

# HALLING VIEW

## Waiting for the Sunshine!

Halling View now includes **HALLING GLIMPSE** which will be a regular feature from the school

What a great December with the residents running their Christmas market, followed by the Parish Council, Halling Community Centre & Halling Association Christmas Tree Light switch on. The final community event was the Christmas Sleigh Run, yet again, run by Halling Primary School PTA. Little did we know that after this we would be deluged by not stop rain leading to flooding on the marsh, which seemed to be a god send after the pictures of Maidstone on Christmas Day.

The stormy weather blowing through the country did not leave Halling alone for long, as was testament when a large fir tree came down at The Five Bells taking out power to half the village and blocking the High Street. The community spirit to cut the tree down to manageable pieces and the offers of help by many members of the Parish showed that the flicker of community spirit is still evident.

The only negative points are the continued inconsiderate parking by

many which is making driving and walking hazardous. This has not been helped by the recent road works that have made Halling gridlocked during the evening rush hour. The disgusting behaviour of inconsiderate dog owners is a major problem in this small village and is giving a bad name to all the responsible owners. This behaviour carries an £80 fixed penalty notice and a further fine of up to £1,000 for persistent offenders. If you see an owner not picking up their dog mess or want to report an area where dog fouling is constantly taking place, please inform Medway Council on line or by dialing 01634 333333. Kent Police can also issue on the spot fines if you can provide proof. All it takes is one resident to be fined and the message will get through that dog fouling will not be acceptable in Halling. If you choose to own a dog, then you should accept the responsibilities that go with that choice.

Cllr Mark Joy  
Chairman

Halling Parish Council

## Halling Parish Council

### Lower Ward:

Councillor Les Hitchcock  
Councillor Chris Herbert  
Councillor Sally Brady  
Councillor Kevyn Wightman  
Councillor Jim Sutherland  
vacancy

### Upper Ward

Councillor Mark Joy  
Councillor Bob Morton  
vacancy

### North Ward

Councillor Matt Fearn  
Councillor George Wenham

**The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in late April details to be confirmed. Please see website and notice boards for dates/times.**

**This year we will be inviting local organisations and businesses (such as Redrow, Halling Association, LaFarge, Medway Council, Bo-Peeps, Halling Primary School etc.) to have information stalls and residents will be able to come and speak to these stall holders.**

**This will be a great opportunity to meet your neighbours, enjoy a cuppa and learn about what is happening in Halling.**

### Parish Council Meetings

Everyone welcome to attend  
12 March 14 Community Centre 7.30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> April 14 Jubilee Hall 7.30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> May 14 Community Centre 7.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> June 14 Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

### Clerk's Office Opening Hours:

Mon / Tue / Thur / Fri 9.30am - 12.pm

Halling Community Centre

01634 241551 hallingclerk@btconnect.com

*Bill Swan, Clerk*

## The Wild Side of Vicarage Road

That winding and yes, somewhat bumpy road connecting Upper and Lower Halling is home to some of our most colourful residents. The verge here is a 400-metre chalk grassland site and is one of 146 Roadside Nature Reserves across Kent managed in partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) and Kent Highways. The project began in 1994 and now includes over 60 miles of roadside habitat. These reserves can link or add a buffer to existing wildlife areas, helping to reconnect and restore specific conditions native plants and animals require. The site is regularly monitored to demonstrate the effects of the management applied.

The Upper Halling site was first designated in 1996 for its range of chalk grassland flowers, in particular, clustered Bellflower, which is nationally rare and only occurs in one or two other places in Kent.

In 2005 a paid contractor cut encroaching scrub on the steep bank. Since then, KWT volunteers cut and rake the site in the late autumn after seeding is completed.

Shrubs and trees are removed as well as the non-native Buddleia to allow full sun on the site. Hundreds of clustered Bellflower, Man Orchid, Pyramidal Orchid, White Helleborine and small Scabious can be found. The diversity of flora attracts many different creatures. Common lizard, rare moths and butterflies and even a green woodpecker have also been spotted here recently.

So next time you have to get between Upper and Lower Halling, why not walk along the footpath at either the top or bottom of the verge, sit on the bench and look for some of our wild neighbours.

If you would like to help with monitoring and recording some of the key plant and animal species here or would like to participate in the annual site clearing, please contact Gill Tysoe at KWT, 01622 357868 or [Gill.tysoe@kentwildlife.org.uk](mailto:Gill.tysoe@kentwildlife.org.uk)

Picture: Man Orchid



## BLUEBELL WOOD CHARITY WALK SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2014 AT 10.00 AM In the woods of Upper Halling, near Rochester



Please join myself, my family and friends on a modest bluebell wood charity walk, in support of the registered Charity – THE EVE APPEAL. The Eve appeal directs all its monies to Gynecological Cancers Research Programme at University College, London. These cancers remain difficult to treat and the success rate of treatment is poor. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> annual walk and after the success of our previous walks in the last 6 years, together we have donated just over £14,000 to the Eve Appeal.

