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October 2018

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Please return your forms to any of the following trustees:

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Mrs J Collins	6 Marsh Crescent
Mr J Myatt	Decoy Hill Road
Mrs C Peek	2 Willowbank Drive
Mrs Tamsin Stowers	
Mr N Turner	12 Marsh Crescent

All requests are dealt with confidentially.

Name : _____

Address _____

Help required _____

Editorial

Another fantastic month in our village. It was so unfortunate that the heavens opened for the Medway Council event on 22 September. The activities were in abundance for the children but the rain unfortunately put many families off. However there was a regular queue for the free pony rides.

There are many houses in the village now showing their respect for those that lost their lives in WW1 which has its centenary this year. Please watch out for the article on the Poppies on Lamp posts which we are hoping will also be a fitting tribute. Please request details to sponsor a lamp post. All proceeds to British Legion.

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 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

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Need to hire a hall?

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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

Email sent to Ward Councillors during September

Medway Norse are either “running” or “not running” the Villager Community Bus. We all received a letter stating an announcement on a new programme, due any day, 4 weeks later no Villager bus is in operation, requests for information fall on deaf ears. This is a vital lifeline for some on the Peninsula and I know Phil Filmer requested Norse to keep it going. I had a meeting last year with Ian the then Managing Director and we agreed on a way forward. I offered to put a programme together, 40 years organising tours gives me some experience. This all fell on deaf ears.

This is a vital issue because the main bus service is getting worse by the day. I arrived home one day after Hoo school came out and there were dozens of children waiting for the bus outside the school and a single decker bus turned up. The next day at 3.20 there were at least 15 children at the stop near Tilley Close, approximately 30 at St Werburgh Crescent and as many again opposite the school. There clearly is insufficient bus provision to get the children home. In addition, on a regular basis the buses scheduled for after 09:00 or 9.30 fail to appear.

As you are well aware any issues with the roads blocked onto the Peninsula or issues with the road works in Strood, buses are cancelled or turn around at Hoo leaving the other villages without a bus. Roadworks in Strood can over run, there are rarely any works going on. Twice last week I came through Strood not a sign of a workman or van.

This causes many problems, I dread to think what's going to happen when the road system is changed.

High Halstow Women's Institute

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

This will be open to all husbands and anyone interested in Rochester Airport – Past, Present and Future. This should be an interesting talk and if we have a speaker that we think will be of interest to others both male and female we make it an open meeting for anyone to attend.

So come along and join us everyone is welcome.

Crystal Wakefield President

As the Macmillan Coffee Morning will be too late to include the total amount raised for the October edition of the HHT we wanted to add a very big thank you to all who came and will have supported the event. (We have our fingers crossed!) We will add a total in the November issue but a thank you in anticipation.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Team

Hello and welcome to the Coffee Tree

Want to have fun and raise money to help fix the church roof and windows? We are inviting you to join us for a series of linked coffee mornings. Here is our cunning plan:

In October 2018 Jane Cook, founder of this Coffee Tree, will personally invite 8 guests to attend the initial coffee morning to get the ball rolling. Each of her guests will donate £1 and will pledge to hold their own coffee morning personally inviting 7 guests the following month.

Therefore in November, there should be 8 coffee mornings, each hosting 7 guests, making a total of 56 guests. Those guests will donate £1 each and pledge to hold their own coffee morning the following month (December) with 6 guests. You can see then that each guest is committing to hosting their own coffee morning the following month with one less guest. Remember for example if you attend 3 coffee mornings you are also committed to hosting 3 the following month.

January ones have five guests, February have four, March have three. We would like to end the Coffee Tree on a high note in April, so please could all April coffee mornings host four guests, donating their £1 each, but with no pledges to hold further coffee mornings. The Coffee Tree will then be complete.

This will only work if every guest donates their £1 and honours their pledge to host a coffee morning the following month. If for any reason you cannot honour your pledge please find someone to host your coffee morning for you and that way the tree will continue to grow.

