



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



September 2017

Land Development in High Halstow

Agents for a developer are set to attend the September High Halstow Parish Council meeting with reference to a proposed development in High Halstow.

If you would like to hear what the Agent has to say about this proposed development please ensure you attend the meeting at 8.00 pm on 13 September 2017 in the Memorial Hall.



Dogs fouling

Dog fouling laws are in place first and foremost because dog faeces are unsightly and unpleasant. Not

only does it look and smell awful but it also causes a mess if you step in it, cycle through it, push a wheelchair through it, drive a mobility scooter through it or even worse fall in it.

If you then don't realise that you have stepped in it, there is a good chance that you will carry it and spread it, either outside in public areas or take it inside into public buildings, your place of work, your own home or someone else's home. On top of everything else therefore it is extremely anti-social.

Dog mess is also unhygienic and a health hazard. The danger caused by dog mess is greatly increased because dogs are most likely to be walked and therefore to also foul in areas where the general public, and in particular children walk and play such as parks on pavements and roadways, on footpaths and playing fields.

Dog mess can lead to Parvo, which is potentially fatal disease which is transferred between dogs but the key health issue with dog faeces is that it can lead to toxocariasis in humans.



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Editorial

Thank you for all comments on our first publication as joint Editors.

We were overwhelmed with your great feedback and have taken on-board some of the suggestions as to how we might go forward.

We would like to thank contributors for their hard work in writing their articles for publication too. Unfortunately we have been unable to print all of the pieces we received from some of you because we are restricted on pages we are able to print.

If you have a story about High Halstow that you would like to tell you can either email us at **Editor@HighHalstow.org** or write to us via **Linda Atkinson, 32 Goodwood Close, High Halstow.**

Linda and Natalie

2017 HIGH HALSTOW PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



Villagers are invited to submit their pictures taken in the village for the 2017 Photographic Competition. This is our 9th year and we have had some amazing pictures submitted over the years.

Please send your entries to
photos@highhalstow.org.uk

The categories are:

- Under 16's
- Flora and Fauna
- People and places
- Overall winner

Winners will receive a prize, a certificate and their photo included in the **High Halstow 2018 Calendar.**

The closing date for entries is **29 October 2017**

Letters

Thank you

Thank you to the 2 gentlemen, one called Paul, who came to my aid on a Sunday morning at the beginning of the month [of July].

Having tied up my German Shepherd, Bear outside the shop I managed to catch my foot in his lead and fell over. I was only able to get up with their help for which I am extremely grateful.

Wendy Brunt,
High Halstow

Dog Owners

We have had complaints about noisy dogs within the village. These complaints should be directed to Medway Council who can properly check and monitor to determine if they are causing a public nuisance or not. You will need to keep a record of times of nuisance, as Medway will ask for this.

We do have many responsible owners but could we just remind owners to pick up after their dogs when walking them and to be mindful of children when exercising them on recreation ground

The Parish Council

NEED TO HIRE A HALL?

If you are interested in hiring either of the halls in the village for a function or meeting then please contact:

Memorial Hall Angela Forward 01634 251756

Recreation Hall Martin Mitchell 07752 682437

**** Please do not call on a Sunday ****

Kings Kitchen

**A Coffee and Cake Café
for the whole village**

Open 10am-1pm

Every Tuesday
in the Memorial Hall,
High Halstow



Why not come in and enjoy
a cuppa and a chat.
A warm welcome awaits you.

W.I. Fund Raising for Village Sign



The rain didn't stop play at the July WI Strawberry Tea that took place at the home of June and Ray Collins in Marsh Crescent. Yet again the WI President Crystal Wakefield and her hard working Committee pulled out all the stops and although the rain didn't stop falling for most of the day, those attending were invited into June and Ray's home and out of the rain to enjoy the fantastic refreshments provided. Although the organisers had expected many attendees from the village, especially Mums with their children, they believe that the weather had kept them away.

Those that did manage to attend were provided with a fabulous strawberry cream tea with a plentiful supply of everything.

As is the norm with the WI, they held a raffle and tombola which was a great success. Hand made cards and jewellery were also on sale in order to raise the monies required to pay for the new village sign.

The next fund raising event will be a Fashion Show and will be held in September in the Recreation Hall. These shows have been spectacularly successful in other areas of the UK. The WI are expecting a huge response to this event so get your tickets early.

