

# HALLING VIEW



## SPRING FUN!

It was good to see so many turn out for the Annual Parish Meeting and our thanks go to all who participated and the WI for the lovely cakes and not forgetting our Clerks Bill & Trudi for organising the event. Next year it will be held in The Community Centre on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Plans are well underway for the Halling Village Fayre. It has been great to see the team spirit in putting this event together and I am sure, with your support, it will be an excellent "Family Day". We all look forward to seeing you on the 28<sup>th</sup> June come rain or shine! We have something for the whole family and have kept prices low/free for many things so everyone can enjoy the day. I hope this year is the first of many future traditional events for Halling Village. We have a fun fair, Beer Tent, WI teas & cakes, Court Farm Butchers, Bo Peeps and Halling Choir singing, Youth Club events, Fancy Dress Competition, Arena Sports – Flip Flop flinging (thongs for the antipodeans amongst us!!) and to round the day off, live band "Bravado".

The Upper Recreation ground has now been fully refurbished and work on replacing the wooden trail in the Lower Rec begins Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Another event seeing the village team spirit is the clearing of the Cemetery. I would to thank Mark Gilliard and his team for a sterling job. Please see "People of Halling" on Facebook for details of how you can become involved as more helpers are always welcome.

We are intending to commemorate the start of WW1 during November to coincide with the Poppy collection and would welcome any ideas for this event. Please pass your ideas to the Parish Office. The Fire Station purchase is ongoing and we have had the first round of contracts. Hopefully the purchase will be completed the summer. Can I please remind local residents who park on the site access to the gates are needed at all times for Lower Rec access, particularly for Medway Council grass cutters.

We have had several complaints regarding the Sewerage Works due shortly in Kent Road which will cause more disruption in the village. This is on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting. We are hoping to have a representative from Redrow Homes to hear our views and give us some insight on how the disruption can be minimised. Trenport are also due to start work on Peters Village details are available in the Parish Office and on the parish website [www.halling-pc.co.uk](http://www.halling-pc.co.uk).

We have already seen an increase in Parishioners at the Monthly Parish Council Meetings and would like to see more. This is your village and we need to know what your views, ideas and issues are, to be able to represent you. If you are unable to attend, but have something to say, then please contact the Parish Office.

Sally Brady, Chair

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## HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

### Lower Ward:

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

### Upper Ward

Councillor Mark Joy  
Councillor Bob Morton  
Councillor Alan Herbert

### North Ward

Councillor Matt Fearn  
Councillor George Wenham

### Is God Past His Sell-By Date?

I have recently been deeply touched by the terrible news of the kidnapped girls in Nigeria. I myself am a father and I cannot bear the thought of my daughter being subjected to such a terrible crime. Our thoughts and prayers are with their parents and families at this time of deep and unspeakable pain. How can things like this exist in our present day and age... and all in the name of Allah. So the question is, where was God when this happened?

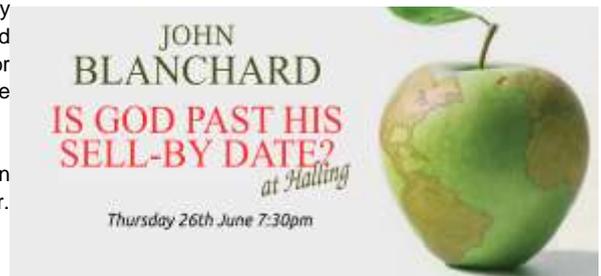
Where was God when the high school children died in the South Korean ferry? Where was God when the London bombings? Or on September 11th? Or at the tsunami? Where is God when things go wrong? Or does He even exist?

"Philosophers, scientists, authors and other movers and shakers have hit the headlines with claims that God is non-existent, irrelevant or 'past his sell-by date'. "If God really exists how can he sit by through pain, suffering and injustice? Hasn't science explained him away?"

"*Has God Past His Sell-By Date?*" is an event that will be held at the Baptist Chapel on Thursday, 26th of June 7:30pm. It will be an opportunity for you to listen to Dr. Blanchard speak on the issue and ask questions.

