

October 2014

## HIGH HALSTOW RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

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

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All requests are dealt with confidentially.

Please return all forms by 31st October 2014

Name:	
Address:	
Help Required:	



"We will remember them"

# The ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE will be held in St. Margaret's Church Sunday, 9th November, 2014, when a wreath will be laid at the War Memorial

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# "I thank God for every remembrance of you"

## High Halstow Gardening Club

It was a pleasure to listen to Janet Bryant talk at our September meeting on planting containers. She was very knowledgeable and shared her vast experience of variations in summer and winter hanging baskets and containers.

We are planning our Cheese and Cider evening for 25 October and we should have details at our next meeting on 14 October.

Russ Bowers will talk to us on the A-Z of Flowers at our next meeting. This is a return visit for Russ who is an entertaining and expert speaker. You are very welcome to join us at any of our meetings which are at the Memorial Hall, High Halstow.

## High Halstow Parish Surgery

There will be no surgery in Kings Kitchen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October as Chris & Gary will be on their hols (separately). Parish Council meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm.

See you all on Tuesday November 11th.

HH Parish Council

## Lodge Hill

Plans to create a community at Lodge Hill have been approved by Medway Council's Planning Committee. This will include 5000 houses, three primary schools, one secondary school, medical facilities, and leisure and retail space.

They acknowledge the development proposals have not changed but they believe the assessment of the impact has been addressed. They believe this had to be done in light of the designation last year of the site becoming a Site of Specific Scientific Interest (SSI).

The Governments own flagship planning system contains important tests, which if not passed should stop this kind of damaging development from happening, and this development does not pass those tests. If land being designated SSSI actually means anything, then this development should be overturned by the Secretary of State when it lands on his table to make a decision. The rules state that that special sites for nature shouldn't be developed unless there is no other option so it should be clear enough that other options haven't been considered properly and this ridiculous plan disposed off quickly and placed in the bin.

Questions should then be asked as to why so much public money has been spent on such a bad scheme for so long.

We will keep you informed of progress.

#### High Halstow 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 scarey 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** 

## Photographic Competition

Judging of the HH 2014 Photographic Competition has taken place and there was a record number of entries from a record number of participants.

The winners will be announced and awarded their prizes at the HH Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 8th October. The winning pictures will appear in the HH 2015 Calendar which will be available to buy at the Village Shop and at the Christmas Market in November.



## Auction Saturday 25th October

Back by popular demand, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October the committee of the Village Hall are holding an auction to raise funds for Phase 3 of the refurbishment programme.

We are looking for donated items to offer for sale and would be grateful if you could look out anything either new or in very good condition that you could donate to this event. In the past we have taken large items of furniture but sadly storage is limited and we could not take anything larger than a nest of tables or hall table. We are looking for books, cosmetics, toiletries, items of jewellery, glassware and china and new boxed electrical items etc. If you have any "celebrity" items — autographed sports memorabilia or similar these can be added to the celebrity items we already have. Please contact Margaret on 244203 to discuss collection/delivery of any items you may have.

On the night of the event the doors and licenced bar will open at 6.30. You will then have an opportunity to view all the lots being offered for auction. Entrance will be by ticket only priced £5.00, which includes a supper platter. These are available from either the shop or Margaret. Whether you purchase your tickets from the shop or Margaret, please let Margaret know how many people will be on your table. Your table will be reserved for you and the platter will be delivered to your table on your arrival.

Catalogues will be available on the night for £1 with news on lots being advertised in next months HHT, the Parish Council Website and High Halstow Appreciation Facebook Page.

## **Allotments**

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. There are currently 3 people on the waiting list and if you would like to be added to the waiting list please contact Chris Watson on 256529 or email me at chris.watson123@btinternet.com.

**HH Parish Council** 



Going away? If you're looking for a real "home from home" for your pampered pooch, then look no further than Canine Holidays. We run a small, caring home boarding and day care service for dogs from our cottage in the beautiful St. Mary Hoo countryside.

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For more information please call Charlotte on 01634 271217 or email charlotte@canineholidays.com

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## 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

## Responsible Parking

It has been noticed that a number of vehicles around the village are either parking on the kerbs, causing obstruction to pedestrians and risking children crossing the road unseen between parked cars; or are parking on corners which is a danger to other road users. Please park with consideration to pedestrians and other road users.

