



# High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

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December 2011

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## *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*



For the ninth 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 Bob 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 Bob in the shop by no later than Sunday 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.

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.

## High Halstow Walkers

We were very fortunate for the weather on our November walk to be as good as you can get at that time of year. This made the views around the Medway valley close to Teston, West Farleigh and Wateringbury being spectacular and the walking dry and very pleasant. Some of this area is archetypical England even having a thatched cricket pavilion and we saw it at its best even being able to take a pint in the garden of the Tickled Trout in T-shirts.

Our December walk will be local on Sunday 18th. We will leave from High Halstow Village Hall car park at 10.00. The exact route will be selected nearer the date according to the weather and underfoot conditions but we will aim to walk for about 2.5 hours as usual.

The January walk will be around Trottiscliffe on Sunday 8th. We will start from the Plough Inn in Taylors Lane Trottiscliffe at 10.00am. Please park in the road close to the pub rather than in the small pub car park.

For further details and notification please contact Mitchell at [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) or on 01634 254428

## Christmas and New Year 2011/12

Medway refuse and recycling collections

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December
New year week	New year week
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January

## Christmas and New Year 2011/12

Household Waste Recycling Site opening times

Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	08:00 - 16:30
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December	CLOSED
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	CLOSED
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December	09:00 - 16:00
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December	08:00 - 16:30
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December	08:00 - 16:30
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	08:00 - 16:30
Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	08:00 - 16:30
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January	CLOSED
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	09:00 - 16:00
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	08:00 - 16:30

## District Winners Again

After holding the District Darts Trophy for the last 2 years, we have retained the title again and eagerly await to see the draw for the inter districts for West Kent W.I.'s.

Last month was full of laughter as we listened to stories, poems and anecdotes read by June Faulkener. She is an amazing lady, who has had her share of family tragedies but retains an incredible love of life and fun. Her talks raised funds for Demalza House but now it's for Help for Heroes and I'd recommend her to any group looking for a speaker.

Our lunch club returned to The Little Gem in Hoo where once again the food was very good, although service a little slow, but it's to be expected when it's a large party. Next month we start to get into the Christmas spirit with the District W.I. Carol service at Frindsbury Church. It's followed by mince pies and a hot drink, and gives us the chance to catch up with members from the other groups. At our Christmas meeting we will all be trying our hand at a floral display for the festive season. These 'hands on' meetings are usually full of laughter especially when accompanied with food and wine. Carols round off the evening which really makes you know that Christmas is coming.

Next meeting is 7th December at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall.

On behalf of our members may I wish all the producers, distributors and readers of HHT a happy, healthy Christmas.

**Margaret Whitebread**

## Christmas service times

11th Carols by candle light service 6:30pm  
All Saints Church, AH

14th Carol Singing round High Halstow  
7:00-9:00pm (In aid of Demelza House,  
Meet at St. Margaret's Church 7:00pm)

18th Carols by candle light service 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 Service. 11:30pm  
All Saints church Allhallows

25th Christmas Day  
8:00am St. Margaret's HH, Holy Communion  
9:30am St. Margaret's, Family Service. HH  
10:30am All Saints, Family Service. AH

## *Hundred of Hoo, Help for Heroes*

Students and staff from the Hundred of Hoo School once again showed their support for the armed services by undertaking the third annual sponsored walk to the Cenotaph. Over the weekend of 12-13 November a group of 30 walked from Gravesend to Whitehall, raising £5,000 along the way for the Help for Heroes Campaign, selling key-rings made in a school Technology project, and accepting donations along the way. Blackheath Rugby Club offered their support, with the pupils appearing at the club's home match on Saturday afternoon, and then sleeping in the clubhouse overnight before setting off early on Sunday morning to arrive at the Cenotaph at 11am. One of those who took part was Year seven student Paul Cook who proudly walked in memory of his great, great, great, great grandfather, Albert Hall, a captain in the Royal Flying Corps who was awarded a Victoria Cross for valour during the First World War. Mr Gary Squires, Assistant Head Teacher, who led the walk, said: 'The whole community has really got behind this event. The school historically has close ties with the armed forces, and the walk is a way in which we can both honour those who have given their lives for their country, and provide financial support for wounded soldiers and their families in current conflicts'. Dr Holden, Executive Principal, said: 'Events such as these really demonstrate the spirit and enthusiasm of our students and staff. We want all of our pupils to excel in their time at Hoo, and part of this achievement is to go out into the world as active, engaged citizens. We are exceptionally proud of all of them'.

John Keeley  
Director of Specialism  
and Community Development

### ***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.



Hundred of Hoo student, Joe Sultana, who is a Marine cadet, laying the Hoo wreath at the Cenotaph.