The walk will be approx 6.5 kilometres (4.2 miles) and will take approx. two and half hours to complete. Please bring your own refreshments.

Meet at Browndens Road car park area opposite the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling. A bus services leaves Lower Halling (old fire station) at approx. 9.15 am and departs from Browndens Road again at 1.15 pm and 2.51 pm.

To sponsor on line please visit: [www.justgiving.com/lawrybluebell](http://www.justgiving.com/lawrybluebell)

For sponsorship forms and if you have any queries, please call Patrick Lawry on 01634 240892

Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you on the day.

Please make cheques payable to the Eve Appeal Registered Charity No. 1091708



[www.eveappeal.org.uk](http://www.eveappeal.org.uk)

The final figure donated to "The Eve Appeal" via The Bluebell Walk on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013 was £1,044.00. A good part of this was via a web site set up by a young lady Donna Blackman, who first thought of the Bluebell Walk years ago.

The site is <http://www.justgiving.com/lawrybluebell>

Thanks everybody who donated and the walkers.

*Patrick*

The organisers accept no responsibility whatsoever for claims arising from activities of participants on the walk.

Jubilee Hall Committee

QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 7.00pm**

Hot & Soft Drinks will be available with a selection of cakes for purchase.

**£4 per person or £20 per table of six**

If you would like alcoholic drinks please bring your own.

Please contact Mark Joy on 01634 714860 or [markpjoy@gmail.com](mailto:markpjoy@gmail.com)

to reserve your place or alternatively speak to Halling Parish Clerks Bill or Trudi via the Parish Office.

**HAVE YOUR SAY : Redrow Development, St Andrews Park regarding the land for sale with Harrisons. This plot was originally marked on the plans for restaurants and a surgery etc. What do you think Halling could benefit from? Please email Mrs Julie Hardy [julesjh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julesjh@hotmail.co.uk) who will collate all responses to present to Harrisons & Halling Parish Council.**

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## 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.

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### 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.

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**HALLING VILLAGE CHOIR**

Halling Village Choir originally came together to sing at the Christmas Market Festival last year, you may have seen and heard us there and at the Christmas Tree Light Switch-on at the Community Centre. We all enjoyed it so much we have decided to continue and work towards singing at other local events throughout the year. We have chosen two themes for this year to last until we start rehearsals for next Christmas: Cockneys and Musicals, so our ears have been ringing each week with songs from My Fair Lady, Oliver, Mary Poppins and learning how to dance The Lambeth Walk!

We have put ourselves on a formal footing and have formed a committee and a written constitution to look after us and our activities. As well as singing, each rehearsal includes some theory of music, so we will all learn as we sing.

Our Number One aim, as written in the constitution is to have fun!

We would always welcome any new members to the choir. We are inclusive and there are no requirements to

have experience of choirs, music or performing –if you enjoy singing and having some fun at the same time, this may be for you! No age barriers – we've got people from 13 years old up to 74 at the moment! We try to meet one evening every week, but understand that most people have very busy lives, so we vary the day of the week as much as possible to take into account members family and work commitments and other interests, but there is no expectation to attend every rehearsal. We are also planning some choir day or evening outings for the summer months.

If you are interested in joining the choir, I will be very pleased to have a chat with you at your convenience. I can be contacted on 01634 245986, or by email at [jenny10@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny10@btinternet.com)

If you already know any choir members please have a chat with them, I know that we would all welcome your interest. You will be invited to a couple of "taster" sessions to see if you like us and what we do, so there's no commitment.

*Sunday 13th April 2014!...*

# HALLING Sunday School

- Teaching the Christian values with games, crafts, memorization and more...
- Learning the stories of the Bible with fun activities,
- Refreshments available to everyone,
- We welcome parents, grandparents and carers who would like to stay!

All children from age 5 are welcome. Parents will need to fill in a consent form before their children join.

For more information or to register your interest please call Kevin on 0786 8182423, 01634 924973 or email [felixhollington@gmail.com](mailto:felixhollington@gmail.com). Visit: [hallingbaptist.org.uk](http://hallingbaptist.org.uk)

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**Thursday 27th March, 2014**  
**5 Vicarage Rd. 7:00pm**

*This free course will run from a home sitting around a cuppa or a bite to eat:*

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible.
- You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing.
- You can ask any question you want, or just listen.

