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Annual Report

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Home of the Heron



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Chairman's Report

My I start by thanking Lesley for arranging the spread of food for this evening and can I invite you to tucking in !!

I'm glad to report this year that phase one of the village hall refurbishment has finally been completed after a wait of more than 10 years! I can remember launching plans for the new hall just at the end of the 2003 airport campaign. We had been planning changes long before then and the emotion, expectation and renewed community spirit that was generated during those campaign years lead us to mistakenly believe that we could build an entirely new village hall. Lottery and others funders would surely want to pour money into such a project. In reality when it came down to it we unfortunately (or fortunately) live in a village that ticks none of the correct boxes to facilitate them viewing us as being "in need". I would like to view that as us being victims of our own success! . High Halstow has always been a great place to live.

Testament must be paid to everyone who has contributed time, effort and money to bring us thus far without their united endeavour what has already been achieved would not have been possible. A special thank you must go to Raymond Collins who has not only project managed the redecoration of the hall but I think with the hours he put in he almost lived there! A lot of hard work and heart ache has gone into and is still going into ,fund raising for the hall. Although phase one has cost close to £130,000 a further £230,000 is still required to complete phase two, the front part of the hall. We have been lucky to secure some funding and we are hopeful of more to follow. Lets hope that by next year it will be possible to report the start of phase two.

Project day or project 90 continues to flourish under the leadership of Gary and Ray. Many of the maintenance jobs around the village that in the past would have required funding have been completed by volunteers. Litter picking has been the primary focus of project day since its inception a decade ago. Sadly this will now have to be curtailed following the death of a contract litter picker who was killed whist working. The Council have asked us to stop picking litter from those streets that do not have footpaths in the interest of safety. They have also seen fit to withdraw funding for that element of our budget.

This year the facilities for our younger parishioners has been improved dramatically and has proved to by very successful. So much so this coming financial year we will be considering improving facilities even further. We will be looking into costings and consulting on an extension to the kick wall, to make it more like a football cage with

two goals but probably without the cage as that may prove to be too expensive at this stage. We are also considering suggestions put forward by the youngsters themselves for a skateboard facility. Not actually for skate boards but apparently that the generic name for what they would like. I have suggested that the youngsters take a contingent of interested councillors and others to see some examples, at our expense of course, so we may better understand their vision and the implications for all.

I believe I'm right in saying that this year has also seen a new fence around the allotments. It has tidied up the overall appearance of that area of our recreation ground and made the allotments themselves a little more secure. It's so good to see the allotments in full use and with a healthy waiting list.

The village shop now seems to be well established and going from strength to strength. It offers for sale a wide range of goods and includes some home cooked delights. I'm sure like me you are really pleased that this village asset is successful and continues to grow.

I hope now that The Red Dog, which has seemingly come full circle in its bid to win favour with a large enough clientele base, proves to be as successful as the village shop. Lee the landlord is trying his hardest to make the pub a success. He does however need our support if we are to retain this very important facility within the village. 1000s of pubs in this country have sadly not survived the change in our social habits. They have been forced to either close or to adapt and move towards a bistro/restaurant style pub the like of which are springing up all over the place and so are fast becoming the norm. Lee is forward thinking and I'm sure on the right track. However I feel that High Halstow is not quite ready to make this move, although I believe it might become inevitable. Personally I was sad to see that Lee's cook Faruk has moved on as his food, in my opinion, is some of the best you will find in Medway. He is also a very nice man.

Having glanced back at my report from last year I note that Lodge Hill and the impending development of a new town with some 5000 houses, hotels, schools and factories was under the spot light. Its progress through the planning process is slow, I understand it has not yet even been to committee for consideration. There have been many objections to the plans as they stand, not least from the Highways Agency who considers its impact on the A2 and M2 junctions to be significant and require further examination. RSPB and other wildlife charities also have reservations about its impact on the ecology of the area and have asked for further information. So there could be hope that we may influence the overall outcome favourably for High Halstow residents.

Of course I cannot finish this report without mention of The Thames Estuary and North Kent Marshes and the Government's seeming fixation to develop here for the sake of the Nation. I guess they have to say that don't they, because the only chance of building an airport here is by declaring just that: that it is indeed in the National interest !!

