



# High Halstow TIMES



*Home of the Heron*

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October 2009

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## ***HIGH HALSTOW RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY***

This charity exists to assist those in need in the village, especially widows and widowers. If you would like the trustees to give consideration to a particular need, please complete the form below. You may apply for yourself or for someone known to you, but their permission must be sought.

***Payments may be made for the following:***

Special payments to relieve sudden distress, travelling expenses to hospital or convalescent home for patients or visitors to patients; fuel bills; food for special diets; medical or other aids; telephone "help line"; nursing care; alterations in the home to assist the disabled; purchase of necessary items for the home; books or tools to assist in earning a living; or assistance towards a holiday for someone who really could not afford one otherwise. Where a specific request is made, e.g. to help with heating or telephone bills, a copy of the relevant bill should be provided and a receipt needed. These are only some of the examples that will be considered by the Charity. Any other requests will also be considered.

**Please return your forms to any of the following trustees:**

<b>Reverend S. Gwilt</b>	The Rectory
<b>Mrs L. Munday</b>	22 Willowbank Drive
<b>Mrs M. Bufford</b>	34 Christmas Lane
<b>Mrs D. West</b>	14 Cooling Road
<b>Mrs M. King</b>	11 The Street
<b>Mr J. Myatt</b>	Ende Kay, Decoy Hill Rd
<b>Mr R. Prichard</b>	9 Drayton Close

All requests are dealt with confidentially.

**Please return all forms by  
31st October 2009**

Name: .....
Address: .....
Help Required: .....

***Inside Pages for: Queen B details, Swimming-a-Marathon, Drama Classes, Buckhole Farm decision, Colts Cricket, Photo Competition, Line Dancing, Youth Night, Christmas Sparkles, Farmers Market and much much more***

### ***Mother & Toddlers Need You***

The High Halstow Mother & Toddlers meet every Thursday morning (Term Time) in the Memorial Hall between 9am and 11am.

George and I currently run the group but our children are now at pre-school age and we are almost ready to retire.

We need two or three willing volunteers to take over when we leave at the end of the year.

It is a really simple group to run and the benefits of having a group like this in the village are great.

Please don't let the group retire with us.

If you are able to help out you can phone me or have a chat with me at Toddlers.

Thanks,

**Cath Harvey**

**07847 873212**

### ***Trip to Bruges***

The trip to Bruges scheduled for August had to be cancelled due to the coach being vandalised. This trip has now been re-booked for 28 November.

There are some spaces available due to the date not suiting everyone on the previous listing. If you are interested please give me a call. The trip will commence from the village hall at 6.30 travelling by Eurostar. We have chosen this date to specifically to visit the Christmas Market. There are only a few spaces available so please ring early to avoid disappointment.

**Margaret Church**

**Medway 253709**

### ***Christmas Lane Speeding***

Please be aware that the speed limit in Christmas Lane from the edge of the new estate to the Red Dog is 30MPH. Traffic Police can prosecute anyone exceeding this limit

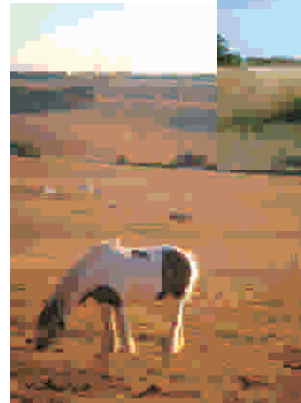
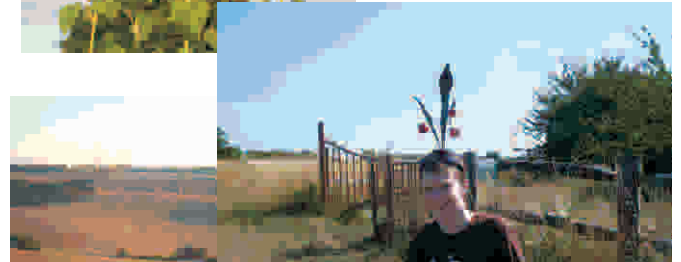
### ***Halloween 31st October***

Halloween is a fun and exciting time for many children, and the tradition of Trick or Treat (originally an American past time) is growing bigger and bigger in this country every year. However, please be courteous to your neighbours and fellow residents of the village, it can be a very upsetting experience for the elderly and households not wishing to participate. Please therefore only call at houses which have some kind of halloween decoration showing in their windows, porches etc. those houses which have made no effort are probably those who wish to be left alone to enjoy their evening in quiet.

### ***High Halstow 2009 Photo Competition Prize Giving***

***Wednesday 14th 8:00pm Memorial Hall***

We had a good number of entry's to this years competition with a wide and varied range of pictures from all age groups. The winners have been selected and will be notified soon, a large number of the entries will be on display at the Prize Giving which will be immediately after the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14th. The winners will be included in the High Halstow Calendar which will be on sale at the Christmas Market and the Nov/Dec Farmers Markets.



