

December 8, 2017

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JUDGING OF THE MOST CHRISTMASSY HOUSE IN HALLING!

Just E Mail Hallingclerk@btconnect.com the address you want to enter and the panel will visit on the evening of the 8th December. Winners to be announced on Saturday 9th December. It's not too late to enter – 7 houses are currently in the mix but Halling can do better than that!!



COMPETITION DETAILS PAGE 9!!

December 21, 2017
Thursdan

December 9, 2017

_ Saturday _

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS IN HALLING

Starts at 1pm HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE Santa's grotto, interactive amusements, face painters, music, tombola, food, stalls and balloon twisters Free tea and coffee / squash to be served

4pm Halling Baptist Church host the Carol Concert with a Brass Band

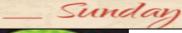
5pm lighting of the Halling Christmas Tree and Santa sets off on his sleigh!

5.15pm Halling Baptist Church will serve Mince Pies and a cuppa to warm you before you leave!

Make sure your children know about traditional Christmas stockings and those filled with coal!

PTA SLEIGH RUN More Details inside – PAGE 3!

December 31, 2017





NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE!

Aimed at Halling Villagers together with their friends and families who are looking for some community spirit on the 31st December; Bring your own booze and eats.

Tickets which covers the cost of hire of the Community Centre Hall are available at the Christmas Fair

Cost: £6 per adult; £3 per child

From the Chairman.....

It's that time of year again!! Christmas is just around the corner and it seems only yesterday we were worrying about the Halling Fayre. As I write this a small and very dedicated volunteer team drawn from the Parish Council and Halling residents is busily working in the background arranging the Christmas festivities. This is a large task for us to co-ordinate and we are trying to bring different themes each year. I hope you all, especially the children enjoy yourselves.

I have noticed some criticism of the Councils attempts to bring the village together at the events it puts on. Firstly let me say that these events form a large part of the efforts and budget that the Council expends. Secondly, if you want to see a change to how your village is run then step forward and volunteer to take part, but remember that whilst everyone else is merrily enjoying themselves you will be running around trying to make the event work. We are already thinking of what to do for next year, in the summer, in November (100th anniversary of the end of WW1) and, of course, Christmas. We would welcome suggestions and help.

At last we have a new footbridge across the A228; the Parish Council has been campaigning for this for a long time. We will continue to request an improved crossing on the A228 to the south by the Peter's Bridge roundabout as this is much needed.

To bring this to a close may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year on behalf of all the members of Halling Parish Council.

Chris Herbert, Chairman, Halling Parish Council

Are you in need of transport due to mobility issues to get to the Carol Concert and Fair? If you need a ride we have a stunning offer from a local parishioner to do a small number of runs in a wheelchair accessible taxi to and from the event – other volunteers welcome! Please speak to

Councillor Les Hitchcock on 07518931508 / 01634 241551

Halling Parish Council Office

Halling Community Centre 93 High Street, Halling, ME2 1BS 01634 241551

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09.30 – 15.30H

hallingclerk@btconnect.com http://www.halling-pc.co.uk

Halling Parish Council

Lower Ward: Chairman Chris Herbert

Councillor Paul Crispe Councillor Les Hitchcock Councillor Andy Simpson Councillor Kelly Talbot Councillor Richard Thorne

Upper Ward: Councillor Matt Fearn

Councillor Trevor Reynolds Councillor George Wenham

North Ward: Vacancy (Apply to Clerk)

Vacancy (Apply to Clerk)



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SANTA VISITS HALLING 2017



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY - WE HAVE MADE CHANGES THIS YEAR

Santa and his elves will be making their annual trip to Halling on Thursday 21st 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.

