HALLING WIEW



Halling bids farewell to Bill Swan, Clerk and welcomes Roni Jones to the office.

As many of you will know, I am retiring as Clerk to Halling Parish Council on 30th September after 21½ years service. It has been a great pleasure to serve the people of Halling and I should like to say goodbye to all my friends in the village. I should also like to thank the people who have been Chairpersons over my time as Clerk – too many to mention individually. The Clerk has to have a special relationship with the Chair to make the Council function and I think this has worked well over the years. Also, I would like to thank those past and present Parish Councillors who have given me great support over the years. I have made many friends in the village and I will hopefully still catch up with you when I'm around the village.

Thanks also go to the other users of the Community Centre. In particular, Jackie, Jane and all my friends at Bo Peeps, (I wonder who's going to wear the annual red outfit and make the tea and get doughnuts now!) and Les Hitchcock, a valued member of the A Team!

Most importantly I should like to thank the Assistant Clerk, Trudi Smith for the last 7 years. She came to work with me back in August 2010 and was plunged into the thick of it a few weeks later when I fell off a step ladder at home and had a severe argument with my garage floor. I spent 2 weeks in hospital and guess who was one of the first to visit me – yep Trudi and her daughter.

We have worked very well together over the years and there have been times when the tears have run down our faces with laughter.

MINION - I should like to place on record my thanks for your work, your support and your friendship. Some of you will know why I call her MIN!! It is most definitely not an expression of superiority just light relief in what is often a demanding environment. During our time together, she has got me on a skateboard, on outside gym equipment, covered in mud on the Marsh, running around wearing a helmet with a laser attached, giving presentations and awards, all of which add to my fond memories of my time in Halling.

I was heavily involved in the purchase and sale of the Fire Station and the sale to Halling Baptist Church which is nearly complete.

Our office has been left in capable hands and I hope you will make the new Clerk Roni Jones as welcome as I have been. I wish her well in the future.

Thanks again Halling - I've enjoyed it.

 ${\cal BU\!US\!wan,}$ Old Clerk to Halling Parish Council

Chairman's Report

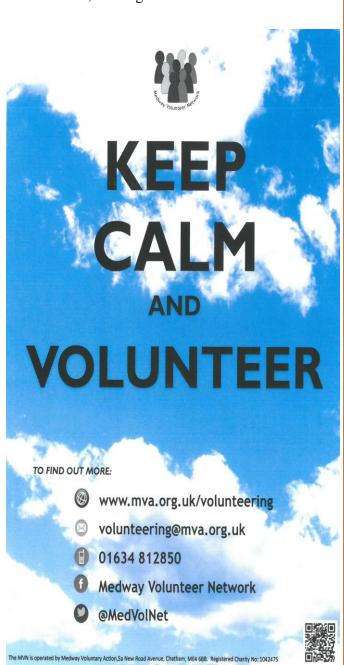
Funday is on Saturday 2nd September and arrangements are now all complete, the Fun Day Committee has thought of everything to make your day enjoyable. The theme this year is a village fete and hopefully the weather will smile upon us.

No doubt you have all seen the construction work going on with the new footbridge – if you haven't, how have you missed it?!! The plan is for the A228 to be closed over night we will put notices on our notice boards and on the website when we get a date.

We have managed to secure the services of the Community Payback Team. They will be clearing up and doing vital maintenance in and around the Marsh and at the Recreation grounds and along our footpaths. If you know of any particular areas that need attending to, please let the office know and they will pass on your suggestions.

The big event in the office is of course Bill's retirement. I'd like to thank him for all his support over the years and welcome Roni as the new Parish Clerk.

Chris Herbert Chairman, Halling Parish Council



HALLING ASSOCIATION SMALL PROJECTS FUND

Who is Halling Association?

HA is a local partnership of the following groups who contribute monies to fund local projects:

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Medway Council

Tarmac Redrow Trenport

Grants Criteria

This grant scheme is run by the Halling Association. This is a local partnership of private, public and voluntary organisations that supports projects for the benefit of the parish of Halling.

Who can apply?

• Only groups and organisations based in Halling, or other groups who want to carry out a project in the parish, or to benefit local residents.

How much funding is available?

- Grants of up to a maximum of £250 are available.
- There is a total budget of £1500 available for small projects in one year. How long do we have to wait to hear the outcome of our application?
- Providing we have all the information we need, you should hear within 6 weeks of submitting the form.

What sort of projects are eligible?

• The Halling Association will be open to helping a wide range of projects, such as events or activities being organised by a group, improvements to a community building, or environmental projects.

