

High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

September 2011

Whilst going to press the Village Hall Committee are trying to finalise the commencement of works for the refurbishment of the Village Hall. This would be for Phase One of the works which includes a new roof, an additional room on the first floor, replacement of the back wall and new fire doors.

Prices have been received and these are being evaluated with the Parish Council who are part funding these works. It is planned, assuming all in order, for the works to commence in September with the Hall being out of action for hirers for up to 12 weeks. Please note though the Doctors Surgery will remain open as this part of the Hall is not being touched during this phase, however the current waiting room will be closed. This facility will be replaced in the short term with the room next to the stage and/or the corridor. This will be discussed with the Doctors shortly

Work is still being undertaken by the Committee in seeking additional funds and several grant applications have since been completed which hopefully will enable the remainder of the work to be carried out sooner rather than later

Please note the car park will be reduced in capacity whilst the work is undertaken. This will enable deliveries of materials and removal as required. The contractor will be instructed to have its lorries coming and going outside of the school run. I appreciate that this may provide a short term problem but health and safety has to play a part. Please watch for notices in the Village hall for further details.



Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is looking for new members to join the committee and help decide the future of the hall. If you are interested then please contact Gary Thomas, gary@highhalstow.org.uk

Farmers Market

The last Farmers Market this year will be held on Saturday 3rd September. Come along and support the Village Hall Committee with the regulars all being on sale including, bread, meat, vegetables, cards, honey etc

Doors open 9.30 - Why not come along

High Halstow Cricket Club - August 2011

With the colts season being completed so successfully last month, it has been the turn of the adults to resolve the outstanding issues of promotion and relegation. With the last Kent League fixtures to be played on 3rd September, the 1st lie 6th in the league and need just 4 points to be mathematically clear of relegation. Their clash with promoted Linden Park, who themselves need just 4 points for the Division 3 title, will be tense, but with 8 bonus points available to each side plus winning bonuses, we remain confident. At least 2 of the teams below us have to get maximum points from their games to prevent us from staying up. Results in August have been much better with 2 wins, I defeat and I game abandoned. Since we snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in the 12 run defeat at Sidcup at the end of last month we have seen a greater consistency of performance. Adam Colgate and Jake Barrett have shown maturity beyond their years, whilst Ashley Trigg has rediscovered some of his form from last year

The 2nd XI secured their place for a fourth season in Division 3 (2nd XI's) next year with a run of successful run chases in August. These were led by skipper Darren Brumbaugh, who has not been dismissed in any innings since July 23rd. During that time, he has amassed 412 runs in 5 knocks, and is a firm favourite to win the division's batting award for the second year running.

The 3rd XI will return to Division 1B (Central) of the Kent Feeder League after a very disappointing season. We have a lot of work to do this winter to ensure that the club can put out sufficiently strong teams every week to justify all the effort put in to developing the ground at Hoo School.

The Sunday League XI has had a good inaugural season in the Kent Sunday Development League, although could so easily have capped it with promotion to Division 2. Losses by just one wicket and 4 runs in the final 2 games left the team in 4th place.

The final games of the Club's season will be played over the weekend of 17th and 18th September after which there will be time to compile a more comprehensive account of the summer. The Colts Presentation will be held on the ground after the match on the 17th. We look forward to seeing all players, parents and supporters that evening to help celebrate the great success achieved by all our colts in 2011. It will be a fun event. **David Lapthorn, Chairman**

High Halstow Walkers

On Sunday 11th September we will be venturing further afield to the Sussex coast where we will walk along Cuckmere valley from the lovely town of Alfriston. At this point where the meandering Cuckmere reaches the sea a short walk up into the country park towards the west gives splendid views along the Severn Sisters (on a fine day!). The walk is about 8 miles long. It is mostly flat with some easy climbs towards the end as we return to Alfriston.