It is the responsibility of each host to collect the donations you can go online at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/highhalstowcoffeetree. Or hand it to Tamsin Stowers in an envelope with the hosts name and date of the coffee morning.

Kind regards

Jane Cook



wHoo Cares

On Friday 7th September, at the High Halstow Village Hall, we held our annual volunteer recognition event to thank and celebrate our volunteers and the work they do supporting residents on the Hoo Peninsula. It was an opportunity for all our volunteers, Partners, staff and other organisations to come together in one place and share in the celebrations. The event was themed around a 1940's style cream tea afternoon and some people even dressed for the occasion. Two of our volunteers dressed in wartime costume and brought some memorabilia to share with us. The singing group The Skylarks joined us for a performance which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and joined in with. Each volunteer received a certificate of recognition and a small gift to thank them for their continued support within their communities.

Special thanks to Medway Plus and Kent Community Foundation for funding to help with the event and to National Grid for getting some of our Partners to and from the event. for helping.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hoo Peninsula Cares CIC (wHoo Cares) is looking for volunteers from all areas on the Peninsula. Befrienders needed for residents that who may feel lonely and isolated. Drivers needed to help with transport to health appointments or community activities. Full training and support provided. For more information please call Michelle 01634 272138 or 07584 285016



Resume of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 September 2018 held in the Memorial Hall, The Street, High Halstow

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Crozer. There were 3 members of the public in attendance. At this meeting the council voted to grant £250 to local charity wHoo Cares – which benefits many members of our community. The Council also discussed decisions regarding repairs to the playpark and implementing a maintenance budget going forward. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 17th October 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
Clerk to High Halstow Parish Council

A hotline has been set up for people to report parking problems to Medway Council.

Residents are now able to contact the enforcement team directly between 7am and 1am.

The team can deal with a range of issues including vehicles parked next to a dropped kerb, stopped in a restricted area outside schools or parked in a disabled bay without a blue badge.

Officers already carry out regular checks but it is hoped the hotline will help them to target places with the worst parking problems.

A spokesman for Medway Council reported. "Illegally parked vehicles can put people's lives at risk, especially if parked outside schools. I would encourage all motorists to park responsibly and to call the hotline to report illegally parked vehicles."

The number for the hotline is **07718 130 962** and should be answered between 7am and 1am seven days a week. A voicemail service will be available outside of these hours. Motorists can also email parkinghotline@medway.gov.uk to report any issues.

For more information, visit www.medway.gov.uk/parkinghotline



Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 9 October 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

LET THE
PEOPLE
SPEAK



At a time of year when trees, hedges and brambles tend to hand over on to pavements, can we ask villagers to ensure that these will not cause any danger to pedestrians who may walk past. Thanks



wHoo Cares Transport survey runs from 3rd Sept - 14th October.

Online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/peninsula

At www.whoocares.org.uk (to download) at wHoo Cares office
copy available upon request)

Drop points for hardcopy surveys:

Cliffe Woods Pharmacy, Parkside, Cliffe Woods, ME3 8HX
wHoo Cares office, 38 Chapel Road, Isle of Grain ME3 0BZ
Stoke Post Office, Lower Stoke, ME3 9RA
Hoo Library, Church St, Hoo, ME3 9AL

Any questions or comments can be emailed to transport@whoocares.org.uk or they can call Christine on 01634 272138.

Village events:

Mon, 24th Sept, 7 – 8 pm – Cross Park Pavilion, Allhallows

Thurs, 27th Sept, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm – Stoke Companion Cafe, Stoke Methodist Church, Lower Stoke

Monday, 1st October 9:30 – 11:30 am – Hoo

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Learn a Life Skill (FREE)

Do you know how to carry out quality CPR to help save someone's life?

Do you know how to use a Defibrillator?

Do you know how to help someone who is choking?

If the answer is no, then pop into the High Halstow Recreation Hall on Monday 15th October 2018 between 12noon and 8pm, and we will show you how.

Help make High Halstow an even safer place to live!



No need to pre book. All ages welcome.

A relaxed session with lots of 'hands on' coaching and practice. Certificates of attendance will be issued.

