



# High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



July 2018

## Off to University?

The **High Halstow Relief in Need** charity (Reg. No. 250996) has a limited number of small bursaries available to students going to University for the first time.

Students who started last year and were able to apply for a bursary may also apply.

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**High Halstow Relief in Need Charity**

The Rectory

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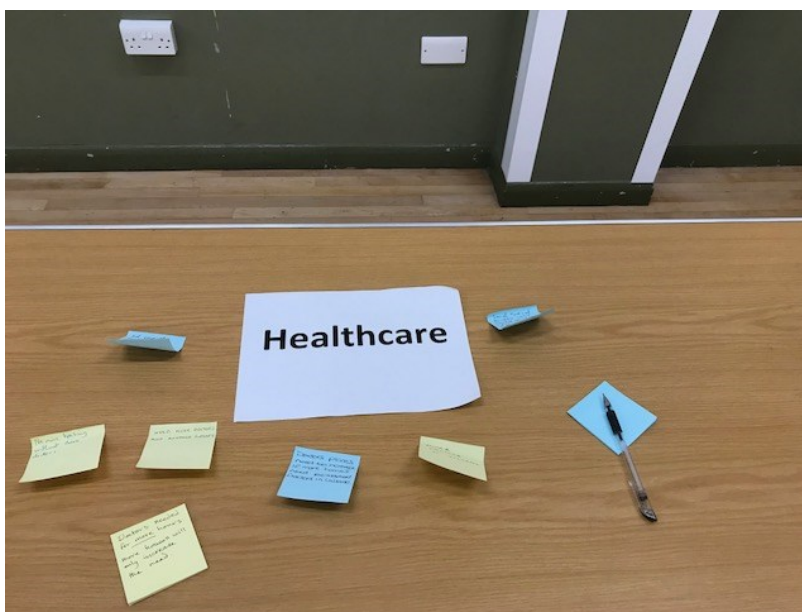
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PLEASE mark '**Bursary Application**' on the front of the envelope.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATIONS



High Halstow Neighbourhood Plan Committee have organised four Consultations in the village. These Consultations are meant as an opportunity for High Halstow villagers to comment on and/or discuss with the Committee what they feel is required in our village.

We have now completed 3 Consultations. Two of these took place in the Village Hall with another Consultation taking place in the field of the School at their Annual Fair.

All three Consultations were fairly well received by those attending although turnout has been low. We have a plentiful supply of various comments which we will analyse once our fourth Consultation has taken place.

Our fourth Consultation will be at the Church Garden Party on 7 July. We are hoping to receive final comments from villagers. If you have not attended any of the Consultations, we would urge you to come along to the next one and make your voice heard.

After the final Consultation, and we have analysed the comments we will be able to put together a questionnaire which will go out to everyone in the village. There will also be a Referendum and we are hoping that we receive a healthy response.

We are also in the process of contacting local businesses and landowners.

Any resident unable to attend can submit their suggestions to the parish clerk at [clerk2@highhalstow.gov](mailto:clerk2@highhalstow.gov)

**High Halstow Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

## Editorial

Another busy month in High Halstow. The Neighbourhood Plan having had 3 Consultations with villagers and another planned in July. As I write there are scarecrows popping up all over the village. Its great and very exciting for all—especially the children. What a fabulous idea it is.

I'm heartened by all your comments of encouragement on this publication and pleased that so many of you want to publish stories. You will know that I am limited to 12 pages but will do all I can to publish your stories as villagers love to hear local news.

## Letters

If you would like to write to the Editor for publication please send an email to [Editor@HighHalstow.org.uk](mailto:Editor@HighHalstow.org.uk) or write to Linda Atkinson at 32 Goodwood Close, High Halstow, ME3 8SU

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Children walking down Dux Court or any road without a pavement should walk on the right hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic, NOT on the left with their backs to it.

**John Pink**

## St Margaret's Church Sunday Services

Rev. Stephen Gwilt 01634 250 637 or email  
[StephenGwilt2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:StephenGwilt2@hotmail.co.uk)

08:00 Holy Communion book of Common Prayer

09:30 1st & 3rd Sundays—all age worship  
2nd & 5th Sundays—Morning Prayer  
4th Sunday—Family Communion

6:30 1st Sunday—Holy Communion  
3rd Sunday—Informal Workshop

**Baptisms by arrangement**  
1st or 3rd Sunday of each month at 09:30

## Need to hire a hall?

If you are interested in hiring either halls in the village for a function or meeting then please contact:

**Memorial Hall—Angela Forward 01634 251 756**

**Recreation Hall—Martin Mitchell 07752 682 437**

Please do not call on a Sunday

### Memorial Hall

Our AGM will take place in the Hall on **16 July 2018**. If you have any questions or suggestions, please attend at 7.30 pm.

