



High Halstow TIMES

Home of the Heron



September 2018

BOOT FAIR

The Village Hall Committee
have arranged for a Boot
Fair to take place on the
Recreation Ground on

Sunday 30th September

(In the event of bad weather
will be in hall)

Event from 9.00 to 12.00

Stallholders from 8.15

Table

Prebooked £10

On the day £15

To prebook

Hand envelope in to Bob in
the shop with name and
registration number of car
of person on front and £10
in the envelope

Please bring your own table
and chair



Here in High Halstow we have an excellent reputation for charity funding and the Macmillan Coffee Morning is no exception. Following in the footsteps on Ann Smith who has stepped down this year, the new team are confident that villagers will not disappoint and will come along on Friday 28th September. Opening from 10am, there will be coffee and tea available. There will also be cakes and savouries available and as we are open during lunch time we will be providing a Ploughmans Lunch too. A Raffle and Pick a Duck will be on offer as previously.

Please come along and help raise money for this very worthwhile cause.

Jeanette Dowsett, High Halstow Macmillan team

Recognising 20 years of Medway – see middle pages for further details.

Medway Council will have hosted 3 other events in celebrating its 20th anniversary and will be hosting their 4th at a family festival in High Halstow.

2018 represents an important milestone in Medway's history - it marks 20 years since the founding of Medway and the creation of the unitary authority, Medway Council.

Medway residents have been invited to enjoy a series of free, family events throughout the year to share their memories of how the area has changed, from new schools and sports facilities to more jobs and improved public transport.

Since 1998, Medway has transformed and seen many huge improvements. Not only does it now boast the biggest regeneration zone within the Thames Gateway, but Medway is surrounded by award winning rural areas and rich heritage.

Editorial

As September arrives we look forward to the school run (!)

Although the children are returning to school we still have more activities in September to look forward to. We are honoured to have been asked to host one of Medway Council celebrations.

The Village Hall Boot Fair also looks like a great thing to have in the village. Many people were disappointed that the Garage Safari had to be cancelled so let's hope the Boot Fair is a success.

Don't forget to get involved and write in with any comments or views you may have.

Letters

If you would like to write to the Editor for publication please send an email to Editor@HighHalstow.org.uk or write to Editor at 32 Goodwood Close, High Halstow, ME3 8SU

I am running the poppy appeal and will cover HH. If anyone wants a wreath, crosses, crosses with regimental badges please get in touch. Please don't leave it until the last minute. I keep a small stock of wreaths but regimental badges have to be ordered. October is extremely busy and there could be a delay in me receiving them.

I can be contacted on 07845 741 343 or elaine.cutting@btinternet.com.

Elaine Cutting

ps Volunteers are welcome. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

St Margaret's Church Sunday Services

Rev. Stephen Gwilt 01634 250 637 or email 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
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Recreation Hall—Martin Mitchell 07752 682 437

Please do not call on a Sunday

Kings Kitchen

**Every Tuesday
In the Memorial Hall
High Halstow**



Open from 10:00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

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
Stuart Bailey	27 Cooling Road	07976 760 844
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	Office.hhrin@gmail.com	

On Saturday 25th August the club held their annual show at the village hall High Halstow

Despite the difficult growing conditions brought about by our glorious summer heatwave we achieved 278 exhibits, a very pleasing outcome. The winner of the £25 National Garden gift voucher donated by village voices publishing was Fran Carr. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone.

Our next meeting at the memorial hall will be on Tuesday 11th September at eight o'clock with Andy Thomas talking about the mysteries of crop circles

Non members are very welcome a £2 charge applies this includes free refreshments.

Happy gardening.