There is a terrrific pub "The Golden Galleon" which overlooks the river and where people may wish to take lunch but others may wish to pack some sandwiches to eat at the beach. We will meet at 10.30 in the Willows Car Park in North Street which is on your left as the town is entered from the North. Please note the later time to give you sufficient travelling time. Google maps says that it should take 1 hour and 40 minutes and my previous experience suggests this is about right on a Sunday morning

On this occassion it would be useful to know who will be coming so that transport can be optomised and to ensure that we do not walk off a few minutes before the arrival of somebody that has been delayed. We will be announcing our walks through the Autumn in next months HHT. The first will be on Sunday 9th October. For further details and notification please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or on 01634 254428

SAVE THE DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2011 MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING MEMORIAL HALL 9:30 AM ONWARDS. MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT IS 100 YEARS OLD.

Nearly everyone knows someone who needs, or has needed support from Macmillan Cancer Care and this is why I and my band of helpers, over the last 7 years we have (with your help) raised £2525 – this has been gratefully received by Macmillan from High Halstow. Last year's amount was a great £608 and we would like to beat that this year and hit over £3000.

Please come and join us in the Memorial Hall, where you can enjoy tea, coffee, cakes, scones and beautiful cup cakes, all homemade, as well as jams marmalade, bespoke cards and jewellery. There will be a raffle and our new "Pick a Duck" where everyone is a winner. If you are unable to come and join us we can arrange to deliver a box of cupcakes for £5 to your door.

To book your orders please give me a call on 251914

Ann Smith

Investors Club

Members enjoyed another Annual Summer luncheon hosted by the Chairman and his Wife in their garden, on an August Sunday when the skies were blue and the sun shone fiercely. So much so that only the chill of late evening forced us home. This was followed later in the week by our monthly meeting when we held our AGM. Officers were appointed and our performance over the year approved. Despite the present desperation revolving around World Markets, our expertise, gained over 13 years has kept us in reasonably good shape, taking advantage of recovering markets in late 2010, early 2011. It wasn't at all difficult to foresee the latest dramatic falls in share values so quite recently we judiciously sold our most profitable holdings, adopting Warren Buffet's policy of buying again "When people are most fearful". The remainder of our portfolio is being managed under the "Coffee Can Strategy"

John Wilson





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Friday classic film night starts on 9th September St. Margaret's Church High Halstow, 7:30-10pm, Admission FREE

Feel free to bring a pillow to sit on or a blanket if you're cold Refreshments will be on sale, and donations to help cover the cost. For more information contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on 250637

Rare Jersey Tiger Moth Reaches High Halstow

The RSPB has reported that the Jersey moth has headed east from London and has been sighted at RSPB's Northward Hill nature reserve in High Halstow. David James, field teacher at RSPB Northward Hill, said "I've checked all our records and those from other people who have trapped here to no avail. So with this first sighting at Northward Hill nature reserve it looks like the Jersey Tiger might be spreading further east.



Parish Council Change of Date and Venue

Please Note that the next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September at the School

Parish Council Consultations

Your chance to have your say

1 Bus Shelter

The Parish Council are keen to hear from you with regard to your views on a new bus shelter to be put in Christmas Lane, near the Heron sign. Do you think this should be the next bus shelter to be added/replaced? Do you think it is a good idea? etc.

2 Skateboard Park

The Parish Council have been asked by a young member of the public to consider whether a skateboard park could be built for the youth in the village. What do you think? Where could it go? etc.

For both items the Parish Council would like to hear from you. Please write to the Parish Council, email the editor or leave your comments on the Parish Council website www.highhalstow.org.uk

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. 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
Mrs M. Bufford - 34 Christmas Lane
Mrs D. West - 14 Cooling Road
Mrs M. King - 11 The Street
Mr J. Myatt - Decoy Hill Road
Mr B. Prichard - 9 Drayton Close

All Saints Church Allhallows Open Afternoon

Allhallows has a church called All Saints Church. The name of the village Allhallows and the name All Saints are entwined as the word Hallows means Saints. Have **YOU** visited the church?

