
HALLING VIEW

Chairman's Report

Here we are, well into 2020 already, and I hope that all of your Xmas and New Year festivities went well.

It sounds strange to say, but Easter is just around the corner and I know that Halling Sapphires WI have another fantastic event planned so keep your eyes open.

The PC are also planning an event to celebrate VE day and a special edition of Halling View will be published to mark the event.

The high tides in October last year caused a drain culvert beneath the RS320 Public Footpath to collapse where it crosses the Wildfowlers land. A section of the raised protective barrier (on top of which runs the RS320) has been washed away and the farmer's field was flooded and his crops were lost.

The Parish Council and the farmer are awaiting further information regarding the repair and until the inner sea-defence wall is repaired to the correct specification the RS320 cannot be re-instated.

The marsh has suffered with all of the rain and gales but hopefully will be usable in the very near future. I must admit that recently the river was up to its peak in Maximillian Drive, the highest I've seen it for a long time. Hopefully no damage was done.

As the next regular edition of HV won't be out until after Easter, may I, on behalf of the Parish Council wish you all a HAPPY EASTER.

Best Wishes

Councillor George Wenham

Chairman Halling Parish Council

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Someone who goes above and beyond for our community, it may be helping a neighbour or our local environment?

To nominate please either email hallingclerk@btconnect.com or complete and drop off the form below to the Parish office:

Nominee name:

Reason:

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**Meetings held on last Friday
of the month
Jubilee Hall, Browndens Rd
Upper Halling
2pm - 4pm
Contact :01634 716049**

Blue plaque for Thomas Harris birthplace

Halling Historical Society is launching a public appeal for funds to put an historic blue plaque on the birthplace of Thomas Harris VC MM, the village's World War 1 hero.

Thomas was born at 79 High Street in January 1892. With permission already granted by the current owners of the house, Mr. and Mrs. White, the Historical Society wants to pay tribute to Thomas's heroism with one of the blue plaques which are on so many buildings around the country where there is a connection with a famous person. The plaque will cost around £400 and members of Thomas's family that the Society knows of are already involved in the project and have made donations. Other members of Thomas's family who would like to be involved are invited to make contact at hallinghistorical@gmail.com

The Historical Society will be grateful for all public contributions towards the plaque. Cheques can be sent to: HHS Treasurer, 81 Kent Road, Halling, Rochester, ME2 1AT, or transferred online to the Society's bank account which is account number 70054428 and sort code 53-61-55, quoting reference 'Harris plaque'.

A suitable short ceremony outside 79 High Street will be arranged to unveil the plaque to which villagers will be invited, more details later.



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A big thank you

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has kindly supported our Food Bank appeal. Last year, you helped us raise over six hundred pounds at a fund-raising supper which enabled us to equip the building with suitable storage. During our Christmas Services, you donated food and goods which went to several people who were nominated for hampers. Your generous support has been much appreciated! A special word of thanks to the *Halling Sapphires WI* for their contributions and interest in this local endeavour. Also, thank you to the folk from *Free Food in Kent and Medway* who have kindly channelled food for distribution.

From the 22nd of April, we will be opening our doors to our "*Cuppa, Cake & Chat*" every Wednesday 9:15-12:30 Hrs (during term time) to all members of the public. Whilst providing a space to stop by for a hot drink, a small bite to eat and a chat, we want to encourage those wishing to help to bring item donations, and/or those who have fallen on hard times, to discretely collect a food parcel. Help will be also available after every one of our regular church meetings on Thursdays 19:30-20:45 and Sundays 11:00-12:15 Hrs.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from help, why not send them our way? Your help and support in bringing non-perishable food, nappies, etc. are greatly appreciated.

Thank you again and every blessing.

Kevin Félix Hollington

On behalf of Halling Baptist Church

The image is a promotional poster for a community event. At the top, the title "Cuppa, cake & chat" is written in a large, pink, serif font. Below the title, two hands are shown holding white coffee cups filled with dark coffee. The hand on the left is adorned with several bracelets and a ring. The background is a plain, light-colored surface. At the bottom of the poster, there is a pink banner with white text providing details about the event: "Wednesdays 09:15-12:30 Hrs (from 22 April 2020)", "Halling Baptist Church, The Old Fire Station", "Foodbank Donations welcome", and "Need help? Free food parcels available". At the very bottom of the pink banner, a small white text quote reads: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."—John 3:16

Pull out and keep

Halling Historical Society 2020 Talks and Walks



- largest ever programme of 11 meetings
- new for 2020: guided walks
- for anyone interested in Medway and Kent history

20 February - ‘Trackway to Motorway - a history of Kent Roads’ Mike Bundock - *the stories of the roads across Kent we use daily; from prehistoric trackways to our present-day motorway network; via the Romans and the despised Turnpikes.* (AGM follows talk)



16 April ‘Dickens and Rochester’

Shane Waterman - *Dickens’ homes, family and people; his school days; his inspirations; Rochester in his stories; how his boyhood dream became a reality; and his final days here.*

23 April 'A guided walk - Rochester High

Street, part 1' Shane Waterman - *the early origins of Rochester; the history of Rochester Bridge; the significant buildings to the west of Northgate, including The Royal Victoria & Bull Hotel, Conservancy Building, Guildhall, and the Leaning Bakery; the 'Moon-faced Clock' and its benefactor responsible; Jaspers Gate and Topes Tea House.*
2pm meet outside Guildhall. Fee by donation.

