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## Hallingbury 2025



**Hallingbury Saturday 9 August 2025**

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Halling continued its tradition of spectacular summer events in fine style on Saturday 9 August this year, when hundreds of residents and visitors came to Halling Recreation Ground to enjoy an afternoon of live music, bouncy castles, rides and stalls provided by numerous local groups from Halling and further afield. Even the British weather smiled on Hallingbury as the whole day was blessed with glorious warm sunshine from start to finish.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took part in organising Hallingbury and who made the day such an outstanding success. A special mention must go to the efforts of the Events Committee of the Parish Council who have been planning Hallingbury for many months and its success was the result of their time and effort spent both putting together the arrangements and their work on the day itself.

# Hallingbury - a day to remember

Hallingbury 2025 was certainly a day to remember as Halling enjoyed another spectacular local event in the Recreation Ground and continued its tradition for outstanding summertime community events. In the Rec there was plenty of choice, and everyone could find something for them, whether this was the music, the food and drink available, or the numerous stalls. Halling's children were also entertained on the bouncy castles and fairground rides.



The Red Hot Chili Players gave a memorable performance to close Hallingbury 2025

Then Project Bowie played a string of David Bowie songs, including the 1977 hit 'Heroes'. Next on stage was Abbie Edwards as Adele, who delighted her Halling fans with a selection of Adele's classic songs from the 2010s with 'Skyfall', 'Rolling in the Deep' and 'Someone Like You'.

Last on stage were the Red Hot Chili Players, who gave possibly the loudest performance ever heard in Halling - during the course of which the Players won new fans to this style of music - with their renditions of 'Californication' and 'Give It Away' providing a remarkable and unforgettable conclusion to Hallingbury 2025.

The special difference at this year's summer event was the live music as four tribute acts took to the stage and brought their unique art to Halling. First on stage to open Hallingbury were The Spice Chavs as Chas & Dave.

Dear Halling View reader,

It's great to see the magazine back in Halling!

Since being elected last July, I've been working both locally and in Parliament to stand up for our community - whether that's voting on new laws or supporting local groups to secure funding. If you'd like to get in touch, you can find my contact details below. You can also scan the QR code in the green box to visit my website, sign up for my newsletter, or follow me on social media.

I'd love to hear from you!

Best wishes,

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## Autumn in Halling (continued)

HALARA, the **Halling Active Retirement Association**, is looking forward to a busy programme of events this autumn. Two keynote speakers will be visiting Halling - on Friday 26 September Janie Ramsy will present her talk 'Without Reserve', which will be followed by Alan Haines who will be reminiscing about days gone by on Friday 28 November, with his talk 'The Baby Boomers Nostalgia'. Both talks are held at the Jubilee Hall and start at 2pm.

HALARA, now in its 26th year, also has a schedule of regular activities and special events, which includes art classes, cream teas, a games afternoon, day trips, coach outings, coffee mornings and theatre visits, short mat bowls and holidays. For further details please email HALARA at: [halasec21@gmail.com](mailto:halasec21@gmail.com)

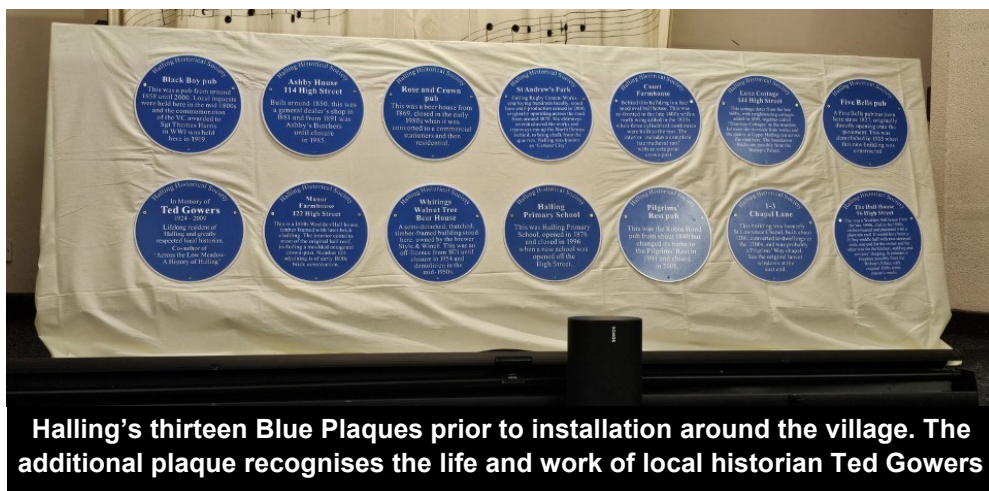


# Halling Historical Society

Halling Historical Society celebrated its 40th Anniversary in June with a packed reception of 120 members, guests and public at the Jubilee Hall, including His Worship the Mayor of Medway and Lady Mayoress, and the Chairman and members of the Parish Council and representatives of many village organisations.

