



# High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



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December 2014

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Well another year has flown by and it's that time to welcome back our favourite visitor to the village, Santa. He has once again agreed and planned his route and therefore will be stopping by to deliver his gifts on Christmas Eve in the Village of High Halstow.

The charge as last year will be **£2.00 per present.**

The usual rules will apply as follows:



- 1 You buy your gift and wrap it clearly with the name of the recipient and the address it is to be delivered to (High Halstow only please). If your child is attending the Church Service and would like the present at the Service please just put the address as The Church and Santa will call.
- 2 Pop the present along to Bob in the shop by no later than **SATURDAY 20th December.**
- 3 Please note for insurance purposes the value of the present should not exceed £10.00
- 4 Please do not make the presents too large as Santa is busy at this time of year and would prefer smaller parcels.

Again like last year Santa plans to start at around 4.00 pm. Sorry we cannot guarantee a time for any delivery, as the time taken is around 5 hours. If you have presents for young children don't forget there is a guaranteed delivery time at the Church at 6.00pm if this helps.

If you wish to have any pictures of this event added to the website please send to [gary@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:gary@highhalstow.org.uk). Please provide your name and address and, if possible, please identify the people in the picture.

This year the money raised will again be going to The Friends of St Margaret's Church. ***The aim of the Friends is to support the Parochial Church Council in maintaining the fabric, the churchyard and furnishings of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow***

***Come on High Halstow let's make this the biggest one yet!!***

### ***Responsible Parking***

We have been informed that a number of vehicles are parking up against the fence outside the Red Dog, which means that people have to walk in the road to get past. There has also been an instance where a bus could not get by due to parked cars on both sides of the road.

Cars are also being parked on kerbs and on corners which is a danger to other road users and pedestrians trying to cross the road.

Please park with consideration to pedestrians and other road users.

**HH Parish Council**

### ***Thank You to all the Distributors***

Have you ever wondered about who delivers your High Halstow Times each month? Well, there is a whole army of volunteers, young and not so young, headed up by Nigel Smith. Through rain and shine, wind and snow these brave and very able delivery men and women give up their own time to make sure your copy of the HHT is delivered each month (except in January when they are allowed a month off!). The Parish Council, and the HHT Editor, would like to thank them all for their hard work throughout the year, and wish them a very Happy Christmas.

*HHT Editor*

### ***Fun with the WI***

The Toast Master, Ken Tappenden was the speaker at last months meeting. He was so very good giving an insight into his work and of course lots of humorous stories that had members crying with laughter. We are in the District darts competition again and have just won our first match. It's a busy time with carol services and Christmas gatherings with friends from other WI's. Our next meeting is Wednesday 3rd December when we will have Christmas fun and games and of course festive food. Starts at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall. New faces welcome just £1:50 on the door.

### ***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**



### ***Christmas Tree Festival 2014***

On December 13<sup>th</sup> the Village Hall doors will be open to the third Christmas Tree Festival in High Halstow.

It is not too late to let us know if your group, family, business etc would like to put a tree in. All we are asking for is a donation of £5.00 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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 19.00 to 21.00 or  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00 to 12.00

Trees must be collected on

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 17.00 to 19.00

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 14.00 to 16.30 with entry being just 50p. Refreshments will be available on the day

Friends of St Margaret's Church



### ***Allotments***

As you may be aware the Parish Council have a number of allotments which are rented out each year. There are currently people on the waiting list, however, if you would like to be added to the waiting list please contact Chris Watson on 256529 or email me at [chris.watson123@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.watson123@btinternet.com).

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### ***High Halstow Hikers***

At the start of November a dozen of us walked across Cliffe Marshes to the seawall directly North of Cliffe village (having gained special permission). This area has been grazed mainly by sheep over many decades. On the way to the river there are several mainly dilapidated buildings where the shepherds have conducted their business including one large brick building that features on the map as a sheep wash. The shepherd clearly had arranged for some comfort in that building to shield himself from a bleak landscape that must have been quite grim during the winter. At the point where we joined the seawall there is a particularly impressive view of the enormous cranes across the river. The tide was fully up providing a more attractive view than the half-mile expanse of mud visible at low-tide. A surprisingly long walk around Lower Hope Point as the river turns to the south for a few miles gave an excellent view of the many remains of the large munitions factory that was established there in the 1890s. Although nature has taken back much of the land the grid-like pattern of the buildings is still very apparent (particularly if one views this above on Google Maps). We headed back to the village along the road which used to be used daily by the hundreds of munitions workers ending up back at the car-park for Cliffe Church. One can find in the cemetery there the remains of workers killed by an enormous explosion of the "Roundhouse" at the factory in 1917. This was a very enjoyable 6-mile walk in which the flatness of the landscape hides some real surprises.

