



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



November 2012



High Halstow Calendar and 2013 Photo Competition

The 2013 High Halstow Calendar is now available to buy from the Village Shop, the Farmers Market and the Christmas Market. The calendar's are priced at £6.00 for the large A3 size, and £5.50 for the smaller A4. All the winning pictures are included from this year's photographic competition as well as worthy individual contributors'. The winners of the competition were Peter Collins, Abigail Kelly and Aphria Sheridan, who received gift vouchers, a calendar and a certificate.

To ensure that the 2014 High Halstow Calendar is as good as all the previous years we would encourage you to start snapping pictures now, the 2014 competition is open to everyone. The autumnal colours are a real treat and provide perfect backdrops or features. Please remember pictures can be taken/submitted all year round to photos@highhalstow.org.uk.



The winning photographers' receiving their prizes.

**In This Months Edition: Toddler Group Needs You and Your Toddler..
Village Hall Cook Book, Take on Take That, Win Tickets to the Panto,
Swap-a-DVD, Time and Tides, Farmers Market and much much more....**

High Halstow Toddler Group

Calling all parents and careers of young children, you're toddler group needs you. There has been a mother and toddler group in the village for many years, I started going 6 years ago with my first child Cameron and it has been invaluable to me. I have met some amazing friends there who I still meet up with now. The toddler group over the last year has really struggled to keep going due to lack of attendance. Please, please, please if you look after a baby to a 4 year old come and give us a try. We meet in the memorial hall every Thursday (term time only) from 9 - 11. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers can enjoy coffee and cake while the children play and you can make new life long friends or just enjoy some adult conversation! Only £1 per visit to go towards the hall hire and refreshments. See you next Thursday?

HH Toddler Group

Village Hall Refurbishment Works Phase Two

The Hall Committee met recently with the Architect to plan for the tender to go out for Phase Two. We are hoping this will include a new front roof, new surgery, waiting room, heating, plumbing, toilets etc. This is the biggest phase we will need to undertake but if we are not careful we will lose some of the money pledged if we cannot spend it in the near future. So watch this space.

We recently had to spend some money on repairing the roof to the Doctors Surgery and a new roof can not come quick enough.

Village Hall Committee

Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors

One or two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 13th November from 10.30 – 12.00pm and every 2nd Tuesday in the month.

Come and tell us your problems or find out about projects we are undertaking. If we can't answer your questions there and then we will get back to you.

High Halstow Parish Council



Village Hall Booking Clerk

Crystal has decided to stand down as the Booking Clerk. If anyone is interested in this position please could they contact Crystal on 251849, who will be happy to let you know what is involved. The Village Hall Committee would like to express our thanks for the work Crystal has carried out, it has been very much appreciated.

Village Hall Committee



Farmers Market

The Farmers Market has now been running for several years and normally boasts a minimum of 15 stallholders each month. Much credit for this must go to Michelle King who has worked extremely hard to bring more stallholders to the Hall. Not only is there a large selection of food available be it vegetables, cakes, bread, honey, jam, sausage rolls, etc but we normally have cards, jewellery, books, gift hampers, pet food, paintings, toys, hand made pens, candles, knitted clothes, etc.

This month we will have Time and Tides Exhibition (see article included on page 6), with details of High Halstow's history.

The proceeds from the Market go towards the Hall refurbishment programme so why not come along and support your local Hall. In addition there is a chance to speak to a local Parish Councillor to raise any issues that you may have.

The Market is a great place for your group to raise awareness and money for your group as well as perhaps attracting new members so why not come along and give it a go. For more details please contact Michelle on 254121.

Doors open from 9.30 on Saturday 3rd November, and normally the first Saturday of each month (excluding January) – see you then.

Village Hall Committee

Thanks and an AGM

The Friends of St. James Church, Cooling would like to thank everyone who supported their Flower Festival, helping to make it a big success and raising £2500 for the Friends & £950 for The Churches Conservation Trust. We would like to invite visitors to attend our AGM on Tuesday 13th November in Cooling Village Hall at 7:30pm after a quick meeting Rolf from the RSPB will give a talk with slides (about 8pm) there will be tea/coffee & cakes available for a donation.

