



High Halstow Times

Home of the Heron

November 2017



MacMillan Coffee Morning raises £1,400



We have been enjoying organising Macmillan Coffee morning since 2004 and as with other years this year was a great success.

With a great team of supporters and helpers we opened the door at 10.00 a.m. and was kept very busy until we closed at 4.00 p.m.

There were plenty of cakes and savouries and, as last year, we had ploughman's lunches.

We also had our ever popular pick-a-duck table, a very good raffle, home made jams, local apples and pears and

this year a white elephant table was added. It was great to see so many High Halstow villagers again and a lot of new faces from further afield.

Special thanks to everyone that helped before and during the day. Angela, Paul, Rena, Jeanette, Maureen, Carole, Yvonne, Linda and Dick.

The total raised and banked for Macmillan this year was £1,400.

Thanks again
Ann Smith

Disappointing bus shelter vandalism

The Parish Council are disappointed to report that two of our new bus stops have been badly vandalised. The police are looking for information leading to a prosecution.

If you have any information that could help or can identify those responsible please contact the police on **01622 690 690** quoting crime number **XY/54636/17**

Editorial

So October brought us Halloween and scary strong winds. Summer really was brought to an abrupt ending and we all now seem to be making preparations for Christmas.

Please make a note of all the great events going on in our Village. Let us all support where we can.

We are a bit short on events going on in January so

please let us know if you have anything going on that we can promote.

If you have a story about High Halstow that you would like to tell, you can either email us at

Editor@HighHalstow.org.uk or write to us via

Linda Atkinson, 32 Goodwood Close, High Halstow.

Linda and Natalie

Letters

I have a small quantity of Kilner jars complete with screwbands and lids if anyone wants them. They are free to anyone who can use them and collect them from me. My telephone number is – **01634 253509**

Carole Cocup

Proposed development in High Halstow by Redrow.

Surely Medway Council's own policies should prevent this: Development in the Countryside 3.4.71:

As a valuable resource, the countryside needs to be protected for its own sake. The loss of countryside to encroaching urbanising development must, therefore, be resisted.

Also a slightly more imaginative look at Chattenden may yield interim brownfield development land:

A new direction for town planning coming from a national level, with the intent of bringing about an urban renaissance through an emphasis on regeneration of derelict and previously used land (brownfield sites) before developing fresh land in the countryside or on the edge of urban areas (greenfield sites).

I note they seem to have ignored these policies along the A228 at Four Elms Hill and Mierscourt Road, Rainham. Time they "did the right thing".

High Halstow Villager (name withheld but supplied)

Food Bank

As a result of hold ups in the benefit system and the uncertainty of no-hours contracts, many more people are needing to make use of Food Banks to feed themselves and their families. A list of the things needed is supplied and updated regularly the latest one is as follows:

Fruit juice, dried/powdered milk, UHT long-life milk, coffee, spreads sweet or savoury, cereal (small boxes please), tinned sponge puddings, packet desserts, tinned fruit, sugar 500g, custard, cooking or pasta sauce, baby food, instant mash potato, cup-a-soup, tinned fish, chocolate or sweets, Washing powder or

Liquid (Small), washing up liquid (small), shampoo, men's and women's deodorant, shaving foam.

In High Halstow we have three collection points so if you can help with any of the items listed can you please either leave them:

- in the box at the Village shop; or
- in the church porch on Sunday 9.00 - 10.30am or Monday 9am - 9.30am; or
- in the box at the Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on Tuesdays 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Thank you.

Gillian Ellen

My lovely daughter Lydia sitting on her new bike back in 2000 (she was 21 this year). Looking at this old picture made me realise how lovely Holmes Close was in those days, there was hardly a car in sight. Its so sad now when you turn into our little close it resembles a traffic jam on the M25!

Les Moore



Kings Kitchen

**A Coffee and Cake Café
for the whole village**

Open 10am-1pm

Every Tuesday
in the Memorial Hall,
High Halstow

Why not come in and enjoy
a cuppa and a chat.
A warm welcome awaits you.

Messy Harvest

An enthusiastic group of 22 children with assorted parents and carers met in St Margaret's Church for a very enjoyable messy Saturday afternoon.