Mike Hughes



HIGH HALSTOW GARDENING CLUB

HIGH HALSTOW & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

LIST OF TROPHIES & CUPS – ANNUAL SHOW 2018

SECTION 1 Vegetables	Cup for most points in section	Dusty Miller
	Terry Clarke Trophy	Neal Chapman
	Les Shallot Cup	Dusty Miller
SECTION 2 Fruit	Plaque for most points in section	Dusty Miller & Neal Chapman
SECTION 3 Flowers & Pot Plants	Shield for most points in this section	Jane Ovenell
	Plaque for best Pot Plant	Alison Wells
	Cup for best Chrysanthemum	Rosemary Collins
	Hubbard Cup for best Dahlia	Rosemary Collins
SECTION 4 Domestic	Mary Follett trophy for most points in section plus £5 voucher	Fran Carr
SECTION 5 Floral Art	Vase for most points plus £5 voucher	Clare Ovenell
	Cup for best exhibit in this section	Clare Ovenell
SECTION 6 Arts & Crafts	Dennis Follett trophy for most points in section	Wendy White
SECTION 7 Novelty	Potato grown in a bucket, heaviest yield £5 voucher	Sue Osenton
MOST POINTS IN SHOW	Cup and £5 voucher	Dusty Miller
Best Exhibit Section 1,2,3	Jim Marsh Plate	Neal Chapman
BEST EXHIBIT IN DOMESTIC, FLORAL ART, ART & CRAFTS sections 4,5,6	High Halstow Gardening Club Plate	Rachel Cove
PRESIDENT'S ROSEBOWL		Rosemary Collins
BEST MEMBER'S GARDEN	IV Uden Shield plus £10 voucher	Alison & Robert Wells
BEST HANGING BASKET	Hillman Cup	Pat & Bill Childs
BEST CONTAINER	Elizabeth Harris Shield	Jane Ovenell
TOP TRAY 1ST	£10 Cash	Rosemary Collins
TOP TRAY 2nd	£5 Cash	Robert Wells
TOP TRAY 3rd	£3 Cash	Dusty Miller
TOP VASE 1st	£10 Cash	Jane Ovenell
TOP VASE 2nd	£5 Cash	Rosemary Collins
TOP VASE 3rd	£3Cash	Alison Wells
BANKSIAN MEDAL		Jane Ovenell
BEST EXHIBIT VOTED BY VISITORS	£5 cash	Millie Dockwray
Childrens Medal	Arts & Craft under 14	Millie Dockwray



The Sun Flower Competition is really hotting up in High Halstow!

Children have been involved in the big race to see who can grown the tallest sun flower. Look out for the winner in our October edition.

Competition arranged by the Committee of Friends of St Margarets to raise money for refurbishments.



Resume of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 August 2018 held in the Memorial Hall, The Street, High Halstow

The Parish Council met on the 15 August – The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Crozer. There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

The council were joined by a Medway Council health and safety expert who reported that they were working alongside the High Halstow Cricket Club in order to enhance the safety precautions already in place- The H&S officer said that although there were improvements that could be made, that the cricket club was an excellent facility and posed no immediate risk to the general public. A full report is expected in the next few months.

The Council has also taken the decision to review the standing orders in which it works to – the reason for doing so, among other things, will allow the council to implement electronic payments and finance management.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 19th September 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.

Cat Bloomfield, Clerk to High Halstow Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The next Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting will take place on 13 September in the Village Hall (confirmation on room is awaited but expected to be in the Blue room or the Green room).

We are now in a position to request funding and this will be the next step.

We expect 2 members of the Planning Department to be in attendance to discuss the way forward. Everyone welcome.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group



Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 11 September from 10.30 – 12.00pm.

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

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



Parish Councillors

Would you like to have a say in your community affairs?

Could you spare a couple of hours every month to attend a meeting?

Are you over 18?

Why not consider applying as a Parish Councillor candidate in the next elections.

