



High Halstow TIMES



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October 2011

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31st October 2011**

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**Lodge Hill Consultation; What Impact on High Halstow?
See Pages 5,6,7 & 8: Have your say before the 14th October 2011**

A Disappointment

It does happen sometimes when an anticipated speaker does not meet your expectations, and sadly this was the case last month. We opened our monthly meeting to the men because the talk was all about the Richard Montgomery, the WW2 boat lying in the estuary off Sheerness. It started badly as he had problems with his power point, pictures showing some quite rare shots of the stricken vessel. This disrupted his talk so we stopped for coffee and then came back to him, but it seemed to throw his train of thought somewhat. So apologies to everyone who attended, I hope this has not put the W.I. in too bad a light. A big thank you to those gentlemen who did visit us, it was lovely to have your company.

Lunch Club last month was to the 'Little Gem' in Hoo. I understand that the meals and service was very good indeed.

Our next W.I. meeting is on Wednesday 5th October when a talk will be given by someone from Southern Water. This is your chance to ask them lots of questions. Meeting starts at 7:30 and it's just £1:50 on the door.

Margaret Whitebread

HH Village 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. Please note that there is now an RSS feed on the Parish Website where you can get automatic updates when the site is updated. Please visit www.highhalstow.org.uk and follow the instructions on the right hand side. A reminder for local groups is that you can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details.

www.highhalstow.org.uk

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is looking for new members to join the committee and help decide the future of the hall. If you are interested then please contact Gary Thomas, gary@highhalstow.org.uk

High Halstow Hikers

On Sunday 11th September we went much further afield to the Sussex coast where we did a 8-9 miles walk along the meandering Cuckmere River to the sea and back via part of the South Downs path. Weather was very changeable which meant that the wetness from a few heavy showers dried quickly in the sun. The splendid views along the Seven Sisters are classic English coastline and well worth the effort. Enjoyment was enhanced by the coincidental (honest!) beer festival at the Golden Galleon halfway along the walk. The majority of walkers are not available on the second Sunday of October so we will have a rest then.

On Sunday 13th November we will walk along the Medway taking in Teston, West Farleigh and Watringbury.

The December walk will be a local from the village but will be on 18th December (the third Sunday of the month). More details of both of these will appear in the next High Halstow Times.

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Resume of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 7th September 2011

First of all, thanks to Headteacher Pat Sanford for letting the Parish Council use the school hall for the September meeting. We were given a warm welcome.

We also welcomed new Councillor Gary Jerreat. He has now been co-opted onto the Planning Committee. As he gets his feet well and truly under the table, doubtless he will involve himself in more and more of the Parish Council's activities.

Chris Watson gave an update on her survey of residents and clubs and societies to gauge support for the proposed outdoor gym. This has been very positive and the grant application will be submitted by the closing date of 30th September. When the result of the bid is known, the Council will be able to allocate its playpark budget accordingly. We hope we will obtain full funding so that we can proceed with toddler equipment and a surface for the kickwall.

A new fence for the allotments was approved. It will match the cricket field fence.

There was a discussion about the possibility of a bus shelter at the bus stop in Christmas Lane near Half Moon Way. We had received one letter objecting to it from probably the most affected resident, who would have less objection if the stop was moved to its original position, closer to Half Moon Way. A letter of support from another resident was received and a petition, independent of the Parish Council, was also submitted. The idea remains under consideration.

The speed of vehicles in Christmas Lane especially, but also the rest of the village was debated again. Clarke's Coaches were deemed to be the biggest offenders and it was stated that houses shook when they went past. Various traffic calming measures were mentioned and the Chairman said he would speak to the appropriate officer at Medway Council.

There has been a slight delay on the refurbishment works at the Recreation Hall but it is still hoped to start sometime in September. It was agreed to release a further £5,000 to provide a cushion for the hall, as the building works would otherwise leave them with very little money in the bank and a possible cash flow problem. The money will remain in the Parish Council's bank account until or unless needed by the Hall Committee. The school has been cooperative in offering space to the Youth Club and Dramarama while the hall is closed and will also keep parents informed about use of the car park.

The Lodge Hill Development Brief Consultation ends on 14th October. If you missed the public meetings, please contact Caroline Allen at Medway Council for information. There is no doubt the village will be affected in many ways and we urge you to look at the brief and make your comments. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12th October in the Memorial Hall at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Valuation Evening

Do you have an item you would like to know more about, or the value of ?

Then buy a ticket to an evening of info and fun. Wednesday 12th October 7pm for 7:30 start, in the School Hall.