Some of the many entries but are they winners?  
Come along on the 14th to find out.

### **New group starting in High Halstow**

#### **Cherokee Rebels**

**Beginners Linedancing starting on  
Monday 23rd November**

**High Halstow Village Hall**

**Starting time 11.00am until 12.30 pm**

**Cost only £3.00**

**Please come along and try it**

**For more details please contact Sue on  
01634 271028**

## **High Halstow Cricket Club**

It is with regret, that HHCC have found that it has become both untenable and unviable for Colts Cricket/Training to continue on the Recreation Ground (and to maintain its Tuesday training link with the Youth Club). This has come about by the actions of a small group of ill informed, intimidating residents of Goodwood Close, and others in our community.

Because of their biased and sustained pressure, this group gave the Parish Council no alternative, but to revoke the club's licence in allowing organised senior cricket (with full junior integration) to be played on the Recreation Ground. This is a necessary part of Colt development and the general consensus of those members who attended the meeting was, having pulled the rug out from under all of our younger players, these residents won't be happy until cricket has disappeared from High Halstow altogether.

Our Colts are an essential part of the club and its life blood, so there is no way that we will let this group of misguided people undo all of the good work that has been put in over the last few years, by not only members of the club, but all of the parents, grandparents etc. Your continued support will now be even more crucial in helping these youngsters in furthering their enjoyment and proficiency in the sport.

**Colts matches/training will continue to be played at Rayners Meadow as before.**

What ever decisions are made for the future, you can be rest assured that HHCC will always have the best interests of its younger members at heart.

**Intimidation will not prevail!**

Malcolm Coomber

H.H.C.C. Colts Coordinator

*Please see HHPC comment below...*

### ***High Halstow Parish Council Comment to Cricket Club Statement regarding Colts Cricket / Training***

At a Parish Council meeting held on 26/08/09 to discuss cricket on the recreation ground letters of complaint and petitions were presented to the Council for consideration.

Residents of the Parish then gave accounts of the incidents that had happened during Saturday matches. After much discussion it was proposed and carried that the licence for use of the ground by Adults be withdrawn immediately - Colts and Children would still be able to use the ground.

*HHPC*



## **Land Securities is preparing a masterplan for Lodge Hill**

We are committed to community engagement and are currently reviewing all feedback received so far to enable us to respond effectively to the issues that have been raised. We plan to share the masterplan at exhibitions before the end of the year.

For more information please visit:  
[www.lodgehill.info](http://www.lodgehill.info) or call 0845 683 2544



## ***Resume of the Parish Council Meeting 9th September 2009***

The meeting held on 9 September was attended by 8 of the 9 councillors (Gary being on holiday) and 14 members of the public.

It was agreed to object to a planning application for change of use of land at Buckhole Farm from agricultural to the keeping of horses, on the grounds that the land is prime agricultural and should remain as such. The use of the land for leisure pursuits may well lead to a proliferation of buildings on the land. This decision was taken in spite of the upholding by the Planning Inspector of an appeal against refusal of permission for the stationing of mobile homes on the land. The Parish Council is very disappointed at this decision as it will make it more difficult to resist development of these plots at Buckhole Farm.

A grant was made to the RSPB towards the costs of Countryside Fair.

Work on the drain from the Recreation Ground ditch to the storm drain under The Street is now complete. The situation will be monitored at heavy rainfall this winter to see if this improvement will lessen any overflow of the ditch itself.

The annual inspection by RoSPA of the playpark took place and this year Pat Hillman was able to meet the inspector on site. She explained the plans to replace the playpark and now that the swings have been removed, there were no major issues. Medway Council, who are funding much of it, are in the process of planning the new playpark, having consulted with local groups. Watch this space!

On Forge Common the hay has been cut and removed, free of charge. It is hoped to obtain more wild flower seeds.

The Parish Council was offered replacement bus shelters for the existing ones at Heronsbank and by the Recreation Hall. These are second hand but will be refurbished and installed at no cost to the parish by Medway Council. They are of the metal and glass variety and will look more urban than the wooden ones that the Parish Council was intending to install, but it offers a breathing space while the bus shelter funds are built up. It was discovered that the cost of removing the old shelters and the actual installation of the new ones was a great deal more than had been envisaged and this cost would have to be added to the cost of the new shelters themselves. We aren't entirely sure when the work will be done, this is now down to Medway Council.

You will have noticed that our street cleaners, Jack and John are continuing to do an excellent job. The original 9 year contract came to an end on 31 August and we had to bid for a new 7 year contract, along with companies such as Veolia. We were delighted to have been awarded the contract and you will see no change. We now plan to send the boys on some training courses so they will be able to do a little more, such as spray weeds in the gutters.