30 April 'A guided walk - Rochester High

Street, part 2' Shane Waterman - *this time east of Northgate; Abdication House, and its unique place in British history; the 'Recycled' Restaurant; the Six Poor Travellers' House; the French Hospital; Eastgate House; Dickens' surprise Christmas present; Rochester's very own German spy!*
2pm meet outside Guildhall. Fee by donation.

21 May 'St Mary's Church, Burham - its history and architecture'

Philip Badman - *the 1000 year story of this now closed church, from Norman times to the move of the village up the Downs; the building's features and recycling of a Roman temple; its part in pilgrims' ferry crossings; mentions in wills.* With Friends of St Mary's, Burham.

Evening meetings are 7.30pm, in the Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Upper Halling, ME2 1JH, except 21 May or 7 July at the churches; walks are 2pm at the locations.

Annual membership: £10

Meetings: members free ; visitors £2.50

18 June 'Medway Tales from the Dividing River' Wilf Lower - *salvaging a 100-year old yacht the centre of a Royal scandal; creating Britain's largest cargo fleet from an old sailing barge; the couple dedicated to maintaining a Dunkirk Little Ship; a nonagenarian diver; coastguards operating twenty miles inland, and more.....*

7 July 'The Lost Village of Dode' Doug Chapman - *the village of Dode in the Luddesdon valley was wiped out by the Black Death in 1349, leaving just its Norman church, deconsecrated in 1367; the Dodechild and her ghost; description of the church as "jewel of our Lonely Countryside"; after 650 years the church is back in use.*

Assemble at 7pm at Halling Community Centre or 7.10pm Cuxton Social Club for car shares to Dode.

Charity donation invited.



.... the original Five Bells

Affiliated to Kent Archaeological Society

20 August 'Papermaking in Kent' *Jean Stirk*

- how paper is made; how it came to Kent; how it developed from hand-making to machine; the influence of trade unions; the story of Kappa Smurfit at Snodland.

24 September 'A guided London walk - Fire and Plague' *Stuart Robinson* - *see the Classicianus*

*plaque; London Wall; St Olave's Hart Street; Seething Lane Gardens; Tower Hill; All Hallows church; the Hung Drawn and Quartered pub; Bakers' Hall; St Dunstons in the East; Lovatt Lane; St Mary at Hill; Pudding Lane; and of course The Monument. So many historic streets of the time. **Book with Secretary. Meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm; cost £6.50***

15 October 'Kent Ghosts - their haunts and stories' *Dennis Chambers* - *Ghosts abound in Kent,*

including Nell Cook walking the cloisters of the Cathedral; Simon Sudbury lingering in his Canterbury tower; and the many unquiet spirits that make Pluckley England's most haunted village - Oh! so many restless ones.

3 December 'Rochester Bridge - its history'

James Preston - the Roman Bridge and its maintenance; John de Cobham and the new bridge; maintaining and repairing the medieval bridge; silting and navigation problems of 1790s; Cubitt and the 'Iron Bridge'; 20th century alterations to the bridges.

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E-mail: hallingshistorical@gmail.com

Facebook: halling historical society

Community Wardens

Community wardens are a reassuring uniformed presence who are fully trained and can tackle low-level crime in the area.

Daily they deal with:

- The collection of stray and dangerous dogs
- Flyposting
- Reporting graffiti
- Inspecting and dealing with carriageway and footway obstructions
- Responding to complaints of dog fouling
- Inspecting and removing abandoned vehicles

The above is not a definitive list for the full list please see the About us section on the Facebook page (Please see link below)

Community Wardens for Strood, Cuxton and Halling contact details:

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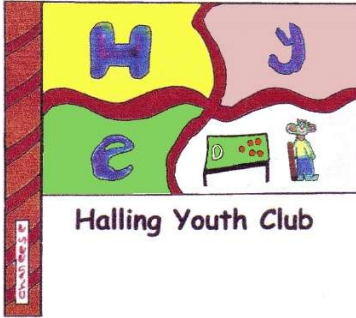
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Halling Sequence Dance Club

Many thanks to our members for raising the following amounts for three charities during the last three years:

2017	Heart of Kent Hospice	£500
2018	Demelza House	£500
2019	Kent Air Ambulance	£300



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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Editor: Jeff Manning (Jeffmanning5@icloud.com)

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Each session ends with singing/action songs.