We, the residents of the peninsula, should all know by now that The Thames Estuary and its marshes, part of which bear our village name are some of the most precious wetlands in the whole of Europe. The European Commission understands this, and have gone as far as introducing legislation to afford its protection.

So great is the protection here that in theory you would have more chance building an airport in the New Forest or on Exmoor or indeed on any of our nine National Parks. The one and only reason that The Thames Estuary has been and will continue to be considered for development time after time after time, is that it is not in the hearts and minds of the nation, as our National Parks are.

I've no doubt that in a few weeks we will again be drawn into a long and blighting consultation over the future of aviation in the South East and will again have to defend that which should need no defence, for the sake of the future of our homes, our community and our National heritage.

In conclusion I would personally like to thank Councillor Thomas for the support he has given me this year without which I doubt I could have carried on. Especially the months leading up to and following the death of my mother who in the last 12 months of her life became more like a child to me, which made her care and death the more difficult to bear. Also to all the councillors for their dedication to duty (without remuneration) and enthusiasm for High Halstow, Home of the Heron and to us all.

Lastly, once again to Lesley, for all her time and effort in producing the chairman's buffet which we can all enjoy.

**George
Chairman**



HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2011

	2010/11	2009/10
RECEIPTS		
Precept	43,410.00	43,410.00
Bank interest	582.34	755.58
Rural Liaison Grant	0.00	5,600.00
Magazine income	870.00	135.00
Street cleaning	16,077.00	14,990.67
Grounds maintenance contract	35,050.05	16,625.00
Allotments	50.50	91.00
Other income	24.32	433.10
VAT repaid	4,162.53	2,870.17
TOTAL	100,226.74	84,910.52

PAYMENTS

Clerk's salary	6,185.10	6,146.71
Clerk's reimbursable expenses	538.40	705.00
Street cleaners	13,349.91	12,831.67
Handyman	0.00	182.05
Payroll Clerk	160.00	160.00
Tax & NI	2,450.20	2,396.44
Street Cleaning expenses	266.92	173.26
Handyman expenses	0.00	0.00
Training	0.00	190.00
Section 137	150.00	931.00
Grants other powers	150.00	50.00
Rural Liaison Grant	0.00	5,600.00
Magazine expenses	4,384.00	3,703.45
Administration		
Clerks admin expenses	367.68	340.10
general	275.00	896.09
insurance	1,681.67	1,549.00
audit	400.00	400.00
telephone	263.84	281.21
subscriptions	614.47	502.37
publications	12.50	26.00
Chairmans allowance	85.57	57.39
hall hire	80.00	187.00
legal	0.00	897.00
Grounds maintenance contract	17,040.86	17,004.00
Recreation Ground/Forge Common/noticeboards	1,289.00	21,532.30
Project day	242.92	319.80
Other expenses	34.48	135.00
Garage/shed rent	780.00	780.00
VAT paid	3,593.07	4,018.05
TOTAL	54,395.59	81,994.89

Excess income over expenditure 45,831.15 2,915.63

BANK BALANCES

Barclays Current Account	2,421.18	3,393.69
Barclays Base Rate Tracker Reserve Account	74,149.94	52,614.03
Medway Council Deposit	58,000.00	53,000.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	134,571.12	109,007.72

FIXED ASSETS

nil nil

Approved by the Council on 11 May 2011

George Crozer
Chairman

Roxana Brammer
Responsible Financial Officer

RESERVES

Hall Refurbishment Fund	58,000	53000
Replacement bus shelters	12,000	8000
Playground equipment	0	20000
Hedge maintenance	18,000	0
Unallocated reserves	46,451	7620
	<u>134,451</u>	<u>88620</u>

Medway Councillor Team for Peninsula Ward: Cllr Phil Filmer, Cllr Chris Irvine and Cllr Tony Watson

It has been a challenging year for Medway, as the government continues to reduce public spending. This has meant that your local council has had to make an additional £14.3 million of reductions this year.

Medway Council has managed to achieve this difficult task whilst maintaining front line services. Council tax has also been frozen for an unprecedented second year, which means that we have yet again maintained the lowest council tax in Kent, which is at least £130 less than the average across the county.

In the budget for 2011/12, funding was found to continue the popular free-swimming initiative, which has enabled nearly 60,000 under 11s and over 30,000 over 60s to swim for free. Medway's 19 Sure Start centres were again protected, with additional funding for extended nursery provision.