Finally, the website has been re-launched. Do have a look – [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)

### ***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 - Pat Hillman 251064  
Village Hall - Ann Smith 251914

### ***HH Village Website***

The Parish Council website has been relaunched. Did you know you can see the minutes of your Parish Council on our website! If that is not your cup of tea, you can also 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

For all your village needs the site is  
[www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)





## ***Buckhole Farm Appeal Decision from Inquiry Held 11 & 12 August 2009***

### **Formal Decisions**

#### **Appeal A: APP/A2280/A/09/2096545**

37. I allow the appeal, and grant planning permission for a change of use from grazing to residential involving the stationing of 3 mobile homes and 3 touring caravans for gypsies and the erection of a utility room at Cobsview, Buckhole Farm Road, High Halstow, Kent ME3 8SE in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref MC2008/0840, dated 10 April 2008, and the plans submitted with it (other than the superseded site plan – document 8), subject to the following conditions:

1) The residential occupation of the site hereby permitted shall be carried on only by Mr Michael Vine, Mr Walter Lee and Mr George Lee and their resident dependants and shall be for a limited period being the period of 5 years from the date of this decision, or the period during which they occupy the site, whichever is the shorter. When the land ceases to be occupied by those named or at the end of the 5 year period, whichever is the earlier, the use hereby permitted shall cease and all caravans, structures, hard surfaces, cesspits or septic tanks, materials and equipment brought on to the land in connection with the use and including the utility room hereby approved, shall be removed. Within 3 months of that time the land shall be restored to its condition before the use commenced.

2) No more than 6 caravans, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (of which no more than 3 shall be a static caravan or mobile home) shall be stationed on the site at any time.

3) The use hereby permitted shall cease and all caravans, structures, equipment and materials brought onto the land for the purposes of such use shall be removed within 28 days of the date of failure to meet any one of the requirements set out in (i) to (iv) below:

i) within two months of the date of this decision a scheme for the layout of the site shall be submitted to include details of:

- the position of all mobile homes, touring caravans and the utility room, parking and access arrangements and all areas of hard surfacing;
- the arrangements for the disposal of foul water;

- all external lighting; and
- hard and soft landscape works including all means of enclosure and the said scheme shall include a timetable for its implementation.

ii) if within 10 months of the date of this decision the site development scheme has not been approved by the local planning authority or, if the local planning authority refuse to approve the scheme, or fail to give a decision within the prescribed period, an appeal shall have been made to, and accepted as validly made by, the Secretary of State.

iii) if an appeal is made in pursuance of (ii) above, that appeal shall have been finally determined and the submitted site development scheme shall have been approved by the Secretary of State.

iv) the approved scheme shall have been carried out and completed in accordance with the approved timetable.

4) Following the implementation of the scheme approved in accordance with condition 3, there shall be no change to any of the approved details.

5) No vehicle over 3.5 tonnes shall be stationed, parked or stored on the site.

6) No commercial activities shall take place on the land, including the storage of materials, other than the parking of a total of up to 3 commercial vehicles, each of no more than 3.5 tonnes, in connection with the employment of the residential occupiers.

#### **Appeal B: APP/A2280/A/09/2096548**

38. I allow the appeal, and grant planning permission for the construction of a hard surfaced roadway at Cobsview, Buckhole Farm Road, High Halstow, Kent ME3 8SE in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref MC2008/1660, dated 16 February 2008, and the plans submitted with it (but excluding the reference to tarmac on the application form).

*Bridget M Campbell*  
Inspector

### ***A Marathon of a Swim***

On morning of saturday 12/09/09, at 10.10 Lilly Gibbs (aged 7 years and attending High Halstow Primary School) set of on a marathon swim of 2000 metres, or 80 lengths of the Larkfield Swimming pool. Lilly was hoping to raise funds for the NSPCC by completing her ASA 2000 metre swimming Award, so this was a non stop effort. At around 50 lengths Lilly started to complain of sore arms but continued, at 70 lengths Lilly was in a great deal of pain but still determined to finish, carried on.

She finished at 11.20 and it was only at this stage that it was realised that her swim suit was chaffing under her arms, which must have been very painful. Lillys big sister, Ursula (aged 23) who was also swimming 80 lengths for charity was 4 lengths behind as Lilly finished, so Lilly bravely jumped back in to help her complete the final 2 lengths of her swim.

By completing this swim, Lilly not only achieved her 2000 Meter ASA award, she raised £349 for the NSPCC and would like to thank all those who donated towards her chosen charity.

Further details can be obtained from proud parents, Andy & Wendy, tel no. 01634 251590

### ***Friendly Club***

We returned to our usual meetings on Wednesday 23 September, from 2 to 4pm. There will be the usual board games, cards, dominoes, and chit chat, what ever you fancy doing.

