

HALLING VIEW

My first part in this quarters review has to be about the Halling Village Fayre....an outstanding success. We had such fantastic feedback it made us all proud. My thanks go to all those involved particularly the Committee Members – Trudi Smith, Bill Swan, Sam Thomas, Les Hitchcock, Peter Brady, Paula and Daniel Wilkins-Smith and Jenny Robinson, the stall holders and fun fair, Awkward Entertainments. To The WI for their excellent cakes and beverages, The Five Bells and staff, Court Farm, the ice cream man and Ruth in the burger van for keeping us all fed and watered. To The Garden Society for the fabulous plants, our helpers from Snodland Explorers, Petaholics for scaring the kids with snakes and creepy crawlies, Bo Peeps and Halling Primary School PTA for providing a great day of races and fun for all the kids, the Halling Choir and musicians, the Community Centre and Jubilee Hall, Cuxton Scouts & Norman Godding for loan of marquees, chairs, tables, generators etc. and not forgetting Chris Herbert and Martyn Court (aka David Essex and Ringo Starr) who spent all day on the Dodgems (someone had to!!) AND FINALLY a HUGE THANKS, to all those who attended the day. Without you all, it would not have been the success it was! It was truly a memorable event - well done Halling Village! We came in well under budget, which was totally unexpected which means lots of money in the pot for another village event! We had a couple of hiccups which we have marked for next year, mainly the tokens. This was due to the unexpected success. We had not anticipated needing so many and people purchasing them all early in the day. Therefore next year we will purchase more. If you still have tokens from this year please keep hold of them as they can be used again at next year's Fayre.

We are looking for ideas on how to commemorate the end of World War One in November and would welcome ideas to involve the whole village. Could you please pass your ideas to Bill and Trudi in the Parish Office.

Another success down to our Clerk Bill Swan and Assistant Clerk Trudi Smith's great negotiating skills and expertise is the securing of a Rural Liaison Grant for the refurbishment of the Upper Rec and replacement of the Wooden Trail in the Lower Rec. By the time you read this there should also be a couple more benches by the trail.

The Fire Station purchase is progressing slowly but positively and we hope will be completed by the end of

the year. Please check the Parish Council Website for updates via the Parish Council Meeting Minutes.

A not so great issue,. "#Poogate!" The signs in the village have caused some confusion, so I will just clarify for everyone: The Upper and Lower Recs are owned by Halling Village and have, for many, many years, had bylaws in place preventing Dogs in these areas, this has not changed. The area around Low Meadow is owned by Medway Council and they have recently placed new signs regarding dogs. The issue sadly has been enforced by Medway Council on a mission to stop Dog Fouling and we (I have two!) dog owners are being punished due to the actions of the "few" not the "many!!" Please remember if you see a dog owner not picking up the "poo" then report them. We have "Poo Bags" available free in the Parish Office too, so no excuses for anyone.

Finally ending on a positive note, Sam Thomas recently nominated the Councillors of Halling Parish Council for the ICE Bucket Challenge in aid of ALS (Motor Neurone Disease) so a few of us volunteered and took our punishment with buckets of ice cold water poured over us by some very willing volunteers from the pub (Andy Simpson – I will get you back !!) Sam had collected £225 at the last count from everyone from the pub who had taken part and still had more nominations/punishments to dish out!

Len Sharp on behalf of HALARA is running a race night on the 29th November 2014 in aid of Motor Neurone Disease so please support this worthwhile cause that affects too many people by either sponsoring a race, giving a raffle prize and most of all attending the night.

As always we welcome support from you all at our next Parish Council Meeting.

Sally Brady
Chair
Halling Parish Council

Halling Parish Council

Lower Ward:

Councillor Les Hitchcock
Councillor Chris Herbert
Councillor Sally Brady
Councillor Jim Sutherland
vacancy
vacancy

Upper Ward

Councillor Mark Joy
Councillor Bob Morton
Councillor Alan Herbert

North Ward

Councillor Matt Fearn
Councillor George Wenham

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Parish Council Meetings

Everyone welcome to attend

9 Sept 14 Jubilee Hall – 7.30pm

8 Oct 14 Community Centre – 7.30pm

11 Nov 14 Jubilee hall – 7.30pm

10 Dec 14 Community Centre – 7.30pm

HALLING'S MARSHES AND FOOTPATHS

For 2014, the Halling Parish Council (HPC) decided not to have cattle graze the marshes. The decision was made because of the damage done to public footpaths by hooves during the exceptionally wet end to 2013. Cattle normally keep the grass on the marshes short: this year, HPC was fortunate (thanks to Cllr. George Wenham, with overall responsibility for 'marsh matters') to find a gentleman to mow the long grasses. His price was no more than being able to take away the bailed grass for hay. Probably, there will one more mowing.