It all started with a "Rectory Ramble" to collect leaves, twigs, conkers, feathers, twigs and whatever else took the children's fancy. Then back to the Church for making crowns, decorating pumpkins and painting a very beautiful Harvest Tree with birds, butterflies, apples, leaves and hand printed grass.

A giant Banner was adorned with the finds from the rectory garden and, last but not least, we now have brightly coloured squirrels running up the aisle!

A video, singing Harvest songs and dancing finished the afternoon.

There was something for everyone no matter what their age. Thank you to everyone, especially the Rev Stephen Gwilt, for help in preparing, running and tidying up after the messy event. Look out for more messy events coming your way.



Parish Council News

Resume of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th October 2017

The meeting held on 11th October was back to a normal meeting with the usual agenda. Cllr Khatkar was unable to attend due to family circumstances. The “public gallery” was occupied by 3 parishioners.

There were four planning applications, two were straightforward and there were no objections. One was for the stationing of a residential caravan with amenity block on land in Sharnal Street and the Parish Council objected to this on the grounds of an extra dwelling in the open countryside, contrary to planning policy. The fourth was for an extension on a property which had been refused before in 2009 and the Parish Council has objected on the same grounds as the earlier refusal.

Grants were made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the poppy wreath to be laid on Remembrance Sunday and to the Heronsbank Residents Committee towards the replacement of the bridge across the ditch at the front of the houses. This is the only access for the postman, visitors etc. and the bridge is becoming dangerous. They were given advice on where else they could go to apply for grants.

There were the usual complaints about shrubs from gardens overhanging the pavements. Please think about pedestrians and cut back your overhanging vegetation. Other highway complaints concerned speeding Clarke's Coaches in Roper's Lane and traffic speeding out of the village in Cooling Road. Please remember this is a 30mph

limit road, even if there are no repeat signs – the presence of the street lights is enough to confirm the limit.

Sadly the Youth Club hadn't opened after the summer holidays due to lack of helpers – not only on club nights, but behind the scenes. If you can help in any way, please contact Chris Peek.

The presentation by Redrow last month gave food for thought about how to ensure any developments are sustainable. The formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. This is a lengthy process, involving villagers under the guidance of the Parish Council and finally a referendum to show that residents agree with it. When finalised, it then becomes part of planning guidance and will help control what happens in the village. We are hoping to get a speaker from a parish that is going through the process to our next or a future meeting to enlighten us further.

Finally, it's sad to say we've experienced vandalism to our lovely new bus shelters. Please explain to your children that what they think is amusing or clever costs you in terms of the money needed for repairs. An article about this is elsewhere of this publication.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th November in the Memorial Hall, starting at 8pm. The photographic competition prizes will be presented and next year's calendar will be launched. Everyone is welcome.

Come and meet your Parish Councillors



Christine Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: **Tuesday 7th November** from 10.30am–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.

Your Parish Councillors

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Your Councillors can also be contacted through the Parish Clerk Mrs Roxana Brammer.
Email: clerk@highhalstow.org.uk, Tel: 01474 871 269

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High Halstow News Update

High Halstow Poetry Competition

At the beginning of the summer the Parish Council decided that as 11 soldiers from the village who fought and died in the First World War were not represented in the village they would ask the children at the village school to put forward poems to commemorate them. There were 23 entries received and 4 winners were chosen.

Councillors Chris Watson and George Crozer attended the school assembly on 16th October and presented W.H. Smith vouchers to the following pupils:

1st Prize Cameron Robbins (Cameron, pictured right, has since moved on to the next level of schooling and his prize was accepted on his behalf by his brother)

2nd Prize Leo Hutchins

3rd Prize Teddy Young

4th Prize Jessica Vernon

The winning poem will be displayed in the Memorial Hall.

