



High Halstow

TIMES

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October 2013

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:

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Please return your forms to any of the following trustees:

- Reverend S. Gwilt** - The Rectory
- Mrs L. Munday** - 22 Willowbank Drive
- Mr S. Bailey** - 27 Cooling Road
- Mrs J. Gillies** - 22 Leaman Close
- Mr J. Myatt** - Decoy Hill Road
- Mrs C. Peek** - 2 Willowbank Drive
- Mrs J. Collins** - 6 Marsh Crescent

All requests are dealt with confidentially.

**Please return all forms by
31st October 2013**

Name:

Address:

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Help Required:

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**VILLAGE MARKET RETURNS SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER
SEE PAGE 5 FOR A FREE DRINK VOUCHER & DETAILS**

Parking on Kerbs

Complaints have been received by the Parish Council on the number of cars parked on the kerb, which is causing issues for pedestrians. Medway Council is aware of the issue on the peninsula as a whole and are considering random patrols of the smart car to issue tickets. We would prefer no penalties are issued so the Parish Council is asking people to park properly in order to avoid the issues.

Vegetation

The Parish Council is asking people who have shrubs/trees overhanging on to public walkways if they would mind cutting back in order for people to walk unhindered. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thefts from Sheds and Outouses

Please be aware that thefts from sheds and outhouses have been reported recently on the peninsula and the Parish Council have been asked to remind people to lock up securely to make it more difficult for would be thieves.

HH Parish Council

Halloween

The spookiest night of the year is fast approaching, and the ghosts and ghouls of High Halstow will take to the streets for the annual 'Trick or Treat'. However, please be aware that not everyone wants to be included in this scary night. So please observe the rule that if there are no decorations or lights on in the porch/doorway then try another house.

HH Parish Council

Investors Club

In April the Club entered it's 16th year of trading. In May, as World markets began to lose confidence, Members awarded themselves a sizeable dividend from the profitable holdings in the portfolio, retaining those less well performing shares to hopefully recover in the long term. In August we gathered for our annual luncheon, held in a Member's home, yet again fortunate with the weather to be able to enjoy the occasion out in the garden and before the wasps invaded the village !

High Halstow Hikers

We were fortunate that the sun shone pleasantly for our September walk being followed about 4 hours later by the first autumn storm. This allowed a group of 20 to get the best out of a very pleasant 5 mile walk around East Malling following a route recommended by KCC in their Explore Kent series. The paths, hedges and fields were very well manicured prompting speculation as to where the funding came from. The way gave excellent views of the North Downs and took us to a water tower that had been impressively refurbished in true Grand Design style. The return took us through the middle of the Horticultural Research Station and its surrounding fields and orchards with some of the finest apple crop imaginable. The Kings and Queens pub was busy with Sunday lunchers but most of us managed to squeeze in for a welcome finishing drink.

The October walk on Sunday 13th will be of about 5 miles around Cliffe Woods starting at 10.00am from the village car park. This is reached by turning up Milton Avenue from the B2000 and then taking the first right into Parkside. There are some slopes along the way and if the weather has been wet some of the paths will demand good footwear.

The November walk will be from Ightham Moat on SATURDAY 9th to avoid Remembrance Day on the Sunday.

In December we will do a now traditional local walk and will be on Sunday 8th. Any questions please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or on 01634 254428.

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On Your Bike

Two of us had an interesting morning trying out the Cyclopark near Gravesend. We joined a group of about 24 ladies, some had not ridden for a good few years and were more than a little nervous. Others were straight off trying out the circuit. It's a splendid facility with very helpful 'fit' men to give you a hand if needed.

The weather could have been better but it managed to stay dry until we headed for a well deserved cuppa, in their very pleasant cafe. The monthly WI lunch club ate at the Red Dog. Everyone enjoyed the food, a venue that we will certainly return to and recommend to others.

The WI ladies were asked to man the tea stall at the recently held RSPB open day. Although the weather was disappointing we were kept busy with constant requests for hot drinks and cake. We had a tombola and cake stall at the Charity Fun Day. A very big thankyou to all who parted with money and helped us with our funds.