Due to the increasing number of Halling residents we have had to limit the number of Santa stops this year in order to ensure that we can make it through the village on time. 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 4th December to Friday 8th 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 8th 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). _____(£3.00 - 1 child, £5.00 - 2 children, £7.00 - 3 children, £1 each for any extra children) Amount Enclosed £ FOR PTA USE ONLY Number of Presents: ___



HALARA

Halling Active Retirement Association

LIST OF ACTIVITES AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS TO ENJOY

When	What	Time	Where
1 st Monday of the month	Games Afternoon	2pm – 4pm	Jubilee Hall Organised by Ann Seager
3 rd Monday of the month	Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am	Medway Leisure Park Organised by Len Sharp
Tuesday	Short Mat Bowls	2pm – 4pm	Halling Community Centre Organised by David Bush
Wednesday	Short Mat Bowls	7pm - 9pm	Halling Community Centre
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	2pm - 4pm	Halling Community Centre Various locations with lunch at a
Wednesday	Rambles – Monthly		nearby pub. Organised by Peter Horton Tel: 01634 717 211
1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Friday of the month	Art Class ~ Water Colour Painting	2pm - 4pm	Jubilee Hall For beginners onwards. A relaxing and enjoyable hobby Artist: Tracy Morsord
Last Friday of the month	Members Meeting - Speakers & various events	2pm – 4pm	Jubilee Hall
December	Christmas Lunch & Entertainment	12.30pm –	Cobdown Sports & Social Club Come along & enjoy yourself Organised by Peter Horton
Coach Outings	Various coach trips – are organised during the year ~ see notice board for details		Outings organised by Peter Horton Assisted by Joyce Horton
Theatre Trips	Outings to local & London Theatres. See notice board for details		Organised by Andy Tatlow
Drama Group	Once a year the Drama Group perform sketches, jokes & poems for Members' enjoyment		In-house Entertainment Organised by Ann Seager

Secretary: Carole Nunn - Tel: 01634 716 049 - email: carole.nunn@tesco.net http://www.halara.talktalk.net webmaster: Mike Ashdown

Visitors most welcome

Venues: Halling Community Centre, High Street, Halling & Jubilee Hall, Browndens

Road, Upper Halling

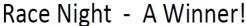


SPEAKERS & EVENTS FOR 2017/2018

DATE	SPEAKER'S NAME	TALK TITLE / EVENT
14 December 2017	Christmas Lunch	Entertainer / Raffle
26 January 2018	Indoor Games	Board Games & indoor Curling
23 February 2018	Quiz	In-House Quiz
23 March 2018	Richard Moyes	Ranscombe Farm Reserve
(A week early because of		
Easter)		
28 April 2018	AGM	Charity Cheque presentation to Leybourne
		Riding for the Disabled

HALARA stall run by Carole Nunn, Eileen Walker, Ann Seager & Linda Goosey at the October Craft & Hobbies Fair at Ditton Community Centre in aid of Leybourne Grange Riding Stables for the Disabled.





Halling Active Retirement's Race Night held at the Community Centre raised over £650, for Leybourne Grange Riding Stables for the Disabled. A big thank you goes to Len Sharp who organised the event and to all the helpers. A special thank you goes to the sponsors and to local professional artist, Tracy Morford, for donating one of her beautiful water colours to raise funds for the charity. It was a very enjoyable night and for some people a profitable one!!



This year Halling raised £420.28 for the Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those who supported the collections across the village!





A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Autumn Supper fund raising event. We raised the total amount of:

£334.15

in aid of the Halling Primary School's outdoor reading area project

Thank you to all from:



Halling Baptist Church

Vicarage Road, Halling, ME2 1BE. hallingbaptist.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at our Carol Service, Sat 9 Dec, 4 pm at Halling Community Centre.

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ANYONE WISHING TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF HALLING VIEW PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE/ADVERT BY:

26th February 2018 LATEST

Please send articles & adverts with payments payable to *Halling Parish Council* to: The Clerk

All adverts must be paid in advance or they will not be included.

Business advertising: Prices for x4 issues MAR / JUNE / SEPT / DEC A5 Full Page £ 150 / Half £80 / Small Ad £50

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Payments for single issue Ads welcome
£45/£25/£15



To Be Winter Ready, you should:

- Know your free emergency numbers in a power cut dial 105 or, for a gas emergency, dial 0800 111999.
- Prepare your home keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon
 monoxide poisoning. Vulnerable households can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register. Contact your gas or
 electricity network to find out more. Visit www.energynetworks.org to find out who your network operator is.
- Keep your eyes open keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours.

BALLROOM, LATIN & SEQUENCE BEGINNERS DANCE CLASSES

Come along to one of our friendly Classes. Join any time.