High Halstow Parish Council



High Halstow Womens Institute 60th Anniversary

We have almost 'hit the target' for our new village sign. It has now been ordered and we recently received confirmation. It will be in cast aluminium, double sided and will be handmade and hand painted with sign writers enamel paint. This process prevents it from corrosion and will create a long lasting finish. The panel will be set in a stove enamel mild steel frame with wrought iron scrollwork and will have an English Oak Post. This will be our own unique village sign and because of its very nature extremely labour intensive. Because of this and other work commitments we may not take delivery until April 2019. It is being made by a small family business specialising in Village Signs and every one they make is completely handmade and hand finished to order. We hope to erect it opposite the Church on the grass triangle We will keep you informed of its progress as we receive it, the rest we will keep secret until the unveiling.



We have been very busy during the summer fund raising for this event with a Strawberry Tea, a Fashion Show and a Halloween Tea Party all of which have been very well supported.

Our monthly meetings are held in the Memorial Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. At most meetings throughout the year we have a speaker, some business and social time with refreshments. We are a very friendly bunch and welcome any one to come along

and see the sort of things we get up to. We also visit a local venue each month for lunch, we have outings and visits to a local theatre and many other activities during the year. Everyone is welcome.

Crystal Wakefield
President

FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S Christmas Tree Festival 2017

This year we are planning to hold the Festival in St Margaret's Church.

This will enable the trees to be displayed for several days between Saturday 9th December and Saturday 16th December and including some afternoons during that week. Refreshments will be available with entertainment on Saturdays

We can display a maximum of 23 trees so if you would like to be involved please contact June Collins on junemari49@gmail.com or 01634 250105.

Tree applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis for a £5 fee. The closing date for applications is 25 November.



Save the Date



Join us in an act of remembrance
Sunday 12th November
10:15am to 11:15am
St.Margaret's Church

We Will Remember



Poppy Knit and Natter

Come and join us as we learn to knit a poppy for Remembrance Day

Wednesday 1st & 8th November
2:00pm-4:00pm

Bring your own pins and wool but if you don't have any we will provide some for you

St.Margert's Church High Halsow

Children welcome



The Parish of High Halstow and Allhallows with St Mary Hoo are delighted to present

A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2017
12.00 - 3.00 p.m.
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Books, beautiful hand-crafted Christmas decorations, gifts and Christmas goodies and a whole lot more*

With a special guest from the North Pole as well as children's games and stalls

Come and join us for lunch. There will be a selection of hot and cold food available and get ready for the best Christmas ever

**For more information please contact
Rev Stephen Gwilt on 01634 250637 or email on
stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk**



The Friends of St Margaret's
are pleased to present

**The Cuxton Music Group &
High Halstow Community Choir**

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 29th November 2017
8:00pm at St Margaret's Church
High Halstow

Tickets - Adult £6.00 / Child's - Voluntary Contribution
Tickets available from the Village Shop
Refreshments will be available on the night



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Memorial Hall
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Refreshments available
12th November
11.00am – 3.00pm

Calendar

NOVEMBER	1 st Wednesday	14:00-16:00	Poppy Knit and Natter	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow
	8 th Wednesday	14:00-16:00	Poppy Knit and Natter	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow
	11 th Saturday	10:00	Walk: Mote Park , passing Mote Park House to National Trust Stoneacre close to Otham	See details on High Halstow Hikers page
	12 th Sunday	10:15-11:15	Remembrance Sunday	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow
	12 th Sunday	11:00-15:00	Christmas Fete – Many craft items from local contributors. Refreshments available	Memorial Hall, High Halstow
	18 th Saturday	12:00-15:00	A Taste of Christmas Crafts & Gifts, Cakes & Festive Food	Recreation Hall, High Halstow
	29 th Wednesday	20:00	Christmas Concert – Cuxton Music Group & High Halstow Community Choir	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow <i>Entrance £6 – includes refreshments</i>
DECEMBER	1 st Friday	Time TBC	High Halstow Primary School Christmas Fete	Primary School, High Halstow
	1 st Friday	17:00	HHCL Christmas draw	Primary School Fete, High Halstow
	9 th Saturday	Time TBC	Christmas Tree Festival with Community Choir and Karman Dancers	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow <i>refreshments available</i>
	15 th Friday	19:30	Quiz Night	Recreation Hall, High Halstow
	16 th Saturday	Time TBC	Christmas Tree Festival with Matthew Crane	St Margaret's Church, High Halstow <i>refreshments available</i>
JANUARY	25 th Thursday 26 th Friday 27 th Saturday	Times TBC	Jack and the Beanstalk Dramarama has been running for 20 years in January 2018	Recreation Hall, High Halstow <i>Entrance – Tickets will go on sale the middle of December</i>