You don't have to be religious or even make any commitment to us. This event is for those who think that God doesn't exist or who are in some way sceptical about the whole issue. Maybe you may never have had a serious interest in religion or, on the other hand, you may have had a religious upbringing, but have long since rejected all you once were taught to believe. You may feel that life may be going so well that you fail to see why believing in God would improve things, or maybe, you may be going through a very difficult time or experienced a traumatic event that you've given up the idea of God and become cynical when people talk about a loving God.

After the presentation by Dr. Blanchard, there will be a question time in where you can ask just about anything. Every one in attendance will receive a copy of Dr. Blanchard's book by the same title.



Dr John Blanchard is an internationally known Christian author, teacher and conference speaker. He has written 30 books, of which nearly fifteen million copies of his publications are in print in some forty languages.

For more information, just pop round to 5 Vicarage Road or give me a call on 0786 818 2423, 01634 924 973. Entrance is free, but due to limited space I would kindly ask you to let me know you are coming or just register at:

Pastor Kevin Félix Hollington  
[www.hallingbaptist.org.uk](http://www.hallingbaptist.org.uk)

**THE STREETCOPS TRUST**  
 The charity funding worthwhile causes in Medway

*Annual Ball*  
 WITH THE POPTASTIC SOUNDS OF

**Top of the Pops**  
*Reserve your place now!*

**Saturday 20th September**  
 Priestfield Conference and Banqueting Centre Priestfield Stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham

A night not to be missed with live musical guests from  
**'ONE STOP BOOGIE'**  
 dancing from: Bazzambataz & songs from: Jamie Johnson (The Voice)

Includes a 3 course meal • Heads and tails - Win a magnum of champagne, Casino tables, Auction and Raffle with exciting prizes

**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

## THE MEDWAY VALLEY LINE - SOME HISTORICAL NOTES

The railway through Halling has a history which stretches back to the early days of railway construction in the British Isles and is a product of the intense rivalry between the South Eastern Railway and the London, Chatham and Dover Railway for the major share of Kent services. The line between Strood and Maidstone West was opened officially on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1856 by the SER and it was commented on by the press of the day that the stations provided were of an unusually grand design. Cuxton, Snodland and Aylesford were especially praised as the SER was notorious for the poor standard of its passenger accommodation, with the station at Strood attracting particularly severe criticism. Train services were sparse in the early days of the line. A timetable for May 1870 shows just shows 6 services a day with just 5 on Sundays. By 1914 this had improved to 16 services a day with 9 provided on Sundays. The high point was reached in 1934 with 28 trains provided on a weekday and 17 on Sundays.

A major turning point in the life of our local railway came with the arrival of electrification on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1939 shortly before the outbreak of war. This however, only affected the service between Strood and Maidstone West. The section between Maidstone West and Paddock Wood having to wait until the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1961 for electrification following on the completion of services to the Kent coast.

The station at Halling was not opened with construction of the line and the village had to wait until the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1890 for this to be provided. A siding was provided for Halling Manor Cement Works along with other goods facilities and an impressive signal box was provide at the north end of the station on the up platform. The decline of cement production brought about the closure of the goods yard on th 4<sup>th</sup> September 1961 and the signal box was closed with effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1972. Photographs of the station in its heyday show an impressive booking hall and passenger waiting room all now sadly just a memory. In common with the other stations along the line the buildings were boarded up around the early 1990s and the Medway Valley Line has reverted to being a basic railway with unstaffed stations and tickets being issued on the train. A service of 2 trains per hour is provided on weekdays and 1 per hour on Sundays. South Eastern now provides high speed services to St Pancras from Maidstone West in the morning and evening peaks on weekdays, but these do not stop at the intermediate stations between Maidstone West and Strood.

The interests of the line and its passengers are looked after by the Kent Community Rail Partnership which aims to encourage use of the line by the communities that it serves and also to act in a liason capacity with South Eastern, the train service provider. Several meetings are held during the year at which the public can voice complaints regarding services and meet the people responsible for providing them. The KCRP can be contacted by phone on 01303 813790, via e-mail at [info@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralkent.org.uk) and their website is at [www.ruralkent.org.uk](http://www.ruralkent.org.uk) . They work in close partnership with the parish councils along the length of the line and are actively encouraging local communities to have a greater involvement with their railway.

