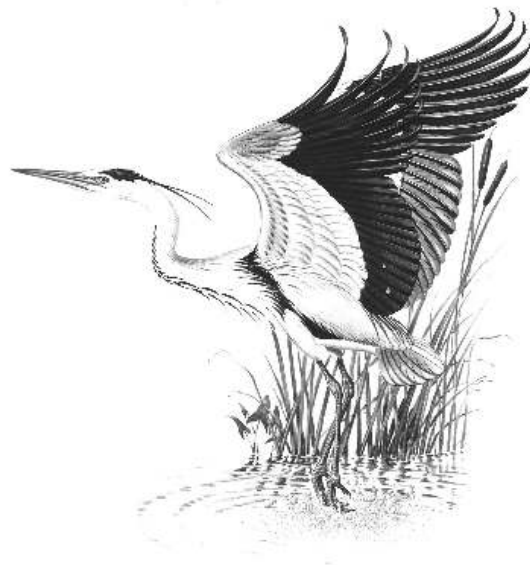


# High Halstow Parish Council

## Annual Report

2009

*Home of the Heron*



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# High Halstow Parish Council Annual Report 2008 / 9

## Chairman's Report

As always writing this report gives me the opportunity to look back on not only the achievements of last year but also on previous years.

Firstly I would like to thank all my councillors for the hard work and dedication they have put in the last twelve months. This year seems to have been particularly can I say democratic and at some times confrontational and rightly so!! If nothing else it has provided entertainment for our loyal and well behaved public.

May I also thank our clerk, who has the arduous task of interpreting and deciphering our proposals and seeing many of them into fruition. Thank you Roxana!

Jack and John for bringing a smile to work and keeping the streets clean and tidy. Thank you Jack and John!

Margaret Church for her work with the payroll. Thank you Margaret.

Last but by no means least I must thank the army of volunteers who make this village what it is "A real community" They will understand, above all, the comments of one resident who said recently "We had lost everything including our home and were in a desperate situation we were able to rebuild our lives and made a very conscious decision to move to somewhere that had a heart.... that was High Halstow"

May I welcome the new members to the team who have seamlessly integrated and taken up responsibilities with great enthusiasm.

I thank in particular Andy Walters, who has now resigned, for his effort in setting up and managing our contracts with Turfsoil who provide the maintenance of our green spaces and his contributions to all things procedural and of a health and safety nature.

Ladies and Gentlemen there is now of course a vacancy at this table and I call on you to take up arms and volunteer. So If you feel that you have something to offer our community please consider serving as a parish councillor. It is not very well paid (In fact its not paid at all) sometimes time consuming but very rewarding.

We continue as always to have a small problem with vandalism and I am sorry to say intimidation. We have made a conscious decision to more actively involve the assistance of our local police as certainly acts of targeted intimidation and anti social behaviour cannot be tolerated I would ask that if you witness or are subject to criminal behaviour of any kind please report it directly to the police through their main switch board in Maidstone or 999 (in an emergency).

On a positive note , I see that despite a small set back the cricket club have now started to prepare the recreation ground for the use of the 30 odd younger residents who make up the Colts Cricket team. I thank David Laphorn and Bill Maurice for bringing this opportunity to provide for the youth of the village before the Council. We will of course watch the development of this arrangement carefully.

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I welcome Police Inspector Simon Alland who has taken over from Inspector Robin Wharf. Simon has new and exciting ideas about tackling crime in our rural communities and is now a permanent attendee of the Rural Liaison Committee where all Parish Council Chairmen of Rural Medway and Medway Councillors meet on a bi monthly basis.

At our last meeting we agreed to fund half of a first response emergency pack to the cost of £900. This will enable Steve Joyce to hold vital life saving equipment in our village for use in an emergency. Last year Steve's team were called out on this peninsula over 300 times to life threatening situations. I'm sure many people probably owe their lives to the efforts of his team. Over the past few years we have been saving up to buy replacement bus shelters for the village I am pleased to announce that at our last meeting we agreed to purchase two new shelters to replace one outside the Village Hall and one at the bottom of Longfield Ave.

Fortunately it now looks as if we will be able to go ahead with our plans to refurbish the play park. Hopefully we will attract additional capital from Medway Council to add to funds already received from the Eon community fund bringing the funds available to over £50,000.