### ***New players wanted at the Isle of Grain Youth Soccer School . . .***

Chairman of the Isle of Grain Youth Soccer School, Paul Peachey, is appealing for more new players.

Paul is keen to encourage more youngsters to join the many league football teams set up by the Isle of Grain Youth Soccer School. Members of all ages are welcome, but Paul is especially keen to strengthen the following teams: U10s (year 5 at school), U12s (year 7 at school), U8s (year 2 at school). Paul also told me that he'd like to get kids involved in two new teams - for the U7s and U6s (year 1 and reception at school).

As well as the league teams, the Youth Soccer School is looking to attract new recruits - for all those aged between 3 and 16. They meet at Seaview Meadow (Lang'sField) at the Isle of Grain every Saturday from 10.30am till 12.30pm.

If you'd like to get involved, or know someone that would, contact Paul Peachey on 07818 558036.

## ***Resume of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 November 2011***

A year ago I wrote in the Times "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?" Well, this year we equalled that record and as Gary was among us, we know now it was due to the Photographic Competition awards and Lesley's mouth-watering buffet! I thoroughly recommend her fruit cake.

There is no news yet on the funding bid for an outdoor gym on the Recreation Ground. When the result is known, plans will proceed for a smaller scheme with fewer items of equipment and some items in the fenced playpark for toddlers. Quotes are being obtained for a proper surface under the kickwall. Trees have been cut back and permission was given for Mini Youth games cricket on two dates next May.

An allotment holder thanked the Parish Council for the new fence to the allotments.

The Chairman of the Recreation Hall Committee gave an update on the progress of the refurbishment currently being carried out. The school was thanked for accommodating as many of the regular users as possible while the works continue.

STOP PRESS - The plans for outline permission for the Lodge Hill development have now been submitted and there will be an extraordinary meeting on 14th December in the Memorial Hall to consider the plans and formulate the Parish Council's response. The next full meeting is on Wednesday 11 January 2012.

As this is the last issue of the Times before Christmas, the Chairman, members and Clerk of the Parish Council would like to thank Ann and all the team of volunteer distributors, who ensure the High Halstow Times is delivered to your door, and finally wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### ***High Halstow Parish Council***



### ***HIGH HALSTOW AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB***

AGM and Quiz: Tuesday 14th February 2012

ANNUAL DINNER: Friday 17th February 2012

Health, happiness and warm greetings to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please note that there are no further meetings this year. The next meeting will be the AGM and Quiz on Tuesday 14th February 2012, so do please attend.

Our Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 17th February 2012, in the Village Restaurant (the Old BP Club), at the top of Bells Lane, Hoo. The bar opens at 6.30pm and dinner will be served at 7.30pm. The cost will be £20 per ticket, the same as last year.

The Annual Dinner is not restricted to club members. Please feel free to invite any additional friends and relatives. A letter with a reply slip has been distributed to all members to complete ASAP.

If you would like to attend, please contact Margaret Shuter at 45, Christmas Lane, High Halstow. Tel 01634 251196. If you are unable to drive, please try to arrange a lift with someone you know.

Gwen Bucknall



### ***Theresa Villiers Rules Out Estuary Airport***

This is an extract from Hansard yesterday 16th November 2011

In conclusion, I again thank my hon. Friend for securing the debate. I hope that the Minister will feel able to respond positively and make up for the Government's failure to date to provide an aviation strategy that this country so badly needs.....

.....In response to the hon. Members for Central Ayrshire and for Blackley and Broughton on the issue of the Thames estuary airport, as the Prime Minister has said, the Government have no plans to build a new airport in the estuary, or in Medway or elsewhere in Kent. The hon. Member for Central Ayrshire outlined some of the practical issues that would have to be surmounted before such a programme should go ahead, including, of course, the very significant airspace capacity issues. Nor do we have plans to redevelop Northolt as a third runway for Heathrow.

I agree with my hon. Friend the Member for Reading East (Mr Wilson) that surface access to airports is a crucial part of making them successful. That is why....

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Crossrail and Thameslink are going ahead—both will improve access. We continue to consider other options for western access to Heathrow, including work that could be co-ordinated with the proposed HS2 spur to Heathrow.

