



# High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



October 2012

## ***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.

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

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<b>Mr J. Myatt</b>	Decoy Hill Road
<b>Mrs C. Peek</b>	2 Willowbank Drive
<b>Mr B. Prichard</b>	9 Drayton Close

All requests are dealt with confidentially.

**Please return all forms by  
31st October 2012**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Help Required: .....

**In This Months Edition: Outdoor Gym and Skate Park, Village  
Cook Book, Take on Take That, Gardening Club Awards, Memorial Hall Dates,  
Harvest Supper, Snow White, Farmers Market and much much more....**

## ***Resume of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 2012***

The main item discussed at the September meeting was some sort of skateboard facility. A number of children aged between about 8 and 11 years old attended and spoke. Ideas of the size and scope of a potential facility were confused, but it was apparent from the age group attending that a smaller, simpler facility than Olympic sized is more suitable. They said that younger children than they would use it and it would be used for scooters and bikes as well as skateboards. They thought that teenagers would want to go to the more elaborate site in Rochester. Councillors offered to take them to local existing facilities so they could explain what they would like and this will be arranged. The potential cost would depend on the size and complexity and the cost would also have to be realistic and affordable. It must be emphasised that NO decision on whether to provide a facility or not has been made and NO potential site in the village has been identified.

The play park has had its annual RoSPA safety inspection. Nothing is high risk but a few small details need monitoring.

A grant application was submitted to Natural England to install an all-weather path from Ruggles Close to the Recreation Ground. This is a public right of way and much used. The grant was turned down as it wasn't creating a new public footpath. It was suggested the grant might be available if a new bridle path was created, but this was thought unsuitable in this location.

Chris Watson reported that comments at the recent councillors' surgery were mainly about the bus shelter. There was also a complaint that mobile phone coverage was bad and there was no longer a public telephone.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th October at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall. The photographic competition awards will be made and High Halstow Calendars 2013 will be available.

***High Halstow Parish Council***

### ***Dog Owners***

We all know that dogs bark - nothing we can do about that, but please, if shutting your dog out in the garden, be mindful of people that live around you and that may either work night-shift or like to enjoy the peacefulness of their own garden. A barking dog can be a real irritation at anytime of the day, it may be worth checking with your neighbour if your dog is howling whilst you are away or if he sits patiently waiting for your return.

Please be considerate to those around you.

***High Halstow Parish Council***

## ***The Outdoor Gym Has Arrived***

The outdoor gym equipment has now been installed on the Recreation Ground – between the back of the hall and the playground. Please come along and try it, bring your friends and keep fit at the same time. There are instructions with all the machines and there is something for every fitness level, whatever your age

And last but not least – it is FREE to use



***Chris Watson  
High Halstow Parish Council***

## ***Sale of Pre-Owned Goods Memorial Hall 14th October 11am - 2pm***

We have recently been donated household goods to sell with proceeds to go to the Hall and Animates. Money has already been raised at Boot Fairs but feel the weather may be against us now, hence using the Hall. Items include -

Small furniture, China and Glassware,  
Curtains, Linens, Pictures & Mirrors,  
Nearly new books, and Bric-a-Brac.

Refreshments will be available for your elevenses. Hope to see you there.

***Hall Committee***

## ***Skate Park***

In the second week of October some of the Parish Councillors along with other interested parties will be going on a fact finding outing to view skate board parks around the Medway area. If you are interested in coming along to see for yourself please register your interest on 07711 432598. There are limited spaces so let me know ASAP if you are interested.

***George Crozer***

### ***St Mary's Hoo Parish Council***

This is our first inclusion in High Halstow Times. We hope you enjoy reading the magazine of one of our neighbouring villages. We had to go to press just before our September meeting, but items for discussion included current highway issues. Our Medway Councillor Phil Filmer was due to attend and answer questions on the Fenn Corner roundabout, St Mary's Cottages traffic calming scheme and cars travelling too fast on the Ratcliffe Highway, among other things.

The next meeting is yet to be set, but will probably be in November. We will let you know the date in the next issue of High Halstow Times.

We would be interested to know which of the local magazines you like better, or if indeed you would be prepared to spend a little more each month to receive both magazines. Please contact either the Chairman or the Clerk. Details given below.