Come early from 6:45 if you want an item valued so it can be registered. Articles will be displayed on a table from where the valuer will select and talk about items. This means that everyone will learn something, but not who the item belongs to.

Tickets are only £3, this includes tea/coffee. Available from June Collins 01634 250105 or Margaret Whitebread 01634 250677 We are limited to 90 tickets only, so please purchase your tickets sooner rather than later. Any queries please ring me on the above number.

Margaret Whitebread

Let's Hear from You

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.? etc

In terms of recent history, were you at a recent event in the village, did you enjoy the recent film shows ? Let us know your tales so we can publish in the HHT and or the website. It would be great to hear from you!!

Need to Hire a Hall

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

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

NB: Wednesday mornings at the Memorial Hall are now free for bookings.

Village Hall

The start date for the works is confirmed as 3rd October so the Village Hall will not be open to hirers until the New Year. This will not impact on the doctors surgery although the waiting room will be in the old library room whilst the work is underway.

The first phase will be the replacement of the back wall, new fire doors, new roof and the creation of the new room above the current waiting room.

Work is still underway in seeking additional funds to continue with work after phase one is completed and we will keep you informed.

Thanks go to you all who have supported and continue to support the Village Hall refurbishment programme. Many thanks must also go to the Parish Council who have agreed to part fund Phase One.

Please note the contractor has indicated he will not require as much of the car park as first thought and will restrict traffic movements of their vehicles away from the school run in order to assist the traffic flow as best as he can. We will continue to report how the works are going so please watch this space.

Village Hall Committee

Considerate Trick or Treating

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

HH Parish Council

Neighbourhood Watch

Please be aware that there has been an increase in the number of thefts of satellite navigation systems from throughout the Medway Towns. Some have been from the windscreen itself but most have been taken from the glove compartment and a few from under the seats. Please note these are the first places the thieves look so the advice is do not leave them anywhere in your vehicle. In addition please remember to clean the inside of your windscreen to remove the little mark left when fixing the device to the windscreen.



Parish Council Consultation

1. Bus Shelter

The Parish Council received a number of letters, comments on the website and a petition signed by a number of people in respect of the proposal to put a bus shelter in Christmas Lane. Thank you all for putting your views across. An issue from the public was raised about the state of the bus shelter in The Street stating that this should be sorted out first as the roof lifts badly in high winds. As a result of the consultation prices are being sought for the replacement of the bus shelter in The Street and a new one in Christmas Lane. In addition to the shelter at Christmas Lane, Medway Council will be asked about putting a path on the grass verge due to the muddy conditions that arise in the winter. Please watch this space for updates once costs and budgets are known.

2. Skateboard Park

This consultation is still ongoing so please continue to add your comments to the website or write in with your views.

The Parish Council meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

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Lodge Hill Development Brief - What Impact on High Halstow?

Medway Council has written a draft Development Brief for the Lodge Hill site. This sets out their detailed objectives for the proposed new settlement of Lodge Hill and its relationship to the surrounding area. The Development Brief will serve as a guide for planning applications over the course of the development of the Lodge Hill site. It will also consider opportunities for integration with the wider area in the context of the council's broader aspirations for the Hoo Peninsula.

They are seeking your views on the contents of the Development Brief. They want to make sure it reflects the community's needs while continuing to promote growth within Medway. They encourage you to view the draft Development Brief and submit comments through the Limehouse online consultation system. If you register as a user you will be able to:

- submit your comments in a structured way;
- see their responses to all representations they receive;
- be notified of future consultations.

You can also download a copy of the draft Development Brief (pdf 3,657KB) and comment using this response form (pdf 241KB). They would prefer to receive comments electronically, but you can also post them to the address at the foot of the page. There will be a number of events taking place during the consultation, where you can get more information about the draft Development Brief. The detailed background information that informed the Development Brief is also available to download.



The consultation runs from 30 August 2011 to 14 October 2011. Comments received on the draft Development Brief will help to inform the final version. All comments must be received by 5pm on Monday, 14 October.

They will not be able to take into account any comments received after this date.

Full information can be found at Medway Council website by visiting www.medway.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/developmentplan/localdevelopmentframework/ldfvideencebase/lodgehill

For more information on how the proposals have developed, including the latest version of the masterplan, please visit the Lodge Hill website (www.lodgehill.info)

They will also be holding web chats via Facebook where you can ask questions and make comments. These will be from 1:30 – 4pm every Thursday from 5 September to 6 October. The web chats can be accessed through our Lodge Hill Facebook page. (www.facebook.com/pages/Lodge-Hill-Development-Medway/216549405025138) The Facebook page is also a good way to keep up to date with any changes and progress on proposals for Lodge Hill.

