



High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

November 2011

The Friendly Club

Yes we are still meeting, and have just come back from a holiday in Llandudno, we had a great time and lots of fun and laughter. We have had a full year with our usual games and quizzies and our favourite games of Bingo, we have made Easter Baskets, (flower arrangements) a trip to the coast and Mike Meredith came and conducted a quiz for us which proved very successful and we look forward to inviting him again in the New Year.

We shall be having a craft afternoon and in November we will be celebrating Christmas early as we do not meet in December. We will be inviting our members we have not seen for a long time and all those who came on holiday with us this year and in the past, if that is you! please come and join us on November 23rd at 2pm in The Memorial Hall.

We look forward to seeing all our old friends and doing some catching up! See you then.

Sheila Marchant

MacMillan Coffee Morning Update

Friday 30th September was a wonderful summers day and all our worries, as to whether anyone would come or if the weather would be bad, were forgotten. We were run off our feet for 3-4 hours (we even enlisted washing up help from a customer).

The Memorial Hall overflowed into the front garden with tables and umbrellas. Our 'Pick-A-Duck' tombola (patent pending) was a great success, and the cakes (cup-cakes and larger ones), cheese scones, sausage rolls and quiches were a sell-out.

The raffle which went from 6 prizes to 14, due

to generous donations by local businesses, and all were claimed or delivered. We also raised some money on the Wednesday evening 'Dot & Doris' function in the hall.

After all this, I was able to donate £787 to Macmillan, way above our hopes. Well done High Halstow, and Thank You.

See you next September.

Ann Smith

High Halstow Hikers

The majority of walkers were not available on the second Sunday of October so we had a rest. On Sunday 13th November we will walk along the Medway taking in Teston, West Farleigh and Watlingtonbury. This is a varied walk giving lovely views across the river. We expect to do about 5-6 miles over a period of just over 2 hours. If it has been wet there will be areas that are muddy so appropriate footwear is needed. Dogs will need to be on leads much of the way. Excellent ale and food in the Tickled Trout afterwards for those interested. We will begin the walk at 10.00am from the public car park at the bridge by Teston lock a short distance from the A26 on the B2163.

The December walk will be a local one from the village, but will be on 18th not the THIRD Sunday and will be taking in Northward Hill Woods farm tracks towards Cooling and the RSPB reserve at Bromhey Farm. The walk will be of around 6 miles and will take about 2.5 hours. We will start at 10.00am from the Village Hall Car Park. For further details and notification please contact Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or on 01634 254428.

That Was Better

What a relief, our last months speaker from Southern Water was very good. Informative, with a good presentation including some humorous adverts. Answered all our questions but got the point across that we all need to use water wisely. He would be delighted to hear from any group interested in booking him. He comes free of charge.

Last months lunch club visited the Red Dog. Service was a little slow, but well worth the wait. We understood the chef was on his own, so well done Ashley, and I can highly recommend the fish & chips. Three members visited Burham WI to an evening of craft displays which gave us ideas for our programme next year. They also laid on super refreshments which was definitely 'naughty but nice'.

Flower arranging seems to be the in thing at present. A good number of members went to Bartellos in Meopham to watch a flower demonstration followed by a superb lunch. It clashed with a county event 'Food Flowers and Philanthropy'. There were some great speakers. Fairtrade gave an insight to their work in the third world and how we should support them by buying their products whenever possible. Their stall full of goods for sale was very impressive indeed. Staying with food Waitrose covered the history of the company, details of the Waitrose Foundation, which sounds similar to Fairtrade. The policy of buying British, by working with our farmers (all their meat is British apart from lamb) and dairy farmers who get a realistic price for their milk. They also donated the best food hamper I've ever seen and brought complimentary Duchy of Cornwall biscuits for all the WI ladies to have with their tea. Lastly a young lady making wonderful floral arrangements which were raffled together with the hamper, sadly I didn't win any of them.

Next meeting is Wednesday November 2nd when we will hear how to 'Grow Old Disgracefully' sounds like fun. Only £1:50 on the door, in the Memorial Hall starting at 7:30pm. Margaret Whitebread

A Big Thankyou The Valuation Evening in the School Hall was enjoyed by a smaller number than we had hoped for. The valuer had to be substituted at the last minute and he

concentrated on jewellery, which fortunately there was quite a lot of. I like to think that we all learnt something as he advised and informed us as he went along. Many thanks to those who supported the evening any profit we made is always welcomed by our WI treasurer.

