
HALLING VIEW

Chairman's Report

Dear Parishioners,

Well another year is nearly over and what a productive year it has been for Halling.

Parish wise we have done lots of work on the marsh including new Kissing gates, although we are still having problems with flood water and drainage, but hey, it's a marsh, and we will continue to develop it so that everyone can benefit from the wildlife and views. The Upper rec has undergone a complete refurbishment to the playground equipment as promised.

This year has seen many events including the Easter party put on by the WI, the Dog Show and an event to come soon is the Children's Christmas Party also put on by the WI of which we are all grateful for your commitment to the village.

May saw a local election which meant a new Parish Council with some new blood coming on, which is well needed, along with more experienced councillors.

Unfortunately we lost our last Chairman Paul Crispe, and ex Chairman Chris Herbert, who after 18 years of service to the Community, decided to retire and enjoy family life again but is greatly missed, so please Chris, enjoy your well deserved retirement.

We as a Council will always try and do the best that we can for the village and appreciate all of your feedback and comments.

May I, on behalf of all of the Parish Council, wish you a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year for 2020.

Councillor George Wenham
Chairman of Halling Parish Council.

Halling Carol Service

FRI 13 DEC 7:30PM

Halling Baptist Church, The Old Fire Station
Vicarage Road, Halling, Kent ME2 1BE



Bring a gift for a hamper!

All gifts (tins, grains, pasta, etc) donated at the Carol Service will distributed on Christmas day and/or used for the starting of a food bank. Do you know someone who could benefit from a hamper? Call or text Kevin on 07868 182423

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALLING

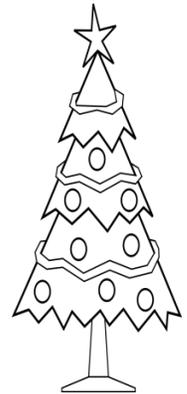


CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday, 21st December 10.00 – 4.00 pm

Sunday, 22nd December 11.00 – 4.00 pm

Refreshments provided. No charge but donations welcome.



Trees decorated by individuals, local groups, schools and businesses. If you would be willing to decorate and exhibit a tree, please bring it along on the Friday morning.

Trees to be brought to Halling Church on Friday, 20th December from 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. (We can collect your tree if needed. Please contact Jenny 241599)



SANTA VISITS HALLING



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Santa and his elves will be making their annual trip to Halling on Friday 20th December. We will be starting at St Andrew's park at approximately 4.00pm and will then travel through Upper Halling on to Lower Halling. If you live in Lower Halling it is likely that we will get to you after 8.00pm. Please note if you are not at home when the sleigh arrives we will be unable to return at a later time.

As per previous years there will be 100 stops as well as three additional community stops for any residents without a home stop or for those with children at Halling School living outside of Halling. These will be at NEWTOWN SOCIAL CLUB (between 4.45pm-5.15pm), JUBILEE HALL (between 6.45pm-7.15pm) and the COMMUNITY CENTRE (between 8pm-8.30pm). If you would like one of these stops please complete the slip below with your chosen stop as the delivery address.

If you would like Santa to deliver a present to your child, please provide the following:

- A SMALL wrapped present clearly marked with the child's name and delivery address
- The completed form provided below (please DO NOT attach it to the present)
- The amount of £3.00 for 1 child, £5.00 for 2 children, £7.00 for 3 children, £1 each for any extra children

Please hand ALL OF THE ABOVE to a member of the PTA who will be in the entrance hall at Halling Primary School at 2.30pm until 3.30pm from **Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December**. Presents can only be accepted during these times - please DO NOT ask the school office staff as they will be unable to assist.

Presents must be at the school NO LATER than Friday 6th December as they need to be sorted and boxed, any presents received after this date WILL NOT be accepted.

Presents MUST be small, not fragile, heavy or bulky etc.

The sleigh run is organised ENTIRELY by the members of the Halling School PTA who give up their time to organise and run it for the residents of Halling. A special thanks needs to go to Martyn Court of Total Property who gives up his time every year to pull the sleigh as well as Mark Tickner who helps organise the route and assists us on the night.