We have made it clear that a key plank of the Government's approach to aviation is the cancellation of Labour's misguided plans for a third runway at Heathrow. I find it ironic that the shadow Secretary of State, the hon. Member for Garston and Halewood (Maria Eagle), accuses us of having no policy, when the previous Government spent 13 years on an aviation White Paper that everyone agrees is no longer fit for purpose, and on pursuing a runway that is universally agreed to be absolutely the wrong approach for the UK economy. One of the coalition Government's first acts was to cancel the third runway at Heathrow. I continue to believe that the price in terms of the environmental impact would have been far too high, given that noise already has a significant impact for thousands of people living with a plane overhead every 90 seconds. At the time, Labour described our position as.....

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# Help

## I want your old Wood !

Do you have any old or unwanted wood ?  
New or old, Long or short lengths, any profile and any size, soft wood, hard wood anything over about 2 foot long, batons, scaffold planks, off cuts whatever you have as long as it is clean and relatively nail free. I also need plywood, hardboard, chip board, MDF or OSB any thickness or size. All for making games and equipment for next years garden party. I will happily come and collect it or you can drop it off at the rectory any time.

Thank you Rev Stephen Gwilt  
01634 250637

## Volunteers wanted!

Support our outreach work in Kent and Medway's villages and towns

### Why do we need volunteers?

How we receive our television signal is changing. In most of Kent and Medway we receive our terrestrial television signals via one of 4 main transmitters at Dover, Tunbridge Wells, Bluebell Hill and Heathfield. The analogue signals from these transmitters will be switching over from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2012. Some communities in North Kent and Medway receive their signals via the London Crystal Palace transmitter. The analogue signals from this transmitter will be switching over to digital from the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2012.

The BBC's "Switchover Help Scheme" has been well-publicised but there will still be many people who do not understand what Switchover is about and these are likely to be people who need help from their community.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent is supporting the local roll-out of the Switchover Help Scheme. We need to visit every parish and town in Kent and Medway to spread this message and ensure no-one gets missed.

We need local volunteers to help with our programme to ensure that no-one misses out on the help that's available to assist with making the necessary changes. If you choose to volunteer with us, you will use your local connections, knowledge and networks to speak to those people in a community who are likely to know those people who are most at risk of not switching.

### As a volunteer you will:

- ☐ be given a number of parishes and towns to visit, depending on the time you can offer us
- ☐ identify and talk to key people in each community, who are likely to be in a position to recognise those in the community who will need support. These people will be asked to spread the message in turn and it's through these community connections and your support that we will identify those who may require additional help.

### Action with Communities in Rural Kent will:

- ☐ provide you with the training and materials needed to carry out your role
- ☐ track progress and ask you to report on your activity on a regular basis
- ☐ provide opportunities for volunteers to come together and share experiences
- ☐ pay out of pocket expenses for attending training and conducting the outreach work. This includes travel by car, cycle or public transport.

If you would like to chat further about this opportunity, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy Bugden on 01303 813790 or email [kathy.bugden@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:kathy.bugden@ruralkent.org.uk) by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2011.

## ***High Halstow 2011 Photographic Competition and 2012 Calendar***

Peninsula Councillor Tony Watson, Parish Councillor Gary Jerreat, Relief In Need Representative, Lesley Munday and HHT Editor Carl Mitchell, made up the Judging Panel of the 2011 Photographic Competition. A large number of entries was whittled down to the final 13 which would be used for the 2012 calendar, and from those the winning pictures were chosen and an overall winner selected. The prizes (a gift voucher, 2012 HH Calendar and certificate) were allocated and the prize giving ceremony took place at the November Parish Council meeting. All the winning pictures are online at [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk)

Congratulations to the winners who were as follows:

Overall Winner  
Ella Kitney (January)



### **Fauna**

- 1st – Robin Collins (Front Cover)
- 2nd – Raymond Collins (June)
- 3rd – Lee Wilkinson (August)

### **Flora**

- 1st Gill Martin (October)
- 2nd Robin Collins (November)
- 3rd Angela Turner (September)



### **Places**

- 1st Matthew Crozer (February)
- 2nd Raymond Collins (March)
- 3rd Mike Meredith (December)

### **Under 18's**

- 1st Ella Kitney (January)



The pictures themselves now make up the High Halstow 2012 Calendar which can be purchased in the Village Shop, Price £6.00 (Large) £5.50 (Small). All profits from the sale of the calendar are donated to the Village Hall Fund Raising (HUGH Fund)



## Memorial Hall Mini Christmas Fayre

Sunday December 4th  
2pm - 4pm

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

Cakes

Jams

Jewellery

Cards

Wrapping Paper

Table Decorations

Sweets

and more...

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

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

# Youth Night



A place to just hang out and be yourself  
Friday 2nd December and  
the first Friday each month  
Youth Open Night at the Memorial Hall.  
7:30-10:00pm entrance free.

