
Forge Green History Plaque

Halling Historical Society are currently working with the Parish Council to place an information plaque at Forge Green to commemorate its history. So far it has been established that a 'Smithy' (blacksmith) was located near Forge Green at the turn of the twentieth century, but which had disappeared by the 1930s.



The names of several blacksmiths who lived in Halling have been found in the 1861, 1891 and 1901 censuses, along with the delightful name of 'Halling Bottom' as the location of what is now Forge Green. A newspaper article published after the Second World War reports that Forge Cottage was demolished before the 1950s, and within living memory the Halling Bypass took up part of the area where the 'Smithy' had stood. In 2004 a competition was held to choose the name 'Forge Green' for the small area where the war memorial stands today, a name which reflects both the blacksmith and the former cottages. The Historical Society and the Parish Council are now working on the wording of the plaque to record this interesting history.



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Welcome Back

Welcome back to Halling View. This is the first print edition of the Halling View since March 2020 and following such a lengthy period as being an online publication only, this edition will be concentrating solely on Parish Council news.

However, from the very first edition in June 1988 until 2020 Halling View covered all aspects of community life, and we are aiming to include lots of local news in future editions – we will be contacting community groups and associations in Halling for their news in time for the next Halling View edition. If you have an idea for a potential community group or activity, please get in touch with the Parish Office as we could promote your idea in the next Halling View.

Richard Thorne, Chairman Halling Parish Council.

Halling Parish Council

Halling Parish Council is based in the Parish Office at the Community Centre, High Street, Lower Halling. We are open Monday and Thursday from 3pm to 5pm and can be contacted on 01634 241551 or via email, the Parish Clerk's email address is clerk@halling-pc.gov.uk. Our website can be found at www.halling-pc.gov.uk.



Special Events in Halling 2025

Halling commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8 May by lighting the parish beacon at 9.30pm which coincided with the national celebration of beacon lighting to mark the end of the Second World War in Europe. Before the beacon was lit, the chairman of the Halling Parish, Richard Thorne, gave a speech thanking those who had given their lives during the conflict for the freedoms we enjoy today.



Halling's second VE Day event was a light and peace parade, on Saturday 10 May, which began at St John the Baptist Church and concluded with the laying of a special wreath at the War Memorial on Forge Green. This was followed by a picnic and party in the Rec where 300 people enjoyed music from the Second World War era, a 'street party' picnic, ice cream, bouncy castles, and glorious sunshine.

The Parish Council is now putting together arrangements for the Halling Fun Day on Saturday 9 August, which will have a music festival theme with bands catering for all tastes. Three tribute bands have already been booked – acts based on David Bowie, Chas and Dave, and the Red Hot Chilli Players will be appearing. Further ahead the first 'Halling Spookfest' will take place in October. Please see the Halling View, the Parish Council website, noticeboards or local banners for further details of these events.

Parish Council News

Halling Parish Council currently has six vacant seats for new Councillors. If you are interested in local community decision making or improving Halling, becoming a Parish Councillor could be for you. Parish Councillors look after Halling's local amenities, organize local events, and meet every other month. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor or have any questions about the role, please contact the Parish Office.

The Council's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 30 May at the Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. This will be a chance to find out about the Council's activities over the last twelve months and to receive updates from other local groups.

Noticeboards, Bus Shelters and Benches

In January, five of Halling's noticeboards received a welcome facelift when the coverings were replaced by new UV Perspex covers. The former coverings had been prone to condensation and discolouration, but now all Halling's notices can be seen and read perfectly. The Council is also in the process of removing the bus shelter at Cuxton Marina (A228) and has already replaced the shelter at the junction of Pilgrims Road with the A228.



One of the two benches at Upper Halling

In time for spring the Parish Council has refurbished the bench at The Street, Upper Halling, which now provides residents and visitors alike with fine views of the North Downs.