We look forward to seeing you again this year, don't forget to put your loose change into our collection buckets as we make our way through the village !

Wishing you a Merry Christmas from Santa, the Elves and Halling School PTA

DO NOT ATTACH THIS FORM TO PRESENTS - PRESENTS MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY LABELLED WITH THE CHILDS NAME AND DELIVERY ADDRESS

Name of Child/Children

Delivery Address (this does NOT have to be your home address but MUST be the address where your child will be on the night).

Amount Enclosed £_____ (£3.00 - 1 child, £5.00 - 2 children, £7.00 - 3 children, £1 each for any extra children)

Contact Phone Number_____

FOR PTA USE ONLY

Amount: £_____ Number of Presents_____

Box No.: _____

Signed: _____





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 £1,014.00 has been raised for a defibrillator to be installed in upper Halling.

To nominate please either email hallingclerk@btconnect.com or complete and drop of the form below:

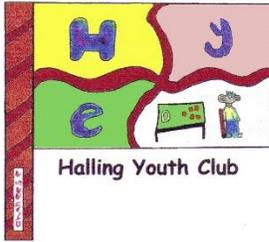
Nominee name:

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.



We at Halling Youth Club wish to thank those that took the time to come to our event on 15th November 2019 to raise money for Children In Need. We managed to raise a total of:

£1,081.56

We wish to say a special thank you to all who gave up their time for free to support us, including Petaholics, Toil and Trouble, Ruth, Connor and all the great people running the stalls.



Everyone who attended appeared to be having fun raising money for this worthwhile cause.

This event was supported by a grant from Halling Association.

Thank you once again for all the support.

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Full programme for 2020 for Halling Historical Society

Halling Historical Society has announced its programme of meetings for 2020 and it's the largest ever offering of eleven talks, and new for the year, also guided walks.

Philip Badman, the Society Secretary, says " it seems people are more and more interested in local heritage and the Society has been getting record attendances of late, so the 2020 programme is full of local Medway and Kent history, including Dickens to celebrate the 150th anniversary of his death".

Topics will include the history of Kent's roads, Dickens and Rochester, St Mary's Church Burham, the lost village of Dode, Kent Ghosts, Rochester Bridge, and Paper-making in Kent. Guided walks have been added new for the year and include Rochester High Street, which is so full of history it will be covered in two walks a week apart; and a London walk covering sites of The Great Fire of London and the Great Plague.

Meetings are at the Jubilee Hall, apart from the Dode and Burham talks and the walks which are according to the location.

Annual membership is £10, or visitors pay £2.50 per meeting. For more details see Facebook: halling historical society; or e-mail

hallinghistorical@gmail.com or telephone 07754-616210.

Halling Historical Society

Talks and Walks 2020

* largest programme ever of 11 meetings

* new for 2020 - guided walks (w)

20 February	Trackway to Motorway - a history of some Kent roads (and AGM)	Mike Bundock
16 April	Dickens and Rochester	Shane Waterman
23 April 2pm	Rochester High Street, part 1 (w)	Shane Waterman
30 April 2pm	Rochester High Street, part 2 (w)	Shane Waterman
21 May	St Mary's Church, Burham - its history and architecture	Philip Badman
18 June	Medway Tales from the Dividing River	Wilf Lower
7 July	The Lost Village of Dode	Doug Chapman
20 August	Papermaking in Kent	Jean Stirk
24 September	London: Fire and Plague (w) 2pm	Stuart Robinson
15 October	Kent Ghosts - their haunts and stories	Dennis Chambers
3 December	Rochester Bridge - its history	James Preston

Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Upper Halling

(except 21 May and 7 July at churches, and the walks at their location above)

Meetings 7.30pm (except walks)

Annual membership £10 Visitors £2.50

E-mail: hallinghistorical@gmail.com Facebook: halling historical society Tel: 07754-616210

Halling Historical Society

'The Life & Times of Edith Cavell'



Thursday 12 December

7.30pm Halling Primary School

Howlsmere Close, Lower Halling, ME2 1JH

(note change of venue due to the election)

All welcome

Speaker: Melanie Gibson-Barton

- the story of the first world war British heroine nurse executed in Brussels by the German army in 1915; her last journey through Kent by railway in her coffin.