Any enquiries for the Fashion Show please contact: Crystal on **01634 251 849** or June on **01634 250 105**



MacMillan Coffee Morning – High Halstow Memorial Hall – 29th September 10:00am onwards

Nearly everyone knows someone who needs or has needed help and support from "Macmillan Cancer Care". This is why my friends and I have for the past 14 years "with your help and support" held a coffee morning and so far £9,685 has been raised and gratefully received by Macmillan.

Please come and join us again this year. We will have all the usual tea and coffee, home made cakes and sausage rolls and we are also going to do a ploughman's lunch in the hope that you will not have to rush off for lunch. All the usual "Pick a Duck", Raffle, Jams and White Elephant table.

We look forward to seeing you on 29 September.

If you are unable to come along and would like to donate I could deliver a box of cakes to you. Phone me, Ann on 01634 251 914

Macmillan Cancer Relief



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Parish Council News

Resume of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th August 2017

Although the Parish Council has met in August occasionally in the past, the first regular ordinary meeting to be held in August took place on 9th August. Inevitably holidays meant that some councillors were unable to attend, but nevertheless five members came to the meeting, together with four members of the public.

Before the meeting proper was opened, two representatives from Natural England gave a talk on the proposed coastal path. More information on this can be found on the back page of this publication.

There were four planning applications, two for additional dwellings in the open countryside which were objected to on these grounds and members also considered an application in the adjoining parish of Hoo, as if granted, it would impact on all villages on the Peninsula. This is an outline application for “up to” 530 homes, with a shop and primary school. The site lies on farmland on the north of Peninsula Way, from the petrol station in Chattenden up to Deangate. The roads into the estate would be from the roundabout at Chattenden (opposite the road into Hoo) and another from Chattenden Lane. We calculate that 530 homes will generate approximately 1,400 people and it is likely that most homes will have at least 2 cars. Members agreed to object mainly on traffic and highways grounds, with inadequate additional infrastructure and also supported Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council's objections.

It was reported by a couple of people at the meeting that surveyors had been seen on some of the farmland round the village and it is thought that some planning applications may follow.

The WI applied for a grant towards the purchase of a new village sign and for permission for it to be sited on the triangle by the church. A grant of £1,000 was made. The WI hope to have the sign in place in time for the 60th anniversary of the branch. They would like the existing village sign to be relocated and some ideas were put forward. While discussing the WI village sign, the “Home of the Heron” signs were mentioned and a suggestion was made that the company making the WI sign is contacted to see what they can do.

The RoSPA safety inspection of the play equipment was made in July and Brian Williams went through the report. A few items need some attention which is being arranged.

Linda Atkinson had produced her first edition of High Halstow Times as Editor and was complimented on it. She said that the advertising was going well, which is helping defray the cost.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th September in the Memorial Hall at 8 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Come and meet your Parish Councillors

Christine Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: **Tuesday 12th September** from 10.30am–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.

Your Parish Councillors

George Crozer, <i>Chair</i>	01634 250 286
Christine Watson, <i>Vice Chair</i>	01634 256 529
Martin Andrews	07984 791 029
Linda Atkinson	07825 619 353
Ray Collins	01634 250 105
Gary Jerreat	01634 253 999
Bill Khatkar	07775 668 620
Brian Williams	07908 006 448



Your Councillors can also be contacted through the Parish Clerk Mrs Roxana Brammer.
Email: clerk@highhalstow.org.uk, Tel: 01474 871 269

For further information on how your Parish Council works for you please visit our village website. www.highhalstow-pc.gov.uk

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Proposed renewal of Bus Shelter

Location : The Street / Britannia Road adjacent Herons bank

The Parish Council would like villagers to give their views on the replacement of the Bus Shelter at the above location.

Please note that the shelter can be as shown or an all wooden construction, with or without seating and installed either to the front or the back of the path.

We are seeking consultation with as many people as possible about their ideas etc.

This project is scheduled for April 2018.

The design that is being proposed is illustrated.

All comments please direct to the following e-mail address clerk@highhalstow.org.uk

Replies to be received by 1st October 2017



Relief in Need Charity

The charity has existed in High Halstow for many years and is an amalgamation of smaller charities/private trusts, the oldest of which dates from 1716. It exists to help the residents of the Parish of High Halstow who are going through a time of need or hardship. This could include not only widows and widowers but also to help people of all ages and from all walks of life. Requests can also be made by organisations or groups in the Parish.