Finally, when you have the time, have a look at the stations at Cuxton, Snodland and Aylesford. They are all fine examples of railway architecture from a more leisured age. If you have points or comments you would like me to raise regarding the service on our local line, please feel free to contact me. You can do so via the parish office or see my contact details on the parish website at [www.halling-pc.co.uk](http://www.halling-pc.co.uk) .

Bob Morton, Halling Parish Councillor



**AN EVENING OF PSYCHIC MEDIUMSHIP**

**WITH TINA DODD**

**IN AID OF LEUKAEMIA & LYMPHOMA RESEARCH**

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014**

JUBILEE HALL BROWNDENS RD  
UPPER HALLING ME2 1JH  
19.30 - 22.00.

RAFFLE PRIZES  
TEA AND COFFEE

Any donations of raffle prizes greatly received..



**£5 A TICKET BOUGHT BEFORE EVENT £7 ON THE DOOR...**

TELEPHONE FOR TICKETS: 07976 882079 or collect from Trudi in the clerk's office Halling Community Centre Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

### HALLING FOOTBALL CLUB IS BACK!

The long awaited return of Halling FC men's team is upon us, please come and show your support for your local team on match days starting September 2014.

All match day and table information will be located at the Homeward Bound. You will soon also be able to follow the team's progress on Facebook at Halling FC, we hope to have this up and running by the end of June.

If you would like to know any other information, please email us at [hallingfc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hallingfc@yahoo.co.uk)

We look forward to an exciting and successful first season.  
Matt, Gary and Karen

### HALLING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A diary for 2014 at the Jubilee Hall Upper Halling

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 7:30pm



Rochester Museum & Guildhall  
By Mr Clark

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014, 7:30pm



The Plague City & Plague Village  
By Mr Robinson

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 7:30pm



The History of Cobham Hall  
By Mr Harris

Visitors welcome £2.00 including tea and biscuits. No age restrictions

**Dogs are not permitted in Halling Play Areas**

UPPER RECREATION GROUND – Browdens Road

LOWER RECREATION GROUND – Vicarage Road

**DO NOT SMASH GLASS IN THESE AREAS –**

### You Can see the Works

What's so fascinating about steam engines? Electric and diesel trains are cleaner, faster and safer, but we all love steam. In fact thousands of volunteers put millions of hours of work into maintaining and running preserved steam railways. Hundreds of thousands of visitors enjoy riding on them. They barely make ends meet, and yet enthusiasts keep them running and we'd all be very disappointed if they didn't. They are even building new steam railway locomotives just for what you might call the hobby market.

There seems to be a special connection with vicars. You're always running into them hanging about locomotive sheds. One of my most special birthday presents was a driving lesson on a steam engine on the Kent and East Sussex Railway. The Titfield Thunderbolt is one of my favourite films. [When a branch line is scheduled for closure following a dubious deal between officialdom and the proprietor of a bus company, a group of perfectly decent ordinary English people decide to run the trains themselves. The vicar gets to drive the locomotive.] Also the first time I ever went to the cinema on my own was to see the Great St Trinian's Train Robbery [ticket 1/=-, the Plaza, Gillingham] – one of the funniest films ever made.

I think that there are two reasons why steam is so fascinating. One is that the development of the steam engine made possible the Industrial Revolution and therefore the modern world and that Britain was first! The other, more visceral, reason for the appeal of steam is that you can see the works. You can feel the fire. You can hear the hiss of the steam. You can see the pistons and valve gear. You can feel the power.

I am the proud possessor of a Mamod stationary steam engine. I've used it sometimes in church to demonstrate Whitsun (this year 8<sup>th</sup> June) to the children. You fill the boiler with water. Then you light a methylated spirit lamp and put it under the boiler. After a while, it all begins to sizzle and hiss and, via a piston and simple valve gear, the resultant steam turns a flywheel. As a child I used to connect Meccano machines to the flywheel, which it would then power. I even managed to rig it up so that it could move itself. I turned my stationary engine into a locomotive by way of Meccano.

