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November 2018

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Donations to the Royal British Legion



You will have seen Tommy making appearances around the village.

Watch out for the Poppies on Lampposts from 3 November. You can sponsor or donate in the Village shop. All donations to the British Legion.



Memorial Hall—11 November 2018

As most of you are aware the Hall was built in 1923 to honour the 66 men who went to war in 1914 with 55 returning, and will be commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the end of the war in 1918. Photographs are displayed in the hall permanently but a book has been compiled by Ray Collins giving details of the men and will be on display with other memorabilia.

To mark this anniversary a bench has been purchased and installed in the garden and many comments on how nice it looks received. Donations have been made for this purchase from W.I. Kings Kitchen and quiz night held on 28 September, which are very much appreciated. The Hall will be open on the above date 10 30am until 2pm with refreshments provided so hope you will come along and see the history of the Hall.

**Angela Forward
Chairman Memorial Hall**

Editorial

It is heartening to see all the poppies around our villages and especially the Soldier Tommys popping up. Steve Joyce our valued First Responder has been especially busy and has been responsible for many of them. A huge thanks for your hard work Steve. Poppies will be going up on High Halstow lampposts on or before 3 November and the Committee are sure you will be as proud of them as they are. Please sponsor. A special thanks must go to Nigel (surname withheld) for his imagination and skills at putting them all together. Poppies will also be seen around our Church and Memorial Hall. Well done High Halstow. Lest we forget....

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?

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— Wenda Taylor
01634 253169 or 07807 983 248**

Kings Kitchen

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



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

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

Hilda Hughes passed away peacefully at Charing House Care Home on Saturday 13th October aged 93.

Hilda had lived in Eden road in the village from 1955 until 2007 and had many friends throughout the village. We would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and thoughts at this sad time.

Hilda leaves a son, daughter their spouses, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She will be sadly missed.

Michael Hughes and Jenny woods

Dear Mr Barry Penney

The Memorial Hall committee would like to take this opportunity to heartily thank you for your kind assistance in procuring the quality new shed, using your own company and smoothing out the building problems with the base. We believe it should stand us in good stead for many useful years to come. Thank you again.

Kindest regards.

**Angela Forward (Chairperson)
and the Memorial Hall committee.**



High Halstow Community Lottery

September game

£1,150 ME3 8SL High Halstow
£200 ME3 9RG Lower Stoke

Over £30,000 won by players so far!

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High Halstow Community Lottery Mega Draw

To celebrate 2 years of the Lottery we are announcing a one-time-only jackpot draw of

£3,000

to be paid out in the first week of December in time for Christmas.
Draw to take place in the Kings Kitchen on Tuesday 4 December 2018

On this occasion there will be no second prize, just the jackpot!

Remember, you need to be in it to win it!

If you are not already in the lottery it's not too late to join. The cost to play is £10 per ticket per month. However, more than one ticket can be bought by requesting the bank to set up the standing order for £20 for two tickets or £30 for three tickets etc. You just need to go your bank and ask them to set up a monthly standing order payment as follows;

High Halstow Community Lottery

Account Number: 21507826

Sort Code: 40 43 44

Please write YOUR post code and house number as your reference i.e. ME9 9ZZ-99 or if you have a house name ME9 9ZZ-LuckyHouse. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, YOUR REFERENCE WILL BE YOUR TICKET NUMBER.** Payment must be made by the last working day of the month. Players usually pay on or before 27th of each month.

It is not possible to pay for tickets with cash.

If you want to be eligible for this mega draw you will have to set up your standing order for payment by 30 November 2018.

**In 2 years the lottery has paid out over
£30,000 in prize money.**

It has also paid out nearly £6,000 towards High Halstow Community Projects. These projects include money for the Primary School, Cricket Club, WI, Memorial Hall shed, etc.

Resume of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17 October 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. The council discusses different matters including the maintenance of the village signs, planning items and the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council will also be asking residents for their views on what sport provision they would like to see in the village. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 14th November 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



Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 13 November 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.

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



Kent Police

What is a Police and Crime Commissioner?

Matthew Scott was elected Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in May 2016.

His role is to set policing priorities for the county, by consulting with the public and putting together a Police and Crime Plan.

He then holds the Chief Constable of Kent Police to account for the delivery of that plan. He sets the council tax precept for policing, is responsible for the overall policing budget, and commissions services for victims of crime and funds community safety projects.

Mr Scott also serves as the national Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' portfolio holder for Performance, and also as the portfolio holder for Mental Health.

He lives in Swanley with his wife and young daughter, is a fan of cricket and football, enjoys

Get in touch

To raise an issue with Mr Scott or to invite him to a meeting or event please visit the OPCC website:

www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us

Please note that the PCC cannot interfere in operational policing or demand that the Chief Constable changes how he uses his policing resources. Equally, his office (the OPCC) cannot provide updates on how a crime is being investigated.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee meet regularly and are working towards a submission for funding for Expert advice on the way forward. The Committee have made a great headway since the Consultations. Our Clerk has worked hard to collate the information and all this helps in helping with the Questionnaire questions that will be sent out during this process.



