



# High Halstow TIMES



Home of the Heron

*Merry Christmas*

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**December 2019**

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## *Santa's Visit*

For the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row Santa has decided to pay another visit to High Halstow. He has once again agreed and planned his route and therefore will be stopping by to deliver his gifts on Christmas Eve.

The charge as last year will be **£2 per present being delivered**.

The usual rules will apply as follows:

1. You buy your gift and wrap it clearly with the name of the recipient and the address it is to be delivered to (High Halstow only please). If your child is attending the church service and would like the present at the service please just put the address, as The Church and Santa will call.
2. Pop the present along to Bob in the shop from **SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER** but no later than **THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. This is to provide Santa's helpers sufficient time to organise his deliveries. With the numbers increasing year on year we really cannot guarantee presents are delivered, if they are late due to the time taken to organise for the day.
3. Please note for insurance purposes the value of the present should not exceed £10.00.
4. Please, please do not make the presents too large (preferably no bigger than a shoe box size).



Again, like last year Santa plans to start at around 4.00 p.m. Sorry we cannot guarantee a time for any deliver, as the time taken is around 5 hours. If you have presents for young children don't forget there is a guaranteed delivery time at the Church at 6.00 p.m. if this helps.

This year the money raised will be going to the Village Hall with emphasis on the new items in the kitchen.

***Come on High Halstow – lets make it the biggest one yet***

***Santa's helpers always appreciate the odd drop of something warming and the occasional mince pie or sausage roll. They have a busy evening and we don't want them slacking do we!***

## ***Don't be on your own this Christmas***

Once again, wHoo Cares will be hosting a Christmas Day Dinner for all those who would normally be on their own for Christmas.

Location: High Halstow Village Hall

Time: 13:00 – 15:15

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> December

It's for anyone who would otherwise be on their own or who can no longer manage to cook a Christmas Day dinner themselves. It's a full Christmas meal with turkey and all the trimmings and we'll be having some light entertainment. There is no charge for the meal and transport can be provided, if needed.

Advance booking is required so please call the office on 01634 272138 or email [christmas@whoo cares.org.uk](mailto:christmas@whoo cares.org.uk)



### ***HH Cricket Club***

At the recent Kent League Annual Dinner our very own Andrew Maurice was presented with the batting award for Kent League Division 4 1stXI. With a tally of 667 runs at an average of 39.24 Andrew just pipped his brother Chris (627 runs at 39.19) to the award – a notable one, two for HHCC!

It is also a great honour to announce that Millie Dockwray has been selected to represent Kent at Under 11 level. On the back of a fine season culminating in the Under 10s winning their Medway divisional league, Millie is first among equals in a team of little superstars!

### ***W.I. News***

The next meeting on Wednesday 4th December will be our "Christmas Party" with good food, games, music and lots of fun.

Our programme for next year is almost complete and it's looking good with interesting and varied speakers.

Why not come along to see what we get up to, all visitors are made very welcome.

For more information contact Crystal on 251849.

Please note that as our January meeting falls on New Years Day we will meet on **Thursday 2nd January**.

### ***Quiz Nights in the Memorial Hall***

In 2015 I decided that the profit from the quiz nights would be donated to various charities. Every month the tables take it in turn to decide on a charity. Below are the details of all the charities we have donated to and the amount. As you can see we have raised a phenomenal £9,822. There are many charities that we have donated to on more than one occasion, as you can see the largest amount is McMillan followed by the Wisdom Hospice. I wanted to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported the Quiz nights since they began 22 years ago. We do still have some quizzers who were there at the beginning, not sure if that is dedication or just that they have nowhere else to go!

As we approach another year end, I also wanted to thank John and Marty for their support with marking and getting all the tables out before the quiz. They are real troopers!

Again, many thanks to everyone involved.

