

# HALLING VIEW



## Chairman's Report

I was delighted and honoured to be elected recently by my colleagues to serve as the Parish Council's Chairman for the coming year.

Due to the small number of people putting themselves forward for election in May and a resignation, we have, at the moment just 4 parish councillors instead of the 11 that we are allowed, and 4 is the minimum number we need to be able to operate.

You might expect me to have a bit of a moan about the small number of people nominated for election, but I'm not going to do that. The Parish Council needs to look at itself first before criticising others and I want to be part of the team which attracts more of you to want to join us.

We are a small team at the moment, but I truly believe that Chris, Terry, Richard and myself form a nucleus to make the next 4 years very successful ones for the parish.

We can co-opt councillors to join the parish council, so, with no obligation at all, if you are interested in parish affairs and might think about applying to join us, please contact Jenny in the parish office and we will arrange to have a chat with you and see where it leads.

The new Rights Of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) should be published soon and this will define the work on footpaths for the next 10 years. As part of ROWIP our next task will be to produce a map of Halling out to the boundary with all the footpaths shown. These maps will be made available as PDFs to the public to download and use as soon as possible.

On Saturday 18 May 2019 the Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Community Centre. There were a good selection of displays and the event was well attended. The Sapphires WI provided refreshments for this event so our thanks go to them. Our MP Kelly Tolhurst attended and spent time with individual parishioners.

Please remember that, while Halling View is produced and funded by the parish council, it is your publication, so any contributions from you about, well, anything really (apart from Brexit!!!) LOL, will be welcomed. Inside this edition there is information on various projects being undertaken by the Parish Council, which I hope you'll find interesting and, of course, if you can help with them in any way, please contact us.

Finally, I heard a rumour recently that should HPC disband then all the monies go back to Medway. This is not true and with Medway Councillors on HPC they will make sure that is the case.

As I said, come and talk to us, you know you want to.

Councillor George Wenham

Chairman HPC

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## HALLING BENEFITS FROM SALE OF OLD FIRE STATION!

Thanks to the doggedness of former Cllr Chris Herbert, the sale of the old Fire Station in Vicarage Road to Halling Baptist Church was forced through. All along, the intention of those who favoured the sale was to use the money solely for projects beneficial to the whole of Halling village.

Thanks are also due to (now) Cllr Terry Dolby who secured copyright permission for Halling Parish Council's (HPC) use of OS-based maps adapted to show the extensive network of footpaths, private land, and Halling's boundaries. His work enabled precise locations to be given to *Boundary Fencing* for the provision and installation of six metal kissing-gates on HPC's ground which is Halling Common – or 'the marsh', as it is more widely known. The Environment Agency would not permit further digging and a likely weakening of the raised ground which serves as a flood defence. For this reason, there could not be wider stiles on the path alongside the river. Use had to be made of the old holes dug for the wooden 'step over' stiles. These new gates mostly replace 'step over' stiles, and are disability-friendly as far as is practicable in an area not designated a Country Park.



From the proceeds of the sale of the old Fire Station, the expectation is that many more people will now have easier access to Halling Common with kissing-gates in place.

The same Environment Agency restrictions forced the next project for bench seats on Halling Common to be modified. Even with shallow excavations for concrete bases to keep seats in place during periodic flooding, no seats were permitted along the raised riverside paths. Only 16 metres back from the river could there be bench seats! Favourable locations for these have been agreed. Next is their purchase and secure installation. As with the kissing-gates, the new HPC Chairman, Cllr George Wenham, has been the driving force.

Ever mindful of flooding which can extend to half way up Marsh Road, there are ideas to be discussed for surfacing of some paths, steps and/or earthwork to iron out gradients.

Halling's recreation grounds have also undergone improvements. HPC funded the refurbishment of the Lower Rec. play area, and this was completed three years ago. It has proved a great success. The involvement of the children at pre-school, Halling Primary school, the youth club and public consultations all helped make this an excellent play area.

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*Amey plc* (a large construction/groundwork company which offers funding for community projects) provided the internal path free of charge, and this has enhanced the play area with its colourful graphics. The addition of outdoor fitness equipment has encouraged young people and adults to keep fit in an outdoor environment free of charge, a facility funded by *Tesco Bags of Help*.

The Upper Rec. has dated equipment of little play value. HPC again held public consultations, and went out to tender with the most requested features. The schemes submitted were shown at a public event, with the most popular winning the order.

Installation of Upper Rec. play equipment will be throughout June and early July, and will open for the children's summer holidays. Access is also being improved by provision of a concrete path and a handrail down to the play area. Overhanging trees will be cut back to allow more light into the site. Halling is fortunate to have the free services of a county-wide specialist for recreation grounds and provision of playground equipment.