Chairman:  
Bill Budd  
07899 757735

Clerk:  
Roxana Brammer  
01474 871269

### ***Need to Hire a Hall***

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

Memorial Hall - Angela Forward 251756

Village Hall - Crystal Wakefield 251849

Please do not call on a Sunday.

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

One or two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 9th October from 10.30 – 12.00pm and every 2nd Tuesday in the month.

Come and tell us your problems or find out about projects we are undertaking. If we can't answer your questions there and then we will get back to you.

***High Halstow Parish Council***



### ***Dramarama***

The rumours of the next pantomime production being Snow White were correct and the cast have been given their scripts and asked to learn their lines as soon as possible. There have been a number of comings and goings, with people either leaving or returning but our numbers remain consistent at about 30 cast members, a wide mix of young, old and somewhere in between, plus backstage crew.

If you have never come along to one of our shows, or it has been a while since you last came, then why not give it a go, there is always lots of fun and laughter (not all of it scripted!). The scenery, lights and sound improve every year, which can't always be said about some of the acting! And the reconditioned hall is far more comfortable than it used to be. The younger children will really enjoy the Saturday matinee performance, and love to join in with the 'He's Behind You' and 'Oh No You Haven't' moments.

Please come along and support a local group, and the Village Hall on January 17th, 18th and 19th tickets available soon at £4.00 each

***Dramarama***

Starting in September \*

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## ***High Halstow Hikers***

Our September walk of about 7 miles was enjoyed by a dozen of us in very warm weather with the edge taken off the heat by a gentle breeze. We started from Lower Higham following the route of the old canal for about a mile and a half to Hoo Junction and the old military road down to Shornmead Fort an amazing old building with enough remaining masonry to appreciate just how big and numerous the guns were. We followed the sea wall past Higham Saltings with views across the widening Thames, turning back towards Higham along the edge of the old gravel pits, crossing the railway at Church Street and past the lovely old St Mary's Church finally heading across the fields back into Lower Higham.

On Sunday 14th October at 10.00 am our walk will start from Cliffe Memorial Hall car park - directly opposite the school before the Evening Star pub is reached. We will walk initially around parts of Cliffe village and then out onto the marshes and around some of the lakes. The walk is largely flat with many variable sights and about 6 miles in length.

Other walks for the year will be as below with further details to follow in future HH Times:

11th November, Knowle Park and Greensands Way  
16th December, Local pre-Christmas walk.

For further details of these please contact Mitchell at [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) or on 01634 254428.

***Mitchell Dowsett***

## ***Noise Complaints Southend Airport***

Some of you may have noticed that there has been an increase in air traffic recently with additional flights going to Southend. Comments regarding noise at the airport should be made in the first instance to:

[LSAenquiries@stobartair.com](mailto:LSAenquiries@stobartair.com)

If you would like to further contact London Southend Airport regarding noise please use the following contact details:

\* By phone: Noise Complaints Hotline 01702 538599

\* In writing: LSACL, Southend Airport, Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 6YF  
Their aim is to respond in writing to all noise comments within 7 working days. However, in order for any comment to be logged as much information (date, time, location etc.) about the event must be given.

## ***Memorial Hall***

As we have had a new booking for Wednesday mornings we felt an update of regular meetings would be useful.

### **Weekly Events:**

Monday 10:30am to 12:30pm - Line Dancing  
Tuesday 10am - 1pm. - Kings Kitchen Coffee Morning  
Wednesday 10:30am - 11:30am - Tai Chi  
Thursday 9am - 11am - Mother and Toddlers.  
Friday 2pm - 3:30pm. - Pilates.  
Saturday 9am - 1:15pm - Karmann Dancing.

### **Monthly Events:**

1st Wednesday - W. I.  
2nd Tuesday - Garden Club  
2nd Wednesday - Parish Council  
4th Wednesday - Friendly Club  
Last Friday - Quiz Night

***Angela Forward***

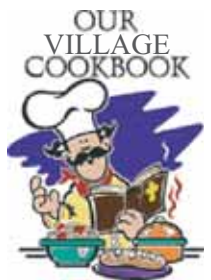
***Tel: 251756***

## ***The Village Cook Book***

The Village Cook Book is gathering pace and we have received many recipes. So this is your last chance to get your famous dish into this year's book.