There will be the usual tea, coffee, or juice, and cake, during the break We would welcome anyone who is 40 or over to join us.

The October meeting is on Wednesday 28th and will hopefully include the annual Flue jabs.

### **Shop at Amazon and Earn Money for our School**

High Halstow primary School is now affiliated with Amazon.co.uk. If you shop with Amazon you can now earn the school up to 10% commission on any purchases you make at no extra cost to you! Instead of going to the Amazon website directly, simply go to [www.highhalstowprimaryschool.org.uk/amazon](http://www.highhalstowprimaryschool.org.uk/amazon) instead - you will be redirected straight to the Amazon homepage but with anything you buy now earning commission for the school. Update your browser bookmarks and thank you for helping us



### ***Garden Club***

We have had a really interesting few weeks, first the Annual Show in August, was a great occasion, 400 exhibits, graced the tables, the most ever, and the quality was very good. The results are on a separate sheet.

At the September meeting, members arrived to see a table groaning with fruit, Apples, Pears, Plums, most of which you never see in shops. This was just a small selection from the 2,200 varieties grown at Brogdale. The speaker described all that he had brought, and several were cut into pieces for members to try, and to end the evening we were given a taste of apple juice that is produced at Brogdale.

Brogdale is open every day from Easter to the end of October, and their Apple Festival is on the 17 & 18 October.

### *Farmers Market Saturday 3rd October*

The farmers market is not only a great opportunity to buy local produce ranging from jams and marmalade to fruit and vegetables, home made chocolates and cards but is also a nice way to bump into friends and neighbours and share a cup of tea and a chat with people you often never find time to chat with. The market is open from 9:30am to 11:00am on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January), and is free to everyone. Amongst the many stalls are Sparkles who feature in this month's review:

Sparkles was formed in the Spring of 2008 after Joanne and Tracy came up with the idea of hosting home-parties selling high quality silver and costume jewellery, alongside the latest fashions in costume jewellery, hand bags and scarves. Their passion for the latest designs and alternative styles at affordable prices was soon a winning combination. Many of the original pieces were sourced from fair trade suppliers and are imported from as far away as Mexico and China.

Sparkles has this year invested in a large range of alternative and creative Christmas decorations and ornaments which will stand-out and shine for years to come. They are hosting a special Christmas Party in the Memorial Hall on Friday 16th October, all are welcome to join them for a glass of Mulled wine and a browse. Alternatively, please take the time to visit them at the Farmers Market or call them to discuss hosting your own party.



### *It's That 'B' Time Again Back to Being Busy*

Well last month Michela got us out of our seats and gave us an introduction to pilates. Some ladies were so impressed that they seem to be considering taking it further. We had a few visitors which is always good to see, who knows perhaps some might like to come back and join in the fun. The monthly lunch trip was a return visit to The Windmill, so not too far to go. I think everyone was pleased with the food and this time we had a bit more space to eat.

So what's been happening in our W.I. now that summer is over. Another trip to London going behind the scenes of the National Theatre was another great day out, coffee on route, and a super lunch on the south bank before catching the train home. By not cramming too much in, it meant we had a lovely relaxing day and the sun shone as a bonus. Two members joined Rochester W.I.'s outing to Denbies Wine Estate near Dorking. A place we can recommend. We very much enjoyed the Indoor Wine Tour Experience & Tasting, and the Outdoor Train Tour. It has an excellent conservatory restaurant and superb shop.

Allhallows had their first 'Fun Day' at which we were invited to run a stall. We decided to provide cakes and run the game of 'Splat the Rat'. I think the organisers were pleased with their first attempt with just a few teething problems. We made a profit and had some fun, watch out for it next year and go along to support them. Lastly 'Kent Day' organised by county was a great success. The speakers were very good covering subjects such as Kent food, growing food using hydroponics, oil seed rape, organic cleaning products and the fight to protect Kent's green spaces.

Next meeting is on 7th October when Lesley Wright will talk about the Arethusa Venture Centre. Everyone welcome, just £1:50 on the door.

### *Play Park*

The plans for the new improved play park will be available to be seen at the Farmers Market on the 7th November. In addition they should be available at the November Parish Council meeting which is on Wednesday 11th November. This will be your opportunity to comment on the proposals. The proposals are still on course for the play park to be completed by the end of March





## Medway Council working with partners to make life better for Medway residents, their families and carers

From October to December, staff from Medway Council will be working with partner organisations to raise awareness of a range of welfare benefits including carers' allowance, housing and council tax benefit and second adult rebate

### Extra help for families with children – Don't miss out

Do you have children?

Do you get child benefit?

Do you receive maintenance for your child?

Do you have to pay child care costs so that you can work?

