

Photo from Picturesque Halling; courtesy of Colin Morris



Well here we are into October, where is this year disappearing to?! I do hope that you all have enjoyed the wonderful weather that we have had this summer.

Since the last edition of the Halling View we have had a number of good things happen in our Parish. I am pleased to report that we had our very first 'Freedom of the Parish' award presented to Mr Les Hitchcock for his longstanding hard work and dedication. Our ceremony in July went very well and I would like to thank each and every one of you that attended. I also wish to also congratulate Sam and her team at the Five Bells public house for putting on such a successful dog show in August. (I understand that the team raised over £700 for a very worthy cause!). Finally following the Medical Centre Petition I understand that the request was approved.

Hopefully over the course of the past few months you will have seen that the Community Pay back team have been working hard and have done some great work for us so far, we would obviously like to keep this team working for our village all year round so please do contact the Clerk on 01634 241551 if there is a certain area of concern you have identified.

A great big thank you also to those of you who volunteered to help with maintaining the footpaths following Barry Barnes article in our last edition of the Halling View, I have met personally with you all and we will be in touch with you all again in due course.

The Parish Council currently have a couple of upcoming events happening over the next month – the first being our Halling WW1 Centenary Commemorations to be held at the War Memorial and then the Mound on Sunday 11th November (please see details enclosed for more information) and the second 'The Upper Recreation Ground Consultation Meeting' to be held at the Jubilee Hall on Friday 16th November. It would be great to see you all there.

You will note from our posters that we are currently looking for volunteers to join us - if you think you could make a difference we would love to hear from you.

Paul Crispe Chairman



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The Chairman of Halling Parish Council

C/O The Clerk
Halling Community Centre
93 High Street,
Lower Halling,
Rochester, Kent,
ME2 1BS

hallingclerk@btconnect.com



1ST ANNUAL HALLING DOG SHOW

Why a Dog Show, in Halling, for the Wisdom Hospice? When my Dad entered the final days of his life, the Wisdom Hospice were there to care for him and made him as comfortable as humanly possible. The staff were so supportive and friendly, not kicking us out when they should have and provided all the teas and biscuits you could ask for. At no point were any members of staff anything but kind, professional and most of all patience with us.

I have been to several shows with my Cavachon, Bibi, and it has always amazed me how many people go to them, travelling some distance to attend. Most shows are some distance from Halling and with Halling being populated with such wonderful residents I thought there was no better place to hold it than in my own Village, especially considering how many dog owners there are here!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Sam Thomas of The Five Bells for her continual encouragement, assistance and unwavering support in organizing this show. As Sam said, "Go Big" and I think we managed to do that!

I would also like to thank all of the Class Sponsors, all of the Raffle Prize Donors, all the volunteers helping, The Halling Association for their magnificent grant to cover the venue hire fees and lastly Quality Rosettes for making such beautiful rosettes for the show

It truly restores your faith in humanity when, despite such atrocious weather, over 200 people attended the show (with most staying until the end!) with entrants ranging from our wonderful local villagers to people travelling from Essex and Ramsgate! I am so pleased that we were able to raise such a sum for the Wisdom Hospice. Roll on next year!

Chris Sousa-Phipps









HALLING GARDENING SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW

We held our annual Autumn Show on Sunday 2nd September at Jubilee Hall in Upper Halling.

After such a dry summer, we knew that people will have struggled to find entries. Flower entries were down but vegetables surprised us. We also asked members to step up with their cooking and flower arrangements to increase the completion. Members responded well and we had more entries that in 2017.

Overall winner with best in show was Mrs. Kay Granger for her Dahlias. Best in Section A, the vegetable classes was Mrs. B Hopkins Best in section B, the grown Flower classes was Mrs. Kay Granger

Section C, The Open Classes welcomed 3 new exhibitors which was great and the best in section was awarded to a Jar of Raspberry Jam. This section is open to everyone so no need to join our Society.

Children's classes were also open to all-comers under 14 years old and the 2 cups were won by Caitlin Smith. Prize monies and cups are awarded at the AGM on 12th November also at the Jubilee Hall.

Also collect your Dobies Seed Catalogue and code to order next year's seeds with 50% discount online.

Subscriptions are also due for renewal in November at £3 per year which shouldn't stop anyone joining us. All are welcome, be you a newbie to gardening with a patio or a long term grower with a field of a garden. Help is given with exhibiting at the Show so come forward and join us. Our next Show will be on 31st March 2019. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

For further information contact Pat on 01634240480









RIVERSIDE MEDIAL PRACTICE

Riverside Medical Practice would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council and all residents of Halling and Cuxton for the invaluable help and support offered by them towards our Practice boundary change application.