Last months speaker told us about the influential and busy life of Emma Hamilton. Martin Heard is a very knowledgeable man, and there was alot more to this lady than being Nelson's mistress.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October when we will hear all about 'Pioneering Debutantes' with Barbara Stevens. Meeting starts at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall.

Margaret Whitebread

Allotments

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. Although there are currently no vacant allotments, there is also no one on the waiting list. Should you wish to be put on the waiting list please can you contact me (Chris Watson) on 256529 or email me at chris.watson123@btinternet.com.

HH Photo Competition

The winners of the 2013 High Halstow Photo Competition will be announced at the October Parish Council meeting. Winning entries will feature in the High Halstow calendar which will be available to buy at the November Village Market, the Christmas Market, the December Village Market and at the Village Shop.

To Tie or Not to Tie Daffodils?

That was the question posed by Laurie Manser who came to talk to us at our September meeting. Laurie gave an insight into the intricacies of growing and showing daffodils to national standard. He described the process of dividing and developing bulbs with a new variety taking 5 years to introduce. He estimates that at present there are staggering 45,000 different types of daffodil/narcissus. He recommended that is was best for the bulb not to tie up the leaves once the daffodil has finished flowering. We are pleased that we have some volunteers willing to stand for election at our AGM in February to organise the outings next year. Ron Fletcher has agreed to stand for election as Treasurer as Margot Sturt has decided to step down after many years of sterling work. If anyone would like to join the committee to help run the club in whatever capacity, they would be more than welcome. Martin Newcombe is the speaker at our meeting on Tuesday 8 October to give a talk on 'Natural History of Kent Gardens'. Now that the time available in the garden is shortened perhaps you may wish to join us to extend your knowledge and gardening skills in a friendly atmosphere at the Garden Club.

**Ingrid
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High Halstow Youth Club

The Youth Club continues to thrive in High Halstow. It meets each Tuesday (term time only) in the Recreation Hall from 7pm till 8.45pm for local children aged 9 and upwards. The club is currently full but new members from the waiting list are invited to join several times throughout each year, so please do remember to give us the names of your eight year olds and we'll put them on the waiting list. Waiting time is usually around one year; they have to have reached their 9th birthday before they can become a member.

We are really pleased to be back in the newly refurbished building with its brand new toilets, our wonderful new "Table tennis" room and probably most exciting of all is to have electricity again, after not being able to boil a kettle throughout the summer term - the adult helpers can now have a welcome cuppa during the evening!

We are always looking for new people to become adult helpers at the club to help the band of volunteers who supervise the many and varied activities on offer. We work on a rota system where you can help as often as you like (some people are there every week!) or just occasionally, perhaps once a month – it is up to you to decide how much time you would like to commit and how involved you would like to become in the running of the club.

If you feel you could help the Youth Club by giving some of your time please get in touch and we will arrange for you to visit. We will also arrange a DBS/CRB check for you, free of charge and there are various training courses on offer if you are interested (also free of charge to you); these are organised by Young Kent, the charity that the club is affiliated to.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Chris Peek 01634 252604 (email: chris.peek@lineone.net)

and Lesley Munday 01634 250276

Harvest Festival and Gift Day:

Sunday 6th October

Please bring your thanksgiving gifts to the church service. The gifts will then be given to Medway Food bank

9:30am: High Halstow Service

11.00 am Allhallows Service

Medway Food Bank

The following items are ideally needed for the Food Bank:

Fruit juice (UHT carton)

Sugar (500g)

Instant coffee (100g)

Vegetarian items

Tomatoes (tinned)

Pasta/noodles (with sauce; 'pot noodles')

Biscuits/ Cereal bars

Fish (tinned)

Desserts/Puddings (long shelf life; e.g. jelly, instant whip, custard, tinned sponge pudding)

Toiletries

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Quiz Ni?ht

— Open to all —

**7.30pm Friday
4 October 2013**

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includes refreshments

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team



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ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL KENT AND BRITISH GAS ECO SCHEME NOW INCLUDES REPLACEMENT BOILERS

Action with Communities in Rural Kent has been working with British Gas to offer eligible local residents free insulation; they are pleased to announce that replacement boilers have now been included in the scheme. People in receipt of certain benefits including pension credit, tax credits, ESA and income support who have an old and/or broken boiler may be entitled to a free replacement. Loft and cavity wall insulation are also still available to the above eligible groups.

