

# High Halstow

# TIMES



Home of the Heron

October 2015

### HIGH HALSTOW RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

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- Decoy Hill Road

- 2 Willowbank Drive

12 Marsh Crescent

All requests are dealt with confidentially.

Please return all forms by 31st October 2015

Name:	-
Address:	
Help Required:	
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### Quiz Nights

Many of you will know that the Quiz Nights in the Memorial Hall have been running now for 17 years. Originally the profit from the night was divided between each user in turn and the hall. This changed when we had lots of work to do in the hall. The hall is now in a good position both financially and structurally, down to the hard work of the committee and the loyalty of users and quizzers.

With effect from the quiz night on 25th September, this will change. Each month a draw will take place to decide which table will nominate a charity to receive the profit made at the next quiz. The charity can be a local or national charity.

The quiz on 25th September always supports the MacMillan Coffee Morning (organised for the village by Ann Smith) with the sale of cakes and either a raffle or auction for a cake. This year all the profit from the quiz night has been donated to this very worthy cause and I am delighted to announce that a total profit of £183 was made.

I will report in the Times each month which charity benefits from the quiz and the table name who nominated it.

Margaret Church



### High Halstow Friendly Club

September saw us off to Bournemouth for a short holiday. Weather could have better but that did not stop us having a really good break with a lovely hotel, very good food and trips out and about. We were off again last month, this time to Greenwich. The weather was kind to us as we enjoyed sunshine after all that rain. Some shopped, some took a boat trip others 'sailed' on the Cutty Sark and some took in the history of the Old Royal Naval College. Next month we will be preparing decorations for our entry in the Christmas Tree Festival. Apologies for mentioning that word when it's only just October. We meet on Wednesday 28th October in the Memorial Hall at 2pm for a couple of hours of fun and friendship. Why not join us?

## What an Amazing Dog / and an Invitation to the Gentlemen

Lucky, a black Labrador left us speechless at our last WI meeting as we saw him doing what he has been trained to do, that is alerting his owner when his blood sugars fell below an acceptable level. Not once but twice. We heard how these dogs, only 60 in the country, are trained to detect symptoms of various health conditions and warning that action or medication need to be taken. In many cases this has avoided the person needing hospital treatment so they are really earning their keep.

This month we have a terrific speaker. He comes from Rochesters Guildhall Museum and he will be telling us all about the Prison Hulks that were moored in the Thames. As we thought this subject would be of interest to the gentlemen, we are extending an invitation to all you all.

Our meeting starts at 7:30 but if you wish to miss the business of the evening then please arrive at 8pm. The meeting is on October 7th in the Memorial Hall. Just £1.50 for visitors and includes refreshments.

### HH Gardening Club

Fungi was the topic for our September meeting. Martin Newcombe entertained us with an interesting and illustrated talk on various types of mushrooms and toadstools. It certainly gave food for thought on the extent of the impact of fungi on our everyday world.

Our October meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October when Malcolm Withnall will be talking to us on 'Design Ideas from British Gardens' which will be at 7.30pm at

the High Halstow Memorial Hall.

Results from our annual competition can be found on page 7 of this edition of the HHT.



### High Halstow Village Hall

### **Refurbishment Phase Four**

No change from last month in that the Hall Committee have completed a draft specification for Phase Four, which will be complete, the stairs and associated works and we are trying to raise sufficient funds in order to place the order this side of Christmas.

### **Golf Tournament**

With the weather turning just in time I can say the Third High Halstow Open was the best one yet with a record number of competitors this year. £287 was raised from this event and thanks to Dave Walsh from Rosewood Facilities for sponsoring this event for the second time as well as to all the competitors who took part. Let's hope to see you again next year.