I thank and welcome the reports from the various organisations within the village. It is good to see that all are thriving and some seemingly bursting at the seams. I congratulate Margaret Whitebread who has this year become president of the High Halstow WI and know that her determination and leadership qualities will take the WI from strength to strength.

Not surprisingly this year we have again been subject to the threat of massive development in association with the proposals by Boris Johnson to site an Airport in the Thames Estuary. Of course these proposals are ridiculous as were the 2001 proposals to site the airport at Cliffe (or more correctly speaking High Halstow Allhallows and St Mary Hoo.) The Council along with Medway Council, Friends of the North Kent Marshes (now with some 4000 pledges) and RSPB remain vehemently against development of this internationally recognised site and we welcome Medway Renaissance's recognition of the site for its ecological value.

In these times of economic turmoil can I ask you to spare a thought for the few who run businesses in the village. I'm sure they like a lot of small business people are finding it particularly tough at the moment. They need all the help they can get, your support of these much-appreciated assets is essential. So please shop drink eat and fill up locally when ever you can!!

I cannot finish this report without mentioning the few who have passed away and who in our own way we will never forget.

Doug Hutchinson

Who first introduced me to community life in this village and will always be in my thoughts. He was always a first to arrive and last to leave person and totally dedicated to the community. He will be sadly missed.

Margaret Hawley

Who sat for many years on the Hall Committee. She was a dedicated individual who was never frightened to speak her mind and played an important part in the life of the village.

David Collins

Who surprisingly was an avid fan of Soundhole and during the last few years of his life continued to encourage me to run a Soundhole in the rectory garden for the benefit of the youth although I fear not for the benefit of his neighbours.

May God bless these individuals and others who have sadly passed away this year, may they always be in our thoughts.

*George Crozer  
HH Parish Council*

## HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2008 AT THE  
MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm

## PRESENT:

Cllr G Crozer, Chairman; Cllr G Thomas, Vice-Chairman; Cllrs Mrs P Hillman, Mrs L Munday, Mrs M Shuter, R Collins, C Mitchell, M Mitchell and A Waters and 8 parishioners.

Mrs Roxana Brammer, Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Treasurer and Booking Clerk of the Recreation Hall Committee.

## 2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 11 APRIL 2007

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record.

## 3 ACCOUNTS

The Financial Statement of the Parish Council's Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 was received.

## 4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's written report had been circulated to all parishioners in the Council's Annual Report and was received.

## 5 REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Reports from other organisations had been circulated to all parishioners in the Annual Report and were received. No verbal reports were given.

## 6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## a St Margaret's Church

The Chairman initiated a debate about the support of the church as a building. After discussion he proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting supports St Margaret's church on a secular basis in principle but with the expectation that the church suggested how they would like the parish to help. This was seconded by Cllr Thomas. Cllr Martin Mitchell proposed an amendment that the Parish Council should act as liaison. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Hillman and on a vote being taken was carried unanimously.

## b Dux Court Road

It was reported that there were potholes in Dux Court Road and damage by the bridge.

## c Land at Buckhole Farm

Following a question by a parishioner, Cllr Thomas explained the situation as outlined by Chris Butler, Principal Planning Officer at Medway Council.

## d Drayton Close

A parishioner complained about children playing football in the road in Drayton Close.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.53 pm

# **HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2008**

	2007/8	2006/7
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Precept	33,600.00	24,400.00
Bank interest	2,231.22	1,636.94
Rural Liaison Grant	1,319.00	10,322.21
Magazine income	345.00	60.00
Street cleaning	13,613.13	11,911.28
Grounds maintenance contract	13,088.72	-
Other income	918.80	269.43
VAT repaid	2,271.06	1,514.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>67,386.93</u></u>	<u><u>50,114.78</u></u>

## **PAYMENTS**

Clerk's salary	5,777.89	5,460.31
Clerk's reimbursable expenses	567.00	481.60
Street cleaners	10,718.22	8,605.68
Handyman	59.69	512.11
Payroll Clerk	150.00	-
Tax & NI	2,177.29	2,038.55
Street Cleaning expenses	162.33	201.34
Handyman expenses	83.00	101.64
Section 137	175.00	700.00
Grants other powers	600.00	450.00
Rural Liaison Grant	2,630.00	10,322.21
Magazine expenses	4,016.50	2,678.00
Administration	4,773.37	2,949.42
Grounds maintenance contract	11,689.50	-
Recreation Ground/Forge Common/noticeboards	910.34	5,740.67
Car park	12,656.28	-
Other expenses	2,785.28	3,334.39
Garage rent	600.00	552.00
VAT paid	5,396.57	3,281.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>65,928.26</u></u>	<u><u>47,409.36</u></u>

