



High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

December 2010



Santa's Gift for



For the eighth year running Santa Claus wishes to come to the streets of High Halstow on Christmas Eve. In time honoured fashion Fairy George and the Parish Elves will be assisting Santa in delivering presents to the children and adults (and animals!) of our wonderful village

The charge as last year will be **£2.00 per present** with Santa choosing to split the donations between

- 1 **Help For Heroes**
The charity set up to help wounded servicemen and women
- 2 **Cerebral Palsy Care, The Bradbury Centre, View Road, Cliffe Woods**
The organisation that was setup many years ago to provide both special need services and educational support to people of all ages who suffer from a wide range of disabilities

Santa's helpers will also accept additional donations for the charities on the night should you have some spare change or give to Dale in the shop. Santa will happily deliver the presents if you do the following:

- 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 Dale in the shop by no later than **Saturday 18th 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 this time of year and would prefer smaller parcels

Last year we made over **300** deliveries which started at 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.

STOP PRESS: DECEMBERS FARMERS MARKET CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW

Calling all High Halstowians!

Are you interested in the history of the village? Or do you enjoy acting, dancing, music playing, writing, or any arts or craft activities?

Medway Council Arts Service in collaboration with Icon Theatre are looking to set up a High Halstow arts and local history project in spring 2011, working with residents to investigate High Halstow's hidden histories and unique stories from their village's past and to present this artistically through a combination of live performance, recorded performances, exhibitions, music, talks, workshops and general 'happenings' that the community can come together and enjoy. If you've seen the BBC4 series Michael Wood's Story of England this might give you an idea of the history type activity we're hoping to do, but the project will also hopefully use this as inspiration and include theatre, music, visual arts, sugar modelling/ crafts, photography etc and anything else that you're interested in! If you're interested in taking part or want to give us some ideas, or if you're just curious and want to find out more, please come along to our first meeting at the Memorial Hall, on Friday 4th February at 7pm.

If you can't make the meeting but still want to be involved, please feel free to get in touch: email Nancy Hirst on nancy@icontheatre.org.uk, or give us a call on 01634 813 179.

We look forward to seeing you all in February!!

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.

A reminder for local groups is that you can advertise your activities free of charge on this site just let us have the details.

For all your village needs the site is www.highhalstow.org.uk

2010 Poppy Appeal

I would like to thank all those who collected and contributed towards this worthy cause. We raised a grand total of £1085.00

Susan Osenton

Christmas Is Coming

Only a few more weeks and the festive season will be here. We have our December meeting on Wednesday 3rd which will be a Christmas party with carols, food, presents and a play for our entertainment. The District WI Carol service will be at Frindsbury Church on Monday 6th quickly followed by the County Carol service two days later in Rochester Cathedral. This is always a wonderful uplifting afternoon and gives us the chance of meeting up with friends from other groups. November seemed a little quiet apart from our darts team who went from strength to strength and won the District cup (again). Sadly we will have to find a new venue as the village pub will not be having a dart board. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at a members home where a dozen people were served with a superb afternoon tea, raffle and an impossible quiz. Last months speaker on 'Curiosities Of The City Of London' was brilliant. We would really recommend him to any other group looking for a speaker. We are hoping to arrange a walking tour with him in the spring. We meet next on the 3rd in the Memorial Hall starting at 7:30pm. Visitors pay just £1:50 on the door. On behalf of the WI members may I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

Margaret Whitebread

Carol Singing

Carol singing has been a tradition in this village as long as I have lived here (35 years) and, not only has the number of singers declined over the years (only half a dozen last year) but also the proceeds collected. I know that a lot of people are fearful of opening their doors on a dark winter evening but I was hoping that if we can increase the number of singers substantially, then the increased volume will leave people in no doubt as to who it is at their door.

This is a lovely way to start the Christmas celebrations so please come and join us. A choir boy voice is completely unnecessary – all that is needed is enthusiasm and the ability to hold a tune. If you are not able to sing with us then please open your doors and welcome in the Christmas cheer. Singers will meet this year on 15 December at 7pm in the church porch and the proceeds will go to Demelza House.