Mr. Mathew Dale attended the CCG meeting which approved the change. He confirmed that the petition was instrumental in securing the decision in our favour.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who gave up their personal time to drop leaflets and knock on doors to raise awareness of the issue.

Dr S Malladi

WHEN YOU NEED TO SEE A DOCTOR WHERE DO YOU GO?

Dr Malladi informed a meeting of the Surgery Patient Participation Group on 23rd July 2018 that there is a rapid increase in the number of new patients signing up at Riverside Medical Practice, thereby putting it under increasingly unsustainable pressure.

Dr Malladi's preferred option to alleviate the situation is to change the patient catchment area to exclude central Snodland. If this is rejected by the authorities then the surgery will have to seriously consider closing the list for a period of time. This would affect new residents of Halling and Cuxton as well, as the rules of list closure do not permit "cherry picking" of patients based on their location.

Dr Malladi has a catchment area that currently extends North to the M2, South to include Snodland, East to the Medway River. Dr Malladi would like to get this catchment area changed to exclude the area South of Holborough. The increase in numbers has come from new housing developments around Halling (St Andrews Park and Holborough). Dr Malladi had planned for this increase. What had not been expected was the rapid movement of patients from the Snodland surgery to our excellent Halling surgery.

Dr Malladi is not allowed to change the catchment area without permission from the Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). He will now apply for this permission but there is no guarantee of success. The Medway CCG will consult with interested parties and objections may be raised. We need to be prepared to appeal, if the application is turned down. This is why we are asking you to sign our petition, either at the surgery at our local shops, pubs, or online. (please Google "surgery petition Riverside" and you'll get the link to our petition). The more patients that sign, the better are the chances that the catchment area will get changed by the Medway CCG.

Please sign the petition – this is an important step in maintaining our excellent Riverside surgery.

The contents of this leaflet have been approved by Dr Malladi.



1ST FREEMAN OF HALLING

On Tuesday 17th July the Parish Council held an award ceremony to honour of Mr. Lesley Hitchcock with the 'Freedom of Halling' for his outstanding service and longstanding commitment to the community. A fabulous evening was had by all and we wish to thank each and everyone whom attended. Please find a few pictures from our evening enclosed below for your enjoyment.









PONY ON THE MARSH

On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who gave up their time to help look after our visitor on the Marsh. 'Sweetie' (as she was affectionately called!) was eventually collected via her owner two weeks after her arrival.



(Photo courtesy of Beth Saunders)

HALLING VIEW AUTUMN 2018 – HARVEST AND ARMISTICE

Two big things to mark each Autumn are Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday. This year, the latter is even more significant than usual because it falls on the 100th anniversary of the armistice which concluded the First World War. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns at last fell silent

Harvest is about ends. It is the end of Summer. It is the purpose underlying the whole agricultural year - ploughing, sowing, nurturing the crops and, finally, reaping. Harvest is very hard work, often in amazingly golden weather. Ultimately, we all depend on successful harvests (though we may be unconscious of that fact, given that most of us get most of our food from shops selling us other people's harvest goods). Harvest is a time for celebration – hence Harvest Festival. With harvest home comes a brief respite from labour before preparing the ground for next year's sowing. Harvest is a good time.

There is also, however, a darker side. In many cultures, a poor harvest means severe hardship in the coming winter. Death we think of as the Grim Reaper. The final harvest is indeed the end, the conclusion of our life on earth and its meaning. Harvest is a time of separation – the wheat from the chaff. Our patron saint, John the Baptist, speaks of Jesus thus: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. There is a judgment to come and Jesus is the judge.

What about Armistice Day? What about the very mixed feelings there must have been on November 11th 1918? Joy that we had won; relief that it was all over; grief for all those millions of lives lost; continued suffering and hardship for the grievously wounded; hope for the future and, no doubt, apprehension as to what it might bring; the resolve to make this the war that would end all wars, to build a better society, the promise never to forget those who had fallen. Things could never be the same again and yet a longing to restore all that had been lost. The Grim Reaper had stalked the fields of Flanders and of so much of the rest of the world. There was an end to celebrate, the end of the fighting. The allies had achieved their end, but at what cost? Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. There were astonishing acts of sacrifice that must be honoured eternally and yet there must also be judgment. Thou shalt not kill. How could human beings, made in the image of God, for whom Christ died, act as act in war? What do we deserve for what we have done? Thankfully, our Judge is also our Redeemer. He also is our teacher, our example, our friend and our brother and it is in Him that we find the means to overcome evil with good, the only true and final victory, when the sacrifice of self brings in the Kingdom of God – earth's Harvest Home. Roger Knight, Rector, 717134, roger@cuxtonandhalling.org

<u>Harvest Festival 7th October:</u> Holy Communion at 8.00am at the Jubilee Hall Upper Halling, 9.30 am at St Michael & All Angels Cuxton & 11.00am at St John the Baptist Halling. Harvest Praise is at 6.30 pm at St Michael's, followed by the Harvest Supper in the church hall.