The council is committed to moving towards a Freedom Pass for young people in a sustainable and affordable way and this year we enhanced the half price bus scheme to include weekends. This means that young people in Medway can use the Youth Pass seven days a week. Medway Council has also continued the Villager community bus scheme and the 9am start time for concessionary travel.

To help improve the prospects for our young people, the council has established an apprenticeship programme with local small businesses. Since October this has created around 90 apprenticeships in local companies. In addition, the council also joined the national "100 in 100" scheme which aims to get 100 pledges from businesses in 100 working days. We exceeded this with 190 placements achieved.

In partnership with the University of Greenwich, BAE Systems and the Royal Engineers, the council is working to bring a University Technical College to Medway, which would specialise in engineering and construction studies for 14-19 year olds.

2012 is a Year of Celebration in Medway with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic Games, the bicentenary of Dickens' birth and 200 years of the Royal Engineers. To mark these occasions, a number of events are being held including a River Festival in June.

All Medway councillors have reaffirmed their complete opposition to the proposed Thames Estuary airport and have allocated funding for the Stop Estuary Airport campaign, with posters, leaflets and car stickers available to all local residents. The council is also working with other local authorities in Kent and Essex to examine possible alternatives to these proposals.

Your Ward Councillor Team has and continue to actively raise residents concerns about the impact of the proposed Lodge Hill development to the wider, and neighbouring, communities on the Hoo Peninsula. This includes highways infrastructure, impact to local amenities and the natural environment.

Sugarbabes

Sugarbabes started about ten years ago. The original members were from a class held at Scoops in Rochester who. We decided to form our own group with the same Tutor and so Sugarbabes was formed.



We meet every Thursday at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm. We currently have thirteen members and rarely have a vacancy

We make all kinds of flowers for Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Christmas Cakes

We also make models from sugar paste of anything from Mickey Mouse to Scooby Doo and will have a go at any children's character.



We sometimes work in a group all doing the same project or individually when we make a special cake to do for someone.

Over the years we have built up quite a collection of cake tins and equipment all bought by the members and used regularly. We are all good friends and we all help each other with various projects and equipment

Crystal Wakefield

High Halstow and District Gardening Club

Committee in 2011: John Pink – President and Speakers' Secretary; Gwen Bucknall - Chairman; Christine Panter – Vice Chairman; Margot Sturt – Treasurer; Christine Wilson – Secretary; Wendy and Michael White, plus Ian Bett - Show Secretaries; Margaret Shuter – Social Secretary; June Barton, Cheryle Hassel and Darren Campbell - Committee Members.

During the last year membership numbers have risen, which is very rewarding and we made a reasonable surplus due to the fund raising events we organised. We have had a really good year with several excellent events. The year commenced with our annual Christmas Dinner which due to the icy conditions and temperatures of -7°C was postponed from December to February 2011 and was held in the Recreation Hall. It was so well supported by members and guests, that we have permanently moved it to February.

Three outings took place in stunningly good weather conditions, the first to Columbia Road flower market, where the sight and scent of masses of flowers on the stalls overwhelmed us and tempted us all to purchase unusual plants; the second was to the National Trust property of Polesden Lacey in Surrey where we had a brilliant garden tour and also had time to visit the gorgeous house; and the third to Hyde Hall the RHS garden in Essex where not only did you enjoy the lovely gardens and lakes but were also entertained by Morris dancers. The fourth outing was supposed to be a summer expedition to Southend on the Princess Pocahontas, which was fated by either the gales or the damaged pier due to a collision! Third time lucky for the Princess Pocohontas trip to Southend in 2012!

The Annual Bring and Buy Plant Sale was held in May, which was highly enjoyable and also raised money for our funds. A Garden Safari was held for the first time on a Sunday 12th June 2011 and twelve gardens were open for members to explore. In spite of inclement weather, many intrepid members took advantage of being able to see gardens that have never been open before. The exhibitors worked very hard to make their gardens look stunning and I was most impressed by the high standards they reached. Tea with delicious home baked cakes was available for all in the garage at The Oast due to the unforgiving weather!