Wanda Wright



Christmas is coming
the tills are getting
fat, please put a
tenner in the supermarkets
hat, if you don't have a tenner a
fiver will do if you haven't got a fiver,
there's Visa & Mastercard too.

**Is this what Christmas
is really all about ?**
Why not come to church this year
and find out for yourself

High Halstow Primary School

I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who supported the PTA and HUGH Fund Halloween Disco. It was a huge success and raised £562.32 that was split between the PTA and the HUGH Fund. A most enjoyable evening was had by all, with a lot of very tired children at the end of the night...

I would also like to say a 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported all the PTA events that I have organised or been involved with over the past 3 and a half years. I have now stepped down from my role as chairperson and a whole new committee has been formed, I wish them every success in the coming years.

Wenda Taylor

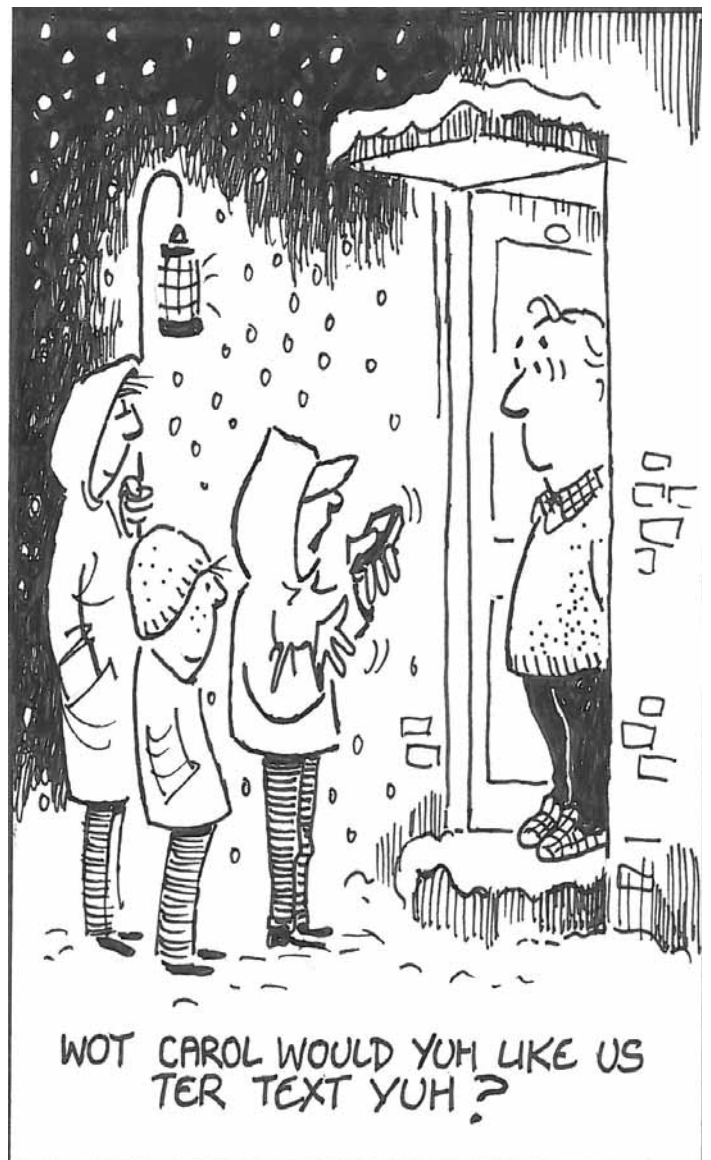
The Celestine Singers

We are a group of singers mainly formed by the people of High Halstow and District. A good number of local activities have hosted us, and thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

However, we have a concert to give in the Dockyard in aid of the Mayor of Medway Charity occasion and one of our fine Tenors will be on holiday! So PLEASE, if you love singing and having fun at the same time, ring our wonderful Diva, Leng Bradley, on 01634 250895.

