

High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

October 2010

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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The Rectory
22 Willowbank Drive
34 Christmas Lane
14 Cooling Road
11 The Street
Ende Kay, Decoy Hill Rd
9 Drayton Close

All requests are dealt with confidentially.

Please return all forms by

31st October 2010

Name:
Address:
Help Required:

Harvest Festival & Gift Day - Sunday 10th October Halloween Disco - Saturday 30th October Remembrance Sunday Evening - 14th November Beauty and the Beast - January 2011

Starting To Think About Christmas Already

At this months meeting a member will be showing us how to make a sugar decoration for the top of a Christmas cake. She is a founder member of 'Sugar Babes' and it will be fun to see who has a 'creative touch' and who will be 'better try again'. Since the last newsletter we have been very busy. Finchcocks was a wonderful day out, the piano museum is fascinating and the recitals add to the atmosphere of this beautiful house. The afternoon tea was much enjoyed by all and the bonus of the minibus meant that no-one had to drive. Members had a good day at Wisley which is always a joy to visit at any time of the year. Our monthly lunch was at the British Pilot with very good food, when one lady had a problem with her meal they sorted it straight away. Four members ran a tea bar and cake stall at the Allhallows Fete with profits going to both organisations. We held a Fashion Show which was our main fund raising event. A very big thank you to all the ladies that bought tickets and supported us. It has put a smile on our treasurers face. Three ladies had a great day at a W.I. garden safari with a difference, 50 houses in Hollingbourne were selling items from their gardens, such as boot sale, craft stalls, nearly new and home made produce. We met some lovely people and discovered a very beautiful village. Finally county had arranged another visit from the Royal College of Surgeons, this time covering topics of E.N.T, hand disorders and reconstructive surgery. I'm always amazed by how young these guys are, or maybe it's just me getting older. Either way it's fascinating to hear of the advances that's being made by these enthusiastic and very clever folk. Next W.I. meeting is on Wednesday 6th October in

the Memorial Hall, just £1:50 on the door.

Margaret Whitebread

Walking Club

Given the interest we would like to give the date for the next walk as Sunday 7th November. More details of this will appear in the November issue of the HH Times. If you have any queries in the meantime, contact Mitchell (mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) or speak with Del in the shop or on 250230. Mitchell, Derek and Graham.

Skool Disco

Unfortunately the Skool Disco had to be cancelled last month due to poor ticket sales, we have decided to replace it with a family Halloween Party on Saturday 30th October, details are featured inside.

High Halstow 2010 Photo Competition Prize Giving Wednesday 10th November 8:00pm Memorial Hall

We had a good number of entry's to this years competition with a wide and varied range of pictures. The winners have been selected and will be notified soon, a large number of the entries will be on display at the Prize Giving which will be immediately after the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th November. All the winners and some of the runners-up will be included in the High Halstow Calendar which will be on sale at the Christmas Market and the December Farmers Markets.

St. Margaret's Church

Our church is in need of your help.

It is lovely to welcome so many people to our carol service, but where does everyone go after that?

I am sure people enjoy coming to church for baptisms and weddings and on the sad occasion of a funeral; and it would be sad if the church was not available for these occasions, but if we cannot raise more funds to meet our expenses, which are ever increasing, then the day may come when our church may have to close.

We are having a gift day on October 10th, our Harvest Festival Sunday, and would very much welcome your gift at any of our services on that day. If this day is not convenient, please would you like to deliver your gift to The Rectory, Cooling Road. Please help us if you can, we would really appreciate it.

Margaret Bufford

Halloween 31st October

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

Harvest Festival & Gift Day Sunday 10th October

8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am Family Service 11:00am Family service (Allhallows)

4:00pm Joy Club (Memorial Hall) 6:30pm Evening prayer

The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Psalm 85:12

Farmers Market

The Market has been going a number of years and has proved very popular. We have a new supplier of our vegetables, who supplies locally produced product as much as possible. You can also get vegetables delivered to your door during weeks where there is no market. Why not come and speak to Joe about requirements or pick up a leaflet at the market

Dennis Hills The Butcher, a regular to market since its beginning, is also able to take orders and deliver straight to your door. With Christmas coming up why not take advantage of this and get your meat order in and tick one of the many jobs of your list

With most of the stalls, orders can be made especially if there is a pen you want hand made, cards designed for special occasions (not just Christmas) or a special piece of jewellery your looking for.