**Memorial Hall Committee**

## Kings Kitchen

**Every Tuesday  
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### Betty Ryan

The family of Betty Ryan who died peacefully on 31 March would like to thank most deeply her many friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support. Betty had a long and happy life.

She will be sadly missed by all.

**Maggie Ryan and Juliet Murray**

## CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE



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### Relief in Need

The charity has existed in High Halstow for many years and is an amalgamation of smaller charities/private trusts, the oldest of which dates from 1716 and exists to help the residents of the Parish of High Halstow who are going through a time of need or hardship. This could include not only widows and widowers but also to help people of all ages and from all walks of life. Requests can also be made by organisations or groups in the Parish.

Requests for financial assistance can be made at any time of year, in writing, email or in person to any one of the Trustees. A resident can apply on behalf of someone else in the village—but their permission must be obtained first of all. All requests are dealt with in the strictest confidence. If you are not sure about a request and think it may be rejected, do not be afraid to speak to any of the Trustees listed below about it. These funds are there for villagers who need help.

Rev. Stephen Gwilt	The Rectory	01634 250 637
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June Collins	6 Marsh Crescent	01634 250 105
John Myatt	Decoy Hill Road	01634 256 185
Chris Peek	2 Willowbank Drive	01634 250 276
Natasha Turner	12 Marsh Crescent	
Office email	<a href="mailto:Office.hhrin@gmail.com">Office.hhrin@gmail.com</a>	

## Lesley Munday

We would like to thank everyone who attended Lesley's Funeral at St Margaret's Church on 18 May. It was humbling to see so many people there to pay their respects and offer their condolences.

The tributes in the June edition of the High Halstow Times only serve to show just how much Lesley meant to the many people who she crossed paths with in her years of involvement with numerous village organisations.

Special thanks to Rev. Stephen Gwilt whose advice and support made a traumatic day bearable. Whilst we are still coming to terms with our loss it is a great source of comfort knowing how much Lesley was loved and respected.

**Geoff, Tim, Jon, Lesley, Janie, Will, Charlotte, Matt & Natasha**

### Woman's Institute

By the time you receive your High Halstow Times this month the New Village Sign will have been installed on the green opposite the Church. The unveiling will have taken place on 29 June by Mrs May Smitherman (our only founder member) and myself to celebrate our 60 years. We hope it brings some pleasure to our community for many years to come.

I would like to thank all those involved with this project for their generosity and hard work including all the donations and fundraising that was done last year. Without the help of The Parish Council, The High Halstow Community Lottery Fund and our City Councillor this would not have been possible and all those who gave so generously at all our events

**Crystal Wakefield**

**WI President**

### Scarecrow Festival Timetable

23 June to 7 July— Scarecrows to be placed in people's gardens.

We sold over 30 Scarecrow trials at the High Halstow School Summer Fair on 23 June, which was fantastic. The trail is new this year and some people have volunteered to have their scarecrow up as of the 23 June. A clue will be generated and people will walk round the village trying to find them all. Everyone is invited to display their scarecrow in the churchyard for the two weeks after the garden party which takes place on 7 July. Trails are still available from me at 67 The Street, High Halstow.

Those scarecrows that are delivered to the rectory garden will be displayed and the public will pick their favourite.

### Sunflower fund raise

We have now sold many sunflower plants (which have raised £220 so far) and are excited at the thought of judging those that we know are in full growing mode.

**Tamsin, Friends of St Margaret's Committee**

## Poppies on Lamp posts to commemorate the 100 years ending WW1



The Committee for Poppies on Lamp posts has been busy discussing what they should look like, how they should be put together, and how much they will cost to make.

We have another meeting planned where the prototypes will be finalised. We have already had offers of sponsorship for the poppies that are on the lamp posts and Committee members are so excited with the look of them they want to order some for themselves for their front gardens! So we are running with this idea. We are hoping that villagers will want to buy poppies to stand in their gardens. They are extremely sturdy and will stand approximately 12 inches tall. We are still working out costs but they will be a minimum of £10 each.