By the way, we are always looking to help Charities or even support YOUR special occasion.

Thank you.



High Halstow: How did we get our name?

The story of our village, its progress throughout the centuries and the way that the lives of those who lived here have touched the events of history has the extra enjoyment that we can still recognise the old infrastructure of roads and locations - developed over the past thousand years. The internet and the impetus of family history research has given access to information that only a few years ago was just not available. Television, with programmes like 'Time Team' has shown that the story of our past can be found by anyone with the time, and interest, to investigate. Only this week, an hour spent on line, trawling through the archives of some American universities, found a 'gem' of information which in some small way opens another window into our High Halstow story. Made more exiting perhaps because the purpose of the enquiry was to find more about an 18th century Irish Bishop, killed in an attempted 'stand and deliver' robbery of a stage coach, where he was the Highwayman!! His daughter being the person who affected our High Halstow story.

In Saxon times, our village 'High Halstow' - developed from the small hamlets of Clinch (Clinches) street, Sharnall street, and Fen (Fenn) street, and focussed around 'The Street' near our church. Belonging to the Great Manor of Hoo It is one of the 6 churches of the peninsula mentioned in the Domesday Book. Later recorded in the Textus (1080-6) as paying the usual chrism fee of 9 denarri to Rochester Cathedral.

Its original name 'Halgistowe' derives from ' Old English ' and signifies "Holy Place". Henry Smetham, in his 1928 articles 'Rambles Around Churches' says, of this 'holy place', that "Philpott, who apparently had no hesitation on name derivations, states that it attained this honourable name because it supplied the service books for the use of Christ Church, Canterbury." Unfortunately Mr. Philpott's article does not at present seem available and neither has any other authority been found giving a similar reason for our village being called a 'holy place'. The theory also does seem rather suspect, if only because our monkish Saxon ancestors did not use any service books during their ritual chanting of Christian worship. Anyhow, why would any village or group of hamlets become revered as the 'holy place', just because it provided service books? and why would that lead to our church, the centre of village life, to be built here?

It is certainly understood though that pre Conquest, land in our parish was given to Christ Church, Canterbury, as was land in many other parishes.

In 2005, Oxford University Press published 'The Church in Anglo-Saxon Society' written by John Blair during his tenure of a fellowship at The Queens College, Oxford. Apparently this lengthy and detailed work has become an authority on the impact of the first monasteries in the 7th century to the development of the local parochial system some 500 years later. In a chapter titled 'The Church in the Landscape c.650-850' Blair discusses origins of religious place names including those known as 'holy place'. A footnote on page 219, identifies our village, High Halstow, as an example of a Christian hermitage taking over a pagan site.

Although no trace of such a Saxon hermitage seems to remain, having presumably been buried within the foundations of our present church, Mr Blair's research does provide a satisfactory explanation.

But is St. Margarets really built on the original 'holy site'? Certainly there is no record of anyone ever conducting a detailed or in depth study of our village or even collating together all that has ever been published. Can we identify this holy place? It might be fun trying.

DS. (One of the 'Friends of St Margarets')

Kent's birds face big freeze

With temperatures plummeting and the prospect of snow this week, the RSPB is asking people in Kent to remember to help birds through the cold snap. This year we're facing an even earlier winter chill than usual. While we struggle to keep warm, wild birds will face a test in finding enough food to give them vital energy supplies.

Sophie McCallum, RSPB south east media officer, said: "With the harsh winter weather we're experiencing the wild birds in our gardens will need a little extra help. The insects, berries and seeds they would usually feast on become off limits if there is frost and snow. The food and water you put out for them provides the nutrients essential to their survival. "There is an upside for people too.

The chilly conditions may mean that a flurry of rare birds you don't often see until later in winter will appear earlier as they use our gardens as a safe haven. Look out for colourful species like the Siskin and the Waxwing that will add a bit of winter cheer."