Margaret Whitebread

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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.

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.

Resume of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 12 October 2011

I reported last month that the Parish Council welcomed a new councillor. Sadly at the October meeting we said goodbye to Angela Bostock. Angela resigned as she has returned to university study and understandably no longer has the time to devote to the Parish Council. We all thank her for the work she did while a councillor, especially in dealing with planning matters and looking after the allotments. She will be missed. Of course we now have a vacancy on the Council – if you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The main item for discussion was the Lodge Hill Development Brief Consultation, which ended on 14th October. The Chairman had been through the document and prepared a draft response. This was discussed in detail and was submitted with the addition of a request from a member of the public that all of the infrastructure (ie roads, drains, utilities etc) should be constructed before any houses are built. It must be emphasised that the development brief is Medway Council's document, not the developer's.

There was a debate about bus shelters. The roof of the Eden Road shelter is damaged and it was queried whether it was used, as it serves people going towards Grain. Cllr Gordon confirmed he sees people waiting at it. Potentially there could be 2 new shelters – one replacing the Eden Road shelter and a new one in Christmas Lane near Half Moon Way, with a priority probably for the Eden Road replacement. No decision was made, but it was agreed to ask Medway Council to provide a footway to the Christmas Lane stop as currently people have to approach and wait on wet or muddy grass. Cllr Thomas reported on the responses received about the provision of a skateboard facility, however it was recognised that there would be some sort of problem wherever it was sited. Cllr Crozer said he would approach the young people who responded through the website and it would be good to engage with them.

An application has been submitted to Sport England for the provision of an outdoor gym on the Recreation Ground. This is from the Olympic Legacy funding programme. If we are unsuccessful, some items of equipment will still be provided, but if we are successful, not only will the outdoor gym be more comprehensive, but it will free up other funds to provide equipment for toddlers within the playpark.

The Parish Council will be looking at next year's budget in the next few weeks. Cllr Thomas said that to keep the precept the same, not all items on a “shopping list” will be able to be met. I should explain that the precept is the income raised from residents through the council tax.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th November in the Memorial Hall at 8pm at which the awards for the photographic competition will be presented. Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Roxana Brammer
HHPC Clerk

2011 Photo Competition

The judging for the 2011 Photo Competition has taken place and the winners and runners-up will be announced at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th November, when they will be presented with their prizes and the 1st editions of the High Halstow 2012 Calendar. The calendar will feature all the winning pictures and the runners-up, and is available in two sizes. It will be sold in the Village Shop this year, and all profits donated to the HUGH fund.

Village Hall Refurbishment Underway

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce the works have started on Phase 1 of the refurbishment programme. This phase will see a new back wall, new fire doors, additional room in the roof space and a new roof over the main part of the Hall

This is being paid for by the fund raising carried out by the Hall Committee and the Parish Council. Work is being undertaken to raise funds for the next phase which should be to completely renovate the front of the Hall



Further pictures can be seen on:
www.highhalstow.org.uk/blog/village-hall-refurbishment-starts-phase-1



Volunteering with the Villager

As a community transport scheme, the Villager relies on the support of volunteers. For the Villager to be able to continue to be able to improve rural residents' access to services, both within and outside Medway, it needs the support and involvement of the local community. There are several ways you can get involved.

Become a driver

- Most of the services are provided by volunteer drivers who give up their own time to drive the minibuses. This includes regular excursions and services provided for local groups.
- Volunteer drivers are provided with free training and support.
- Out-of-pocket expenses incurred while driving are paid.
- If you have held your licence since before 1997, you can drive a Villager minibus without any further qualifications.

For more information contact The Villager by telephone: 01634 336336 or by email: rural.projects@medway.gov.uk
Write to: The Villager, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR

Lodge Hill Development

Initial thoughts having read: Lodge Hill Development Brief
Consultation Draft July 2011 received 7 September 2011

General

What impact would not developing Lodge Hill for housing have on the Peninsula and Medway as a whole?

Land Securities have just announced that October 22nd is the last Public exhibition before its outline planning application is submitted.

We understand that approx 1000 people and 51 groups have been consulted so far. This only represents 0.4 % of Medway's population! Is this considered enough?