Our next walk will be on the 7th December (note the first Sunday of the month). This will be a local one starting from High Halstow village hall car park. As usual we will start at 10.00 and will choose the route according to the conditions.

The January walk will be on SATURDAY 10th. Details will be sent to those on the regular email list. If you are not on this and would like details or have other questions please contact Mitchell on 01634-254428 or on [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com).

All are welcome to join the walks.

### ***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 they 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***



## **Toddler Group**

Come and join us for a cake & a coffee while the toddlers play!

A great way for Mums & Kids to make new friends.

Babies to 4 year olds, just £1 for two hours of play.

Every Thursday, 9am to 11am at the Memorial Hall, High Halstow.

For more details,  
call Natacha  
on 254178

**Your first session is FREE!**

### ***HH Gardeners***

I don't think we will take roses for granted following Peter Cox's talk on what is involved to grow roses commercially. Peter explained how roses are cultivated from specialist root stock through to the rose bushes we purchase. He helpfully answered members' queries on pruning and growing roses. We are looking forward to our members' Christmas social evening on Tuesday 9 December where we will again be entertained by Clive Frewer.

Details will be available then of the Annual Dinner on Friday 20 February and the Spring Show schedule will also be distributed.

We do not meet in January but will meet again on Tuesday 10 February for the AGM followed by a gardening themed quiz

Our meetings are light hearted with an opportunity to extend your gardening knowledge in a friendly atmosphere where you would be most welcome. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

**High Halstow & District Gardening  
Club Committee**



## ***Resume Of The Parish Council Meeting Held On 12 November 2014***

The meeting held on 12th November was attended by 7 members of the public. The Chairman was away so Gary Thomas was in the chair.

Another planning application for Flanders Farm was discussed. The Parish Council had no objections but Ray Collins was to inform residents of Christmas Lane.

As you may have noticed, the new fence at the far end of the Recreation Ground by the "horse field" has been erected. A letter of thanks has been received from the owners of the field.

It was agreed to replace the bin near the toilets in the car park. It will be a combined bin that will take both litter and dog waste. The law on this has changed and dog waste is now classed as general waste if it's deposited in a combined bin. Dedicated dog waste bins will continue to be emptied by a special team.

Another meeting has been held with Medway's Public Rights of Way Officer and following the report on this meeting, the Parish Council has agreed to proceed with his offer. The surface will seem a bit difficult for push chairs at first, but with people walking on it, it will bed down in due course. There is a short area at the Recreation Ground end of the alley from Ruggles Close that is the lowest point and will probably still attract some puddles, but without very expensive drainage works, it won't be able to avoid this.

Our landscape contractors have reported a large amount of garden rubbish that has been dumped in the alley that runs behind houses in both Christmas Lane and Gypsy Way. The rubbish includes an old trailer. We are trying to find out who owns this land and who therefore is responsible for clearing the rubbish. Our contractors have quoted about £1,000 (including VAT) to remove and dispose of it legally. The Parish Council is reluctant to spend your money on removing what is, in effect, flytipping. Please contact us if you know whom the land belongs to and if you have dumped rubbish there in the past, please don't do it again.

It was agreed to have the noticeboards and "Home of the Heron" signs checked over and re-varnished. These will be removed for the work to be done and then put back. When they disappear, they won't have been stolen!

A meeting was held with Medway Council and a resident of Christmas Lane over the new path to the bus stop near Half Moon Way. The meeting was also attended by members of the Parish Council. Following that meeting, the design will be tweaked a bit, and people waiting for a bus will not be overlooking anyone.

It was reported that there have been incidents of fog lights being removed from cars and there have been complaints about cars being left parked overnight at the weekend outside the Red Dog.

The Finance Committee will be meeting at the beginning of January to draft a budget for 2015/16. This will be recommended to the Parish Council for adoption at the January meeting, when the precept will be set. This is the amount of money that is raised through the council tax to operate the Parish Council and it includes items that are intended to benefit the village and its residents.