On September 10th between 14.00 and 16.00, the Church will be open to visitors who may like to see what the inside of the church is like or find out more about All Saints Church Allhallows long history. Please come and join us for tea/coffee and cake and look around, it is **FREE** Maybe your family has history entwined with the Church; relatives who had baptisms, weddings or funerals there, come and look at what the church/village used to look like when your family used the church

The church at Allhallows was one of the seven Parish of Hoo St Werburgh churches mentioned in the Doomsday Book of 1085. (Imagine being round that long) the parish registers start in 1629 and 1841 when Allhallows parish had a population of 268 people. Since Saxon times the church has altered to suit the parish needs or fashions of the times. A living church should be suited to the people it serves - as history has shown. An example of this is in the font which was originally put in the church about 1220 when it was painted red and yellow, something perhaps strange/unfamilar to us now. The pulpit dates from George III a fashion of the times

Change is in the air again due to the huge cost of upkeep of thois grande historic building, the only one in Allhallows. Come and see living history while you still can

Stephen Gwilt

The Village Shop

LONGER Opening Hours

Monday – Saurday 7am – 8pm Sunday 8am – 2pm New Telephone number: 1634 254561



Great stories, fun action songs, arts & crafts, crazy puppets, video's, musical instruments, flags and fun for the whole family as well as a time to reflect, learn and worship together as God's family. So why not come and join us and find out what God has to say about his purpose for our lives.



1st & 3rd Sunday
of the month,
Starts 4th Sept
9:30am High Halstow
11:00am Allhallows

Come and put the JOY back into life

Cobdown Hockey Club Feature

Cobdown Hockey Club regularly plays its home matches on the Hundred of Hoo School Astro Pitch on Saturdays, usually from 12.30 onwards and from September till the following April. The club presently runs two mens teams and a ladies team and each plays within leagues throughout the season. We are a really friendly club and enjoy our hockey, even when we are losing although wins always lifts the spirits! We arrange social activities throughout the season (boule tournament, ten pin bowling, dinners and rounders) and even organise a Kent based 7-aside tournament in May.

We are hoping to expand our membership so we can run more teams for players to gain extra enjoyment from their endeavours. So if you are fit, want to become fit, have played hockey before, have played another sport but would like to try hockey, have not played hockey before but have a good eye and feel for sport, are over 14 years old (we have a Youth Protection Officer and follow English Hockey Association guidelines on young players) and want a social activity please consider joining our club.

We welcome beginners and have fortnightly training sessions so you become acclimatised to playing before facing "opposition". We provide some of your kit and will always encourage you, even when errors are being made, as we feel it is better to play as a team rather than as individuals. We have our trials on Saturday the 10th September from 1pm so hope you can pop along to watch and discuss.

For further details please visit our website www.cobdown.co.uk

Alternatively please contact our Club Captain via email - kchapman@blueyonder.co.uk, or telephone 07949 094461

You can make a real difference to our club by becoming involved with our men or ladies team. Please consider supporting your local team

Lost Yet Again

This getting to be a habit - winning the 'booby' prize at the Village Quiz Night. Our reputation of being a bright bunch of ladies is at risk!

August has been a little quiet, not even meeting for our monthly lunch club. A couple of members enjoyed a day out to Lullingstone Castle, The World Garden and the Roman Villa. Two members tucked into a sumptuous afternoon tea at Borstal W.I. got lucky on the raffle and did reasonably well on their Quiz

We had a stall at the recent RSPB Country Fair, promoting the W.I. raffling a teddy and making badges which proved very popular. Next meeting is on Wednesday 7th September with Frank Turner talking on the wreck of the USS Richard Montgomery. This meeting is open to all. GENTLEMEN, just £1.50 on the door, and support our raffle. Tea/coffee and something sweet to enjoy during the evening

Margaret Whitebread

Want to grow your own fruit and vegetables?
No room in your garden, thought about having an allotment?