Because of the very nature of the security that has surrounded Lodge Hill in the past it has become one of the richest places in the South East for biodiversity.

Now probably available for development and with very little effort it would make and an ideal addition to Medway's wildlife sanctuaries being within a mile of The North Kent Marshes and its internationally renowned Ramsar SPAs.

Northwood Hill is home to one of the largest colony of breeding Grey Heron and little egret in Europe who feed on the adjacent North Kent Marshes and rivers Medway and Thames that enclose the peninsula to the North and South. The building, disruption, and general increase of human activity within close proximity will have an impact on this population. What studies have or will be undertaken to assess any potential damage that may be caused?

Will the findings of studies be concluded before and outline submission is considered.?

How much influence will Medway Council have over the development of Lodge Hill, considering the Local plan will not be in place at the time of outline submission? Can the developer run rough shod over the existing Local plan ?

Vision

Page 2

In what way will LH compliment and support nearby settlements?

What advantage will be taken from the existing and emerging industries at Grain and Kingsnorth?

Please define "well connected" in the context of

"Bringing people together and to jobs, schools and services in an efficient, safe, affordable and uplifting way both within the new settlement and between LH and surrounding communities"

Page 5 1.13

Figure 1.6 shows zone around site where impact at LD is likely to be greatest . Is missing?

Same for fig 1.7

Page 8 2.2

Which existing community do you refer?

Page 9 2.13

Who will draw up new standards needed?

Page 11

2.25

and Page 17

2.49, 50, 51

The Development will be split into multiple packets and sub let to several developers. What guarantees

then will be put in place to ensure the developers will meet the needs described?

Where in Medway has this been successful in the past?

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2.52,53

What evidence supports statement in 2.52 that Hoo St Werburgh is some sort of rural hub for the peninsula, even in terms of public transport?

High Halstow, Cliffe Woods and Hoo are not all within easy walking and cycling distance. What evidence is there to support this?

We suspect most of the population shop for its main groceries weekly at one of the superstores either inside or outside of Medway or shop via the Internet. They shop for incidentals and top ups at one of the convenience stores in their village. The notion that rural folk walk or cycle to some imaginary rural hub to collect provisions for the week is condescending and ill thought out.

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2.54

Given you have only consulted 1000 people and not all of these are people from the peninsula what evidence is there that an increase in facilities provided at lodge hill is generally welcome on the peninsula?

What would be welcome is help with an increase in the facility available locally in each of the villages.

2.59

In the 70s and 80s it wasn't the role of the big retailers to support local shopkeepers either and look at what has happened. We lost more community facilities in those two decades then ever before and we could argue that we lost actual community as well as a result!!

It's the responsibility of individual communities to support local services and the responsibility of the Local Council to support local Communities Rural as well as Urban.

2. 61

Does Land Securities have a social responsibility initiative on any of its existing or previous projects? Why is this beyond the scope of the planning process? Why should it be left to a trust? A trust, which the planning process recommends that the developer sets up.

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The Excellent transport links to London are at the expense of the remainder of the Peninsula. One entrance to the peninsula that is home to potentially 25,000 people is a formula for massive traffic congestion.

Lodge hill does not bridge Grain and Kingsnorth with the main urban area. It just brings it close by extending the urban fringe.

3.5

Will high speed broadband be available to rest of peninsula?

3.6

In this statement the writer concedes Lodge hill will become a commuter town (village sounds idyllic and gives the wrong impression) with its fast links into London.

General:- would like to see economic strategy.

3.14 3.15

What evidence is there that suggests that Lodge hill might attract research and development or industry with high jobs per sq. metre.

The best hope for high employment in Lodge Hill would be to move Medway council offices there.

3.39

A food store on the edge of town suggests a super store. Is this what the writer implies?

3.43

Would the entrance to the golf course be moved to the chattenden end of the site. ?

Would the Council consider developing the areas outside the proposed foot print and on its own ground?

Is the council considering selling the golf course?

4.3

Development has been extensive in the Thames gateway the standard is already set.! What other standards are the writer referring to.?

4.62

The Peninsula and wider north Kent corridor has poor air quality Lodge hill should not worsen that.

The Parish Council considers it vital that the complete infrastructure is built before the rest of the development takes place

George Crozer
HHPC Chairman

Follow these tips to keep you and your family warm and well in extremely cold weather.