What has all this to do with Whitsun? You can't see the energy in the methylated spirit, but it is there. Lighting the spirit lamp releases the energy in the chemical bonds which link the carbon and hydrogen atoms in the alcohol. This energy is emitted as heat, which excites the water molecules in the boiler. When the water molecules are so excited that they turn into a gas (steam) they dramatically expand and create a pressure which moves the piston, which moves the wheel, which moves anything connected to the wheel. An engine is an energy converter. In the same way you cannot see the Holy Spirit. You cannot see the power of God or the grace of God. Nevertheless God's power is working within us. In fact the New Testament uses the Greek word *energeia* [ἐνεργεῖα], which gives us our word energy, for the power of God working within Christian believers. You cannot see the Spirit, but you can see the effects of the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit working within us enables us to work the works of God. You can see the works!

### The Centenary of the Outbreak of the Great War

We shall mark this at St John's at 11.00 on 27<sup>th</sup> July, when the Rt Rev'd Dr Brian Castle, Bishop of Tonbridge, will preside at our service of Holy Communion. Civic dignitaries and representatives of the community are also being invited. Everybody in the village is of course very welcome to attend. The service will be followed by a buffet lunch and an exhibition of artefacts, documents and photographs in the south aisle. If you have anything that you would be prepared to lend for the exhibition, please contact me. If you have any information about the people named on the WWI war memorial which I could publish in the parish magazine, please send it to me.

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### FREE COACHING OFFERED

Many of you know that I have held a Diploma in NLP, Life Coaching and Clinical Hypnotherapy for the last 18 months. 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](mailto: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.

## Avoid a DIY disaster on your home

As Spring approaches, many people start turning their thoughts towards home improvements and those little jobs that have been put off over the winter, but fire crews are urging residents to take sufficient safety steps to prevent their 'Do-it-Yourself' (DIY) efforts leading to disaster.

Some DIY activities can increase the risk of fire and injury in the home. These range from fires ignited by blow torches being used to strip paint, to fires caused by faulty electrical equipment which may have been stored in a damp garage or shed over the winter period.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) Head of Community Safety, Stuart Skilton, said: "Whether it's improving the kitchen, fixing up the spare room, or simply cutting the grass, accidents can happen when safety advice is ignored. The message from Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is therefore; if you are going to do it yourself – do it safely.

"People often make mistakes when they are either tired or trying to get jobs finished quickly. Always ensure that the task is within your capabilities and that you take professional advice when required."

He added: "If you are carrying out DIY, this is an ideal time to fit a smoke alarm in your property.

Just three breaths of fire smoke can prove fatal, making a smoke alarm an essential safety feature in your home. If you already have a smoke alarm, ensure it is clear from dust and that the batteries are working."

### To help avoid a DIY disaster always:

- Check you have the correct tools for the job
- Keep children and pets safe and remove any obstructions from your workplace
- When checking or repairing electrical tools always turn them off at the mains
- Flammable liquids should be used in accordance with manufacture's instructions
- Before attempting to drill holes, check for electrical wiring running behind walls
- Fit smoke alarms on each level of your home and test them weekly

For further free fire safety advice contact KFRS on 0800 923 7000 or visit [www.3breaths.info](http://www.3breaths.info).

## Are you over 50 with time on your hands?

Halling ACTIVE Retirement Association (HALARA) is not all "Old People" as you may believe it to be. We may be getting older in years, but our minds and bodies are still Active, maybe not quite as active as they were but still given the chance we can keep ourselves on the go. We meet once a month at the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling, on the last Friday of the month, where we can enjoy a cup of tea and a chat plus a raffle, some months we have a Speaker which are always very interesting and informative and sometimes very comical, other months we may have a cream tea with in-house entertainment from some of our more talented members, or we may have fish and chips and a few games of bingo or a quiz (this finds the members with the more active brains!).

Weekly activities include Short Mat Bowls at the Community Centre, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and we are trying to introduce Wednesday evenings for those people who cannot manage afternoons, (also open to non members). Coffee mornings are held the Community Centre Thursdays. Sequence Dancing at the Jubilee Hall each Friday, apart from the last Friday of the month when we have our meeting.