The Spring and Summer shows (the latter was as usual on August Bank Holiday Saturday) were as pleasing as ever with enthusiastic members and non-members producing large numbers of fantastic exhibits. I always feel very proud of the achievements of members when I survey the halls before the judging, as they look so amazing.

We had an excellent lecture programme for 2011, which was a mixture of gardening and non-gardening topics.

Half price seeds were purchased from Thompson and Morgan by our members in the winter.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work, without them nothing would take place. I would also like to thank all the members of the club who are so supportive and help out in so many ways.

Gwen Bucknall

HIGH HALSTOW CRICKET CLUB

2011 was a tense season on the field, with the 1st and 2nd XIs struggling in early part, but in the end both retained their Division III status. We would have settled for this at the start of the campaign, although there was an expectation that the 2nd XI would at least be challenging for promotion. The main problem was a lack of depth and experience, which ultimately manifested itself in the dropping of the 4th XI. On the bright side, the senior squad for 2012 will have an average age below 25, with several home grown colts making the breakthrough in to 1st team cricket.. The experience will be found in the 2nd XI!

For the 3rd XI Feeder League 1A was too strong, being made up of mainly first elevens from clubs that our 1st XI played against within the last 10 years. The return to Division 1B in 2012 should make Saturday afternoons more enjoyable for the team – and perhaps make selection easier. A further contribution to the 3rd XI's season will be the expected improvement in the quality of the playing surface at Hoo School. Certainly, the square there looks better now that it has done for years. Our thanks to the E.On Community Fund for help in renovating the facility.

After a terrific run in the Npower National Village Cup in 2010, it was very disappointing to fall at the first hurdle in 2011. By a strange quirk of fate, we again play Limpsfield Chart in the first round this year, hoping for a better result and a longer run in this most enjoyable of competitions.

Last year we reported on record successes for the Colts Section. 2011 was, if anything, even better, with league championships for the U11 Softball team, the U15s and U11 Herons. The latter also won the age group cup and the league play-off, thus winning everything on offer. The U13s finished as runners up in their 3 competitions, the U15s won their cup while the U17s finished second in their league. A remarkable season by any standard, duly recognised by individual representation at District and County level. Whilst congratulating all the players, special mention must be made of their coaches, parents and other helpers that made it all happen.

It is also appropriate to thank all those who have made a contribution to the running of the club – the vice-presidents, sponsors, umpires, scorers, tea-makers, parents and all other helpers. Their efforts, often passing unnoticed by the many, are very much appreciated by the few.

Once again, the club played host to Medway Schools Kwik Cricket competitions, and will do so again in 2012. With 36 schools taking part in the main event, the ground, and the Rec stage 16 games of cricket at the same time – quite a challenge.

As always, new members of all ages and abilities are welcome, including non-players and friends. Junior colts' training is on Rayner's Meadow on Tuesdays at 6.00 followed by adults and senior colts on Wednesdays at the same time.

With a new committee under a new chairman in Miles Kember, the club looks forward to consolidation off the field and continuing progress on it.

D.A. Lapthorn
Life President

The High Halstow Relief in Need Charity.

Charity No. 250996. Reg. 27th July 1967.

In April 1716 by means of a bequest, John Crompton founded the original charity. In August 1981, a further two charities, those founded by Reverend Robert Gascoyne Burt in April 1875 and Richard White in 1602 were amalgamated under the title of '*High Halstow Relief in Need Charity*'. The Charity is administered by a body of Trustees, who hold at least two ordinary meetings per year.

The Trustees are charged with letting and managing the land and property belonging to the Charity and applying the income in relieving, generally or individually, persons resident in High Halstow who are in need or distress, by making grants of money, or paying for items or services, calculated to reduce the hardship of such persons. Preference will always be given to widows.

A further amendment of the scheme was made in September 1989, allowing the Trustees to make monies available for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of High Halstow.

Anyone can apply to the Trustees at any time and their request will be *considered in complete confidence*.

During the last financial year ended October 2011 the following payments were made:

Bursaries and equipment:	24.	£12,050 (including 9 new laptops)
Church:	14.	£628.
Distributions / relief:	12.	£5,506.
Helpline rental & equipment:	11.	£1,181.
Village support & or projects:	3.	£962.

The Trustees are: as follows:

Rev. Stephen Gwilt (Chair)
Jemma Gillies,
Mr John Myatt,
Mrs Christine Peek.