Visitors: £2.50 Refreshments 50p Raffle

Secretary: Philip Badman Tel: 07754-616210

E-mail: hallingshistorical@gmail.com Facebook: halling historical society



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Not all is joy on Christmas

Bright colours, shining lights and overflowing stockings! Isn't Christmas such a joyful time of the year? Sadly, not all is joy on Christmas. For many, it is a time for tears, grief, illness and pain. Christmas is not always merry in this broken world.

I remember the first time I was able to admire the milky way with a naked eye. It was up Chapel Lane in Upper Halling past midnight a few years ago. A friend and I went up to take photos of the sky. It left me speechless; the light shines brighter in the midst of darkness! This principle is true of life also. In fact, your own actions have made a big difference to those around us.

For years you have been instrumental in helping many through our yearly Christmas appeals. With your help, we have been able to give away hampers, to bring a smile to children in the Demelza Hospice in Sittingbourne, and to support the Alzheimer's Society. This Christmas, and with your help, we are gathering goods to start a local food bank for those in need.

Isn't it true that even though we shudder at unthinkable acts of pure evil that have scarred history, we rejoice when we learn of admirable acts of selfless love towards those in great need? Consider the Christmas story itself: In the midst of hopelessness, Jesus—the Eternal Son of God—came to give his life as a ransom for many.

The joy he brought to the world was that he achieved salvation for sinners! Salvation? From what? From the righteous God himself. One day we will all stand before the Almighty, and we will all give an account of everything we have done regardless of background, belief, gender, etc. However, God has shown His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. What amazing love!

Why not share some love this Christmas? Our appeal this year is for non-perishable food and supplies (tins, grains, pasta, rice, cereals, toiletries, nappies, etc.). We will have a collection point at our Christmas meetings. Any leftover products will be used for the starting of the foodbank.

Do you know of anyone who would benefit from a hamper this Christmas? Call or text me with details, and we will send them a hamper on behalf of the village.

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas services held in The Old Fire Station on:

- Friday 13 December at 7:30 pm. Halling Carol Service
- Sunday 22 December at 11:00 am. Family Christmas Service
- Wednesday 25th December at 10:30 am. Christmas Day Service

Pastor Kevin Félix Hollington

M:0786 818 2423

5 Vicarage Rd., ME2 1BE

info@hallingbaptist.org.uk



HALLING SAPPHIRES WI



Halling Christmas Experience

Halling Community Centre

Saturday 14 December 2019

12pm – 4pm

Refreshments

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Raffles

Stalls



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Children's tea with Father Christmas

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hallingwi@yahoo.com

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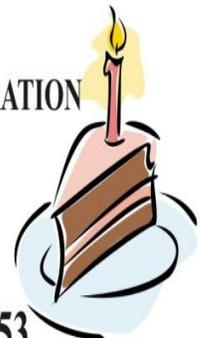


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Halling Rangers

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- We give them a space to have fun



The fun starts here!

Rangers (aged 14-25)
meet every other Thursday
night at 18:45

Girlguides (aged 10 to 14)
meet every Thursday
night at 18:45

19 Browndens Rd, Upper Halling, Rochester ME2 1JH

Register here: www.girlguiding.org.uk



Strood Wardens New Facebook Page

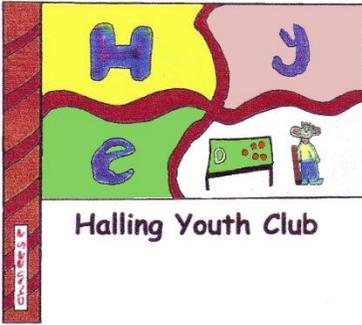
Suzanne Deleket – Community Warden for Strood, Cuxton and Halling asks that you follow her on:

https://www.facebook.com/Strood-Cuxton-and-Halling-Community-Warden-2046679345452691/?modal=followers¬if_id=1548838540760776¬if_t=page_follow&ref=notif

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)			



1st Session (6.00 pm – 7.30 pm) for 8-11 year olds
2nd 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.

Without your support we are in danger of losing this asset.