Excess income over expenditure	1,458.67	2,705.42
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## **BANK BALANCES**

Barclays Current Account	1,525.80	730.43
Barclays Base Rate Tracker Reserve Account	8,862.78	18,199.38
Medway Council Deposit	43,000.00	33,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<u><u>53,388.58</u></u>	<u><u>51,929.81</u></u>

## **FIXED ASSETS**

<u><u>nil</u></u>	<u><u>nil</u></u>
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Approved by the Council on 11 June 2008

George Crozer  
Chairman

Roxana Brammer  
Responsible Financial Officer

## St.Margaret's Church

It's come to that time of year when if I was a bear I would be coming out of hibernation. I have great sympathy with the bear as I am really not keen on the coldest months of the year and I really do look forward to the time when the spring flowers are in full bloom and things begin to grow once more, the exception to that of course is the grass. Wouldn't it be nice to have grass that was self regulating and didn't need to be cut quite so often ! It is a continued problem cutting the grass in the church yards and keeping them looking neat and tidy. At High Halstow we have two volunteers who do a sterling job and give many hours each week to maintaining it and keeping it looking great. I won't mention them by name but they know who they are and I really appreciate all the hard work they put in. This last year has seen thefts of lead at both churches Allhallows was more of an irritation than anything else as the thieves unsuccessfully tried to steal the flashing shortly after we had the roof repaired and new flashing put in. At High Halstow the problem was far greater as all the lead off the porch roof was removed with a replacement cost of several thousand pounds. Sadly this year we also mourned the loss of Joan Lambourne who was a church warden at Allhallows for many years and played a very large part in the life of the church. She has been sorely missed but we rejoice that she is now out of suffering and enjoying her reward in the Lords presence.

The year has as always been a mixed bag with the usual difficulties and successes. The garden party was as usual a wonderful event with over 900 visitors. It was a joy to see so many people just coming together, catching up with old friends and neighbours and relaxing in the summer sun. Our Carols by candle light services were also very well attended with almost twice as many people at Allhallows in 2008 than in 2007. It is wonderful to see the special events being supported so well but sadly numbers at our regular services have declined a little more this last year. The largest cause has been sickness as many of our congregation are getting older and with no toilet facilities and very little heating it is difficult for them to be there as often as they would like. We made a number of changes last year notably in the service times but this hasn't has a great affect upon attendance numbers. The one area that has grown and really developed has been the "Joy Club" this has now been running for almost 2 years and has developed into a strong and vibrant expression of Christian worship for children and young families. It isn't Sunday school as some people think. It is a new and modern multi media service of worship that has lively songs, stories, games, tea, biscuits, cold drinks and craft work. We average over 20 people every Sunday and as one child put it "it is like going to a party every week".

A new area for the internment of ashes has at last been set aside and is in operation. We are no longer using the system of individual stone tablets to mark the burial of ashes as we had run out of practical space. Looking to the future we wanted to ensure there was sufficient space for future generations in the village to have their mortal remains placed in the churchyard. The system of individual stones has always been a problem as they tend to move in the soil with the change of weather and the grass grows over them concealing them making it almost impossible to keep them all looking neat and tidy. Instead we have placed a very large gravestone in the new area, a copy of one of the older stones in the churchyard. On this are the names of those who have had their ashes interred. This should stand for several hundred years and so prove to be a continual memorial to those who have lived and died in our village. We hope, later this year, to build a small walled rose garden on the edge of this to enhance it's appearance.

As we look towards the coming year the perennial problem of finances seem to loom large. As the nation goes through a very difficult economic time we are not immune as a church. We need to raise about £65,000 this year to pay our way. That covers the full cost of running two churches and paying all our bills. We receive no government grants and no money from the Church of England. Our sole source of income is from the giving of those who come each week. It will I suspect become increasingly difficult in the years to come for a small minority of villagers to be able to continue to pay for the church and churchyard to remain open. This is something that we need to address with some urgency in the coming year or two. Please do pray for us that the Lord will give us wisdom and insight as we seek to address a very difficult issue in a sensitive and open manner.