Thursday evenings 8pm – 9pm



Halling Community Centre, High Street, Haling, ME2 1BS

Contact Julie on 07983 397439

Email julie.latinfever@yahoo.co.uk Website <u>www.latinfeverdance.co.uk</u>

Christmas Blues and Christmas Light

A couple of weeks ago, I read a newspaper column in which a woman was complaining about Christmas and saying how she would like to go abroad for the next few months to avoid it. My online comment was, "If you want to avoid 'Christmas', try going to Church." We'll respect Advent and, when we do celebrate Christmas at the proper time, we'll celebrate something worth celebrating.

I can think of three reasons why people might not like Christmas. The first is if they are unhappy and feel that everybody apart from them is having a great Maybe they remember much happier time. Christmases in times past and feel all the more sad because of what has been lost. It's a reminder to all of us to be sensitive to how other people are feeling and to treat them respectfully and kindly. It's also a thought that we have to decide ourselves what to make of how we feel. I've reached an age when I can look back on happy times spent with people now long dead and regret their passing. Nothing can take those times away, however. I'm thankful for what I have had in the past. I know also that my Christian friends who have departed this life are celebrating Christmas with me now in a better place. I also appreciate what I have now and am thankful for the very different Christmases we presently enjoy and I look forward to the future with confidence in God for my life on earth and in heaven.

The second reason some people dislike Christmas is the consumerism. In days gone by, when many people were poor and maybe hungry, a time of feasting and drinking and giving and receiving presents really meant something. It was a foretaste of heaven. But, for many of us today, the problem is not that we're hungry, but that we guite possibly eat and drink more than is good for us throughout the year. For people who worry about their weight, Christmas can be really stressful. And what do you give the person who has everything? One person I knew used really to frustrate her family. Every year they bought her a Christmas present which she would take back to the shop in January - and, being sale time, would get back less money than they'd originally paid for it. I think the answer to eating and drinking a lot at Christmas is to be sensible. Don't so obsess about "healthy eating" that you can't ever enjoy a good meal without feeling guilty, but also be wise and exercise moderation. Greed and drunkenness are not good things and don't make you happy in the long run. As for Christmas presents, it really is the thought that counts. Given that insight, we worry less about the object (the gift) and value more the subject (the person giving or receiving the gift).

Finally, there is the problem of "What does it all mean?" Most cultures have a midwinter festival The days have been getting darker; the weather has been getting colder, but, around the end of December, there is a change. The year turns and there is a new beginning. The twelve days of Christmas, from the 25th December onwards, are a good way to enjoy those dark days and indeed to use up the meat of those animals which you can't afford to keep through the Winter. You then emerge in January to begin the natural cycle all over again. All this means a lot less in an industrial society with electric light and central heating and everything you want available in the shops all the year round. So what does it mean for us to hold a midwinter festival? Why should we care about the rhythm of the seasons?

Human beings, being what we are, have generally tied in their festivals with their religions. Non-Christian religions assign meaning to festivals, as does Christianity, but what would festivals mean if there were no God? We Christians celebrate the midwinter festival as the coming of the Light of the world. Jesus is the Light of the world. He dispels the darkness of evil and death. That is our reason for celebrating Christmas. The Birth of Jesus is the meaning of the festival and it is for this reason that I'm looking forward to eating good food and drinking at table with my family and my friends and giving them gifts and receiving tokens of love from them. I'm also looking forward to our Christmas services. especially our Christmas Communion, when we receive in a small piece of bread Him Who was born in Bethlehem (the very name of which means House of Bread in Hebrew) Jesus the Bread of life and Light of the world. Merry Christmas, Roger Knight, Rector of Cuxton & Halling.

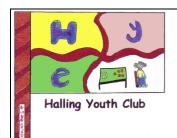
<u>Christmas Services @ St John the Baptist Halling:</u> Carol Service, Crib Service & Christingle 3.00 pm Christmas Eve:

Christmas Communion 8.00 am Christmas Dav.

<u>Christmas Services @ St Michael and All Angels Cuxton:</u> Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30 pm 17th December; Crib Service and Christingle 5.00 pm Christmas Eve; Midnight Mass 11.00 pm Christmas Eve; Family Communion 9.30 am Christmas Day.