News from the Coffee Tree

So what is the Coffee Tree? It is a series of linked coffee mornings better known as a good excuse for chatting with your friends while raising money to help fix the roof and windows of our lovely old Church.



Round one of the coffee tree raised £30. Round two is in November when all the lovely ladies (who were the guests at the initial coffee morning in October) will host their own coffee mornings each inviting seven guests. Remember every time you attend a coffee morning it is a suggested minimum donation of £1 and a pledge to hold your own coffee morning the following month with one less guest.

Our target for November is to raise at least £70 and December at least £300. That way we will stay on target.

For those who would like to participate it doesn't have to be coffee and it doesn't have to be in the morning. It can be as exotic or as simple as you like to make it. If having six guests round at the same time is proving difficult have two coffee mornings for three guests for example. If your friends don't live near then how about coffee on the phone or Skype?

It is the responsibility of each host to collect the donations and either go online at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/highhalstowcoffeetree or put the donations in an envelope labelled with the host's name and date of the coffee morning and hand it to Tamsin Stowers or Jane Cook or take it to St Margaret's Church.

Don't forget to post your photo on Facebook at High Halstow Coffee Tree and give your coffee morning a name. I have called the initial coffee morning "The October Oaks!"

I really hope you all have a lot of fun doing this.

Jane Cook



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when parking.
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may need to get
through at any time



WELL DONE High Halstow!

This years Macmillan Coffee Morning raised a fantastic total of: £1152.00. A huge thank you to all who came along and supported this worthwhile cause. We had



some fantastic donations on the day from the Friendly Club who came along early before going off on their trip. Thanks to a lovely man - sorry I don't know your name - who made a fantastic donation when we had our annual visit from the Preschool children. Thank you Anita for fetching the children along - we love to see them.

I must thank all who helped on the day, baking, making scones, putting the Ploughmans' lunches together, manning the stalls, taking the money and a big thank you to our lovely washer uppers.

Also an extra 'Thank you' to every one of you for supporting us and we hope to see you next year. I shall remind you!

The Team

High Halstow Village Hall

Saturday 10 November Five Star Swing brings you 'Hits from the Blitz'

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Village Hall Quiz Nights

14 December 2018

The last one for the year is on 14 December
and to book your table please ring Margaret
on 01903 340953 or 07702 196179, cost is
£3 per person.

Thank You

Many of you that have gone to the Village
Hall recently will have noticed that we have
had the main hall painted. The Hall
Committee would really like to thank
Graham Collins for his hard work. It is
really appreciated.

Booking Clerk

The Booking Clerk has changed now to
Wenda Taylor who many of you will know.
Her contact details are **07807 983 248**.

“Dramarama” proudly presents a Musical Show **“A Christmas Carol”** to celebrate 20 years.

Shows Friday 30 November 7.30pm & Saturday 1 December 7pm Tickets £5 each available from Wenda 07807 983 248 or the Village shop from 3 November.



A Few words from the Director

Back in 1997 when rehearsals began for Dramarama’s first panto, **‘Up the beanstalk with Mother Goose’**, who’d have thought I would be writing this all these years later!

It began as a church based group who wanted to bring drama to the peninsula to let youngsters see live theatre where they may not have the opportunity to do so.

The group has had new performers come and go, but there have been a core few that have been in every show. Dramarama is like a family. We have our ups and downs, but through it all we have supported each other both through good times and bad. Friends for life have been forged, and this will always be the case.

After 21 years of producing and directing for Dramarama, I have made the hard decision to retire from leading the group. I hope that the group will continue, perhaps in a different guise. (This is for the committee to discuss and decide). I will continue to be involved with making costumes if I am needed.

I would like to thank everybody who, over the years have

supported me 100% even when they felt my ideas were a bit bonkers!! This includes those people that helped from the side-lines. Organising music, coaching singers, making props and scenery, working backstage, making teas and coffees, selling tickets, printing programmes and generally doing all the boring mundane tasks without being in the limelight. The mantra leading up to a show was always, ‘Don’t worry, It’ll be alright on the night’, although sometimes we just about made it by the skin of our teeth!

The show this year (Nov 30th and Dec 1st) is a change from our usual comedy, slapstick pantomime. It is a musical play based on Charles Dicken’s **‘A Christmas Carol’**. It is the perfect piece to get you into the festive mood in the run up to Christmas. A lot of people from past shows are taking part in this production, some with a small cameo role. I feel very blessed to have been a major part in the group since the beginning, and I would like to thank all the audiences over the years that have attended and supported us in so many ways. Please buy a ticket and come along to help us celebrate our last show with this cast.