There is currently no waiting list, if you are interested, please contact
Angela Bostock on
07880 531641 or 07969 056354
e-mail:angelabostock@fsmail.net

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.

A reminder for local groups is that you can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details.

Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday King's Kitchen

10:00 Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30 St Margaret's Church

Every Thursday Mother and Toddler's

09.30 Memorial Hall

Sugar Babes

19.00 Memorial Hall

Every Friday

Friday Film Club starting 9th September

19.30 St Margaret's Church

Every Saturday

Karmann Dancers Memorial Hall

09.00 *Other Dates*

Friday 2nd Red Dog Golf Society

Red Dog PH Youth Night

Friday 2nd Youth Night
19.00 Memorial Hall

Sunday 4th New Family Service
09.30 St Margaret's Church
Wednesday 7th Women's Institute
19.30 Memorial Hall

19.30 Memorial Hall Wednesday 7th Parish Council 20.00 School

20.00 School Saturday 10th Project 90

08.30 Village Hall Car Park
Sunday 11th High Halstow Walkers
10.00 Cuckmere Valley - See
article for details

Tuesday 13th Gardening Club
20.00 Memorial Hall

Sunday 18th New Family Service 09.30 St Margaret's Church Saturday 24th Church Yard Clear Up

10.00 Church Yard Friday 30th MacMillan Coffee

Morning

09.30 Memorial Hall Friday 30th Quiz Night 20:00 Memorial Hall

PROJECT 90

90 minutes spent improving the village

Next Project 90
Saturday 10th September
8.30 Start at the Village Hall

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Gardening Club Show Results

Thanks to all who participated in the show. There were 386 exhibits between 43 exhibitors, better than last year & very good bearing in mind the hot Spring & varied summer we had. In addition we would like to thank everyone who helped set up and run the show on the Friday and Saturday.

Winners of the trophies and cups were as follows:-

Section 1 - Vegetables

Cup for most points in section – Dusty Miller Terry Clarke Trophy – Dusty Miller Les Shallot Cup – Dusty Miller

Section 2 - Fruit

Plaque for most points in section – Dusty Miller

Section 3 - Flowers & Pot Plants

Shield for most points in section –
Peter Tyler
Cup for best Chrysanthemum –
Reg Beeching
Plaque for best Pot Plant – Eric Shuter
Hubbard Cup for best Dahlia – Peter Tyler

Section 4 - Domestic

Cup for most points – June Barton

Section 5 - Floral Art

Vase for most points – June Barton Cup for best exhibit – Hazel Kilburn

Section 6 - Arts & Crafts

Plaque for most points – Dennis Follett

Section 7 - Children under 11

Voucher for best exhibit - Holly Hawkes

Section 8 - Members Plant

Cup - Wendy White

Potato in a Bucket

Voucher for heaviest cumulative weight – Margaret Shuter

Most Points in Show

Cup – Dusty Mille

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Best Exhibit in Show

Sections 1, 2 & 3 – Jim Marsh Plate – Dusty Miller Sections 4, 5 & 6 – Gardening Club Plate – Dennis Follett

Rosebowl

Winner of class 31 – Barbara Starrs

Best Effort by New Member

Voucher - Hazel Kilburn

Best Kept Garden

I.V. Uden Shield -

1st - Wendy & Mike White

2nd – Jenny Richardson

3rd - Christine & John Wilson

Best Hanging Basket

Hillman Cup - Mary & Dennis Follett

Best Container

Elizabeth Harris Shield – Marita & Jim Jones

Top Tray

1st (Gold) – Dusty Miller 2nd (Silver) – Rosemary Collins 3rd (Bronze) – Patricia Richards

Top Vase

1st (Gold) – Rosemary Collins 2nd (Silver) – Gwen Bucknall 3rd (Bronze) – Margaret Shuter

Banksian Medal

Most points in Sections 1, 2 & 3 – Rosemary Collins

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th September 2011 when the presentation will be "Nature Photographers Year" by Roger Canis.