Overall winner, Mark Crane being presented with his trophy by Dave Walsh of Rosewood Facilities



Runner-up, Alan Cocksedge being presented with his Trophy by Dave Walsh of Rosewood Facilities

Mark Crane - Winner
 Alan Cocksedge - Second Place
 Dave Patterson - Third Place

Winning Team:

Mark Crane/Roy Cooke/Les Hetherington/Roy Syrid

Longest Drive - Ian Redfearn Nearest the Pin - Ian Redfearn Booby Prize - Daryl Palmer

### Village Hall Event Planner

The Village Hall Committee is still looking to put on fund raising events for the year and below are dates that have already been agreed.

### Quizathons

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Murder on the Peninsula

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November (Sold Out).



### 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

Memorial Hall - Angela Forward 251756 Village Hall - Crystal Wakefield 251849

Please do not call on a Sunday.

### Resume Of The Parish Council Meeting Held On 9 September 2015

The meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September was attended by 7 parish councillors and 7 members of the public. Cllr Bailey was away from hone for work and Cllr Williams was on holiday.

Cllr Chris Watson raised an item from the June meeting, where in a report about a meeting he had attended, Cllr Williams had raised the matter of the provision of a defibrillator for public use. A motion was passed that the Pariah Council purchases a defibrillator. Advice on the most suitable will be sought from First Responder Steve Joyce.

There were 7 planning applications. The only contentious one was for land in Northwood Avenue. The Parish Council supported the objection of the neighbour. Cllr Crozer declared a personal interest as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion or decision.

You will have seen that the path on the public footpath that runs across the Recreation Ground has been laid, thanks to Medway Council and with a financial contribution for the Parish Council. We hope that this will encourage more children to walk to school and also help those visiting the surgery and attending functions in both halls. Chris Watson reported on the outcome of the RoSPA inspection of the play areas. They pointed out that the sign that was once by the older children's equipment is missing and it was decided to remove the poles rather than replace the sign. Chris also reported that 2 allotments are available but both need some attention and it was agreed to ask for them to be treated with weedkiller.

Cllr Collins reported that Forge Common has been cut and that there was no ragwort. Cllr Crozer said that he had been approached by the Chairman of a local charity who wanted to use Forge Common for some fund raising. It was decided to set up a working party to investigate the provision of wooden bus shelters and to decide where they should be sited. Councillors involved are Brian Williams, Gary Jerreat and Carl Mitchell. It was suggested they are joined by Stuart Bailey, who was not present at the meeting.

Complaints have been received about the new bus timetable, which is far less convenient for residents than the previous timetable. Chris Watson said she would speak to the transport officer at Medway Council, passing on these complaints and also making the point that there was no local consultation before the timetable was changed.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Heronsbank Residents' Association. They are concerned about the condition of the bridge over the ditch, which is the pedestrian access to some of the properties. They were referred to various officers at Medway Council for help and advice.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the Memorial Hall at 8pm. You are all welcome to attend as observers.

### Dramarama Serve Up a Real Treat!

'A Taste of the Musicals' was a two part show with an evening buffet or afternoon tea served in the interval.

The first half was predominately performed by the younger members of the cast performing well know musical hits such as Hard Knock Life, Do-Re-Mi, Consider Yourself, and When I Grow Up (and they all did a wonderful job, we clearly have some real talent in the village). Supported by the more mature members performing Climb Every Mountain, Starlight Express and Food Glorious Food.

The interval was a time for food glorious food (did you see what I did there!), and a savoury buffet with crumble and trifle for dessert on the Saturday, and an afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes on the Sunday, which was enjoyed by all.

The second half was a condensed and re-worked version of Blood Brothers with a dramatic ending to leave some of the audience in tears.

The show and new format was a huge success and it was said by one member of the audience that their only complaint was that it was too cheap at £8 a ticket.

Some of the cast are now well into rehearsals for the Murder Mystery show, which sold out in record time!

We will all also be starting work on our pantomime which will be at the end of January '16.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning Memorial Hall Update

Yet again the people of High Halstow and friends did not let us down.