Friends of St. James Church



Friends of St. Margaret's Church

It was great to see so many people attend the first meeting in the Church in October. Thank you all for attending. After a discussion on the Aims and Constitution of the group a committee was elected as follows:

Rev Stephen Gwilit
Bob Bishop
Fred Beringer
Josh Gordon
Mike Meredith
Lesley Munday
Gary Thomas



There will be one more representative from the Church PCC still to be elected in November with the Committee again meeting in November. We hope to put forward a full programme over the coming months and would hope you would look to support this new venture.

The first event will be the Christmas Tree Festival, which is hoped can kick start the fund raising and start your Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Tree Festival 2012

On December 8th the Village Hall doors will be open to the first Christmas Tree Festival in High Halstow

We are inviting all local individuals, families, charities, schools, shops, businesses, clubs and societies to provide and decorate a tree for display in the Village Hall. All we are asking for is a donation of £3.50 per tree submitted

Trees can be any size or shape, fresh or artificial; as far as decoration is concerned, the only limit is your imagination and afterwards your tree goes home with you for Christmas.

Trees can be decorated at the Hall or brought ready-decorated.
Power is available for lights

Trees should be brought to the Hall on

Saturday 8th December from 9.00 to 12.00

Trees must be collected on either

Saturday 8th December from 17.00 to 18.00 or
Sunday 9th December from 9.30 to 11.00



Please invite all your friends to come and see your entry and enjoy this event. With your help - and with the help of others – please make this Christmas Tree Festival a success.

The public are invited to view the trees from 13.00 to 16.00 with entry being just 50p. Refreshments will be available

Friends of St. Margaret's Church



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Dog Owners

We all know that dogs bark - nothing we can do about that, but please, if shutting your dog out in the garden, be mindful of people that live around you and that may either work night-shift or like to enjoy the peacefulness of their own garden. A barking dog can be a real irritation at anytime of the day, it may be worth checking with your neighbour if your dog is howling whilst you are away or if he sits patiently waiting for your return.

Please be considerate to those around you.

High Halstow Parish Council

High Halstow Relief in Need Charity

This charity exists to assist those in the Village who are in need, especially widows and widowers. The trustees wish to remind the people of the parish that they will give consideration to any request for a particular need, at any time during the year. All requests are dealt with in complete confidence and there is no need to wait for the October form

The trustees are:

- Rev. S. Gwilt - The Rectory
- Mrs L. Munday - 22 Willowbank Drive
- Mrs M. Bufford - 34 Christmas Lane
- Mrs J. Gillies - 22 Leaman Close
- Mr J. Myatt - Decoy Hill Road
- Mr B. Prichard - 9 Drayton Close
- Mrs C. Peek - 2 Willowbank Drive

High Halstow Hikers

A dozen of us enjoyed wonderful bright autumn weather for our October walk which initially took us through the old parts of Cliffe and through some of the short lanes that few of the walkers had seen and take you to the edge of the marshes. The clear views across the lakes were amazing in the clear air particularly from the top of Black Path. The waders of the lakes have begun to increase in number and create the large flocks that flash to and fro in the sunlight. We were also rewarded with an unexpected view of a large flock of ruff and the now usual handful of avocet and little egret and a few great crested grebe. The tide was in for our short break at the end of Cliffe Creek where there were several large ships passing and view across to the new large container port being constructed in Essex. A thoroughly enjoyable 6 or 7 mile stroll.


On Sunday 11th November we will walk through Knowle Park and along part of the Greensands Way. Almost half the walk is within the magnificent deer park and there are good views of the house itself which was built in the 15th Century. We will start at 10.00 from the National Trust car park at One Tree Hill. To get there from Sevenoaks take A225 south along the edge of Knowle Park, turn left onto St Julians Rd, right onto Faulk Wood Rd, right onto Carter's Hill and car park is a few metres on left. The walk will be about 6 miles in length. Our last walk of the year will be a local pre-Christmas one on 16th December. Walks for early 2013 will be listed in the next HH Times.

For further details please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or on 01634 254428.