During cold snaps birds become more vulnerable and are more likely to come into your garden to seek refuge. When temperatures drop below freezing, birds struggle to find the natural food they need to stay alive and have to rely on us to help them out.

To help the survival of our birds, you can provide food like meal worms, fat-balls, crushed peanuts, dried fruit, seeds and grain. This will compensate for birds' natural food which is covered in snow and ice and impossible to get to.

Leftovers like grated cheese, porridge oats, soft fruit, unsalted bacon, cooked rice, pasta and the insides of cooked potatoes are also a good source of energy for garden birds. Water for both drinking and bathing is vital. As well as affecting some vulnerable species, the cold snap may also bring some unusual birds from overseas a little earlier than usual.

The RSPB is asking people to follow a wild bird winter survival plan that will help wildlife during the harshest weather:

1. Put out feed regularly, especially in severe weather. Set up a bird table and use high calorie seed mixes. This can also be used to put out kitchen scraps such as grated cheese, pastry and porridge oats.
2. Put out hanging feeders for black sunflower seeds, sunflower hearts, sunflower-rich mixes or unsalted peanuts.
3. Ensure a supply of fresh water every day. If it is very cold use tepid water but DO NOT use any antifreeze products.
4. Put out fruit, such as apples and pears, for blackbirds, song thrushes and other members of the thrush family.
5. Food bars or fat hung up or rubbed into the bark of trees is a great help for treecreepers, goldcrests and many other species.
6. Put up nest boxes to provide roost sites for the smaller birds. They will then be used for breeding later in the year.

When the weather conditions take a turn for the worse there is often a noticeable change in the behaviour of wildlife. Birds will try to replenish energy overnight first thing in the morning and last thing in the afternoon with a spurt of activity.

During winter, birds must feed at an increasing speed but must also take plenty of rest to conserve energy. Many birds become more sociable to improve their chances of survival during cold weather, flocking together to improve their chances of locating food, and huddling together during the critical night-time to help conserve body heat.

Another approach birds take to combating the big chill is to fly to milder regions in search of areas less-affected by the weather where food is still readily available. This can create a sudden and dramatic change to the birdlife of an area.

More information about helping garden wildlife is available at www.rspb.org.uk/hfw

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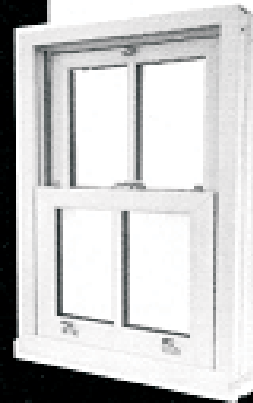
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RESUME OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2010

November's meeting was very short and probably holds the record for the earliest finish. Was this perhaps due to the absence of Gary Thomas, who was poorly, we wondered? – or was it the imminent presentation of the Photographic Competition awards and the welcoming sight of the buffet that concentrated everyone's minds?

The resignation of Carl Mitchell was reported. Councillors thanked him for his input and work on behalf of the Parish Council. The statutory notice of vacancy has been put up, but if 10 electors do not apply to the Returning Officer for an election – and we don't expect they will – we will not have to seek to fill the vacancy as we are now within 6 months of the next parish elections (date for your diary – 5th May 2011). Of course, if you would like to fill the vacancy, it is still possible. Just contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

The principal decision of the meeting was to accept quotations from our greenspaces contractor, Turfsoil, for additional work to various areas in the village, including cutting back shrubbery at the side of the car park and removing and filling in the football post sockets. The latter has been a cause of concern on safety grounds. An annual inspection is made of the play equipment by RoSPA and not surprisingly due to all the new items, the report on this year's inspection did not identify anything serious. Next year however we will ask the inspector to look at the entire ground and not just at the play items and if possible we will meet the inspector on site

A grant of £100 was made to St Margaret's Church. The church website is www.triunity.org.uk. We were informed that the Memorial Hall has drafted a new constitution. It makes provision that should the committee and trustees fail, the hall would revert to the Parish Council. This allays fears that a sole remaining trustee could sell the hall for other purposes.