Bring your own music, tack shop will be available, bring suggestions for next year  
For more info contact [stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephengwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)





Head Teacher  
Mrs P M Sanford BSc.

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25 November 2011

## **Academy Status - Consultation**

As you may be aware the Governing Body has been looking into the possible benefits of becoming an Academy for some months now. All schools are permitted to convert if they feel it is the right decision for the school and all who use it. The Governing Body has agreed to proceed to the second stage ('Application to Convert') of the four-stage conversion process, and would now like to consult with local schools formally on any views or concerns they may have.

The Governing Body considers that converting to an Academy will benefit the school, its staff and pupils alike. The principal advantage of conversion is that of enhanced flexibility. As an Academy, the school will have freedom from following the National Curriculum and budgetary responsibility previously vested in the local authority will be transferred to the school. This will give the school further freedom to control its budget and to focus its spending in those areas which matter most to the school and its staff. Most importantly it will also allow the school to continue to provide its pupils with high standards of education, ensuring high levels of academic and personal achievement. The school would retain its status as a primary school, and its name would be unchanged.

The proposed date for this transfer would be 1st April 2012. If High Halstow Primary School were to go ahead with the conversion, we would join The Williamson Trust, which is a company limited by guarantee. The Williamson Trust currently consists of Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School and The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School. The Executive Principal of The Williamson Trust is Dr Gary Holden, who is a National Leader of Education. However, High Halstow Primary School would continue to retain its own identity and autonomy and own Head Teacher.

More information about Academy status can be found at [www.education.gov.uk/academies](http://www.education.gov.uk/academies)

Your thoughts and recommendations are important to the Governors and Leadership Team at the school and we do hope that you will feel able to raise any questions or concerns. The school consultation period will end on 10th December 2011.

Yours sincerely

Graham P Cottle  
Chair of Governors

## *Time and Tides Project is coming to you!*

ICON Theatre in Chatham has recently been awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to run a local history project in certain Medway villages. The project aims to share, record and preserve the memories, local stories and traditional customs of rural Medway life focussing on the villages of Cuxton, High Halstow and Upnor. The project will focus on the history of these villages but anyone from surrounding villages is also welcome to take part.

The project has several strands, including work with primary schools, youth groups, teenagers, adults and local communities. Each group will have an opportunity to learn the tools of local history research and may also have an opportunity to visit a local museum or Medway Archives. Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund many of these opportunities can be provided for free!

There will also be an opportunity to take part in an oral history project. Perhaps you have lived in the village for most of your life? What would you like to tell people growing up in the village today? As a younger person what would you like to know about where you are growing up? What are the hidden mysteries on your doorstep?

The results of the local history research and oral history recordings will be presented in each village via an exhibition at the end of the project.

This project is for everyone! It is for keen local historians through to people who sometimes wonder who has been there before them----

We will be running a taster, drop in session in each village to launch the project so do come in for tea and biscuits and to see what it's all about.

For further details please contact:

Nicola Waddington, ICON Theatre, The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, CHATHAM, Kent, ME4 4SE.

Tel 01634 813 179

# The night before Christmas



A special, time for children young and old,  
to capture the true wonder of Christmas.  
With stories and songs, poems and prayers  
and even the odd Christmas cracker joke  
it will be time to treasure forever



Help us  
build the  
nativity  
scene and  
discover  
the true  
reason for  
the season



Come dresses as  
Angels, Shepherds  
and wise men to join  
in our huge living  
nativity scene



24th December 5:00pm St. Margaret's Church

## *2011 Poppy Appeal*

Susan Osenton of Dalham Farm would like to thank all those who collected and contributed towards this worthy cause. Final total = £1275. Many Thanks.

### *Zumba Classes*

FUN latin dance fitness classes for all ages/sizes/ability's!

High Halstow Village Hall

Mon 7.00pm

(Starting 16th January First class 2 for 1  
so will be £2.50 each with a friend)

Cliffe Scouts Hut

Mon 8.30pm + Thurs 7.30pm

Cliffe Memorial Hall

Wed 9.30am

Cliffe Woods Community Centre

Weds 8.30pm

Classes £5

Any further info please contact 07746 082 182

## 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

Friday 2nd	Red Dog Golf Society
	Details from the Red Dog
Friday 2nd	Youth Night
19:00	Memorial Hall
Sunday 4th	Family Service
09:00	St. Margaret's Church
Sunday 4th	Mini Christmas Market
14:00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 7th	Women's Institute
19.30	Memorial Hall
Thursday 8th	HH Primary School Fair
15:30	HH School
Wednesday 14th	Parish Council
20.00	Memorial Hall
Sunday 18th	High Halstow Walkers
10:00	High Halstow
Sunday 18th	Family Service
09.30	St Margaret's Church
Friday 23rd	Quiz Night
20:00	Memorial Hall

## 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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## High Halstow Primary School Christmas Fair



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
3.30pm - 5.00pm

Cake Sale, Raffle, & Lottery Draw  
Visit Santa & his helpers  
Competitions & Lucky Dips  
Plus the chance to buy the perfect  
Christmas essentials & gifts from local  
retailers-

Phoenix Cards, Lil'Munchkins  
Sparkles & The Book People

Cake & Raffle donations are always welcomed and should be dropped off at the school office on the morning of the event.