Starting in September *

Tai Chi classes

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For further information or to express an interest please contact ;

Mr B J Rance

01634 840766 or 07876064777

* Subject to numbers

Remember fire safety this fifth of November

With bonfire night fast approaching firefighters are urging residents to keep safety in mind and not let an accident ruin the fun. Over the past twelve months there has been a significant increase in the amount of bonfire related incidents across the county – almost 30 per cent more than the previous year.* The majority of these involve bonfires that have spread to nearby areas and becoming out of control. When building a bonfire it is important to position it well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and overhanging branches. Always keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby and never use accelerants such as paraffin or petrol to get the fire going.

Meanwhile, hosting a firework evening can provide great entertainment but it is essential that the right safety procedures are carried out and remember that fireworks can be dangerous if misused. Incidents involving fireworks have fallen this year but crews are warning people not to become complacent. Fireworks are explosive and burn at very high temperatures, so always read the instructions carefully and keep them away from children and pets.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service's (KFRS) education team has been visiting schools across the county to help raise awareness of bonfire safety and pass on the message that fireworks can be extremely dangerous if misused. Stuart Skilton, Head of KFRS Community Safety, said: "The fifth of November is often a time of celebration but always keep in mind that fire can spread extremely quickly. If you do light a bonfire, ensure it is never left unattended and keep it at a manageable size. If the fire gets out of hand, it's far safer to call the emergency services rather than trying to tackle the blaze yourself. "I would also encourage people to take extra care when handling fireworks and that children playing with sparklers are supervised at all times."

Take care with bonfires:

- A bonfire should be positioned well away from any buildings, sheds and overhanging branches.
- A bonfire should not be lit before any firework display unless the firework display is sufficiently far away to ensure stray sparks from the bonfire cannot fall into the firework area.
- A bonfire should not contain any potentially hazardous materials which may explode or give off toxic fumes, such as; aerosols, batteries, bottles, foam-filled furniture or tins of paint.
- A bonfire should be kept to a manageable size and evenly built so that it collapses inwards as it burns.
- Always check the bonfire's construction is still sound prior to lighting it, that there are no children or animals inside, and that hazardous items such as aerosols and fireworks have not been thrown onto it.
- The bonfire should not be lit by children or left unattended and nothing should be cooked on it.
- Flammable liquids such as petrol, diesel, methalated spirits or white spirit should NEVER be poured onto the bonfire to light or revive it.

It's also worth remembering that there are more environmentally friendly ways of getting rid of garden waste without having a bonfire. Most garden waste, such as grass cuttings and leaves, can be recycled by composting. Your local council may help you get a compost bin or offer a green waste collection service.

Always follow the Firework Code

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or with a CE mark
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has not been lit - even if it doesn't go off it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.

For more information please go to www.direct.gov.uk

* KFRS attended 501 incidents involving bonfires in 2011/12, which is a 30% increase from the previous year.

Autumn View

Homeopathy was our subject for the September meeting with our speaker Wanda Wright giving us a very interesting insight into alternative medicine, and Dave Stephenson a very knowledgeable local historian was our speaker for the October meeting.

On Saturday 6th October 9 members plus three husbands joined Hollingbourne and Leeds WI for a walk around the grounds of Leeds Castle. The Castle looked spectacular in the autumn sunshine and after two hours of walking we were ready for our lunch at the local pub.

The lunch club which meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month continues to thrive and last week 14 members descended on the Red Dog and had a very enjoyable and noisy time.

We have had quite a few visitors over the last few months and hope that this situation continues.

At our November meeting we will hear tales of Life in Court by Alex Walker, why not come and join us.

Val Osenton
High Halstow WI

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A local history and community arts project

Reminder!

The Time and Tides project is coming to an end and we will be holding a free local history exhibition and celebration event to showcase the work of the project. Local residents and children from the primary school have been researching and learning about High Halstow's History through 2012. Do come along and see the results of their labours!

The event will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 2nd November at 7.30pm with home-made cakes and refreshments too!

The exhibition will also be at the Hall on Saturday 3rd November during the High Halstow Farmers Market.

To get in touch to find out more or to contribute to the exhibition please contact the Project Officer on Nicola@icontheatre.org.uk, phone 01634 813 179 or write to ICON Theatre, The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, Chatham, Kent ME4 4SE

The National Lottery

Lottery tickets are now available to buy from the Village Shop.
Good Luck!