If you have an event coming up in High Halstow please email: Editor@HighHalstow.org.uk for inclusion

REGULAR DATES			
MONDAYS	Line Dancing	11:00-12:30	Memorial Hall
Alternate Mondays	Community Choir	20:00-21:00	St Margaret's Church
TUESDAYS	Kings Kitchen	10:00	Memorial Hall
	Circuit Training	18:15-19:15	Memorial Hall
	Youth Club	19:00-20:45	Recreation Hall
	Bell Ringers	19:30-21:00	St Margaret's Church
WEDNESDAYS	Tai Chi	10:30-11:30	Memorial Hall
THURSDAYS	Seated Exercise	11:00-11:45	Memorial Hall
	Sugar Babes	19:00	Memorial Hall
FRIDAYS	Pilates	14:15-15:45	Memorial Hall
SATURDAYS	Bowls Coaching	09:00-11.30	Deangate Bowls Club
	Karmann Dancers	09:00	Memorial Hall
	KLUK Martial Arts www.klukacademy.co.uk/hoo-village-hall	09:30	Memorial Hall
SUNDAYS	Holy Communion BCP	08:00	St Margaret's Church
	Deja Vu Spiritual Centre	18:30	Village Hall

Every 1 st WED	Women's Institute	19:30	Memorial Hall
Every 2 nd WED	Parish Council Meeting	20:00	Memorial Hall
Every 2 nd TUES	Gardening Club	20:00	Memorial Hall
Every 3 rd WED	Whist Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
Every 4 th WED	Friendly Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
Last FRI	Quiz Nights	20:00	Memorial Hall
1 st and 3 rd SUN	All Age Worship	09:30	St Margaret's Church

2 nd and 5 th SUN	Morning Prayer	09:30	St Margaret's Church
Every 4 th SUN	Family Communion	09:30	St Margaret's Church
Every 1 st SUN	Holy Communion	18:30	St Margaret's Church
Every 3 rd SUN	Informal Worship	18:30	St Margaret's Church
1 st and 3 rd SUN	Baptisms by arrangement	09:30	St Margaret's Church

Rye Street Farm Equestrian Centre (RSFEC)



Rye Street Farm Equestrian Centre (RSFEC) is a family run business owned by Keith and Jackie Loveridge. Hannah is the Riding School Manager and has full BH SAI, INTSM, UKCC2 Riding Instructor Qualifications.

RSFEC has a great reputation within the horse riding community and also have an excellent relationship with the Vets because of their smooth running operation.

There are two sand schools – one inside and one outside with a further outside school being considered. RSFEC have during the past few years installed a horse walker to help with exercising the horses at certain times of the year.

All riding school ponies and horses are in-house schooled for the riding lessons and all are safe. RSFEC breed from their own mares and bring on the youngsters themselves with only a short break away for external Trainers for further experience for the young ponies/horses.

The age range for riding lessons for children is from 4 onwards. RSFEC also have many older riders returning to riding after not having ridden for many years. Most the lessons are female dominated but there are also boys who go along and they make great riders.

Apart from Hannah, RESE have 2 other Instructors and two further Instructors in training. The Trainee Instructors are in apprenticeship with Hannah and will qualify early in 2018 after taking Level 3 diplomas in Horse Care and Management and Grooming pathway.

Apart from Instructors, Hannah has several staff on the yard, whom are responsible for the day to day tasks of mucking out, filling hay nets and grooming the ponies and horses daily apart from sweeping the yards. They keep the yard running smoothly which has resulted in RSFEC receiving a high approval rating from Medway Council.

Apart from learning to ride RSFEC also offer jumping lessons to the relevant standard of the rider. Everything revolves around health and safety.

