



High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

February 2011

2011 Census coming to a letterbox near you

On 27 March 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census.

What is a census? Literally, it means an official numbering, generally of people, and it has been used for thousands of years. The Babylonians and the Chinese held censuses mainly for military and taxation purposes. The Egyptians collected information on the population so that they could plan armies of people to build the pyramids and to redistribute land following the annual flooding of the Nile.

The first thorough survey of England was in 1086 when William the Conqueror ordered the production of the Domesday Book. This detailed inventory of land and property was a massive undertaking at the time. It took many years to complete and provides us with a remarkable picture of life in Norman Britain.

Since 1801 a day has been chosen every ten years in the UK for this purpose, except in 1941, during the Second World War. Each census provides an excellent source of information about the population. The census taken in 1841 is widely regarded as the first truly modern census, when the first Registrar General of England and Wales, John Lister, was made responsible for organising the count. For the first time, the head of each household was given a form to complete on behalf of everyone in the household on a certain day. The task of counting was passed on to local officers of the newly created registration service, and the information they collected is still interesting today. When the 1911 census data was released (all individual entries are kept secret for 100 years) the website got 22 million hits in the first two days and 24 million family searches were carried out in the first month. That system devised in 1841 has stood the test of time, and it still forms the basis of the method we use today.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is sending out a questionnaire to every household in England and Wales. But this year it's different; if you complete your questionnaire online, you'll be the first generation to do so but, if not, you can complete it in the way our great, great grandparents might have done, by writing the answers on the questionnaire, and posting it back. Even if you use the internet, you'll need the paper questionnaire. Each one has a unique internet access code on it, just for you and your household to use.

The confidential answers that you give get converted into depersonalised numbers which are provided to the decision makers who plan services, such as health, housing, transport and education. So many decisions, whether about funding, planning or service provision, are made with the help of census statistics. After all, there's no point putting a school where there are no children, or building first-time buyer housing when retirement homes are needed, or even opening shops where there are no customers. With your data, your numbers added into the pot, the fabric of society can be woven in the right way, to make services the best they can be for you and your family. The census statistics feed into the allocation of funding for local authorities and play a major part in their ability to provide local services, so it is crucial the population estimate is as complete and accurate as possible. Census statistics provide valuable information for public and private organisations to plan services in the community over the next ten years.

In addition language guidance booklets, large print format, Text Relay are available and census field staff will be on hand to assist individuals, as well as online help and telephone call centres (0300 0201 101).

More information about the 2011 Census can be found now at: www.census.gov.uk and that will continue to be available in the run up to 27th March and immediately afterward.

Santa says a Big Thank You

Santa would like to say a big thank you to you all for all the donations received re his visits prior to Christmas. With additional visits to Deangate Golf Club and the Youth Club at Allhallows as well as the visit on Christmas Eve, £826 was raised and split between the chosen charities of Help for Heroes and the Cerebral Palsy Centre in Cliffe. Santa would also like to say a big thank you to Dale and the rest of the staff in the shop who collected the presents on his behalf.

Farmers Market

The Farmer's Market returns again in February. Please come along and visit to continue to raise funds for the Village Hall. Doors open from 9.30 on Saturday 5th February. There will be the regulars of meat, fresh vegetables, bread etc. The meat raffle will be there as usual as well as the chance to have breakfast and a cup of tea or coffee. Why not pop in and see what you have been missing.

Calling All High Halstowians

Following the advert in December's HHT regarding the above please be aware the meeting called for February 4th has been cancelled. There will be a new date in March so please look for details in next months HHT.

Thank you to the West's

Alan and Doreen West have been distributing copies of the High Halstow Times for many years and have decided that it is time to give a younger pair of legs a turn. Everyone associated with the High Halstow Times, and the Parish Council would like to say a huge "Thank You" for all your time and effort over the years.

Project 90

Project 90 returns for the New Year. The first one will probably be filling the skip with all the rubbish collected during the past few months. Why not come along and spend 90 minutes helping to keep the Village the special place it is. We meet at the car park at 8.30 on Saturday 12th February.