<u>Remembrance Sunday 11th November:</u> Holy Communion at 8.00 am at St John's Holy Communion & Parade at 9.30 at St Michael's, Morning Service & Parade at 10.50 am at St John's, Presentation to mark the centenary in music and readings 7.30 pm at St Michael's. Bells will be rung at 7.05 pm all over the country as they were in 1918 on this date



We are moving...

Halling Baptist Church has been worshipping for over 120 years in the "temporary tin chapel" in Vicarage Road. But that is about to change... By God's grace, and after much planning, we are finally moving into the old Fire Station.

The first stage of the conversion works should be complete soon and we are having our first Worship Service on Sunday, 14 October, 11:00am, followed by a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday, 1 December, 3:00pm. We would like to extend a warm invitation for you to join us as we give thanks to God for his kind provision!

Because this will be our first Christmas in The Old Fire Station, we are planning a winter family Fun Day alongside our yearly Community Carol Service, while continuing to supporting the needy through a charitable collection point. More information to follow.

In the months to come, we will be advertising various activities for the youth, family and the elderly, as well as future events and drop-in sessions, to help our community. Watch this space!

On behalf of the congregation, I would like to take this opportunity to once again express our heartfelt thanks to everyone in the village who supported us during the buying process and to all who have offered to help in the conversion of our new building.

Every blessing,

Pastor Kevin Félix Hollington
Halling Baptist Church,
The Old Fire Station, Vicarage Road, Halling, ME2 1BE
M 07868 182423
hallingbaptist.org.uk





HALLOWEEN AND FIREWORKS ADVICE

<u>HALLOWEEN</u>

Not everyone enjoys or wants to take part in Halloween. If you know someone who would rather not have trick or treaters call at their home, you can download our 'no trick or treat' sign (shown below) for their front door of window.

If you have young children:

- Never let them go trick or treating on their own
- Make sure they only visit people known to your family.

If you have teenagers:

- Make sure they are not going to be using alcohol, flour or eggs
- Make it clear that if a 'no trick or treat' sign is displayed, they should leave straightaway
- Advise them to stay in a group and never go into the home of someone they don't know
- Make sure they know not to frighten people.



FIREWORKS

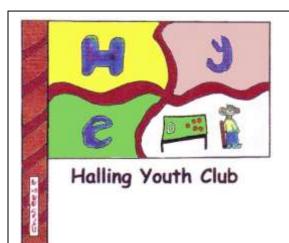
Top tips to celebrate safely. Fireworks can hurt and frighten people and animals – always follow the firework code. Always supervise children around fireworks and never give sparklers to a child under 5.

It's safer to go to an organised display – if you're aged 18 or over and still want to buy your own fireworks, only buy those marked BS 7114:1988 from a reputable retailer.

Know the law. It's an offence to:

- Sell adult fireworks to anyone under 18
- Have adult fireworks in a public place if you are under 18
- Have fireworks meant for a professional display
- Let off fireworks after 11pm and before 7am, except on Bonfire Night (allowed up to midnight), New Year's Eve, Diwali and the Chinese New Year (all allowed up to 1am).
- You can also be fined up to £5,000 and imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



HALLING YOUTH CLUB

LEADER
Paula Wilkins-Smith
C/o 25 Vicarage Close
Halling
ROCHESTER
Kent
ME2 1BH

Dear All Parents / Guardians of Halling Youth Club Members,

We regret to inform you that unless there is more response for helpers to come forward to assist the Youth Club then the rules and regulations will need to change and we might have to restrict the numbers of children whom can attend each session.

We currently run two sessions:

The first session of children aged 8 to 11 of from 6.00pm to 7.45pm.

The second session of children aged 12 to 15 from 7.45pm to 9.15pm.

Unfortunately the guidelines stipulate that for every ten members of the Youth Club there needs to be an adult member present. With the volumes of children whom attend currently the Youth Club can sadly not continue as we are.

Hopefully with your help we might be turn to turn this around before it gets too late! So please do come and talk to us if you are able to help in anyway.

With further assistance we do hope that our existing planned trips to go bowling and wall climbing will still be able to proceed.