- 1. The weather was perfect.
- 2. The cakes, sausage rolls and cheese scones were ready.
- 3. The hall was decorated.
- 4. Then you all arrived.

The only one not quite ready was me. I had volunteered to prepare the 'Ploughman's Lunches' (a new idea), not realising quite how many would be asked for. But I think I caught up, once help arrived in the form of another volunteer.

A big 'Thank You' to everyone that helped with the organising, and on the day, working so very hard to make sure that all went to plan. We even had volunteers in the garden with the plant sale.

This year the grand total of £1318 was raised.

Hope to see you again next year.

Thanks again.

Ann & Friends

High Halstow Art and Crafters Exhibition

Saturday 31st October 2015 2pm - 4.30pn

Villagers come along and see what talent there is in High Halstow

A chance to see many skills including Quilting, Sewing, Painting, Wood Turning, Flower Arranging and more: There will be the opportunity to purchase some items and advice on how to get started if you are inspired to take up a new hobby!

If you have a talent that you would like to share and would like to book a table please phone: Ann 251914 Jeanette 254428

Come and join us for a cup of tea and see what we get up to in our spare time

### **High Halstow** 2015 Photo Competition



After the huge success of last year, the HH Photo Competition returns for it's 8th year. Pictures can be emailed to photos@highhalstow.org.uk and can be from a camera, phone or any other device. The categories are the same as last year:

> Under 16's - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Flora & Fauna - 1st, 2nd, 3rd People & Places - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall Winner

Winners will receive a prize, certificate and their photo included in the HH Calendar.

You don't have to be David Bailey to enter, and pictures from mobile phones as well as camera's are all acceptable.

### Dates for Diary

Every Monday: Bumps & Toddler's

09:00 Village Hall

Every Tuesday: King's Kitchen

10:00 Memorial Hall

Bell Ringers

19:30 St Margaret's

Church

Every Wednesday: Stay & Play

09:00 Village Hall

Every Thursday: Mother and Toddler's

09:00 Memorial Hall

Sugar Babes

19:00 Memorial Hall

Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers Memorial Hall

09:00

Every Sunday:

Déjà Vu Spiritual Centre

Village Hall

Every 4th Wednesday:

Friendly Club Memorial Hall

14:00

19:30

### Other Dates:

Wednesday 7th:

Sunday 11th:

Sunday 4th: Family Service 09:30 St. Margaret's Church 18:30 Harvest Communion

St. Margaret's Church Women's Institute Memorial Hall

Sat. 10th & Sun. 11th **High Halstow Hikers** 

Details in HHT Village Market

Memorial Hall Tuesday 13th: Gardening Club 20:00 Memorial Hall

Wednesday 14th: Parish Council Meeting

Memorial Hall 20:00 Friday 16th: Village Hall Quiz 19:30 Village Hall Sunday 18th: Family Service

09:30 St. Margaret's Church Friday 30th: Memorial Hall Quiz

20:00 Memorial Hall Saturday 31st: A Family Spooky 14:00 Afternoon Tea

Details in HHT

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.

### High Halstow Hikers

The September walk followed a route set out in an excellent Kent County Council leaflet and took in the area around Higham associated with Charles Dickens who was a great walker and averaged 12 miles a day. Twelve less energetic walkers set off from Higham railway station and walked along footpaths into the village towards Dickens' house at Gads Hill. Dickens bought Gads Hill in 1856 as he had a long-term fascination with the area. His Swiss chalet, a Christmas present in 1864, was erected across the road from Gads Hill, and was where he worked on several of his novels. A tunnel was built under the road to allow Dicken's to access his chalet without having to avoid the traffic; the steps are still very visible from the footpath. We continued up Telegraph hill where there were wonderful views right down the Medway, towards Sheerness and beyond. Taking a short detour we visited the monument to Charles Larkin, a local auctioneer and parliamentary reformer who introduced the vote, in 1832, to any householder owning property valued at more than 10pounds. On this side of Higham village there are long views across the marshes towards the Thames and beyond. Walking across fields and passing the remains of a windmill we headed towards St Mary's church in Lower Higham, we visited this very interesting church and it was well worth the detour. It is thought that Dicken's may well have used Lower Higham as a model for Pip's home village when writing Great Expectations. Heading back towards the railway station light rain began to fall, not enough to dampen enthusiasm as all commented on another successful walk. Thanks to Mike Davies for organizing this one.