This was the last meeting of 2014. We wish all parishioners a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

**HH Parish Council**



***Amazing Christmas Deals  
at the Village Shop***

The High Halstow Village Shop has some amazing Christmas deals this December. There are reductions across the store on all the essentials for Christmas. Including those everyday items and the special bottle of wine or treat to make your Christmas special. Deals can be viewed at [premier-stores.co.uk](http://premier-stores.co.uk) or call in and grab yourself a bargain, it's got to be better than queuing in the Christmas rush!

### ***Come and Meet Your Parish Councillors***

Chris(tine) Watson & Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 9th December 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.

Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**High Halstow Parish Council**



***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
HIGH HALSTOW  
from: THE MEMORIAL HALL  
COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES***

***A big thank you to all our regular users  
for their support this year and as we look  
forward to 2015***

❖ Garden Club ❖ W.I. ❖ Friendly Club ❖  
❖ Pilates ❖ Linedancing ❖ Tai Chi ❖  
❖ Mothers & Toddlers ❖ Karmann Dancing ❖  
❖ Kings Kitchen ❖

***See you all next year,  
Ann & Angela***

***Bookings on 01634 251756/251914***



**The Gift Room  
The Memorial Hall**

**Sunday 7th December from 1pm to 4pm**



This year for your retail pleasure items for purchase will include:  
Handbags, Jewellery, Dragon/Fairy/Crystal Giftware, Bric-a-Brac,  
Greeting Cards and Homemade Cakes. Plus a Raffle.

Refreshments including Tea, Coffee and Juice will be available throughout the afternoon.  
All donations will be split equally between the McMillan Nurses and the Friendly Club.

**Come along and grab some early Christmas bargains!!!**



# PTA Christmas Fair

Canvasses

Sweetie Cones

Christmas Tree Decorations

Face Painting



Lucky Dip

Herbalife SKIN

Guess the Name  
of the Reindeer

Teddy Tombola

Gift Stall

Wooden Signs

Guess the Weight  
of the Cake

Handmade Christmas  
Tree Decorations

Forever

Cake Stall

Pick A Lolly

Glitter Glasses

Handmade Jewellery

## High Halstow Primary School PTA Christmas Raffle

Many prizes including: \* £50 Cash Prize \* GoTab Lite Tablet Computer \* Royal Engineers Museum Family Annual Pass \* KidZone Voucher \* Historic Dockyard Family Pass \* Diggerland Voucher \* Morrison's Voucher \*

Draw takes place at the school on Thursday 11th December 2014, 3.45pm

Tickets can be purchased on the day.

# High Halstow Primary School

## Thursday 11 December 2014

### 3:30pm onwards

### in the School Hall

## High Halstow Calendars

The official High Halstow calendar is now on sale in the Village Shop and will also be available at the Christmas Tree festival on the 13th December in the Village Hall. The calendars are £6.50 large, £5.50 small, and are made up from the winning pictures of this years photographic competition.



## High Halstow Also-Quilting Sewing Bees



Never Sewn Before??

Only Sewn a Bit??

Want Something New??

Then this is for you..

### Patchwork & Quilting



All you need to bring is  
a pillowcase, some pins  
and yourself.

Come and have some fun,  
we'll have you in stitches.



### Trial Sessions only £3

Wednesday 3rd, 10th & 17th December  
12noon - 2pm

High Halstow Memorial Hall  
(First 3 Wednesday's of each month)

### More Information

Please feel free to call  
Cheryl on 01634 255758

## 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. If you, or an elderly relative would feel safer at home with a telephone 'Lifeline' the Charity could help with this. 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
- Mr S. Bailey - 27 Cooling Road
- Mrs J. Gillies - 22 Leaman Close
- Mr J. Myatt - Decoy Hill Road
- Mrs C. Peek - 2 Willowbank Drive
- Mrs J. Collins - 6 Marsh Crescent





#### TIMETABLE

9 – 11am	Entries to be delivered
11 – 1pm	Judging
1 – 5pm	Viewing for the public
4pm	Prize giving
4.30 – 5pm	Sale of cakes
5 – 6pm	Collection of unsold entries