Please supply:

- 1 The recipe details
- 2 A picture of the finished dish
- 3 Your name and address
- 4 A picture of yourself  
(passport size would be great)



We are looking to go to print in October so that the book will be on sale from the November Farmers Market. Proceeds from the sales will be going to the Village Hall.

## ***Speed Limits***

Please can I remind people to observe the speed limits through the Village. We should all be mindful that High Halstow is a nice place to live where children, older residents and walkers should feel safe. Some may not be as aware of the traffic as they might otherwise be. Please be careful.

***George Crozer, HH Parish Council***

## ***The National Lottery***

Lottery tickets are now available to buy from the Village Shop.  
Good Luck!



## ***High Halstow & District Gardening Club***

Despite a dismal early summer it was wonderful to see the number and variety of vegetables and fruit exhibited at our Annual Show on Sunday 26 August. The flowers and pot plants also provided a beautiful display together with the fabulous floral arrangements. As usual people had been busy to exhibit cakes, quiches, preserves and arts and crafts items.

It was a pleasure to see new exhibitors and to welcome previous exhibitors. Many thanks to all those who exhibited, visited, supported and helped with the Show. Details of winners of trophies and cups are:

<i>VEGETABLES:</i>	Cup for most points in section Terry Clarke Trophy Les Challot Cup	Dusty Miller Dusty Miller Dusty Miller
<i>FRUIT:</i>	Plaque for most points in section	Dusty Miller
<i>FLOWERS &amp; POT PLANTS:</i>	Shield for most points in this section Cup for best Chrysanthemum. Plaque for best Pot Plant. Hubbard Cup for best Dahlia	David & Gwen Bucknall Rosemary Collins Fran Carr Trevor Jones
<i>DOMESTIC:</i>	Cup for most points plus £5 voucher	Margot Sturt
<i>FLORAL ART:</i>	Vase for most points plus £5 voucher Cup for best exhibit in this section	Hazel Kilburn Hazel Kilburn
<i>ARTS &amp; CRAFTS:</i>	Plaque for most points	Dennis Follett & Hazel Kilburn
<i>CHILDREN:</i>	Tallest Sunflower £5 voucher	Bethan & Megan Walsh
<i>NOVELTY:</i>	Potato in a bucket £5 voucher	Eric Shuter
<i>MOST POINTS IN SHOW:</i>	Cup & voucher to the value of £5	Dusty Miller
<i>BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW:</i>	Jim Marsh Plate The High Halstow Gardening Club Plate	Dusty Miller Hazel Kilburn
<i>PRESIDENT'S ROSEBOWL:</i>		David & Gwen Bucknall
<i>BEST EFFORT BY NEW MEMBER:</i>	£5 Voucher	Fran Carr
<i>I.V. UDEN SHIELD:</i>	Best Garden in the village + £10 voucher	Eric & Margaret Shuter
<i>HILLMAN CUP:</i>	Best Hanging Basket	Dennis & Mary Follett
<i>ELIZABETH HARRIS SHIELD:</i>	Best Container	David & Gwen Bucknall
<i>TOP TRAY:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> GOLD Certificate + £10 Thompson & Morgan vouchers 2 <sup>nd</sup> SILVER Thompson & Morgan vouchers for £5	Dusty Miller Rosemary Collins
<i>TOP VASE:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> GOLD Certificate + £10 Thompson & Morgan vouchers 2 <sup>nd</sup> SILVER Thompson & Morgan vouchers for £5	Rosemary Collins Margaret Shuter
<i>BANKSIAN MEDAL:</i>		Dennis Follett

We enjoyed an interesting and enlightening talk on the 'The Devil's Garden' by Russ Bowes at our September meeting. The talk at our meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm will be 'I am a tulip, what are you?' by Jackie Aviolet. A cheese and wine evening is being planned for late October.



**"We will remember them"**

The **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE** will be held in St. Margaret's Church at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.

