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June 2019

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LET THE  
PEOPLE  
SPEAK



## You have three new Parish Councillors working on your behalf

### Adrian Catchpole

I am an active person living in the village with my wife and 2 children (aged 5 and 10). We enjoy the countryside around us and the space the village offers.

I stood as a candidate because we live in wonderful rural surroundings and the local community plays a big part in keeping it that way. I believe that the Parish should have a say in how things happen in our locality and that local government should be there to support us rather than to force things upon us.

I am determined to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan for High Halstow which will shape the way any development in the Parish is carried out and how it will effect the existing setting and servicing of our Parish.

I am keen to encourage more community events like we have seen sporadically over the last four years that we have lived here. Generally events that have the backing of the Parish Council are more successfully than individual events.

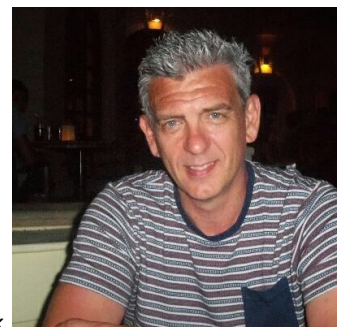
I would like to investigate the possibility of and if possible implement a Youth Community Forum to drive the involvement of community events and to make sure our younger residents have a voice that will be listened to.



### Tim Munday

I grew up in High Halstow and have lived in and around the village for over 45 years. My mother, Lesley, who served on the Parish Council and was heavily involved in many organisations within the village for over a quarter of a century sadly passed away last year. I am now honoured to follow in her footsteps and to give something back to the village as High Halstow has been good to me and my family over the years.

I have no affiliation to any political party but I like to think I can bring a pragmatic and practical approach to addressing the issues the village faces in the upcoming months and years.



### Marilyn Stone

I have been married for 40 years. I have 2 grown children and grandson. I am a retired Teacher/SEN Specialist, an Officer of Medway Green Party, a Shared Lives Carer for a young adult with learning disability and a member of High Halstow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. My passions are young people's future, High Halstow village, making a difference, National and local democracy and respect for opportunities for all.



## Editorial

Halfway through the year already! What a great month May turned out to be! We were very proud to have received the honour of the highest turnout in the local elections! Well done High Halstow residents for getting involved. Over 40% turnout. Fantastic. The three new Councillors are shown on our front page this month. Please get to know them. They are excited at the thought of working on your behalf. Both Adrian and Marilyn are members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and are keen to take this forward as soon as possible.

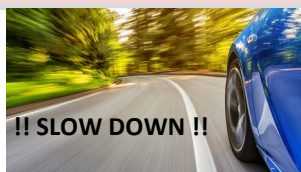
We have the Scarecrow Festival coming to which I am sure villagers will make a huge success as in previous years. It has become a tradition now so come on parents, get those thinking caps on.

## 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**



## 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

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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](mailto:Editor@HighHalstow.org.uk) or write to Linda Atkinson at 32 Goodwood Close, High Halstow, ME3 8S

## A Lenten Appeal Big Thank You

A really big Thank You to the generous people of High Halstow who contributed to the Lent appeal, whether you contributed for health reasons – a reason to cut down, give up food or drink constructively or if you wanted to remember the reason for Lent, thanks. We have managed to raise just under £ 630 for the parish (a few donations still coming in, please feel free to donate if you have forgotten up till now). This is absolutely great news as the Church requires funds to do more work and we have donated £311 to Tearfund, which the government have pledged to match. This will enable the people in Pakistan's slums to be guided into how to set up a waste recycling project, which will help relieve pollution and give the people jobs to enable them to provide for themselves and their families, very green very now.

Julie Baker

## Children's Play Equipment—an apology

The Red Dog has received confirmation from Medway Council that the Children's play equipment located in the rear garden area must be taken down and removed. The Red Dog staff and management offer their apologies to all families who frequent the pub and particularly to the children who use the equipment. However, we must comply with the Council's instructions.