June Collins has taken over from Pat in bringing home made cakes to be purchased and looking at the empty table at the end of the market she has taken over very successfully.

Candles, bread, honey etc will also be available as well as the usual meat raffle.

As ever you can come along and have a cup of tea and cake and talk to your local Parish Councillor as there are a number there on the day.

All proceeds raised from the morning help the Village Hall keep going, support the hall by supporting this event.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENING 14TH NOVEMBER, 2010

at

6.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church,

High Halstow
A MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE
and an opportunity to REMEMBER
those whom we have known and loved who have
died, whether recently or long ago.
Refreshments afterwards and a chance to
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Further details from:Rev. Stephen Gwilt (Rector) 01634 250637
Di Welch (Lay Reader) 01634 251495
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High Halstow and District Gardening Club

Annual Summer Show

Thank you to everyone for your help and support in making this event a highly successful and enjoyable event. Special thanks go to Mike and Wendy White for organising the Show so efficiently. I hope you enjoy reading their report on the Show.

Annual Christmas Dinner: Friday 3rd December 2010

This year, our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 3rd December 2010 in the Recreation Hall, High Halstow. The bar opens at 6.30pm and dinner will be served at 7.30pm.

The cost will be £20 per ticket, the same as last year.

Christmas Dinner is not restricted to club members. Please feel free to invite any additional friends and relatives. This year we again welcome Dramarama to entertain us during coffee.

Letters will be circulated to all members shortly, so if you would like to attend, please complete the tear off section and return it together with your money/cheque as soon as possible to Margaret Shuter at 45, Christmas Lane, High Halstow. If anyone feels able to donate some raffle prizes for this event, please give them to Margaret Shuter.

Please reply by Friday 12th November at the latest as the caterers need to know the number of people attending. Vegetarians and people with special diets can be catered for. Thank you.

Gwen Bucknall

Kent's summer wildlife stock-take gets prickly

A quarter of Kent gardens regularly have visiting hedgehogs according to participants in the RSPB's 'Make Your Nature Count' survey. 3152 people in Kent took part in this year's summer wildlife survey counting the birds and mammals in their gardens. As well as hedgehogs, participants were also asked to report moles for the first time this year. In Kent 5% of participants recorded seeing moles.

Sophie McCallum, RSPB South East media officer, said: "This is only the second year of our summer survey so it's great that so many people in Kent took part. They are helping us to collect useful information about our garden wildlife. For many species the only way of counting them is to ask people to take part in a garden survey like this and some of the results have been quite surprising. Lots of people see hedgehogs, badgers and moles in their gardens which you may only expect to see in the wider countryside.

"The fact that our gardens have such a wide variety of wildlife in them highlights how important wildlife friendly gardening is. You can help ensure our fabulous wildlife continues to survive."

Experts believe that the high numbers of hedgehogs in gardens prove what a refuge they can be, as a loss of quality hedgehog habitat in the countryside makes it increasingly difficult for them to survive further afield.

Hugh Warwick, Hedgehog expert, says: "Gardens are clearly very important for hedgehogs – a great example of a truly wild animal not only at home with us but also of great benefit to gardeners.

"The hedgehog not only brings a voracious appetite for garden pests, it represents a little bit of wildness. We should treasure the fact that they live comfortably in our gardens and so many people can get nose-to-nose with them."

Make Your Nature Count was one of the first garden wildlife surveys since the extraordinarily cold winter and participants also recorded common birds.

The survey showed that the blackbird is still the most frequent visitor, recorded in over 90% of Kent gardens, followed by the collard dove in 83%. The wood pigeon takes third place in 81% of gardens. The survey took place during the breeding season and in Kent over a third recorded young blackbirds, nearly 14% recorded young robins and over 5% saw young song thrushes.

The RSPB was also keen to record summer migrants, particularly nesting house martins. Nearly 2% of respondents in Kent have house martins nesting under their eaves. Experts are keen to build on this in future years to find out the extent of their suspected declines.