RSFEC is also a Pony Club Centre. This year RSFEC provided Pony Club members with Pony Camp during the school holidays. This year, for the first time and after much nagging from the adults, Hannah organised an Adult Camp, which was very well received. Adult Camp for 2018 has already been arranged for 31st August – 2nd September 2018 with riders clamoring for a place.

On most Sundays Hannah helps her young charges from Pony Camp in loading their horses into horse trailers and taking them to jumping or dressage events, throughout Kent.

Although RSFEC is closed on Mondays for riding lessons, work carries on 7 days per week to care for the equines.

RSFEC provide full livery, part livery and a very limited grass livery service. Places are generally filled and well



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sought after. If you wanted to livery at RSFEC then you would more than likely have to put your name on the waiting list. Depending on livery required, horses are groomed daily by staff and mucked out.

All liveried horses have monthly back checks from a qualified therapist. Vetting checks are regular for vaccinations etc. The Farrier is also scheduled for regular shoeing or trimming for those that are not shod. The Saddler is scheduled on a regular basis to ensure that all the riding school saddles fit correctly and that the riding school ponies and horses are not in any pain during their lessons.

Children from as young as 4 will get excellent instruction on how to ride whilst being in a very safe environment. RSFEC go that extra mile to ensure that children get the best start in their riding career.

RSFEC are fully insured with all necessary licences from Medway Council.



Riding hats can be hired on site. The hats are upgraded regularly to comply with the relevant safety standards.

Hannah has trained and then sold ponies and horses on for new owners to either hack or compete.

Hannah's day starts on the school at 7.00 a.m. and she doesn't finish her day on the school until at least 7.00 p.m. or even 8.00 p.m. on most days.

It seems that the peninsula and surrounding villages are lucky to have such a well run, respected Riding School in the vicinity!

Elyse Wilkinson, who lives in High Halstow has a horse who is liveried at RSFEC.

"I have been riding for 7 years and Flyer is my own horse. We have always had Flyer at RSFEC and wouldn't have it any other way because he is so happy there and the team are extremely trustworthy. Also Rye street has the best teachers and facilities locally, in our opinion.

Whilst being at Rye street I have found a passion for horses and animals and hopefully one day I will become a large animal vet."



High Halstow Updates

High Halstow Youth Club – Update

In September the Youth Club Steering Committee decided that the start of term would be delayed because there were not enough people to share the responsibilities that are needed to run the club safely and successfully.

Letters were delivered to parents explaining why the delay was happening and asking for parents to volunteer to help run the club; a list of outstanding “jobs” was included in that letter.

Two weeks later a second letter was delivered to parents explaining that the Youth Club would remain closed for the remainder of September and throughout October until after the schools’ autumn break.

The Steering Committee was disappointed with the response received from the two letters and is now considering how to resolve the problem.

It is sad to think that the Youth Club might close after all these years (it opened in April 1993). As well as affecting the local children the Club’s closure would also adversely affect the running of the Village Hall, due to the loss of regular rental income.

Please get in touch if you can help or have any suggestions or comments.

Thank you.

Chris Peek

01634 252604 (email: chris.peek@lineone.net)

On behalf of the Youth Club Steering Committee

Fund Raising

The High Halstow Community Lottery

The October draw for our September game took place at Rye Street Farm Equestrian Centre. The two winning balls were drawn by two different children who were attending their regular Pony Club night. A big thanks goes to Hannah Loveridge for allowing us to draw here on such a busy evening for her and the children.

You will see that the post codes shown below for August and September games are exactly the same. This is correct. We have several players with the same

Game	Venue drawn	Postcode	Area	Amount	Total won to date
September game (Oct draw)	Rye Street Equestrian Cliffe	ME2 8SU ME3 7UD	Goodwood Close, High Halstow Rye Street, Cliffe	£1,000 £200	£12,210
August game (Sept draw)	The Nag’s Head Stoke	ME3 8SU ME3 7UD	Goodwood Close, High Halstow Rye Street, Cliffe	£1,000 £200	£11,010

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High Halstow Village Hall

Quiz Nights

Thanks to Margaret and John for the Quiz in November. We all missed Lesley and hope she is better soon. Another really successful Quiz with £240 raised for the Village Hall. Many thanks for all of the people who come and support this event. We all have really appreciated the money raised from this event over the years.