#### BIBLE CAKE RECIPE

1. 8oz Judges V - verse 25 (last clause)
2. 8oz Jeremiah - VI verse 20
3. 1 Tablespoon 1 Samuel XIV - 25
4. 3 off Jeremiah XVII - 11
5. 5 8oz 1 Samuel XXX - 12
6. 8oz Nahum III - 12 (chopped)
7. 2oz Numbers XVII - 8 (blanched & chopped)
8. 1lb Kings IV - 22
9. Season to taste with II Chronicles IX - 9
10. A pinch of Leviticus II - 13
11. 1 teaspoon of Amos IV - 5
12. 3 tablespoons of Judges IV - 19

**Method:** Beat nos. 1, 2 & 3 to a cream, Add 4 one at a time, still beating, then 5, 6 & 7 and beat again. Add 8, 9, 10 & 11 having previously mixed them and lastly no 12. Bake in a slow oven for 1.25 hours, or until skewer is clean.

Oven temps. 130 - 140 C, 200 – 275 F, Gas Mark 0.5 - 1

Note: leaven means baking powder

## CAKE FESTIVAL

### High Halstow Recreation Hall

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1.00 – 5.00pm



Fundraising event for  
"The Friends of  
St. Margaret's Church"

Refreshments available  
1.00 – 5.00pm



For further information contact

June Collins 01634 250105 [junemari@fsmail.net](mailto:junemari@fsmail.net)

## COMPETITION CATEGORIES

1. Cupcakes – six
2. Victoria sponge
3. Fruit cake
4. Chocolate cake
5. Bible cake
6. Novelty cake
7. Celebration cake
8. Gateau

Entry £3 for first cake £1 for subsequent entries

On the day take part in "the best decorated  
cupcake in 1 minute".

Cake & materials provided.

50p a go and you get the cake to eat afterwards

#### EVENT RULES

1. The competition is open to all non-professional bakers and the ingredients must be safe, legal and not a commercial ready mix.
2. Exhibits and place cards must remain in place throughout the event
3. The committee reserves the right to refuse an entry and accepts no responsibility for damage to the entries.
4. The judging will be "blind" i.e. the judges will not know the identity of the entrant.
5. The judge's decision will be final
6. Entrants can offer their cake for sale on the day at their price, but the committee requests a minimum of 10% donation to the fund.
7. Entries not being sold can be collected between 5 – 6pm

#### HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete the "Entry Form" and send to one of the organisers (see front).
2. It would be appreciated if you book in advance, which will help with the planning of the event.
3. All entries must have been made by the entrant whose name is on the "Entry Form".
4. All entries must arrive with fee between 9 – 11am on the day.

#### ENTRY FORM

Name.....

Phone number.....

Email address.....

Circle categories you would like to enter

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8

Underscore circle if you wish to sell cake



## High Halstow Primary School's Writing Club

### Christmas Poems

The HH Primary School's Writing Club have been working hard to produce exciting poetry that we know will captivate your readers as it has us. Attached are 3 poems written by 6 children (the whole club). These are Christmas themed poems. The children writing these range from year 3 to year 6.

We hope you enjoy them.

Miss Waller and Mrs Humby (writing club leaders)

#### Christmas Morning

I emerge from my warm homely bed  
With expectation of a wonderful winter day.

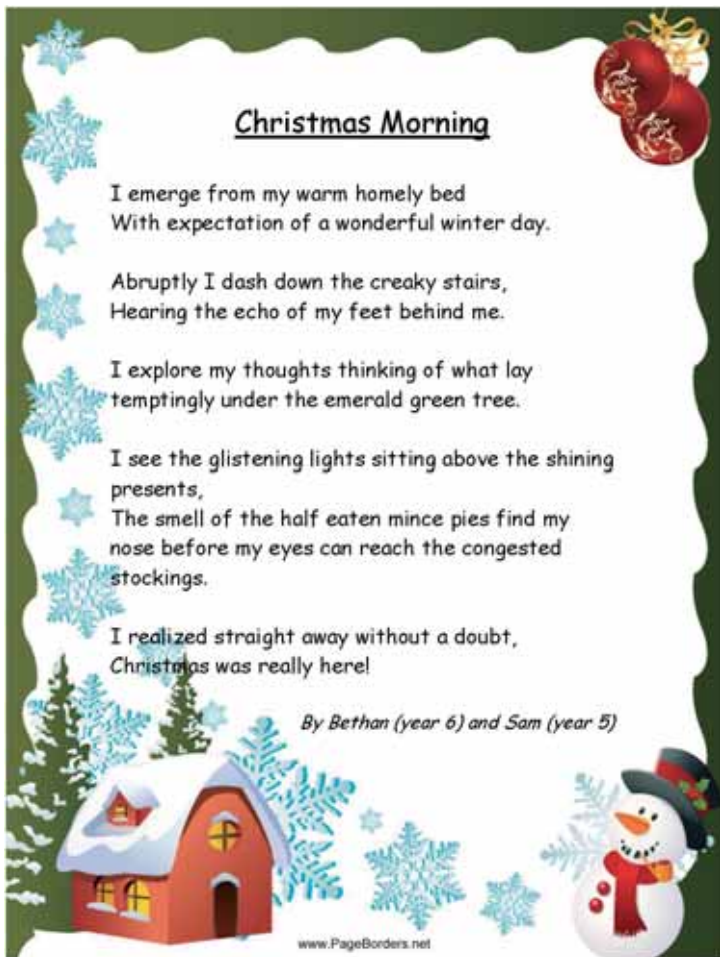
Abruptly I dash down the creaky stairs,  
Hearing the echo of my feet behind me.