Margaret Church

### ***HH Village Websites***

Please visit the Parish Council website for everything about our village. You can see the minutes of your Parish Council or look up local groups in the village, past copies of the High Halstow Times, and pictures of recent events. [www.highhalstow.org.uk](http://www.highhalstow.org.uk) or [www.highhalstow-pc.gov.uk](http://www.highhalstow-pc.gov.uk)

### ***Come & Meet Chris Watson And Gary Jerreat, Two Of Your Parish Councillors***

***Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Of The Month At Kings  
Kitchen – 10.30am – 12.00pm***



10<sup>th</sup> December

Bring us your questions or find out about projects we have planned. If we don't know the answers, we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

### ***High Halstow & District Gardening Club***

Nigel Gibson came along to the club on Tuesday 12th November to talk about how we can keep our gardens interesting and colourful during late autumn and early winter by planting late flowering perennials and grasses.

The Garden club will enter the Christmas tree competition in the church this year. Our theme will be unsurprisingly flowers, fruits and vegetables. Please come along to the church to view all of the trees. Thank you to all of the members who donated the

decorations.

Our next meeting at the memorial hall will be our Christmas social open only to members and partners on Tuesday 10th December at 7.45pm for 8 pm start. We are very pleased to have Joy Dey at the club once more to entertain us with her superb singing. This will be followed by a buffet supplied by the club, some light hearted quizzes and concluding with a raffle. The cost of the evening will be £2 per person.

Please remember to bring your refreshments and glasses

It just remains for me to say A very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year to all of our club members and everyone who supports the garden club events

Hope Santa is kind to you all. Mike Hughes

### ***High Halstow Village Hall Hits From The Blitz***

Many thanks to all of those who came along on 16<sup>th</sup> November for what was another terrific evening. The event raised a further £155 for the hall. Special thanks to Wenda and Jo for all of the work in feeding everyone on the night.



## *High Halstow Primary Academy*

What is learning like for us at High Halstow Primary Academy?

We really enjoy learning at High Halstow Primary. Throughout each day we now focus on a new curriculum which is taught through the IB PYP. IB PYP stands for International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. This means that our learning is always linked and we get more opportunities to discuss our ideas and explore new ways of thinking. We come up with different lines of inquiries linked to our theme for the term,

This term in Year 6 we have been learning about Macbeth as part of our 'How We Express Ourselves' theme. We explored Scotland as that is where Macbeth is set. We developed science skills when we made 'potions.' In the play there was a poem where the witches spoke about what they were going to put in their potions. We have also made shadow puppet theatres so that we could act out the scripts we made as part of our inquiry.

One of the best changes since working on our new curriculum is that we are able to share our learning with others in different ways. We find it interesting to find out what other classes have been learning. Before the summer holidays one class shared what they had learnt linked to plastic pollution, which is something the rest of us did not know as much about. It led to us going home to do our own research and made some of us change how we use plastic.

We feel as though we have a better understanding of the world because we do not just learn about key subjects but we also get the chance to learn about global issues and shared responsibilities.

We enjoy our developed curriculum because it allows us to learn about the world around us. It has made us realise that there is more to the world than the village that we live in. The PYP has taught us that we are part of a bigger group of people, they don't all live in our village or even our country but we are all part of a global family.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about what we think about our learning. To find out more follow our academy on Twitter.

### ***Year 6 pupils***

### ***Village Hall Quiz Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December***

To book your table please ring Margaret Church on 01903 41300 or 07702 196179.

The cost per table is £3.00 per person. The Quiz's superbly run by Margaret Church have raised just under **£11,000** for the hall since they started. This is a fantastic achievement (even if I don't win) and has been one of the many events, which has helped the hall look so good so please come along and support.

## *Christmas Tree Festival*

The Friends of St Margaret's would like to invite you to join in our Christmas Tree Festival.

The Festival will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December and we would like individuals or organisations to decorate a tree – maximum height 6ft to be displayed in St Margaret's Church.

Trees can have a theme connected to your organisation and as interesting as possible to encourage visitors to view them. Lights can be used but battery ones are helpful as we are short of power points in the church.

The Festival is to help raise funds towards the upkeep of the church building. We are in the process of having windows restored at great cost.