*Rev. Stephen Gwilt*

## Gardening Club

Meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month in the Memorial Hall, starting at 8pm, the Annual subs' are £3. During the year we have 6 speakers on a wide variety of subjects from Butterflies to the Saxon Shoreway. We start our year in February with an AGM then wine and Nibbles and finish the evening with a gardening quiz.

There are two shows a year, one in the Spring and one in August, there is also a Bring and Buy of anything to do with gardening, then we round the year off with an Annual Dinner in December

*Pat Hillman.*

## Friendly Club

We meet in the Memorial Hall on the Fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm. We are open to anyone over 40 years old, but definitely no children. Our Annual Subs are £2.

During the first half of the afternoon members choose whether to play cards, dominoes, crib etc some who are meeting friends and just enjoy a good chat.

Members then have tea, coffee, or juice, and some homemade cakes. The second half of the afternoon we have a variety of talks and demonstrations. We have had the Social Services advising us of what we can or cannot apply for, and we arrange for the whole club to have their annual winter flue jab, much nicer than having to make appointments.

*Pat Hillman*

## High Halstow Investors Club

The club has been on a roller coaster ride this financial year, with the beginning of the year marking the zenith of the ups and we are still anticipating hitting the nadir of the downs, if we have not already done so.

I have heard it suggested that the investment club is a secretive, if not sinister, organisation consisting of undercover multimillionaires, living in fear of being outed to the local community. As much as I would like this to be a true profile of the membership, to the best of my knowledge it is not the case. However as divulgence of personal fortune is not a requirement of membership I can't be sure that the multimillionaire label is not applicable to every member! The reason why it might appear to be a somewhat covert organisation is that the rules that govern financial services apply to investment clubs, and restrict us from advertising for new members or indicating that we supply any financial advice or services.

We therefore get new members only by personal invitation from members to friends who they feel might like to join the organisation. However if anyone with an interest in joining the club were to make that known to a member they would certainly be considered.

Membership at the moment stands at 9 and within the rules applicable to our present set up we are able to have a total of 20. Membership has declined over the past few years sadly due to the untimely deaths of some members, not I hasten to add caused as a result of any stresses of investing with the club.

We meet on a monthly basis at the homes of members and also have various social functions throughout the year. We are all amateurs when it comes to share dealings and meetings are more like social occasions than high-pressure business events.

Lastly but most importantly all members subscribe to that old adage, that you do not invest any money in shares that you cannot afford to loose. Remember the price of shares can go down as well as up!

*James Jones, Honorary Treasurer*

## Quiz Night

Is held on the last Friday evening of each month in the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm and we start at 8pm.

It's only £2 and bring your own nibbles and drink. This is a light hearted evening and the money raised goes to the running costs of the Memorial Hall and improving the hall facilities.

Once a year we hold a Quizzathon on the last Friday in April, in the Recreation Hall to help towards the money being raised to restore that hall. This is when we try and encourage as many people as possible to make a team and come along it's only £2.50 per head, and again don't forget to bring your own drink and nibbles.

*Pat Hillman*

## Craft Club

This is a small group of ladies who make an assortment of things from soft toys, Pram blankets, peg bags, aprons, premature baby jackets, birthday cards, etc. Most of the materials are donated, and the items are made to suit what ever is there to be used, and what ever we have been asked to supply.

These items are sold at the Church garden party, and the church Christmas fair. The money goes to the Church and to various Charities.

*Pat Hillman*

## Open House

This is not a club, there are no Sub's, and there is nothing to join, you simply turn up and select your meal which is sold at very reasonable prices,(where else can you have a three course meal and a drink for under £5).

The open House is run by a group of people from the Church. On the Second Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall, doors open at 12 noon for anyone who would like to come in and have a meal, you get a warm welcome and the food is good.

*Pat Hillman*

## Village Hall

It is amazing how quick another year has gone. The Committee changed slightly this year with Maureen Short stepping down as Treasurer after approximately 30 years service. Maureen though has stayed on the Committee. Another member of the Committee, Peter Dall has retired after 30 years service and the Committee would like to thank both for their long and loyal service. Both Maureen and Peter have been in hospital and we wish them well for the future.