Roger Knight,

Rector of Cuxton & Halling, The Rectory, Cuxton, Rochester, Kent, ME2 1AF, 01634 717134, roger@cuxtonandhalling.org/uk



If you think you would like to come and join in the fun as an occasional helper, come to the Community Centre on a Friday evening between 6pm and 9pm for a chat,

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

or call: Paula Wilkins-Smith on 07969 342953 or Les Hitchcock on 07518 931508





We at Halling Youth Club wish to thank those that came along to our event on 17th November 2017 to raise money for Children In Need. We managed to raise a total of £554.43. This would not have been possible without all the volunteers who gave up their evening including: Trudy, Nicola, Amanda and Lita. Thanks go to Petaholics who came along with some of their animals for everyone to see and hold. It was a fun evening with plenty to see and do. Also thanks go to all who donated the lovely prizes for our raffle – K. Patel, Wilko, Gravity, Sainsburys', Iceland, Diggerland, HALARA, Newtown Social Club, The Entertainer, Sarah & Sandra etc. Also a BIG THANK YOU to Halling Association who donated £100 to pay for the bouncy castle and Balloons4Fun.

CUXTON PARISH CHURCH HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 9th December - Parish church hall, Rochester Road, Cuxton

10am to noon: A variety of stalls, activities for children, tea, coffee and minced pies, Christmas raffle and a visit from you know who!

7.30pm: Christmas sing-along + anecdotes and readings; a miscellary of light hearted yule-tide entertainment. Contact John Bogg on **Johnbassman@btinternet.com** to take part.





Pilates Classes

Tuesday Evenings & Wednesday Mornings at Jubilee Hall Please call for course dates & times.

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07709 351713







ZOMBIE WALK

Zombies were alive and well in Halling over Halloween and simply put the space in this issue of Halling View does not do the event justice!

More pictures will be uploaded to the website – should you not wish pictures of yourself or your children included please advice the Clerk and we will respect your wishes!

Many thanks to Sam and the 5 Bells for organising a wonderful evening!

Competition Time

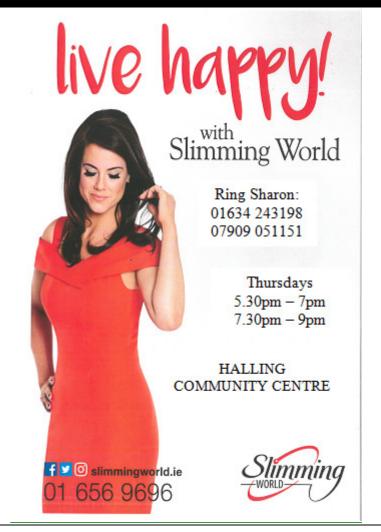
We really want everyone to contribute to Christmas in Halling this year... So here are a few competitions and we would be delighted to receive your entries, marked with your name and contact number –

All must be in the Parish Office by 3pm on the 8th December 2017

- Best Decorated Jamjar
- Best Home Crafted Christmas Decoration by an Adult
- ♣ Best Fancy Dress on the Day Adult and Child (9th December!)

Best Home Made Christmas decoration

- Under 5;
- ♣ 8-11years;
- **4** 11-18years



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AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR: Drama/Dance Performances Parties Wedding Receptions Funeral Wakes **Business & Social Functions** Sporting Activities



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All Enquiries, Please Contact: 01634 243696 (answer machine)

hallingcommunitycentre@gmail.com Jim Sutherland - Bookings Secretary 01634 295575 / 07527 460908



Bo-Peeps HALARA Health Clinic Adult & Toddler Group Flower Arranging Sequence Dancing Ballroom Dancing

Slimming World





HALLING Women's Institute

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

September: Guardians of the Deep (KWT)

October: Spooky Kent with **Neil Arnold**

November: Wreath-making Demonstration

JUBILEE HALL **BROWNDENS ROAD UPPER HALLING** ME2 1JH

hallingwi@yahoo.com Halling Sapphires W.I

New Members and Visitors Welcome!

Holborough Fire Halling lends a helping hand!

On the morning of the 16th September Jim Sutherland got a call from his daughter Julie to tell him that there had been a disaster - homes had been destroyed by fire at Holborough - she asked - 'Can we open the Community Centre as a shelter for those that might be affected?'

Within the hour the Community Centre is proud to say it was open and staffed, ready to provide support to those in need. An appeal had been posted to Simply Halling asking for volunteers, contributions and donations.