## Summer Update from the Memorial Hall

On the 27th July a Commemorative Tea was held for the 100 year Anniversary of the start of WW1. The Memorial Hall was built in honour of the men from the Village who returned from the conflict, £215 being raised and sent to the British Legion who gratefully received this. The event was well attended and some of those where relatives of the men, and showed great interest in the photographs, letters and memorabilia compied by Mike Meredith and Raymond Collins. The Hall was decorated with Union Jacks and 100 Poppoes, hand made by Hall supporters. Kings Kitchen, held every Tuesday morning, is an opportunity to see some of the photographs and a list of names of the men who returned, and hopefully other photographs will be displayed in the near future.



Macmillan Coffee morning held on the 26th September, again attracted many visitors who, as usual, were very generous resulting in (so fa), £1200 being raised. Ann and her helpers 'Thank You' for all and enjoy having children from the Pre-school attending.

Raffle Prize Winners are as follows:

1st - Hamper (donated by the Co-Op in Hoo) - Syd Brunt

2nd - Bouquet of Flowers - (donated by Not Just Flowers, Hoo) - Karen

3rd - Wine & Chocolates - (donated by Spar in Hoo and Village shop) - Jane

4th - Voucher - (donated by Icing on the Cake in Hoo) - Sue Osenton

5th - Small Flower Arrangement - (donated by Not Just Flowers) - Rosemary

6th - Casserole Set - Terri

7th - Boxed Cat Mug - Paul Burchell

8th - Voucher - (donated by Bella Eve in Hoo) - June Collins

9th - Bottle of Schloer - Denise Stephenson

10th - Pair of Mugs - Mrs Carr

The name of the Teddy Bear was Fonzie

Hand made quilt won by Lyn Harwood of Faversham.

A Christmas Market will be held on Sunday 30th November, times to be confirmed.

A Gift Room will be held on 7th December, again times to be confirmed.

Thanks to everyone who supports the Hall and Charity Fund Raising.

## Resume of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 10 September 2014

Before the start of the September meeting, councillors and members of the public gathered on the Recreation Ground to view the possible siting of the half-pipe skateboard facility that the parish Council has agreed to provide. RoSPA had been asked to advise on the best siting on the field, taking all aspects into consideration. They came up with a position adjacent to the kick wall, where it will not interfere with the football pitch or the play areas. This had been staked out so that everybody could see the size and exactly where it would go. A skateboard facility cannot be closer than 25m from the nearest property and this area is certainly a lot further away from all surrounding properties than that. The Cricket Club weren't very happy as activity on the half-pipe might be a distraction to cricketers, but the other side of the kick wall would not only be closer to houses in The Street (although still well outside 25m) but would in RoSPA's opinion be too close to the all-weather path.

Some members of the public and their children were pleased that the reality seems a step closer. However three people who live surrounding the field were opposed on grounds of noise. They were complaining of the noise already emanating from the Recreation Ground, including that of children playing, especially late at night during the summer; the thud of balls on the kick wall; noise of events held both at the Hall and Cricket Pavilion and of cars and of youths hanging around in their cars during the evenings in the car park.

Councillors and some of the public (but by no means all, including those worried about noise) returned to the Memorial Hall for the meeting proper. Councillors then had a short discussion and it was agreed that before placing the order for the half-pipe, the manufacturer would be asked if a half-pipe of the same type had been installed anywhere within reasonable distance so that councillors could look and hear for themselves. It is emphasised that the half-pipe will be a small one and it will not be an all-singing, all-dancing skateboard park. For that older children and teenagers will have to get the bus or beg a lift to get to a bigger facility elsewhere. It is aimed at younger children, especially those of primary school age from about 6 who are using the roadside kerbs with their scooters and it will provide them with a safer environment.

Otherwise it was a short meeting. 3 planning applications were considered and Medway Council's approval of the outline application for Lodge Hill was reported. This has now been sent in to the Secretary of State for final decision. A grant of £250 was made to the Kent Air Ambulance. The RoSPA safety report on the play equipment had been received. There were no major issues and the minor ones would be addressed. There was a complaint about the language used by some of the footballers and the Football Club will be asked to address this. The Parish Council is in the process of obtaining quotations to clear and investigate a drain in the car park and to fence the Recreation Ground at the far end, by the "horse field". It was reported that buses and coaches are blocking the drives of at least two properties in the village when picking up or dropping off passengers. Chris Watson reported that the school had received a good Ofsted report and the Head would welcome volunteers to help with reading, maths and gardening. A member of the public complained about the parking in Harrison Drive near the school. Some cars were parking on the pavements, which was forcing parents and children to walk in the road.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October at 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