Requests for financial assistance can be made at any time of year, in writing, email or in person to any one of the Trustees. A resident can apply on behalf of someone else in the village – but their permission must be obtained first. All requests are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If you are not sure about a request and think it may be rejected, do not be afraid to speak to any of the Trustees listed below about it. These funds are there for villagers who need help.

Trustees

Rev. Stephen Gwilt	The Rectory	01634 250 637
Stuart Bailey	27 Cooling Road	07976 760 844
June Collins	6 Marsh Crescent	01634 250 105
Lesley Munday	22 Willowbank Drive	01634 250 276
John Myatt	Decoy Hill Road	
Chris Peek	2 Willowbank Drive	01634 252 604
Natasha Turner	12 Marsh Crescent	
Office email:	Office.hhrin@gmail.com	



The Garage Safari Sale mentioned last month will be deferred until the New Year when we are hopeful that it will be a bigger and better event held recently.

Please watch this space for more information

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DATE: Fri. 8 Sept **VENUE:** High Halstow Village Hall

TICKET PRICE: £7 Including refreshments
Tickets from June 01634 250105 or Crystal 01634 251849

START TIME: 7.30pm **DOORS OPEN:** 6.30pm

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These are fund raising events to enable the Women's Insitute in High Halstow to fund a new village sign which has already been commissioned.

St. Margarets Heritage Open Days

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September
in St. Margaret's Church, High Halstow

Entrance £7

10.00am until 4.00pm



W.I. Halloween Children's Tea

Saturday 28th October
in the Village Hall, High Halstow

High Halstow Womens Institute
presents

A Family Spooky Afternoon Tea



on Saturday 28th October
at 2pm until 4pm
in the Village Hall

Entrance £3 including tea and games

Tickets will be on sale soon from Crystal on 251849

Everyone welcome – come and have some fun

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER	8 th Friday	Time TBC	WI Fashion Show – ALL WELCOME	Recreation Hall, High Halstow <i>Entrance £7</i>
	8 th Friday	10:00-16:00	Heritage Open Day – refreshments available	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow
	9 th Saturday	10:00-16:00	Heritage Open Day – refreshments available	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow
	9 th Saturday	19:30	The Three Musketeers	All Saints Church, All Hallows <i>£10 Adults, £7 Children under 12 & OAP</i>
	10 th Sunday	10:00	High Halstow Walkers Lamberhurst to Hook Green	The Broadway Car Park <i>The Broadway, Lamberhurst TN3 8DB</i>
	20 th Wednesday	14:00	Whist Club	Memorial Hall, High Halstow
	29 th Friday	20:00	Quiz Night	Memorial Hall, High Halstow
OCTOBER	10 th Tuesday	12:00-20:00	Restart a Heart – OPEN TO ALL	Recreation Hall, High Halstow
	28 th Saturday	Time TBC	WI Halloween Children's Tea	Recreation Hall, High Halstow
	29 th Sunday	CLOSING DATE	Photographic Competition 2017	High Halstow
NOVEMBER	29 th Wednesday	20:00	Christmas Concert – Cuxton Music Group & High Halstow Community Choir	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow <i>Entrance £6 – includes refreshments</i>
DECEMBER	9 th Saturday	Time TBC	Christmas Tree Festival with Karman Dancers	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow <i>refreshments available</i>
	16 th Saturday	Time TBC	Christmas Tree Festival with Matthew Crane	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow <i>refreshments available</i>

If you have an event coming up in High Halstow please email: Editor@HighHalstow.org.uk for inclusion

REGULAR DATES			
MONDAYS	Line Dancing	10:30-12:30	Memorial Hall
TUESDAYS	Kings Kitchen	10:00	Memorial Hall
	Circuit Training	18:15	Memorial Hall
	Youth Club	19:00-20:45	Recreation Hall
	Bell Ringers	19:30-21:00	St Margaret's Church
WEDNESDAYS	Tai Chi	10:30-11:30	Memorial Hall
THURSDAYS	Seated Exercise	11:00-11:45	Memorial Hall
	Sugar Babes	19:00	Memorial Hall
FRIDAYS	Pilates	14:15-15:45	Memorial Hall
SATURDAYS	Karmann Dancers	09:00	Memorial Hall
	KLUK Martial Arts	09:30	Village Hall
SUNDAYS	Holy Communion BCP	08:00	St Margaret's Church
	Deja Vu Spiritual Centre	18:30	Village Hall