If you feel strongly that this is unacceptable, we would be grateful if you would kindly write to Dave Harris, Head of the Planning Department at Medway Council to express your views.

With many thanks.

**Bill Khatkar**  
**Proprietor of the Red Dog**

## Kings Kitchen

**Every Tuesday**  
**In the Memorial Hall**  
**High Halstow**  
**Open from 10:00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.**



## High Halstow Gardening Club

On Wednesday 8 May we embarked on our first outing of the year to RHS Wisley organised by Pam Walsh. Nineteen of our members enjoyed a lovely day in the sunshine punctuated by a few showers.

The gardening club held its annual auction on Tuesday 14 May with the club chairman in charge of the proceedings. We managed to auction a wide variety of plants and gardening paraphernalia. Everyone enjoyed a fun evening and the time just flew by. Nearly all of the auction items were sold. The evening was rounded off with the usual raffle and refreshments.

Our next club outing will be the Peony Farm at Thurnham near Maidstone on Sunday 2 June. The club has organised its own transport and there may be a few seats available. If you interested please contact Pam or another committee member at [hhdgc@outlook.com](mailto:hhdgc@outlook.com)

Our next club meeting is at the memorial hall on Tuesday 11 June at 2000 hrs. Our speaker is Caroline Halfpenny who's presentation will be entitled "Seasonal Tasks." Entry fee for non members is £2 which includes refreshments.

Happy gardening.

**Mike Hughes**

## 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**

**Recreation Hall— Wenda Taylor**

**01634 253169 or 07807 983 248**

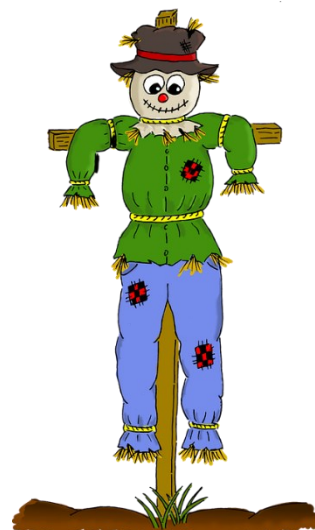
**Please do not call on a Sunday**

## SCARECROWS ON PARADE

Following the success of previous year's Scarecrow Parade we are repeating the event again this year.

The format will be to start erecting your scarecrows in your front gardens from 22 June. On 6 July they can all be taken to the "The Church Garden Party" at the Rectory for display. The two following weeks they can be viewed arranged around the Churchyard after which we request they are collected.

For a small fee a trail will be available with clues to find some of the scarecrows around the village.



**The Friends of St Margaret's**

## SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Time again to show your horticultural expertise in growing the tallest Sunflower.

From 18 May £2 starter kits will be available from the school or from Tamsin at 67 The Street, High Halstow.

They will be measured when requested to do so.

**Supporting The Friends of St Margaret's Church**



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- Grand Draw
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- BBQ and Bar open all day
- Children's games
- Stalls
- Evening Entertainment

**SUNDAY 25TH AUG 2019**

JDRF - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 295716 (ENGLAND AND WALES) AND SC040123 (SCOTLAND)



## Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, The Street on 9 May 2019 at 7.30.

### Resume

Cllr George Crozer was elected as Chair by 7 votes and 2 abstentions

Cllr Chris Watson was elected as Vice Chair unanimously

Cllrs volunteered their services for the following committees:

Planning committee: Cllrs Gary Jerreat, Ray Collins and Adrian Catchpole

Finance Committee – Cllrs Ray Collins, Gary Jerreat, Brian Williams

Personnel committee – Cllrs Marilyn Stone, Gary Jerreat, Adrian Catchpole

Outside Bodies:

Rural Liaison committee – Cllr Ray Collins

KALC Medway Area committee – Cllrs. Linda Atkinson, Brian Williams

Rec Hall committee – Cllrs Ray Collins, George Crozer

Memorial hall committee – Cllr Ray Collins

Relief in Need trustees – Chris Peek and Stuart Bailey

Friends of St. Margarets – Cllr Ray Collins

Appointment to other posts:

