.story-lab.org.uk



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Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

I would like to say a very big thank you to all of those who came out to help work in the church yard last month on what was possibly the hottest day of the year. I am sure most of us lost weight despite the eating of ice creams and drinking of cold drinks. Maybe we could start a new exercise routine built round the church yard, we could play music and call it Chumba! OK maybe not, maybe I had better stick to the day job. On a serious note though there are many people who are unable to keep the area around their loved one graves and I am sure they are very grateful to all of those who give so much time to keeping it looking good.

Rev. Stephen Gwilt

Local History and Family Research Group

Interested in taking part in a local history research group, perhaps including family genealogical research? Although we are a small village, High Halstow has existed since Saxon times and in some way been touched by some great events and people. The Time and Tides project is going ahead and memories of our more immediate past can be even more interesting. If you would like to know more or are just casually curious about the subject, either young or old, please let me know and perhaps a village meeting could be arranged discuss it further.

Dave Stephenson. 252016

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

Dear HHT,

It is with some regret that I must inform the village that the strip of land between the RSPB woods and my grazing fields is now closed to unauthorised use. Sadly since the sale and division of Buckhole Farm, it would seem that some members of High Halstow village view passage around my boundaries as a right. After four years of insults, verbal abuse and threats by a very small minority and the culmination of either the crass stupidity or unbelievable arrogance of one person who chose to walk through a live shoot, the barriers to access will remain. This person who and I quote "I have walked around here for ten years and you wont stop me" deliberately broke through the barriers put there to protect walkers. As always, shoots are organised with safety the highest priority therefore this person was spotted and advised of his actions.

It would also seem that a person has taken to cutting down my trees and shrubbery, and cut through the fencing between the RSPB site and my land to make their own personal walkway, I would remind this person that this is in fact criminal damage and the issue is being addressed. The land between my stock line and actual boundary is not RSPB land, it is not a public footpath. it is private land, the public footpaths are well documented. If any resident of High Halstow seeks clarification please enquire at either the parish council or for a small fee the land registry should be able to assist. Again with the most sincere apologies to the decent residents of High Halstow who now have to use the documented footpaths safety has to be the highest consideration. Buckhole Farm will never be a working farm again, the land is not a local amenity, its now fenced plots are owned by several individuals. I would ask residents to respect that the land had been available to purchase at open auction and is now privately owned. whilst it had been very pleasant to chat to some walkers, others have offered a barrage of abuse. i would also remind users of the documented footpaths to please keep their dogs on a lead and children under control as advised in the countryside code. we are a smallholding and have a variety of stock. Please close the access gates behind you, there has been in recent days instances where mares and foals have become separated, much to the distress of both and injury to a foal, there has also been instances of loose dogs chasing the goats. please do not allow children to approach the stock as the animals find it distressing particularly the nannies with kids. A solution to closing the gate would be of course to change from a gate to a stile. again it is with disappointment that I feel this action to deny access around the land of Woodview farm has become necessary.

Yours Sincerely,
Sarah Farrow,
Woodview Farm.

Name and Address Supplied

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

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