The Fire Station fund has enabled HPC not only to make improvements on Halling Common, but also to update the play facilities for the *all* the children of Halling, and to improve the Upper Recreation Ground in general.

### **Lower Rec – Goal Posts**

Sadly the goal posts keep being dismantled and have now become dangerous. Quotes for them to be permanently reinstated are being sought. We hope they will soon be replaced and ready for community use.



### **Upper Rec – Refurbishment**

#### ***GOOD NEWS – GOOD NEWS***

The refurbishment of the upper rec play equipment will be taking place week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May and will be CLOSED to the public while the work is carried out. It will be open in time for the school summer holiday, please keep an eye on our notice boards for updates. This enhancement will benefit our village children particularly those living in upper Halling.

### **Important Reminder**

**Please be aware that BBQs are not allowed in our playground  
and recreation areas.**

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## HPC – Community Defibrillator

Attached to the wall of the community centre entrance doors is a defibrillator for your use if ever required.



It has been used twice and we wanted to inform you all of its location and how to use it as it may help save someone's life.

You don't need any training to use a defibrillator as it gives CLEAR VERBAL instructions once opened.

Below is a generic summary from the British Heart Foundation on how to use a defibrillator. There are many different brands, they may look different but operate the same.

*(taken from British Heart Foundation website):*

*If you come across someone who is unconscious, unresponsive, not breathing or not breathing normally, they're in **cardiac arrest**. The most important thing is to **call 999** and **start CPR** to keep the blood flowing to the brain and around the body. After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent.*

*If you're on your own, don't interrupt the CPR to go and get a defibrillator. If it's possible, send someone else to find one. When you call 999, the operator can tell you if there's a public access defibrillator nearby.*

**To use a defibrillator, follow these simple steps:**

**Step 1:** Turn the defibrillator on by pressing the green button and follow its instructions.

**Step 2:** Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

**Step 3:** Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then analyse the patient's heart rhythm.

**Step 4:** The defibrillator will assess whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press the shock button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the patient without prompt. Do not touch the patient while they are being shocked.

**Step 5:** The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

**Step 6:** Continue with chest compressions and rescue breaths until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again.

If sadly you have occasion to use the HPC Community Defibrillator please be prepared for an alarm to sound once you open the cabinet door to remove.

Please return the defibrillator to the HPC office as soon as you are able so that replacement supplies may be ordered. Thank you.

## Police surgery – Cuxton and Halling

Your local officers will be holding a police surgery on:

**4<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00**

**5<sup>th</sup> July at 17.00**

**6<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00 noon**

**Cuxton Library, Cuxton**



**Come and speak to local officers about your concerns on crime and anti-social behaviour**

Your local officers are PCSO Carrie-Ann Boswell and PCSO Daniel Parsons and will see people individually on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, please contact your local policing team by calling **101**.

Please see notice board for future dates and any changes.

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# Halling's Local Heroes

## Halling's Local Heroes



Do you know a local hero?

Is there someone you would like to nominate for a new section in our quarterly Halling View Magazine?

Someone who goes above and beyond for our community, it may be helping a neighbour or our local environment?

For example we have received a nomination:

**Karl from the Lego Build Club (held at the community centre) together with Andrew and Suzanne Kingston, Cat Stevens and Mark, used the Halling Community defibrillator to help to try and save a residents life when he sadly suffered a fatal heart attack. His widow informs us that so far £959.00 has been raised for a defibrillator to be installed in upper Halling.**

To nominate please either email [hallingclerk@btconnect.com](mailto:hallingclerk@btconnect.com) or complete and drop of the form below:

Nominee name: .....

Reason:

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If you wish to include the nominee's photograph please obtain their permission to do so.

Nomination doesn't guarantee inclusion in Halling View.

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## In the Light of Eternity

I have very kindly been given a collection of Halling Parish magazines from the early twentieth century. I've written a bit more about them in the May issue of our parish church magazine. Something that made me sit up and take notice was that, on Ascension Day 1<sup>st</sup> June 1905 (a Thursday of course), they celebrated Holy Communion at 4.45 am, 7.00 am & 10.30 am. There was a Women's Service at 3.00 pm and Choral Evensong at 7.30 pm. I think that's amazing. We shall of course keep Ascension Day this year as always. It falls on 30<sup>th</sup> May (It's always 40 days after Easter) and we shall hold celebrations of Holy Communion at 9.30 am at Halling and 7.30 pm at Cuxton. I shall also say Morning and Evening Prayer at 7.15 am and 5.00 pm at Cuxton as I generally do on weekdays. Why so many services on that day at Halling in 1905? The short answer is that the Vicar, the Rev'd Ernest Crawford, wanted to make sure that everybody had the opportunity to attend on what for most people would have been a working day. But why? Why did it matter?

The first point is that worship is a duty which we owe to God. God is the focus of our worship. If we believe in Him, God is the focus of our lives. We live for Him. Primarily, we worship, not to please ourselves, but to please Him.