Remember the next Quiz is December 15th. To book a table, please ring Margaret on 01903 340953 or 07702 196179 Entry £3.00 per person Door from 7.30pm.

Tables & Chairs

The remaining new chairs have arrived which I hope all users believe make another improvement to the Hall. In the New Year we will be looking to replace the Tables.

Day Time Groups

One thing we haven’t yet cracked is to see the hall used more during the daytime, so if you are running a group or just looking at a venue for a one of event, meeting etc. then look no further than the Village Hall. Remember we have the main hall, the Blue Room (the Doctors Waiting Room) or the Green Room (upstairs), you can hire the hall that suits your needs. For more details please contact our booking clerk on 07752 682437

Gary Thomas

Chairman, Hall Committee



post code (but different house numbers) so it will not necessarily mean that the same household wins each time.

If you would like to play please contact Linda Atkinson on 07825 619 353 for details.

Linda Atkinson and Mick O’Hanlon – High Halstow Community Lottery Committee

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High Halstow & District Garden Club

On Tuesday 10th October Jim Butteress came to the club and entertained the members with a talk about the World Gardens at Lullingstone Castle. Jim, who holds the Victoria medal of honour for horticulture, was one of the founder members in the development of the world gardens. The talk was a great success lasting over an hour – our only disappointment was that it had to come to an end. The evening was rounded off with refreshments and raffle.

Our next meeting will be held at the Memorial hall at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 14th November our speaker will

be Sue Jones who's talk will be about The Road to Chelsea. That's the gardens not the football ground!! Non members are welcome (a small fee of £1.50 will be charged).

In December we will have a committee meeting so if any members have an item to add to the agenda please make a committee member aware or email your item to hhdgc@outlook.com.

Happy gardening to you all
Michael Hughes

Down to earth gardening tips

– Alison Wells

NOVEMBER Plant Profile:

Fritillaria Meleagris [Snake's Head Fritillary]

Origin: Europe to West Siberia in the Liliaceae family.

Type: Perennial bulb

Likes: Moist well-drained soil of any type and any aspect in full sun or partial shade.

Features: Bell-shaped purple flowers, chequered with pink that nod in the breeze. Can also come with white flowers which look nice mixed together with the purple ones. Leaves are blue-green and lance-shaped.

General: Plant the delicate bulbs up to the end of November deeply (four times the depth of the bulb), or buy the plants in pots in the Spring. They look lovely naturalised in grass, a wildflower patch or in a cottage garden. Beware of lily beetle! Lily beetles do like them so be on the lookout and pick them off very carefully as the little beasts like to drop off onto the ground and disappear, but growing these pretty fritillaries are well worth the effort.

Some other things to do this month:

- Makes some gorgeous leafmould. First collect fallen leaves, then while they are still damp put them into a container: black sack with some holes punched in; a wireframe; a plastic barrel with ventilation. Wait for about a year and you will have a lovely dark brown mixture which can be used as mulch or dug in. Don't



mix with pine needles though – they can be kept separately for an acidic mulch for ericaceous plants.

- Plant up winter containers. Lots of lovely colourful plants are available to cheer up winter days: winter heathers, violas and skimmias. Plant together with some evergreens and grasses.
- Plant tulips this month. One of the prettiest I think is soft pink double 'Angelique'. It flowers in May.
- Sow broad beans and keep them under a cloche.
- Bring in tender plants under cover.

NEED TO HIRE A HALL?

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

Memorial Hall Angela Forward 01634 251756
Recreation Hall Martin Mitchell 07752 682437

**** Please do not call on a Sunday ****

St. Margaret's Church Sunday Services

8:00am – High Halstow

Holy Communion Book of
Common Prayer

9:30am – High Halstow

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6:30pm – High Halstow

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High Halstow Hikers

We benefited from the amazingly warm autumn sunshine and dry footpaths for our October walk that used some less frequented paths around High Halstow. Over 20 walkers left the village car-park and took the short path from Christmas Lane that passes to the fields to the south between the cricket field and the post-office. We walked across sloping grassy field and over the railway bridge at Solomon's Farm then followed tracks and paths around the edge of the fields to the roundabout at the top of Roper's Lane. After taking the path parallel to Ratcliffe Highway we headed to Angel Farm, the HQ of Hells Angels Kent. We then walked along Ropers Green Lane, which forms part of Saxon Shoreway, all the way to Fenn Corner. Along this route we were treated to many butterflies flitting along the hedges and what looked like dogfight between 4 of the large model aircraft that were flying from their airstrip near Beluncle Farm. After walking through the attractive group of large houses at Bellwood Court we took the road to Newlands Farm and then re-joined another part of the Saxon Shore way back to the village via Forge Common.