Other background information

For more information on how the proposals have developed, including the latest version of the masterplan, please visit the Lodge Hill website (www.lodgehill.info)

For more information contact Planning Policy and Design by telephone: 01634 331446 or by email: lodgehill@medway.gov.uk Write to: Planning Policy and Design, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR

Comments from George Crozer - Parish Chairman

Whilst there is little chance of stopping the development of the Lodge Hill site we must strive to influence the way in which it is developed by letting Medway Council know how much we value our geographic autonomy and way of life in High Halstow. Just Image for a moment what it will be like building 5000 houses at Chattenden. If the disruption caused to the residents of Hoo by the relatively small development currently under way in Bells Lane is anything to go by with its constant road works, the strain on already over-stretched utilities, disruption to public services, inadequate planning of roads, and the un-ending sense of living on a building site then we are in for a decade of despair.

There is no doubt that a development of the size proposed at Lodge Hill in close proximity to us will have a massive impact on our community. Think how vulnerable our Post office, shop, Pub, Village Hall, Church, rural lanes, views, clubs, wild life and Doctors surgery will be!

It may seem futile to respond to Medway's consultation or that there is a sense of inevitability about it all but we can make a difference ... perhaps even enough of a difference for us to preserve the fragile community we have all come to love and are proud of.

George Crozer
High Halstow Parish Council

Re: Draft Lodge Hill Development Brief Consultation

Dear Editor,

After attending the Medway Council Meeting on the Lodge Hill Development Brief on 14th. September, we submitted the following comments on our Response Form. We trust those people who feel strongly about this proposed development will make their feelings known to the Council before their deadline of 14th. October.

Broad Concept

We, who live on the Hoo Peninsula, realise we are a relatively small community with not a great voting power or influence in the Medway towns. We seem to be fair game for people from outside as a place to develop their pet projects. The 'Lodge Hill Development' would be a town twice the size of Hoo St. Werburgh. It would be like some great cork in the bottle of the Peninsula, effectively sealing us in. There is already great pressure on all the services in our area; medical, schools, transport, road traffic /pollution, social and industrial and we are low in the Priority list of our Council for improvements.

Our Peninsula has more than its fair share of developments. Hoo St. Werburgh is expanding at an alarming rate. High Halstow has had two new estates added since we came to live here 36 years ago. Allhallows is also being developed and there is a very large new estate at Wainscott. Of course we also have a surfeit of power stations, an old oil refinery, tank farms and so on.

We know Lodge Hill well; it was part of Fred's responsibility when serving in the Army. It is not really a 'brown field' site. Like most military areas, flora and fauna flourish there. It could be developed imaginatively as a place of recreation as a welcome break from the concrete jungle that is now the Medway towns.

Community

· Access to Hoo Peninsula

The A228 is the artery to the Hoo Peninsula. If that artery is blocked or congested, there could be dire consequences for the safety of those of us living on the Peninsula. We do live in an area of several potential safety hazards.

- During construction (over several years) there will be congestion and obstruction on the main road at the Wainscott roundabout and particularly on Dux Court Road. There is considerable congestion at the former already.
- Public transport to the Peninsula is already inadequate. This situation will be exacerbated.
- Medway Hospital is already overstretched. The addition of a town twice the size of Hoo St. Werburgh would place an intolerable burden on the Hospital, no doubt resulting in even longer waiting times for appointments with consultants or operations.
- Our present medical practices on the Peninsula are already working at full capacity. They will be overstretched during any development period (which could stretch over years).
- It is hard to see how present education facilities will cope with such a development.
- There appears to be no specific provision made for the established Church of England or any other faith.

Economy

- It is hard to see how such a development will be prevented from becoming a commuter town. In the light of recent governmental announcements on planning restrictions, it is easy to visualise the new development becoming one large formless conurbation of Strood.
- If the 'Wish List' drawn up by the working party were to be honoured, even in part, it is difficult to see how there would be sufficient finance available for the necessary ongoing upkeep (e.g. road maintenance, already inadequate, etc.) of the already existing villages. They could fast become the poor relations.

Environment

- Lodge Hill is not truly a brown field site. It would be much more enlightened and environmentally friendly to develop it in keeping with the other protected environments on the Peninsula to make it a coherent wild life area for visitors.
- To remove this potential 'lung' (i.e. natural unpolluted green area) would be detrimental to the general health of the area. There are few enough 'lungs' in Medway at present.