To keep warm and well during periods of cold weather:

- Keep curtains drawn and doors closed to block out draughts.
- Have regular hot drinks and at least one hot meal a day if possible. Eating regularly helps keep energy levels up during winter.
- Wear several light layers of warm clothes (rather than one chunky layer).
- Keep as active as possible.
- Wrap up warm if you need to go outside on cold days.

Keep your main living room at around 18-21°C (64-70°F), and the rest of the house at least 16°C (61°F). If you can't heat all the rooms you use, heat the living room during the day and the bedroom just before you go to sleep.

The Department of Health's Cold Weather Plan gives more information on how cold weather affects health and gives advice on what to do in cold weather emergencies.

Icy conditions

Icy pavements and roads can be very slippery. Take extra care if you go out and wear boots or shoes with good grip on the soles. The Met Office advises putting grit or cat litter on paths and driveways to lessen the risk of slipping. It adds that you should wait until the roads have been gritted if you're travelling by car. The Highways Agency offers useful advice on travelling in snow and freezing conditions. Bear in mind that black ice on pavements or roads might not be clearly visible, and that compacted snow may turn to ice and become slippery.

Weather warnings

The Met Office provide the weather forecasts for broadcasts on radio and TV, so listen in to these bulletins regularly to keep up to date with the weather. Severe weather warnings are also issued on the Met Office website www.metoffice.gov.uk, or you can ring the customer centre on 0870 900 0100

Look out for others

Check up on friends, relatives and neighbours who may be more vulnerable to cold weather. Cold weather is especially dangerous for older people or people with serious illnesses, so check up on them if you can.

People with heart or respiratory (breathing) problems may have worse symptoms during a cold spell and for several days after temperatures return to normal.

Statement on Lord Foster's Thames Estuary Airport Announcement

Following Lord Foster's announcement today on his proposals to build an airport on the Isle of Grain, Medway Council has today stated that this is one of the worst places for anyone to build a new airport.

Not only is it on the wrong side of London, with the capital in the way for most UK air travelers, but also plans released by the architect appear to place it on top of Europe's largest Liquefied Natural Gas containers, where 20 per cent of Britain's gas supplies are delivered by super tanker annually.

In addition, the site would also be where a major UK power station is based.

Leader of Medway Council, in Kent, Cllr Rodney Chambers, said: "The plan to build an airport on the Isle of Grain is, quite possibly, the daftest in a long list of pie in the sky schemes that have been put forward for an airport.

"The Isle of Grain is home to one of the world's largest Liquefied Natural Gas terminals, with a fifth of the UK's gas supply offloaded by container ships and stored there. It is plainly obvious that aircraft and huge gas containers are a potentially lethal mix.

"In addition to this, the sunken American warship the SS Richard Montgomery is submerged just a few miles from the location and laden with high explosives, the London Array wind farm is being built nearby and the airport cuts through an area that is home to hundreds of thousands of migrating birds.

"We have looked at Lord Foster's plan and he appears to want to place his fantasy Isle of Grain airport on top of the LNG plant and a power station. It beggars belief.

"I can only assume he has not actually left his offices and traveled from London to Medway to have a look before releasing this."

Cllr Chambers added: "A huge new airport on or near the Thames Estuary is both unaffordable and unnecessary and the government and many airline industry giants have already said they do not support such a plan.

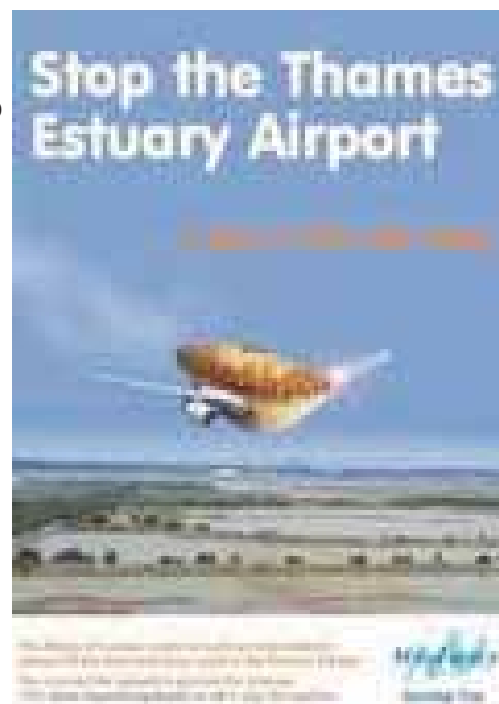
"In addition, a poll by ICM for Medway Council recently showed that 76 per cent of people across the country, and even 67 per cent of Londoners, are against a Thames estuary airport.