If you answer **yes** to **any** of these questions - you could have the opportunity to get a few extra pounds to help towards the council tax and rent you pay.

A change to the housing and council tax benefit rules in November means that the money you receive for child benefit will no longer be taken into account, regardless of how many children you have.

### Make caring count – Don't miss out

Do you care for someone who is sick or has a disability?

Do you receive a carers' allowance?

Do you care for 35 hours a week or more?

Does the cared for person receive the middle or higher rate care component of disability allowance?

If so you may be entitled to some extra help.

### Ever heard of second adult rebate? Don't miss out

This is help for council tax payers who:

- do not have a partner (or whose partner is disregarded for council tax purposes);
- who share their home with someone on a low income;
- who is not a paying lodger.

Entitlement is not based on the council tax payer's income but that of the other adult(s) in the property; they are known as second adults.

Maybe you've never claimed benefits before or have been turned down in the past. Get in touch and find out more – you've got nothing to lose but may have money to save – **Don't miss out**



# Don't miss out

## Make caring count



To find out if you qualify visit us at one of the locations shown in the table or contact us by:

Phone: **01634 332345** or email [welfare.benefits@medway.gov.uk](mailto:welfare.benefits@medway.gov.uk)

Date	Event	Venue	Times
6, 13, 20, 27 October 2009	Information days	Strood Market	9am – 3pm
6 October, 3 November, 1 December, 2009	Information days	Rochester Coffee Shop, The Delce, Rochester	9.30 – 11am
Every Wednesday	Drop in session	Elaine Centre, Clifton Close, Strood	9 – 1pm
Every Thursday	Drop in session	Gillingham Library, High Street, Gillingham	9am – 12noon
Every Friday	Drop in session	Rainham contact point, Station Road	9am – 12noon
12, 19 October 2 November, 2009	Information days	Gillingham Market	9am – 3pm
12 and 26 October, 2009	Information days	Pentagon Shopping Centre, Chatham	9am – 5pm
15 October 24 November, 2009	Information days	Hook Meadow Community Centre, King George Road, Walderslade	11am – 3pm
27 October 24 November, 2009	Drop in session	Walter Brice, Tilley Close, Hoo	9am – 12noon
29 October, 2009	Carers' event	Franklin Rooms, Gillingham Masonic Club, Franklin Road, Gillingham	10am - 4pm
30 October, 2009	Drop in session	Walter Brice, Tilley Close, Hoo	10am – 12pm
3, 4, 5, November, 2009	Information days	Twydall Shopping Centre	10am – 3pm
9, 10, 11 and 12 November, 2009	Information days	Morrison's, Strood Car Park	9am – 3pm
16, 17 and 18 November, 2009	Information days	Hempstead Valley	9am – 8pm
20 November, 2009	Open day event	Cerebral Palsy Centre, View Road Cliffe Woods	10am – 4pm

**Stop Press** There will be a roadshow at the Village Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November during the Farmers market. More details in next months HHT

## ***High Halstow Cricket Club End of Season Report – 2009***

Another eventful season has come to an end, capped by the fourth promotion in four seasons for the 1st XI. They will play in Division 2 of the Kent League next year, against such sides as Dartford and Holmsdale who have played at the highest level of club cricket in the county. It will be a challenge!

The 2nd XI finished a creditable fourth in Division III (2nd XIs). Both 3rd and 4th XIs improved showed significant development during the year and we are optimistic that further progress will be made in 2010. The Sunday League XI finished third in the Medway Sunday League while the Sunday Friendly side enjoyed many a convivial afternoon both home and away.

In what seemed to be a record-breaking summer, we put out 151 teams in 22 weeks of cricket. Apart from the groundsman, everyone enjoyed the dry and sunny conditions, with only a handful of games affected by adverse weather. The end of season awards highlighted the progress made by younger players in adult cricket. Whilst Rupert Staple (who plays for Kent Over 50s) won the Best Bowler award for the most wickets in the season, under 16s Ashley Trigg (Best Batsman), Jamie Taylor (Most Improved Player) and Jake Barrett (Young Player of the Year) won other main prizes. Aaron Robertson (U13) won the 4th XI batting award – his 94 in the last game being our highest individual score at that level, and made sure he just beat his father to the prize for most runs in the season. However, Tom did not go home empty handed – he won the Chairman's Award for services to the Club.

