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July 2019

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LET THE
PEOPLE
SPEAK



Petition by neighbours regarding Planning Application

MC/19/0988 Construction of 8 residential dwelling houses 6 x two bed and 2 x three bed with associated landscaping and parking with new vehicular access (demolition of existing buildings)
51-57 The Street High Halstow Rochester Medway ME3 8SJ

MHS homes have applied for planning permission to demolish a property they own on a small parcel of land in The Street. The property comprises of 4 maisonettes which will be demolished to make way for 8 new houses.

This potential development has been considered for some time with an initial enquiry to High Halstow Parish Council for its views on the new development. The Parish Council voted against the idea. Nevertheless, MHS still went ahead with an application to build the 8 new houses.

The following are just a few of the objections put forward by residents:

- Access and egress to the properties will be from and to the narrowest part The Street and thus will create traffic issues.
- There is certainly loss of privacy to present neighbours as the residents in Goodwood close reside in bungalows and therefore any 2-storey property would allow residents to see into residents' homes in Goodwood close.
- The 2-storey homes will deprive the residents of Goodwood close with daylight and sunlight.
- Existing natural features, such as trees, which contribute to the amenity of the area will be destroyed and removed. The plan shows this.
- The application expresses 8 units, 2 of which will be family sized. On such a small piece of land these dwellings would have to be far too small to accommodate 8 dwellings.
- The Council have already raised amenity concerns.
- The issue raised by Medway Council at pre-application was that policy H9 of the Local Plan restricts back land development where it would have an adverse impact on the character and amenity of an area or the amenity of neighbouring residents
- This development will set a precedent for future developments.
- The access is certainly an issue and is too close to the primary school and could prove dangerous.

If you also have concerns on this application, please contact Medway Council Planning Department, either online or by writing to Dave Harris, Planning Officer to raise your objections.

This article is written on behalf of the affected residents of Goodwood Close.



Editorial

By the time this edition goes to print the Scarecrow Festival should be well on its way. Hopefully many villagers would have been busily making their scarecrows and placing them in their front gardens, ready for the parade. We also have the Charity Fun Day happening in August. Always so much gong on in High Halstow.

Don't forget to keep the letters coming. One of the constant complaints is that there are no letters to read any more. I am unable to print letters if I don't receive any. Please get involved and write in with any subject you believe needs airing.

I would also like to thank Carl, our previous Editor for stepping in to finalise this edition of The Times as I was unavailable to do so.

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**



PLEASE
PARK
SENSIBLY

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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Letters

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

Christian Aid Week

The recent collection raised £1487 of which £460 was Gift Aided. (The Gift Aid will add another £115 to our total.)

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who carried out the collection and to the King's Kitchen who always support our work. The money really makes a huge difference to the lives of some of the poorest people in the world.

Well done High Halstow!!

Jane Cook

News from around the Peninsula

St Mary Hoo Parish
Council are
considering joining
the Kent Community



Speedwatch programme. Initial enquiries have already been made and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The residents and Parish Council are particularly worried at the speed of the cars passing through the village while young children are walking along Ratcliffe Highway to and from the Fenn Bell zoo.

In the meantime the proprietor of the zoo has applied for planning permission for an additional car park.

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 253 169

Please do not call on a Sunday

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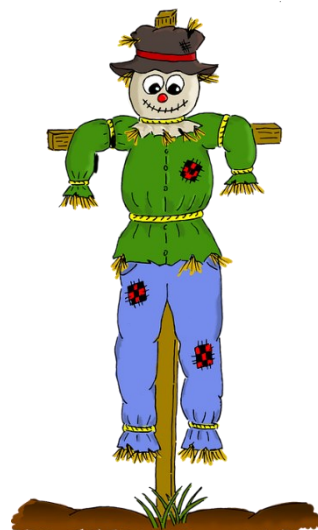
**SUNDAY
25TH AUG
2019**

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

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

Murder Mystery Evening



You are invited to join us
at Heron Recording Studio
to solve the mystery of
Who Killed the Popstar?

Friday 12th & Saturday 13th July
High Halstow Recreation Hall
Doors open at 6:30pm
Seats by 7pm for 7:30pm Show
Tickets £12.50 include snacks & 2-course meal
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Songs for a Summer Evening

Including a commemoration of the
75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings

Friday 19th July 7.30pm

at St Margaret's Church, High Halstow

Performed by the High Halstow Community Choir

Musical Director Ken Reynolds

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Meetings of the Parish Council

Resume of Emergency meeting on 6 June in the Village Hall, High Halstow

Following an extraordinary meeting of High Halstow Parish Council on Thursday 6 June it was formally agreed to appoint Mrs Jenny Allen as the temporary parish clerk for an initial period of 3 months over which point the Parish Council will also advertise the vacancy with a view to appoint a more permanent replacement in response to Ms Bloomfield's recent resignation.

The members of the Parish Council also agreed to enlist the services of Mr G. Thomas to assist with the 2018/2019 internal audit.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for your diary

17 July 2019; 14 August 2019; 11 September 2019; 9 October 2019; 13 November 2019; 11 December 2019; 8 January 2020; 12 February 2020; 11 March 2020

Dear HHT,

My mum Elizabeth Meredith would have been 70 on July the 11th, I have chosen the following Saturday as my second fundraiser for the Brain Tumour Charity. I am hosting a afternoon tea in my garden at 67 the street from 11-4 pm. Pop in for tea, coffee and cake, or a ploughmans, a traditional Cornish cream tea (served the Cornish way and a glass of pims. There will be a raffle and all money raised will go to the Brain Tumour Charity as will all the proceeds of the auction of promises in April.