Elections expected May 2019

Women's Institute

Although we did not meet in August some of our members enjoyed a lovely day sailing up the Thames to Greenwich on the Jacob Marley from Gravesend. A very interesting and relaxing day.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th September in the Memorial Hall at 7pm. Our speaker will be Barbara Stevens who will tell us about Her Amazing Year in Journalism. She has been to our meeting in the past and is a very good and interesting speaker. We invite guests to any of our meetings, everyone is welcome

I imagine by now you have all seen the sign. There were a few hiccups with the installation and at the unveiling but it was a lovely summer day and we all enjoyed refreshments in the church afterwards. Our thanks must go out to George, Ray and June for all their help and to the Parish Council, HH Community Lottery and Phil Filmer. I would like to thank our members for cakes and help on the day and for their fundraising efforts. The old sign has now been refurbished and will be sited somewhere in the village soon

For those interested in the significance of the sign the cows I remember as a young girl being brought up Britannia Lane from Draytons Dairy in Sharnal Street (hence Drayton Close) each day before and after milking to graze. One field in particular where the school is now and cattle are still grazed on the marshes. The heron, fruit and corn are all part of our village life. The ducks (there used to be a farm in Christmas Lane with a pond). The logo at the top of the sign is our WI Logo with the dates of our sixty years and of course our lovely church We hope it will be enjoyed for years to come

Crystal Wakefield—President

Poppies on lamp posts.

Funding has now been agreed and paid to the Poppies on Lamp post Committee to enable the construction of the poppies to begin. We are excited at the prospect of seeing these fantastic poppies on lamp posts in Christmas Lane, Cooling Road, The Street going through down to the beginning of Britannia road, 102 in all. We are hoping that villagers will enter into the spirit of the commemorations and sponsor a lamp post. Please help us to play our part in funding raising for the British Legion in this unique way (our own design). Email linda23atkinson@gmail.com or 07825 619 353

We are hoping that there will also be a small number of poppies available for the public to purchase and we expect these to come in at between £15 and £20. These poppies will be large enough to place in your garden as your personal tribute to those who lost their lives in WW1.



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FOCUS ON

Festival

Saturday, 22 September
High Halstow Recreation Ground
12noon - 6pm

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Black Eagles



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Face painting



Refreshment stalls

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Quiz Nights

The quiz nights are held on the last Friday of every month in the Memorial Hall. These have been running now for almost 22 years and are as popular as ever. We do have people who still attend who were there at the beginning – we must be doing something right.

The quizzes were originally set up as a fundraiser for the Memorial Hall and initially half the profit of the evening was given to each organisation in turn for their funds – i.e. brownies, footballers, WI etc. This changed when substantial work was needed in the hall and the total profit raised each month went to the hall.

As the finances of the Memorial Hall improved I decided to change the format and each month a different team chooses a charity to donate the profit to. I am delighted to detail all the charities that have benefitted during the course of 2017/2018. You will see a couple of local charities – wHoo Cares and the Wisdom Hospice – actually received two donations. It is really nice to see national and local charities have benefitted and some smaller charities who perhaps wouldn't normally receive donations like these.

As you will know our dear friend Lesley passed away on 20th April which left a gap in the marking team. This has been filled by Marty who has very bravely volunteered, even though she could have an evening off from John! Thank you to you both.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone who comes along to the quiz nights. Your support has always been appreciated and will continue to be.

Margaret Church

Money raised in 2017/18	
British Heart Foundation	£ 92.50
Stroke Association	£ 92.50
James Wentworth-Stanley Memorial Fund	£223.00
MS Society	£196.00
wHoo Cares x 2	£377.00
Wisdom Hospice x 2	£475.00
Cleft Lip and Palate Association	£300.00
Muscular Dystrophy	£260.00
Kent Association for the Blind	£288.00
Step and Learn	£180.00
Cancer Research	£192.00
Chernobyl Children	£215.00
Recreation Hall	£200.00
Relief in Need (in memory of Lesley)	£585.00
TOTAL PROFIT RAISED	£4023.00

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Alison Hamilton, S.A.C Dip FHPT FHPP



“How safe do you feel where you live?”



That is the one of the key questions Matthew Scott, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, is asking residents this summer.