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**"I thank God for every remembrance of you"**

**A THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE** for those whom we have known and loved will be held at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at 6.30 p.m. with refreshments afterwards and an opportunity to share common experiences. **If you would like a particular hymn included in the Service, please contact Di Welch by Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. (See details below)**

Further details from:-

Rev. Stephen Gwilt (Rector) 01634 250637

Di Welch (Lay Reader) 01634 251495 or d.welch118@btinternet.com

Sheila Marchant (Pastoral Assistant and Evangelist) 01634 250503

### ***Friends of St Margaret's Church***



As discussed previously we are looking to set up a 'Friends of St Margaret's'. The first meeting of the above will take place on

**THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER**  
from 7.30pm

at The Rectory

Come along and support your local church

### ***The Fenn Bell Sea Fishing Club***

If anyone is interested please contact Terry on 01634 270213, or pop in to the Fenn Bell pub St Mary's Hoo.

Everyone welcome.

**Jackie Ballard**



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### ***Village Hall Booking Clerk***

Crystal has decided to stand down as the Booking Clerk. If anyone is interested in this position please could they contact Crystal on 251849, who will be happy to let you know what is involved. The Village Hall Committee would like to express our thanks for the work you have carried out, it has been very much appreciated.

**Village Hall Committee**

## *Help Safeguard your Community from Fire*

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is appealing to residents to ensure vulnerable members of the community are safeguarded from the risk of fire. Just three breaths of fire smoke can be life-threatening and sadly, it is often older residents, or those with mobility problems, physical or mental health issues or impaired sight or hearing, who are injured by fire.



There is added risk if someone is a smoker, has bundles of newspapers or other flammable clutter about their home, or uses an old or unstable electric, oil or paraffin heater. Heating worries cause extra hazards, with some residents using open fires and portable heaters to dry clothing.

If you have an elderly parent or neighbour, or know someone who lives alone and is more vulnerable, help them stay safe and independent by encouraging them to contact KFRS for advice. We can offer people practical help to reduce the risk of fire and advice on escape routes and what to do if a fire starts in their home. If needed, they'll arrange a free home safety visit, which takes about 30 minutes and includes, if needed, the fitting of free smoke alarms. Both the visit and equipment they fit are free.

KFRS's dedicated team can also provide specialist equipment for vulnerable residents, including fireproof bedding and smoke alarms for visually and hearing impaired people, as well as other gadgets e.g. cooker switches for residents who have become forgetful about turning off the cooker. By encouraging those you care about to get in touch, you will be playing a huge part in preventing a fire and may even save a life.

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### *Time and Tides Project Update*

Money was awarded to the ICON Theatre last year by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Medway Council to run a local history and arts project focussing on the villages of Cuxton, High Halstow



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*A local history and community arts project*

and Upnor and anyone with an interest in the area. The project is called Time and Tides and offers a chance for local communities to research their local history and take part in arts and drama activities.

We have had a busy summer of local history events comprising guided walks, talks and family learning events. Volunteers have been taking part in recording and transcribing oral histories and in researching the history of the village. We have also run art workshops led by artist Peter Reeds.

There is still one event to be held in High Halstow so do come along and see the history of where you live!

#### *Celebration event and exhibition*

A presentation afternoon showing a film and music of a drama performed by local teenagers, work by the pupils of High Halstow Primary School, short presentations by people who have researched the history of their house, updates on new local history discoveries made in the course of the year and an exhibition on the history of High Halstow. Free refreshments too!

Venue: High Halstow Village Hall

Friday 2nd November. Time 7.30-10.00pm

If you miss this afternoon there will be further opportunities to see the exhibition at any public opening of the Hall starting on Saturday 3rd November

To get in touch to find out more or to contribute to the exhibition please contact the Project Officer on Nicola@icontheatre.org.uk , phone 01634 813 179 or write to ICON Theatre, The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, Chatham, Kent ME4 4SE

### *Autumn is on it's Way!*

Assuming our weather is back on track, the colours in the garden will gradually become more muted as seeds and fruit ripen, and leaves take on the first hints of red and brown. As nights become colder, birds and other wildlife can be seen preparing for the winter to come. Most of our summer visitors, such as the warblers and swallows, have left to begin their migration south. Yet their place will soon be taken by winter thrushes from the north who come to feast on the berries in our hedgerows. Members of the tit family, like the coal tit, start to flock together. While other resident species become quieter and no longer fight over territories, returning to warm roosts each evening. While for us Autumn is a good time to prepare our gardens for the coming winter, and the RSPB is calling on the residents of Kent to consider the wildlife that may come to rely on our gardens for food and shelter over the coming months.