**Poppies on Lamp posts High Halstow Committee**

## High Halstow Community Choir

We meet on alternate Mondays in St Margaret's Church. Why not come along and join in the fun. We all enjoying our singing and welcome new members. We sing mostly songs from musicals and its amazing how you just remember the words. Ken is amazing Choirmaster and has taught us so much—especially encouraging us and giving us confidence.

Please contact **Maggie Ryan** via the [Editor@HighHalstow.gov.uk](mailto:Editor@HighHalstow.gov.uk) if you are interested in joining. Everyone welcome.



## Resume of the Parish Council Meeting on 6 June 2018 held in the Memorial Hall, The Street, High Halstow

The Parish Council met on the 6 June. The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Chris Watson. There were three members of the public in attendance.

The council talked about issues including the repairs needed to the surface of Christmas lane – the Clerk is in contact with Medway Council – the issue has been referred to a drainage engineer and we are waiting for contact to be made.

Repairs have been made to the kick wall in the recreation ground and the Seat swing – the council are aware of the damage to the tarmac and are working to find a solution as soon as possible.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 11 July at the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

All are welcome to attend and bring forward any issues that they may have during the public session.

Full minutes of the Parish Council meetings can be found on our Parish Council website. These are updated regularly once approved.

**Cat Bloomfield**

**Clerk to High Halstow Parish Council**

### DRONES

Members of the public have made the Parish Council aware of Drones being flown in the village. They realise that these aircraft are widely available from discount stores and specialist outlets and believe that customers are purchasing these without full knowledge of the laws and safety procedures associated with them. In the wrong hands these can become lethal weapons that could cause injury and damage.

The **U.K. Drone Law 2018** has been passed by government with basic requirements being that these craft should not be flown within 1 kilometre of an airport, military establishment or public building. In other locations when public are witnessing displays then a distance of 150 metres is required with permission from the landowner for the craft to be flown. They should not be flown higher than 120 metres for non - commercial use with public liability insurance recommended or alternative cover.

Further legal information is available on request as is details of local model aircraft flying clubs where these craft can be flown under supervision in a safe friendly environment.

**Parish Council**



Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 10 July from 10.30 – 12.00pm and every 2nd Tuesday in the month.

Come and tell us your problems or find out about projects we are undertaking.

If we can't answer your questions there and then we will get back to you.

**High Halstow Parish Council**

George Crozer, Chairman 01634 250 286

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Your Councillors can also be contacted on **07702 036 836** or emailing the Parish Clerk Miss Cat Bloomfield [clerk2@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:clerk2@highhalstow.org.uk)

**Please remember: All Councillors are volunteers and give much of their time to keep the village the great place that it is to live.**



### What does your Council do?

Planning, highways, transport and traffic, community safety, housing, street lighting, allotments, cemeteries, playing fields, community centres, litter, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights of way—these are some of the issues that concern parish government. Central government is encouraging local councils to deliver more services and play a greater part in their communities.





## HIGH HALSTOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

# YOUR VIEWS MATTER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO FIND OUT MORE

When complete, our Neighbourhood Plan will contain a Vision for our future as a parish and will set out clear planning policies in order to realise this vision. Come along to the last in this series of events so that you can have your say.

**Rectory Garden Party**  
**7th July 2018**  
**From 12 noon**

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**Schools**

**Healthcare**

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## IMPORTANT

Come and have your say about the future of High Halstow

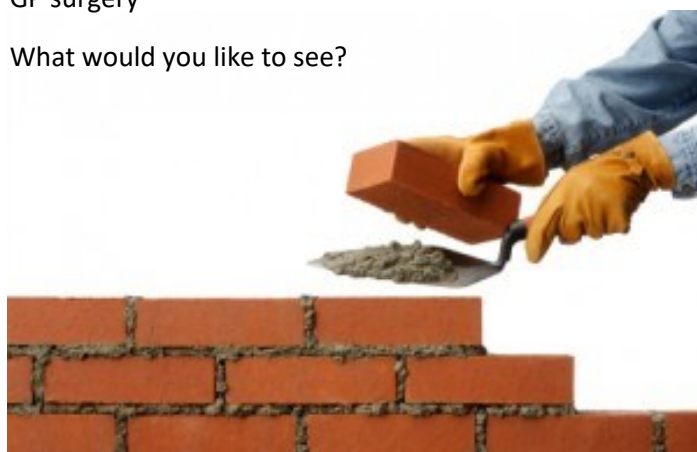
It is essential that residents have a chance to say how they feel the village is developed in the future.