Leader

Paula Wilkins-Smith & Committee

Or Telephone 07969342953

VILLAGE EVENTS

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL





INVITATION

HALLING'S WW1 CENTENARY

ON: Sunday 11th November 2018

AT: Halling Mound, Howlsmere Close

TIME: 7.00PM

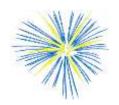
Our very own village bugler, Mr. Robin Harris, will start the celebrations Followed by 1000 beacons being lit around the country

Lighting of the Beacon

Lighting of the beacon torches by a family member of Sgt Thomas Harris

Fireworks

By Ghengis Fireworks, Chatham







Halling Historical Society

Chairlady Cherry Glover, Vice Chairman Geoff Lee, Secretary Philip Badman, Treasurer Sheila Underdown

Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

A HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE Ms Suzanne Dackomb SOCIAL EVENING FUND RAISER

18 October 13th Dec

Tea, coffee and raffle. All visitors welcome £2.50

Halling Historical Society would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and I wish Cherry well in her new role as Chairlady

Jemma Graves

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Community Centre, High Street, Lower Halling, Rochester, Kent. ME2 1BS



INVITATION

UPPER RECREATION GROUND PLAY EQUIPEMENT CONSULTATION MEETING

ON: FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018

AT: JUBILEE HALL

TIME: 5.00 PM - 7.00PM



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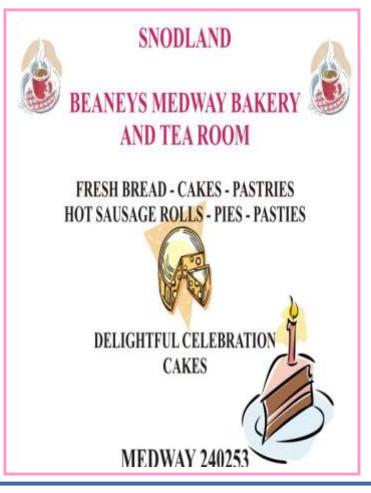
THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



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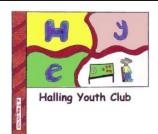


HALLING STROKE GROUP



Providing essential long-term peer support to stroke survivors, carers, family and friends. An ideal opportunity for those who have been affected by stroke to rediscover previous skills, learn new skills, regain confidence, increase independence and socialise with other individuals who have had similar experiences.

3.00PM – 4.00PM
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



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

Halling Youth Club is a fun, safe place which is open for all children in Halling. We always have lots going on including: Football, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Competitions, and Arts & Crafts etc.

Congratulations to Morgan for winning our annual pool competition and well done to Oliver in coming second.



During the last session before the summer holidays, the members had a lot of fun having a go at sumo wrestling.

If you have a child who wishes to join us (or you would like to volunteer occasionally), feel free to pop in on a Friday evening at Halling Community Centre.

Alternatively call Paula on 07969342953



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Please include a brief outline of your issues.

The initial 1 hour consultation is free

HALARA

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 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 inhouse 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 more active brains!).

Weekly activities are also available. Art Classes (water colour) are held at the Jubilee Hall the first three Friday's of every month from 2pm to 4pm 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 organised by Peter Horton, 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 outings, a Christmas Dinner with entertainment and a Bowls Section presentation evening dinner and dance.

Each year we have a charity that we support.

Annual membership is only £10. We are open to suggestions for other activities.

There is a small fee members are ask to pay for each of the various meetings and sessions which help in the renting of the halls. Come and give us a try!

Please participate in Medway Council's Right of Way Improvement Survey. Details can be found at:

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200160/roads_and_pavements/522/public_rights_of_way/7

https://apps.medway.gov.uk/apps/surveys/rcc/PROW2018/index.htm

All participants will be entered into a competition to win 4 tickets for a River Cruise on the R1iver Medway or a £40 shopping voucher for 'Go Outdoors'

Medway Council Mobile library dates:

Don't forget Medway Council's mobile library visits Halling once a fortnight.

Please see the locations, dates and times below:

Jubilee Hall ~ 9.30am to 9.50am Community Centre ~ 10.00am to 11.00 am

October	Friday 12 th	Friday 26 th
November	Friday 9 th	Friday 23 rd
December	Friday 7 th	Friday 21 st

Halling Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Monday	15	October	2018	19.30	CANCELLED DUE TO HOLIDAY LEAVE
Tuesday	13	November	2018	19.30	Community Centre
Monday	3	December	2018	19.30	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	8	January	2019	19.30	Community Centre
Monday	4	February	2019	19.30	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	12	March	2019	19.30	Community Centre
Monday	1	April	2019	19.30	Jubilee Hall

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

FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2018

Payments can be made either via cash, BACS or cheque (made payable to Halling Parish Council). All adverts must be paid in advance or sadly they cannot be included. Pricing and advertising as per follows:

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Your Parish Councillors live in Halling and act for you <u>voluntarily</u> 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 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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