Wendy & Mike White

Last Chance to Say Cheese!

Once again we are again running a photographic competition to try and find High Halstow's best photographers for 2011. The categories are simple. Under

16's anything in the village. For the Over 16's there are 3 categories,

People, Places & Fauna and Flora. All photographs must be taken in the parish boundaries, they must be clearly marked as to who took them where they were taken and when they were taken and contact details. Maximum 4 entries per person. In addition where photographs of children are submitted, parental approval of ALL the children on the picture must be included with the entry. As the winning photographs will be included in the 2012 High Halstow Calendar, photographs MUST be of sufficient size and quality to enable enlargement and reproduction.

The Judges decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered into. Winners to be announced at the parish council meeting in October 2011.



All entries to be posted through the Rectory letter box by Friday 2nd September 2011

Digital entries should be on a CD or DVD where possible.

For Further details Please Contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on 250637



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Note from the Editor

The High Halstow Times is a friendly point of contact and all views expressed are those of the individual. No letter will be published without the name and address of the writer being supplied to the editor, although this information may be withheld from appearing in the HHT upon request. If you have a matter for complaint, it should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, which meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome.

Advertising rates are £15 per quarter page per edition; £30 per half page per edition. Items should be sent to editor@highhalstow.org.uk

Let's Hear from You

Have you 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.? etc

In terms of recent history, were you at the Teddy Bears Picnic, did you enjoy the recent film shows? Let us know your tales so we can publish in the HHT and or the website. It would be great to hear from you!!

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Dear HHT

Well, High Halstow can certainly be proud of its lovely new shop. large and airy, plenty of room to move around, very helpful and pleasant staff and almost everything you could wish to buy. The shock came, when having walked all round I asked what had happened to the Post Office! I couldn't believe it when told it was just inside the main door on view to everyone inside and outside of the shop, and no privacy whatsoever. How risky is that in today's world of theft and robbery? Also I don't want to hear everyone's business no more than I want them to hear mine, but it is very difficult not to when the till and Post office are next to each other and the queues run side by side. I have thought long and hard about this but still cannot understand the sense and am sorry to say I won't be using the Post Office again while it remains like that

Maureen Stanney, St Mary Hoo

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

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

THE RED DOG GOLF SOCIETY

1st FRIDAY of EACH MONTH



Details available at The Red Dog

Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

lan and I would like to thank our many friends in High Halstow and St Margaret's Church for their many cards, phone calls, flowers and offers of help. Ian's stroke was unexpected and frightening for both of us; but with God's help and the concern and love shown to us, we will persevere with his therapy and hopefully get back the lan we know and love.

We ask only for patience, your understanding and your continued prayers for his recovery. Thank you dear friends. God bless you all

Dorothy Stone

Dear HHT,

I was wondering who has given permission to a certain paving company to litter our village with their advertising boards? Is it the residents who have recently had their drives neatly blocked paved and wish everyone to know, or has the Parish Council done a terrific deal with the Company and allowed them exclusive advertising rights round the Village. In return for such exclusivity will we all be seeing a cut in our precept? Or could it just be that this litter in our Village needs to be cleared away by street cleaners. I am sure that the best kept village award would not include builders bollards. I hope the Parish Council will have them removed asap.

Name and Address Supplied



Strawberry Tea

A big thank you to everybody who came along to my garden on 1st August for this Charity Tea. We had a really pleasant afternoon, lovely weather, plenty of tea and chat. £147 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society

June Collins

Lost Cat

Harry went missing from Harrison Drive (just opposite the school) sometime during the week commencing 15th August. He is long haired ginger and white. he is a much loved family pet and our children are devastated he has gone missing. If you have seen Harry or know where he is please contact us on 250372.

Luci O'Sullivan

Your Parish Councillors

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