
HALLING VIEW

Chairman's Report

Autumn is upon us and we can look back on a busy three months. Work has been carried out on the Marsh with new gates installed. Further improvements are planned for the future. RS320 and 4 Dogs Footpaths have been cleared and the village is generally looking good. Also you may noticed the grass has been cut on the marsh which hopefully will be trimmed at the end of autumn.

I am pleased to report that we now have a total of 10 councilors on the Parish council, which means the future of the Parish council has been assured for the time being.

Please see the back page for the names of your new councilors. There is only one vacancy remaining in the Lower Ward, which we hope to fill I the next month or so.

The refurbishment of the upper rec was opened on the 20th July by the Deputy Mayor Steve Iles also in attendance was Our MP Kelly Tolhurst. On the morning of the opening it rained heavily but thankfully by the time of the opening the sun appeared and it turned into pleasant morning. Along with myself Councillors Terry Dolby, Claudette Ebanks and Peter Hudson were in attendance to ensure that the opening went smoothly and all the children received a free ice cream.

It was sad to see the old tin Baptist church demolished after it has been standing in Halling for over 100 years, it was originally built by the cement workers, The New Baptist Church (Old fire station) has now been refurbished

Just a reminder that the WI will be holding their Christmas event at the community centre, please check noticeboard for the date.

Apologies for the late delivery of the Autumn Halling View, due to technical problems.

Councillor George Wenham

Chairman HPC



Halling's Local Heroes

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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 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.

Local history is always a popular feature of village magazines. Older people like to remember. Younger people and people newer to the area like to learn what life used to be like. Then there is the more ancient history. How did we get to where we are now? Natural resources like clean water, reasonably fertile soil, chalk. Communications – first the river, then ancient trackways cresting the downs, then the railway and then the modern roads we have today. The enterprise of local people – mixing locally grown grapes with blackberries to make the wine go further, the inventions in Kent of commercial paper making and Portland Cement, hop picking, cereals and other arable crops, livestock farming. The coming of the Gospel in Saxon times and the different churches there have been and are in the village. The policies of the rich and powerful – kings, bishops, wealthy landowners, industrialists, whose decisions affected the lives of everybody for good or ill. The effects of plague and the challenges of the control of infection, the coming of immunisation and other public health measures, doctors' surgeries in the village. The workhouse, the poor rate, charitable endeavour and the coming of the welfare state. Education, at first for the minority and then for all – schools first of all in the High St and then in Vicarage Road and now on the present site in Howlsmere Close. The coming of council housing after the war to accommodate a growing population and to replace some very poor cottages, the building of the new estates in the last 30 years. Local history is always fascinating and I'm glad to publish people's memories in the parish magazine.

But we can't always be looking back. We don't live in the past even though the past has had a big part in making us what we are today. What of the present and the future? In the last Halling View, I had a go at writing about eternity. That's not so easy; we only have glimpses of eternity.

And it's not so easy writing about the future. I'm old enough to have experienced the failure of numerous prognostications. Books about the future when I was a boy had us all travelling about by hover board or helicopter. Mass transit in cities was by efficient monorails. 'Phones were video phones. Very little of that has yet come true, but nobody seems to have foreseen mobile 'phones or the coming of the internet, or even the home computer. I don't think many people foresaw the growing equality between men and women or the way attitudes would change with regard to moral values. Dystopias had us surviving on tubes of food like early spacemen and dressed all the same in shiny metallic suits.

Back in the eighties, they talked about the end of history. Communism had collapsed and a benign capitalism would rule the world. Democracies would always out perform rigidly controlled societies. China anyone? And religion would fade and die, which it hasn't, and, in its more militant forms, poses a threat.

In the present, environmentalists warn of global warming, mass extinctions and levels of pollution inconsistent with health. Our politics appear to be turmoil in the present day, let alone the foreseeable future.

On the other hand, they are developing new treatments for nasty diseases. People are living longer than would have been the case even thirty years ago. Technology continues to innovate, making our lives easier in many ways and offering us ever more ways to entertain ourselves.