Walking club (High Halstow Hikers)

Our planned walk for December around Cliffe Pools had to be cancelled because of the deep snow. The January walk around the Darnley Trail from Shorne Country Park was also affected by ground conditions, in that case by wet and slippery paths.

In January we therefore did the previously planned walk around Cliffe Pools in remarkably sunny and clear conditions. It was a real pleasure to share this with 15 January-proof enthusiasts. February's walk will be of between 5 and 6 miles around woodland above Cuxton starting at 10.00am on SUNDAY 13th February. The start point will be provided by email and on a notice in the post-office window. It is likely that we will have to contend with some muddy patches so make sure you wear suitable clothing and footwear.

For the next few months all walks will be on the SECOND SUNDAY of the month. In the next HH Times we will provide the details of several of these upcoming walks so that people can plan well in advance. 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. Your contacts remain Mitchell Dowsett on mitch.dowsett@bopenworld.com and Derek Baker on 07710-806757.



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Resume of Parish Council Meeting Held on 12 January 2011

In my last résumé, I said "November's meeting was very short and probably holds the record for the earliest finish." Well, I think this was matched by January's meeting. We completed the business with due consideration but so speedily that Martin Mitchell, who was caught up on the way home from work by problems on the A2, arrived to find the hall in total darkness and the meeting over.

The main thrust of the meeting was the presentation of the budget for 2011/12 and the setting of the precept. The precept is the sum asked from you the parishioners and is collected through the council tax. The Vice-chairman has set out the budget and how the precept was arrived at elsewhere in this issue. A decrease on last year's precept was agreed. Allotment holders will be pleased that we aren't going to increase the annual rent next year. Contrast this with an interview with an allotment holder in the London Borough of Brent, whose rent has been £65 a year, but who is now going to be charged £150. Our £12 is good value for money!

The anticipated work on the drainage ditch on the recreation ground did not take place in November. The contractor was delayed a week or so and then the snow fell. He is now going to start on 1 March (weather permitting).

Alan and Doreen West have given up delivering High Halstow Times. The Parish Council thanks them most sincerely for doing this for many years and wishes them well in their "retirement". We are fortunate to have found a replacement for their "beat" and hope it will be many years again before our new person retires.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th February 2011.

The Weather Couldn't Stop Us

The 1st week of December saw lots of events being cancelled, the W.I. was one of them. Not to be beaten we quickly rebooked the Hall for two weeks later in the hopes the snow would have gone away. Our Christmas meeting was a great evening, with festive food and entertainment in the form of a play performed brilliantly by non W.I. members. A quiz and finally the carol singers joined us from their walk around the village where they continued singing and picked up further donations for Demelza House.

January had us feeling our age as Dr McKeever showed us the treatments that are available to offset the passages of time. We also heard of the outstanding work of the charity 'Smile' where corrective surgery is carried out, mainly in India, to cleft lips/palettes.

Looking ahead to next month we have Lt Cdr. Ian Fletcher R.N. with a talk entitled 'Sun, Sand and Storms; Fighting The Weather in Afganistan'. We have opened this up to any husband/partner of our members as several have shown an interest in hearing what will be a fascinating talk.

We will be playing our next darts match in Ryarsh, and we hope to have some supporters to cheer us along. Exciting news that we had 3 new members in January, but over the last month 3 ladies have decided not to renew their membership, so our numbers remain the same.

As usual our meeting is the first Wednesday of the month, which means our February meeting is on Wednesday 2nd at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall.

Margaret Whitebread

High Halstow Mother & Toddler Group

The Children's Christmas Party was enjoyed by all and Santa even managed a quick visit to give out presents. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the day. Lots of new toys were purchased in 2010 and many more were kindly donated for the children to enjoy. This is a voluntary run group and we can only improve our play equipment with the generosity of the villagers. So if you do have any good quality toys that are no longer in use following Santa's latest deliveries, please give me a call or bring them along to the group. We will be starting up again on Thursday 6th January 2011, and I hope to see you all there. Details of forthcoming events are shown below and can also be viewed on the High Halstow Website.