## High Halstow Hikers

A dozen of us walked for about 8 miles around the southeast corner of Sheppey at the beginning of September. The weather was warm and dry for our walk across the flat landscape. We started and finished from the 16th Century Ferry Inn at Harty which looks over the Swale to Faversham and Oare where the Ferry used to run to. The start of the walk took us along the old counter wall to the private estate at Shellness keeping the wide expanse of saltings on our right and the wildlife reserve with large numbers of wildfowl on our left. After having a welcome rest at the coffee shop opposite Leysdown FC's pitch we turned back past the memorial to Moore-Brabazon who, in 1909, became the first Briton to fly in Britain allowing the site to call itself the Cradle of British Aviation. The walk back to the inn took us past the beautifully kept ancient church at Harty. Several of us took Sunday lunch in the inn that according to our experience deserved its title of Kent Dining Pub of the Year for 2014.

On Sunday 12th October we will do a walk starting at 10.00 from outside the Chaser Inn that sits alongside the A227 at Shipbourne (TN11 9BE). This is another pub that has an excellent reputation for food – several of us had a snack there after a recent (different) walk. It is very popular so early booking is recommended. We expect to be back at the pub well before 1pm.

All are welcome to join the walk. Any questions please contact Mitchell on 01634-254428 or on <a href="mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com">mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com</a>.

## Keep Smiling Through followed by Tea at the Blitz

Wow!! What an afternoon.

This was a new idea in putting on an afternoon event on so we were unclear as to how successful it would be. However our worries were soon put to one side, the hall was full, the entertainment was great and the food was plentiful and everyone enjoyed themselves





From when you walked in to see the table layouts, the named programmes for each table and the food beautifully prepared it was clear that this was going to be a success. Many thanks must go to Joanne Mitchell for her organisation for this event. In addition we would like to thank Michelle King, Wenda Taylor, Crystal Wakefield, June Collins, Jaime Tomlinson and Lesley Munday for all of the lovely cakes and food that was provided.

Dramarama for the entertainment which was so well put together as well, along with Julia Dewar, Dawn Mathews, for serving the teas after the show. Thanks to Margaret Church who brought along her card game and with this, donations and sales of cakes, £250 was raised for Help for Heroes. There were many other helpers who contributed to setting the hall up and then helping with the mammoth task of washing up and clearing away afterwards - thank you to all of you.

Thanks must also go to all of you for supporting this event. Please let us know if you enjoyed this format and would like to see it again, perhaps as part of Remembrance Sunday.

Village Hall Committee

## Village Market

The Village Hall Committee have decided at the moment to stop the Village Market and this decision will be reviewed at a later date

We would like to thank the many stall-holders and public who have supported this event over the years.

We would also like to thank Michelle King who put so much time and effort into organising this.

## Dog Walkers

Our rights of way and green spaces are for us all to enjoy especially this time of year. Please be aware that if you are exercising your dog it should be under control at all times when in a public place.

George Crozer, HHPC

## High Halstow Website

Please visit the Parish Council website for everything about our village. You can see the minutes of your Parish Council or look up local groups in the village, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events.



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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.

## Kings Kitchen

A Coffee and Cake Café for the Whole Village.

Open 10.00am - 1.00pm every Tuesday in the Memorial Hall.

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## Family Fun

Join us this October half-term holiday at Upnor Castle for a range of exciting, family-fun craft activities with a spooky, historical theme in the Sergeant's Mess.

Alongside these activities, on Wednesday 29th October, Upnor Castle will host the User Friendly Theatre Company for the day in the Upper Magazine. They will be presenting two exciting musical, interactive short plays for everyone to enjoy (details below).

All activities and plays are free of charge. Please note that normal admission fees to the castle apply.

#### **POWDER MONKEY**

Performances at 11am and again at 1pm. Performances last around 30 minutes.

A musical for children of all ages

Words and music by Clare Graydon-James Starring Anne Graydon

It is Halloween and Charlie's wicked Aunt Kitty is up to no good. But why has she tricked Charlie into going to sea? What secret will Charlie's mother learn at Upnor Castle and why is she visited by a monkey named Horatio. To find out and to learn about life in Admiral Nelson's navy, come to this family show and be prepared to join in the fun.