Noise Complaints Southend Airport

Some of you may have noticed that there has been an increase in air traffic recently with additional flights going to Southend. Comments regarding noise at the airport should be made in the first instance to:

LSAenquiries@stobartair.com

If you would like to further contact London Southend Airport regarding noise please use the following contact details:

* By phone: Noise Complaints Hotline 01702 538599

* In writing: LSACL, Southend Airport, Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 6YF

Their aim is to respond in writing to all noise comments within 7 working days. However, in order for any comment to be logged as much information (date, time, location etc.) about the event must be given.

Once in a lifetime opportunity to step-up for a richer countryside for all

Wildlife lovers are being urged to call time on the gunmen, trappers and poisoners destroying our natural heritage. Birds of prey are just some of the wildlife protected by law, yet the latest figures published today by the RSPB reveal yet another shameful year of poisoning, shooting and trapping for hen harriers, red kites, buzzards, peregrine falcons and other persecuted species.

In the South East, 40 incidents of wild bird crime were reported to the RSPB Investigations team last year, which accounted for just under 7% of the UK incidents reported in Birdcrime 2011. These included 21 reported incidents of bird of prey persecution, 2 reports of egg collecting and 11 reports of the taking and sale of wild birds. Samantha Stokes, speaking for the RSPB in the South East said: "We currently have a once in a lifetime opportunity to tackle these crimes in England and Wales. Too little has been done over the years to tackle these sickening attacks, but this could change with proposed reforms of wildlife law and policing. The RSPB believes a consultation of wildlife protection legislation being conducted by the Law Commission provides a golden opportunity to address the problem of illegal bird of prey killing in England and Wales; but we need people to add their names to our campaign, rejecting a future where lead shot and poison steals away our natural inheritance. The more people that write to the Law Commission, the greater our chance of securing a richer countryside for us and future generations to enjoy. We've more information online, but do mention in your letter that you want an end to the killing, increased fines or longer jail-terms and crucially the ability to prosecute those who instruct others to kill on their behalf. Further information on how to respond to the Law Commission's consultation on its review of wildlife crime, is available at www.rspb.org.uk/lawsforwildlife.

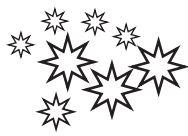
The report, Birdcrime 2011, provides a full account of the birds of prey and owls found dead as a result of persecution across the UK as well as details of wildlife crime prosecutions. The report reveals a total of 461 incidents were recorded last year. This level of persecution is having a serious impact on some bird of prey populations. The hen harrier, which can often be found wintering in parts of the south east, was down to one breeding pair in England in 2012 despite there being enough habitat to support over 300 pairs. Miss Stokes added: "How much longer will we be able to enjoy the sights of wintering hen harriers across the south east without the introduction of tougher laws and penalties for wildlife offenders? While the south east only accounts for a relatively small proportion of birdcrime across the UK, which is something we should be proud of, even one incident is still one too many."

Time to remember our hero's of yesterday and today

A service of Remembrance on

● Sunday 11th November at ●
10:15 am to 11:15 am, please do
join us and stay for some tea or
coffee after the service.

St. Margarets's Church High Halstow



Free Prize Draw



Can you find all seven Disney dwarfs? Our dwarfs might be a bit easier to spot in January, but you'll need to order your tickets soon before they disappear back to their diamond mine again. Four free tickets for Thursday nights evening performance to the first name drawn out of the hat at the Christmas Market with the correct name of all seven dwarfs. Send your answers to editor@highhalstow.org.uk or enter on the day at the Christmas Market on Saturday 10th November.

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High Halstow Cricket Club - Autumn 2012

The 2012 cricket season is, for a number of reasons, best forgotten. Whilst there was more success for the colts, especially the U13s who won the Medway Youth League Cup and had a very successful league season, the weather was, as they say, the big winner. Almost one third of all our fixtures were rained off which was particularly galling given the excellent condition of the pitches at the beginning of April. The upshot of all these lost fixtures was that no team really got going until the end of July, by which time the colts season was over and the adult sides were very short of cricket – and league points.

