



High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

September 2013

Village Hall

Refurbishment Phase Two

The wait is nearly over with works almost complete

The Hall Committee owes a great deal of thanks to Ray Collins and the army of volunteers he has supervised in the demolition works at the beginning of the process and the internal painting since the works have begun. The Hall Committee would like to thank Angela and Mick Forward, Mick Woolmington, Trevor Clark, Stephen Gwilt, George and Jane Crozer, June Collins, and of course Lesley Munday for feeding us all. Works to the roof are well under way and the new brickwork to the front is finished. Electricians have been in and working on the wiring that is required. Changes have been made at the last minute to accommodate additional requirements for both the Doctors and Building Control which will delay completion by a couple of weeks.

Remember you can see the plans at <http://highhalstow.org.uk/halls/village-hall-plans>.

This work has only been possible with major funding gratefully received from the following:

Veolia Environmental Trust
Kent Downs and Marshes Leader Programme (RDPE)
High Halstow Parish Council
Garfield Weston Foundation

Photos can be viewed at <http://highhalstow.org.uk/halls/village-hall-refurbishment-update-on-phase-three-july-2013> which will be published shortly

Quizathon

The fund raising doesn't stop with Phase Two works being completed. The Hall Committee is planning for Phase Three, the new kitchen, stairs, back wall, new main entrance and kitting out the room upstairs. As a result we are pleased to announce there will be another Quizathon on October 11th at the Village Hall.

The Quizathon will start at 7.30. We would be pleased if you could come along and see the refurbishment to date and continue to support the refurbishment programme so that the works can be brought to an end.

Please contact me on 244203 to book your table.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Margaret Church

2013 Photographic Competition



The High Halstow Photographic Competition has been running now for the past 4 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.

There are no restrictions this year with regards to previous winners, and 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 2013.

If you are a member of a group in High Halstow, why not send photos from an event you organised, i.e. Dramarama Summer Show, the Gardening Club, High Halstow Hikers etc. They would make great additions to the calendar produced at the end of the year, and you may win a prize for your efforts.

HH Parish Council

Allotments

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. Although there are currently no vacant allotments, there is also no one on the waiting list. Should you wish to be put on the waiting list please can you contact me (Chris Watson) on 256529 or email me at chris.watson123@btinternet.com.

We Lost !!

Our winning run in the county darts competition came to an end when we lost 2-0 at East Farleigh. We blame it on the venue which was incredibly difficult to find. Driving up and down the back roads and arriving late does not make for a calm and steady hand.

A much more relaxing afternoon was spent with a superb guided tour of Restoration House with Richard one of the owners, followed by tea in the gardens.

The next WI meeting is on 4th September in the Memorial Hall starting at 7:30. Our speaker will be Martin Heard telling us all about Emma Hamilton the mistress of Lord Nelson. Why not come along and see what we do. As a visitor it's just £1:50 on the door.

Margaret Whitebread

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.

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High Halstow Charity Fun Day Sports Auction

The auction of sport-related items will take place immediately after the completion of the 6-a-side cricket competition and associated presentation. Items to be auctioned will include:

Round of Golf for 4 at Bearwood Lakes, Berkshire (players require a handicap of 24 or better).

Cricket Bat signed by Kent 1st XI squad 2013

Round of Golf for 3 at The London Club (players will be accompanied by the Chairman HH Cricket Club)

Cricket Bat signed by Australia and New Zealand teams 2011

Round of Golf for 4 at Deangate Ridge

Set of Junior pads and gloves

There are no auctioneer estimates on any of the lots, except to say that their retail value exceeds £1,000. It is hoped that the generosity of sponsors and donors, including Lexus UK, Kent CCC, Adhesive PR (Australia), Miles Kember and Carl Dockwray, will be matched only by the generosity and enthusiasm of bidders. All lots must be sold!

For those unable to be present at the auction to bid in person, a sealed bid may be submitted which must include a name and address the amount offered for a particular item prior to the auction. Such bids should be submitted to David Lapthorn at 9, Marsh Crescent by the 20th September. All bids, whether "live" or submitted beforehand will be taken on trust, but may be subject to the auctioneer's discretion. Because there are no costs associated with this auction, the total of all the successful bids will go to JDRF.

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

MEDWAY COUNCIL (BRITANNIA ROAD, HIGH HALSTOW) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC ORDER 2013)

NOTICE OF INTENTION


Notice is hereby given that Medway Council intend to make an order the effect of which will be to impose the following temporary prohibitions or restrictions on traffic to enable the repair and replacement of manhole frames, excavation of ditches and installation of kerbs.