If you can help please contact us on Facebook, in person at the Community Centre on Friday evening, or contact Paula on 07969342953.



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**at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th
December**

**Light refreshments available, including mulled wine & mince
pies**

Donations welcome in aid of Church funds

Halling View Winter 2019 – Christmas Decorations

When do you put up your Christmas decorations? I like to save mine at home until the weekend before Christmas. We always did that when I was a child, though I think that, when I was a child, I might have liked to put them up earlier. It was nice seeing other people's decorations from the top of the school bus on dark December afternoons and the Christmas tree all lit up outside the Smallholders' Club. But it was more special somehow to save our decorations until it really was nearly Christmas. One road near where we lived many of the residents put up amazing displays of Christmas lights every year. It was worth walking the dog that way just to see them. I like to see our churches decorated for Christmas from the carol services onwards (22nd December this year at 3.00pm at St John's Halling and 6.30pm at St Michael's Cuxton). Purists will wait till Christmas Eve to put up their lights and paper chains and to decorate the tree. Many people, of course, put up their decorations much earlier.

When do we take them down? Twelfth Night (5th January) is when my home decorations are put away for another year. We keep at least some of our Christmas things in church for Epiphany (the visit of the wise men on 6th January) and until Candlemas (2nd February when Mary and Joseph took the infant Christ to the Temple for her purification and to make the appropriate offering for the birth of a first born son).

But what do they all mean? Bright colours and glowing lights dissipate the darkness of our souls as well as the midwinter gloom. To me, light and warmth go together – another consideration as the temperature drops and all too often human hearts are cold, unable or unwilling to receive and to bestow love. The fact that many people do not enjoy warmth and light at this time of year or ever is a rallying call to us to love more, to be more thankful for what we have and to be more generous in sharing what we've got.

There may be a lot of fun and love, joy, in making and buying decorations and presents and in sharing them. Likewise in preparing food and drink, in family meals and partying with friends. Genuine love always flows outwards beyond our immediate circle. If we truly love our families and our friends, we don't neglect to care for the people we don't know, even the people we don't like very much.

The Christmas tree is definitely a Christian symbol. It is evergreen. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we have eternal life. The lights on the tree remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world and that all Christian people are also called to be lights in the darkness of this passing age for all the peoples of the world. It is said that the balls were originally discs to signify the communion wafers we use to celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus is the Bread of life. God is love. His love for us is so deep that He gave up His life for us on the Cross. He died that we might have eternal life through faith in Him. Our lives are nourished by our relationship with Him in prayer and in the Bible and in the Sacraments and in our relationships with one another. As Christians, our lives are lived in loving fellowship with Him and with one another. Our table fellowship with Him in Holy Communion is a foretaste of eternal life in Heaven, eternal love. God is love.

The triangular shape of the conifer reminds us that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: the One Who makes us; the One Who saves us; the One Who makes us holy; three persons, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

At St John's, we shall be holding a Christmas tree festival again this year, in which village organisations and individuals are invited to put up and decorate trees all around the Church, with decorations which show what Christmas means to them. Come along and take a look either at the services or when the church will be open between services.

Christmas Services at St John the Baptist Halling: 22nd December 3.00 Carol, Christingle & Crib Service. 25th December 8.00 am Holy Communion.

Christmas Services at St Michael & All Angels Cuxton: 22nd December 6.30 Nine Lessons & Carols. 24th December 5.00 pm Christingle & Crib Service; 11.00 pm Midnight Mass. 25th December 9.30 am Holy Communion.

Over 50?

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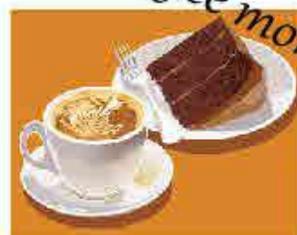
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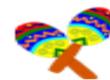
Small fee of £1.50 per Adult; 50p per Child

Refreshments included

This group is for all ages; birth to 5 years of age for children;
16 years to 100 years! for Adults.

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.



HALLNG PARISH COUNCIL

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Vacancy
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Councillor Peter Hudson
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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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Your Parish Councillors live locally 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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