Every 1 st WEDNESDAY	Women's Institute	19:30	Memorial Hall
Every 2 nd WEDNESDAY	Parish Council Meeting	20:00	Memorial Hall
Alternate MONDAY	Community Choir (Summer break)	20:00	St Margaret's Church
Every 2 nd TUESDAY	Gardening Club	20:00	Memorial Hall
Every 3 rd WEDNESDAY	Whist Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
Every 4 th WEDNESDAY	Friendly Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
Last in the month FRIDAY	Quiz Nights	20:00	Memorial Hall
1 st and 3 rd SUNDAY	All Age Worship	09:30	St Margaret's Church
2 nd and 5 th SUNDAY	Morning Prayer	09:30	St Margaret's Church
4 th SUNDAY	Family Communion	09:30	St Margaret's Church
1 st SUNDAY	Holy Communion	18:30	St Margaret's Church
3 rd SUNDAY	Informal Worship	18:30	St Margaret's Church
1 st and 3 rd SUNDAY	Baptisms by arrangement	09:30	St Margaret's Church

High Halstow Gardening Club

We have two seats left on our trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday 13th September.

If you are interested in going please contact Marj Ives 01634 255398

Annual Show

The High Halstow and District Gardening Club held their annual summer show on the 26th August in the village hall. This year we were blessed with a beautiful day unlike the endless rain during the Show Day in 2016. The judging took place in the early afternoon and on completion the doors were opened to the public at 3 o'clock.

The show was well attended and visitors spent the afternoon looking through the 262 exhibits. We were so pleased to see exhibits from non members this year. Later that afternoon the prizes, cups and plaques were awarded followed by a raffle. Thanks go to all of the organisers, the club members who came along to help and most of all the exhibitors.

Monthly meeting

The clubs next meeting will be at 8 o'clock on Tuesday 12 September in the Memorial Hall. The speaker will be Sally Berkley and her talk is entitled "the Madness of Gardeners". Following the talk there will be refreshments and a raffle. Come along and meet us for an entertaining evening

Happy gardening.

Mike Hughes



Down to earth gardening tips

SEPTEMBER Plant Profile: *Abelia x grandiflora*

Type: Bushy, flowering evergreen/semi-evergreen shrub

Likes: Fertile, well drained soil in sunny position.



Features: Medium-sized shrub with glossy dark green leaves for a sunny sheltered position. It's easy to grow and widely available. *Abelia x grandiflora* has many slightly fragrant white flowers which are pink-tinged.

General: Autumn flowering shrubs are not common, so this one is very useful. Put it in a sunny border, against a

wall or fence or in a courtyard garden. It's frost hardy and trouble-free. Prune after flowering to keep a good shape.

Keep the theme going from spring through to autumn by planting nearby Tulip 'China Pink' (flowers late spring), *Gaura lindheimeri* 'Freefolk Rosey' (early summer) and Rose 'Evelyn' (scented, summer to autumn).

Some other things to do this month:

- Keep deadheading for long lasting flowers.
- Start a compost bin (there's nothing like adding goodness to your soil from your own compost).
Tips: chop it up, keep it turned and don't put too much grass in it.
- Remove thatch from lawns (and compost it!).
- Pot up bulbs for Christmas.
- Plant daffodil bulbs.
- Lift any remaining potatoes in the garden. Sow winter lettuce and cover with a cloche.
- Move or plant evergreen shrubs now while the soil is still warm.
- Plant new perennials, such as *Gaura* (see above).

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Gardening Club Annual Show 2017