Regards, Pauline Martin

Friends of St Margarets

Christmas Trees for sale



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Friday 19 October

It wasn't Friday 13th but it certainly felt like it for villagers who were stuck in long traffic queues trying to leave the peninsula. An overturned lorry caused delays for motorists after it shed its load of soil.

The HGV overturned on the Four Elms roundabout shortly before 5am. The A228 Four Elms Hill Southbound was closed as a result. This is one of the reasons why our Neighbourhood Plan is so important. Please support the Neighbourhood Plan as this will benefit all who live in High Halstow.



Lower Thames Crossing

Highways England have launched a consultation on its updated proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. On the south side of the Thames, the proposed new road will link to the A2 and M2. On the north side, it will link the A13 and the M25.

The Highways England consultation deadline is 23:59 on 20 December 2018.

Further details on the consultation and supporting documents can be accessed via the following weblink: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation/>.

Highway England is running public information events in Kent and Essex over the coming weeks. Details of all the public information events can be viewed on the Highways England website at https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation/supporting_documents/LTC%2016%20Mailing%20Leaflet.pdf. For ease, the public information events taking place in Kent are as follows:

- Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane, Gravesend, Kent DA12 4LG Thursday 1 Nov 2pm – 9pm
- Shorne Village Hall, 16 The Street, Shorne DA12 3EA Saturday 3 Nov midday – 6pm
- Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1AU Wednesday 21 Nov 2pm – 9pm
- Doubletree Dartford Bridge, Masthead Close, Crossways Business Park, Dartford DA2 6QF Monday 3 Dec 2pm – 9pm
- Dover Town Hall, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent CT16 1DL Tuesday 4 Dec 2pm – 9pm

The North Kent Marshes IDB will be holding a short Water Level Management Plan workshop, facilitated by Kieran Sheehan of JBA Consultants on Wednesday 07 November between 18:30-21:00, including refreshments at All Saints Parish Hall, 15 Church Green, Rochester, ME2 4HE

The plan will provide details and current operational procedures for the marshes and set out a series of actions needed to sustain the special features of the designated sites across the area.

We are seeking input from **landowners** and stakeholders to help us with this and would value your attendance – please let me know if you can think of any interested parties who would like to attend.

A 'working' buffet dinner will be provided – therefore I'd be grateful if you can confirm your attendance together with any dietary requirements.

If you are unable to attend the workshop, we would still appreciate any input you might have either by email – equally happy to discuss more at a separate meeting or via phone.

Priscilla Haselhurst

The Planning Service | Clerk & Engineer, North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board

T: 01634 331420 | E: priscilla.haselhurst@medway.gov.uk

Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR

High Halstow Rocks

Children in the village are still painting rocks and hiding them in the village for others to find. Here a few photos of the painted rocks the children have found. This has really been fantastic idea for the children and their families to spend time outside. Thanks to the organiser Katie Baulk for her hard work and commitment on this.

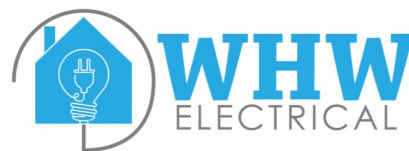
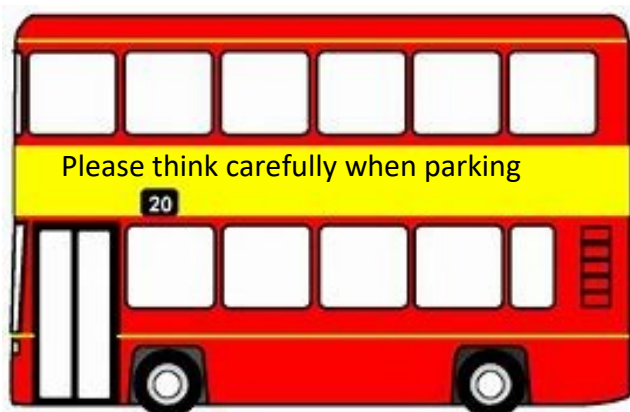


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On Tuesday 9th October Christoph Bull came along to our meeting and entertained us with the early history of the Hoo peninsula and surrounding districts. It was really surprising how little we knew about our area and its beginnings. Christoph spoke with great enthusiasm and made what seemed to be a rather obscure subject come alive.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th November our speaker will be Pete Bonney who will talk about the Principals of Garden Design. Please come along to the memorial hall (ME3 8SH) at 7.30pm for a 8.00 start if you are interested. Non members are welcome for a small fee of £2. At the end of the meeting we will have refreshments and hold our raffle.

Happy gardening.

Mike Hughes

High Halstow Community Choir

Our Community Choir meets on alternate Mondays in the church and new singers are always welcome. Please come along at 8.00 pm if you are keen to sing.



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	Pilates	18:15 — 19:15	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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