The 1st and 2nd XIs were relegated from their respective third divisions of the Kent League, while the 3rd XI held their own in Division 1B (Central), finishing mid-table. However, not enough games were played to be confident of the relative abilities of the teams in the league.

Cricket is facing great difficulties, not just in High Halstow but at grass roots level nationwide. The weather had a huge detrimental effect on bar and other income, whilst the loss of coaching and playing time for colts can never be recovered. In addition the dramatic increase in the level of interest in the game following the 2005 Ashes victory has run its course. The Olympics legacy has not, seemingly, included cricket. Other, cheaper, options have been the major beneficiaries. There are examples across Kent of clubs reducing the number of teams they field, conceding games due to shortages of players and struggling to find umpires, scorers and the other volunteers the game requires to thrive. Television money does find its way down to the bottom of the food chain, but these scraps have to be fought over – nothing comes for nothing! We need to work hard at raising our own funds from events and sponsorship.

We have registered for NatWest Cricket Force, which sets out to pull club and community together to prepare facilities for the new season. The main event is in early April 2013 but our next season starts with the annual general meeting, to be held in the pavilion on 23rd November. The meeting is open to all members and prospective members, and provides an opportunity for players and volunteers to step forward and get involved. Like a lot of activities, dividends come from the effort afforded to preparation. So winter work on the ground, equipment and fund raising is worth its weight in gold when the playing season finally arrives.

There will be a number of changes in committee membership this year, with new volunteers bringing added enthusiasm and ideas to the club. There remain plenty of opportunities for more physical, moral and financial support from beyond our boundaries. We are an all-inclusive club, and encourage everyone to join us to keep cricket alive for future generations.

David Lapthorn
Life President

Need to Hire a Hall

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Memorial Hall - Angela Forward 251756

Village Hall - Crystal Wakefield 251849

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Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

On 15 November 2012 Kent will elect its first Police and Crime Commissioner who will be accountable for how crime is tackled across the County.

What's It all About?

Following Parliamentary approval, in September 2011 the Police and Social Responsibility Bill received Royal Assent and became an Act.

Police authorities in England and Wales will be abolished and replaced by elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs). This will create a new style of police governance which has been designed to strengthen the relationship between the police and the communities they serve.

On 15 November 2012 an election will be held to recruit a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) who will be accountable for how crime is tackled across Kent.

The Commissioner will:

- set the priorities for Kent police
- respond to the needs and demands of the community
- ensure that priorities are suitably funded by setting a budget and the local precept
- hold to account the Chief Constable for the delivery and performance of the force.

The Commissioner will not be expected to run the police but will be the voice of the people and will be able to hold the police to account.

- The Elected PCC will take office on 22 November 2012

Where Can I Find Out More Information?

Any of the following websites will be able to offer you more information.

<http://www.medway.gov.uk>

<http://www.choosemypcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/police-crime-commissioners/>

<http://www.kentpoliceauthority.gov.uk/vote-for-your-police-and-crime-commissioner>

You can also call 0800 1 070708 to request printed candidate information.

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

The Fenn Bell Sea Fishing Club

If anyone is interested please contact Terry on 01634 270213, or pop in to the Fenn Bell pub St Mary's Hoo.
Everyone welcome.

Jackie Ballard



Village Hall of the Year

The Committee are pleased to announce that we made the top ten in the Village Hall of the Year Award as run by Action with Communities in Rural Kent. For our part we were Commended.

The Village as a whole can celebrate their part in this success as the fund raising and support given by so many in the Village to make the refurbishment happen was a key factor in the award.



We hope to have a new Zumba class starting in January, watch this space for more details.

Resume of the Parish Council Meeting
10th October 2012

The awards for the photographic competition were presented by the Chairman before the meeting started. Recipients were Aphria Sheridan, Abigail Kelly and Peter Collins. The 2013 High Halstow Calendars were also launched.

The Finance Committee will soon be discussing next year's budget and Gary Thomas asked councillors to give it some thought and let him know of anything they would like added to the wish list.

George Crozer had arranged a trip for 19th October to visit local skateboard facilities.