"An airport on or near the Thames Estuary is unnecessary and unaffordable and would cause a devastating impact to the hundreds of thousands of migrating birds there as well as the local environment."

"Instead, we should look to using up capacity at existing airports, which is already government policy.

"For instance, Manston, in Kent, already has one of the longest runways in Europe and is close to the high speed rail link to London while Birmingham is near the proposed site for a second high speed train and says it aims to double capacity."

More details on www.medway.gov.uk





Memorial Hall Mini Christmas Fayre

Sunday December 4th
2pm - 4pm

Come along and have a cuppa and a mince pie whilst
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Cakes

Jams

Jewellery

Cards

Wrapping Paper

Table Decorations

Sweets

and more...

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'Pick-A-Duck' tombola

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

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

Allhallows Village Hall Indoor Market

26th November 9:30am - 12:30pm

Fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and meat. Honey, cake, pet food, sweets, cards and some faces you might recognise from the HH Market. Any enquiries please contact 01634 270360

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.

Speech and language therapists host drop-in sessions for local parents

Local parents who have any concerns about their children's speech and language skills are invited to come and meet local specialists at a series of free drop-in sessions taking place across Medway. At the sessions, speech and language therapists from Medway Community Healthcare will be available with valuable advice and tips on encouraging children, aged up to 5 years old, to develop their language and communication skills. "Communication skills are a critical part of every child's development and parents play a vital role in helping develop their children's skills. This is particularly important where parents may have concerns about their child's speech or language skills," explained Pranali Shah, children's speech and language therapist at Medway Community Healthcare.

This year, the National Year of Communication, has seen a focus on increasing the understanding of the importance for children and young people to develop strong communication skills. Each year, Medway Community Healthcare's children's speech and language therapy team support around 700 local children and their parents. The drop-in sessions, being held at Children's Centres in Medway, are an informal chance for parents and their children to talk through any concerns and discuss ways to help their children develop more confident communication skills.

One little girl who has benefitted from specialist support from the speech and language team is Ruby aged 3, from Twydall. Ruby's mum Charlotte explains more, "My concerns about Ruby's speech started over a year ago when, aged 2, she was not really speaking very much apart from just a few words.

I spoke to my health visitor about my worries and she arranged an appointment with a speech and language therapist for Ruby and I. "Ruby and I now have a series of activities that we complete every day that are helping Ruby to communicate better and learn more words and also to be able to express her emotions too. "For each topic area we have an activity based session every week for six weeks with our speech and language therapist Laura Steere followed by six weeks where we continue the activities at home.

We use different activities ranging from picture and word cards to reading storybooks. "The biggest change in Ruby is her understanding of instructions and being able to express herself better. She really enjoys the activities and seems much less isolated now that she can join in more. "I am so grateful for the help and support that Laura has given both Ruby and I. Ruby has just started nursery school and Laura also spends time with her there now too.

It is brilliant to see Ruby gaining confidence, learning and using more words and taking part in activities." "It is great to see how much progress Ruby has made and to see the improvements in her understanding of language. She is also using a picture communication system that means she can express her choices, which in turn relieves her frustration and helps her interact with other people," explained Laura Steel, speech and language therapist. "Children like Ruby really benefit from the activities and parents have a vital role to play in ensuring that this continues at home."

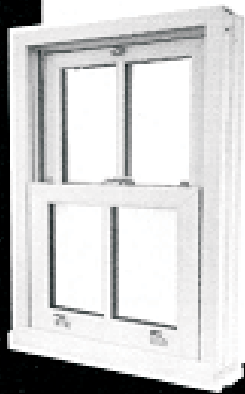
Pranali concluded, "I would encourage parents to come along to one of the sessions and find out more about ways to ensure their children get any help they need. "Better communications skills will benefit their children by giving them the skills to interact with other children and enjoy socialising."