Britannia Road, High Halstow - to be closed to all vehicular traffic from junction with Clinch Street to junction with Valentine Drive. Pedestrian traffic will not be affected. Access to properties will be maintained at all times via Britannia Road, A228 Sharnal Street, A228 Ratcliffe Highway, Christmas Lane and The Street.

This order will come into force on 30 September 2013 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. The works are scheduled to be carried out on Monday 30 September 2013 and are programmed for completion within two weeks. The order will be effective only when the appropriate signs are being displayed.

If you wish to discuss a perceived difficulty or require further information please contact Medway Council, Regeneration, Community and Culture, Frontline Services (01634 331322) during normal office hours.

R Cooper
Medway Council



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High Halstow Gardening Club

It was a pity that the rain we gardeners had wished for all summer came all at once during the afternoon of the annual show which deterred some visitors and made the clearing up a very soggy affair. Nevertheless there was high standard of exhibits in all sections from both new and regular exhibitors. We managed to overcome the restricted space owing to the refurbishment works in the recreation hall with the refreshments served in the memorial hall. As usual the tombola and raffle were very well supported. Listed below are details of the prizes and trophies awarded at the Annual Show. Many thanks to everyone who helped to set up, clear the hall and with running the show to make it a success plus thank you to the visitors who braved the weather.

	Trophy/Prize	Winner
Section 1 Vegetables	A cup for the exhibitor gaining most points in the section	Dusty Miller
	The Terry Clarke trophy for most points in classes 3, 4 and 5	Dusty Miller & Neale Chapman
	The Les Shallot Cup for the exhibitor gaining most points in classes 6 and 7	Dusty Miller
Section 2 Fruit	A plaque for the exhibitor gaining most points in this section	Dusty Miller
Section 3 Flowers and Pot Plants	A shield for the exhibitor gaining most points in this section	Gwen Bucknall
	A plaque for the best Pot Plant	Jane Ovenell
	The Hubbard Cup for the best Dahlia	Neale Chapman
Section 4 Domestic	A cup for the exhibitor gaining most points in this section, together with a voucher to the value of £5.00	June Barton
Section 5 Floral Art	A vase for the exhibitor gaining most points in this section, together with a voucher to the value of £5.00	Hazel Kilburn
	A cup for the best exhibit in this section	Hazel Kilburn
Section 6 Arts and Crafts	A plaque for the exhibitor gaining most points in this section	Dennis Follett
Section 8 Novelty Potato in Bucket	£5.00 voucher for the highest yield in weight	Norman Latimer
Most Points in Show	A cup and a voucher to the value of £5.00 for the exhibitor gaining most points in the show	Dusty Miller
Jim Marsh Plate	Awarded to the exhibitor who in the opinion of the Judges benched the best exhibit in sections 1, 2 and 3	Dusty Miller
High Halstow and District Gardening Club Plate	Awarded to the exhibitor who in the opinion of the Judges benched the best exhibit in sections 4, 5 and 6.	Wendy White
President's Rosebowl	For the winner of Class 30	Rosemary Collins
The LV Uden Shield	For best garden in the village plus £10 voucher	Mike & Wendy White
	Garden Highly Commended by Judges	Alan Kelford
The Hillman Cup	For the best hanging basket in the village	Dennis & Mary Follett
The Elizabeth Harris Trophy	For the best container in the village	Mike & Jan Hughes
Winner of Top Tray Award – Class 24	£10 voucher	Dusty Miller
Winner of Top Vase Award – Class 52	£10 voucher	Rosemary Collins
Banksian Medal	For exhibitor with most points in sections 1, 2 and 3	Dusty Miller
Best Exhibit Voted by Show Visitors	Bottle of wine	Christine Wilson

At our September meeting on the 10th, Laurie Manser will be speaking to us on 'Growing and Showing Daffodils' at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall. We do hope you will be able to join us.

High Halstow Charity Fun Day – 21st September 2013

With the help of many of the village's clubs and organisations, the little seed of an idea to raise money for JDRF through a one day cricket competition has developed into the major event that you have read and heard about in recent weeks. You will see and hear a lot more in the build up to 21st September, when we hope that everyone will come out to enjoy themselves throughout the day, in addition to supporting local groups and the main charity.