For people who don't receive benefits but have hard to treat cavity walls, there is an offer of up to £1000 off the cost of the work to insulate them. If you have previously been declined for cavity wall insulation or think you have hard to treat cavities there may now be a solution to them.

All the offers are open to people who own their own homes or live in private rented housing.

The whole process is simple, all you have to do is give British Gas a call and if you are eligible, they will book in a survey at a time convenient to you. Their survey is completely free and is just to make sure that your home can benefit from any additional measures. They will then arrange a time to undertake the work.

This is a government initiative to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions. There is no catch, you don't have to take out a contract, take up any British Gas products or services or even be a British Gas customer to take advantage! British gas will check your eligibility when you phone them; calls are free.

We're expecting demand to be high so give them a call right now free on 0800 980 9037. If you need any help or require further information please contact Tessa at Action with Communities in Rural Kent on 01303 813790

Village Market

After its enforced break due to the Village Hall refurbishment, the Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce the return of the popular Village Market

Saturday 5th October



Doors 9.30 to 11.30

Come and see the works carried out in Phase Two of the refurbishment programme

Speak to a local Parish Councillor re any issues you may have

Welcome back the stall holders who continually support the Hall

To book a stall please contact Michelle on 254121

High Halstow Village Market
5th October 2013

*****Special Promotional Voucher*****

On production of this voucher the individual will be entitled to

One free cup of tea or coffee

Only one voucher per person

Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

Gary Jerreat, one of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 8th 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

HIGH HALSTOW CHARITY FUN DAY

“Stunning” and “Stunned” are the two words that describe the day and the reaction of my family to the events and outcome of the Charity Fun Day. At the time of writing, there are a few loose ends to tie up, but I am confident that we will be sending almost exactly £6,000 to JDRF. This is way ahead of anyone's hopes and expectations, and has only been achieved as a result of the extraordinary kindness and generosity of all those who put their hands in their pockets at stalls, the Tea Party, the cricket, the auction and of course for tickets for the Grand Draw. For the information of all, particularly the hundreds who did not win, here are the results of the draw:

Ticket Number	Prize	Winner
1544	£500 Cash	Sanjeer Kohli
4422	IPad Mini	Kelly Binks
2031	Fortnum & Mason Hamper	Andrew Simpson
3293	Satellite Navigator	Angela Skuce
3679	Digital Camera	Nick Byham
1070	£150 Shozna Voucher	L Norris
4982	Ladies Scarf	Ian Pinder
0865	£35 Voucher – Hanns Hairdressers	Valerie Dyer
2975	Diggerland Vouchers	S Carter
4555	Bottle of Navy Rum	Pat (Coopers Arms)

The 6 a side cricket competition got under way at 10 in the morning, before the dew had evaporated with “Not too Shabby” playing “High Halstow 6” and ended at 5 with “5 Kings and a Plonker” beating “Not too Shabby” in the final. I think this qualifies as a shock, as the “Kings” only scored 48 in their innings, which was 18 less than the next lowest score on the day. We are very grateful to all the players for taking part, particularly “Not too Shabby”'s Adam Ball, who only finished playing for Kent at Northampton the day before his debut at Rayners Meadow, and Simon Willis, Kent's High Performance Cricket Director.

The winner of the Player of the Tournament Award was Christopher Maurice, with Ciaron Fredricks taking the “Thanks for Coming” award.

The evening activities started with the auction of sports items, which raised a fantastic £1,135. Grateful thanks to all who so generously and to Simon Morley for being so persuasive as auctioneer. “Bare Groove” provided a rocking end to the day, even though they were interrupted by the Grand Draw. There is a big “thank you” for the Parish Council for its generous help in facilitating much of the day, and the other groups, organisations and individuals who gave wholehearted support to the event.