How can we apply for a grant?

http://www.medway.gov.uk/thecouncilanddemocracy/parishcouncils/hallingassociationproject.aspx

Medway Council officers:
Ross Crayford: 01634 331629
Email: ross.crayford@medway.gov.uk
Address: Planning Policy, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road,
Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR

Twitter: @hallingassoc

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Please check your Parish notice boards and website for vacancies and village news.

Halling Parish Council Office

Halling Community Centre
93 High Street
Halling
ME2 1BS
01634 241551

hallingclerk@btconnect.com

http://www.halling-pc.co.uk

Roni Jones, Clerk

HALLNG PARISH COUNCIL

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North Ward: Vacancy

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FOOTPATH NEWS

I should imagine quite a few Halling people are concerned about the delay in getting open a *permissive path* to link the bottom of the Plough Path and Whitting's Farm. The news via Medway Council is that my usual contact is on secondment for at least six months, but, at his instruction, his (two days a week) assistant has written to assure Halling Parish Council (HPC) that the matter is not forgotten, and that she expects to send out within a month a *creation agreement* for signatures by HPC and Tarmac (was Lafarge) across whose land the path will run. HPC has already agreed to pay for the installation and maintenance of an arc-kissing gate at the Whitting's Farm end, and to pay for the erection of stock-fencing to protect the tenant farmer's fields, but *not* to pay for its on-going maintenance.

Thanks are again due to John Martin who recently helped me 'strim' open the

marsh and Halling Common paths, and who – unbidden – did a preliminary 'strim' of the paths in May from the Maximilian Close end right through to the Cemex complex. In spite of our best efforts, your help will always be appreciated in cutting back wilful

brambles with secateurs at the ready!



Regular walkers – especially at the Cemex end of the footpath RS320 – might have wondered at some substantial wooden structures in place. The answer is that a Government agency is monitoring the quality of water which runs into the River Medway. The structures are to provide safe 'piers' for taking water samples, and they will be closed off by locked gates. I asked the lady operative what wild life she had seen, as she got to Halling so very early from Haywards Heath. She told me about foxes, and then surprised me by saying that she had seen deer! I told her of king-fishers when the water in the irrigation ditches once ran faster and cleaner. Any other good 'spots' to report?

It's worth re-iterating that other village paths – the Cam, Plough and Ticker – are on Tarmac land, and the company has undertaken to keep them open.

Of concern is that persons unknown have simply by-passed stiles at the Cemex end of the RS320. The location of the stiles is a statutory requirement put on HPC: they are traditionally in place to prevent the free-movement of cattle. The two photographs show how side fences and wire have been removed. HPC has it in hand with a contractor to remedy the situation in such a way that dogs can get through gaps – perhaps people – but *not* cattle.

Barry Barnes Co-opted for Footpaths bar.bar@btinternet.com

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HALARA

Halling Active Retirement Association

LIST OF ACTIVITES AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS TO ENJOY

When	What	Time	Where
1st Monday of the month	Games Afternoon	2pm – 4pm	Jubilee Hall Organised by Ann Seager
3 rd Monday of the month	Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am	Medway Leisure Park Organised by Len Sharp
Tuesday	Short Mat Bowls	2pm – 4pm	Halling Community Centre Organised by David Bush
Wednesday	Short Mat Bowls	7pm - 9pm	Halling Community Centre
Thursday Wednesday	Short Mat Bowls Rambles – Monthly	2pm - 4pm	Halling Community Centre Various locations with lunch at a nearby pub. Organised by Peter Horton Tel: 01634 717 211
1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Friday of the month	Art Class ~ Water Colour Painting	2pm - 4pm	Jubilee Hall For beginners onwards. A relaxing and enjoyable hobby Artist: Tracy Morsord
Last Friday of the month	Members Meeting - Speakers & various events	2pm – 4pm	Jubilee Hall
December	Christmas Lunch & Entertainment	12.30pm –	Cobdown Sports & Social Club Come along & enjoy yourself Organised by Peter Horton
Coach Outings	Various coach trips – are organised during the year ~ see notice board for details		Outings organised by Peter Horton Assisted by Joyce Horton
Theatre Trips	Outings to local & London Theatres. See notice board for details		Organised by Andy Tatlow
Drama Group	Once a year the Drama Group perform sketches, jokes & poems for Members' enjoyment	140 040	In-house Entertainment Organised by Ann Seager

Secretary: Carole Nunn - Tel: 01634 716 049 - email: <u>carole.nunn@tesco.net</u>
http://www.halara.talktalk.net webmaster: Mike Ashdown

Visitors most welcome

Venues: Halling Community Centre, High Street, Halling & Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Upper Halling

Halling Historical Society

The Jubilee Hall 7.30pm 14th December 2017 Wilf Lower Last Days of the Music Hall

Tea, coffee and raffle. All visitors welcome £2.50

Halara is in need of more players for their SHORT MAT BOWLS on a Tuesday at the Community Centre. Why not come along and see how much fun it is.