Transport

- Public transport to the Peninsula is already inadequate. The introduction of a large town in the proposed location could only be to the detriment of the present system and increase the already considerably heavy-weight traffic on our roads.

Character

- Despite the industrial development already on the Peninsula the area has a strongly quaint and relatively unspoilt rural atmosphere of its own. The farming community still has a strong influence on community life. In our view, this town would destroy the rural character of our area.

Conclusion

You will see that we are completely opposed to the proposed development and trust that these views may be represented by you in due course.

Footnote added on 17/9/11

Re Lodge Hill Development Area

Subsequent to filling our Response Form in, we decided to drive down Lodge Hill Lane to look more closely at map references and plans referred to on the brochure we had been given by Medway Council. We went as far as we could before the winding little public road came to an end and we then continued on foot. It was a lovely morning but as we wandered across the fields on the outside of the fenced perimeter of Lodge Hill, on quite high ground, we weren't prepared for the sheer beauty of our surroundings, in general, and the area around and beyond Wybornes Wood, in particular. (According to the leaflet, this particular area of outstanding beauty has been designated as a potential location for one of the three new secondary schools. This wood runs alongside the top

perimeter fence adjoining the Osenton farm down Wybornes Lane off Cooling Road.) The views were outstanding, taking in both the Medway and the Thames, rural, quiet, peaceful ___ just sheep grazing tranquilly! It took our breath away. We ended up walking quite a distance and we so wished we had taken a camera with us. We could even see High Halstow and our own house standing out clearly, and certainly much nearer to the proposed development than we had ever visualised. This area, already inviting one to explore its different walks and attractive oak woods, and, at the same time, offering peaceful ambience, (not a lorry in sight or in earshot!) plus magnificent views, could be the setting for a really lovely Country Park. We don't think the people on the Peninsula have any idea what an opportunity is being snatched away from under their noses by this development, because, having been set aside by the MOD for use as a military training area, the general public has not had access to it. What a well kept secret it has become! We feel sure it could be put to much better use as a superb site for a Country Park/Green Gym for the residents of the Hoo Peninsula as a whole to enjoy and at the same time it would be sure to attract visitors to this part of Kent, thus being of benefit to a much wider community.

We feel even more strongly that this proposed development should be at least reconsidered, with the possible option of creating a superb Country Park/Green Gym, and then, hopefully withdrawn altogether.

We would urge your readers to respond. This development is really going to encroach on High Halstow.

Yours sincerely,
Fred & Hazel Beringer.



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Further details from:-

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Di Welch (Lay Reader) 01634 251495

Sheila Marchant (Pastoral Assistant and Evangelist) 01634 250503

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Bell Ringers 19:30	St Margaret's Church
Every Thursday Mother and Toddler's 09.30	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes 19.00	Memorial Hall
Every Saturday Karmann Dancers 09.00	Memorial Hall

Other Dates

Sunday 2nd 09:00	Family Service St. Margaret's Church
Wednesday 5th 19.30	Women's Institute Memorial Hall
Friday 7th 19:00	Youth Night Memorial Hall
Tuesday 11th 20:00	Gardening Club Memorial Hall
Wednesday 12th 20.00	Parish Council Memorial Hall
Saturday 15th 08.30	Project 90 Village Hall Car Park
Sunday 16th 09.30	Family Service St Margaret's Church
Saturday 22nd 09:30	Indoor Market Allhallows Village Hall
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Village History

Eden Road and Harrison Drive rebuild....I remember it well!

Back in the early 1980's, an acquaintance of mine knocked on my door and introduced me to a Mr Roy Puddie and his friend from Trevale Road in Rochester. What came of this meeting was to change the face of High Halstow for ever. They informed me of what had been learnt by the government from a house fire in the Midlands, and that my house had now become blighted and unmortgage-able (basically it was almost unsaleable). The mortgage lenders had apparently pulled the rug out from under us!

It transpired that Cornish style houses in the village could have been suffering from "concrete cancer", technically called "spalling". This was not just peculiar to High Halstow, but also Rochester, Hoo, Grain, Higham and thousands of more properties the length and breadth of the country, all of different styles and construction. In fact, it later appeared that only one house in High Halstow had spalling, but every house was affected by the revelation.

A meeting of the home owners of Eden Road and Harrison Drive was hurriedly convened in the village school where the "bomb shell" was dropped. A "Cornish Residents Association" was formed with a committee made up of several well known home owners with myself as chairman (for my sins). The government then introduced the 1984 Housing Defect Act, and as they were held accountable, gave a grant for repairs with the owners making up the short fall, providing they met the qualifying criteria.