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.

**During the year we arrange various coach outings, a Christmas Dinner with entertainment and a Bowls Section presentation evening dinner and dance.**

Each year we have a charity that we support. This year's is Demelza House Hospice. Last year was the local Halling Primary School Library, and we had presented them with £1,700, which has been spent on new books.

Annual membership is only £5. We are open to suggestions for other activities. **Come and give us a try!**

Phone Mrs. Ann Graves, 01634 - 246 004 or Mr .Norman Head, 01634 - 240



**\*Attention Youth Club  
Scooter & Skate Boarders \***

Your Next Skate Day is  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2014

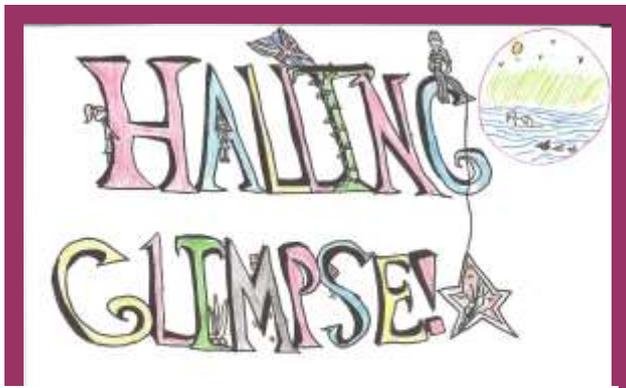
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or follow Streetcops on  
Twitter  
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**PSCO STEVE TALBOT  
Is Halling's Local Officer**

**For non-emergencies call  
101  
emergencies 999**

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**The Police DROP IN  
Community Van is situated  
in Halling Community  
Centre Car Park  
every other Thursday**



Artwork by: Mia Saltmarsh & Evie Pullinger

The word 'maths' fills many people with dread and set their teeth chattering and their heart constricting with anxiety! We at Halling Primary School are not panicking while we continue to work out the answer...

Some of the sixty parents felt like that just before they visited our school on 12<sup>th</sup> March in celebration of World Maths Day; numbers flew around the building submerging them in factors, triangles, data and square numbers! Luckily, they all survived, to tell the tale and we're happy to report that their positive comments have encouraged us to think about the way we can entice more parents to visit next year.

Before very long, parents' comments such as, 'I hate maths' or 'I am useless at maths' were translated to 'I feel much happier and eager to learn myself' and 'I have learnt how much fun learning is' reflected the true feelings of the parents and children at our school.

At Halling, encouraging a love of Maths in all children has always been our goal and especially, in these times of frugality, how solving mathematical problems that relate to real life, have become even more important; it is surely our responsibility to enable all pupils to understand the significance of maths in the modern world and we continue to strive with this fundamental undertaking.



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One of our more innovative ideas, run by members of the staff and parents, was starting a club called 'Googloplex' (prizes for anyone who knows what this means without turning to a dictionary or internet!) Children who felt unsure of mathematical concepts that resulted in their basic confidence in this subject dawdling at a fairly low level, were invited into this select group where they cooked, built nesting boxes and generally had a fun time without realising that maths was at the root of all their learning. A visit to the Nat West Bank in Larkfield was the culminating exercise for a group of girls; they were allowed behind the screens and found themselves serving customers and answering their money queries, an experience that we are sure they will never forget.

We have invited other outside agencies in to support and discuss the importance of maths in learning such as Holmesdale Technology College and Chris Sparks, the Land Director of Redrow Homes; all such visits are truly valued to support the mathematical achievements of all children.

So set your calendars for this time next year so that you too can partake in our exciting journey into the world of maths!