***David Laphorn***  
***Chairman***

### ***I Know The Score***

Top four players in the High Halstow League are the same as last month. There is still time to show how good you are at picking results. The game is free to enter - so just follow the link below and follow the instructions to log-on. Once you have logged in, click on the Mini-Leagues link on the right of the page and then enter the code FC58D-GBM

<http://ikowthescore.premierleague.com/>

League positions to 30th September  
Mrs A Sitta 760  
Ben\_De\_Legs 620  
comos1 470  
cousboss 450

*Mrs A Sitta is showing good form and has increased her lead over the boys.*

## ***Report Crime***

Always call 999 if

- a crime is happening now
- people are injured
- people are being threatened or are in danger
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby

Call Kent Police on 01622 690690 to report any non-emergency crime

To help please record when and where the problems are happening including

- dates and times of incidents
- as much detail as possible about what has happened
- names and/or descriptions of those involved
- how the incident has affected you

In this day and age I understand that individuals may hesitate to contact the Authorities for fear of reprisals: should this be the case please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence and I will act on your behalf

***Martin Mitchell***

***HHPC Police Liaison 0753 1984169***

### **PROJECT 90**

**90 minutes spent improving  
the village**

**Saturday 17th October**

**8:30am Start at the Village Hall**

**Free Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Buns  
afterwards for all the helpers**

### ***Your Parish Councillors***

George Crozer, Chair	01634 250286
e.mail: <a href="mailto:george@highhalstow.org.uk">george@highhalstow.org.uk</a>	
Gary Thomas, Vice Chair	01634 252812
e.mail: <a href="mailto:gary.thomas@medway.gov.uk">gary.thomas@medway.gov.uk</a>	
Martin Andrews	07984 791029
Ray Collins	01634 250105
Pat Hillman	01634 251064
Carl Mitchell	01634 250911
Martin Mitchell	07531 984169
Lesley Munday	01634 250276

Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

## ***Gardening Club Annual Show 2009***

Wow what a show, there were 455 exhibits between 48 exhibitors !! The number of exhibits is a record and we would like to say a big thank you to everybody that participated and made it a show to remember. 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 & Jim Jones

Terry Clarke Trophy – Jim Jones

Les Shallot Cup – Jim Jones

### **Section 2 - Fruit**

Most points in section – Dusty Miller

### **Section 3 – Flowers & Pot Plants**

Shield for most points in section – Peter Tyler

Cup for best Chrysanthemum – Rosemary Collins

Plaque for best Pot Plant – Oonagh Elliott

Hubbard Cup for best Dahlia – Peter Tyler

### **Section 4 - Domestic**

Cup for most points – Cheryle Hassell

### **Section 5 – Floral Art**

Vase for most points – Leonie Husson

Cup for best exhibit – Leonie Husson

### **Section 6 – Arts & Crafts**

Plaque for most points –

Wendy White & June Barton

### **Section 7 – Children under 14**

Cup for best exhibit – Alex Fooks

### **Section 8 – Members Plant**

Cup – Eric Elliott

### **Potato in a Bucket**

Maximum number over 1" diameter – Jim Jones

### **Most Points in Show**

Cup – Rosemary Collins

### **Best Exhibit in Show**

Sections 1, 2 & 3 –

Jim Marsh Plate – Jim Jones

Sections 4, 5 & 6 –

Gardening Club Plate – Cheryle Hassell

### **Rosebowl**

Winner of class 30 – Rosemary Collins

### **Best Effort by New Member**

Patricia Richards

### **Best Kept Garden**

I.V. Uden Shield –

1st – Wendy & Mike White

2nd – Shirley & Trevor Jones

3rd – Christine Mubarak

### **Best Hanging Basket**

Hillman Cup –

Mary & Dennis Follett

### **Best Container**

Elizabeth Harris Shield –

Mike Chatfield

### **Top Tray**

1st (Gold) – Rosemary Collins

Joint 2nd (Silver) – Dusty Miller & Jim Jones

### **Top Vase**

1st (Gold) – Peter Tyler

2nd (Silver) – Barbara Starrs

3rd (Bronze) – Rosemary Collins

### **Banksian Medal**

Most points in Sections 1, 2 & 3 –

Peter Tyler

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October 2009 when the presentation will be about Floral Clocks.

See you there.

**Wendy & Mike White**



a million voices for nature

# **RSPB NORTH KENT PRESENTS: AUTUMN 2009**

## **Cliffe Coastal Safari (Kent Coastal Week) – Sun November 1, 11am-3pm**

As part of Kent Coastal week, join the RSPB at Cliffe Pools' River Thames viewpoint to discover more about what hovers above, crawls upon and lurks beneath our shores. Our free event offers a whole range of activities including pond dipping, bug hunts, bird watching and children's activities.