List of Trophies and Cups

SECTION 1 Vegetables	Cup for most points in section	Dusty Miller
	Terry Clarke Trophy	Cheryl Hassell
	Les Shallot Cup	Wendy White
SECTION 2 Fruit	Plaque for most points in section	Dusty Miller
SECTION 3 Flowers & Pot Plants	Shield for most points in this section	Jane Ovenell, Terry Irving
	Plaque for best Pot Plant	Terry Irving
	Cup for best Chrysanthemum	No Entry
	Hubbard Cup for best Dahlia	Jane Ovenell
SECTION 4 Domestic	Mary Follett trophy for most points in section plus £5 voucher	Cheryl Hassell
SECTION 5 Floral Art	Vase for most points plus £5 voucher	Sue Osenton
	Cup for best exhibit in this section	Sue Osenton
SECTION 6 Arts & Crafts	Dennis Follett trophy for most points in section	Wendy White
SECTION 7 Novelty	Potato grown in a bucket, heaviest yield £5 voucher	Fran Carr
MOST POINTS IN SHOW	Cup and £5 voucher	Dusty Miller
Best Exhibit Section 1,2,3	Jim Marsh Plate	Gillian Martin
BEST EXHIBIT IN DOMESTIC, FLORAL ART, ART & CRAFTS sections 4,5,6	High Halstow Gardening Club Plate	Jeanette Dowsing
PRESIDENT'S ROSEBOWL		Rosemary Collins
BEST MEMBER'S GARDEN	IV Uden Shield plus £10 voucher	Wendy & Mike White
BEST HANGING BASKET	Hillman Cup	Jan & Mick Hughes
BEST CONTAINER	Elizabeth Harris Shield	Margaret & Eric Shuter
TOP TRAY 1ST	£10 seed vouchers & Certificate	Neal Chapman
TOP TRAY 2nd	£5 see vouchers	Dusty Miller
TOP TRAY 3rd	£3 seed vouchers	Rosemary Collins
TOP VASE 1st	£10 seed vouchers & certificate	Rosemary Collins
TOP VASE 2nd	£5 seed vouchers	Jane Ovenell
Top Vase 3rd	£3seed voucher	Alison Wells
BANKSIAN MEDAL		Robert Wells
BEST EXHIBIT VOTED BY VISITORS	Bottle of wine	Sue Osenton

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- 30 September 2017
- 28 October 2017
- 25 November 2017

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Absolutely no experience necessary!

The poppies will be exhibited at The Royal Engineers Museum from 31 October 2017 to 7 January 2018



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5000 Poppies

with Medway Fun Palace

Even Easier Garter Stitch Poppy

This very simple pattern gives a lovely fluted edge poppy which is firm and not too large.

You will need:

- > 3.75 Needles or needles to achieve a nice tight finish
- > Quantity of red yarn
- > Button for centre

Body of poppy

- > Cast on 70 Stitches.
- > Knit 8 rows garter stitch
- > Row 9-11 knit 2 tog across row

Finishing

- > Cut the yarn and thread through the remaining stitches.
- > Sew the edges together to form a round.
- > Sew a button to the centre (or if you feel like being creative, go right ahead).



High Halstow Hikers

We had about 20 participants for our August walk that took us in warm sunshine from the small village of Oare just to the West of Faversham. The route was initially along part of the Saxon Shoreway on the west bank of Oare Creek which is joined by Faversham Creek a few hundred yards before one reaches the Swale.

We had a good view of the large number of moored boats on the opposite bank but this was not as picturesque as it can be given that the tide was out. Just before reaching the Swale we walked around the boundary of Oare Marshes Nature Reserve where a large number of twitchers had gathered apparently because of the presence of a long-billed dowitcher, a species that is generally found only in Siberia or North America. None of us managed to spot it and the twitchers seemed to be no more successful. After passing the spot where the Harty Ferry used to leave to cross the Swale to Sheppey, we turned inland towards Uplees taking a path that edged the area where there was a large munitions factory in the First World War. A major disaster occurred there in 1916 when an explosion killed 108 people.

On our way towards the attractive hamlet of Luddenham Court we passed a house with two remarkable large bird houses in the structure of 18th century manor houses complete with lead tiled roofs. It would be interesting to know what birds might be attracted to nest in these. We took the



brave step of crossing two fields with “beware the bull” signs up but only after judiciously ensuring he was not at home.

After viewing the well-preserved but redundant church of St Mary’s at Luddenham Court we made our way back to Oare through fields of head-high maize to complete a circuit of about 6 miles and to take refreshment in the Three Mariners.

On **Sunday 10th of September** we will take a 5.5 mile walk around the attractive villages of Lamberhurst and Hook Green. The walk will begin at 10.00 from The Broadway Car Park, The Broadway, Lamberhurst (TN3 8DB). It will be a little hillier than most that we do but should not be very strenuous. The Broadway is the B2162 that forms the main road into and through the village after its junction with A21.

As ever all are welcome and enquiries can be made to Mitchell on 01634-254428 or mitch.dowsett@



In parts of Scandinavia you would have a 23% chance of surviving an out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest. In the UK, it is around 7%. This is attributed to the fact that in those countries CardioPulmonary Resuscitation is taught in Schools, and therefore the general public are more confident and knowledgeable to carry out CPR if needed!

Let us all try and buck that trend

And learn to

RESTART A HEART

On Tuesday 10th October 2017 come along to the **High Halstow Recreation Hall** Starting at 12 noon and running until 8pm, and receive tuition on when and how to carry out quality CPR.