Next year's Make Your Nature Count will take place from 4th-12th June 2011. For more information on attracting wildlife to your garden visit www.rspb.org.uk/hfw

Happy Days Child Care

OFSTED / NCMA registered childminder has limited vacancies in High Halstow (maximum of six children)

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All enquiries phone Melinda

01634 256790 or 07816 321644



Gardening Club Annual Show 2010

Thanks to all who participated in the show. There were 359 exhibits between 46 exhibitors, not as good as last year but very good bearing in mind the wet Spring we had. In addition we would like to thank everyone who helped set up and run the show on the Friday and Saturday.

Winners of the trophies and cups were as follows:

Section 1 - Vegetables

Cup for most points in section – Dusty Miller Terry Clarke Trophy – Peter Tyler Les Shallot Cup – Dusty Miller

Section 2 - Fruit

Most points in section – Dusty Miller

Section 3 – Flowers & Pot Plants

Shield for most points in section –
Peter Tyler
Plaque for best Pot Plant – Eric Elliott
Hubbard Cup for best Dahlia – Peter Tyler

Section 4 - Domestic

Cup for most points – Cheryle Hassell

Section 5 – Floral Art

Vase for most points – June Barton Cup for best exhibit – June Barton

Section 6 – Arts & Crafts

Plaque for most points – Cheryle Hassell

Section 7 – Children under 14

Cup for best exhibit – Flynn Williams

Section 8 – Members Plant

Cup – Ian Bett

Potato in a Bucket

Heaviest individual potato – Eric Shuter

Most Points in Show

Cup – Dusty Miller

Best Exhibit in Show

Sections 1, 2 & 3 – Jim Marsh Plate – Dusty Miller Sections 4, 5 & 6 – Gardening Club Plate – Brian Medhurst

Rosebowl

Winner of class 31 – Rosemary Collins

Best Effort by New Member

Fred Watson

Best Kept Garden

I.V. Uden Shield – 1st – Marita & Jim Jones 2nd – Sarah & Ian Bett 3rd – Wendy & Mike White

Best Hanging Basket

Hillman Cup - Trevor Jones

Best Container

Elizabeth Harris Shield – Margaret Shuter

Top Tray

1st (Gold) – Dusty Miller 2nd (Silver) – Rosemary Collins 3rd (Bronze) – Jim Jones

Top Vase

1st (Gold) – Rosemary Collins 2nd (Silver) – Peter Tyler 3rd (Bronze) – David Bucknall

Banksian Medal

Most points in Sections 1, 2 & 3 – Dusty Miller

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th October 2010 when the presentation will be "A Year in the Life of a Beekeeper". See you there.

Wendy & Mike White

New Recycling Service

We are making changes to the way your garden waste is processed so that you can recycle more. From **Monday, 4 October 2010.** (Collection days will not change)

If you have a brown wheelie bin, we will be able to collect food (either cooked or uncooked) as well as garden waste from all properties (with a brown wheelie bin).

In early 2011, we will be expanding the number of properties that have wheelie bins and for those that cannot, we will also be running trials on a number of smaller sized containers.

What will happen to your garden/food waste from 4, October?

Your garden and food waste is taken to specialist processors Countrystyle Recycling, near Sittingbourne, where it is recycled into compost. All of it stays in the UK and the majority is used in Kent for agriculture as a peat free nutrient rich fertiliser to enhance crop growth. It works by using naturally occurring micro-organisms, totally free from artificial heat and additives.

From Monday, **8 November 2010** we will be able to collect mixed household plastic packaging. To help us to do this, we are asking you to separate your paper and card from the other materials. Your collection dates will not change.

From **Monday**, **8 November** we will start delivering new collection bags to all households. **Every household will receive:**

- ~ One blue reusable bag for paper and cardboard;
- ~ One white reusable bag for all other household containers that can be recycled. This includes: Clean metal foil, metal food and drink cans, glass bottles and jars and household plastic packaging.

When you receive your new blue and white reusable bags, you will also receive a leaflet that explains exactly how to use them. Until you receive your blue and white reusable bags, please continue to recycle as you do now.