**Cliffe Pools (ME3 7SU); Free event**

## **Autumnwatch at Riverside Country Park – Sat Nov 7, Sun Nov 8, Sat Nov 14 and Sun Nov 15, 10am-3pm** As Oct 17 and 18

## **Meteors and shooting stars – Tues November 17, 8.30pm-11pm** As Oct 21

## **Autumnwatch Rook Spectacular – Sat November 28, 3pm-5pm**

The thousands of rooks at Northward Hill's Rookery might a right old racket. It is to be seen, rather heard, to be believed! Take a pleasant stroll with the RSPB to the Heronry Viewpoint to see (and hear) rooks, herons and egrets **RSPB Northward Hill (ME3 8DS); £4 non-members, £2 members, £2 kids**

## **Tree O Clock: World Record Attempt– Sat December 5, 11am – 12pm**

The RSPB and BBC are asking people to do something for nature on December 5, and attempt to enter the Guinness Book of records at the same time! We are attempting to plant over 1 million trees simultaneously across the UK in 1 hour. Come and join in the fun and help with Cliffe Pools' ongoing development. **Cliffe Pools (ME3 7SU); Free event**

## **Meteors and shooting stars – Sun December 13, 8.30pm-11pm** As Oct 21

To book a place or find out more call us on 01634 222480 or visit our website [www.rspb.org.uk/northwardhillevents](http://www.rspb.org.uk/northwardhillevents)

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# Queen B & The Redfords

- Don't Stop Me Now -
- Another One Bites The Dust -
- I Want To Break Free -

And many more of the other classic Queen and Freddie Mercury hits. It is with great pleasure that the Village Hall Committee can announce that the Queen Tribute Band 'Queen B' will be returning to the Village Hall on October 17th. Also appearing the same night will be The Redfords with their blend of classic greats and modern day hits. Listen to them at the [theredfords.net](http://theredfords.net)

Ticket prices are £17.50 with tickets available from Margaret Church on 253709 and Wenda Taylor on 253169

# Youth



# Night

A place to just hang out and be yourself  
Starting Friday 2nd October and first Friday  
of the month every month.

Youth Open Night at the Memorial Hall.

7:30-10:00pm entrance free.

Fancy yourself as DJ? Why not do your own remix or a 10 minute set, stick it on your iPod or mp3 player, bring it in and lets see how good you really are!

## Dates for Diary

Every Wednesday	
Painting & Drawing for Beginners	
10.00	Memorial Hall
Every Thursday	
Mother and Toddler's	
09.30	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes	
19.00	Memorial Hall
Every Saturday	
Karmann Dancers	
09.00	Memorial Hall

### Other Dates

Saturday 3rd	Farmer's market
09.30	Village Hall
Wednesday 7th	Women's Institute
19.30	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 13th	Open House
12.15	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 13th	Garden Club
20.00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 14th	Parish Council
20.00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 17th	Project 90
08.30	Village Hall
Saturday 17th	Queen B & Redfords
19.00	Village Hall
Wednesday 28th	Friendly Club
14.00	Memorial Hall
Friday 30th	Quiz Night
20.00	Memorial Hall

## The Red Dog Forthcoming Events For October

### Saturday 3rd October

Swing Nite  
With Magic & Footie  
Cocktails Dress to Impress  
1st Cocktail free to best dressed

### Sunday 4th Bingo Cash prizes

Sunday 11th  
Quiz Nite teams of 4  
Meal voucher prize

### Saturday 31st Halloween Disco

Free Refills of Soft Drinks to  
Designated Drivers  
On All Adult Events

Xmas Menu Available end October



Switch off your television and computer. It's time to do something less banal and more fun!

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You can also register your interest by joining the Facebook group Act Up Now!



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's coffee morning was different in that it was held at the monthly Quiz Night and with the donation of the raffle money from the Quizzers £206 was raised. The total raised now since 2004 with event has almost reached £2000 with this year's money being directed to local Macmillan activities.

Many thanks to Rena and everyone that helped out with washing up and I promise to be more organised with the coffee next year.

Ann Smith

## Readers Letters (continued)

Dear HHT,

I am writing so that fellow Villagers are aware of how fast and effective Medway Councils Customer service and Highways department have been, the need a pat on the back and I for one am willing to give it. On two occasions within a week I had cause to talk with Medway Councils Customer Service. The first occasion was to ask for some help as faults in Christmas Lanes road surface (Caused by subsidence where the water main was replaced) were getting to the stage where large vehicles (Buses, Coaches and lorry's) hit the dips in the road surface making our house move as the weight transfer took place. I talked to Medway and the very next day a lady from the Highways department knocked my door in order to take the matter further, within a week again a knock on the door to say that a survey had taken place by highways and the faults on the whole length of Christmas Lane caused by the contractor for Southern Water would be corrected....well done Medway Council customer service and Highways.