I explore my thoughts thinking of what lay  
temptingly under the emerald green tree.

I see the glistening lights sitting above the shining  
presents,  
The smell of the half eaten mince pies find my  
nose before my eyes can reach the congested  
stockings.

I realized straight away without a doubt,  
Christmas was really here!

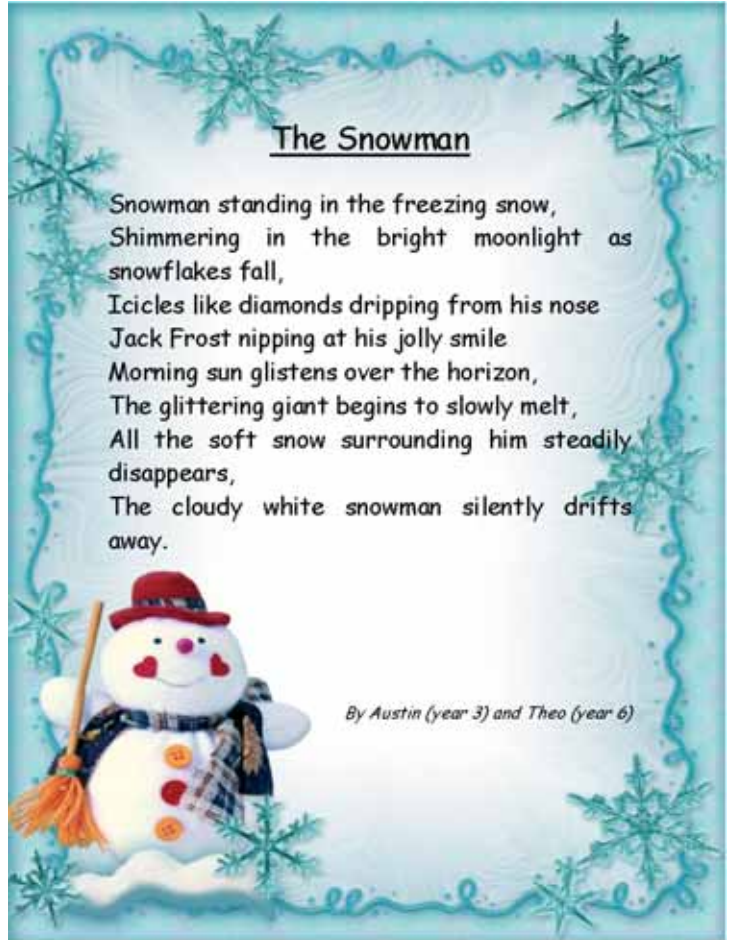
*By Bethan (year 6) and Sam (year 5)*



#### The Snowman

Snowman standing in the freezing snow,  
Shimmering in the bright moonlight as  
snowflakes fall,  
Icicles like diamonds dripping from his nose  
Jack Frost nipping at his jolly smile  
Morning sun glistens over the horizon,  
The glittering giant begins to slowly melt,  
All the soft snow surrounding him steadily  
disappears,  
The cloudy white snowman silently drifts  
away.