Footpaths officers – Cllrs Ray Collins, Adrian Catchpole

Tree Wardens - Cllrs Ray Collins, Adrian Catchpole

High Halstow Times editor – Cllr Linda Atkinson

Web Masters – Cllrs Linda Atkinson, Tim Mundy

HH Primary School liaison – Cllr Chris Watson

Other responsibilities:

Rec ground and playpark – Cllrs Brian Williams. Chris Watson

Allotments – Cllr Linda Atkinson, Marilyn Stone

Forge Common – Cllr Ray Collins

Village grounds maintenance – Cllrs Chris Watson, Brian Williams

It was agreed that Cllrs Chris Watson and Gary Jerreat would continue to hold monthly surgeries at Kings Kitchen

It was agreed that the Domain name and 10 email addresses would be purchased.

Relief in Need – reported that there were now grants available for families having new babies.

It was agreed that the new “finger” signs would be installed  
Several items were delayed until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

## High Halstow Parish Council Surgery



Chris(tine) Watson and Gary Jerreat, two of your Parish Councillors, will be at Kings Kitchen in the Memorial Hall on: Tuesday 11th June 2019 from 10.30 – 12.00pm. Thank you to everyone who voted for us.

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.**



**Please join us at our next Parish  
meeting on Wednesday 12 June 2019**

## Cold callers are targeting Kent residents

Kent County Council have received reports of residents in Riverhead, Sevenoaks being cold called by individuals claiming to be part of an ex-offender scheme and selling gardening and household items.

### How it works:

Please be aware that ex-offenders will never be asked to cold call as part of any ex-offender or prison release scheme.

Doorstep criminals call on unsuspecting households offering convincing deals to try to get you to agree to have work carried out or buy goods.

### What to do:

- Do not open the door to the doorstep cold caller.
- Do not trade on your doorstep. Just say No.
- Warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

If you need home repairs carried out use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, run in partnership with Checkatrade

**If you feel afraid or threatened by a doorstep caller,  
phone 999.**

## HALSTOW VILLAGE HALL

### Annual Report

Like last year sadly I have to start this report with some sad news in the passing of a former committee member, Peter Dall. Peter was on the Committee when I first joined and believed all in the village had a role to play in keeping the village life special and stayed active on the committee despite his age until he retired.

In terms of maintenance over the past year we saw the main hall superbly repainted by Graham Collins and would like to think that all who have seen it would see the hall looking as good as ever has, so thank you Graham.

We were extremely grateful for a donation to pay for the emergency repairs to the water pipe under the car park which clearly was not budgeted for.

As always there are a number of people I wish to thank as follows:

- Ray Collins. I was trying to think of something to say about Ray that I haven't said before but not sure I can. Ray just gets on with the jobs that need doing with no fuss and is someone the committee really appreciates in the way he goes about his work. I really have come to rely on Ray and am extremely grateful for the support he gives me.
- Wenda Taylor has taken on the role of Booking Clerk superbly. In addition keeping Facebook up to date, selling tickets, etc etc again nothing too much trouble. I am hoping her new role of being a granny will not have an adverse effect on this role.
- Elaine Slatcher takes pride in being the cleaner and key

holder is someone we should be proud of as she serves the committee so well.

- Thoughts of all of the committee are with Tina Farmer who has not had the best of years for health and hope the coming year sees an upturn in her health. We look forward to you being back as soon as possible.
- My fellow Committee members, George Crozer, Chris Peek, Margot Sturt and Crystal Wakefield who have all seen that the hall runs smoothly with nothing being too much trouble. People need to realise that without people like you they wouldn't have a facility to use.
- Margaret Church, along with John and Marty Pink continue to run a number of Quiz's for the Hall. This has become a regular feature for the hall but it is about time our team won.
- Carl and Jo Mitchell for providing so much help in advertising, printing of leaflets, posters etc..
- Bob who with his staff in ensuring that the bar is stocked on time with good quality wines and beers is appreciated.