With cattle off the marsh, the opportunity is being taken to erect fences and put in self-closing gates in strategic places to safeguard particularly vulnerable parts of the footpaths and to repair stiles in such a way that they may be climbed over more easily, but still exclude cattle, calves and motorcycles.

The ideal solution would be 'kissing gates', but these – at least, for the moment – are beyond HPC's means. Further, part of the public footpath RS320 crosses Kent Wildfowlers' land, and their permission would be needed. Along this stretch of footpath, please respect the rights of the wildfowlers with their adjacent conservation areas.

Foliage has been cut back the length of the now re-registered footpath RS320 which will be on the next Ordnance Survey map. RS320 starts to the immediate left of the marsh gate. Footpath RS319 follows on round the river edge of the marshes, and that, too, has been cut back where brambles encroached and forced walkers onto slippery sections. The 'round' that Halling people have *ever* enjoyed is there again for the walking!

Some words of caution: the first parts of footpaths RS320 and RS319 are still rutted by the indentations of hooves. Please be especially careful – as on all rural footpaths with their 'un-manicured' surfaces. Don't hesitate to cut offending brambles or chop roots. Secateurs to hand are always useful! Any litter you can pick up would be greatly appreciated.

FOOTPATH UP-DATES

Somewhere in the vicinity of (former) Cemex property where footpaths RS320 and RS319 meet, HPC is trying for an additional footpath that will link up with the A228 as did the RS201 before the railway crossing was closed at the bottom of Stake Lane.

Temporarily, the RS201 (from the roundabout opposite the allotments) is closed and diverted too far for comfort up the A228 towards Cuxton to footpath RS220 (a narrow path along side houses), but an even better RS201 by the side of the Blue Lake is promised when Redrow are more advanced with their building.

The new finger-post at the top of Marsh Road (itself a footpath RS219) directs walkers to the river and the marshes. This was erected by Medway Borough Council,



Public footpath RS320



and damage done by cattle

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Medway Borough Council's Footpaths Department, has first responsibility for keeping public footpaths clear, but does not always have budget provision. There are times when we have to take action ourselves to keep the paths open by clearing the relentless growth of brambles, blackthorn and nettles. What our village needs is younger blood (Muff, John and I will not be here forever) to share the work – not always on marsh footpaths – when occasions demand. Bill Swan and Trudi Smith hallingclerk@btconnect.com at the Halling Parish Council office would be delighted to hear from volunteers – as would I bar.bar@btinternet.com - for the unpaid chain-gang!

Barry Barnes
Co-opted by HPC for Footpaths

as part of its statutory obligation to way-mark registered footpaths.

Not exactly a public footpath (but an easier walk to the crest of the Downs) is South Hill/Chapel Lane – or Red Hill, as ‘locals’ know it. The upper part of the road has been resurfaced, and the bottom of the hill is blocked by a metal barrier designed to keep out cars and motorcycles. All this has been done by Lafarge, in conjunction with KCC – confirmed by well-informed, PCSO Kim Lidbury. The beneficial effect is that fly-tipping by the Mount Ephraim pit and the abandonment of cars in the ‘high woods’ are stopped. Felling of trees in 10 Acre Wood has been done to create sun-lit glades and to encourage new plant growth. An access code is available from KCC if motorists feel they must use the short road that leads to nowhere. But walking is unimpeded.

NEW PATHS FOR NEWCOMERS

In addition to footpaths round and across the marshes, several rural ways lead to Upper and North Halling. From the roundabout where the new bridge will cross the Medway is the surprisingly scenic upper part of the ‘Ticker’ path. In former times, chalk-laden trucks trundled down to barges on the river. You will see the old rails. Peer down and wonder at the depth of abandoned quarries. The ‘Plough’ path (from where the old *Plough* pub. stood) starts next to 166 High Street, and is the direct route to Upper Halling. The ‘Cam’ path starts in Cemetery Road (where the old *Rose & Crown* pub. stood) between the *Homeward Bound* and *The Bells*. The Pluto Pipeline once crossed adjacent fields to take fuel in support of D-Day. Press onwards and upwards along a maze of footpaths to the ridge of the North Downs – and beyond.