Having been so generous I hope that more people are more aware of the symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes, and that those who are not please take a few moments to read about the disease. You will then realise what your support and generosity means to sufferers and their parents. Thank you all.



David Laphorn

A Tea Party to Remember

After the success of last years' Jubilee Tea Party we scaled everything down for the HH Charity Fun Day, and managed to fit everything inside the hall for the party. The hall was decorated with bunting and a mad hatter theme and approximate 90 excited children were fed and entertained with an excellent magic show, all within 2 hours of organised chaos. Many thanks to everyone that helped, and we managed to raise £80 for the hall and £80 for the JDRF charity.

Joanne Mitchell

MEDWAY COUNCIL
(BRITANNIA ROAD, HIGH HALSTOW)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION
OF TRAFFIC ORDER 2013)

NOTICE OF INTENTION

Notice is hereby given that Medway Council intend to make an order the effect of which will be to impose the following temporary prohibitions or restrictions on traffic to enable the repair and replacement of manhole frames, excavation of ditches and installation of kerbs.

Britannia Road, High Halstow - to be closed to all vehicular traffic from junction with Clinch Street to junction with Valentine Drive. Pedestrian traffic will not be affected. Access to properties will be maintained at all times via Britannia Road, A228 Sharnal Street, A228 Ratcliffe Highway, Christmas Lane and The Street.

This order will come into force on 30 September 2013 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. The works are scheduled to be carried out on Monday 30 September 2013 and are programmed for completion within two weeks. The order will be effective only when the appropriate signs are being displayed.

If you wish to discuss a perceived difficulty or require further information please contact Medway Council, Regeneration, Community and Culture, Frontline Services (01634 331322) during normal office hours.

R Cooper
Medway Council

MacMillan Coffee Morning Update

High Halstow has once again shown itself to be a very generous village when it comes to supporting such a worthy charity. I had thought last year would be hard to beat (£843) but we have done so with a total of over £1000+ Next year will be my 10th year of organising the coffee morning with the help of some very loyal friends and volunteers (whom seem to think we may be able to beat this latest fantastic amount).

There will be a final total notice put in the November HHT, Memorial Hall and Post Office, when all donations are collected and paid into Macmillan.

Thanks again High Halstow for all your support this year.

Ann Smith

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The late late summer show (postponed due to the refurbishment of the Hall), was another great night's entertainment in the heart of the village.

In the first half, the cast performed dance routines from the musical *Cats*, acted out comedy sketches, whilst the younger cast members choreographed their own dance routine to a track they mixed themselves, and along with recitals and songs the first half passed in a flash. In the second half we were joined by Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and his story of toot sweets, flying cars, the wicked child catcher and crazy inventions.

The January pantomime will be Little Red Riding Hood, and there will be no rest before rehearsals will start.



Toddler Group

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THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

For those whom we have known and loved will be held at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday 10th November, 2013 at 6.30 p.m. with refreshments afterwards.

If you would like a particular hymn included in the Service, please contact Di Welch, the Service Leader, by Tuesday, 5th November, 2013. (See details below)

Further details from:-

Rev. Stephen Gwilt (Rector) 01634 250637 (after 3rd November)

Di Welch (Lay Reader) 01634 251495 or dianewelch462@yahoo.co.uk

Sheila Marchant (Pastoral Assistant and Evangelist) 01634 250503

Gill Ellen (Lay Reader) 01634 253059



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Sunday Services

8:00am High Halstow

Holy Communion BCP

9:30am High Halstow

1st and 3rd Sundays All age worship

2nd and 5th Sundays morning prayer

4th Sunday Family Communion

6:30pm High Halstow

1st Sunday Holy Communion

2nd and 3rd Sundays Evening prayer BCP

4th Sunday Informal worship

5th Sunday Songs of Praise

Baptisms by arrangement

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

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For further information or to express an interest, please contact;

Mr B J Rance 01634 840 766 or 07876064777

Body Wellness Tai Chi is a well-established class that has been running since September 2012 with a dozen regular members so far. Members enjoy benefits such as improved breathing, flexibility and movement in friendly and familiar surroundings. It provides gentle but highly effective exercise for local residents in a convenient location. The instructor, Mr B.J. Rance, has been involved in martial arts and tai-chi for over 50 years. He has constructed a programme that suits the needs of his members and the club boasts a friendly and supportive atmosphere. It is a place to make friends with new people as well as see familiar faces. Mr Rance's class brings a specialist skill to our local population adding a new and interesting activity to the services already available in the village.