Once again many thanks must go to the users of the Hall be it a regular or one off users.

Thank you all

**Gary Thomas**  
High Halstow Village Hall Chairman

#### Karen Watson

##### Personal Trainer and Pilates Instructor

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- Sports and exercise
- Pre and Post Natal
- Childhood Nutrition and Obesity Prevention
- Behaviour Change Coaching

##### Master Classes:

- Motivational Communication
- Diabetes
- Food Allergies and Intolerances
- Eat to Gain

**Pilates Classes -Memorial Hall 6.15pm Every Tuesday**

## 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.

The scheme is available only to students living in the parish of High Halstow at the time of application.

Closing date is Friday 20 September 2019 and applications received after that date will not be considered. In your letter of application please state your name, address, telephone number and email address, the universities you have applied for and the length of your course. A copy of your placement offer will be required before the bursary can be given. No appeal is available for unsuccessful applicants.

Please apply in writing to any of the Trustees, or to the Clerk:

Mr Bob Bishop, 10 Drayton Close, High Halstow, ME3 8DW

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

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## High Halstow Hikers

In May fourteen of us spent 3 days in the southern part of the Peak District, the part which is called White Peak and contains some of the most picturesque countryside. We stayed in a variety of digs around the Chatsworth area and were exceptionally fortunate to have beautiful sunny warm weather; on the days before we arrived most of the International Horse Show at Chatsworth was lost because of very wet weather.

All of us fitted in two walks and some three. The first of these was around Dovedale which is renowned as one of the prettiest and therefore popular spots in the Peak District. We ventured across the famous stepping stones (see photo of the group at this point) and then followed the river north to Lovers Leap before turning and taking a much quieter but equally lovely walk back round to Ilam Park where we had parked.

On our second day we ventured about 30 minutes' drive to the west of Chatsworth to start our walk from Longnor, the village that was featured as the home of Peak Practice in the popular TV series of that name. The scenery was stunning as we dropped after an initial stiff climb to a small river that meandered to the very pretty hamlet of Hollingsclough where one of the locals kindly opened the small community hall for us to



use the conveniences. From there our most demanding hill of the week provided yet more terrific views before we got back to the cars. We then drove to take advantage of the wonderful ice creams made from the dairy of the farm alongside – each eaten with relish in the warm sunshine after our morning exercise.

On our third day many of us visited the magnificent Chatsworth House and Gardens in the morning. Some stayed there all day while others of us took a 6 mile walk along the Derwent that runs through the estate and then up above the park to the lakes that feed the large impressive water features around the House. Our two most adventurous walkers went as far as Kinder Scout again taking advantage of the excellent weather to walk up that famous peak.

Along with the evening meals that we enjoyed together this first trip of the group for this duration and distance from home could not have worked out much better. So thoughts are beginning to turn to one in 2020, most likely around the New Forest.

**Our next walk will be on Sunday 9th June and will start at 10.00 from High Halstow Village Hall. As ever all are welcome. Any queries to [mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com](mailto:mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com) or 01634-254428.**



<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	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>	Stay and Play	09:00 – 10:30	Recreation Hall
	Seated Exercise	11:00 — 11:45	Memorial Hall
	Sugar Babes	19:00	Memorial Hall
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	Pilates	14:30 — 15:30	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 4th Wednesday</b>	Friendly Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
<b>Last Friday</b>	Quiz Nights	20:00	Memorial Hall

## High Halstow Community Lottery

**April game (May draw) £1,400 ME3 8SU £200 ME3 9HB (£10 per ticket)**

**If you would like to play, please set up a monthly standing order to Account No 21507826 Sort Code 40 43 44**

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**07825 619 353 if you need help or more information or visit [www.HighHalstowCL.uk](http://www.HighHalstowCL.uk)**

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