FAY CORDINGLEY  
 DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER/MATHS LEADER

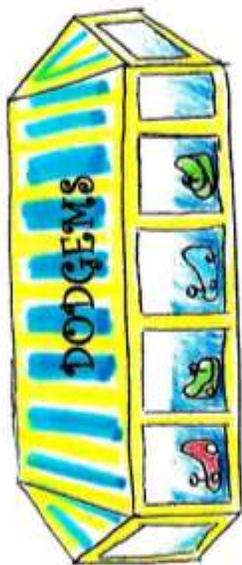


| Term 6             |                              | Dates |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| Start              | Monday, 2 June 2014          |       |
| Finish             | Wednesday, 23 July 2014      |       |
| Staff Training Day | Monday, 14 July 2014         |       |
| Staff Training Day | Wednesday 3rd September 2014 |       |
| Term 1             |                              | Dates |
| Start              | Thursday 4th September 2014  |       |

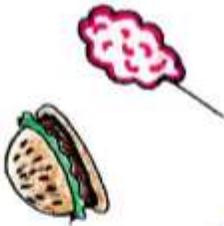
# HALLING VILLAGE

## FAYRE 2014

Peteholics



BURGERS, ICECREAM  
AND CANDY FLOSS

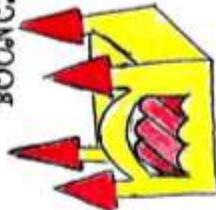


Football cage

FLIP-FLOP  
FLINGING!



BOUNCY CASTLE



CHILDREN'S  
RIDE



BONGEE RUN  
AND  
GLADIATOR



FACE PAINTING



TOKENS

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Meeting  
point

Children's play  
area



HOOK & DUCK AND  
LUCKY DIPS!



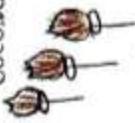
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(Photo Op)



Coconut shy



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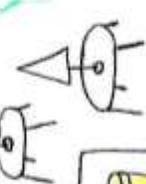
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BEER TENT



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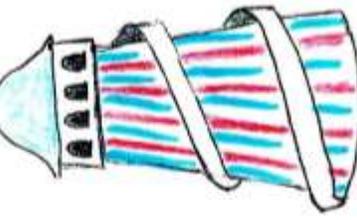


FIRE STATION

Bridge to  
High Street



HELTER SKELETER



## **THIS YEAR'S VILLAGE FAYRE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SAT 28 JUNE 14**

**THIS YEAR WE MARK THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HALLING FUNDAYS**

- **STARTS AT 1pm AND FINISHES AT 6pm...ish** (allowing everyone to go home to watch England in the World Cup!)
- The popular band **BRAVADO** will be entertaining us from 4pm when the Yard Of Ale Competition starts!
- **50p RIDES** (making the day affordable to all) – Halling Tokens to be purchased from the kiosk gazebo in the field. (Unused tokens can be cashed in at the end of the day)
- Fully licenced bar / Pimms stall & Affordable food prices
- No raffles tickets being sold this year – instead - **HOUSE ADDRESSES FROM THE PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL WILL BE PICKED AT RANDOM THROUGHOUT THE DAY BY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – IF AN OCCUPANT OF THAT ADDRESS IS NOT THERE TO CLAIM THE PRIZE ANOTHER ADDRESS WILL BE DRAWN AND SO ON UNTIL A PRIZE IS CLAIMED.**
- Arena Entertainment this year is being provided by Halling Residents & Halling Hawks will be opening the Fayre with a cheerleading display
- Races are back – such as egg n spoon etc. so is the fancy dress parade (in the arena) – this year's theme is **DISNEY CHARACTERS**. Prizes, prizes prizes!

Dog are not allowed in the Lower Rec however, on this occasion, **THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO BRING THEIR DOGS TO THE FAYRE - BUT THEY MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO FOUL THE AREA – ALL DOGS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWNERS!!!!!!**

**ANY RESIDENTS WHO PARK IN THE FIRE STATION GROUNDS PLEASE REMOVE YOUR VEHICLES THE NIGHT BEFORE DUE TO AN EVENING DELIVERY AND ACCESS NEEDED FOR LARGE VEHICLES VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING.**

*The Parish Council would like to thank the villagers who are giving their valuable time to organise this event. Les, Paula, Jenny, Sam, Trudi, Peter, Daniel, Bill, Norman & Debbie NTSC, Halling Primary School, Bo-Peeps, and also to Jubilee Hall, Community Centre, helpers and all stall holders.*

*Please support them all by turning up, taking part, enjoying yourself and putting litter in the bins provided. Please send any of your photos of the day you would like to appear on the Parish Council Website or in the next issue of Halling View to [hallingclerk@btconnect.com](mailto:hallingclerk@btconnect.com).*

## Fancy Learning a New Sport?

If so why not 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

HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE

**NEEDS YOU**



Do you just have a couple of hours to spare each month?