All Age Service



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For more info contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on 01634 250637

Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday:

King's Kitchen 10:00	Memorial Hall
Bell Ringers 19:30	St Margaret's Church

Every Wednesday:

Tai Chi 10:30	Memorial Hall
Yoga 17:30	Memorial Hall

Every Thursday:

Mother and Toddler's 09.00	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes 19.00	Memorial Hall

Every Friday:

Pilates with Joy 14:15	Memorial Hall
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Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers 09.00	Memorial Hall
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Other Dates:

Wednesday 2nd: 19:30	Women's Institute Memorial Hall
Saturday 5th: 09:30	Village Market Village Hall
Sunday 6th: 09:00	Family Service St. Margaret's Church
Tuesday 8th: 20:00	Gardening Club Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9th: 20:00	Parish Council Memorial Hall
Friday 11th: 19:30	Quizathon Village Hall
Saturday 12th: 08:30	Project 90 Village Hall
Sunday 13th:	High Halstow Hikers Details in HHT
Sunday 20th: 09:00	Family Service St. Margaret's Church
Friday 25th: 20:00	Quiz Night Memorial Hall
December 14th:	Christmas Tree Festival Village Hall

Local groups, please let us know the dates of your meetings/events for the coming year so we can include them in the HHT and on the website.

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Gary Jerreat	01634 253999
Lesley Munday	01634 250276
Christine Watson	01634 256529

Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

Readers Letters

Dear HHT,
Sadly Ray Wellard passed away suddenly on 20th July 2013. We would like to thank friends and neighbours who have supported us through this terrible time. Ray was a quiet man but seems to have left a deep impression on many people. The warmth from you all has been wonderful. We miss him very much.
Maureen, Jacqui & Family

Dear HHT,

I would like to say that I agree it does get annoying when you are sitting in the garden having a quiet cup of tea. And you can hear dogs barking continuously. I like dogs but I am getting fed up with dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Last week I took my granddaughter for a walk round to my son and every five minutes I had to say to mind that dogs mess, and this morning I have come out to a nice pile in the middle of my garden, there is no excuse for this, if they don't want to pick it up then don't take them for walks around the village let them mess in their own back gardens.

Ann Dugard
Ruggles Close

Share your Thoughts, Ideas and Comments.

Do you have 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? Would you like to promote an event or club within the village. Is there something concerning High Halstow that you would like to share with everyone. Then please write to the editor (address as shown on the back page) or e.mail your article/letter and we will share your thoughts with the village/world.

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Dear HHT,

To the 'Hit and Run' driver!

On Monday 16th September my son was cycling along Dux Court Road (he is not a kid but a 22 year old young man) when a car, possibly a 4x4 BMW hit him in the back with the wing mirror of her car. Instead of doing the decent thing and stopping to see if he was alright, she sped off just leaving him there. Fortunately, he was not badly hurt. I know there is very little chance of finding this person but my point is, what is the mentality of such people who have total disregard for anyone else, what if this were her child, surely she would be as furious as I am. Obviously the fear of getting 'caught' was uppermost in her mind and not the wellbeing of my son!! This is not the first time he has been hit by such careless, selfish drivers on this road. What will it take, third time unlucky!! before drivers slow down. Well, dear, lets hope its not your child that encounters such a cowardly, selfish, dangerous driver! I hope your conscience is weighing heavy!

Tracy Smith

Quizathon



To celebrate the completion of Phase Two of the Refurbishment Programme we are holding a special Quizathon

Friday 11th October starts 7.30

To book a table please contact me on 244203. Why not come along and see the refurbishment to date and to continue the support for the next phase. Thank you in advance for your support

Margaret Church

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