Hoo Peninsula Community First Responders

Now that the harvest is over and the fields clear please remain vigilant and report any incident of Hare Coursing / Poaching quoting Operation Salmon. The team need as much information as possible, so please take notice of any suspicious/ unfamiliar vehicles at the side of the road, in the gateways, lamps shining across fields and vehicles being driven across the fields. Every incident will be reviewed and whenever possible positive action will be taken.

News on the team development, we have recruited the team rural crime coordinator and Doug Robertson joined the team on the 13

August 2018. 7 new Rural PC's have been identified and we are currently waiting for their release from their current roles to join the team. We have recruited 7 to allow for the increase in the team and also one officer to replace PC Wayne Wright who retires from Kent Police on the 27 September.

I would urge livestock owners to remain vigilant, over the summer months the rural team have been made aware of 5 incidents where ewes, lambs and tegs have been stolen from their fields, again any suspicious vehicles please report to the team.

P S Walshaw



Kent Police

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sensibly**





**Medway Council Celebratory Event in
High Halstow on the Recreation Ground
on a very wet September day ...**



**The rain didn't stop
play or stop the
children riding the
ponies either**

High Halstow Village Hall

Booking Clerk

The Booking Clerk has changed now to Wenda Taylor who many of you will know. Her contact details are 07907 983 248

We would like to thank Martin Mitchell for carrying out this role up to now.

Village Hall Quiz Nights

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Margaret, Marty and John for another successful Quiz Night. As always another enjoyable evening so thanks for all who came along to support this event.

The next one is 14 December 2018 and to book your table please ring Margaret on

01903 340953 or 07702 196179, cost is £3 per person.

Boot Fair 30th September

Unfortunately the decision was taken to cancel this event due to lack of numbers. We have been asked as to why there was a pre-booking arrangement and this was to ensure that there would be enough people coming along. We will look to see if something would be run next year.

Celebrating 20 Years of Medway

Unfortunately the weather got the better of the event, which was a shame as there were many activities for all of the family to enjoy, many which were free. Medway Council would like to thank all stall holders and members of the public who braved the weather.

Saturday 27th October Motown Gold

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to say this event has sold out, I believe in three days so this should be another successful night in the Hall.

Saturday 10th November

Five Star Swing Brings you 'Hits from the Blitz'

This will be a four piece band with food provided all for £15 including a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Tickets will be available soon so please watch this pace and Facebook.



High Halstow village will be adorned with Poppies on lamp posts in November!

The Poppies on Lamp post Committee 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 There will be 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 call/text 07825 619 353. We have already received a few enquiries but we really need to ask for your support now that November is only a month away.



We are now unsure whether there will also be a small number of poppies available for the public to purchase. There have been issues with the materials delivered. When calling or texting to sponsor we will be able to confirm whether there will be garden poppies to purchase. We expect these to be in the region of £20-£30. <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/poppies-on-lamp-posts-in-high-halst>

Kent County Council's 'Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation' launched on Thursday 6 September 2018.

This consultation will help us deliver the Kent Waste Disposal Strategy and seeks views on the proposal to implement a charging policy for non-household waste materials including soil, rubble, hardcore and plasterboard, deposited at Kent HWRCs.

The 8 week consultation is available until Thursday 1 November 2018, and we would like to invite you to comment.

The consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

Your views are important to us and we look forward to receiving your comments.

The consultation runs from 6 September to 1 November 2018. www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Business Development Team, Kent County Council, Waste Management

wastedisposalstrategy@kent.gov.uk

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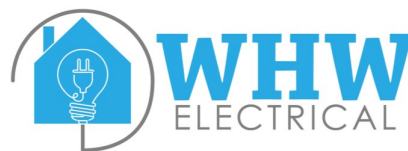
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High Halstow Gardening Club

First of all I must convey my thanks to all of our annual summer show participants, club supporters and helpers. A special thanks to George Crozier who arranged the PA system for us. A very successful show thank you.