## 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  
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9:30am High Halstow  
11:00am Allhallows

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**Jonathan**



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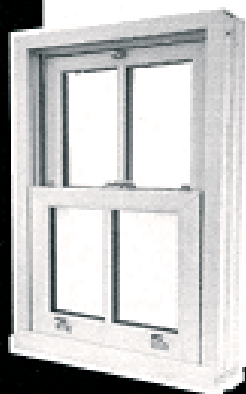
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groups in the village, past copies of the High  
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Please note that there is now an RSS feed on  
the Parish Website where you can get  
automatic updates when the site is updated.  
Please visit [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk) and follow  
the instructions on the right hand side.

### *Local Groups and the Website*

You can advertise your activities free of charge  
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details of events please let us know by emailing  
[gary@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:gary@highhalstow.org.uk). This can be used to  
keep your members informed and possibly  
attract new members to your group.

### *Village Hall Committee*

The Village Hall Committee is looking for new  
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Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> Live Music

Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> Live Music with Glide (£5 Entrance after 7:00pm) Plus our Xmas Draw with lots of prizes including 1<sup>st</sup> prize £500

Christmas Eve 7:30pm Live Music with Alan Smith (Tickets £5)

Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm Christmas Quiz Night Max 6 per team (£15 per team, many prizes up for grabs)

New Year's Eve 7:30pm Live Music with The Redfords (Tickets £10, including Hot Buffet)

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Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 15:00 Wigan vs Arsenal

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 17:30 Aston Villa vs Man Utd

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – 15:00 Everton vs Stoke

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – 20:00 Fulham vs Liverpool

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – 15:00 Arsenal vs Everton

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 13:30 Sunderland vs Blackburn

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 16:00 Stoke vs Spurs

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – 20:00 Chelsea vs Man City

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 15:00 Newcastle vs Swansea

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 17:30 Wigan vs Chelsea

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 12:00 QPR vs Man Utd

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 14:05 Aston Villa vs Liverpool

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 16:10 Man City vs Arsenal

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 19:45 Wolves vs Norwich

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 19:45 Aston Villa vs Arsenal

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 20:00 Spurs vs Chelsea

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## Readers Letters

### **Kathleen Stedman**

It is with regret that I am able to inform members of the village that knew Kath Stedman, who resided in the village for many years with her husband Jack, peacefully passed away in the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford on 15th November. Cremation took place on the 25th with the ashes interred at Frindsbury Church.

*Roger Whitebread*

### ***Dear HHT,***

On Sunday 13th November I enjoyed a walk out of the village along Britannia Road. It was a lovely sunny afternoon. I collected nine empty beer cans between the welcome to High Halstow sign and a point two hundred yards to the south. We are surrounded by lovely countryside and farm land.

This litter raises some questions:- How many people would be needed to drink nine cans of 9% lager in a two hundred yard walk? If one person alone was responsible did he/she survive. Carlsberg Special Brew has a reputation as the alcoholics tippie of choice. The last two cans that I found were in a black plastic unmarked bag. Who is selling this "helicopter fuel" to such irresponsible drinkers.

*Mike Meredith*

### ***Dear HHT,***

I attended all four film evenings in the church, the number in the audience was small but the quality of the evening was great. Each evening began with a 'B' movie which took us back to earlier cinema trips. Then after a break with refreshments and a tuck shop the main feature was shown. It was a delightful experience much enjoyed by my friends and myself. I had only seen one of the films before and was on the edge of my seat as Hitchcock's expertise stretched my nerves. I hope there will be other film shows in the future and that more people will join us to share the pleasure.

*Gillian Ellen*

*Christmas Lane*

## Charity Carol Singing



**14th December 7:-9:00pm**

**Please feel free to join us as we take  
some festive cheer round our village  
and raise much needed funds for the  
Demelza house charity.**

**Meeting outside St. Margarets Church at 7:00pm**

### ***Name and Address Supplied***

Please note that from December 2011, all letters published will show the name and part address of the author.

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