Within time contributions were no delivered, a contact point in Snodland had been established and volunteers were to and from between Halling and our Snodland neighbours with those contributions. By early afternoon the message that no more contributions were being taken on site as the Emergency Services had established their excellent response. Food from the two local stores was provided and two families had offered temporary accommodation.

The centre was closed at about 5pm and opened again for a short while on the Sunday to again accept donations, as they were more than Holborough needed, Pastor Kevin of the Baptist Church if he could re purpose them for the Homeless which he did.

Thanks to all that contributed with their time. donations and energy. Well Done Halling!

Jubilee Hall

Browndens Road, Upper Halling



Parties, Meetings Weddings, Classes, Children's Activities

For enquiries and bookings:

Contact: 01634 244289 - Claire Stotesbury

Claire-mad@hotmail.co.uk

A £30 deposit must be made at the time of booking. This will be repaid if there are no damages or breakages.



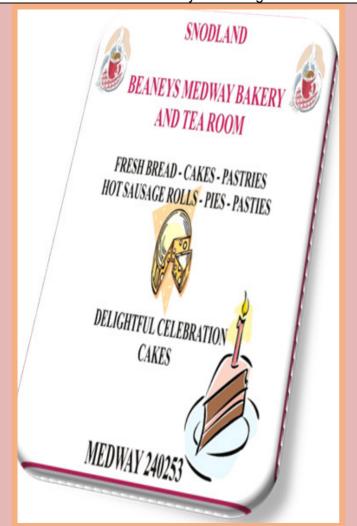
The Villager Bus is in desperate need of voluntary drivers to keep its service running.

The Villager Bus is a community transport scheme which provides transport services to residents in Medway's rural areas. The minibuses are available for group hire. Services are provided on a not-for-profit basis using voluntary staff, including voluntary drivers. The scheme was established in July 2006 and has two 16 seater minibuses available with easy access. To keep up the range of outings more volunteer drivers are needed.

If you have time to help and would like more information or apply to become a volunteer driver please contact Laura Hope

01634 283 224 or 07788 566 949 or email: Laura,hope@ncsgrp.co.uk

You must have D1 on your driving licence







Jane's Childminding

I am an Ofsted registered childminder based in Halling.

Monday – Friday 05.30 – 19.00 Funded hours available.

I cover drop offs and pick ups from Halling Primary School and Bo-Peeps preschool.

Please feel free to contact me for more information or to arrange a visit on:

07900 011585 or E-Mail: Jane daniels@sky.com

Halling Historical Society

presents

The Jubilee Hall 7.30pm Browndens Road, Upper Halling

14th December 2017 Wilf Lower Last Days of the Music Hall

Tea, coffee and raffle. All visitors welcome £2.50



Have you had a stroke?

Do you need some friendly support with people who understand?

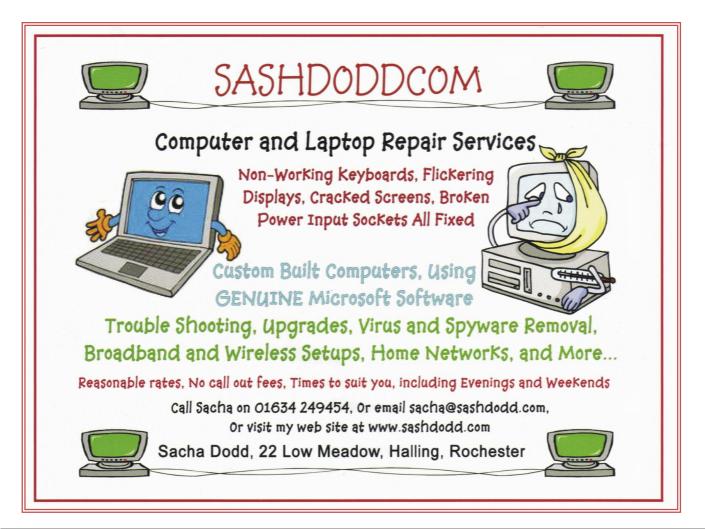
Try our informal 'Drop-In' group

Every Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm

Stay as little or as long as you need to during this time slot

Level 3: Strood Community Hub High Street Strood, ME2 4TJ

For further information contact Stroke Association on 01634 382868 jane.sedgwick@stroke.org.uk





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