This is not just a ‘Life Skill’ it’s a ‘Life Saving Skill’

The sessions are relaxed, very informal and **FREE**. Just drop in, have a chat and have a go. **Open to all ages**

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A day in the life of Claire Herring

Although Claire does not live in High Halstow, she works in the village from Monday to Friday.

Claire is Personal Carer for Joan Johnston and she has been there for Joan for the past 11 years. Although Claire is the main Carer to Joan, she does have other support from several different Carers in the afternoons to help with her needs later in the day. However, Claire is the only constant daily Carer.

Joan and her husband Roy were Claire's first High Halstow patients. Although they have since lost Roy, Claire cares for Joan's every need; anything from personal care to social. Sometimes Joan just needs someone to chat to and Claire is always there – always available and even on the end of the phone. Claire says "People don't always realise when they are funded by social services that they don't have to go with the Agencies, our villagers could choose there own Carer which is much more personal, more reliable and of course, always more friendly". Joan relies on Claire completely and they have become firm friends. Claire is more like a housekeeper to Joan, having to do everything that Joan would normally have done herself. Things like housekeeping, Christmas shopping, Banking, Post Office and Pension, GP appointments and hospital visits.



At the start of her Caring career, Claire worked in a Residential Care Home where she gained experience and her qualifications as a Carer. After a few years Claire then decided to change her career path and took on the role of a Community Carer, driving from home to home caring for those on her scheduled list. After some time Claire decided that she would rather take the self-employed route and wanted to take on her own patients. This was a successful venture for Claire and it proved to be the right decision. Claire can be seen taking her patient, and now friend, Joan Johnston to the King's Kitchen on a Tuesday morning so that Joan can meet up with long held friends in the village. Joan and Claire feel lucky to have found each other.

Claire has looked after many people in the village over the years and would love to continue to do so. Claire will

always find time for new clients. Claire says "Joan was my first client along with her husband Roy over 11 years ago and am still there with her to date". Claire has now been a companion for Joan for more than 11 years and has become more like a family member.

Claire is another essential part of the jigsaw in High Halstow.

Another successful High Halstow story

Fund Raising

The High Halstow Community Lottery

Important information - Change in cut off date

At the outset, and embedded in the HHCL constitution was the cut off date to play the HHCL. Initially it was considered to be easier with the 1st of the following month as a cut off point – inclusive. However, in practice, the 1st of the month became too complicated to administer.

The cut off point is now the last day in the month for that month's game. Any money received after the end of the

month will automatically go into the following month's game.

The draw will still be either the first Friday or Saturday in the following month to enable the Committee to draw down the figures and ticket numbers from the Bank and ensure that we have enough balls in the box for the draw.

Please contact either Linda Atkinson or Mick O'Hanlon if you require further clarification.

Linda Atkinson and Mick O'Hanlon – High Halstow Community Lottery Committee

Game	Venue drawn	Postcode	Area	Amount	Total won to date
June game (August draw)	Horseshoe & Castle	ME3 9PW ME3 8SJ	St Davids Road, All Hallows. Radcliffe Highway, St Mary Hoo.	£1,000 £100	£9,810
June game (July draw)	Cricket Club High Halstow	ME3 8TL ME3 8SJ	Medway Avenue, High Halstow. The Street, High Halstow.	£1,000 £140	£8,710

DISCLAIMER: The High Halstow Community Lottery is administered by a Committee formed by villagers of High Halstow and is not connected in any way with High Halstow Parish Council.

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A Potted History of High Halstow Cricket Club



Main photo, above: Cricket Pavillion circa. 1977

A history of High Halstow Cricket Club from 1885

Records show that cricket was played in High Halstow in 1885, on a field now occupied by 10-20 Christmas Lane. The present club was formed in 1895 by the Rev. T.W. Longfield, and the ground moved to its current location across the lane on Rectory Meadow, now Rayner's Meadow.

In those early days, the boundary was drawn between 2 ponds – one in the wheelwright's yard to the east and one (which still exists) in the Rectory Garden.

It was not until 1900 that the club really found its feet. There were only 6 or 8 matches a season played at first mainly against St Marys, Stoke, Grain and, later, Higham. Since 1900 the club steadily grew and was quite good by the time Mr Kemp was headmaster at the School.