Please don't miss this opportunity to make a real difference.

**Your parish needs .....**



- Homes for younger couples?
- Bungalows for older residents?
- GP surgery
- What would you like to see?



## Tyler steps up his fundraising efforts for Borneo



SCHOOLBOY Tyler Doran who lives in the village is embarking on a voluntary 4 week expedition to Borneo in July 2019 along with 6 other boys from his school.

He is determined to raise the £4,080 expedition fees plus kit costs and is well on the way having raised around £3,000 already over the past 9 months.

Tyler and his fellow travellers are holding a fundraising QUIZ NIGHT at Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School from 7pm on Friday 29 June. Tickets are priced £6.50 for adults, £3.50 for students and include a sausage and chip supper (or veggie alternative). There will also be prizes and a raffle on the night. If you would like to book a team of up to 8 or just come along and join another team please email [keyesn@sjwms.co.uk](mailto:keyesn@sjwms.co.uk) for tickets.

In addition to this Tyler is participating in a 60km walk over three days from 18-20 July around the Faversham countryside, camping out overnight. Plans are also afoot in the near future to hold a dance-a-thon event.

So far, keen chef Tyler has raised funds with bake sales, hosting a number of pop up restaurant evenings and catering at friends and family gatherings. He has also organised a Christmas raffle, sold items he no longer needs via social media sites and boot fairs and runs a weekly voluntary tuck shop at his local basketball club.

During the expedition the 14 year-old will be taking part in projects that will have a huge impact on the local communities, improving children's educational and healthcare opportunities. He will also be participating in environmental projects to protect the indigenous wildlife and its habitat and combating deforestation by replanting trees. As part of the expedition Tyler will also embark on a four day trek through the jungle, surrounded by exotic wildlife, learning essential jungle first aid and survival techniques.

Tyler says "This trip will be such a rewarding experience and an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me to work with the locals. I just really want to help the people in Borneo."

If you can support Tyler in his fundraising efforts either through sponsorship, event participation or new ideas for fundraising please email [tonidoran18@gmail.com](mailto:tonidoran18@gmail.com) or call 07740 590034. Thank you.



Support students to fundraise for a volunteering expedition to Borneo

**Where?** : Sir Joseph Williamson School hall,

Rochester



**When?** : Friday 29th June

7pm



**Cost?** : £6.50 adults, £3.50 students

includes sausage and chips

up to 8 people in a team



**Prizes and raffle on the night**

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## Get involved with Medway's Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update

Medway Council is producing a new Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) to replace its existing plan which is now over ten years old. An important part of this update is to get the views of people who use the rights of way network.

### Medway Council wants your views – and needs your help

#### What is a ROWIP?

It is an important statutory document which sets out how rights of way will be managed. It is required by legislation (the Countryside and Rights of Way Act), which also sets out what it must cover. The plan must include an assessment of:

- The extent to which local rights of way meet the present and likely future needs of the public
- The opportunities provided by local rights of way for exercise and other recreation and enjoyment
- Accessibility of rights of way to blind, partially sighted and others with mobility problems

To complete the assessment and complete the ROWIP, Medway Council will be carrying out consultation over the coming months. You can share your views through an online survey which will be posted on Medway Council's website in September.

There will also be a workshop held for the parishes of St Mary Hoo, Allhallows, Stoke and St James Isle of Grain in August and September.

If you would like to attend, please email [ROWIP@blackwoodbayne.co.uk](mailto:ROWIP@blackwoodbayne.co.uk).

To complete the ROWIP, 10% of Medway's 350km of rights of way also need to be surveyed. If you regularly walk in the area why not help by carrying out a simple survey of the routes you use?

The England Coast Path, once complete, will be the longest, continuous, coastal trail in the world – and its coming to Medway.



Our section will follow existing public rights of way and include a new footway into Grain and a new footpath route across the Allhallows marshes – an area of countryside previously without public access.

The England Coast Path gives us funding to replace stiles with kissing gates, provide new signage and make surface improvements. This project is helping us to deliver sea defence repairs at Cliffe Fort and the trail will benefit from national promotion.

And that's not all – once the England Coast Path is in place, the Thames Path Trail will be extended from its current finishing point at Woolwich all the way to Grain Country Park.

Funding for both projects comes from central government with an annual grant provided for ongoing maintenance.