*For more information or to register your interest please give Kevin a call on: 0786 8182423, 01634 924973 or email: [felixhollington@gmail.com](mailto:felixhollington@gmail.com)*

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

## The Church Clock and Three Phases of Physics

The tower clock is powered by a system of weights which are raised once a week by turning a handle – which is quite hard work. If the clock is not wound regularly, it stops. This illustrates the common sense or Aristotelian version of physics. Things stop moving unless some force keeps pushing them. That is why you have to put petrol in your car or keep on pedalling when you are riding your bike. Common sense religion blends nicely with common sense science. If you need some force to make things happen and keep on happening, it is not hard to think that the force in question might be God. God keeps things running. He makes them happen. He can make them happen differently if He wants to (perhaps in response to prayer). This is the common sense view. Aristotelian Physics lasted for thousands of years and most of us still live most of the time as if Aristotle got it right.

Isaac Newton, however, discovered that this common sense view is wrong. Moving objects don't need the application of force to keep them moving. They just keep moving unless some force causes them to slow down, speed up or to change direction. Friction is usually the reason why moving objects on earth just slow down and stop if no force is applied to keep them moving, but, in a vacuum, moving objects just keep on going. Newton's theories are the basis of classical physics and basic engineering. You can see the clock mechanism in the church tower, a wonderful piece of Victorian engineering, based on the principles of classical physics. If it weren't for friction the church clock would just keep on running without ever needing to be wound up. A classical scientist, working on Newtonian principles, might think of the whole universe as a giant mechanism. Everything that happens would be dependent on what went before in a possibly endless chain of cause and effect. The universe would be internally consistent. Everything that happens would in principle be predictable. There would be no need of any force applied from outside the universe to make things happen. Your snooker balls would just keep rattling round the table until they disappeared into the pockets without any need for a man with a cue after the first break. Some classical scientists, thinking along these lines, develop a kind of naive arrogance. It looks to them as if there is no place for God in the universe. He is not necessary. No external forces are necessary. Maybe God created the universe in the first place and wound it up, but He isn't involved in its every day running. On this view, there are no miracles and prayer is largely pointless. Even the classical scientist, however, would probably want to pause before writing off art, music, romance, human creativity and religion as fully explained by physics. The rainbow means much more than a demonstration of the way light rays of varying frequencies are refracted by water droplets.

And now I'm going to cheat. Because it's difficult to see all four faces at the same time to put them right, sometimes you see a different time depending on where you are standing when you look up at the clock. This makes me think of Einstein and Relativity Theory. Much, if not

everything, depends on the perspective of the observer. Reality is very much harder to grasp than Aristotle or Newton imagined. There is always uncertainty, always unpredictably. Weirdly, it is impossible to know when a radioactive nucleus will decay, but it is possible to measure the half life – when half of any given sample of nuclei will have decayed. You can predict when half the nuclei in a sample of Uranium will decay, but you can never know which half until it has happened and been observed. Quantum Theory and Relativity Theory give us a much less predictable universe, a universe which still makes sense, but which is much harder to make sense of. The way things are apparently depends on the observer, but most events have and have had no human observer. Could the indispensable Observer be God, the one without whom there can be no physical reality? Given the essential mysteriousness of reality uncovered by modern physics, maybe we should be more humble. If the universe depends on the Mind of God and if our minds maybe united with His Mind by love, miracles are perhaps not so unlikely and the effectiveness of prayer may be very far from improbable.

Be that as it may, what Halling Church really stands for is not principally the mysteries of this world which are rightly and profitably investigated by Science, but the Truth of eternity revealed by Jesus Christ our Lord, which is available to anyone who approaches in faith scientist or not.

Roger Knight, Rector of Cuxton & Halling,  
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Easter Day:    Holy Communion  
                       8.00am Jubilee Hall  
                       9.30am St Michael's  
                       11.00am St John's

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**Remembering that YOU CAN'T PLEASE ALL OF  
THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME .....**

**Comments have come to the Parish Office from  
people who preferred the old A5 HALLING VIEW  
and those that like the new style A4 size.**

**HALLING VIEW is for YOU**

**So please contact the new Halling View Team with  
your views / comments and we'll gladly pass them on  
to the Parish Council**

# HALLING GARDEN SOCIETY

Talk by Phillip Johnson

**"SWEET PEAS – HOW TO GROW AND  
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## 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 - 240 889