*By Austin (year 3) and Theo (year 6)*



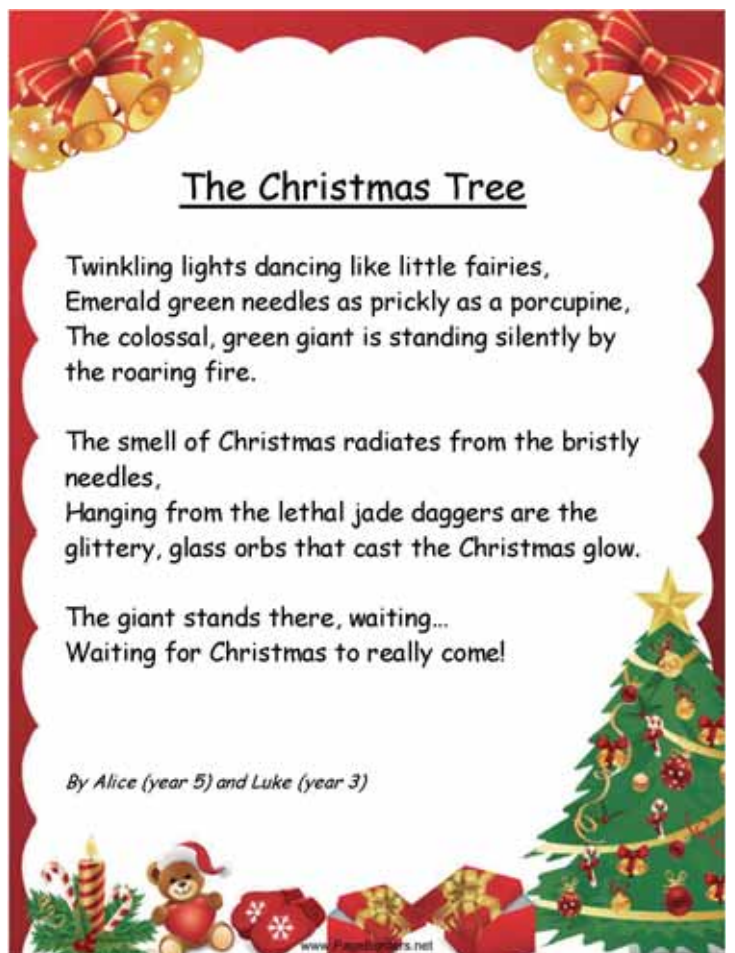
#### The Christmas Tree

Twinkling lights dancing like little fairies,  
Emerald green needles as prickly as a porcupine,  
The colossal, green giant is standing silently by  
the roaring fire.

The smell of Christmas radiates from the bristly  
needles,  
Hanging from the lethal jade daggers are the  
glittery, glass orbs that cast the Christmas glow.

The giant stands there, waiting...  
Waiting for Christmas to really come!

*By Alice (year 5) and Luke (year 3)*





# Christmas Pamper and Shopping Day

at High Halstow Village Hall  
The Street  
High Halstow  
Rochester  
Kent  
ME3 8SQ

*Sunday 7th and Sunday 24th December*  
**10am-2pm**

Please come and treat yourself to a variety of massages - reflexology - nails - hair styling - mini makeovers - eyebrows and stallholders selling a range of beauty products, hand-made jewellery, craft gifts, clothes and many many more.

Clairvoyant, medium and tarot readings also on offer



Tea, coffee and cakes also available

PLEASE CONTACT DEBI FOR STALL ENQUIRES AND TO PRE BOOK TREATMENTS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT: 07707715968 OR [debi\\_li@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:debi_li@hotmail.co.uk)

 High Halstow Christmas Pamper and Shopping Day



**THE SWEETEST THINGS**  
COUTURE CAKES

*Bespoke Cakes Design for all occasion, we only use the finest ingredient to create the perfect cake for every occasion. So if you have a birthday, christening or wedding on the horizon why not give me a call or email.*

Contact Rebecca on 07738711185 or  
[rebecca@thesweetestthingscouturecakes.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@thesweetestthingscouturecakes.co.uk)

Find us on facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/thesweetestthingscouturecakes](http://www.facebook.com/thesweetestthingscouturecakes)

### *Share your Thoughts, Ideas and Comments.*

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? Would you like to promote an event or club within the village. Is there something concerning High Halstow that you would like to share with everyone. Then please write to the editor (address as shown on the back page) or e.mail your article/letter and we will share your thoughts with the village/world.