Do you wish to participate in village life but don't know where to start?

Are you a handyman or have secretarial skills?

Would you like to be part of a friendly committee?

**IF you answered YES to any of the above questions**

Then please join your Committee of Trustees that take care of our community centre.

Pop into the Community Centre Tuesday or Thursday mornings for a chat with Trudi in the Parish Office or leave a message on our answer phone and someone friendly will call you back.

**01634 243696**

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## Other Club Contacts in Halling

*Your club could be included here next time!*



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**Slimming World:** Sharon Sbrochi  
[ssbrocchi@aol.com](mailto:ssbrocchi@aol.com)

**Youth Club:** Paula Wilkins-Smith and Les Hitchcock  
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JUBILEE HALL UPPER HALLING

Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm  
Display of old toys by Mrs Helen Allison

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

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7:15pm  
Royal visits to Kent by Mr Colin Breed  
All visitors welcome £2.50  
Refreshments and Raffle available

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION FROM  
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**TRENPORT  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Details of the new river crossing (Medway Valley Crossing) and housing development opposite Halling in Peter's Pit, Wouldham (Peter's Village) can be found in the Community Centre, both newsagents, NTSC, The Five Bells and Homeward Bound**

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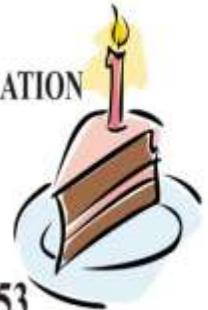


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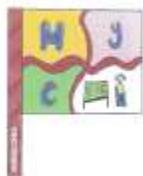
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## HALLING YOUTH CLUB

This Club is normally held in the Community Centre on a Friday evening.

1st Session is for 8 to 11year olds.  
Times - 6pm till 7.30pm  
2nd Session is for 11 to 15 year olds.  
Times - 7.45pm till 9.15pm

Art & Crafts, Football, Hockey, Table Football Game, Air Hockey, Table Tennis, Pool Table, Tuck Shop, Fun & Games & Trampoline, Bowling & Wall Climbing Outings etc.

We are always looking for more Adult Helpers and are grateful for any and all 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 as below

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.

Contacting us is easy just please call into the club during opening times as above  
Or phone -

Paula Wilkins-Smith @ 07969342953 or Les Hitchcock @ 07518931508

Congratulations to **Tia Pearce** on winning our annual pool competition. It is the first time a girl has won since we began. Also, well done to Jamie Reynolds in coming second. The Final was watched by both sets of parents, who were invited to watch by Youth Club. We would also like to say "well done" to all who participated



### Doctor's Surgery

I have been asked to write and give you examples of how we try very hard to get the best medical services for our patients and one of those instance came up recently whereby I had to prove a case so we did not lose the ante natal service that pregnant ladies can access in the locality. I started here in October 2006 and during that time two attempts have been made by the local Primary Care Providers to withdraw the service. The first time after various phone calls, emails and general pleading the service was reinstated. The more recent example came 3 months ago when my present midwife informed that the service was to be withdrawn and our pregnant mums would have to attend Bligh Childrens Centre in Strood for ante natal. I immediately went into action to try to avoid this happening and thought the strategy was to emphasise how difficult public transport actually was in the village, although we are lucky to have both bus and train the distance to Bligh once you had alighted was far and above what was reasonable for a heavily pregnant mum to walk.

The timetable for buses is not great and although the trains were more frequent much further to walk when alighted. I have to say the midwifery manager took what I had explained on board and then asked the midwife during a clinic to get an impression from her clients attending what their opinion was of the change, which I am pleased to say was a negative one, this helped our case even more. A week later I got a call and if they were to carry on with a clinic they wanted a few changes, we were able to oblige, the clinic day was changed and the midwife now had the ability to be here all day if necessary. So hopefully this service is safe with us for sometime, we are one of only two practices in Medway to have a clinic in the practice.

