

September 2015 –



Macmillan Coffee Morning High Halstow Memorial Hall Save the Date 25th September (10:00am - 3:00pm)

Nearly everyone knows someone that needs or has needed help and support from: Macmillan Cancer Care

> This is why my friends and I for the last 11 years have: With Your Help and Support

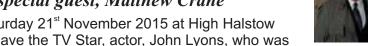
held a coffee morning and so far High Halstow has raised £6411 which has been gratefully received by Macmillan Cancer Care.

Please come and join us again this year. We will have all the usual homemade cakes, sausage rolls, cheesecakes, tea and coffee. New for this year is a 'Ploughman's Lunch' in the hope that you won't have to rush off.

All the usual 'Pick-a-Duck', Raffle, Jams, Local Honey, and much more will be there. If you are unable to come along and would like to donate, then I can arrange to deliver a box of cakes to you. Phone Ann on 251914.

We look forward to seeing you again on the 25th September for our 12th Coffee Morning.

#### An Evening with John Lyons with special guest, Matthew Crane





Come and have a great night out on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 at High Halstow Village Hall, where we are honoured to have the TV Star, actor, John Lyons, who was

best known for playing "Sgt George Toolan" in ITV's hugely successful series, "A Touch of Frost". John will be giving an amazing talk on a career spanning over 50 years, including 17 years with Sir David Jason on the long running show. The talk will include film clips and outtakes and many amusing stories from

his time in "On The Buses", "George & Mildred" & "The Sweeney" to name but a few. If that wasn't enough, Special Guest, Matthew Crane, our very own award winning singer from High Halstow, will be performing a medley of many of his favourite songs.

The evening will then finish with a Q & A Session, where the audience can fire impromptu questions at John, who will try his best to answer them for you. This could be very amusing!!

Tickets are priced at £10 each, which includes refreshments, and can be purchased by telephoning 01634 251126 or from the High Halstow Village Shop.



#### Allotments

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. There is currently an available allotment, if you think you would be interested in taking it over please contact Chris Watson on 256529 or email me at chris.watson123@btinternet.com.

HH Parish Council

#### Memorial Hall Update

The July Quiz Night was the last one that was held to raise money exclusively towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall. Thank you for all your support, over the last 5/6 years since Pat left and I took over as Chairperson. The Hall Committee will continue to raise funds in other ways and we look forward to your help and support in the future, if it is needed. There will be an ongoing maintenance plan to make sure that the hall continues to stay in good condition, despite its age (95 years). I would like to thank all the committee members that support me in keeping the Memorial Hall looking as

good as it does both inside and out.

- Ann Smith
- Chairperson
- HH Memorial Hall

#### High Halstow Gardening Club

We did not have a meeting in August which is our normal practice but we are busy preparing for our Annual Show on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. We are hoping for another successful show with plenty of exhibits and visitors. The full results of the show will be available for the next publication of The High Halstow Times.

Our talk on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September will be by Martin Newcombe on 'Mushrooms and Toadstools'. Our meetings are a good opportunity to meet fellow gardening enthusiasts with a raffle and tea or coffee. Guests are welcome at any of our meetings with a charge of £1.50. Enquiries to 01634 221579 or hhdgc@outlook.com



#### Visit by Medical Detection Dog

We did not have a meeting last month but had afternoon tea at the Hogarth pub in Grain. This was attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the majority of our members. This month we will learn all about a Medical Detection Dog with Sharon Lynn and of course her dog. If you would like to find out more then come along on Wednesday 2nd September for 7:30 in the Memorial Hall.

We would love to see you.

#### High Halstow Friendly Club

We were out and about in July with a trip by minibus to Deal. We had good weather although a little windy, and of course good company. The August meeting saw us hearing all about Aloe Vera products accompanied by scones and jam. September will be another outing this time to Greenwich, giving us the chance to do some early Christmas shopping.

We meet at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall and all are welcome.



#### Medway Sport Open Day Sunday,13 September 2015 10am – 4pm

Enjoy a free day of fun at Medway's sports centres.