My dog, Tommy, is happiest when he is running around in the woods and fields, sniffing things out, making friends with people we meet and with other dogs, joyfully bounding up into the air just for the sheer joy of it. He is happy too when he is being made a fuss of and showing his love by enjoying being cuddled. In other words, Tommy is at his most content when he is doing what he was made to do, when he is fulfilling himself by using his talents to the full. Likewise, human beings are fully fulfilled only when doing what they were made to do. We were made to the glory of God and it is in worshipping Him that we find our fulfilment. Worship is what we shall do eternally in heaven. It is when we are worshipping God here on earth in spirit and in truth that we experience something of what heaven is like. So Mr Crawford had his parishioners' best interests at heart in trying to make it possible for them to go to church on Ascension Day and throughout the year. Of course we can and should worship God wherever we are and whatever we are doing. We can and should worship Him when we are on our own. But it is special and in accordance with His Will that we meet together with other Christian people to worship Him in the service which He gave us.

The stained glass window behind the altar at St John's depicts the Christmas story. *He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all.* The corresponding window at St Michael's Cuxton shows Jesus 33 years later, after His Death on the Cross and His Resurrection, ascending into Heaven. He shares our humanity in order that we might share His divinity. He comes to earth so that we might have access to Heaven. He dies so that we might have eternal life. On Ascension Day, we celebrate that the risen human body of the crucified Christ enters into Heaven and opens the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Our prayers ascend to God through Jesus. At God's Right Hand, He sends His Holy Spirit into the world. When our life on earth is over, He has prepared a place for us there with Him in Heaven if we only put our faith in Him.

So why might it be worth going to Church at 4.45 am on Ascension Day before starting a hard day's work in the fields or the cement works or whatever people in Halling did in 1905? Because the light Jesus sheds on us from Heaven comforts and guides us on earth and because Heaven is our eternal home if we believe in Him. What was true in 1905 is true now. It was always true and it always will be true.

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They had much the same provision of services on our Patronal Festival that year – the Nativity of St John the Baptist, 24<sup>th</sup> June. It was a Saturday in 1905. This year it falls on a Monday and we shall mark it with Holy Communion at 9.30 am at St John’s.

The other event of which you might like foreknowledge is on 11<sup>th</sup> July when we shall welcome the Cantium Singers to St John’s at 7.30 pm for an evening of musical entertainment.

**Roger Knight, Rector of Cuxton and Halling**

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**Food Bank in our Village — Can you help?**

“*But, is there a need in Halling?*” That was my initial response when asked if we would consider starting a Food Bank.

On the one hand, it is for sure that help is readily available. Since our appeals for previous Christmas hampers, I have met residents who are regularly asking me if they can contribute in any way towards food collection appeals. This shows a ready disposition and a great desire to help others who may be struggling.

So help is available. But is there a need? Sadly, unexpected circumstances and the hardships of life can bring about the most painful of experiences to anyone at any time. A few weeks ago, a single mother, with tears in her eyes, received a couple of hampers we managed to put together. An unemployed woman explained how difficult it was to even ask for support, but “merely knowing that help is available”, makes the burden lighter. A mother with three little children, whose husband suddenly left home, couldn’t contain her emotion when a few groceries and some disposable nappies were delivered to her front door. These are a few examples of real struggles faced by people in Halling and Snodland.

It is a great blessing when little efforts make such a big difference amid trying circumstances. Our Lord once said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*” (Acts 20:35b). And what an example of love he displayed by giving his life as a ransom for many! — Those who once were hopeless, now have a living hope in Christ by grace through faith! — The Bible calls this great news, the Gospel.

So, we would like to trial-run a Food Bank in our community. What we will need is to equip the storage room in The Old Fire Station, purchase some Café tables to offer a cuppa and a small bite to eat, and to build a shed to relocate some of our items to free up space.

To make this possible, we are organising a **Fund-Raising Quiz Supper** on Friday 21 June, 19:00 Hrs in The Old Fire Station, Vicarage Road.

- The food will be on us.
- All donations will go towards our Food Bank Fund.

- On the Menu: **Lewis's Fish & Grill** (Halling-resident-owned business), 6 Loose Road, Maidstone, ME15 7TZ. (Do visit them to show some love for supporting this good cause!)

For more information, or to register your interest, call or text me on 07868 182423. You can also email me on [info@hallingbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@hallingbaptist.org.uk).

Praying for the eternal good of Halling.

Kevin Félix Hollington

Pastor of Halling Baptist Church

Sunday Services 11:00 and 16:00 (Ryarsh). All are welcome!