I can’t promise you what Donald Maxwell did in his *The Pilgrims’ Way in Kent* (1932). In a less motorised era, he extolled the ‘sound of nature’ and the sheer delight of walking the flower-strewn footpaths that skirt the North Downs. ‘Pilgrims’ could drink pure (!) water from streams, and make a gradual descent to ferry crossings of the River Medway en route to Canterbury. Ferry steps may still be seen both sides of the river at the bottom of Ferry Road in Halling, as well as in Snodland near the church. Here, at low-tide, these were the first places where the Romans could ford the river when they invaded Britain circa AD43.

I *can* promise that today’s footpaths have their charms. Often, they are havens of quiet. They all have great views, and a variety of wildlife, flowers, fruits and unusual plants.

THANKS – AND NO THANKS

Big thanks are due to Muff Parker and John Coleman for their unstinting help in clearing the paths. Even with the sun toasting us, and the flies biting us, it was enjoyable and useful work on the village’s behalf, but decidedly un-enjoyable were plastic bags containing dog droppings we found in bushes. It is *still* a ‘littering’ offence to discard bags so carelessly instead of putting them in dog bins. *Please, please* keep the footpaths and bushes free of such horrors! With our children, grandchildren and visitors, we should be able to enjoy idyllic footpath walks, and be able to pick blackberries (jam) and sloes (gin) without the sight and taint of abandoned bags of dog excrement.



On 5th June 14
The replacement wooden trail was opened in our Lower Recreation Ground by some of the children from Bo-Peeps Pre-School

HPC would like to thank
The Rural Liaison Committee,
Medway Council
for funding the new wooden trail.

Brave Jake Rafferty of Halling joins 20 police officers and family members in climbing Snowdon in adapted trike.

(read full article - KentOnline KM)

Jake and the team made it to the summit of Mount Snowdon at 3,560ft in just two hours and 50 minutes.

They set off from the family home in Britannia Close on their seven hour journey to Snowdonia, North Wales and started their trek at 7.35am in torrential rain and strong winds.

Jake faced death after an aggressive tumour was discovered in his spine. After surviving massive surgery he now faces the rest of his life confined to a wheelchair.

They set out to raise £500 for the charity justgiving but have exceeded this by £2000.

Anyone wishing to donate can do so by going online at www.justgiving.com/jason-rafferty-snowdenchallenge

Charity Race Night

in aid of

Motor Neurone Disease

on

Saturday 29th November 2014

at

Halling Community Centre

Commencing at 7.30pm

*Tickets on sale at Halling Post Office
and at the Halling Community Centre
Office or Len Sharp 116 High Street*

Adults £3.00

Children under 16 £1.50

Bring your own nibbles & drinks

Promoted by Halling Active Retirement Association



Jake had a little help during the ascent from family and police officers



The Rafferty family from Halling on the summit - parents Emma and Adrian, sister Jessica, nine and Jake 11

It Stands Alone.

There is no other book in literature like the Bible. Written over a period of 1,600 years by more than 40 writers from different backgrounds and walks of life, from kings to fishermen, generals, shepherds and historians. They wrote from many places like dungeons, hillsides, temples, during peacetime and war. They wrote on many controversial issues, yet they wrote with outstanding agreement and harmony. It was God who picked these 40 people to write its contents and it stands the test of time. The Bible is unique in its continuity, translation, circulation, survival and in withstanding attack through the ages.

The story begins with God creating everything out of nothing. Everything we have ever seen with our eyes, felt with our hands; the fragrances, sounds and tastes we've ever perceived in nature all around us. Everything from the new and exciting discoveries under the microscope to those unimaginable sights through the telescope. Everything including the unseen. All wonderfully designed. Its pages explain what went wrong. It tells us how suffering, pain, sorrow and death entered the world. It also tells us how and why it will all come to an end. It is God, speaking to man. In its pages you will find actual events and facts in history as well as words of wisdom and poetry. You will find already fulfilled prophecies as well as events that are yet to come. You will find the reason why things are as they are and the purpose of life. Its pages contain the most precious hidden treasure which surpass in worth anything we could possibly imagine money to buy or anything social status could give. When its treasure is found, everything one has ever considered as gain will now count as loss compared to the surpassing riches in glory found in Christ Jesus the Lord.

You may say to yourself: "I am very well, thank you very much" and so decide to turn away, disinterested, without ever looking into its claims. Or you may ask: "What does this all have to do with me?" Or you may say: "I don't even believe it to be true."

An experiment took place some years ago outside of Oxford Circus tube station in which a particular newspaper hired a man to give out leaflets to passers-by. The leaflet claimed that they would receive a five-pound note by simply returning it to the person who handed it to them. Numerous people passed by and only eleven returned in three hours! The reason? Many did not even take the leaflet because they thought they knew what it would contain and that it would do them no good. Some did take it, but did not even bother to read it; and others did read it, but did not believe what it promised, so they didn't even return.