We're working hard to improve Medway's network of footpaths, Bridleways and Byways, with a brand new National Trail and a new finishing point for a world renowned path, countryside access in Medway is going to get a lot more interesting.

#### Actions Resulting from the ROWIP

Through reviewing the ROWIP Medway Council will:

- Have a better understanding of the needs of all users
- Identify improvements
- Target paths to increase accessibility
- Improve signage
- Take forward new circular routes and promotion for urban and rural areas
- Attract more people to use this fantastic resource



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## Village Hall

### Quiz Night

Our thanks to Margaret, Marty and John for a fabulous evening at the Village Hall Quiz Night. A further £216 has been raised. The Quizzers have raised £10,000 over the years for the upkeep of the hall for that we are extremely grateful. See you at the next one



## High Halstow Village Proud to Present High Halstow Garage Safari Saturday 14th July from 9:30-14:00

As per last year we are hoping to inspire as many neighbours as possible to hold a garage sale on the same day. For anyone wishing to declutter and make some cash outside your very own front door. For application form please go to <http://highhalstow.org.uk/blog/>.

Application Forms to be in shop by 7th July. For further details please email [gary@highhalstow.org.uk](mailto:gary@highhalstow.org.uk)

### Stalls to date include

<b>*Coffee Makers*</b>	<b>*TV Units*</b>	<b>*Mirrors*</b>	<b>*Trampoline*</b>	<b>*Cameras*</b>
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<b>*Various Electrical items*</b>	<b>*New Clothes*</b>	<b>*Wedgewood*</b>	<b>*MANY MANY MORE*</b>	

On the day get your map from the Village Hall from 9.15 for 50p

## Future Events

Garage Safari £5 per stall	14 July	Details above
Quiz £3 per person	14 September	To book table call Margaret on 01903 340 953 or 07702 196 179
Celebrating 20 years of Medway	22 September	Details to follow
Motown Gold	27 October	Details to follow
Five Star Swing Band	10 November	Details to follow
Quiz £3 per person	14 December	To book table call Margaret on 01903 340 935 or 07702 196 179



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## Gardening Club

On the 27th may The club entered a quiz team at the Detling Garden show. The team comprised of Bob and Alison Wells along with Wendy White. We were narrowly beaten in the closing minutes by Lenham Garden Club. Thanks to all of you that came along and showed your support.

On Tuesday 12th June Susan Scrivens came to the club to tell us about her experiences of keeping bee. It all began with a chance meeting with a bee keeper and Susan thought it might be a good idea to have a go as it didn't seem too difficult. The story begins with Susan with little or no knowledge about honey bees and ending with many awards from the national bee keeping association.

Our next speaker will be Malcolm Withnall who's subject will be. Less Pain More Gain - Gardening for the over 70's. This will take place at 20:00 on 10 July at the memorial Hall. There is a small charge of £1 for members and £2 for non members this includes the usual refreshments and raffle

We have several outings arranged. The trip to Lullingstone on 5th July if fully booked.

We plan to return to the Mount gardens at Haven street nr Frindsbury on 17th July. Please contact Marj Ives on 01634 255 398 if you would like to go.

On the 31st July we have an afternoon tea arranged at Goodwood Close. Entry to club members only. The cost of tea, coffee and cakes will be £6.

We would ask members to return cups and trophies won at the 2017 annual show to return them as the Annual show 2018 will take place on Saturday 25th August and is open to the public from 3pm. This year we have introduced an entry fee of 50p per adult. Children have free entry along with any exhibitors. Trophies will be awarded at 3.45 pm. There will be refreshments, plant stall and raffle during the afternoon. The club encourages non members to come along and exhibit your flowers, vegetables or art work. Entry forms are available from the village stores in High Halstow or email. [hhdgc@outlook.com](mailto:hhdgc@outlook.com) We would ask that members consider entering their gardens, containers or hanging baskets this year. We have organised an independent judge. Only the judge will know how the gardens, containers, etc. scored so it really doesn't matter what type, size or condition your entries are in. The club really needs your support to make this part of the annual show competition meaningful. Contact a committee member to put your name forward. The gardens, containers and hanging baskets entered for the show will be judged on 13 July.

The club welcomes new members. Come along and give it a try. If you decide to join the membership fee is only £5 per year.