### *Dog Walkers*

Our rights of way and green spaces are for us all to enjoy especially this time of year. Please be aware that if you are exercising your dog it should be under control at all times when in a public place.

George Crozer, HHPG

### *The Village Shop*

#### *Opening Hours*

Monday – Saturday 7am – 8pm

Sunday 8am – 5pm

Telephone number: 01634 254561

## *Sunday Services*

8:00am High Halstow

*Holy Communion BCP*

9:30am High Halstow

*1st and 3rd Sundays All age worship*

*2nd and 5th Sundays morning prayer*

*4th Sunday Family Communion*

6:30pm High Halstow

*1st Sunday Holy Communion*

*3rd Sunday Informal worship*

*5th Sunday Joint Songs of Praise with Allhallows*

*See notice board for venue*

*Baptisms by arrangement*

*1st or 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30am*

*For further information. Rev Stephen Gwilt 01634 250637*

*Or Email [stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)*

*Caring for the needs of the community for over 1000 years*

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day of judgment approaching. Heb 10:25*





*Your personal invitation  
to celebrate Christmas*

14th December

11:00am DIY Nativity service (Allhallows)

6:30pm: Carol Service (Allhallows)

21st December

6:30pm: Carol Service (High Halstow)

24th December

5:00-6:00pm Messy Christmas for children  
followed by a visit from Santa (High Halstow)

11:30 Midnight Communion (High Halstow)

25th December

8:00am Holy Communion (High Halstow)

9:00am Christmas family service (High Halstow)

10:30am Christmas family service (Allhallows)

*For more information please contact Rev Stephen Gwilt on  
01634 250637 or [Stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)*





# Jonathan Computers

Contact Jonathan directly on the Office No: 01474 879878 or

**Freephone: 0800 321 38 79**

Email: [sales@jonathancomputers.co.uk](mailto:sales@jonathancomputers.co.uk)



## **REALLY IMPORTANT!!!!**

**Does your COMPUTER run....**



**Does this look familiar???**



**Currently from 8th April 2014\***

**Microsoft™ Support**

**for ALL XP™ Versions will discontinue!!!!**

**YOUR COMPUTER WILL BE AT SEVERE RISK!!!!**

**I Can upgrade\*\* or supply new computers with...**

- ☐ Windows™ 7 on.... and **NOT** the new unpopular Windows 8™ on!

\* As currently stated by Microsoft™ as at 1st December 2013. \*\*Subject to Old PC Specification.

**You may become vulnerable to:**

- ☐ Destructive Viruses!
- ☐ Banking Fraud!
- ☐ Total Computer Failure!
- ☐ On-Line Credit Card Theft!
- ☐ Identity Stolen!
- ☐ Being Spied On!

(All Antivirus products will cease to update at this time also)

**If Running XP you will need to upgrade\*\* or replace your old PC To keep yourself Secure!!!**

**I Am Based In High Halstow So Can Be Quick To Respond**

I will deal with you personally so I can provide you with the best service. I offer a fast and friendly service and explain any problems about your computer to you in an easy to understand way.

*Regards*  
**Jonathan**



A Sure Start Children's Centre  
[www.stjamesisleofgrain.org.uk](http://www.stjamesisleofgrain.org.uk)

## **Christmas at St James' Children's Centre** **Monday 8th December 2014—Friday 19th December 2014**

Where booking is required, please telephone **01634 270341** and ask to speak to a member of the Children's Centre team. Thank you.

### **ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS STORY?**

Winnie the Pooh and his friend Tigger have a Christmas story to tell...