Please look out for the 8-page booklet in the new Medway Matters or go to www.medway.gov.uk/recyclenow



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St. James'

A Sure Start Children's Centre

St James' Children's Centre provides information, support and services for families with young children and is a great place to meet new people.



Sessions and services available are:

- Breastfeeding peer support group
- Health visitor clinics
- Stay & play sessions
- · Creative play sessions · Midwifery appointments

· And many more!



You can also find information and advice on:

- Parenting
- Training
- Finding a job
- And much more!

Sessions and services are available all over the peninsula at the following venue

- St James' C of E Primary School, High Street, Grain, ME3 0BS
- Allhallows Primary School, Avery Way, ME3 9HR
- Chattenden Community Centre, Swinton Avenue, ME3 8PH
- · High Halstow Memorial Hall, The Street, High Halstow, ME3 8SF
- · Also other venues across Stoke, Hoo and other areas of the Peninsula



For further information please contact St James' Children's Centre on 01634 270341



Children's Centres

Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday

Kings Kitchen Memorial Hall

09:00 - 12:00

Every Wednesday

Painting & Drawing for Beginners

10.00 Memorial 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

1st Friday of Each Month

Youth Night Memorial Hall

19:30 - 10:00

Other Dates

Saturday 2nd Farmer's market Village Hall 09.30 Wednesday 6th Women's Institute Memorial Hall 19.30 Tuesday 12th Garden Club 20.00 Memorial Hall Wednesday 13th Parish Council 20.00 Memorial Hall Saturday 16th Project 90 08.30 Village Hall Wednesday 27th Friendly Club Memorial Hall 14.00 Quiz Night Friday 29th Memorial Hall 20.00 Saturday 30th Halloween Disco Village Hall 19:30



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This years coffee morning was another great success, at the time of going to press

we had raised over £600, however I am waiting on some last minute donations before we announce the final figure. I will write again next month with the final figure and thank all the people who made this worthwhile event such a success.

Ann Smith

HH Village Website

The Parish Council website has been relaunched. Did you know you can see the minutes of your Parish Council on our website! If that is not your cup of tea, you can also look-up local groups in the village, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events.

A reminder for local groups is that you can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details

For all your village needs the site is www.highhalstow.org.uk

Village Speed Limit

Please be aware that the maximum speed limit in the village is 30mph, however, with the dark nights, bad weather and wet roads now upon us it may be prudent to reduce your speed further when driving through the village. HH Parish Council

PROJECT 90

90 minutes spent improving the village

Saturday 16th October

8:30am Start at the Village Hall

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

Your Parish Councillors

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

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For more information contact - GWEN BUCKNALL (01634 250456)

Note from the Editor

The High Halstow Times is a friendly point of contact and all views expressed are those of the individual. No letter will be published without the name and address of the writer being supplied to the editor, although this information may be withheld from appearing in the HHT upon request. If you have a matter for complaint, it should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, which meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome.

Advertising rates are £15 per quarter page per edition; £30 per half page per edition.

Dolly Parton Tribute Act Returns February 2011

We are pleased to announce the return of Dolly Parton Tribute night at the Village Hall. In February 2001 she will be returning along with Kenny Rogers and Shania Twain. This show was a great success last time and everyone agreed how much fun it was. Even if you are not a fan of Dolly's music you will have a great evening out on your own doorstep. Ticket info to follow soon.

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5) Do you want to increase the life of your heating system?

Readers Letters

Dear HHT.

Please refrain from using the bottle banks in the Hall Car Park at unearthly hours. I was woken at 2:30am, on Wednesday 1st September by somebody doing just that, and it wasn't just one bottle, they were there for nearly five minutes. How can people be so inconsiderate, whoever this person was had not one ounce of thought for the residents that live so close to those bins. Is there any news on the bins being removed/resited, perhaps this person would like them near their front door.

Name and Address supplied

Comment from HHPC

We are still waiting to hear back from Medway Council as to the possible re-siting of the bins.

Be Yourself

You Should never give in to what people want,

People will push you until you explode,

Remember who you are,

Remember who you were,

Think about what you are,

You are beautiful.

By Aimee Bostock

Age 11 years

Need to Hire a Hall

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

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

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