Over the years, the boundaries of the ground have gradually worked away from the Rectory Garden until 1939, when the pitch was in the middle of the field. With the onset of World War the ground was neglected for nearly 3 years, but in 1943 the local Home Guard got the club together again. Fixtures were few were mainly between local army units. The war first brought Sunday cricket to the village, which became the main cricket day of the week.

1945 saw the Club come into its own again with a permanent fixture list, instead of relying on chance fixtures.

In 1946 and 1947 much work and improvement was done to the club and ground. The pitch was improved

and the boundaries were extended, and for the first time ever the complete ground was cut to the level of the table (square).

In 1946, Bert Munday hit a century against Cobham, the first known century by a member of the Club.

In 1948, Brian Valentine, the former Kent and England cricketer, came to live in the village, at the Old Rectory adjacent to the ground. It turned out that 1949 was a good year for the Club and for the first time a member, Arthur Corbett, took 100 wickets in a season. On 23rd September of that year, Mr Valentine invited the whole Kent XI down to the Club. The game was a great success and raised nearly £100 for the church restoration fund.

More to follow in future publications



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Sport in High Halstow

High Halstow Cricket Club

Saturday 12th August was a huge day for High Halstow Cricket Club and our 1st Team as it was the top of the table clash between High Halstow and Frindsbury. The game against these local rivals was massively influential towards the outcome of the season and may determine who wins the league.

There was the usual support throughout the day for every run scored, every wicket taken and every ball fielded, with tension clearly felt in the air. Winning would have been a massive boost for the team, club and the wider High Halstow family. HHCC won the toss and elected to bat, looking to set a target that would put pressure on the opposition. With contributions throughout the batting lineup, HHCC felt confident at the half way stage that their total of 199 was enough. However, Frindsbury's middle-order set about the total scoring freely as the pitch seemed to become less bowler friendly, and despite a mini-collapse towards the end, the visitor's to Rayner's Meadow reached their target with 3 wickets to spare.

The downbeat post-match conversations amongst the team and the supporting spectators clearly illustrated the importance of the match. There seemed to be a feeling that promotion had now slipped away, and it was now a case of winning the remaining 3 games and see what happens.

Roll on a week.....HHCC 1st XI picked themselves up as good teams do and beat a stubborn Blackheath XI to keep up the pressure on our title rivals, hoping that news would come through of either Frindsbury CC or Walmer CC slipping up. With smart phones on overdrive, at approximately 7:00pm the news arrived via social media. Frindsbury CC had been bowled out cheaply and lost to Dartfordians CC, causing a moment of hysteria and celebration within the home changing room, for this result means promotion was back in the 1st XI's hands with two games to play. A tricky trip to Dartfordians CC followed by a home



game against Chislehurst on Saturday 2nd September is what lies in front of our 1st XI.

At the time of going to press the village's club sits in the exciting position of having already won the U17 cup competition back in June and fighting for promotion and league titles on three fronts, Saturday 1st XI, Saturday 2nd XI and Sunday League XI....a position certainly taken by all at the start of the season!

It is now time, as they say, for the business end of the season or "squeaky bum time!"

Good luck to all the teams of High Halstow CC in the final few weeks of the season. It would be great for the village to come and support your 2nd XI and 1st XI on Saturday 26th and 2nd September respectively, to enjoy a drink from the club bar in the sun (hopefully), whilst cheering your teams to promotion.