For further information please email [hhdgc@outlook.com](mailto:hhdgc@outlook.com)

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### Top - Top Club of the Year

As a family we have lived in High Halstow since 1983. Alex, our son has lived here since he was born and went to High Halstow school. Alex, my wife Hilda and I have been involved in the church garden party, Dramarama, Santa parcel drop and many other activities.

After football, karate, ice hockey and a host of other sports, tennis is the career that my son Alex chose for his profession. After a few years of being self employed as a tennis coach he then achieved the role of Head Tennis Coach at The Avenue Club in Featherby Road, Gillingham.

The centre was officially opened in March 2017, and offers not only tennis, but a state of the art gym, health centre and a superb restaurant and bar. In addition to a growing adult tennis membership, the vision and practice of the club is to take tennis into a large range of Kent schools to find the next Andy Murray or Johanna Konta.

In the short period that the centre has been opened, it has received the award of 'Kent Club of the year' together with the latest award 'The South East Club of the year'. This latest award was presented to Alex and the owner and chairman of The Avenue Club, Colin Jarvis, and featured live on BBC at The Queens Tennis tournament in London. The Avenue Club has now been entered into 'The National Club of the year' award and the result is due to be announced shortly at Wimbledon during the tournament.

I am very proud of the achievements of my son Alex, together with the success of the club, and I hope that Alex's story will help to inspire other young High Halstow residents to realise that with hard work and dedication they too can also achieve great things.

**Mick Woolmington**



## High Halstow Hikers

Our early June walk started outside St Peter and St Paul's Church at Upper Stoke just 3 miles from High Halstow.

Conditions were pleasantly warm and dry. The 14 of us walked up Vicarage Lane to join the footpath across fields to Tudor Farm with some of us reminiscing on the village football games we enjoyed some decades ago on the area now occupied by the large houses in Vicarage Close. From the farm we took the track to the seawall performing some contortions to pass through the gate allowing passage across the railway line. The chimney at Kingsnorth has of course now gone but a vast new storage facility close to the railway on the Kingsnorth Estate made a different contrast with the attractive high-tide views across the saltings to the sailing boats in the Medway Estuary. The long grass on the seawall made our walk along it a bit tougher than it might have been but it was still manageable. Variable sights on our way included many well-cared for horses, the light planes and microlights landing on the airstrip alongside the seawall, a wide range of boats along the rickety wharf and several fishermen camped out peacefully around the large lily pond close to Middle Stoke. Particularly amusing was a tongue-in-cheek life-guard like seat (see photo) close to the creek. To finish the approximately 5-mile route we walked through Lower Stoke village and up Cuckold's Green Road to take the farm track back to the cars at Upper Stoke.

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On Sunday 8th July we will take a 7-mile walk around the coast between Margate and Broadstairs starting from the entrance to Margate train station at 10.00. As ever all are welcome. Given that this is a longer journey than most we do, we will make special transport arrangements.

So if you are not on the normal email list and would like to join please contact Mitchell on [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) or 01634 254 428.





<b>MONDAYS</b>	Line Dancing	11:00 — 12:30	Memorial Hall
<b>Alternate Mondays</b>	Community Choir	20:00 — 21:00	St. Margaret's Church
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	Kings Kitchen	10:00 — 13:00	Memorial Hall
	Pilates	18:15 — 19:15 19:30 — 20:30	Memorial Hall Memorial Hall
	Youth Club	19:00 — 20:45	Recreation Hall
	Bell Ringers	19:30 — 21:00	St. Margaret's Church
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	Tai Chi	10:30 — 11:30	Memorial Hall
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	Seated Exercise	11:00 — 11:45	Memorial Hall
	Pilates	14:00 — 15:00	Memorial Hall
	Sugar Babes	19:00	Memorial Hall
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	Pilates	14:30 — 13:30	Memorial Hall
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	Karmann Dancers	09:00	Memorial Hall
	KLUK Martial Arts	09:30	Recreation Hall
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	déjà vu Spiritual Centre	18:30	Recreation Hall
<b>Every 1st Wednesday</b>	Knit and Natter	13:30	St. Margaret's Church
	Women's Institute	19:30	Memorial Hall
<b>Every 2nd Tuesday</b>	Gardening Club	20:00	Memorial Hall
<b>Every 2nd Wednesday</b>	Parish Council Meeting	19:30	Memorial Hall
<b>Every 3rd Wednesday</b>	Whist Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
<b>Every 4th Wednesday</b>	Friendly Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
<b>Last Friday</b>	Quiz Nights	20:00	Memorial Hall



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