Everyone is welcome.
No need to pre-book, just come along.



A New Web Site is Planned for Halling Parish Council

There has to be a major change to the Parish Council Website before September 2020 due to changes in regulations about accessibility.

The current website cannot be made compliant so the Parish Council will be looking for a new website and this will provide a much more modern web site which will be easier to use and provide more information.

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) **Accessibility Regulations 2018**, to give its full title, came into force on 23rd September 2019. It aims to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are **accessible** to all users, especially those with disabilities.

The Halling Parish Council Website has to be compliant by 23rd September 2020.

The Parish Council have set up a Working Group made up of two Councillors who have attended the KALC Accessibility Workshop training course plus two members of the public with skills in web design and the requirements of the new legislation and they have already met and are starting on this exciting project.

An article giving more details about the legislation with links to more modern websites has been put on the existing web site. It is under News and Events please click on Announcements.

More information will be posted on the web site as the work progresses.

T K Dolby
Vice Chairman Halling Parish Council
11 February 2020

Halling View Spring 2020 – Before a Fall.

By Rev. Roger Knight

Why was Cinderella no good at football? Because her coach was a pumpkin.

I was never much good at sports at school, nor any kind of an athlete. In the early days, I used to get picked early for teams because I was big for my age, but, once people realised that I'm completely lacking in coordination and no team player, I was always one of the last to be chosen. And yet I have always enjoyed exercise and I like being out in the open air.

When we reached the upper sixth form and had a choice about what we did in games, I used to go out cross country running. (In the lower sixth I'm afraid I spent games periods helping the English master to catalogue the library.)

I was never a good runner, but I enjoyed it and I used to go out running sometimes, mainly on my own, when I was at college. There was a time at King's London when a guy who was a county runner used to take out a group of us round the streets of Dulwich. He must have had a lot of patience! Some of them were even worse than me.

My final year studying to be a vicar was at a place near Oxford called Cuddesdon. The fruit and vegetables were home grown. We had a marvellous cook and three cooked meals a day plus afternoon tea with a large selection of home-made cakes. I left Cuddesdon rather heavier than I was when I enrolled, even though I cycled, walked and ran a bit. The Cuddesdon bus ran only once a week.

My first job as a clergyman was curate at Orpington and I decided I needed to get fit by going for a walk every day. One morning, I'd cut things too fine and had to run over a mile wearing a cassock. I was considerably out of breath by the time I got to church and it was then that I started running seriously. Not too seriously, I ran for fun. I'm no masochist. I've never been able to run fast, but I did find that, going out several times a week, I could achieve respectable distances.

Every year, the Orpington churches organised a 17 mile walk for Christian Aid. I thought I'd try running it and, when I found I could, decided to apply for various marathons, which I completed. I got my time down to just over 3 ½ hours and decided that to do any better would require a higher commitment to training than I was prepared to make.

There was some humour. One day I ran from Orpington to Dartford and enjoyed it so much that I ran on to Woolwich. I wasn't enjoying it so much by the time a couple of old ladies on Woolwich Common asked me why I bothered.

So I stopped at Shooters Hill Police Station and borrowed the bus fare back to Orpington! I carried on running at Ramsgate. I remember the hospital weren't too pleased with me when I insisted on running with a broken arm and fell over in a puddle which made my plaster go soft.

I used to take my dogs running in the woods and parks and on the beach. Tommy, my current dog, has not, however, heretofore had that pleasure. About five years ago, I found that my knees just would not let me run at all. I told myself that I should be thankful that I am able to walk and cycle, especially in such beautiful countryside as we have around here. Too many people can't get out.

At one stage, even walking became painful, but, strangely enough, cycling seemed to free up the joints and make walking easier again. I still felt a bit jealous of people I do see out running and jogging. I laugh at myself when I struggle to walk up slopes I used to run up.

Then, a week or so ago, I thought I would give running another try and found I could run a little bit – albeit not much faster than some people walk. So I decided to try to run a bit every day and see if I got better at it. I don't suppose I shall ever run another marathon, but I'd like to think I could run with Tommy around the local woods. So I was feeling good. This morning, I caught my leg up in a loop of old man's beard and arrived at church muddy and blooded. Pride comes before a fall. I'm not giving up yet, however.

Whatever happens about that, however, I always remember S Paul's words: "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Whatever your hopes and ambitions for life, never lose sight of what really matters. Roger.

Easter Services

Good Friday (10th April): 10.00 Family Service at St Michael's Cuxton, 12.00 Three Hour Devotion at St John's Halling.

Easter Day (12th April): Holy Communion 8.00 Jubilee Hall, 9.30 St Michael's, 11.00 St John's.

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Your Parish Councillors live locally and act for you voluntarily in the interest of the village as a whole. Any matters brought to the attention of the office are given to Councillors to discuss and/or act upon if necessary.

If you would like to raise any questions in advance of the next Parish Council 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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