Mr Scott said: “I set Kent Police’s priorities based on the things people tell me matter to them. My Annual Policing Survey is a key way in which I get to hear what you think about your police force. I want to know what you think Kent Police does well and what it could do better.

I’m responsible for ensuring Kent Police provides an effective and efficient service so I’m asking you, plain and simple, to rate how safe you feel in your community and also what to extent you think you get value for money.”

Mr Scott added: I’ve had a tremendous response from those I’ve met at big public events like the Kent County Show and the Kent Police Open Day so far this summer but I want as many people as possible to take the opportunity to have their say. Based on the results of last year’s survey, I took the decision to put more money into recruiting up to 200 more police officers, so your views really can make a difference.”

The survey, which only takes a couple of minutes to complete, is available at www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/ consultations. A hard-copy leaflet, and a large print version, are also available on request.

Questions about people’s gender, where they live, age and ethnicity have been included to enable the PCC to spot trends among different communities.

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High Halstow Hikers

Our latest walk was relatively local and just over 5 miles long. We started from Cliffe Woods and took good paths towards Lower Higham, initially between banks of ripening blackberry bushes and then across recently mowed hay fields with a few challenging styles. We passed Oakleigh Farm and then stopped for a short break from the increasing heat of the morning at St Mary's Church on the edge of Higham Marshes. The Church has some very impressive ancient features including a 500-year old highly decorated entrance door. It was the parish church of Charles Dickens whose daughter married there. From the church we walked along the narrow roads towards Higham Station and then through ripening cereal fields to Lillychurch Farm. From there we passed through 3 fields with well-kept grazing horses - one was showing a fabulous golden sheen on its side in the midday sun. None of us had walked these paths despite it being so close by. After our exertions very little was left on our lunch plates and less in our glasses at the Horseshoe and Castle in Cooling,

For our September walk on Sunday 9th we are venturing further afield and doing walk along the River Cam from Grantchester to Cambridge and back. All are welcome as ever but given the distance we are travelling and please contact Mitchell if you would like to join the walk on 01634-254428 or mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com.

Mitchell Dowset

Remembrance Day Silhouette Installation Grants

I work for a charity called Remembered, which aims to commemorate the Fallen of the First World War. We are running a grant scheme with the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to help communities host a fully funded commemorative silhouette installation, without having to worry how to pay for it. Community, Neighbourhood and Parish Councils are eligible for this scheme and many have shown interest so far, so I was wondering if you might be able to share it with your networks or newsletter.

The silhouettes represent those lost in the First World War, whose names appear on local war memorials around the country, bringing them back into their place of worship, their school, their workplace or wherever their absence was felt, as the centenary approaches.

These micro-grants can fund up to 10 silhouettes to support Remembrance Day activities for the centenary of the First World War.

We would like to make sure that people don't miss out and get communities in all parts of the county involved in this nationwide project.

Lisa Bittles - Project Officer

Remembered

Lisa@tbnt.org.uk

www.therebutnotthere.org.uk

The 2018 Armistice project for the charity Remembered (Reg No. 1173739)

33 Ranelagh Gardens, Royal Hospital Chelsea SW3 4SR

Feedback from the Cricket Club will be available in next month's issue and once the new football season starts we will have regular reports.

Don't forget to go along and support your village teams ✓

Misses Busybee
Yesterday at 19:32 · 📷

WOW, what a fun summer holidays it's been. Thank you so much to everyone taking part in the rock painting/hunting, it's been a huge success and hope it will continue even after the holidays. I would also like to say well done to the 6 winners who managed to find the winners rock each week and I hope you all liked your bag of goodies that I made up. Thank you all for your pictures and thank you for the amazing rocks you have all created for others to find xxx

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Misses Busybee
Yesterday at 19:21 · 📷

A huge well done to the Huxted family, just goes to show your determination on hunting the rock down has paid off, u guys deserve it and managed to get the last prize of the holidays, well done. X




Kelly Marshall
Yesterday at 17:50 · 📷

More found and re hidden today



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



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