The Hall is used by a variety of regular hirers including the Youth Club, Dramarama, Doctors Surgery, Sound Hole, Sunday School and a number of Badminton Clubs. The Hall has seen the number of hirers increase over the last twelve months with various Birthday Parties being held. The Police also hired the venue during the climate camp demonstrations as well as seeing a number of presentations from various groups

Along with usual fund raising events such as the Farmers Market, the Annual Quizathon and Gardening Club Dinner, we had the 70's and 80's Nights run on behalf of the Hall and the School PTA which proved extremely successful for all concerned.



Not only is it financially rewarding the various events going on to support the refurbishment fund raising but to see people from all different parts of the village and different age groups surely means that this is a project supported by all for all.

Events for the coming year will again include the Annual Quizathon, Farmers Market etc. In addition we will have the return of Nicky Moore and Friends in May. Later on in the year we will also see the return of Queen B ably supported by The Redfords. It will be good to see a band playing again as part of the HUGH Fund activities.

The Fund along with the Parish Council contribution stands at £100,000 and now is the time for the improvements to start. Consequently the biggest change this year has been the appointment of Architects to take us through the next stage of the Hall refurbishment programme. Drawings have been produced and shown at the Farmers Market as well as being on the Parish Council web site. Following comments from yourselves the plans are being finalised for work to commence this year. Clay Associates, the Architects chosen, recognise that the project will move in stages as we find sufficient monies to release to pay for each stage. It would be good for next years report that we can report on the works completed and not just the fund raising part.

Thank you all for your support both for the past and we hope for the future. Please continue to support the various activities as the Hall is an asset for all in the Village and we would be much poorer within the Village should we not have such facilities

*Village Hall Committee*

## Youth Club

High Halstow Youth Club, which is about to enter its 17th year, is a friendly meeting place for boys and girls aged 9 and over. We meet on Tuesday evenings 7.00 – 9.00pm in the Village Hall term time only. Those who wish to join will need to put their names down on our waiting list (contact details below).

The young people can participate in sports, games and crafts. Highly popular are the electronics/soldering sessions and also the arts and crafts activities that are held in our Craft Room.

For the past 12 weeks two young women, sponsored and trained by Kent Youth, have given their services to our Youth Club. Amie and Hannah have integrated well with the children and organised various games and activities. When their time with us is ended they will be sorely missed. Thanks to them and all adult helpers who so generously give up their time to supervise the young people without whom there would be no High Halstow Youth Club.

All our adult helpers need to be CRB checked. If you think you would be able to offer any help or support to the Club please get in touch and we will arrange for you to visit; also we can arrange a CRB check for you.

*Lesley Munday 01634 250276  
Chris Peek 01634 252604 (email [chris.peek@lineone.net](mailto:chris.peek@lineone.net))*

## High Halstow Cricket Club

2008 was in many respects a remarkable year for the Cricket Club. In 2006 a plan was enacted with the ambitious target of securing 2 promotions for the 1st XI in 3 seasons. 2008 was the last of those 3 seasons, and it resulted in the third consecutive promotion not only for the 1st XI but also the 2nd XI. This means both teams will be playing Kent League Division III (1st and 2nd XI) in 2009.

In the meantime, the 3rd XI expected to play in Division 2C of the Kent Feeder League (East), but a marked increase in playing members introduced a 4th XI. With a certain amount of reworking of the league's divisions, the 3rd XI played 1E and the 4th XI 2C. It is fair to say that both struggled in 2008, but the experiences will be invaluable in the future, particularly for the younger players newly introduced to the competitive game.

The Colts Section fielded teams at U11, U13 and U17 in the Medway Youth Cricket League. Results were mixed, but it was a joy to see the development of the U11s as the season progressed. It was disappointing not to be able to put out an U15 XI as well, but numbers were against us. As a result the U17 consisted of mixed ages in a league where, on many occasions, they came up against formidable opposition in players who play regularly at higher levels of the game.

During the winter the club has embarked upon a number of initiatives to strengthen its position both on and off the field.

Our successes at senior level have attracted new players of a calibre that should make all the adult league teams competitive at their respective levels. The Sunday League team, which together with the Sunday Friendly XI takes a slightly more relaxed view of the game, will be formed around our most senior colts. Here they will continue to develop their skills supported by players from the 1st and 2nd XIs, with the aim of bringing them through to senior level as soon as possible.