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that Medway Council will be supplying two bus shelters in the New Year. These will be to replace the damaged shelter by Eden Road and to put one in Christmas Lane as you leave the Village. The Parish Council would like to thank Medway Council for these. The Parish Council will be responsible for paying for the installation and repainting as required.

Chris Watson was contacted by the community reporter for the Medway Messenger and a report about the outdoor gym was put in the paper. Anybody with community news can contact the reporter, David Stephenson, at Kent Messenger.

Finally, the reclining bike element of the gym has now been adjusted to suit the average adult. Unfortunately the installers saw the children's equipment, thought it was meant for children and installed it accordingly. However it should now suit most people, although George may still be too tall!

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th November at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome.

HH Parish Council



Memorial Hall Mini Christmas Fayre

Sunday November 25th
2pm ~ 4pm

Come along and have a cuppa and a mince pie whilst
choosing from our Christmas selections:

Cakes

Jams

Jewellery

Cards

Wrapping Paper

Table Decorations

Sweets

and more...

Not forgetting our famous
'Pick-A-Duck' tombola

Have a rest from High Street shopping and enjoy an hour or
two with us before Christmas

MacMillan Coffee Morning Update

Held in the Memorial Hall on Friday morning 28th September.

Unlike last year the weather was not quite so good to us but High Halstow turned out in force again, one or two saying that they only meet up once a year and it was great to see people catching up with friends and neighbours.

As expected now, the cakes, scones & jam, and sausage rolls (all homemade) were in demand. Angela's 'Pick-a-Duck' tombola and our raffle (sponsored by local businesses), 'Crystals' handmade jewellery and cards, homemade jams and marmalades, were again well supported. After a long day of preparing and then clearing up we had raised the grand sum of £803, which has now been banked and all raffle prizes have been collected or delivered.

Thank you High Halstow for yet again another great result of £803, and my special thanks to all my friends that help me every year, it would not happen without them.

See you all again next September.

Ann Smith



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Dates for Diary

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| 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 | |
| 09.00 | Memorial Hall |

Other Dates

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| Friday 2nd | Youth Night |
| 19:30 - 22:00 | Rectory Garden |
| Friday 2nd: | Time & Tides Presentation |
| 19:30 | Village Hall |
| Saturday 3rd: | Farmers Market |
| | (including Time & Tides Exhibition) |
| 09:30 | Village Hall |
| Sunday 4th: | Family Service |
| 09:00 | St. Margaret's Church |
| Friday 9th: | Take on Take That |
| 19:30 | Village Hall |
| Saturday 10th: | Christmas Market |
| 12:00 - 15:00 | Village Hall |
| Sunday 11th: | Remembrance Service |
| 10:15 | St. Margaret's Church |
| Sunday 11th: | High Halstow Hikers |
| 10:00 | Knowle Park (Details enc.) |
| Tuesday 13th: | Gardening Club |
| 20:00 | Memorial Hall |
| Wednesday 14th: | Parish Council |
| 20:00 | Memorial Hall |
| Saturday 17th: | Project 90 |
| 8:30 | Village Hall |
| Sunday 18th: | Family Service |
| 09:00 | St. Margaret's Church |
| Sunday 25th: | Mini Christmas Fayre |
| 14:00 - 16:00 | Memorial Hall |
| Friday 30th: | Quiz Night |
| 20:00 | Memorial Hall |

Public Rights of Way

We've started a Facebook page for our Public Rights Of Way as a new way for people to interact with our service by reporting issues, making requests and offering suggestions.

Please find us at:
www.facebook.com/medwaypublicrightsofway



Adam Taylor

Public Right of Way Officer, Medway Council

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS

Take on Take That



High Halstow Village Hall

Friday 9th November

Doors open at 7:30pm

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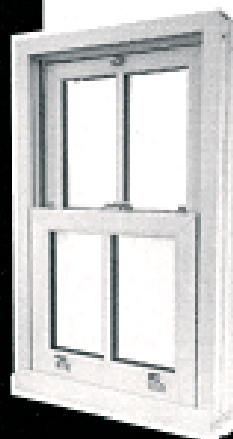
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Local Groups and the Website

You can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details. If your details need updating with either dates or details of events please let us know by emailing gary@highhalstow.org.uk. This can be used to keep your members informed and possibly attract new members to your group.