### UPDATE OF THE CUXTON PHARMACY APPLICATION

As a majority of you are aware an application has been submitted to The Health Authority (now known as NHS England) requesting that a pharmacy operate from one of the shops in Cuxton. If they were to get permission all residents living up to the start line of the new housing on the A228 would no longer be dispensing patients of Halling. We have been told that we would not know the outcomes of the decision until the early part of May. We have submitted our views but must await the outcomes. If things go against us then we will appeal and this is when we would like your support.

**Sue Challenger**  
**Practice Manager**  
**28<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

#### 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.

**KEEP THIS VILLAGE TIDY**  
**Clear up your dog mess**  
**Use bins provided or take your litter home**

## THE JUBILEE HALL A Village Hall for All

Most of us are too young to remember when Browdens 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](http://www.hallingjubileehall.btck.co.uk) or phone The Letting Secretary, Joy Oliver on 01634 242933

## Halling GreenSpace Task Force Invites You to Bishop's Palace Work Day

Sat Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

10 AM – 2 PM, Rain or Shine

*To pull weeds, plant seeds, spread mulch,  
pick litter & discuss*

*How to Shape this, Our GreenSpace*

Our Village volunteer group is open to all! If you would like to be part of the steering committee, meet at 9 AM in the Community Centre for a cuppa to discuss the Medway Council Small Grants Application and other hits. Lots of possibilities for fun action around our village GreenSpaces.

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

Some hand tools available, please bring gloves, rakes, secateurs, spades etc.

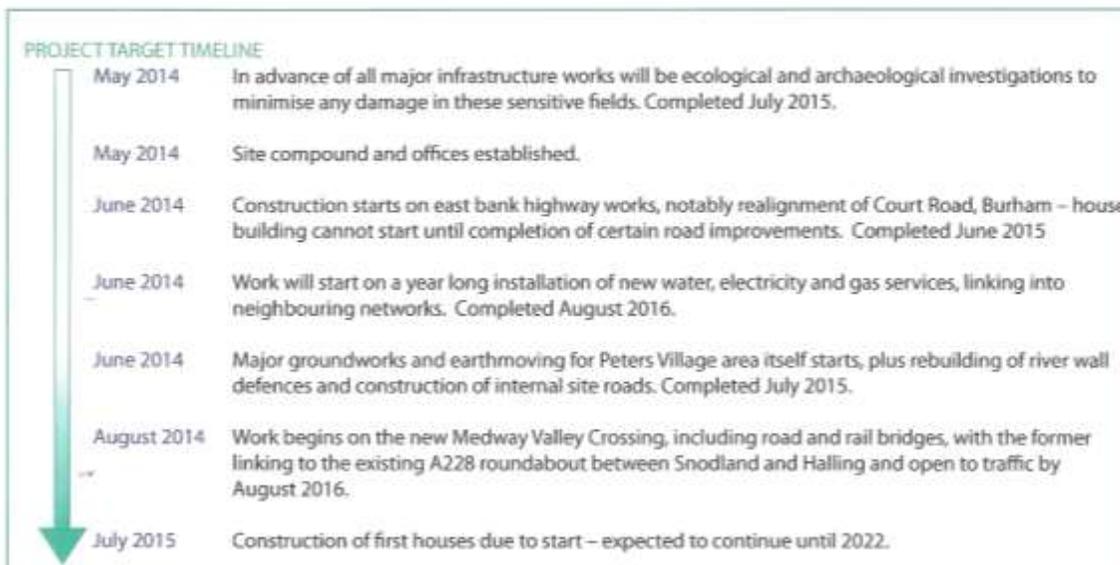


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*Bill & Trudi (Clerk's Office) x*

### Clerk's Office Opening Hours:

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Halling Community Centre

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*Bill Swan, Clerk / Trudi Smith, Assistant*

### Parish Council Meetings

Everyone welcome to attend

10<sup>th</sup> June 14 Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> July 14 Community Centre 7.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> Sept 14 Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

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