These repairs had to be carried out under licence from reputable building firms, so the committee explored every avenue on behalf of the residents, and reported back via meetings and a newsletter called "The Cornish Prison".

Word quickly spread around Medway and a meeting took place of over 800 local residents, councillors and Peggy Fenner MP, at the Central Hall, Chatham to see one of the many demonstrations by a national builder. The majority of High Halstow Cornish home owners opted for the John Laing method with a few going for Michael Dyson Associates. After numerous arguments/meetings with the local authority, much heartache and sleepless nights, work finally started in 1985 with Laing's setting up their construction site in White Road. All the houses had to be rebuilt to a specification that rendered them completely mortgage-able with a 10 year NHBC guarantee.

I remember that winter of 1985 so well, it was a particularly harsh one with knee deep snow and strong winds, and was a very traumatic time for everybody who had homes under repair (mine included). Householders had to stay in residence whilst the roof was jacked up and the walls removed / replaced from the foundations up; only sheets of thin insulation between them and the elements. It was often referred to as a "living hell"!

It's now over 25 years since that chance meeting in my house, and it's great to see the Laing Architect's prophesy has come true regarding the finished product. Eden Road and Harrison Drive are a fitting testament to his foresight and imagination coupled with the fortitude of every resident at the time. "Just another chapter in the history of the village".

Malcolm Coomber

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Dear Friends,

We would like to say a big thank you to those friends and neighbours who helped make Winston & my wedding day on 20th August so memorable.

Our friends and families were amazed when they attended our wedding day celebrations at what a lovely village we live in and how magnificent St Margaret's church is. Everyone really enjoyed the day and especially Rev Stephen's service which gave the congregation food for thought. We could not have had a better ceremony any where else especially as this was also due to Sue the organist and her very talented daughter Naomi who sang so beautifully during the service. You could hear a pin drop! And thank you to Rev Stephen and to all those who also helped in making the church look lovely and the service very special.

To all those people who helped in various ways we would just like to say a big "Thank You".... The village hall was "done up" with the help of friends who live in the village and Crystal was so helpful in allowing access to do this. Angela from the memorial hall also came to our rescue on the day with extra tables. If we were still living in the "inner city" I don't think we would have had such helpfulness. There is a lot to be said for community. We love living in the village and count ourselves lucky to have such peaceful surroundings, lovely friends and neighbours, amenities and a church which we try to support as and when we can as we do not want to lose it and the special significance it holds for us.

As recently reported in HHT there is a real danger of the village losing the church, as so very few villagers attend the services designed around them. Even the new family service which is mainly for children and families unfortunately is sparsely attended. We attended this service on Sunday and at one point there was so much laughter amongst the congregation it felt very uplifting, not at all a stuffy service of yesteryear. Coming from an area where access to a church with lots of history and sentiment was limited through travel we now count ourselves lucky to have one on our door step with so much character and offering services that are refreshingly light hearted at times.

We have taken part in Project 90 and were pleased to do our bit cleaning up litter from the lanes, it was no big hardship. A couple of hours spent helping keep the place we enjoy living in free from rubbish. This is such a worthwhile project, if anyone cares as we do about keeping our surroundings litter free why not join in. Once again, thank you to those who gave us their best wishes and made our day all the more special by making us feel part of village life...We love living in High Halstow!

Kind Regards,

Sharon & Winston Sewell

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Readers Letters

Water Butt Needed!

The Memorial Hall Committee are looking for anyone who has an unwanted water butt. They are happy to collect. Please contact Angela Forward on 251756

Alzheimers Society Charity Night

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Indoor Bowls evening on 17th September at Deangate. Good food and music was very kindly arranged by the staff of the club. £707.00 being the amount raised for the Alzheimers Society.

Thank you all once again for your generosity.

**Paul and Mo Maurice
Harrison Drive**

Dear HHT,

Ref: Skateboard Park

So a young member of the public (maybe the son of a Parish Councillor?), would like a skateboard park, and the Parish Council would like to know where it could go. Try Southend-on-Sea. What do we think? Rubbish! My niece would like an open-air swimming pool, can the Parish Council help? Have you all gone mad? Who will pay for it and it's upkeep? Not forgetting the Public Liability Insurance.

**F.Grant
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Don't forget to put your
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Dear HHT,

Bandit Comes Home

I would like to thank everyone who helped look for my cat, Bandit. He went missing from St. Margarets Court, but was found safe and sound on the 12th September. Thank you very much for all the help and concern.

**Mrs B Lee
St Margarets Court**

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