February:

- 3rd: Face Painting & Dressing Up
(own costumes required)
- 10th: Sports Activities
- 17th: Feb Bring & Buy Sale

March:

- 3rd: Nursery Songs & Stories
- 10th: Ball Pool
- 17th: Messy Play
(aprons or old clothes required)
- 24th: Musical Play
- 31st: Mother's Day craft activities

For more details please contact
Marie Calvert Tel: 01634 253544

Church Roof

Many of you will know that a couple of weeks before Christmas we had some very unwelcome visitors on the church roof. Sadly they got away with a large amount of lead off the roof, amounting to several thousand pounds. Unfortunately three weeks ago they came once more and stole even more. Sadly this caused a lot of water to pour into the church and made things very damp. Providentially there wasn't too much damage inside the church and we managed to cover the roof with plastic just before another rain storm came. Due to the high incidence of theft from church roofs, our insurance company will not pay out enough to pay for lead to be replaced. We may be as much as £10,000 short. This will have to be found by the small congregation as there is no other source of funding available to us. It doesn't make much sense to replace the lead with more lead as clearly people will come and steal that too, so we are looking at ways of covering it with something that looks like lead but isn't worth stealing. We are also investigating fitting an alarm system that will cover the roof. If you see anyone suspicious day or night please do contact Rev. Stephen Gwilt on 250637 and give him the details, preferably taking the number plate of any vehicle that looks out of place.

Rev. Stephen Gwilt

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Member of Parliament at an open surgery

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High Halstow Parish Council Budget 2011/12

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 12th January to set the precept for the coming year. The outcome of the meeting was to cut the precept from £43,410, which is the current years budget to £40,000, which is a drop of nearly 8%. The allocation of the budget is as follows:

Heading	Budget 2011/12		Notes
Personnel Expenses Various	24,133	24,133	Note 1
Administration Insurance Audit Fee Telephone Subscriptions Chairman's Allowance Hall Hire Miscellaneous Administration Costs Publications Web Site Annual Report Election	1,766 408 255 627 400 200 200 50 100 400 1,000	5,406	Note 2
Rent Garages and Memorial Hall Shed	800	800	
Grants Section 137 Other Grants	500 500	1,000	
High Halstow Times Printing Editor	4,386 100	4,486	
Green Spaces Grass Cutting Contract Hedge Maintenance Other Non Contract Work Tree Maintenance General Maintenance – Forge Common	20,000 3,000 1,000 1,500 2,000	27,500	
Playground ROSPA Inspection Playground Maintenance Playground Equipment	100 500 10,000	10,600	Note 3
Highways/Footpaths			

Bus Shelters	15,000		Note 4
Gating	3,000	18,000	Note 5
Trailer			
Maintenance/replacement	1,500	1,500	Note 6
Village Projects			
Notice Board Maintenance	100		
Bromhey	300		
Project 90 costs	250		
Cricket Fence	250		
Youth Projects	2,000		
CCTV	2,000		
Car Park Posts	1,000		Note 7
Father Christmas Props	500		Note 8
Roundabout Advertising	1,000		Note 9
		7,400	
Contingency			
Short Term Working Provision	4,030		Note 10
Long Term Contingency	40,000		Note 11
		44,030	
Income			
Precept	-40,000		
Bank Interest	-550		
High Halstow Times Advertising	-800		
Street Cleaning Contract	-16,077		
Grass Cutting Contract	-16,900		
Allotments	-50		
Recreation Ground Wayleave	-10		
		74,387	
Surpluses Brought Forward			
Hall Fund	-58,000		
Buffer Zone Money	-14,699		Note 12
Unspent Monies	-60,769		Note 13
		133,468	
Total		0.00	

Notes

- 1 This is for the associated costs of the Parish Clerk, Street Cleaners, Handyman, Training and Payroll
- 2 This includes money previously set aside for Election costs
- 3 This is to build a fund to replace the final piece of equipment in the play park and to consider building a football cage
- 4 This includes provision brought forward from previous years.
- 5 In order to try and reduce speeding in Christmas Lane, gating will be considered at a future meeting.
- 6 The existing trailer may not be economical to repair so provision has been allowed for a new trailer