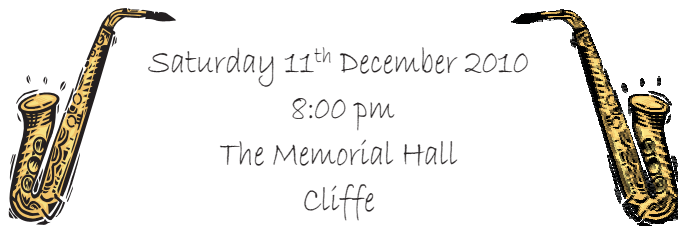
The remaining work to the ditch on the Recreation Ground had just started. A resident of Goodwood Close complained that the work did not extend far enough towards Ruggles Close and asked that the trees that he said were growing in the ditch were dealt with. The current work was being carried out on the advice of the Drainage Authority. When it is complete, we will ask them to take another look at the situation.

There is no meeting in December, and the date for the January meeting is Wednesday 12th January, but will be starting earlier than usual at 6:30pm

The Chairman, members and Clerk of the Parish Council would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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8:00 pm

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The Editor

Note from the Editor

The High Halstow Times is a friendly point of contact and all views expressed are those of the individual. No letter will be published without the name and address of the writer being supplied to the editor, although this information may be withheld from appearing in the HHT upon request. If you have a matter for complaint, it should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, which meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome.

Advertising rates are £15 per quarter page per edition; £30 per half page per edition.

Walking Club (High Halstow Hikers)

We were very pleased to have over 20 walkers for our first walk and 16 for our second. The first (October) walk was across to St Mary's Hoo and down the banks to the River Thames at St Mary's Bay taking in some of the most expansive views in the area. The 8-mile walk then returned to the village via Egypt Bay, Swigshole and Decoy Hill – great names as well as countryside! It was terrific to find that only 2 people chose the short-cut of the 5 mile option.

Our November walk of between 8 and 9 miles had perfect Autumn walking weather. It went along farm tracks to Cooling, to the edge of Cliffe via Rye Street, to Morning Cross, Well-pen, Spendiff, Cooling Court and then back to High Halstow with a pause at the Horseshoe and Castle.

Our next walk will start at Cliffe in the car park outside Cliffe Church on SATURDAY 4th December again starting at 9.30am. (It is unlikely that the High Halstow Times will reach you before this). We will walk from there and do a circuit around the RSPB Cliffe Pools reserve. There will be a high-tide while we are walking and that should allow us to see some of the best flying displays of wader flocks anywhere. When the sun shines they can be spectacular. This walk will be a bit shorter at about 5 miles. It will almost certainly be worth bringing binoculars if you have any.

The first walk of the New Year will be on Sunday 9th January and is likely to follow the Darnley Trail around Cobham but details will be confirmed later. By all means just turn up for these walks although it does help a little to know who will be coming if you are able to let us know.

If interest on these next walks remains high we will organize a website for those that are users of modern technology and place notices on the parish council and village shop notice boards. We are of course keen to hear of suggestions for future walks. Your contacts remain Mitchell Dowsett on mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com and Derek Baker on 07710-806757.

Benefit from Some Good Advice

A campaign to ensure that residents in Medway receive the financial support they are entitled to starts in January.

The campaign will run from 17 January until 11 February with advice desks at various places throughout Medway, including the Pentagon Shopping Centre in Chatham, where staff will be in the centre to help from Monday 17 January to Thursday 20 January.

Staff from Medway Revenues and Benefits Service and the Welfare Benefits Unit assisted by the Pension Service, the Kent Benefits Partnership and voluntary organisations will be able to tell people whether they qualify for housing, council tax, work, pension or care benefits.

Earlier this year a similar campaign helped people to collect more than £261,000 in unclaimed benefits.

Take advantage of the help and advice available to ensure that you're not missing out on money.

If you've never claimed benefits or have been turned down in the past, or maybe you are thinking of returning to work but wondering how you will cope – the message is that you have nothing to lose but potentially money to gain.