Speech and language drop-in sessions Visit www.medwaycommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/speech for details on where and when the speech and language drop-in sessions are taking place.

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High Halstow Relief in Need Charity

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The trustees are:

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| Rev. S. Gwilt | - The Rectory |
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| Mrs M. Bufford | - 34 Christmas Lane |
| Mrs D. West | - 14 Cooling Road |
| Mr J. Myatt | - Decoy Hill Road |
| Mr B. Prichard | - 9 Drayton Close |



"We will remember them"

The ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

will be held

in St. Margaret's Church at 10.15 a.m.

on Sunday, 13th November, 2011.

"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 13th November, 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

with refreshments afterwards

and an opportunity to share common experiences.

Further details from:-

Rev. Stephen Gwilt (Rector) 01634 250637

Di Welch (Lay Reader) 01634 251495

Sheila Marchant (Pastoral Assistant and Evangelist) 01634 250503

Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday	
King's Kitchen	
10:00	Memorial Hall
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	
Wednesday 2nd	Women's Institute
19.30	Memorial Hall
Thursday 3rd	Police Surgery
09:00	Village Car Park
Friday 4th	Red Dog Golf Society
	Details from Red Dog
Friday 4th	Youth Night
19:00	Memorial Hall
Sunday 6th	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Tuesday 8th	Gardening Club
20:00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9th	Parish Council
20.00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 12th	Christmas Market
12:00	Allhallows Village Hall
Sunday 13th	Remembrance Service
10:00	St Margaret's Church
Sunday 13th	High Halstow Walkers
10:00	Teston Lock Car Park
Sunday 20th	Family Service
09.30	St Margaret's Church
Friday 25th	Quiz Night
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 26th	Indoor Market
09:30	Allhallows Village Hall

PROJECT 90
90 minutes spent improving
the village
There will be no
Project 90 in November
due to the
Christmas Market
Please watch this space for
details for the next date.

2012 Photo Calendars

Personalise each month with a picture or pictures of your choice. Various styles and sizes to choose from. Highlight important dates, birthdays or anniversaries, even add a comment to each picture. Wirebound with a thumbnail cut-out and hanger. Pictures can be e-mailed, or supplied as original photo's for scanning. Big savings on 6 or more calendars. Normally available to collect within 3-4 days.



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Further details from:

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Tel: 01634 727215 or E-Mail: info@cousinsprint.co.uk

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A New Family Service



Great stories, fun action songs, arts & crafts, crazy puppets, video's, musical instruments, flags and fun for the whole family as well as a time to reflect, learn and worship together as God's family. So why not come and join us and find out what God has to say about his purpose for our lives.

1st & 3rd Sunday
of the month,
Starts 4th Sept
9:30am High Halstow
11:00am Allhallows



Come and put the JOY back into life

Never mind Bluewater come to the St. Margaret's & All Saints Christmas Market



Cakes



Special Mystery Guest



Books



Gifts



Refreshments



Home made
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and preserves



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The Village Hall Allhallows



12th November 12:00- 3:00 pm



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Dear HHT,

Would the person/people that allow your dogs to foul on people's gardens and drive ways in Harrison Drive please either stop your dog from doing this is have some common decency and clear it up. Our children play in our front garden from time to time and the mess you allow your dog to leave is pretty disgusting!!!! **Mrs**

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Harrison Drive

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When I got home I thought I'd done quite well for my first ride, until I noticed my tyres had dogs mess on them. Such a shame, another job for Derek.

Margaret Bull

Harrison Drive

Name and Address Supplied

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Dear HHT,

I am certain that there will one day be an accident at the top of Dux Court Road just before it enters the village. Though it is a 30mph road at that point, drivers are going too fast - faster than is safe. Either the road needs to be widened so that cars in both directions do not drive in the middle of the road, or, more simply, drivers in both directions could slow down to 20mph for five seconds. Drivers, please do not put yourself, your vehicles, and others at risk for such a small sacrifice."

Name and Address Supplied

Dear HHT,

It is legal to park on the pavement as long as you leave enough room for a pram (No make and no size provided).

I have today had this confirmed by Sargent Balderson and PCO O' Clare, what a shame I seem to have gotten it wrong all of my adult life!!!

Vic Godding

HHPC: Would request that no one parks on the pavement and is considerate about where and how they leave their motor vehicle.

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