HALARA

SPEAKERS & EVENTS FOR 2017/2018

DATE	SPEAKER'S NAME	TALK TITLE / EVENT
29 September 2017	Chris Hare	40 Years without a Proper Job
27 October 2017	Fish & Chips	Bingo if time permits
24 November 2017	HALARA PLAYERS	In-house entertainment
14 December 2017	Christmas Lunch	Entertainer / Raffle
26 January 2018	Indoor Games	Board Games & indoor Curling
23 February 2018	Quiz	In-House Quiz
23 March 2018	Richard Moyes	Ranscombe Farm Reserve
(A week early because of		
Easter)		
28 April 2018	AGM	Charity Cheque presentation to Leybourne
		Riding for the Disabled

Halling Active Retirement Association (HALARA), Chairman, Andy Tatlow, thanked everyone for their support and its members for making the themed <u>Cream Tea</u> such a fun afternoon.

The room was appropriately decorated with the Mad Hatters Tea Party Cut-outs, balloons & Character spirals. The Bring & Buy stall made money for the Charity of the year fund and it was great to see some of the work of the talented members on the Craft & Hobbies stall.

The fancy hat competition was won by Irene Maplesden and David Wooding.

Members were entertained by Martin Piper on keyboard and other instruments; then followed a delicious tea and chat.

Guests of honour were Joan Rhodes, Vice Chairman of KENTARA (Kent Active Retirement Association), & the Area 9 Representative, and her husband Les. The retiring tea ladies Peggy Hope, Pat Kempster and Margaret Vinall, were thanked for all they have done over the years to keep the members nicely refreshed.

Tribute to Bet Hodkin, a long standing member of HALARA



Having celebrated her 90th birthday las October, it is with great sadness that members learned of the passing of Bet Hodkin, a stalwart member of the group since its foundation in 1998.

Little Bet (as she was known to her many friends) was involved in many aspects of the club. She regularly attended short mat bowls, sequence dancing, coffee mornings, and outings. She took turns on the Tea Rota, made cakes for coffee mornings as well as being co-founder with Ann Seager of the Games Afternoons. Little Bet also organised theatre trips, with Len Sharpe's assistance. She was a keen player of Rummikub and her skill at the game greatly impressed the other players.



The children of Bo-Peeps Pre-School planted forget-me-nots in the garden of Halling Community Centre in memory of Little Bet.

Fire, Wealth and Power

The present Palace of Westminster or Houses of Parliament was built in the nineteenth century to replace the previous parliament buildings which had been destroyed in a fire in 1834. Apparently, it was the worst fire in London between the Great Fire of 1666 and the Blitz during the Second World War. The cause of the fire was burning no longer required tally sticks. Tally sticks were wooden sticks which had been used since the Middle Ages to keep accounts. They had become redundant in the Georgian Era.

When I discovered this, it struck me as somehow appropriate that symbols of wealth and power perished together in the flames. The symbol of wealth inflamed a blaze which consumed the symbol of power.

I don't know about you, but I have an uneasiness about both wealth and power. In 1887, in a letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton, Lord Acton wrote, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men." The Bible says, "The love of money is the root of all evil" (I Timothy 6^{10}).

You don't need much experience of the world to know that some people are completely ruthless in their desire to become rich or powerful or both, not caring whom they hurt on the way up, content to tell lies to get where they want to be, selfish when they've got there. It's also true, when you think about it, that wealth and power don't seem to bring much joy to those who have them. Look how quickly politicians age. As the Beetles sang, "Can't buy me love, everybody tells me so, can't buy me love, no no no, no!" But it's love that makes the world go round and God is love.

So what's the point of wealth and power? Well, of course, you can do great good if you've got a lot of money. People quite often say that, if they won the lottery, what they'd most like to do would be to see their families all right. Some say they would like to give really significant amounts to good causes. The problems are what would you be prepared to do in order to get rich? How many family quarrels are caused by money? Yet what, in the end matters more, money or people? And what would being rich do to you? Would it make you selfish? I've got a horrible feeling that, once you'd got money, it would be

hard to part with it. You might even come to feel that you were worth more than people who hadn't got money. Some rich people seem to feel like that as they expect society to defer to them and to their needs.