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12th Carols by candle light 6:30pm AH

13th Community Carols 6:00pm
Allhallows Primary School

15th Community Carol Singing round
High Halstow 7:00-9:00pm
(In aid of Demelza House,
Meet at Church 7:00pm)

19th Carols by candle light 6:30pm
St. Margaret's Church HH

24th The night before Christmas
special children's service followed
by a visit from Santa 5pm
St. Margaret's Church HH

24th Midnight Communion 11:30pm
St. Margaret's Church HH

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8:00am Holy Communion HH

9:30am Family Service. HH

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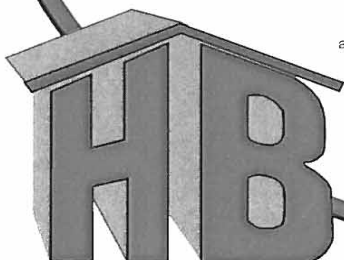
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09.30	Memorial Hall
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19.00	Memorial Hall
Every Saturday	
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09.00	Memorial Hall

Other Dates

Wednesday 2nd	Women's Institute
19.30	Memorial Hall
Friday 3rd	Gardening Club
18.30	Christmas Dinner
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Friday 24th	Santa's Visit
16.00	High Halstow Village



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Special offers on pet foods from Saturday the 11th of December to Saturday 25th December

Visit Santa and receive a gift for £5.00

Visit Santa's reindeer for Free!

December -

Saturday 11th 10am to 4pm

Sunday 12th 10am to 4pm

Saturday 18th 10am to 4pm

Sunday 19th 10am to 4pm



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**FARMERS MARKET
1ST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH
9:00AM - 11:00AM
VILLAGE HALL
(except January)**

Dolly Parton Tribute Act Returns February 2011

We are pleased to announce the return of Dolly Parton Tribute night at the Village Hall. In February 2011 she will be returning along with Kenny Rogers and Shania Twain. This show was a great success last time and everyone agreed how much fun it was. Even if you are not a fan of Dolly's music you will still have a great evening out, right on your own doorstep. Ticket info to follow soon.

Dear HHT,

BT Race to Infinity

You may have seen the news about BT starting the "Race to Infinity" for those on smaller exchanges to compete to get their exchange enabled for fibre optic broadband. Hoo exchange serves Hoo, High Halstow and Chattenden and will be of a very low priority for BT as it is of a "low demand". There are 4128 lines connected to Hoo.

BT Infinity provides the infrastructure to enable superfast broadband for all properties on our exchange and is not limited by the distance from the exchange. It will make a significant difference to the broadband speed which we all get.

The Race to Infinity enables us to fast track our exchange to get BT Infinity. Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. If you're not on the announced roll out plan The Race to Infinity gives you the opportunity to fast track your area to get BT Infinity next by voting for our exchange.

The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by December 31st 2010 will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project.

To vote simply go to
<http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com>, enter your postcode and then click on "Vote Now".

Don't forget to pass it on to your friends on Facebook and Twitter to get your area to the top of the scoreboard. I've set up a Facebook group "BT Infinity for Hoo, High Halstow and Chattenden". Feel free to post to it when you have voted.

Many thanks.
Graham Cottle

**STOP PRESS:
DECEMBER FARMERS
MARKET CANCELLED
DUE TO SNOW**

2010 Photographic Competition

The winners of this years High Halstow Photographic Competition were announced at the Parish Council meeting in November, some of the winning pictures are highlighted below. All the winning pictures and some of the runner-ups are included in the 2011 High Halstow calendar which can be ordered from the Editor at editor@highhalstow.org.uk



The 2010 Winners

Overall: Robin Collins

People and Places

1st: Peter Collins

2nd: David Harris

3rd: June Collins

Flora and Fauna

1st: Dave Donnelly

2nd: Gill Martin

3rd: Ray Collins

Under 18's

1st: Beth Watt

2nd: Hannah Gwilt

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