HIGH HALSTOW FUN DAY
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FUN DAY

Fundraising in aid of

RAISING MONEY FOR
JDRF IMPROVING LIVES. CURING TYPE 1 DIABETES.
All net proceeds donated to JDRF reg no: 295716 and SCO40123

21st September

Noon 'til Late (Cricket from 10:00am)
Prize winning opportunities throughout the day
Six-a-side Cricket Tournament

GRAND DRAW
(Prizes include):

- o Meal for 4 at Shosna Restaurant (Up to £150)
- o £500 Cash;
- o Fortnum & Mason Hamper;
- o iPod Mini;
- o Many more.

Other Events on the Day:

- Evening Auction (Items include):
 - o Fourball Golf Day at Bearwood Lakes;
 - o Threeball Golf Day at London Golf Club;
 - o Cricket Bat signed by Australian Test Team.
- Children's Games;
- "Mad Matters" Tea Party;
- Stalls, Activities & Face Painting;
- Bouncy Castle & Carousel;
- Bar & BBQ; and
- Live Music.

Shosna
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JDRF - Registered Charity Number: 295716 (England and Wales) and SCO40123 (Scotland) For full details: www.highhalstow.org.uk

Apart from the Grand Draw, tickets for which will be available shortly from various outlets in the community, one of the highlights will be an auction of sports related items which will be held at the cricket pavilion between the end of the cricket and the start of the evening entertainment. Lots already to hand include a golf day for four at the prestigious Bearwood Club in Berkshire, and a similar event at the London Club. Players need to have a handicap of 24 or better. Opportunities to play on these championship courses do not arise very often, so we are expecting a high level of interest. There will be a wide range of lots with a range of values. One of the joys of an auction is that anyone can pick up a bargain, in the knowledge that, in this instance, every penny of the money will be going to JDRF. Full details of the lots will be available in advance of the auction.

Anyone requiring a supply of tickets for the Draw to sell within their own circle of connections, please contact me at 9, Marsh Crescent or on 250334.

David Lapthorn



ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL KENT AND BRITISH GAS ECO SCHEME NOW INCLUDES REPLACEMENT BOILERS

Action with Communities in Rural Kent has been working with British Gas to offer eligible local residents free insulation; they are pleased to announce that replacement boilers have now been included in the scheme. People in receipt of certain benefits including pension credit, tax credits, ESA and income support who have an old and/or broken boiler may be entitled to a free replacement. Loft and cavity wall insulation are also still available to the above eligible groups.

For people who don't receive benefits but have hard to treat cavity walls, there is an offer of up to £1000 off the cost of the work to insulate them. If you have previously been declined for cavity wall insulation or think you have hard to treat cavities there may now be a solution to them.

All the offers are open to people who own their own homes or live in private rented housing.

The whole process is simple, all you have to do is give British Gas a call and if you are eligible, they will book in a survey at a time convenient to you. Their survey is completely free and is just to make sure that your home can benefit from any additional measures. They will then arrange a time to undertake the work.

This is a government initiative to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions. There is no catch, you don't have to take out a contract, take up any British Gas products or services or even be a British Gas customer to take advantage! British gas will check your eligibility when you phone them; calls are free.

We're expecting demand to be high so give them a call right now free on 0800 980 9037. If you need any help or require further information please contact Tessa at Action with Communities in Rural Kent on 01303 813790

High Halstow Hikers

On Sunday 10th August a dozen of us walked from the picturesque quayside in Sandwich along the river Stour and then across Royal St Georges golf course the place of Darren Clarke's winning of the Open Championship 2 years ago. The course was very quiet so we fortunately did not need to dodge the golf balls. The path across the course brought us out to the expanses of Sandwich Bay with great views on the day across Pegwell Bay to Ramsgate and the North Foreland and to the South to Deal. We were all grateful to Mike and Jacky who took the trouble to take their motorhome to park at the edge of the beach and served us very welcome teas, coffees and cakes. Getting the walkers to move on wasn't easy but we continued south towards Deal and across the Royal Cinque Ports golf course and began to wind our way back to Sandwich. Along the way we passed the (in)famous Mary Bax's stone - the grave like headstone being set at the point where the unfortunate Mary was murdered 200 years ago by a Martin Lash who was executed for his misdeed. The sun shone strongly throughout the varied and enjoyable 6 miles.

The next walk will start at 10.00 on Sunday 15th September. Please note this CHANGE OF DATE from the earlier advertised one. The walk will take us through the fields, orchards and the Horticultural Research Station around East Malling. It is about 5 miles long and is mainly flat with a small number of gentle slopes. The walk will start from in front of the church (St James the Great) in Church Walk road. This road is in the centre of East Malling and is a left hand turn from New Road, the road which goes from the A20 in Larkfield to East Malling. There is some on-road parking on Church Walk road but being a Sunday this may be taken and parking on New Road, or in the station car park about 250m from Church walk may be necessary.