This season we will have 2 teams at U11, the Egrets and the Herons as well as the U13s. These teams will, I am sure, attract huge support for their matches on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. They are fun occasions, but with a more serious side for those youngsters who fall in love with the game and wish to improve. We have a number of qualified coaches to help them.

We are going through the preliminary work to achieve Clubmark status, a programme of setting higher standards of, amongst other things, coaching, care and community links. The target is to submit for an audit later this year.

Of course, the most obvious sign of development is the granting by the Parish Council of a licence for the Club to use part of the Recreation Ground for colts training and Saturday matches. Preparation work has started on the pitch, and will continue throughout the summer. The first practice will be in early May and the first match on 9th May, weather permitting. The last date is 5th September. We hope the enhanced opportunities will encourage more young players and spectators in the coming months.

For several years the Club has hosted a Family Day on the Monday of the May Bank Holiday weekend. However, all too frequently the weather has sought to intervene, so this year we are aiming at the August Bank Holiday on the 31st. We hope that many – if not all – the village's groups and organisations will take the opportunity to raise funds for themselves, whilst enjoying a great day out. An event is planned for the May Bank Holiday, but on a smaller scale, and more details will come out shortly.

We look back with pride on our successes of the past year. This season, we would be delighted to see more spectators at all our games to enjoy the high standards of the cricket on offer. There is much pleasure to be derived from sitting in the sun with a cool drink, enjoying the sound of leather on willow – it is what summer weekends in a village are for!

*David Laphorn, Chairman.*

## High Halstow W.I.

We are a group of 26 ladies, several from outside the village.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

We have regular interesting speakers as well as organising other events including a Lunch Club, visits to local theatres and walks. We also join other Institutes throughout Kent for various social occasions.

All ladies would be most welcome to any of our meetings. Just 'turn up' we will be very pleased to see them.

*Margaret Whitebread*

## Ladies Badminton

We are a very small group that meet at 2pm on Tuesdays in the Recreation Hall. Our numbers at present are 10, but not everyone comes every week. Most ladies qualify for a bus pass, but that does not stop them from being enthusiastic and sometimes a bit competitive. Payment is on a play and pay system. We are always happy to see new ladies of any standard, as we play for fun and friendship.

*Margaret Whitebread*

## Sound Hole

Sound Hole has been going now for over 5 years. It is a gig event for unsigned bands, whose ages range between 13 and 21. The Sound Hole events are held on average every 6 weeks, during the autumn/ winter months.

Over the years, Sound Hole has been extremely successful, without trying to be. The original aim was always to provide a venue and facilities for young people to have a go at performing to their peers. The success is a word of mouth phenomena

There is a team of dedicated organisers/ helpers who contribute their time and effort, free of charge. Sound Hole is a non profit organisation that re-invests any funds it receives back into equipment for future gigs. In addition to the volunteers, there is also some important support from Medway Youth and from the Police. As a result, Sound Hole is a positive, safe and enjoyable event for anyone wishing to attend.

The attendance figures range from about 60 up to 300 people. Security, health and safety are all taken very seriously. The young people who attend are a credit to their generation.

On the internet, Sound Hole has its own website, its own MySpace site and Facebook Group. Each performance is recorded and a copyright free DVD is given to each band on the night, with their specific performance.

Sound Hole has presented a 'showcase' at the Brook Theatre a couple of times now.

### *Footnote*

*A sincere word of thanks is necessary to George Crozer, the founder and originator of the Sound Hole. Without his vision, drive and enthusiasm, this project would never have started or remained so successful. All the energy and new ideas come from George. He is a credit to the village and a credit to the community.*

*Mark Skudder*

The High Halstow Photographic Competition has been running for the past 2 years, and is open to anyone living in the village. There are two categories; People and Places and two age sections, over 16's and under 16's. The winners are awarded with a prize and the winning pictures included in the High Halstow calendar. Details will appear in the August/September editions of the High Halstow Times and judging takes place in October. Congratulations to this years winners some of the winning pictures are featured below:



2008 High Halstow Photographic Competition  
Overall Winner  
Egypt Bay by Tony Jones



*Corn Field - Jessica Spear (1st place - Under 16's Category)*



*Dominic, Emma & Nicola  
John Powell (1st place - People Category)*



*The Cherry Tree  
Ray Collins (1st place - Places Category)*