If the Bible is what it claims to be, and if God (not "a god", but the one and only true God), the Creator, has indeed spoken and has acted through history, should we not at least look at its claims – which does not just explain the dire condition of man but is filled with real and divine hope, mercy and grace?

Don't dismiss the Bible without even reading it. The best thing to do is to approach it with an open mind. If you are willing to give it a go, the Gospels are a good place to start (the book of Mark is the shortest of the four). If you do not have a Bible, let me know and I will send you one. You will have many questions, like I did, but feel free to get in touch. All questions are welcome.

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Bill Swan, Clerk

Halling Glimpse will return next issue.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE WHO ARE STARTING PRE-SCHOOL, PRIMARY SCHOOL, SECONDARY SCHOOL OR FURTHER EDUCATION, IN SEPTEMBER. THIS TIME OF YEAR IS FILLED WITH MANY EMOTIONS FROM PRIDE TO DISAPPOINTMENT TO UNCERTAINTY TO CELEBRATION DUE TO EXAM RESULTS. YOUNG ADULTS LEAVING HOME TO LIVE AT UNIVERSITY OR STEPPING OUT TO START A NEW JOB, TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIPS OR JUST FROM APPREHENSION OF BEING PUT INTO A CLASS OF NEW FRIENDS. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL



First Prize- Spirit of Halling photo

If these two girls are you – please make yourself known to Halling Parish Council to collect a £25 each prize

Winner of the kids ticket prize



Winner of the Flip Flop Flinging Competition was Sean Hannant-Smith

....who threw it from one end of the MUGA to the other, over the fence and into the tree!!





Halling Hawks open the fayre



Face painting



Cllr Hitchcock finally retires as a fun day organiser



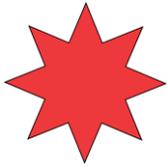
ADULTS ONLY! Showing the kids how to Bump not Dodge!



Health & Safety
old style!!



Halling Village Choir



Paid vacancy

Halling Community Centre
is looking for someone who can do

**DIY
Gardening
and Caretaking Cover**

please apply:

Michael or Rona Church
01634 243455

For hall hire fees :
<http://www.hallingcentre.btik.com>

HALLING JUBILEE HALL

**FOR PARTIES, DANCES,
JUMBLE SALES, WEDDINGS**



Whatever your event contact:

The Letting Secretary – Joy Oliver

01634 242933

joy.oliver@sky.com

*A £30.00 deposit must be made at time of booking.
This will be repaid if there are no damages or breakages*

Bo-PeePs Pre-School:

Jackie Tickner and Jane Adams
bopeePs@fsmail.net

Zumba: Julie Aylett
Julie.Aylett@southeastwater.co.uk

Karate: David Knight
davidnorthkentkarate@hotmail.co.uk

Badminton: Clare French
clare1french@hotmail.co.uk

Duets Dance School: Hayley Mann and Julie Frost
duetsdanceschool@yahoo.co.uk

Slimming World: Sharon Sbrochi
ssbrocchi@aol.com

Youth Club:
Paula Wilkins-Smith and Les Hitchcock
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(01634 240238)

Cuxton Medical Centre

19a Wood Street,
Cuxton
Rochester, Kent,
ME2 1LT

(01634 714317)

www.nhs.uk

Suggestions as to how you, the villagers, would like to commemorate WW1 should be sent to the Clerk's Office or via your Ward Parish Councillor. Please keep an eye on our village notice boards for events and other information for all residents of Halling.

Please give generously this year to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this November.

FREE COACHING OFFERED

Many of you know that I have held a Diploma in NLP, Life Coaching and Clinical Hypnotherapy for the last 18 month's. Largely due to the experience I have gained working with so many of you; I have upgraded my Diploma and gained my Masters certificate. THANK YOU ALL and to show my appreciation, I will be continuing this free service for a little while longer.

So allow me to continue to help with any of these issues:- confidence/ phobias/ motivation/ weight/ anxiety/ stress/ time management In fact, anything that you can think of and have FUN while you are doing it!! INTRIGUED?

Contact BEVERLEY, 01634 240190 or at beverleyann.wdd012@gmail.com **PLEASE REMEMBER TO LEAVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER CLEARLY AND A BRIEF OUTLINE OF YOUR ISSUES.** I will ALWAYS respond ASAP if able. Fully insured/CRB checked. Full confidentiality observed.