This circular route of just over 5 miles is easy going and took even local people to places they were unfamiliar with. Amazingly we concluded that this was the 7th anniversary of the formation of the Hikers – over 80 walks now around the local area and further afield.

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Our November walk will be on **SATURDAY 11th** starting at 10.00 from the cafeteria and Toilet area close to the main car park at Mote Park, Maidstone. This is accessed from the Mote Avenue entrance. The post code is given as ME15 7SU. There is a small charge for parking. We will walk through the park to past Mote House to the National Trust's Stoneacre close to Otham. The walking will be mainly flat and between 5 and 6 miles.

All are welcome. Any queries to Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or 01634 254428



Sport in High Halstow

High Halstow Cricket Club

Colts have now finished playing for the season.

The U10's finished runners up in the league.

The U11's 3rd and cup semi finalists.

One of our u11's won best batsman and best bowler for the Medway league.

Daniel Regan



Jack Regan u11's captain got best bowler and best batsman for the whole Medway league taking the most wickets and scoring the most runs in the whole league.

High Halstow Cricket Club are continuing their extra-curricular activities and are having a great start to the winter period. The darts team are sitting in the top 4 of the league and developments for next season's cricket is underway. The club are investing in brand new training equipment for next season. Next summer will provide a big season for the club, pushing for two successive promotions in both the 1st and 2nd XI teams, and all the winter preparation will be vital to any success.

Our cricket club has an excellent and successful colts section, which has seen some of our younger members progress through the various age groups on offer and represent both district and county level. It is the facilities on offer just round the corner from you at

Rayner's Meadow that has helped their development. The age groups that are on offer to boys and girls range from U10 softball through to U17, although many of our softball team are aged 7 and 8.

The annual winter nets are due to commence in January, for both adults and colts, and the date of the first session shall be confirmed in next month's edition. These are open to all ages and it would be great to see new members, especially the younger generation. High Halstow Cricket Club can help your children develop as cricketers, as well as providing a safe environment for enjoyment and friendship.

Should you have any questions or wish to know anything more about the colts section please contact Steve Laphorn (slaphorn@hotmail.com).

High Halstow Football Club

Manager – Graham Beale

At the time of going to press High Halstow were at the top Division Four of the Rochester and District Football League.



Saturday 30 September – Ted Snelling Cup

High Halstow 1 Osp 3

Saturday 14 October – Centenary Cup round 2

High Halstow 10 Newtown Social 3

Saturday 21 October – Sittingbourne & Milton Cup

High Halstow 3 Chatham Town 1

Saturday 29 October – League game

High Halstow 6 Borstal Wanderers 2

League Table				
DIVISION FOUR				
#	Team	Pld	Gd	Pts
1	HIGH HALSTOW	4	13	10
2	NEWTOWN SOCIAL ...	4	5	9
3	UK PAVILION	3	9	6
4	GOLDEN KNIGHTS ...	3	8	6
5	PARK REGIS	2	7	6
6	MEDWAY BOROUGH	2	4	4
7	MEDWAY ATHLETIC	4	3	4
8	GRAIN	2	1	4
9	BORSTAL	3	-4	3

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For further information on High Halstow please visit our village website.
www.highhalstow-pc.gov.uk