On Tuesday 11 September Andy Thomas came along to our meeting and really gave us all something to think about as he shared his experiences and knowledge regarding the mysteries of crop circles. He convinced most of the members that they were not man made but he gave us many unproven theories of how they actually appear across the world.

Our next meeting will be held at the Memorial hall on **Tuesday 9th October**. Our guest speaker will be Christoph Bull. His subject will be Who's Who in Hoo.

Non members are welcome for a fee of £2 which includes refreshments.

Happy gardening.

Mike Hughes



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High Halstow Hikers

At the start of September we travelled to a more distant walk doing a very popular route from the village of Grantchester to Cambridge and back. Grantchester is particularly well known for two things: it has more Nobel prize winners per habitant and less impressively, but probably even more widely known, it is where Jeffrey Archer lives in the Old Rectory. The village has an attractive position on the River Cam and the walk to Cambridge goes through meadowland parallel to and a few hundred yards to the west of the Cam.

Just prior to Cambridge town the River splits and creates a lovely island that is occupied by "Paradise Nature Reserve". While the part of the Cam we had passed had many canoes on it as soon as the town was reached this changed to large numbers of punts with the "punters" ranging from the professional to the comical and even the hazardous (to themselves).

The centre of Cambridge with its famous sights is quite compact and had plenty of tourists and prospective students visiting the college on the open day. After a coffee break close to Magdalene Bridge we passed to the other side of the Cam to walk along the Backs to appreciate the spectacular views of King's College Chapel and the many other prestigious college buildings. It always seems odd to see such iconic buildings with the cows grazing on the meadows in between.

Our route back to Grantchester, where we took an enjoyable if badly delayed lunch, followed a path right alongside the River and completed a walk of about 6 miles.

There will be no walk in October because of a number of absences. The November walk will be on SATURDAY 10th to avoid the memorial commemoration and services the next day. The walk will start at 10.00 am from the village car park in Cliffe and will be around the village and the edge of the marshland with great views over the estuary.

Our December walk will be on Sunday 16th and will start at 10.00 am from High Halstow village car park with a route being chosen according to the weather and ground conditions.

As always we welcome all on our walks and enquiries can be made to Mitchell on 01634-254428 or mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com.

Mitchell Dowsett

HIGH HALSTOW CRICKET CLUB – 2018

The headlines will show that both the 1st and 2nd XIs were relegated from their respective division 4 of the Kent League, which makes for a disappointing season. However, both leagues were very competitive and close throughout the summer with the 2nds ending the season within a win of a safe 7th place. Meanwhile the final table had the bottom 5 1st XIs within 13 points, with HHCC just one behind 8th place and safety. Again, one more win and a mid-table finish would have been very satisfactory.

The Sunday League XI fared better, finishing 3rd in Division 3 of the Kent Village Cricket League. The undoubted highlight was a maiden century for 16 year old Archie Lally in a partnership of 223 with fellow colt Clarke Dockwray.

The Colts section is in a period of inevitable transition, as a good group of senior colts move into adult cricket, leaving the coaches to concentrate on the age groups up to 13. Particularly buoyant were U11 Herons and the softball playing U10s, and the sight of seeing 40+ children enjoying training on Monday evenings during the Summer was a delight. Thanks are due to Carl Dockwray and Paul Belsey for their work with the colts, and in gathering around them a large number of helpers. Thanks also to the enthusiastic parents (and grandparents!) for their support at matches.

Whilst most people enjoyed a fantastic summer, groundsmen all over the county experienced problems to maintain good playing conditions to suit their teams, with pitches becoming very dry and inconsistent. As always, some teams fare better than others in such conditions, and in 2018 our league teams were not amongst the winners. On the other hand, competition was fierce (in the nicest possible way) and enjoyable, which is what one is looking for at the start of each season.

Before minds start to focus on 2019, the final cricket related event is the colts presentation on Sunday 7th October in the pavilion. Looking further ahead winter nets for adults start in January and as we say every year, new members and friends are more than welcome. The Colts will also train during the winter and with both girls and boys participating fully in matches, all are welcome to join in. Contact details can be found at www.highhalstow-play.cricket.com.

David Laphorn

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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