KEEP THIS VILLAGE TIDY

Clear up your dog mess

Use bins provided or take your litter home

RECYCLING
Remember brown bins and blue/white recycling bags can be put out with your rubbish for collection every Thursday. Replacement recycling bags can be obtained from Cuxton Library.



Halling Greenspace Group Volunteer Day

Sat Oct 11th

10 AM - 2 PM, Rain or Shine

Meet at the Community Centre

*We will do vegetation clearing along
Medway River path*

Join the Fun! Make a Positive Effort for our Village!

Refreshments served. Participate for as little or as long as you like.

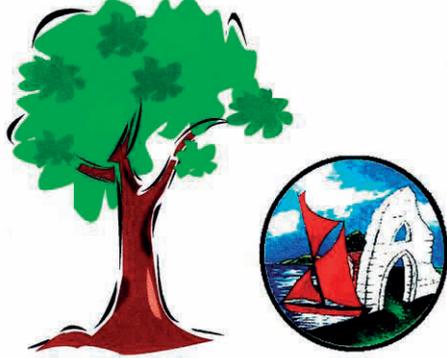
Some hand tools available, please bring loppers, shears, secateurs, and heavy work gloves



Supported by Halling Parish Council.

For more info, please call HPC Clerk's office 01634-241-551

or Kevyn Wightman 01634 240-213



Try something new - SHORT MAT BOWLS

Come along to the Halling Community Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon at 2pm or Wednesday evening 7pm and have a light-hearted try at Short Mat Bowls. We look on it as a social meeting with a game of bowls, a cup of tea/coffee and usually a good laugh. If you want a serious game we can do that too. To start with, no equipment is needed as we have spare bowls, only proviso is flat shoes or slippers. If you play bowls outdoors in the summer and are looking for something to do in the winter come and join us. For more information telephone Len Sharpe on 01634 244605

FITNESS CLASSES IN HALLING

HULA AEROBICS CLASS

THURSDAY 7PM – 7.45PM
HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE
HIGH STREET HALLING ME2 1BS

£18 FOR 4 CLASSES OR £5 DROP IN

HOOPS PROVIDED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY A HOOP - £15 PER HOOP

PILATES CLASSES

TUESDAY EVENINGS
JUBILEE HALL, BROWNDENS ROAD, UPPER HALLING,
ME2 1JH

£36 FOR A 6 WEEK COURSE

LIMITED PLACES, PLEASE CALL FOR DATES OF THE NEXT COURSE
AND TO MAKE A BOOKING

LEGS BUMS & TUMS / BODY CONDITIONING

THURSDAY 8 – 9PM
HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE
HIGH STREET HALLING ME2 1BS

£16 FOR 4 CLASSES £4.50 DROP IN

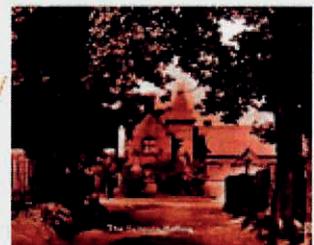
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07709 351713

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Old Pictures of Halling

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Become a member to view, comment on or share old pictures of Halling.

250 members and over 1200 pictures already online.

For further information or to email pictures, contact Stu or Paul at:
oldpicturesofhalling@yahoo.co.uk

Old pictures of Halling in recognition of the work of Edward Gowers, Derek Church and Frank
Smith

Have your sayThere has been a spate of thefts and vandalism at Halling Allotments. This causes great distress to the owners, some of whom are retired and their allotment is their pride and joy. The villagers who own these work very hard all year to grow their crops and put a lot of money and time into maintaining them. They share their produce amongst family, friends and neighbours. So please, instead of just taking, why not ask if someone has any spare produce you could try when you are next passing. You'll be surprised how friendly the allotment holders are!

THE JUBILEE HALL A Village Hall for All

Most of us are too young to remember when Browndens Road was just a track surrounded by fields leading to St Lawrence's Church. The church was constructed of corrugated iron and was quite similar to the Baptist church in Vicarage Road. The village grew around the church which gradually went into disrepair and was closed in October, 1971 and it was finally pulled down in May, 1974.



But many people remember the funding drive for the Jubilee Hall which began in 1977 with the Queen's Silver Jubilee Street Party and Parade. Bring and Buy Sales, raffles and many private donations from Halling residents were made in addition to grants from Medway Council and the two cement works. The total cost was £29,000.



Across the country, rural village halls serve their communities by providing a friendly, non-commercial space for social events.