- 7 The car park posts in the Village Car park are in need of replacing in order to prevent the grass verges being severely damaged
- 8 The props to assist with Santa's Visit are in need of replacing.
- 9 The Parish Council would like to be able to assist groups with the advertising of events and will be liaising with Medway Council to see if a proper site can be identified for the benefit of the parish
- 10 This is money not currently allocated for the coming year
- 11 The Parish Council have been trying to build a fund on the advice of the Auditors for a long term contingency which should equate to one years precept. We have now achieved this target
- 12 Medway Council provided monies for the Parish Council to maintain the buffer zone at Cardigan Close. The parish Council are now responsible for maintain this area
- 13 Unspent monies include provisions for bus shelters, elections, play park equipment etc.

LIBRARIES FOR LIFE

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Try something new today

February is both the shortest month and the mid point of winter. It's no wonder that about this time we start to look longingly ahead for spring and become inspired to do something new. You know the sort of thing, learn new skills or gain a qualification, or maybe just do something new for fun. If you haven't visited a library for a while, you may be surprised what your library can offer you. Whatever your interests there really is something for everyone.

Did you know it's free to join your library? Medway libraries have thousands of books including the latest titles and you can borrow up to 30 items. In our bigger branches you will find DVD's, Blu-ray discs, audio books, console games and coming soon E- books and e audio books.

On top of that there are computers with free Internet access in every library and regular events for all ages and interests, which are free to attend.

Libraries are for everyone; we offer a Home Library service for those who cannot get to the library and a postal service for visually impaired customers. The mobile library service visits the Village Hall and Northwood Avenue.

You can access electronic resources as well as reserve and renew books via our website www.medway.gov.uk/libraries or if you prefer you can borrow, return and renew items **at any branch**.

If you want to find out more, why not visit your local library at: Church Street, Hoo, ME3 9AL or phone 01634 250640 or one of the bigger branch libraries with a full range of services such as Strood Library at 32, Bryant Road (phone 01634 335890). Give them a ring to find out further information and opening times.

Or go online at www.medway.gov.uk/libraries, or become a friend of Medway Libraries on Facebook by visiting www.facebook.com/medwaylibraries

You can also pick up a copy of our 'What? When? Where?' events booklet at any library.

Your library is always keen to hear your comments or suggestions for improvements. So by joining the library you not only benefit from the wide selection of books and resources free of charge, but also have the opportunity to shape the library service for the future.

High Halstow and District Gardening Club

As our thoughts turn longingly towards the Spring, warmer weather and new growth, now is the time to consider joining the Garden Club. We are the only Garden Club on the Peninsula, so come along and give us a try! For further information contact Gwen Bucknall on 01634 250456 or by email: gwenbucknall@btinternet.com

Plenty of activities are available, including monthly meetings with Speakers in the Memorial Hall at High Halstow on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. The programme for this year looks great!

We hold a Spring Show in March for members only and a larger annual Summer Show in August. In May we have a brilliant Bring and Buy sale where plants and garden items are auctioned.

AGM, Drinks and Nibbles and Quiz

The AGM will be held at 8pm on **Tuesday 8th February in the Memorial Hall**. After the meeting there will be drinks and nibbles available for you to enjoy followed by a garden quiz. **The winner of this quiz will receive 2 tickets to the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show**, which is worth having!

Christmas Dinner!

Our celebratory dinner has been rescheduled to take place on Friday 11th February in the Recreation Hall, arrival 6.30pm onwards for 7.30pm dinner. We have a good number of people booked to attend and it promises to be an excellent event. If you wish to come and are not on the list, please contact Margaret Shuter as soon as possible on 01634 251196. Grateful thanks to Margaret for all her hard work in organising the dinner.

Half Price Seeds from Thompson and Morgan

These have been ordered and will arrive before too long. Oonagh Elliott worked hard to co-ordinate the ordering of the seeds, so many thanks to her.

Garden Safari with Tea at The Oast, Ducks Court Farm on Sunday 19th June 2011

A date for your diary!

Members Outings for 2011

The Royal Horticultural Society Garden at Hyde Hall in Essex is a joy to behold in June, so we will be organising a visit.