High Halstow Football Club

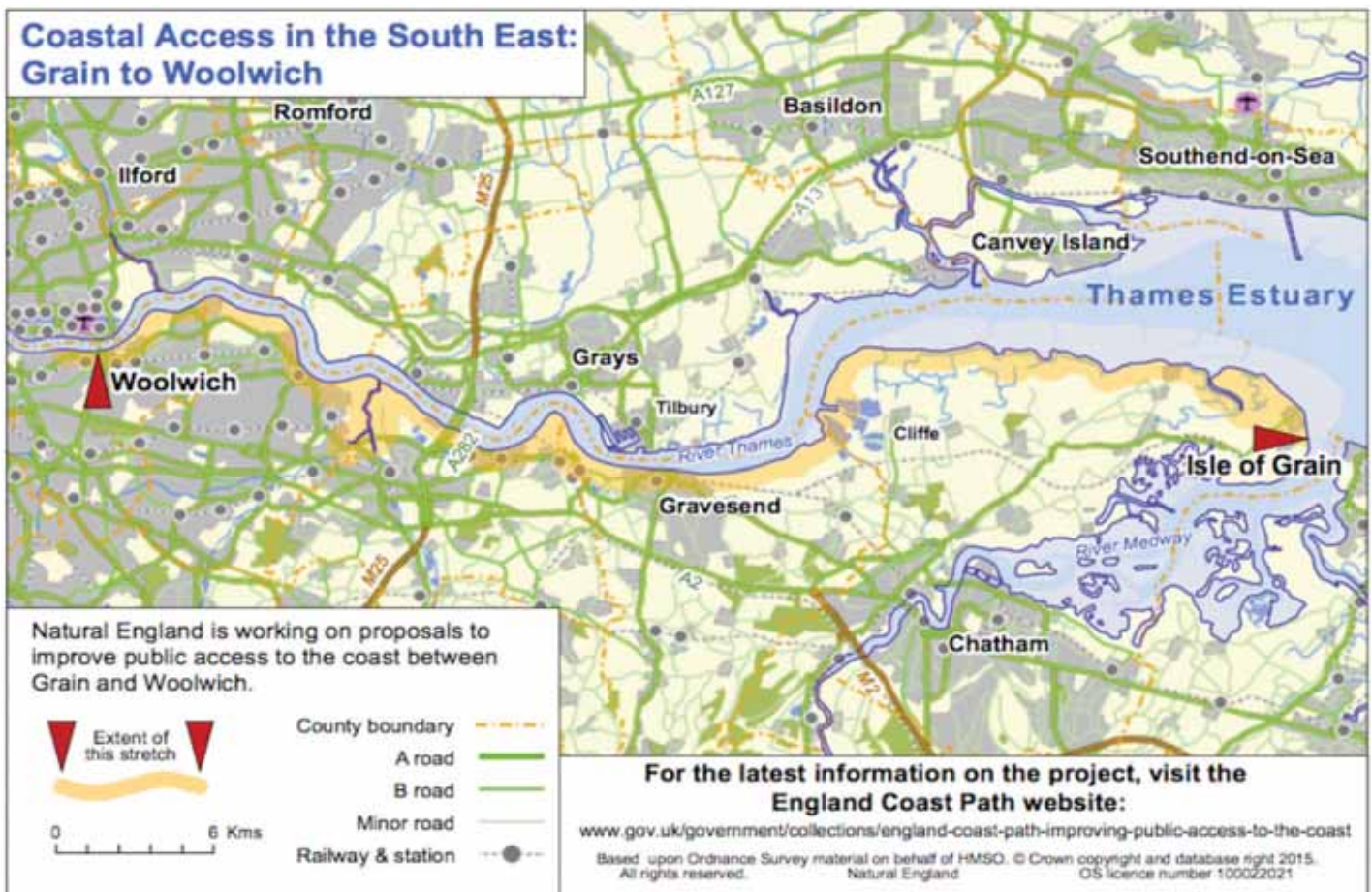
Manager
Graham Beale

No news to report this month as season starts in September.



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England Coast Path: Grain to Woolwich



The ECP will be a new National Trail around the English coast that will be open by 2020. We hope the Grain to Woolwich ECP stretch may also deliver a Thames Path National Trail from source to sea. This work will see the England Coast Path extended to Woolwich on the south bank of the Thames in London and we will work to secure the following benefits:

- Securing a continuous access trail on the south bank of the Thames to the open coast in Grain. It will connect the Thames estuary to the heart of London, which will create tourism and health and wellbeing opportunities for local communities.
- Link the England Coast Path on the south bank of the Thames to the existing Thames Path National Trail, which will create a continuous source to sea National Trail along the length of the Thames.
- Ensuring the continuity of the England Coast Path through directly linking to the Kent coast at Grain, and to the Essex coast via the Gravesend to Tilbury ferry.
- The stretch encompasses great views with coastal habitats and maritime industry, passing through remote

and tranquil areas, in addition to both heavily urban and rural settlements.

Most of the 78km route is already existing footpath whether that is the Thames Path or Saxon Shore Way. There will however be little pockets where we will look to create new access.

The ECP provides a right of access for people on foot. Landowners receive a much reduced public liability where their land has coastal access rights, which means it will be very difficult for landowners to be sued if there is an accident.

The path does have a default access margin from the trail to low mean water but we do have discretion to put restrictions on this area especially if it is an area unsuitable for access such as sloppy mud, or for nature conservation interests etc.

Natural England is currently consulting with affected landowners and interested parties. Further information can be found here. The report is due to be sent to Secretary of State in June 2018.

Further information can be found on
www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-plan-of-the-grain-to-gravesend-stretch

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