Mrs Margaret Bufford,
Mrs Lesley Munday,
Mr Bob Prichard

Bob Bishop.

Memorial Hall

This past year has been a good one for the hall. We managed to replace the floor with donations from various organisations, large and small, and by way of improved drainage we have ensured that the rainwater will not do the damage to the floor again. We now have plans to renovate and redecorate the kitchen and the urinals area. We are able to do this because the hall is so popular for village clubs and organisations as well as parties of various sizes. The quiz nights continue to bring in a very good regular income of in the region of £200 per month. The trustees and committee would like to thank everyone who supports this little hall.

Margaret Church

YOUTH CLUB REPORT

High Halstow Youth Club is now in its 20th year. It continues to be a very popular meeting place for our local young people aged 9 and over. Youth Club meets on Tuesday evenings (term time only) in the Recreation Hall between 7pm and 8.45pm. There is still a Waiting List system for new membership so if you know someone who would like to join in the future, please contact one of us (contact details below) and we will add the name to the waiting list. A child's name can be added to the waiting list when they are only 7 or 8 but they will have to wait until they are at least 9 years old before they can actually join the club.

Due to the refurbishment of the Recreation Hall last year, the club moved temporarily and met in the Primary School from September through to December. We are very grateful to Mrs Sanford for giving us permission and for making us feel welcome at the school. We were unable to hold our customary Christmas Disco, but we are pleased to report that we have recently had an Easter Disco instead.

The Club offers quite a diverse range of activities each week, depending on how many adult helpers are available and what their particular skills are. We have continued with many of the old favourites such as arts and crafts, indoor football, table tennis, electronics/soldering sessions, skipping and Dodgeball; during the year we also introduced a Cup Cake activity which was very popular and is due to be repeated soon. Another new activity during the year has been Bingo. We also cater for those youngsters who simply want to sit and chat or listen to music.

We are very grateful to a small band of volunteers who run the Tuck Shop each week and also those who tirelessly help with the other activities. We are constantly looking for suitable people to become adult helpers at the Youth Club and we also like to encourage some of our older "young people" to become young helpers; we do ask them to take a short break away from the club so that there is a clear division between being a Youth Club member and then returning as a Youth Club helper. It is these young people who will probably be keeping the club running after the "oldies" have retired so it is important to nurture them and encourage their development.

All helpers (the adults and the young people) need to be CRB checked; this is something we can arrange for you. 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. As we have been at the helm for nearly 20 years, we are now looking to hand over more of the responsibility to newer, younger people, so please do not hesitate to come forward if you think you have the skills and the desire to help our local youngsters.

Lesley Munday 01634 250276
Chris Peek 01634 252604
(email chris.peek@lineone.net)

ZUMBA

Zumba classes started in the Village Hall this year and we were pleased to be the first new club to join the Village hall since the first part of the refurbishment programme was completed. We meet on a Monday Night at 7.00 pm for an hour Zumba is a Latin inspired dance fitness class to improve fitness levels and burn calories. It is a class for all ages and abilities and is also a great way for making friends.

Jessica Harding
07746082182

High Halstow Investors Club

This club meets in members' homes on 3rd Tuesday every month at 8p.m. The group was originally started by those interested in the Stock Market and wanting to invest and gain knowledge. Initial subscription of £100 and £25 per month thereafter. We have regular monthly meetings and daily contact by E-Mail, enabling fast response to market changes. As well as being an Investment Club it is a chance to meet sociably.

High Halstow Village Hall

The Hall celebrated its 50th Anniversary in January as well as seeing the first phase of the refurbishment programme being completed. The Hall Committee went out to tender during the year and Spencer Francis were awarded the contract for works. These works included the following:

- 1 New roof over the main Hall
- 2 Loft converted into a new room
- 3 New back wall including new fire doors

Many thanks to the Architects , Clay Architecture Ltd, who have been overseeing this process who incidently found original photographs of the Hall dating back to 1962 as it turned out their former Company, Clay Partnerships, designed the original Hall.. Below are pictures from 50 years ago and also the new look



The fund raising over the years and a grant of £68,000 from the Parish Council enabled Phase One to come to fruition and for that we are extremely grateful. The works were carried out by Spencer Francis Ltd and we hope you like the Committee are very pleased with the work they carried out