How about a leisurely boat trip aboard the Princess Pocohontas from Gravesend to Southend in July? What better than enjoying free time strolling along the pier and sea front and treating yourselves to a pub lunch!

A visit to the Columbia Street Flower Market in London on a Sunday in late April is a fantastic trip not to be missed!

There is a possibility for a group of 26 to visit the private gardens of the Prince of Wales at Highgrove if people are interested and we can get tickets, but it will be pricey!

Gwen Bucknall

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. 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.

For more details visit www.medway.gov.uk/benefits, email welfare.benefits@medway.gov.uk or phone 332222.

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Dates for Diary

Every Tuesday	
King's Kitchen	
09:00	Memorial Hall
Every Wednesday	
Painting & Drawing for Beginners	
10.00	Memorial Hall
Every Thursday	
Mother and Toddler's	
09.30	Memorial Hall
Sugar Babes	
19.00	Memorial Hall
Every Saturday	
Karmann Dancers	
09.00	Memorial Hall

Other Dates

Wednesday 2nd	Women's Institute
19.30	Memorial Hall
Friday 4th	Youth Night
19:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 5th	Farmers Market
09:30	Village Hall
Saturday 5th	Dolly Parton Tribute
18:30	Village Hall
Tuesday 8th	Gardening Club AGM
20:00	Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9th	Parish Council
20:00	Memorial Hall
Saturday 12th	Project 90
08:30	Village Hall Car Park
Sunday 13th	High Halstow Hikers
10:00	TBC
Friday 25th	Quiz Nite
20:00	Memorial Hall

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

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.

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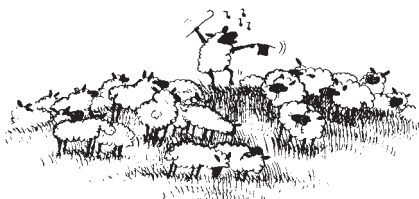
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For more information Contact Rev.Stephen Gwilt 01624 250637

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Your councillors may also be contacted
through the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Roxana Brammer 01474 871269

Telephone Scam

I received a call from a 'representative' of BT, informing me that he was dis-connecting me because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00, or it would be £118.00 to re-connect at a later date. The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media, allegedly Virgin Media have to pay BT a percentage for line rental! I asked the guy's name - he gave me the very 'English' John Peacock with a very unusual accent - & the phone number - 0800 0800 152. Obviously the fellow realised I didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how he intended doing this and he told me to hang up and try phoning someone - he would dis-connect my phone to prevent this. AND HE DID!! My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me back again. Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made and he said credit card, there & then. I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT. He hung up. I dialled 1471 but the number wasn't available, so I phoned his fictitious 0800 number - which was not recognised. I then phoned the police to let them know. Apparently I wasn't the first! It's only just started, but it is escalating. Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends & family aware of this.

I then heard from a colleague as to how they do it. The cutting off of the line is very simple, the trickster stays on the line with the mute button held so that you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying (This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced! The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool some people. The purpose of the con is not about getting the cash as this would not get past merchant services - it is all about getting the credit card details which include the security number so that it can be used for far larger purchases. Please be very careful about who you give your credit card details to.

Concerned Resident

Jonathan Computers

Contact Jonathan on:

Freephone: 0800 321 38 79

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I can help with one-to-one training, either beginner lessons or more advanced if required. Need help with writing letters (Word), Spreadsheets (Excel), emails (Outlook), or may be just using the Internet (Microsoft Explorer/Firefox), even programs like Facebook, MSN messenger, Google, Amazon and Skype etc

(* Terms & Conditions Apply, Please enquire for details)

YOUTH NIGHT

CRAFTS AND
SCALEXTRIC
AND REMOTE
CONTROL TOYS
BRING YOURS IF YOU HAVE ONE!



A place to just hang out.
The first Friday each month.
Youth Night at the Memorial Hall.
7:30-10:00pm entrance free.