Since then, the Jubilee Hall has been the perfect place for small and medium sized parties, meetings, charity fundraisers, church services and even table sales. The Spring and Summer Flower Shows also provide a colourful

display in the hall. There are many stories of great Christmas Parties and Village Fetes held in the Upper Recreation ground that then carried on into the wee hours at the Village Hall. If you have pictures – or even better, some funny tales from those events, please share them on the "Halling Jubilee Hall" Facebook Page.

Recent improvements to the Hall include a new refrigerator and microwave.

When planning your next event, STAY LOCAL and SAVE MONEY. Special, low rates for villagers.

For more info, please see www.hallingjubileehall.btck.co.uk or phone The Letting Secretary, Joy Oliver on 01634 242933



Halling Rainbows

Rainbows are for girls aged from 5 -7 years of age. We currently have a few spaces, so if you would like your daughter to join us, please contact me on the number below or drop me an email.

In May the girls enjoyed an evening at Shorne Country Park. Here the girls completed a look and learn sheet based on colours. We had a brilliant time in amongst the trees and plants and the rain held off until it was home time. The girls have also completed the Rainbow Roundabout Seasons Badge this year and taken part in and gained the Big Brownie Birthday Challenge Badge.

Brownies

Are for girls from the age of 7 to 10. ~We are currently full at the moment, but if your daughter wishes to join, you can call or email me on the number below, or go to the Girlguiding website and register there. This year the Brownies have celebrated 100 years. There have been numerous celebrations, and our girls went up to Ebbsfleet football stadium, where we enjoyed an afternoon of fun in the sun and the girls came home with a goody bag. Also this year the girls have completed their Science Investigator badge and the Big Brownie Birthday Challenge Badge. At the beginning of May, some of the girls from Halling joined Cuxton on pack holiday, where they had lots of fun.

Guides

For girls from the age of 10 to 14. There are spaces at the moment, so if any girls want to come and join in the fun, contact me on the number below and I will pass on your details. Or you can go to the website and register there. The girls enjoy various activities from crafts to Geocaching, their favourite activity at the moment and recently the girls went away on Guide Camp.

Senior Section

This group has not been open long and is for girls from 14 to 24. At the moment its a fairly small group, so as before, contact me on the number below or drop me an email or register on the website. Its mainly like Guides but with a more adult approach, the girls have a lot of input as to what activities they want to do.

All sections meet on a Thursday at the Jubilee Hall, starting with Rainbows at 4pm. For more info you can contact me, Maggie Palmer on 07548152191 or email bluebellpalmer@aol.co.uk. Or go to www.girlguiding.org.uk

The Parish Council own

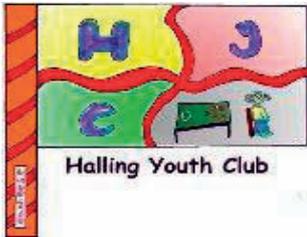
The Upper Rec & The Lower Rec.

Dogs are not allowed in these areas at anytime.

HPC also own Marsh Road and Halling Marsh - Dogs are allowed in these areas providing they are kept under control particularly when cattle are grazing.

All other recreation areas in the village are owned by Medway Council. New Dog Control Orders have been put in place by Medway Council. Please see their website for details.

www.Medway.gov.uk



THE COMMUNITY CENTRE HALLING FRIDAY NIGHTS

1st session
8 to 11 year olds
6pm - 7.30pm

2nd session
11 to 15 year olds
7.45pm - 9.15pm

Contacting us is easy....
pop in personally on a Friday night or phone

Les Hitchcock
07518931508
Paula Wilkins-Smith
07969342953

Arts & crafts, football, hockey, table football air hockey table tennis pool table, tuck shop, fun and games, trampoline, bowling and wall climbing, outings etc.
We are always looking for more Adult Helpers and are grateful for any assistance with this thriving club. If you can spare us a little of your time and, like us, believe we are a valuable asset to Halling Village and its future then please contact us.

We are a club that is under the guidance of Young Kent and has been in Halling for many years. We have a good reputation with a large membership and various groups within.

OUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENING OPEN TO ALL VILLAGERS IS:

Halling Youth Club



On the **14th November 2014** Halling Youth Club will once again be raising money for Children in Need. Last year, with your help, we raised over £600 for this worthwhile cause. We thank all who made this possible and hope we get your valuable support again this year. If you can assist us in any way, either in running a stall or donating prizes, we would be very grateful. Please feel free to call in and see us on a Friday evening at the Community Centre or alternatively, phone Paula on (07969 342953) or TEXT Vicky on (07708 496384).

Further details will be available nearer the time. Thank you all in anticipation of another successful and fun event.