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

On Sunday 2nd June some of our members found their way to the peony farm at Thurnham near Maidstone. The fields were packed with many varieties of the flower, quite a spectacular sight.

At the meeting on Tuesday the 11th June Caroline Halfpenny gave a presentation entitled seasonal tasks which included many tips and demonstrations. Afterwards Caroline answered the members questions. It was a really informative talk.

Our next club meeting will take place at the Memorial Hall at 2000hrs our speaker will be Phillip Oostenbrink who will speak about the grounds and gardens of Canterbury Cathedral. Non members are most welcome for a small entry fee of £2 which includes refreshments after the talk At the end of our meeting we will also hold a raffle.

For any other information. Please contact one of the committee members or email hhdgc@outlook.com

Has summer really arrived yet? Happy gardening
Mike Hughes

Memorial Hall AGM

The Memorial Hall AGM, will be held on WEDNESDAY 31st JULY 2019 at 7.30. All welcome, please do come along and find out what happens behind the scenes of the soon to be 100 year old Memorial Hall. To all users of the hall, please do come along if you have any queries or suggestions or improvements we could make. Hope to see you there.

Coffee with the Commissioner @ Hoo Village Hall



Matthew Scott PCC and Hoo Parish Council invite you to a Coffee Morning to talk about local policing, community safety and other matters. Matthew will talk about his role as your Police and Crime Commissioner and you can ask him any questions you have.

Venue: Hoo Village Hall, Pottery Rd, Hoo, Rochester ME3 9BS

Time: 10am until midday When: Thursday 11 July 2019

Find out more about your PCC at kent-pcc.gov.uk

High Halstow Village Hall

First off would like to say many thanks to Margaret, Marty and John for another fantastic quiz night. I joined a different table this time but unfortunately I brought their intelligence level down to my level so didn't win again, oh well there is always next time. It was again so well supported so thank you all for coming they are always great nights.

Letter

To answer the question raised by Bill Khatkar on Facebook, regarding the loan from the Parish Council let me put the record straight once again to you. The Parish Council did not loan the Village Hall Committee £30,000 which hasn't been paid back. The Parish Council however did loan the Village Hall Committee £90,000 which was all paid back in the same year it was lent. As explained before at the time the money was lent, this was due to the fact the Village Hall Committee had to pay builders for work carried for the refurbishment prior to the funders providing the grant. This was a grant stipulation and as the Village Hall clearly did not have this money to pay the builder up front the Parish Council stepped in to help.

Please see below the funding of the refurbishment where the Parish Council were involved

Funded By		%
High Halstow Parish Council	-112,441.00	25.79
Veolia Environmental Trust	-54,475.00	12.49
Kent Downs & Marshes Leader Programme	-49,994.37	11.47
Donor wishing to remain anonymous (not the Parish Council)	-15,000.00	3.44
Garfield Weston	-10,000.00	2.29
Medway Council - Rural Liaison	-20,000.00	4.59
Village Hall Funds	-124,104.12) 39.93
Loan To Be Repaid By Village Hall Funds	-50,000.00	
Total	-436,014.49	100.00

The loan referred to is a loan the Village Hall Committee have but this is not from the Parish Council

I am disappointed Bill that you also believe the hall is not value for money and surprised you think that the organisations providing grants had such poor control on their funds. The whole process was costed independently before work undertaken, as well as ensuring all necessary planning permissions were sought **before** works were carried out. To say we have nothing to show for it is a slur on past and current Hall Committee members and the community as a whole who have worked tirelessly over the years to see the Hall improved from the state it was in to probably the best community facility on the peninsula. If you have specific queries I would be happy to answer.

In terms of seeing the dead wood replaced from the Parish Council I would also suggest that clearly this process started in May just gone.

Gary Thomas

Karen Watson

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- 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.

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Our June walk took a circular route of about 5 miles around High Halstow along paths that are well-used and familiar to most but nonetheless provide very attractive views around the surrounding countryside. We were very fortunate to have a lovely warm and largely sunny day for the walk given that for several days either side there had been heavy rain. It was also great to be joined by several new faces so that we had 18 walkers despite a few regulars not being able to make it.

The route took us from the village hall across the recreation ground to the footpath across the fields that meets Britannia Road close to its junction with Clinch Street. We walked up the latter before taking the Saxon Shore Way to Forge Common and through the bird reserve to Bromhey Farm and up the gentle hill to Eastborough bungalow. The farm track to the east from there follows a ridge that provides good underfoot conditions throughout the year and, on a day as clear as the one we walked on, views across the countryside to the Thames and the local villages that are difficult to better. The appearance of the fields with shades of green due to the ripening crops was just as lovely as we returned to the village through Wybournes Farm. All in all, a terrific 2.5 hour walk that was enjoyed by all.

Our next walk will be on SATURDAY 13th July we will walk to the strip on shingle on the shore of the Thames just to east of St Mary's Bay to hopefully cook our brunch on the beach. To do this we will leave St Mary Hoo (ME3 8RH) after parking in Hall Road at 10.00. The walk is just over 2 miles each way. So long as the weather is OK we will spend about an hour on the beach.

As ever all are welcome to join us. Any queries to Mitchell at mitch.dowsett@btopenworld.com or 01634254428.



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TUESDAYS	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
WEDNESDAYS	Tai Chi	10:30 — 11:30	Memorial Hall
THURSDAYS	Stay and Play	09:00 – 10:30	Recreation Hall
	Seated Exercise	11:00 — 11:45	Memorial Hall
	Sugar Babes	19:00	Memorial Hall
FRIDAYS	Pilates	14:30 — 15:30	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 4th Wednesday	Friendly Club	14:00	Memorial Hall
Last Friday	Quiz Nights	20:00	Memorial Hall

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