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**On Saturday 20th April, the Halling Sapphires WI in partnership with HPC and the Halling Association hosted the second village Easter Extravaganza at the Community Centre.**

The Easter Bunny hosted over 90 children in a sold out afternoon tea in a magical Easter setting. The main hall saw stalls from local craftspeople selling handmade items, games and raffles and plenty of homemade goodies and cakes from the WI at our refreshment stand. For the children, we had a fantastic face painter, art and craft stalls and local entertainer Magic Mark with his very obliging bunny!

There were also prizes for the Easter bonnet competition and an egg raffle. People also got to enjoy the fabulous weather with an Easter trail around our beautiful village.

Overall, we raised just over £700 and this goes straight back into the kitty for next year's event. This enables us to pay for the little extras to keep costs down for everyone that comes along, so this year we were able to pay for the face painter so that children could get their faces done for free. Our ethos is very much for the benefit of the village, with pocket money prices so that as many people can enjoy the day as possible.

The Easter Bunny has put up her paws until next year, and we hope to see you all again!





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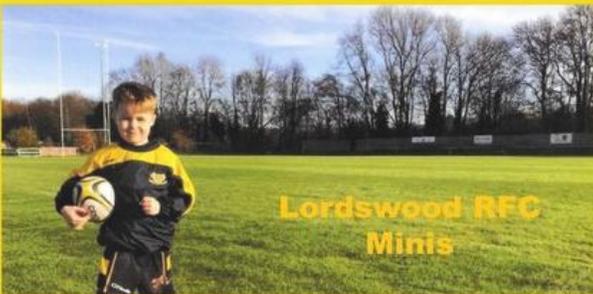
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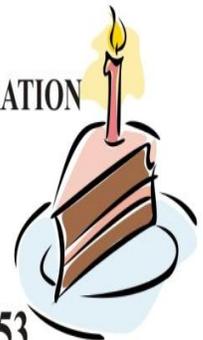


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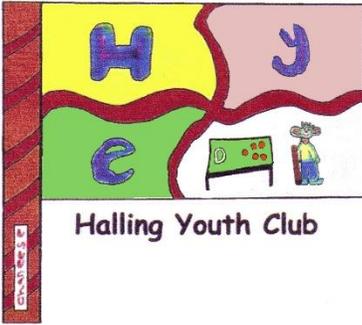
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### Halling Sequence Dance Club

Many thanks to our members for raising the following amounts for three charities during the last three years:

2017	Heart of Kent Hospice	£500
2018	Demelza House	£500
2019	Kent Air Ambulance	£300 (which is our chosen charity for this year)



1<sup>st</sup> Session (6.00 pm – 7.30 pm) for 8-11 year olds  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session (7.45pm – 9.15 pm) for 11-15 year olds



**HELP US!**

Halling Youth Club needs your help in continuing to be a fun, safe place for the children of the village to come. We are urgently in need of some regular volunteers, due to our diminishing pool of helpers.

Ideally, we need 3 or 4 helpers each week, plus the parents / guardians who can assist us fortnightly/monthly.

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This group is for all ages; birth to 5 years of age for children;  
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A wide variety of activities are available including –  
Baby corner, Role-play, Construction, Small world, Books, Craft,  
Mark making, Messy play, Musical instruments, Bikes etc.  
Each session ends with singing/action songs.

Everyone is welcome.  
No need to pre-book, just come along.



## Halling Parish Council needs your help



We are recruiting councillors to our parish council, we currently have seven vacancies. If you are interested please call into the parish council office and speak to our clerk Jenny. Alternatively email her at [hallingclerk@btconnect.com](mailto:hallingclerk@btconnect.com). Please include a personal statement telling us a little about yourself and why you would like to join us. We are a small team of volunteer local residents working together for the good of the village. Included in this magazine are details of positive changes we can achieve in our community and will continue to do so on your behalf. We meet formally once a month to discuss parish business. Ideally we would like to have new councillors co-opted to our team ready for our July meeting, dates TBA. **The cut-off date for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019.** Please do consider this worthwhile and rewarding position.

### **ANYONE WISHING TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE HALLING VIEW PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE/ADVERT BY: 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Payments can be made either via cash, BACS or cheque  
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Pricing and advertising as follows:

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(Charity Adverts and Village Articles are free!!)

## HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Lower Ward: Councillor Richard Thorne  
Councillor Terry Dolby

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Upper Ward: Chairman George Wenham

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North Ward: Councillor Chris Buckwell

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## PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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Website: <http://www.halling-pc.co.uk>

**There are 9 notice boards around the village which are updated regularly with village information and also you can read what's going on, on our website**

Your Parish Councillors live in Halling and act for you voluntarily in the interest of the village as a whole. Any matters brought to the attention of the office are given to Councillors to discuss and or act upon if necessary.

If you would like to raise any questions in advance of the next meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk via the contact details listed above or alternatively please return the form below to the Parish office. Thank you.

**Halling Parish Council, Clerk:**

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