For each tree displayed we would appreciate a small donation of £5.

Help us make this year's festival bigger and better.

For further details and times for setting up please contact June on 01634 250105 or [junemari49@gmail.com](mailto:junemari49@gmail.com)



***Have a Jolly start to Christmas  
at High Halstow Village Hall***

### ***Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December***

Why not start your Christmas with an afternoon with Karmann Dancers. Join in with some sing along carols whilst having your tea and cake. Entry is free so why not come along and see these dancers who have supported the village so well over the years.

Doors will be from 12.00 to 3.00

### ***Need to Hire a Hall***

If you are interested in hiring either of the halls in the village for a party, function or meeting please contact:

Memorial Hall - Angela Forward 251756  
Village Hall - Wenda Taylor 253169

**\*\* Please do not call on a Sunday \*\***



## *High Halstow Village Hall The Village Quiz*

In this month's HHT Margaret informed us all of the monies raised from the Quiz she has help run in the Memorial Hall, just under £10,000. In addition to that Margaret and her merry band through the Village Hall quiz have raised a further £11,000 from the Quiz in the Village Hall. This is some achievement which we are all grateful for and really appreciate. I just wish she would have some questions that Carl can answer.

The December Quiz is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, so let's make this a special one and book your place. To book your table please ring Margaret Church on 01903 41300 or 07702 196179. The cost per table is £3.00 per person.





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## **The night before Christmas**

**24th December 5:00pm  
St. Margaret's Church**

A special, time for children young and old, to capture the true wonder of Christmas. With stories and songs, poems and prayers and even the odd Christmas cracker joke it will be time to treasure forever. Help us build the nativity scene and discover the true reason for the season



Come dressed as Angels, Shepherds and wise men to join in our huge living nativity scene  
(Outfits can be supplied)

*Santa will be making a stop at the church  
at 6pm on his way around the village*



## High Halstow Hikers

Partly because we could rely on good paths and partly because of the wide range of world-famous historic buildings in nearby Greenwich, 15 of us started our November walk from the Prince of Wales Pond on the southside of Blackheath.

Initially walking past the striking All Saints church that overlooks the heath we then walked to Greenwich Park through a great many sports teams practising and competing on the pleasant Saturday morning. We entered the park by the main south gate and walked directly to the Observatory to spend 10 minutes taking in the iconic view: the old maritime buildings, the river and the ever increasing number of skyscrapers in Canary Wharf directly to the north, the O<sub>2</sub> to the east and the familiar buildings of the City and Westminster to the west. We then headed to the largely deserted eastside of the park to make our way down through the gently sloping paths to join other groups walking along the Thames footpath despite it being shown as closed. The tide was high and allowed a large police launch to impress us with a close up of their high-speed manoeuvring before we paused for a warming beverage close to the Cutty Sark and its now glass-framed copper-bottom.



Having topped up our energy levels we walked through the Old Royal Naval College and then headed back into the park via Queen's House and the National Maritime Museum Gardens. The walk up the westside of the park is quite steep but we then entered the large crescent-shaped rose garden with around 100 varieties that clearly merit a revisit in the summer. To return to the cars we walked alongside southside of the Park to the so-called Wilderness, in fact a deer park, on the southeast corner of the park and then back across the heath to finish an amazingly varied 5-mile walk just 35 minutes' drive from High Halstow.

Our December walk will be a local one beginning at 10.00 from High Halstow village hall car park on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December with a route

### Distributors

A big 'Thank You' to all the unsung heroes who distribute the HHT every month. They are a virtually unknown team of helpers who give up their own time each month to ensure the HHT is distributed to every home in the village. Wind or rain they go out in to the elements to ensure the villagers of High Halstow get there monthly news. Thank you and Merry Christmas.