Any questions please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenwrold.com or on 01634254428.

Kilimanjaro Trek

My name is Beth George and I am a resident of High Halstow, I live at number 8 Half Moon Way and on the 1st of July I, alongside 21 others reached the summit of Kilimanjaro in aid of Meningitis Research Foundation. After this, I spent a week in an AIDs orphanage in Kenya. It was quite the experience to say the least.

The residents of High Halstow made it possible for me to enjoy this adventure as many were generous after I leafleted the village asking for donations and support towards my goal of £2,650. In fact I ended up raising £2,856 in total which was quite staggering as I hardly expected to be able to go! One individual actually raised over £300 of that alone for me which was just overwhelming and so inspiring.

I will be writing you an article about my adventures as many people I met as I posted around the village asked me to let them know how I got on. Obviously condensing 2 weeks into a small article will be quite a feat but I have some fantastic images and stories to tell.

I made a video using some footage from the week spent climbing, if you would like to take a glimpse at some of the things I saw and to see what living on a mountain for 6 days was like; the link is:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyyF6NSVMlg

Please watch out for an article in the next HHT.

Beth George

High Halstow Charity Fun Day Grand Draw

Tickets for the draw are now on sale at the village shop, the cricket pavilion during matches and through the various organisations in the village. They come at £1 a ticket with 5 tickets in a book. There is also a supply available at 9, Marsh Crescent.

The draw will take place at the Cricket Pavilion at 8 p.m. on 21st September. The top prizes (in no particular order) are:

£500 in cash
Fortnum and Mason Hamper
Mini iPad
Digital Camera
Satellite Navigator
Sunday Lunch for 4 at The Coopers Arms, Rochester
£150 voucher for a pre-booked dinner (Monday to Thursday) at the Shozna, Rochester
Free and discounted tickets for Diggerland

We are very grateful to those individuals and organisations whose generosity with prizes means that all proceeds of ticket sales go to JDRF, funding research to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. These include: Simon Morley, Bill Maurice, Tom Robertson, Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Aghabridge Ltd, Kent Bearings, Southern Vulcanizing, Crushers UK and Finlay Plant Hire.

Tickets will continue to be on sale throughout Charity Fun Day itself (while stocks last!), but buying now will mean you don't miss out on a tilt at well over £1,000 worth of prizes.



Off to University ?

The High Halstow Relief in need charity has a limited number of small bursaries available to students going to University for the first time in the academic year 2013-2014. Previous bursary recipients in their 2nd or 3rd year may also apply for further assistance.

The scheme is available only to students living in the parish of High Halstow at the time of application. Closing date is 2nd September 2013, 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 Clerk, High Halstow Relief in Need Charity, 10 Drayton Close, High Halstow, Rochester, ME3 8DW.

High Halstow Cricket Club – August 2013

It was a long time coming, but the 1st XI achieved their first win of the league season by beating Betteshanger by 187 runs. Unfortunately this lone success was not enough to prevent relegation to Division V for the 2014 season. Batsmen, such as Adam Colgate and skipper David Sibley, started to show a little form during the month, but the highlight has been the recent performances of under 15 captain Ciaran Fredericks in the 1st XI. Scores of 46 and 60 in consecutive innings at the top of the order have confirmed his ability. Ashley Trigg's 5-19 against Betteshanger was a welcome return to form, after a lean season.

The 2nd XI have also dropped to Division V (2nd XIs) and, with 2 games still to go, are closing a season best forgotten. As someone once said "Things can only get better!"

The Sunday League XI have continued their pattern of "lose one, win one" and with one game to go are heading for a "mid-table respectability". Chris Lally top-scored with 88 in an 8 wicket win over Linton Park in which over 400 runs were scored for the loss of only 4 wickets.

There remain several games for all our teams, so a positive report may yet be forthcoming before the book is closed on 2013. In any case, there is a Charity Fun Day with its 6-a-side cricket to look forward to – irrespective of the weather!

David Lapthorn
Life President.

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Well, we are a group of guys that enjoy building and running trains.

We meet ever Thursday night in the Scout Hut in Hoo, which is just off Stoke road. We have been there for three years now and have gone a long way in building a "00" gauge layout. The layout is 12ft by 8ft and is free standing. We have completed the tracks and are currently working on the scenic work. We can run the old style engines that use to run on the old DC control system, but we are also running engines in the new, DCC digital control system, we are still learning about this system.