For more info find us on facebook
"High Halstow Youth Night"

Or Contact Rev. Stephen Gwilt on 01634250637



The 2011 CENSUS is coming to a letterbox near you

On Sunday 27th March 2011, the Census will take place to capture a snapshot of society in England and Wales. It asks a variety of questions in relation to work, health, national identity, citizenship, ethnic background, education, language, religion and so on. This information enables the Office for National Statistics to produce population estimates which your Local Authority relies on to receive government funding. The amount of funding they receive is directly linked to the amount of people living in the area and therefore by completing the Census you can make a big difference to the services your local authority provides. The information you provide enables your local authority to make decisions on housing, education, transport & health and those decisions will benefit you and your own local community.



Security -

Everything you tell us is strictly confidential and the information you provide is not shared or seen by any other local or national government body.

The Census has to be completed by everyone and we don't want anyone to miss out so there is a wide range of help options including;

- Translation Leaflets in 58 different languages
- Braille Guidance Booklets and Audio CD
- Large Print Questionnaire
- Census Field Staff



The Census can be completed by hand or online.
Support is available via a telephone helpline: 0300 0201 101 or online help at www.census.gov.uk

We want to make sure that the 2011 Census reflects the needs of all the people who live in the area and we need your help to do that.

This is your chance to make a difference and 'Help Tomorrow Take Shape'.

You can do it online, You can do it by post, But you must do it.

For more information about the 2011 Census visit: www.census.gov.uk

Holliedale Dog Training & Puppy School



*Starting on Sunday 13th February
in High Halstow Recreation Hall*

*Puppy Classes start at 6:30pm
Adult Dog Classes start at 7:30pm*

Places are limited so please book in advance

on 01634 270496

*For more information visit our website,
or speak to Kerrie or Selena on 270496*

www.holliedaledogtraining.co.uk

Country Tribute Night Saturday 5th February

High Halstow Village Hall



A night of Country Music performed by
Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers and Shania Twain tribute acts. Fully licensed bar.
Doors open at 6:30pm

Tickets: £9.50
from Wenda (253169)

Readers Letters

Dear HHT,

I liked the panto Beauty and the Beast
And the song "Be our Guest" at the Grand Feast
It was fantastic and very funny, saying "Rhubarb"
trying to get money
Big water pistols and some custard pies
With pepper pots and a duster that flies
I liked the Beast when he became a Prince
He's lived happily with Belle ever since.

Asti Mardell

Dear HHT,

I liked the pantomime.
My Nan took me. Uncle Alex and Grandad were
in it. All of it was good.

Jack Woolmington (6)

Dear HHT,

Do you have an old car that you are about to
replace? Is it an old banger, been parked on
your drive way for ages and is now getting on
your nerves? The number of students opting
to study for a qualification in Motor Vehicle
Maintenance & Repair has increased
drastically recently. Students undertake work
on cars in the Motor Vehicle Workshop at
North West Kent College Gravesend to
practice and develop their skills. These cars
are stripped down and re- built on a regular
basis and have a limited life expectancy! As a
consequence the School of Engineering is
constantly seeking to source replacement
vehicles. If you know of any possible sources
of vehicles which we will collect free of
charge. Please contact Winston Sewell or
Andy Stevens on 01322 629653

Central Heating Oil

Free to anyone with containers to collect from
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gallons. Phone 01634 252063

Catherine Chandler

**FARMERS MARKET
1ST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH
9:30AM - 11:00AM
VILLAGE HALL**

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

Dramarama Pantomime

What a great joy it was to attend the recent
Dramarama production of "Beauty and the
Beast", we are so fortunate to have such a
talented troop in our midst. It is difficult to pick
out any individual because the whole cast
were on top form, but particular praise for
Mike Bostock and Alex Woolmington both of
whom took to their parts like a fish to water.
So much so that it is hard to imagine either of
them now not in character ! Quite apart from
some wonderful performances on stage,
congratulations must be given to the builders
of the "set". It looked fabulous and wouldn't
have been out of place in the Brook Theatre.
Costumes were as always marvellous and the
music and singing were of the highest quality,
the dialogue was sparkling and the adlibs and
improvisation were spot on, so well done to all
at Dramarama. The best performance I have
been to yet. When do you take it on tour ?
My only complaint is that I just got to one
performance; I could have so easily sat
through it all over again.

Rev. Stephen Gwilt.

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