It was a triple programme of a very well received and popular illustrated talk on the history of the village, a celebratory buffet, and the unveiling of thirteen historical blue plaques for the village.

The talk featured the story of the Neolithic Halling Man skeleton, the history behind local road names, famous residents such as Bishop Gundolph, the statesman William Lambarde, Victoria Cross hero Sergeant Thomas Harris, the rise and fall of heavy industry, and how Halling got its name. The lecture concluded with the 'jewel in the crown' of the village's history - the remarkable 13th-century wall paintings inside St. John's Church.



# Celebrates Forty Years



Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling 16 June 2025. The Mayor of Medway, Cllr Trevor Clarke cuts the ribbon to officially unveil Halling's Blue Plaques

The buffet and drinks were kindly sponsored by the village's new high-tech company Oscar Acoustics and long-time residents Bob and Sally Swain of Swain Transport. Two original members of the Historical Society from 1985 cut the celebratory cake.

The plaques detail Halling's historic buildings - some dating back to the 1100s - and have now been kindly installed by Lloyd Slythe, landlord of the Five Bells. An additional plaque paid for by the Society is now on the Jubilee Hall in memory of the late Ted Gowers, co-author of '*Across the Low Meadow*', a history of Halling published in 1979.

The thirteen buildings recognised with plaques are: Ashby House, the Black Boy, Chapel Cottages, Court Farmhouse, the Five Bells, the Hall House, Old Halling Primary School, Manor Farmhouse, the Pilgrims' Rest, the Rose and Crown, Tramway Cottages, St. Andrew's Park - the site of Rugby Cement Works - and the Walnut Tree Beer House.

## Autumn Events in Halling



As 2025 moves into its final months, here is a round-up of what's happening in Halling this autumn

**Halling Sapphires Women's Institute** will be meeting every third Wednesday during the autumn months at the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling with meetings starting at 7.30pm. More information about the Sapphires can be found on their Facebook page (search Halling Sapphires WI). This year the WI will be creating a Poppy Appeal art work at the Jubilee Hall as well as the display for Remembrance outside St. John's Church.



**St. John's Church, Halling**

St. John's will also be the venue for a concert of music from film and shows, presented by the **Halling Community Choir and Marshall Singers** on Sunday 12 October from 3pm to 4.30pm. There will also be refreshments available and a raffle. This is a free event with no requirement to book tickets.

To conclude another successful season and to plan its two Garden Shows, talks and visits for 2026, the **Halling Gardening Society** will be holding its AGM on Monday 3 November at the Jubilee Hall (7.30pm). Details can also be found on Facebook, search 'halling gardening society' or alternatively by emailing the Society at: [hallinggardening@gmail.com](mailto:hallinggardening@gmail.com), or website [www.hallinggarden.co.uk](http://www.hallinggarden.co.uk)

Also at the Jubilee Hall, the **Halling Historical Society** will be hosting Dr Jeremy Clarke on Monday 17 November for a lecture on 'The Medway Prison Hulks'. This meeting starts at 7.30pm. Further details of the meeting and more information about Halling's past can be found at: [www.hallinghistory.co.uk](http://www.hallinghistory.co.uk)

## Youth Club Volunteers Recognised

The Halling Youth Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year and has now welcomed over 3,000 children through its doors – and after two decades some of the former members are now bringing their own children to the Youth Club!

This ongoing success was reported to the Annual Parish Meeting by the Youth Club Leaders Natalie Brown and Cllr Les Hitchcock, who also reported that the Club has 90 children on its books and offers a mix of traditional and new activities to build the confidence and experience of Halling's young people.

At the conclusion of the Youth Club's report to the Annual Meeting, the Chairman of Halling Parish Council, Cllr Richard Thorne, presented the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award to Natalie and Les in recognition of their work and commitment to the Halling Youth Club. The Award is signed by the Medway Mayor and the High Sheriff of Kent, and is now on display at the Community Centre.

The Youth Club meets at the Community Centre on Friday evenings and has reopened for its 21st year this September. Further details on the Youth Club can be found on Facebook or the Parish Council's website (Clubs and Societies section).



**Youth Club Leaders N Brown and Cllr L Hitchcock receive the KALC Community Award from Cllr R Thorne**