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*“There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing”.* This is a motto that the Early Years Foundation classes abide by at Halling School and one that we increasingly try to apply throughout the school. You may have seen the wonderful photographs of our Forest School in the January edition of Medway Matters and the article explaining why we are passionate about making the most of the outdoors to support learning. Our children in the Foundation Stage and Year One have an afternoon each week outside in our wild area. This happens all year round, whatever the weather. Activities include: shelter- building; nature art; cooking; making mud sculptures; whittling with potato peelers; making wooden pendants; hunting for mini-beasts; learning about plants and trees etc. These activities really support children’s physical development (climbing, running, carrying, digging), social skills and well-being. They learn communication skills, problem solving and knowledge and understanding of their local environment. Forest School is extremely popular with the children and with parents:

*“It’s a great way to get children to learn about being outdoors and how much fun can be had from the environment around us. Also great for teamwork. I really enjoyed my visit and was very impressed.”*

In preparation for the introduction of the new National Primary Curriculum in September, we asked all of our pupils, through the School Council, how they like to learn. The responses include many references to learning outside the classroom: within our own school environment and the local community; through school trips; through visitors to the school. It is with these views in mind that we are building our new curriculum and looking forward to really making the most of our environment and our community.

The school is very fortunate to have excellent outdoor facilities including a wooded area and a large wildlife pond. The pond was recently re-lined by the Medway River Valley Partnership with funding from The Halling Association. Our extensive grounds are home to, or frequently visited by, a range of wildlife including: green woodpeckers, greater and lesser

spotted woodpeckers, newts, frogs and toads, grass snakes, lizards, foxes and rabbits (we are not so keen on the rabbits who make holes in our playing field!).

We also have easy access to the river with far-reaching views to support geography studies. The village’s rich and varied past makes the study of local history relevant and exciting for our children. As we plan to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War, we will be looking through the school’s artefacts (head teachers’ log books and registers dating back to the early 1900s) to find reference to past pupils who are named on the village war memorials.

There have been many changes to education, and to Halling School, since those early days and we are about to enter another period of change as we await confirmation of Medway Council’s plans to extend the school over the next few years. Approaching this exciting phase, we are determined to keep in mind that our school is, first and foremost, a village school and must remain so, at the heart of the local community.

*On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, we will be holding our annual Marie Curie Afternoon Tea. You are invited to join us from 2:15 to view the beautiful daffodil display on our Field of Hope and to purchase refreshments in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. We look forward to seeing you.*

Wendy Donnelly  
 Head Teacher

Term 4	Dates
Start	Tuesday, 25 February 2014
Finish	Friday, 4 April 2014
Spring break	Monday, 7 April to Monday, 21 April 2014
Term 5	Dates
Start	Tuesday, 22 April 2014
Finish	Friday, 23 May 2014
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday, 5 May 2014



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075481 52191

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**THOMAS HARRIS VC**

There will be a reunion of all members of Thomas Harris' family to be held at

**The Community Centre  
(Saxon Hall)**

**on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**1pm - 11pm**

Please pass this message on to all Thomas Harris family members

contact/details: Jack Payne (formerly Harris)

[jaypay6663@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jaypay6663@hotmail.co.uk)

**Hall Hires in Halling: Jubilee Hall and Community Centre**

Two great venues to choose from for your next birthday or anniversary party, meeting, jazz concert, play, table top sale, sporting or religious event, etc. For more information contact :

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Joy Oliver, [Jubilee Hall](#), Tel 01634 242933, [hallingjubileehall.btck.co.uk](http://hallingjubileehall.btck.co.uk) [joy.oliver@sky.com](mailto:joy.oliver@sky.com)

**See photos, terms and conditions at web site of each hall**

**Other Club Contacts in Halling**  
*Your club could be included here next time!*



**Bo-Peeps Pre-School:** Jackie Tickner and Jane Adams [bopeeps@fsmail.net](mailto:bopeeps@fsmail.net)

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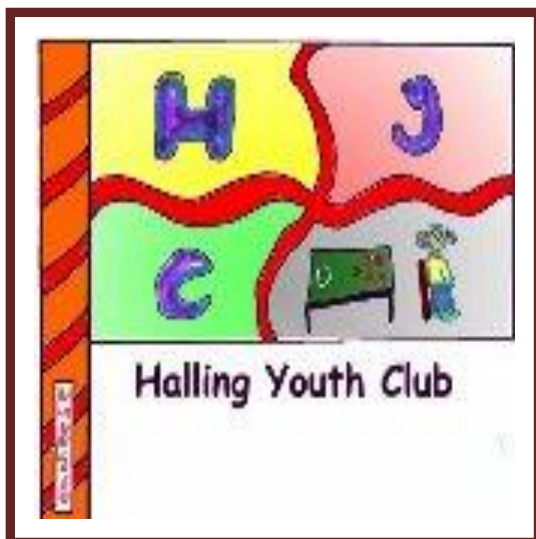
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