RSPB South East: "Although this is a time when gardeners traditionally start to clear up, if you want to encourage and help wildlife, you could adopt a more natural approach. "Leaving seed-heads, especially on plants such as teasels, thistles and sunflowers, and allowing vegetation to die back naturally, provides food and shelter for wildlife through the colder months. "Don't panic, a wildlife-friendly garden doesn't have to be wild and overgrown, it can look attractive all year round. By growing a wide variety of plants you'll offer food and shelter for all sorts of wildlife."

Autumn is also an ideal time for planning and creating next year's borders. While the size of your garden might limit what you can plant, it's possible to garden for wildlife on even the smallest balcony or terrace. Creating a rich habitat of trees, shrubs and flowers is the key to providing wildlife with year-round food, think of it as the equivalent of a motorway service station: a place for creatures to stop over for food and a rest! Samantha Stokes added: "In a well planned wildlife garden you might spot blackcaps eating the red berries of honeysuckle in the autumn and common darter dragonflies feeding on the flies that come to feast on the over-ripe juices of the fruit. "Or perhaps blackbirds as they gobble up berries through the winter or forage for insects under the shelter of a humid shrub bed all year round, accompanied in summer by a hedgehog or toad that has also come to feed on the insects."

For more advice about what to do in the garden and when, visit the RSPB's Homes for Wildlife website [www.rspb.org.uk/hfw](http://www.rspb.org.uk/hfw)



### *Discover Medway's Hidden Treasures at Archives Centre*

From travellers to military personnel, from the workhouse to the dockyard, the people and places that feature in Medway's history are just waiting to be discovered. With more than 600 visitors a month, the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre (MALSC) in Strood is a must-visit for those wanting to research their family tree or discover more about local history and geography. Parish registers, council records, title deeds, workhouse records, burial records, school log books and electoral records are all good starting points for finding ancestors. And these can often result in some surprising information about relatives explains Cindy Halloran, senior archive and local studies assistant. She said: People are often surprised to find their ancestors were in the workhouse, but many people went in for health reasons as it was the only place that offered any kind of medical treatment. School records might also reveal naughty relatives who were entered in the log book, or if they missed school through hop-picking duties or illness and epidemics. We learn a lot from our customers, they are very important to us. We may have the facts but they have the stories and memories, which bring the facts to life.

Maps, photos, newspapers and directories help those interested in local history build up a picture of the past. And this information can also affect the present, inspiring street names for new roads and providing useful background for land earmarked for development. Cindy said: The archives aims to preserve the history of Medway for future generations. We're always interested in people's stories and photos of buildings now long-gone but that remind us of Medway's past.

MALSC is supported by the Friends of Medway Archives (FOMA) and among other duties, the volunteers help out with packaging, translating, fund-raising and are an invaluable asset to the archives centre and its customers. For more details visit: [www.foma-lsc.org](http://www.foma-lsc.org) MALSC and Medway Libraries offer customers free access to Ancestry UK on Tuesday and Thursdays mornings. The Medway branch of the Kent Family History Society are based at the archives centre to help people with researching their family tree. Online resources include CityArk database, Medway images and newspaper index.

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# What is scrapbooking?

When asked this question, many people think that scrapbooking was something people used to do years ago where they gathered mementoes, newspaper articles and photographs and stuck them in a book. However, as with many things scrapbooking has moved on and today many people enjoy traditional scrapbooking (papers, scissors and glue) and digital scrapbooking (pages made on the computer) to record and present their memories and significant events as well as recording everyday events as their children grow up, so they may be remembered in future years. I

expect that people have 100's of photographs tucked away either in hard copy or electronically but do they ever look at them and enjoy them? By putting them in a scrapbook, pages can be created, remembered and shared with your family and friends forever.

As a family historian I found scrapbooking seven years ago and started out creating scrapbook pages traditionally with some pretty papers, a few simple embellishments and of course my cherished photos and journaling. Scrapbooking transitioned into the digital world and so did I.

Nowadays I scrapbook both traditionally and digitally. My love of scrapbooking remains strong so I now offer digital scrapbooking classes to share my skills with others so they too can leave a legacy.