The second a week ago contractors started digging a hole in Christmas lane, at 2.30 on Friday the 21st they, all we could hear was the constant thumping of plastic covers as vehicles passed over the hole, a quick look revealed that not only were they left in a poor state but they were also rocking with each vehicle passing over. I fully expected that the contractors would return the next day to finish the job, so as it was only for one night I did nothing. On Saturday 22nd August there was no sign of the workmen, so for the rest of the weekend we had a constant loud thumping waking us every night each time one of the many vehicles passed over the covers. On Monday I called Medway Council, explained the situation and again the very next day the contractors returned making good the poor temporary repair, the following day the whole job had been completed and all of this thanks to the involvement of Medway Councils Customer Services and Highways department ...again well done and thank you for a speedy and effective response.

Whilst I write will the wally in the Red Vauxhall stop flying around the Village as if it is a rally stage, wheel spinning away from the Red Dog is not impressive nor will killing someone be.

**Vic Godding**  
**Christmas Lane**



Ladies' bike for sale -  
Bargain price. Interested?  
Call High Halstow 253971.

### *Strawberry Tea Success*

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Strawberry Tea on the 5th August, £140 was raised for Breast Cancer Care. A big thank you also goes to all those who helped and donated scones, cream, jam, raffle prizes, etc.

In May I also completed a 10mile Ribbon Walk at Blenheim Palace for this charity and would like to thank all those who sponsored me. On that occasion I raised a further £300.

**June Collins**  
**6 Marsh Crescent**

Dear HHT,

On Friday 4th September between 11pm and midnight a group of young boys decided it would be good fun to go around the village kicking off car wing mirrors and pushing down fences. I don't know why boys of such a young age were free roaming that late at night. A lot of damage was caused that night. Don't think for a moment that their parents would like their property damaged. The Police were informed.

**Name and Address Supplied**

### *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.

## Readers Letters

*Dear HHT,*

We are writing to express how saddened we are that a small minority of people have used intimidating, threatening and aggressive behaviour in order to stop High Halstow Cricket Club using the Recreation Ground as their second ground.

The Rec was an ideal location in which to give the colts section the opportunity to develop and progress into senior cricket and the actions of these few have hindered this important part of the cricket club.

We wish this group of people luck with their next crusade whatever it may be?

**Name & Address Supplied**

Please see HHPC comment on page 3

*Dear HHT,*

I have lived in this village for 19 years and have recently sold my house and will be leaving. Initially I hope to be living close by but long term I may be moving away from the area completely. Whilst living in this village I have made many friends and been part of some wonderful events and occasions. I have been involved in so many things – working in the school, secretary to the PTA, editor of the Times, organiser of the Christmas Parade, VE day celebrations, the Memorial Hall, Quiz Nights, the Gardening Club, the Millennium celebrations, theatre trips and of course the HUGH fund fundraising arm of the Recreation Hall which has meant helping to organise boot fairs, farmers markets, auctions and tribute nights. I have dressed up as a spring chicken and Easter bunny for the WI, a Christmas pudding and Raunchy Rudolf for the Christmas Parade, been through a “gunge” tank and dressed as half of Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee for the PTA and laid in a bath of baked beans for Children in Need. For those of you who don't know me reading this you probably think that the village will be a better place without this mad woman but I will miss you all dearly. I wanted to express my thanks to all my friends who have supported me through good times and bad times. The happy memories I take away with me will far out way the bad times, and that is due to this wonderful village and the people in it.

**Margaret Church**

*Dear HHT,*

As a more senior driver I do not consider myself to be a 'boy racer', and with over 22 years of driving without an accident I do consider myself to be a 'reasonable' driver (whatever that means!). I also appreciate the danger of excessive speed especially in built up areas, however, lack of speed on open roads can also be dangerous. My point is that anyone that uses Dux Court Road knows that it is a tight twisty road and you are likely to meet oncoming traffic, therefore if you do not feel comfortable with this then please use Christmas Lane or Britannia, both of which are much wider and straighter. I find it highly annoying and very frustrating that I am restricted to 20 mph or less, and on occasions stopping altogether to allow oncoming traffic the right-of-way for the duration of Dux Court, these people are a danger to themselves as well as other road users. Please don't ruin the start of my journey, use the other routes in/out of the village.

**Name and Address Supplied**

*Dear HHT,*

How nice to see the celebration of High Halstow Cricket Club Colts section in last month's issue of High Halstow Times. My nine year old son joined the club during the summer and is standing proudly in the front row. Seeing the cricket club in action has been a great pleasure. What good role models they provide and good standards of sporting behaviour they set. In my view it lives up to the finest traditions of English Village Cricket. How distressing then to receive a letter stating that in the face of threat and intimidation, our parish council has revoked their license to use the recreation field for colts training.

I had not previously believed High Halstow to be the kind of village where adults would see fit to hurl abuse at children under the age of eleven, or where youth cricket was seen as an unacceptable activity, but apparently I was mistaken. Perhaps these people would prefer our children to be wandering the streets getting into trouble? What a sad day for everyone.

**Name & Address Supplied**

Please see HHPC comment on page 3

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