The meaning of names behind roads in High Halstow

Britannia Road	The road was named after a public house situated near the junction of Clinch Street and what for many years was known as Fenn Road. The public house was a coaching inn and the buildings nearby were the stables for the change of horses. Unfortunately it was burned down in the early fifties. It had been a private house from the early nineteen hundreds.	Longfield Avenue	Named after the Reverend Longfield, Rector of St Margaret's for a number of years
Christmas Lane	The name is thought to come from "Christmas Mass", the road leading to St Margaret's Church	Marsh Crescent	Was named after Jim Marsh, a local farmer. Living in the village, he farmed Brick House Farm on the road to Allhallows. He was a long serving member of the Parish Council being Chairman for his last term in office. In addition he was also a founder member of the Recreation Hall.
Clinch Street	Named after the hamlet	Ruggles drive	Named after the doctor who lived in the village for a number of years. He was the doctor who started the surgery in the Recreation Hall shortly after it was built.
Cooling Road	Leading to Lipwell Hill being the only road from High Halstow to Cooling Village. Local inhabitants sometimes called Cooling Road Dalham Hill.	Topley Drive	Named after Bert Topley who lived in High Halstow all his life. An early member of the Memorial Hall Committee until near his death. He was a long-standing member of the Parish Council being Chairman for part of his time. He lived in Jubilee Cottages.
Decoy Road	The road leading to Decoy Farm which in the early days was much larger and had a large manor type house. The road continues on to Swigshole, which again had a number of houses. Here the road ends and the footpaths to the sea wall begins as footpath RS5	Valentine Drive	Named after the former Kent County Cricket Club Captain, Brian Valentine, who lived in what was known as the Old Vicarage for a number of years.
Drayton Close	Named after a local farmer and dairyman who had a farm where the school playing field is now. He was a herdsman and dairyman. There was a dairy at Fenn. He used to bring the cows down every day and milk them to the field where the school is now. His family delivered milk to the local villages with the dairy being at Beech Croft, Sharnal Street.	Medway Avenue	Named after the River Medway
Dux Court Road	Named after Dux Court farm. Old maps have shown this sometimes as "Ducks Court"	Northwood Avenue	The Northwood comes from the name of the woods on the hill, Northward Hill, known to some local people as the Norrad, now owned by the RSPB
Eden Road	Was named after Anthony Eden, Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1955 to 1957 who was later to become Lord Avon.	Sharnal Street Road	Was named after the hamlet of Sharnal Street. The road is now part of the Ratcliffe Highway. It was also access to Sharnal Street Railway Station, which was closed in 1962.
Forge Lane	In which was the local forge since demolished for further housing. It had previously been called "The Square"	Sharnal Street	The name is a little insulting to the people living there as the name is derived from the old English "Scean Welle" which quite simply means the stream running near the rubbish tip.
Goodwood Close	Named after the previous landowner's enthusiasm for horse racing	Thames Avenue	Named after the River Thames
Harrison Drive	This road was named after the local farmer from Dux Court Farm, who was also Chairman of the Parish Council and benefactor to the village in a very large way, one of his many gifts being the recreation ground.	The Street	This road name originated from the village itself, which was known as High Halstow Street. This was one of four hamlets in the area, the others three being Fenn Street, Clinch Street and Sharnal Street. Fenn Street was later transferred to St Mary's Hoo during a boundary change.
Holmes close	Named after May Holmes who lived in the village area all her life. A great collector for charity with the Red Cross, Cancer Relief and the Air Ambulance being just three of the recipients. In her later years she was Treasurer, Secretary and Caretaker of the Memorial Hall. As a schoolgirl she and her sister walked to and from Hoo School every day.	Willowbank Drive	So named because a number of willow trees had to be removed from the end of the field on which the estate was built.
Leaman Close	Named after the local nurse and midwife who lived in the village for a number of years. Nurse Leaman was the district nurse for the Peninsula and delivered all the babies on the peninsula. She rode everywhere on her â bicycle to start with and then the village clubbed together and bought her a car! It was garaged behind the Old Forge – where the MHS flats. She lived in Jubilee Cottages. On leaving the village she opened Mill House Nursing Home at Lower Stoke.	Wybournes Lane	Named after the farm at the end
		Buckhole Farm Road	Again named after the farm at the end
		Half Moon &, Gypsy Way, Cardigan & Mackintosh Close	Named by the developer and Medway Council who made a mistake not using the names put forward by the Parish

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