#### Open to all ages and no equipment required. Simply turn up, have fun and find out what's on offer at your nearest centre.

Activities on offer include:

Aqua zorbing / Sport Mile / Footgolf

Archery tag / Martial arts

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Bubble football / Racquet sports

Rugby / Lifesaving

Scuba diving / Junior parkrun

Pool inflatable sessions and family swim

Fitness workouts / Dance

Group cycle / Flag football

Plus don't miss out on exclusive promotional offers available throughout the day, including gym memberships and swimming lessons. To find our what's happening and where, go to the Medway Council website www.medway.gov.uk/openday.

#### High Halstow Hikers

Our August walk took place on a warm ,dry Sunday and was relatively local, mainly taking in the coast around Allhallows. A dozen of us met outside the British Pilot and took the public footpath across the marsh to the seawall. We then followed the path to the east to reach Yantlet Creek, a great birdwatching spot for waders, wildfowl and other seabirds. The tide was racing out of the creek to leave a variety of these birds across the emerging mud and the sandy beach opposite. On that eastern side there is an impressive 8-metre tall London Stone that formerly marked the boundary of the jurisdiction of the City of London. It was disappointing to find that on the western side the plaque had been removed from the memorial commemorating the drowning of Geoffrey Hammond, a local artist and naturalist, at the spot in 1975. We walked on round the creek and had the option to make a loop across the marshes but decided to return by the same route having faced down a large herd of cattle that seemed very interested in us. We continued the walk along the seafront past the large, and popular fishing lake and through the busy holiday park to the now underused yacht club. A footpath at the point took us inland and allowed us to return to our cars past the stables that sit in front of the well-hidden Slough Artillery Fort. The walk of between 5 and 6 miles over 2 hours was pretty much ideal for the warm weather and had numerous little surprises for those that had not previously walked the route. The only downside was the hour of cleaning on two consecutive nights that Tag (hairy cocker spaniel) needed after his ventures into every available ditch, mud bank, reed bed, bramble bush etc.

The September walk will be led by Mike Davies and looks excellent. It will be a circular "Literary" walk around Higham with a focus on spots related to Charles Dickens. The walk will start at Higham Railway Station at the bottom of School Lane (ME37JQ) at 10.00 on Sunday 13th September. All are welcome. Enquiries on this occasion to Mike at <u>mikeplotters@me.com</u> or 01634 271651.

Happiness is a gift and the trick is not to expect it, but to delight in it when it comes.

--CHARLES DICKENS



In October we are planning a new venture with walks around the Rye area on both the afternoon of Saturday 10th and morning of Sunday 11th October with an overnight stop around Rye for those interested. People may join the walk on either day or both and either stay overnight or not. Please let Mitchell know of your plans

(<u>mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.comor</u> 01634 254428).

# Wednesday 30th September 7:30pm



## The Memorial Hall High Halstow ME3 8SF

Come and hear our latest news and learn about our business plan hot off the press. You will have a chance to ask questions and discover the rewards of being a volunteer. You will also have an opportunity to become a share holder and so become part of a growing movement that shape the future of care on the Peninsula. If your some one who wants to help others, or has relatives that need or receive care, or who really wants to make a difference or just want to find out more about this exciting new national initiative. Then come and join us and bring your £1 to buy your share and together we will make a difference



Being a shareholder means you have a say in what the future will look like

*The Village Shop Opening Hours* Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm Sunday 8am – 5pm Telephone number: 01634 254561

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.

#### High Halstow Village Hall

#### Refurbishment Phase Three (or What Would We Do Without Ray Collins?)

The handover for Phase Three should have happened as you get this months High Halstow Times. The Hall Committee is extremely pleased with this phase of the works, which has seen a new main double door entrance to the side of the hall, a new kitchen 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.

Ray Collins needs your thanks for carrying out all the additional fittings, painting etc as well as project managing the builders when they were on site. It seems like we only have to partially think that something needs doing and Ray is there like a shot completing it with no fuss. He has saved thousands of pounds with his dedication and commitment for which we are extremely grateful. We would also like to thank June Collins for the loan of her husband and we promise to give him back once Phase Eleven has been completed.