Monday 8th Dec	Tuesday 9th Dec	Wednesday 10th Dec	Thursday 11th Dec	Friday 12th Dec
<p>9am-12pm at <b>ALLHALLOWS</b> STROOD COMMUNITY PROJECT ADVICE DROP-IN Independent, confidential advice on subjects such as housing, benefits, employment support or any issue that may be affecting you or someone you know.</p> <p>9am-10.30am at <b>GRAIN</b> CHRISTMAS CRAFT</p> <p>1pm-3pm at <b>STOKE</b> CHRISTMAS CRAFT</p>	<p>9am-10am at <b>GRAIN</b> SANTA TRAIL Walking group from St James' Children's Centre leading to TODDLER SHAKE &amp; BOOGIE from 10.30am at <b>Grain Library</b></p> <p>10am-11.30am at <b>STOKE</b> ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS STORY (Booking required)</p> <p>1.30pm-3pm at <b>GRAIN</b> ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS STORY (Booking required)</p>	<p>10.30am-12noon at <b>ALLHALLOWS</b> Baby Bumps and Babbie 'MY FIRST CHRISTMAS STOCKING'</p> <p>1.15pm-3.15pm at <b>ALLHALLOWS</b> CHRISTMAS CRAFT</p>	<p>9.30am-11.30am at <b>GRAIN</b> UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR Drop-In Advice session for parents of children aged 0-12 years</p> <p>9am-12noon at <b>STOKE</b> STROOD COMMUNITY PROJECT ADVICE DROP-IN Independent, confidential advice on subjects such as housing, benefits, employment support or any issue that may be affecting you or someone you know.</p> <p>1pm-4pm at <b>GRAIN</b> STROOD COMMUNITY PROJECT ADVICE DROP-IN</p>	<p>9am-10.30am at <b>ALLHALLOWS</b> ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS STORY (Booking required)</p> <p>9am-11am at <b>GRAIN</b> Baby Bumps and Babbie 'MY FIRST CHRISTMAS STOCKING'</p> <p>1.45pm-3pm at <b>GRAIN</b> CHRISTMAS MESSY PLAY</p>
Monday 15th Dec	Tuesday 16th Dec	Wednesday 17th Dec	Thursday 18th Dec	Friday 19th Dec
<p>1pm-3pm at <b>STOKE</b> CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATION with SANTA &amp; entertainment! (Booking required)</p>	<p>1pm-3pm at <b>GRAIN</b> CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATION with SANTA &amp; entertainment! (Booking required)</p>	<p>10.30am-12noon at <b>ALLHALLOWS</b> Baby Bumps and Babbie 2st CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION with SANTA &amp; entertainment! (Booking required)</p>	<p>1pm-3pm at <b>ALLHALLOWS</b> CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATION with SANTA &amp; entertainment! (Booking required)</p>	<p>9am-11am at <b>GRAIN</b> Baby Bumps and Babbie 2st CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION with SANTA &amp; entertainment! (Booking required)</p>

### **A little bit more information...**

**Baby Bumps and Babbie** For pregnant women and children aged 0-12 months.

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**VENUE ADDRESSES:**

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St. James' Children's Centre,  
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## Dates for Diary

### Every Tuesday:

King's Kitchen	Memorial Hall
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Bell Ringers	St Margaret's
19:30	
Church	

### Every Thursday:

Mother and Toddler's	Memorial Hall
09.00	
Sugar Babes	Memorial Hall
19.00	

### Every Friday:

Pilates with Joy	Memorial Hall
14:15	

### Every Saturday:

Karmann Dancers	Memorial Hall
09.00	

### Every 4th Wednesday:

Friendly Club	Memorial Hall
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### Other Dates:

Wednesday 3rd:	Women's Institute
19:30	Memorial Hall
Sunday 7th:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Sunday 7th:	High Halstow Hikers
	Details in HHT
Tuesday 9th:	Gardening Club
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 13th:	Christmas Tree
14:00	Festival
	Village Hall
Sunday 21st:	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Sunday 21st:	Carol Service
18:30	St. Margaret's Church

Please see page 11 for Christmas service times and carol services

Local groups, please let us know the dates of your meetings/events for the coming year so we can include them in the HHT and on the website.



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## Village Hall Event Planner

The Village Hall Committee will be looking to put on a number of events for the coming year Below are dates already agreed

### Quizathons

16<sup>th</sup> January

10<sup>th</sup> April

17<sup>th</sup> July

16<sup>th</sup> October

### Under the Hammer Auction

14<sup>th</sup> March

Full details in next HHT

### Nick Moore and Friends

– date to be confirmed

## Well Known Carer Available to Help

Would you like some assistance around the house or with your shopping. Maybe you need someone to attend appointments with you.

I am a qualified care assistant who has worked with many people in the village for over 12years.

If you would like to discuss your needs please contact Claire on 07890 551974 or 01634 270993

### *Your Parish Councillors*

George Crozer, Chair 01634 250286  
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Your councillors may also be contacted through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269  
clerk@highhalstow.org.uk

### *High Halstow Website*

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