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## Christmas Concert

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High Halstow

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Musical Director Ken Reynolds  
Accompanist Elizabeth Ryan

Tickets £6 (voluntary contribution for children)  
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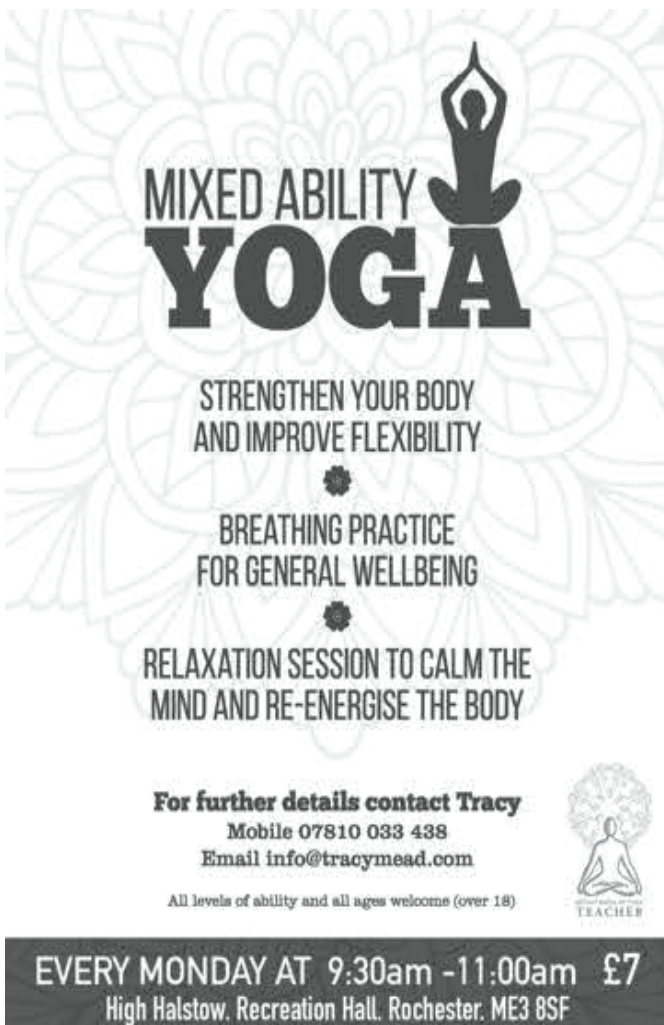
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High Halstow Village Hall***



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Please be aware of where and how you are parking around the village. It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that people are parking on or across pavements, which is forcing pedestrians and children to walk in the road. Also some parking is creating pinch-points which limits access for emergency vehicles or can cause collisions with oncoming vehicles.

***Your Parish Councillors***

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<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

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## Readers Emails & Letters

(No emails or letters will be published without the name and address)

### Dear Villagers

On behalf of the Parish Council I am writing to wish you all a

*Merry Christmas*

*And*

*A Happy Prosperous New Year*

2020 will present us with opportunities to make sure that High Halstow remains a great place to live. We aim to update you about these opportunities. Many thanks to everyone who has completed our recent survey about the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan. We were pleased with your response but please be advised a box remains in the shop for late submissions

Best Regards

George Crozer (Parish Council Chair)

Dear HHT,

I would like to thank all our customers for taking the time so respond to the feed back for the office....

We came top in the north Kent area and have been acknowledged for our efforts by the post office.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our customers

High Halstow Post Office

Dear HHT,

We would like to publicly thank the following people for putting up the poppies in the village on the lamp posts.

Linda Atkinson

Adrian Catchpole

Sarah Catchpole

Simon Witchell

James Witchell

Many thanks,

Mrs J. Allen

Clerk to High Halstow Parish Council



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**Christmas Service Times**

**15<sup>th</sup> December**  
11:00am DIY Nativity (Allhallows)  
6:30pm Carol Service (Allhallows)

**22nd December**  
6:30pm: Carol Service (High Halstow)

**24th December**  
5:00-6:00pm The Night Before Christmas for children followed by a visit from Santa (High Halstow)  
11:30 Midnight Communion (At Allhallows)

**25th December**  
8:00am Holy Communion (High Halstow)  
9:00am Christmas family service (High Halstow)  
10:00am Christmas family service (Allhallows)

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