In October we are trying a new venture with 2 walks, the first on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th October, in this case both in the Rye area. The Saturday walk will be around the nature reserve of Rye Harbour and will take about 2 hours. It will start at 2pm from the car park alongside the Martello Tower (no 28) towards the sea end of Harbour Road, the first turning on the left from the A259 having left Rye towards Winchelsea. The walk is entirely flat and should give excellent views across Winchelsea beach to the sea. The Sunday walk will start a little later than usual at 10.30 and is the so-called Spike Milligan walk. Spike lived in Rye; his grave is in Winchelsea and is visited on the walk. The walk takes between 2 and 3 hours and will start from Rye Station Car Park (TN31 7AB). Some people will be doing both walks and will stay overnight in Rye, but anybody is welcome to join us and do either or both walks, with or without staying overnight.

If you have any queries about this or other walks please contact Mitchell on 01634-254428 or mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com.



### 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

### 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, and it is your responsibility to clear up it's mess afterwards.

### Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 10.30 – 12.00pm



and every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

HH Gardening Club Show Winners

Our Annual Show at the end of August was again very successful with 338 entries from 41 exhibitors. The Medway Town Crier opened the show with an apt poem with many visitors attending to view the attractive exhibits. Winners of the various classes are as follows;

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SECTION 1 Vegetables	Cup for most points in section	Dusty Miller
	Terry Clarke Trophy	Neale Chapman
	Les Shallot Cup	Dusty Miller
SECTION 2 Fruit	Plaque for most points in section	Dusty Miller
SECTION 3 Flowers & Pot Plants	Shield for most points in this section	Jane Ovenell
	Plaque for best Pot Plant	Gillian Martin
	Cup for best Chrysanthemum	Rosemary Collins
	Hubbard Cup for best Dahlia	Christine Wilson
SECTION 4 Domestic	Mary Follett trophy for most points in section plus £5 voucher	Cheryle Hassell
SECTION 5 Floral Art	Vase for most points plus £5 voucher	Hazel Kilburn
	Cup for best exhibit in this section	Hazel Kilburn
SECTION 6 Arts & Crafts	Plaque for most points	Shared by Dennis Follett, Wendy White, Cheryle Hassell, Alan Barton
SECTION 7 Novelty	Potato grown in a bucket, heaviest yield £5 voucher	Fran Carr
MOST POINTS IN SHOW	Cup and £5 voucher	Dusty Miller
BEST EXHIBIT IN VEGETABLE, FRUIT, FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS	Jim Marsh Plate	Gillian Martin
BEST EXHIBIT IN DOMESTIC, FLORAL ART, ART & CRAFTS	High Halstow Gardening Club Plate	Wendy White
PRESIDENT'S ROSEBOWL		Rosemary Collins
BEST MEMBER'S GARDEN	IV Uden Shield plus £10 voucher	Mike and Jackie Davies
BEST HANGING BASKET	Hillman Cup	Robert and Alison Wells
BEST CONTAINER	Elizabeth Harris Shield	Eric and Margaret Shuter
TOP TRAY 1ST	£10 seed vouchers & Certificate	Dusty Miller
TOP TRAY 2nd	£5 see vouchers	Rosemary Collins
TOP TRAY 3rd	£3 seed vouchers	Dennis Follett
TOP VASE 1st	£10 seed vouchers & certificate	Jane Ovenell
TOP VASE 3rd	£3 seed vouchers & certificate	Rosemary Collins
BANKSIAN MEDAL		Jane Ovenell
BEST EXHIBIT VOTED BY VISITORS	Bottle of wine	Hazel Kilburn
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### An Evening with John Lyons with special guest, Matthew Crane

Come and have a great night out on Saturday 21st November 2015 at High Halstow Village Hall, where we are honoured to have the TV Star, actor, John Lyons, who was best known for playing "Sqt George Toolan" in ITV's hugely successful series, "A Touch of Frost".