We would like to think the Village is happy with the progress of the Hall works to date and believe the downstairs is pretty much completed.

#### **Refurbishment Phase Four**

The Hall Committee have completed a draft specification for Phase Four, which will be complete, the stairs and associated works and we are trying to raise sufficient funds in order to place the order this side of Christmas.

#### 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

High Halstow Golf Tournament:	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September (Please see separate poster for details)
Quizathons:	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October (Dates for 2016 to be published next month)
Murder on the Peninsula:	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November (Sold Out)

### High Halstow 2015 Photo Competition



After the huge success of last year, the HH Photo Competition returns for it's 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.

#### 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

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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

#### 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.



Events planned for the coming period are as follows:

12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 **Christmas Tree Festival:** This will be similar to previous years and is now becoming a regular feature of Christmas celebrations in High Halstow.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Cake Festival

Building on the success of the first Cake Festival, the event will run again and so you all have enough notice to practice your baking skills.

Date to be confirmed Scarecrow Festival Likely to be in June next year, the Committee are looking to hold the first Scarecrow Festival within the Village. We would like to think of something different for the Village so watch this space for further details.

Date to be confirmed Flower Festival Likely to be July next year, we are looking to hold a Flower Festival in the Church.

Please watch this space in future High Halstow Times for further details of these events

#### A Reminder of How To Join

Although in the past we had accepted requests for people to pay an annual fee in one go, it was not clear enough to all that this was the case, so just to be clear you could pay as follows:

- 1 A monthly Standing Order
- 2 A one off Annual Fee

Forms are available on http://thefriendsofstmargarets.org.uk or from any Committee member

Thank you all for your continued support.

Gary Thomas

#### **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.



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 2015-2016. Those who started last year and were able to apply for a bursary may also apply. The scheme is available only to students living in the parish of High Halstow at the time of application.

Closing date is 30th September 2015 and applications received after that date will not be considered. In your letter of application please state your name, address, telephone number and email address, the universities you have applied for and the length of your course. A copy of your placement offer will be required before the bursary can be given. No appeal is available for unsuccessful applicants. Please apply in writing to: The Chairman, High Halstow Relief in Need charity, The Rectory, 2 Cooling Road, High Halstow, Rochester, ME3 85A.

PLEASE mark 'Bursary Application' on the front of the envelope.

High Halstow Art and Craft Exhibition High Halstow Memorial Hall Saturday 31st October 2015 2pm - 4.30pm

To all you talented crafters - this is your chance to show your víllage what you can do: painting, quilting, flower arranging, sewing, knitting - any craft you can think of If you are interested in exhibiting - you may sell or even take orders Exhibitors: £1 per item or £5 for multiple items To book your slot please phone Ann 251914 Jeanette 2544248

#### **Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors**

Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 from 10.30 - 12.00pm



and every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Golf Open**

#### Sponsored by ROSEWOOD FACILITIES

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 Deangate Ridge Golf Course From 11.00

Prizes awarded for

Longest Drive \* Nearest the Pin Individual Best Score (Stableford), Runner Up & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team Prize with best three scores per hole from each team Booby Prize

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, this can be done for £20

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

Please enclose a cheque for the full amount with the completed booking form in an envelope marked **HIGH HALSTOW VILLAGE OPEN** and deliver to **The Village Shop** 



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# A Family Spooky Afternoon Tea Saturday 31st October from 2pm - 4pm High Halstow Recreation Hall

Apple Bobbing Face Painting (ready for Trick & Treating later) Name the Witch, Children's Tombola Decorate a Cup-Cake and much more....

£3.00 per ticket which includes: tea and games for the children, and af<mark>ter</mark>noon tea for the adults.

#### Tickets available from Crystal on 251849

Everyone welcome... come and have some spooky fun..