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Advertising rates are £15 per quarter page per edition; £30 per half page per edition. Items should be sent to editor@highhalstow.org.uk

Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

I would like to thank the very kind Good Samaritan who arrived on a tractor in the Village Hall car park last Thursday 4th October and changed the wheel on my car for me. It was very good of him to spend his time getting me on my way and as a Senior Citizen, it was heart-warming to know there are such helpful people around in the Village.

Thank you so much.

June

Dear HHT,

Thank you all for your kind wishes and sympathy on the untimely death of my dear husband Brian.

I would also like to thank you all for your donations to Brian's chosen charity 'The British Lung Foundation'. The final amount collected came to an amazing £1,405.00

Thank you all once again.

M. Medhurst

Christmas Lane

Dear HHT,

Please be aware of bogus tradesmen who hide behind mobile numbers. I would recommend you only use tradesmen who are able to supply a full address. Please be cautious if you employ an organisation that want payment upfront, any payment should be nominal to confirm your interest, as regular trades people will have accounts with relevant merchants and any cash outlay they make will be minimal.

T Hendry

Longfield Avenue

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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

Dear HHT,

I don't know if you'll be able to help me, or if this line of enquiry is worth me pursuing, but thought I'd at least try. I did a house clearance in Strood recently, on behalf of one of my old foster placements for her deceased brother, and one the items I came across was an old Bible. On the inside of the Bible the following is written in what looks like pencil:

High Halstow School

George Snowden, Stan IV 1897

I am planning to sell it on ebay due to the fact that the family need to raise money for the funeral. I came across a Bible that look exactly the same (selling for £60) and the extract at bottom of page is how it was described, which matches with the Bible I have. Anyway, I thought I'd try on the off chance to see if there was anyone in High Halstow that might be interested in this Bible - or if there's anyone I can contact who might be able to help me find out if any descendants are living in the area still as they may be interested to buy it.

Regards

Angie Edwards (angieedwards1@sky.com)

My phone number is 07834 873 224.

Dear HHT,

There are a lot of dog owners in the village - I am one of them. For the most part these pet lovers are mindful of cleaning up after their pets, but there is a minority who feel it is OK to allow their dog to foul on the footpath and not even attempt to clean up. I have had to clean up behind these thoughtless and anti-social individuals on several occasions and to be honest I have come to the end of my patience. I have caught one person walking away having watched their pet leave a deposit on the path and presented him with a bag to pick up the offending mess, as he gave me the excuse of not having a bag to clean up.

I live on a main route for many parents to walk their children to school - it is not pleasant to walk through dog mess but even worse if a child were to fall over. Apart from this it is a clear sign that some people do not value living in a lovely village - in which we should each take pride and play our part in caring for.

Terry Aldrich

The Street

Name and Address Supplied

Please note that all letters published will show the name and part address of the author.

Next edition December 2012; Contributions for December should be sent by 22nd November to:

Carl Mitchell, 8 Marsh Crescent, High Halstow ME3 8TJ
or e.mail to editor@highhalstow.org.uk

Village Hall Cookbook

The cookery book you have all been waiting for has now been published. Over 14 unique and very individual recipes have been received from all four corners of the Village, and for that we are very grateful.



The full colour book, priced at £6.50 will be available to buy from the Farmers Market (3rd November, 1st December) and the Church Market (10th November).

Many thanks to the contributors and Jeanette Dowsett for ensuring the books success. Perhaps you can send in a picture of yourself and the successful dish afterwards for us to publish.

Village Hall Committee



"We will remember them"

The **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE** will be held in St. Margaret's Church at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday, 11th November, 2012.

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"I thank God for every remembrance of you"

A THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE for those whom we have known and loved will be held at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday 11th November, 2012 at 6.30 p.m. with refreshments afterwards and an opportunity to share common experiences. **If you would like a particular hymn included in the Service, please contact Di Welch by Tuesday, 6th November, 2012. (See details below)**

Further details from:-

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Di Welch (Lay Reader) 01634 251495 or d.welch118@btinternet.com

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