DIARY FOR 2014

JUBILEE HALL UPPER

HALLING

Tuesday 16th September 7:15pm
I bought V sold at Auction by Mrs Jean Surrey

Tuesday October 21st 7:15pm
Re-incarnation - Have we lived before?
By Mr Dennis Chambers

Tuesday 18th November 7:15pm
Royal visits to Kent by Mr Colin Breed

All visitors welcome £2.50
Refreshments and Raffle available



HALLING GARDENING SOCIETY

Welcomes new members

We are a very friendly club and are happy to give help and guidance for growing and staging exhibits

We hold two shows a year
Spring Show in April - Summer Show in September

Free admission to shows

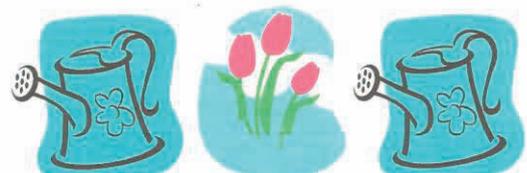
Discounts on seed orders

Presentation of trophies at AGM in November

Free entry to our occasional Talks

Annual Membership £3.00

If you are interested please contact the Secretary:
Pat Catchpole on 01634 240480



Free Manure and Offal Jokes

Housewife to son: "Go to the butcher's and get a pig's head. Ask him for one with the eyes still in to see us through the weekend."

Small child to father on returning from shops: "We saw a pig in the butcher's today, Daddy."

Father: "Was it a real one, dear?"

Child: "No, Daddy. It was made of meat."

Family Butcher - a double entendre?

These jokes don't really work any more. Butcher's shops are disappearing as fast as country pubs. Children aren't allowed to run errands on their own any more. Even where there are butcher's shops, you seldom see the meat hanging up on display.

On the other hand, in the countryside, you do see signs offering free manure. It seems that horse owners can't give the stuff away. What was once a prized product, recycled grass (long before recycling became fashionable) is no longer wanted. Fewer people have gardens than used to and many of those who do have gardens would rather buy "clean" fertilizer from the garden centre. The days are long gone when, if you heard a horse clip clapping past your house, you went out with a shovel and a bucket. For the same reason, dustbins are full of kitchen and garden waste which ought to be on compost heaps, not tantalising foxes to rip open black sacks on Thursday mornings.

We have lost our connection with where food comes from when we buy everything prepared and pre-packaged from the supermarket. This disconnection obviously has many advantages. Otherwise we would not have allowed it to happen, but it has disadvantages too and, just maybe they outweigh the benefits. Surely, meals prepared at home from fresh ingredients taste better and are more nourishing.

Our disconnection from where food comes from may make us unappreciative of farmers and the challenges they face. It may also leave us unsympathetic to the plight of the millions of people in the world today who still depend on subsistence farming or something close to it, who may face ruin when crops fail.

Turning agriculture into an industry may have adverse implications for animal welfare and for the environment generally. Life is just so tedious if it amounts to little more than earning money and spending it. There is a great deal of satisfaction to be derived from gardening and the exercise is good for you.

If you grow your own food, you also know what pesticides and artificial fertilisers have been used on it, if any. Cooking food is creative too. Preparing and eating a good lunch or dinner might actually be a more fulfilling way to pass the time than warming something up in the microwave and then balancing it on your lap while you watch a TV programme – which these days will most likely be about cooking!

I do have to confess to giving up growing vegetables the year they were all eaten by the slugs, but perhaps I should have persevered. I very much enjoy my home grown fruit – apples, rhubarb and blackberries – which any fool can grow, even me. And, of course, when you are reading this, there will be plenty of wild blackberries and other fruit and nuts which you can pick and eat, so long as you know what you are doing. One of the proudest moments of my life was, when for some reason there were no flowers available for a wedding, I was able to supply enough roses to decorate the church from my own garden. Most of the time, I am too disorganised to bake my own cakes, but when I do the result is far superior to bought cake and brings with it a certain self-satisfaction. And bread is easy with a bread maker.

We have lost our connection with where food comes from. Like all good things, good food comes from God, whether you buy it from the supermarket or the farm gate or whether you grow your own. Thankful people are healthy people. To give thanks is to bless and to be blessed. When we say thank you to God, we bless God. When we say thank you to other people, we bless them. When we bless, we are blessed. *It is better to give than to receive.* When we remember that everything we have is a gift, we remember to share, to give to others as we have received. Our lives are fulfilled in giving and receiving, fellowship and communion. It is a great mistake to become disconnected from the Source of everything that is good.