#### 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 <u>any time</u> 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	
Mr S. Bailey	- 27 Cooling Road	
Mrs J. Collins	- 6 Marsh Crescent	
Mrs L. Munday	- 22 Willowbank Driv	е
Mr J. Myatt	- Decoy Hill Road	
Mrs C. Peek	- 2 Willowbank Drive	
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High Halstow Memorial Hall Sunday 27th September 10am - 2pm

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

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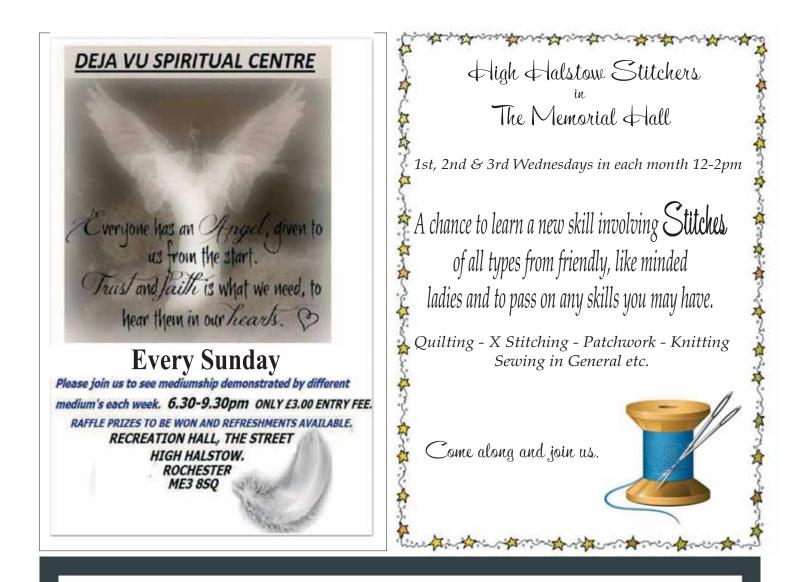
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Fitness classes for all ages in Kent



A New Fitness Class "Seated Exercises" with Scott of SanFran Fitness Thursday Morning 11:30am - 12:15pm Starting 1st October £4 per session



This class is all about upper and lower body movement. If you have a problem with balance, are an older adult or are in rehabilitation then this is the class for you. All the exercises are completed using a chair in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Equipment such as light weights, resistance bands and foam balls are used to move to music.



Come and join us...No Lycra Necessary!!!

Phone Wendy (255366) or Ann (251914) for more info.





# Harvest Festival & Gift Day Sunday 4th October

8:00 am Holy Communion High Halstow 9:30 am Family Service High Halstow 11:00 am Family Service Allhallows 6:30pm Harvest Communion High Halstow

The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Psalm 85:12

#### Your Parish Councillors

George Crozer, Chair 01634 250286 e.mail: george@highhalstow.org.uk Stuart Bailey, Vice Chair 07976 760844 e.mail: bailey.stu@btinternet.com Martin Andrews 07984 791029 **Ray Collins** 01634 250105 Gary Jerreat 01634 253999 07775 668620 **Bill Khatkar** Carl Mitchell 01634 250911 Christine Watson 01634 256529 Brian Williams 07908 006448 e.mail: bdwilliams9@hotmail.com

Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269 clerk@highhalstow.org.uk

# Sunday Services

8:00am High Halstow Holy Communion BCP

<u>9:30am High Halstow</u> 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 3rd Sunday Informal worship 5th Sunday Joint Songs of Praise with Allhallows See notice board for venue

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

For further information. Rev Stephen Gwilt 01634 250637 Or Email stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk

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> Sunday Afternoon Tea Performance Sunday 27th September at 3:00pm

at High Halstow Village Hall Tickets £8 per person including buffet or afternoon tea. Available from Wenda on 253169

#### 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.

#### High Halstow FC Fixtures September 2015

- 5/9 Division 2 Woodcoombe Social v High Halstow
- 12/9 Centenary Cup High Halstow v Ash Green
- 19/9 Sittingbourne & Milton Charity Cup Ash Green v High Halstow
- 26/9 Ted Snelling Cup High Halstow v F.C. Cricketers Res

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