*For me, scrapbooking is my creative outlet and I enjoy making, designing and sharing my pages with friends and family.*



*Note: The pages shown are not the pages created in this class*

If you would like to give digital scrapbooking a try, I offer classes locally. For those with less confident computer skills, 1:1's are available too.

My next class is on Saturday 6 October 2012 at St Johns Church, Hermitage Lane, Higham from 10am to 6pm. £25 per person.

In the introductory class, I walk you through all the steps in realtime with the aid of a projector, so you can follow along with me.

In class you will create 2-3, 12"x 12" scrapbook pages with a family theme that I will print and send to you following the class. The class will include printed notes and a quick reminder sheet for all the new skills we will work on.



You will also learn how to navigate around the workspace, using some popular tools and their options. All class materials will be supplied (apart from the photos and journaling!). All you need is a laptop, a mouse and Adobe Photoshop Elements 10 and your photos. If you haven't got Photoshop Elements 10 then a couple of days before class, download a free 30 day trial directly from Adobe.

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Email: [info@richardjamespt.com](mailto:info@richardjamespt.com)

Call or Text: 07858 380007

## Take on Take That



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### *Dates for Diary*

Every Tuesday:	
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10:00	Memorial Hall
Bell Ringers	
19:30	St Margaret's Church
Every Thursday:	
Mother and Toddler's	
09.00	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes	
19.00	Memorial Hall
Every Friday:	
Pilates with Joy	
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Every Saturday	
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09.00	Memorial Hall

### *Other Dates*

Wednesday 3rd:	Women's Institute
19:30	Memorial Hall
Friday 5th	Youth Night
19:30 - 22:00	Rectory Garden
Saturday 6th:	Farmers Market
09:30	Village Hall
Sunday 7th:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Sunday 14th:	High Halstow Hikers
	Details in HHT
Sunday 21st:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Friday 26th:	Quiz Night
	Memorial Hall

### *Halloween*

#### *Wednesday 31st October*

Each year it seems that Halloween becomes a bigger and bigger event in our calendars. However, if you and/or your children intend to 'Trick or Treat' this year please be considerate to residents who do not want to participate in the festivity. Perhaps only knock on houses which have some kind of decoration/lantern in the window and leave the ones who don't to enjoy their evening in peace and quiet.

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### *Local Groups and the Website*

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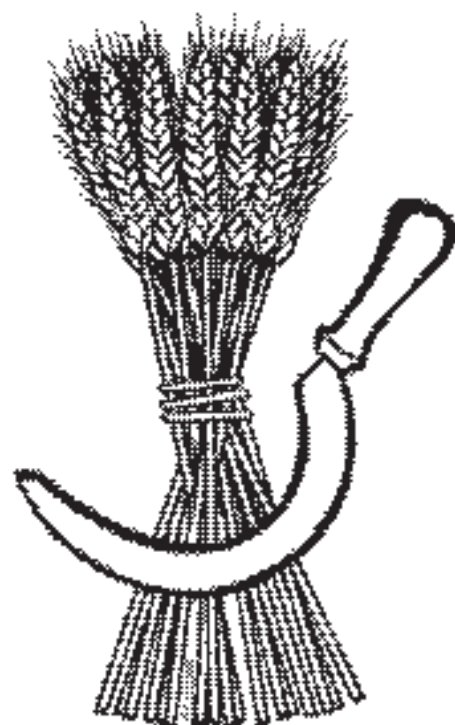
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**Dear HHT,**

We feel High Halstow residents should be aware of how Medway Council can, apparently, grant Planning Permission then legally wash their hands of the consequences, despite being previously made aware via received objections. We have correspondence to support this.

We moved here 7 years ago and purchased a new-build with a small but adequate sunny, south-facing garden which was not overlooked. Initially we experienced flooding problems during heavy rainfall and were informed by existing residents that this was a problem faced by many, due to the natural surface water-course being interrupted over the years. To alleviate this problem, we had holes bored through our garden wall to allow the excess surface water to run into our front garden and, eventually, into the drainage ditch at the front of our house.