Our Harvest Festival services will be on 5th October. Holy Communion at 8.00 in the Jubilee Hall, 9.30 at St Michael's Cuxton & 11.00 at St John's Halling. Harvest Evening Prayer will be at 6.30 at St Michael's Cuxton, followed by the Harvest Supper in the church hall. Roger Knight, Rector of Cuxton & Halling, The Rectory, 6, Rochester Road, Cuxton, Rochester, Kent, ME2 1AF, 01634 717134, roger@cuxtonandhalling.org.uk, <http://www.cuxtonandhalling.org.uk>

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Once a month we enjoy a walk (maybe not a ramble – more an amble) followed by a pub lunch, if the weather is against us we forget the walk and just go for the lunch! We also hold games afternoons.

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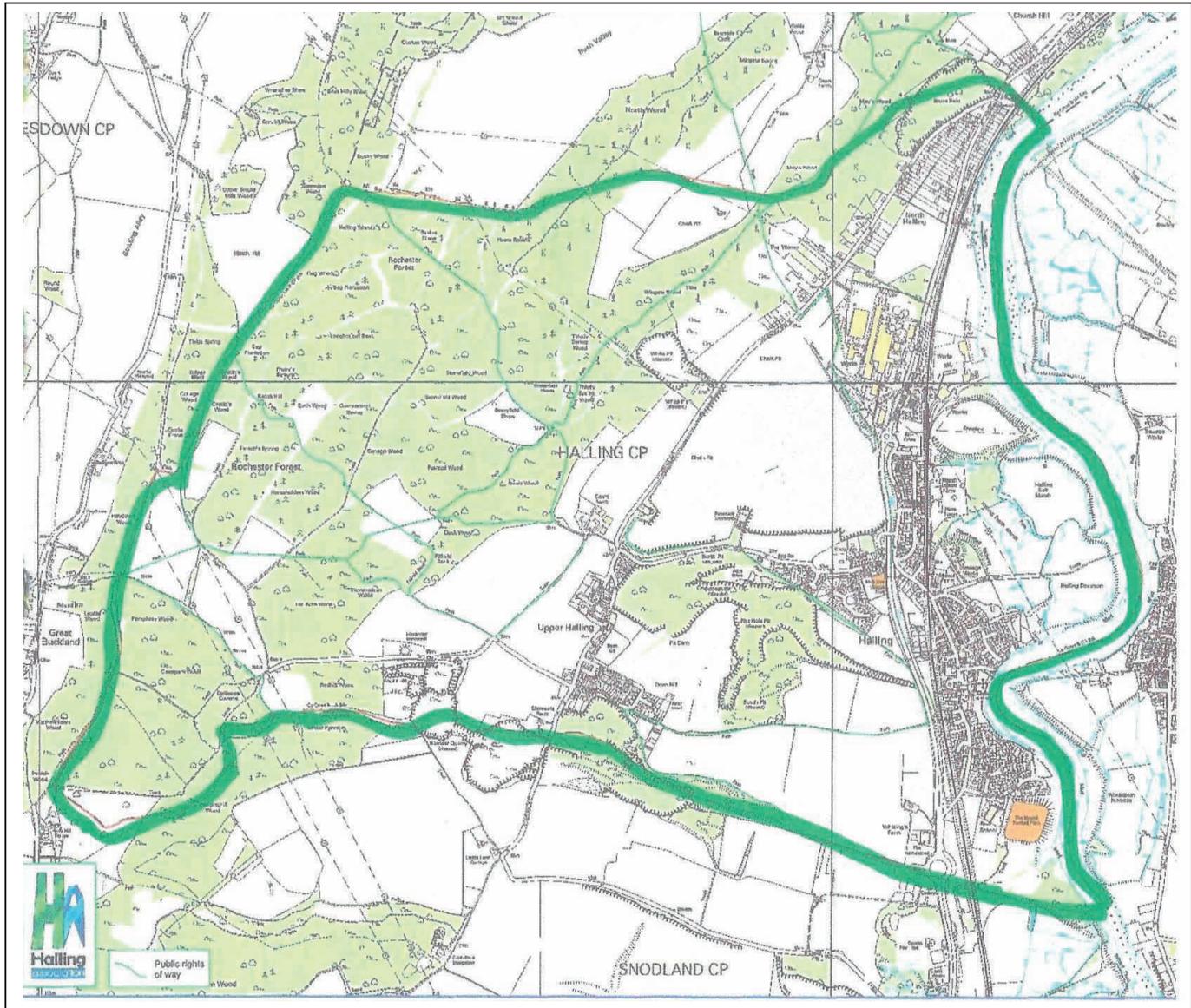
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