John will be giving an amazing talk on a career spanning over 50 years, including 17 years with Sir David Jason on the long running show. The talk will include film clips and outtakes and many amusing stories from his time in "On The Buses", "George & Mildred" & "The Sweeney" to name but a few. If that wasn't enough, Special Guest, Matthew Crane, our very own award winning singer from High Halstow, will be performing a medley of many of his favourite songs.

The evening will then finish with a Q & A Session, where the audience can fire impromptu questions at John, who will try his best to answer them for you. This could be very amusing!! Tickets are priced at £10 each, which includes refreshments, and can be purchased by telephoning 01634 251126 or from the High Halstow Village Shop.

### Kings Kitchen



A Coffee and Cake Café for the Whole Village.

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

Why not come in and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

A warm welcome awaits you.

### The Village Shop **Opening Hours**

Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm Sunday 8am – 5pm Telephone number: 01634 254561



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at High Halstow Village Hall

# Wednesday 9am-10.30am

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: St. James' Sure Start Children's Centre

St. James' Church of England Primary Academy High Street Isle of Grain ME3 OBS

01634 270341 E: childrenscentre@stjames.medway.sch.uk

www.stjamesisleofgrain.org.uk

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Thursday Morning 11:30am - 12:15pm
Starting 1st October
£4 per session



This class is all about upper and lower body movement. If you have a problem with balance, are an older adult or are in rehabilitation then this is the class for you.

All the exercises are completed using a chair in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Equipment such as light weights, resistance bands and foam balls are used to move to music.



Come and join us...No Lycra Necessary!!!

Phone Wendy (255366) or Ann (251914) for more info.



### Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

In the early evening of Saturday 14th September our cat reappeared in our garden hurt. He had been shot by an air gun near his spine and was fortunate to receive fantastic treatment from Warren House vets. He is home recovering from his injuries including a broken rib. He's very lucky. We're very lucky. I can only feel sorry for the perpetrator as they must be mindless, therefore I must also assume spineless and heartless.

Ps. the irony is he's a rescued cat and I thought I was bringing him to a better place.

Charlotte Adams Harrison Drive



# A Family Spooky Afternoon Tea

Saturday 31st October from 2pm - 4pm High Halstow Recreation Hall



Apple Bobbing Face Painting



Name the Witch, Children's Tombola

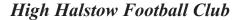
Decorate a Cup-Cake

and much more....

£3.00 per ticket which includes: tea and games for the children, and afternoon tea for the adults.

Tickets available from Crystal on 251849

Everyone welcome... come and have some spooky fun..



We began our division two campaign away to Woodcombe, some good football from High Halstow went unrewarded as Woodcombe were clinical in their finishing and took a 3-0 lead, better play from High Halstow saw them fight their way back into the game but ultimately losing 5-2, a good performance and a wake up call to life in division 2.

A flurry of cup games gave High Halstow a break from the league, playing New Ash Green in consecutive weeks, losing 3-2 and 4-2 respectively.

Following two cup losses High Halstow faced lower league opposition in another cup, after going 2-0 down and clawing it back to 2-2 a last minute header finished HHFC off. A poor performance that leaves HHFC in just one cup.

### October fixtures:

Saturday 3rd Oct': HH v Burham Saturday 10th Oct': HH v Invicta Colts Saturday 17th Oct': no fixture at present Saturday 24th Oct': HH v Burham

### Your Parish Councillors

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

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