In addition to the planned works we were very fortunate to receive a donation from someone within the village. With this and some materials donated by Spencer Francis enabled the interior of the main Hall to be decorated. A working party led by Ray Collins was organised to ensure the works were carried out prior to the first booking in mid January. There was a rumour Ray had moved in but I can confirm he did return home each night for a couple of hours sleep. Many thanks must go to this group who were Ray and June Collins, Ron and Crystal Wakefield, Mick and Angela Forward, George and Jane Crozer, Mick and Hilda Wilmington and ably fed and watered by Lesley Munday, Without this donation and their hard work the inside of the Hall would not look anywhere as nice as it does today



The floor proved a problem with many hours spent by Ray and George polishing it only for it to be too slippery to play badminton so many more hours were taken to take the polish off. Soon the lines will be replaced and then this part of the works will be finished.

The Fund Raising for this refurbishment started in 2000 following work carried out by the then Parish Council on an Appraisal. From this work it was identified that the people of High Halstow wanted to see the Hall brought back to its former glory. The Hall Committee of the day included Kim Hastie Pat Hillman, Margaret Hawley, Lesley Munday, Pauline Martin, Anita Russell, Maureen Short, George Crozer, Peter Dall, and Doug Hutchinson. Those members and those who followed including Carl Mitchell, Ann Smith, Crystal Wakefield, and recently Josh Gordon and Stephen Gwilt as well as HUGH Fund Committee members Richard and Margaret Church are also deserving of our thanks for making this aspiration come to fruition

I would like to thank all of our hirers be it regular or casual as without you there would not be a need for a Hall. The past year has been difficult with the partial closure of the Hall and thank you for all coming back now Phase One is finished. On that note I must also thank Pat Sanford at the School who assisted many of the groups in allowing them to temporarily move to the School whilst the works were being carried out. It was great to see a new group start up in the Hall, Zumba, and wish it well for the future

Many thanks to Elaine Slatcher who has cleaned the Hall now for a number of years and would like her to know the Committee as a whole appreciate the work you carry out.

It was great to see the Farmers Market return with all the Stallholders back in February supporting the Hall. For those who haven't been you have the opportunity to pick up your meat, vegetables, bread that you would expect to see at a market. In addition you can get some great cards, jewelry, honey, jams, cakes, candles, gifts, books and much much more. The little café we have set up will keep you fed and watered whilst you have a rest from the shopping giving you the opportunity to catch up and have a chat. Many thanks to Michelle King who spends a considerable time organising this so that we have the Hall full of stallholders (18 at the last count). Again many thanks to the Stallholders for your continued support



Many thanks must also go to all of you who have supported the various events either by attending or helping organising the events or clearing up. I cannot name you all or it would be like reading the Register of Electors but you know who you are.

Please don't think we have finished the process. . We have fund raising events planned for the coming year including including Take On Take That Tribute Band on May 26th . Thanks to Wenda Taylor for selling the tickets on behalf of the Committee as this too is very much appreciated

The next step for the refurbishment programme is the front of the building which is from the left

- 1 New Doctors Waiting Room/Committee Room/Drama Changing Rooms
- 2 New Doctors Surgery
- 3 Additional storage (currently the lobby)
- 4 New toilet including disabled facilities
- 5 New area for the kitchen
- 6 Heating
- 7 Plumbing
- 8 Rewiring
- 9 New roof over the front

The estimated cost for this phase is just a small £250,000. We currently have a pledge for £50,000 with a number of other options being explored and at the time of writing this report we have a decision pending on another grant.

Lets hope we have another great year in front of us. Thank you all

Gary Thomas



Church Yard Working Party

Three times last year a working party helped keep the grass and brambles under control when the Church's mower was broken



In July the new Village shop was formally opened by Fred Beringer

Well done to Bob and his staff for the tremendous amount of work put in to make this a success

Kings Kitchen at the Memorial Hall goes from strength to strength. Now has a Parish Council Surgery where you can raise any issues that you may have



MacMillan Coffee Morning another tremendous success



Ella Kitney's winning photograph
from the Photographic Competition

The cast from the Summer Show including
Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton.
*(I always thought Kenny Rogers was bigger
than that*



Santa returns for his annual
visit to the Village on
Christmas Eve