Most of our members are, shall we say in the mature years. But we do welcome younger members. If you would like to come along to see what we are doing, you will be more that welcome.

We do have an annual membership fee of £25, and on club nights we charge £1 entrance, which also includes tea and biscuits.

Please contact Ralph on mobile 0752 759 663



Part of the layout showing the station.

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Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

Chris Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 10th 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

High Halstow Cookery Book

Dear Mums, Dads, Cooks, Chefs, anyone who cooks! We have only received a few recipes for the second edition of the village recipe book. There is still time to get your entries in, and share your culinary expertise, or not as the case may be! Entries from all age groups are welcome, young and old, maybe a wartime recipe which has been passed down or a nouveau cuisine concoction to blow us all away. I look forward to receiving your entries, if you prefer to leave the photo of yourself out then that's fine! Please send to: Jeanette.dowsett@btopenworl.com



Parking on Kerbs

Complaints have been received by the Parish Council on the number of cars parked on the kerb, which is causing issues for pedestrians. Medway Council is aware of the issue on the peninsula as a whole and are considering random patrols of the smart car to issue tickets. We would prefer no penalties are issued so the Parish Council is asking people to park properly in order to avoid the issues.

Vegetation

The Parish Council is asking people who have shrubs/trees overhanging on to public walkways if they would mind cutting back in order for people to walk unhindered. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thefts from Sheds and Outhouses

Please be aware that thefts from sheds and outhouses have been reported recently on the peninsula and the Parish Council have been asked to remind people to lock up securely to make it more difficult for would be thieves.

HH Parish Council

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 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:

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

Share your Thoughts, Ideas and Comments.

Do you have a story about the history of the Village, did you go to or know anything about the old school, can you tell us a story about a picture in the Memorial Hall? Would you like to promote an event or club within the village. Is there something concerning High Halstow that you would like to share with everyone. Then please write to the editor (address as shown on the back page) or e.mail your article/letter and we will share your thoughts with the village/world.

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.

Medway Parent and Carers Forum – Information Event

Following a very successful previous event, Medway Parent and Carers Forum are holding an Information Event for parent/carers and family members with children and young people with any type of disability, from birth to 25 who live across Medway. There will be fun and creative activities to keep your young people occupied whilst we talk to you about your issues and concerns and parents can find out more information about things that may help them in their day to day lives in supporting young people and families affected by disability.

The event is being held on Saturday 14th September at The Pilkington Building, University of Greenwich, Central Avenue, Chatham Maritime, ME4 4TB and runs from 10am to 3pm.

Admission is free and there will be information about Direct Payments and Personal Budgets, activities, support groups, fire and police services, adapted bicycles and there will be an opportunity for parent/carers to join discussion groups on the Local Offer and Short Breaks.

There will also be refreshments available.

Please note that parent/carers will be responsible for their children whilst at the event.

To find out more visit our website www.medwaypcf.org.uk or e-mail: medwaypcf@googlemail.com.

Kings Kitchen

A Coffee and Cake Café
for the Whole Village.

Open 10.00am - 1.00pm
every Tuesday
in the Memorial Hall.

Why not come in and enjoy a cuppa
and a chat.

A warm welcome awaits you.



**VINYASA YOGA IN HIGH HALSTOW –
5.30pm – EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Memorial Hall, beginners and intermediate very welcome. £5, no need to prebook. Please come along in your comfortable loose clothing and enjoy an hour just for you, mats and equipment provided.

Often starting with a joint warm up and then on to Sun Salutations (a sequence of set poses which flow from one to the next and are repeated), moving on to standing poses, hip openers, and balance. Then introducing core work and back strengthening, followed by seated poses and hamstring stretches before relaxation.

The word Vinyasa means breath-synchronized movement. So do expect movement, not just stretching. The class is energetic and dynamic and is also alignment orientated with each asana or posture being completed with an inhale or exhale. Given this, it is more fitness based and can be handy with weight loss.

Vinyasa brings a sense of calm, revitalising the body and mind with graceful movement and powerful postures, building strength, flexibility and increased energy levels.

Booking The Hall

The Hall Committee is looking to increase the usage of the Hall after Phase 2 of the refurbishment is completed in September. If you are interested in hiring the hall please contact Crystal on 251849.



Jonathan Computers

Contact Jonathan directly on the Office No: 01474 879878 or
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Your first session is FREE!