Unfortunately, we now find our house situated next door to the new construction in Britannia Road. We, like many, raised objections to the Planning Application not only of the present construction but to those submitted by the previous owners of the former garden upon the grounds of the flooding issues, the dangers of access with regards to the proximity of the bus shelter/stop, the access across our village green-belt land and the detrimental affect its inconsiderate positioning would, and has, had on ourselves – although it would seem that our last verbal objections were conveniently not noted – We repeatedly requested a visit from the Planning Officer but were refused every time.

Like all neighbouring residents of this building site, we have endured the usual inconvenience of noise, construction vehicles and dust. In addition, we have had masonry/broken bricks and wet cement debris fall onto our garden furniture and shed. Fortunately no one was in our garden when this happened, otherwise injuries would have undoubtedly occurred. Our house has been so violently shaken with the vibrations caused by the mechanical ground-leveller used to prepare the areas for block paving, that ornaments moved along our shelves. On both of these occasions we initially complained to the workmen on site, when it was not dealt with to our satisfaction, we reported it to Medway Council who informed us that these were civil matters between ourselves and the developer and nothing to do with them. Nothing to do with them! Who granted the Planning Permission?! However, these are minor examples of Medway Council's devil may care attitude, here is the one that could affect anyone of you in the future: Did you know that should you experience exacerbated flooding issues due to this construction, or any other given Planning Permission in the future (and lets not forget how many times this developer has had to pump water away during this build), that Medway Council cannot be held responsible. This too will be a Civil matter between yourself and the Developer, because Medway Council, despite being warned, do not legally have to take flooding issues into consideration when granting Planning Permission/Consent. We have this in writing should anyone wish to see it.

We have taken our objections through to Stage 2 Complaint Procedure with Medway Council but they don't seem to be able to be held responsible for anything. They just tick the Consent box and walk away leaving the consequences to existing residents. Our advice to others would be that if you have objections to any future Planning Applications that you not only send your objections to Medway Council but to your local MP. The basic enjoyment of our garden and home has been destroyed since the erection of this house, don't let it happen to you. Apart from our personal experiences there is, also, the well known local controversy regarding the attempts to have the bus shelter/stop removed and the area of green-belt land that has since been block paved next to it. All these problems caused because Medway Council disregarded local objections and granted Planning Permission for yet another unnecessary residential construction. Certainly makes one wonder why Developers seem to have more 'say' with Medway Council than the existing residents doesn't it?

Yours truly,  
Mr & Mrs Keeble  
Heronsbank

### ***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, which will be published alongside the letter. 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.

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## Readers Letters

### *Letters continued inside....*

**Dear HHT,**

Wanted a Westie dog to keep me company. My Westie 'Max' has recently died, aged 17 years, he was my best friend and I miss him very much. He didn't come to bed with me that night, as he usually does. When I came down in the morning, he came from the lounge to the bottom of the stairs, sat at my feet when I got to the bottom and passed away. I called my son from next door and he came straight away but Maxi had died. He hadn't been ill but just gave up. He is sadly missed, he was my best friend and companion.

If you hear of another Westie, looking for a loving home, please ring 251391.

Mrs B Ryan

Marsh Crescent

Dear HHT,

Jack Russell/Brown Terrier

Please be aware that since Saturday 27th September, two dogs have been abandoned in the Village, we believe the Jack Russell was dumped in the RSPB car park. They have been seen running around loose in the village, on the local farmers fields, Britannia Road and the Recreation Ground. Although several attempts have been made to try to catch them, due to their nervous nature, they have escaped each time and run away.

Please take care when driving down the country lanes, as of writing, some six days later, they are still running loose.

HH Parish Council

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**90 minutes spent improving**  
**the village**

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### ***Name and Address Supplied***

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***Nicky Moore***

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£775 was raised for the Village Hall when Nicky Moore and friends performed at the Village Hall in September. Emma, Emily, Chris, Jasmine, Mandy, Katherine, Flesh and Bones, Amanda, Andy, Tina, Nicky and not forgetting Margaret Church performed for 90 people

At the time of writing we are looking to put an article on the website hopefully linking to the some of the singers on You Tube so you can hear for yourself for those who missed it.

The Hall Committee would like to thank Lesley, Jo and Michelle for the food provided and of course to Nicky, Margaret and all the singers for such a wonderful evening

Next one 'Take on Take That', tickets available at the village shop.

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