## **PLANTS! PLANTS! PLANTS!**

Performances at 12noon and again at 2pm. Performances last around 30 minutes.

A musical for children of all ages

Words and music by Clare Graydon-James Starring Anne Graydon

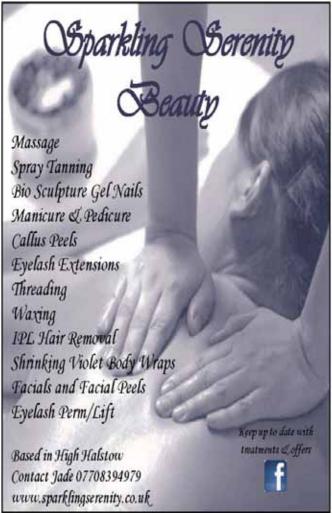
This is another family show, which features a rather stupid witch named Doris! Doris has vowed to rid the world of all plants, as she needs to prove that she is wicked, in order to graduate from Witchy school. However, you will also meet Holly, a talking holly bush, who shows Doris the error of her ways.

Both plays aim to inform and entertain, with the help of songs, silliness and audience participation.

#### Family Craft Activities:

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October - 11am to 3pm Plays:

Wednesday 29th October - shows at 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm





## **Dates for Diary**

Every Tuesday: King's Kitchen

10:00 Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30 St Margaret's

Church

Every Thursday: Mother and Toddler's

09.00 Memorial Hall

Sugar Babes

19.00 Memorial Hall

Every Friday: Pilates with Joy

14:15 Memorial Hall

Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers Memorial Hall

09.00

Every 4th Wednesday:

Friendly Club Memorial Hall

#### Other Dates:

Wednesday 1st: Women's Institute
19:30 Memorial Hall
Sunday 5th: Family Service
09:00 St. Margaret's Church
Wednesday 8th Parish Council

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Parish Council
Memorial Hall
Tuesday 14th:
Gardening Club
Memorial Hall
Friday 17th:
Village Hall Quiz

19:00 Village Hall

Sunday 12th: High Halstow Hikers

Details in HHT

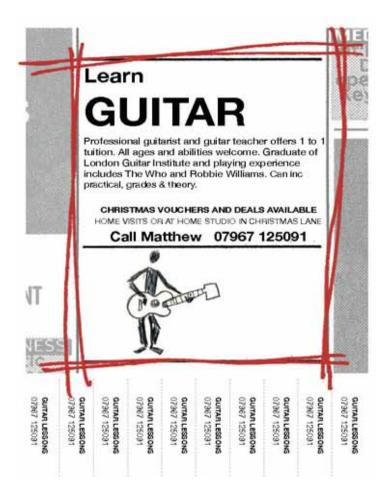
Wednesday 22nd: Friendly Club
14:00 - 16:00 Memorial Hall
Friday 24th: Quiz Night
20:00 Memorial Hall
Saturday 25th: Auction

18:30 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.

## The Village Shop Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm Sunday 8am – 2pm Telephone number: 01634 254561













Friday 3rd October 7.30pm

## Each round is a different game...

Wheel of Fortune, Name That Tune, TV Theme Tunes, Catch Phrase, BlockBusters, Weakest Link, Who Wants to be a Millionaire and more...

Come along for a fun packed night, and you might learn something too!!

- ★ Friday 3rd October, 7.30pm ★ High Halstow Primary School ★
  - ★ £4 per person, teams of up to 8 ★ Bring nibbles & drinks ★

To book a table call Jamie on 254178

## Readers Letters

## High Halstow Village Hall Proudly Presents



## Saturday 25th October

Doors from 6:30pm

Licensed Bar

Tickets available from the shop\* or Margaret Church (244203)

£5.00 which includes supper platter

Catalogues available on night for £1.00

\* If you purchase tickets from the shop please let Margaret know how many people will be on your table as tables will be reserved and the platter will be delivered to your table on arrival.

## 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.

## Quiz Night - Friday 17th October

The last quiz night of the year for the Village Hall is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. All the usual rules apply - £3.00 entrance, bring your own nibbles and drink. The evening starts at 7.30, doors open at 7.00.

This is a very enjoyable evening and a good way of raising much needed funds for the hall. Please support this event if you can.

To book a table or individual places please call Margaret on Medway 244203.

## Your Parish Councillors

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