For more details, call Natacha on 254178

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.

Local Businesses

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the Business Page is back on the website. Should you wish to advertise your business please visit <http://highhalstow.org.uk/business-page> where you can find all the details of how to put your business on the site.

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Sunday Services

8:00am High Halstow

Holy Communion BCP

9:30am High Halstow

1st and 3rd Sundays All age worship

2nd and 5th Sundays morning prayer

4th Sunday Family Communion

6:30pm High Halstow

1st Sunday Holy Communion

2nd and 3rd Sundays Evening prayer BCP

4th Sunday Informal worship

5th Sunday Songs of Praise

Baptisms by arrangement

1st or 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30am

For further information, please contact the Church Warden.

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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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For further information or to express an interest, please contact;

Mr B J Rance 01634 840 766 or 07876064777

Body Wellness Tai Chi is a well-established class that has been running since September 2012 with a dozen regular members so far. Members enjoy benefits such as improved breathing, flexibility and movement in friendly and familiar surroundings. It provides gentle but highly effective exercise for local residents in a convenient location. The instructor, Mr B.J. Rance, has been involved in martial arts and tai-chi for over 50 years. He has constructed a programme that suits the needs of his members and the club boasts a friendly and supportive atmosphere. It is a place to make friends with new people as well as see familiar faces. Mr Rance's class brings a specialist skill to our local population adding a new and interesting activity to the services already available in the village.

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First and third Sunday of the month

9:30am at High Halstow & 11:00am at Allhallows

For more info contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on 01634 250637

Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday:

King's Kitchen

10:00

Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30

St Margaret's Church

Every Wednesday:

Tai Chi

10:30

Memorial Hall

Yoga

17:30

Memorial Hall

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

09.00

Memorial Hall

Other Dates:

Sunday 1st:

09:00

Family Service

St. Margaret's Church

Wednesday 4th:

19:30

Women's Institute

Memorial Hall

Tuesday 10th:

20:00

Gardening Club

Memorial Hall

Sunday 15th:

09:00

Family Service

St. Margaret's Church

Sunday 15th:

20:00

High Halstow Hikers

Details in HHT

Wednesday 18th:

20:00

Parish Council

Memorial Hall

Friday 27th:

20:00

Quiz Night

Memorial Hall

September 12th/13th/14th

Dramarama

Summer Show

September 21st:

High Halstow Charity

Fun Day

September 27th:

09:30 Onwards

Macmillan Coffee

Morning

Memorial Hall

December 14th:

Christmas Tree Festival

Village 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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Your councillors may also be contacted
through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

Save the Date
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
27TH September 2013
9:30 Onwards

Nearly everyone knows someone who needs, or has needed help and support from 'Macmillan Cancer Care', and this is why I and my group of helpers over the last 9 years have (with your help) raised £4156, which has been gratefully received by Macmillan from High Halstow.

Last year you raised over £800 and our hope is that this year we can do similar and break through the £5000 overall target.

2004	£330.70
2005	£400.00
2006	£355.00
2007	£474.00
2008	£152.00
2009	£206.00
2010	£608.00
2011	£787.00
2012	£843.30
Total	£4156.00

Please come and join us in the Memorial Hall, where you can enjoy Tea, Coffee, Cake, Scones and beautiful cupcakes, all homemade. Also Jams, Marmalades, Bespoke Cards, Jewellery and a Raffle - not forgetting our 'Pick-a-Duck' tombola. A cushion corner and a name the Teddy (he really is beautiful).

If you are unable to join us but would like to donate we can arrange a delivery of a box of cakes to your door for £5. Please call 251914 to place your order.

We look forward to seeing you on the 27th September.

Ann Smith



**CHILDRENS
MAD HATTERS
TEA PARTY**
SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER



Come along and join in the fun of the Mad Hatters Tea Party at the High Halstow Charity Fun Day, in the newly refurbished Village Hall.

Tickets are £2 per child, and include sandwiches, crisps, biscuits, cakes and drinks. Entertainment during the party and plenty of fun and games afterwards.



Please come dressed in fancy dress and/or wear your best, craziest or funniest hat.



Tickets are available from the High Halstow Village Shop.

First Party starts at 1:30pm, with a second party scheduled for later if demand is great enough.

The High Halstow Charity Fun Day will start at 12 noon with stalls, games and entertainment.

High Halstow Charity Fun Day

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Saturday 21st September 2013

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Put the date in the diary and watch out for further details in next month's HHT.

Next edition October 2013; Contributions for October should be sent by 24th September to:

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