When I came here 32 years ago, I didn't know what to expect, but, whatever I did expect, isn't what we've got today – better in some respects, worse in others. There's a lot we don't know, quite a lot we can't know. So, in the end, we just have to get on with it, doing the best we can. As a Christian, I have confidence in God, that it will all work out and that we cannot do better than to live our lives, as far as we can, in accordance with His Will. I think the last couple of verses of the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes summarise it nicely: Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

Roger Knight, The Rectory, Rochester Rd., Cuxton, ME2 1AF, roger@cuxtonandhalling.org.uk, 01634 71734. See our webpage <http://cuxtonandhalling.org.uk/> for details of events. Harvest Festival is 6th August: Holy Communion St John's 11.00 am, Harvest Praise & Harvest Supper St Michael's Cuxton 6.30 pm.

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On behalf of Halling Baptist Church,



A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Fund-Raising Supper on 21 June, 2019.

We raised the total amount of: £629.62 which will go toward our Food Bank Fund!

Stay tuned for more information and for details on additional ways to help. Visit us, Sundays 11:00 am, at Halling Baptist Church, The Old Fire Station, Vicarage Road, Halling ME2 1BE. Everyone is welcome!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR HALLING PRIMARY!



All school staff anxiously await the outcome of statutory assessments during the summer term so we are delighted, once again, with our successes. Results at the end of the Reception Year, the phonic screening in Year One, English and maths in Year Two and English and maths in Year Six are all above the provisional national averages for 2019.

We are very proud of our achievements and of our pupils' great attitude to learning. Of course, it is not all about results and we pride ourselves in offering our children a "Learning for Life" curriculum that aims to encourage and feed their natural curiosity about the world around them.

We follow a topic-based curriculum in the afternoons and, where possible, reading and writing is linked to the topic. We make the most of our local community and environment and learning is responsive to pupil needs. Visitors to the school and trips to other locations all encourage engagement with learning.

Outdoor learning is a key feature of our school; we are fortunate to have our own wooded area for Forest School and other excellent outdoor features (including an allotment and a wildlife pond) encourage children to explore and learn through interactions with the natural world. We have a qualified Forest School Leader on our staff.



Further enrichment activities enhance our curriculum and add to the enjoyment of learning. These include, for example, Boot Camp Day (run by two members of the RAF); Design a Dragster with University of Greenwich engineers; Aspirations Week (learn about different jobs from a range of visits e.g. midwife; police officer; farmer; mental health nurse; scientist; quantity surveyor; Flight Lieutenant; train driver etc.); drama workshops and annual pantomime; Enterprise Week.



(walking around the school grounds) and our pupils complete in the Medway Mini Youth Games every year. We enter teams in, for example, hockey, athletics, badminton, swimming, tag-rugby, Kwik cricket and many more etc. In addition to this, we have a thriving, successful korfbal club (several ex-pupils have gone on to play for England). Children who are not so keen on sport may be invited to attend family cooking lessons and gardening club.

Halling Primary is an expanding school. Phase Two of the building work should be completed during October and will provide an extended school hall and two additional classrooms. As part of the Cliffe Woods Academy Trust (currently just two schools), we have a joint ambition to provide even better facilities and opportunities for your children.

To support working parents, we provide child-care from 7:30 in the morning and until 6:00 in the evening. See our website for further details (www.halling.medway.sch.uk).

If you are interested in securing a place for your four-year old at our school, please come along to one of our **Open Days (9th October at 9:45 and 6:00; 16th December at 9:45)** and see for yourself what we can offer. This includes an outstanding transition package to ensure that your child knows the school and the staff very well before starting school. Come along and find out more.

If you are relocating to the village and have children of school-age, please contact the School Office on 01634 240258 to arrange a visit. We would love to see you.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers to come along and listen to readers. If you are interested and can give up a couple of hours each week, please contact the Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Mauldon, via the School Office.

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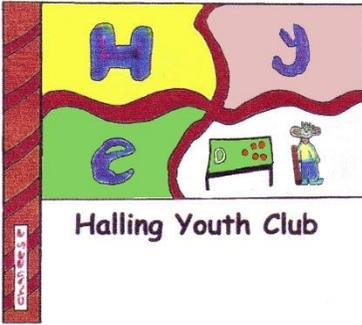
Suzanne Deleket – Community Warden for Strood, Cuxton and Halling asks that you follow her on:

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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:

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| 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.

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

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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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