Similar things could be said of being powerful. If you have power, you are in a position to make the world a better place. I hope that this is the motive of many of those who go into politics. On the other hand, which of your principles would you be prepared to compromise in order to get into office? If you were powerful, would you be corrupted by power, as Lord Acton predicted?

Will wealth and power be consumed eternally in the flames of hell? Let me suggest a remedy. Look at it this way. Everything that we have is a gift from God – not only our possessions, but our talents, our time, ourselves and everything about us. So what we have is a gift. What we are is a gift. This world is a gift. Our families, our friends and our neighbours are a gift. We receive, therefore, thankfully everything we have. We are thankful for our lives. We are thankful for what we have. We are thankful for one another. To give thanks is to bless. If we receive everything as a gift, we treat everything with respect. We respect other people, if they are a gift too. We respect ourselves - simply because we are who we are, not because we are rich or powerful and certainly not because we think we are better than other people. God accepts me just as I am and that is the way He accepts you too in Christ. Being thankful for our lives and everything we have, we are generous too with our time, our possessions and our talents. They are given to us in trust. They are gifts of grace they are free, which means that we are stewards of the grace of God. We are answerable to Him in love for we do with our lives.

Looked at this way, wealth and power can be a blessing, rather than a curse, but wealth and power are never the point of life. The point of life is love and God is love.

Roger Knight, Rector of Cuxton & Halling, The Rectory, Cuxton, Rochester, Kent, ME2 1AF, 01634 717134, roger@cuxtonandhalling.org/uk

If you think an occasiona Friday eveni or cal

If you think you would like to come and join in the fun as an occasional helper, come to the Community Centre on a Friday evening between 6pm and 9pm for a chat,

> or call: Paula Wilkins-Smith on 07969 342953 or Les Hitchcock on 07518 931508

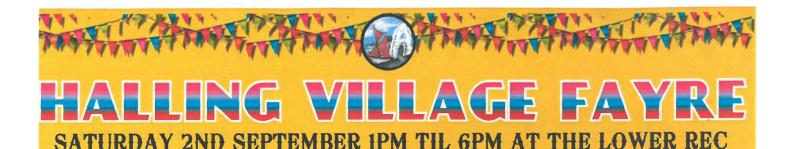
We have all been busy at Youth Club as always, which has only been possible with our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to all who help (however little), but make it possible to keep going. The members have had plenty of activities to keep them occupied, including a visit from Petaholics.

The members are always fascinated by the animals they meet!

There are plenty more activities being arranged for the coming months. These include: a trip to go indoor climbing, a skate day and an outing to the Panto. If you have any free time on a Friday (or to help on a trip), please come and see us on a Friday evening.

1st Session is for 8 to 11year olds. Times - 6pm till 7.30pm 2nd Session is for 11 to 15 year olds. Times - 7.45pm till 9.15pm





The Halling Village Fayre will be held a little later than usual, on Saturday 2nd of September, just in time for one last day of fun before we all go back to school and work! The lower recreation ground behind the old fire station will be host to stalls and games from local groups as well as inflatables, coconut shy, penalty shootout, displays from Petaholics and K9 Quackers!



This highly interactive sheepdog and duck herding display is a favourite of audiences of all ages!

During the show, Richard and his sheepdog sidekicks herd the naughty ducks through a variety obstacles such as the tunnel of doom, the slippery slide and the rings of fire!

Audience participation is encouraged



Food and Drink!

Lots on offer from traditional sweets and ice cream to the crazy lady catering van. The Parish council BBQ will be in

full swing throughout the day and for those of you with a sweet tooth, the Halling Sapphires WI will be providing a homemade cream tea. Licensed bar and Pimms

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bar will also be open in the marquee all day.





This year Halling will be host to a beautiful traditional carousel, perfect for little kids and big kids alike!

This perfect photo piece will be open all day on our fayre's token system.

Line up at the starting line and they're off!!!

Players bounce their way through the starting gates, up the

track and over the finish line!

Winners of each race will put into the Derby hopper finals to become the ultimate hopper jockey!

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COMPETITION THIS YEAR WILL
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YARD!

There will be prizes for

the winners in age groups, preschool, lower primary and upper primary

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- improve the quality of life for local communities.

I'm looking for volunteers to be trained up on the Speed Watch Scheme which will be operating in the following areas: Medway Gate (main road going down into it) / Medway City Estate / Rushdean Road Strood / Cliffe Road Strood / Vicarage Road Halling / High Street Halling / Carnation Road / Brompton Farm Road Strood / Watling Street Strood / Gravesend Road.

Full training will be provided. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Suzanne Delekat

Community Warden - Strood North/Strood South/Cuxton/Halling
Frontline Services, Medway Council

<u>suzanne.delekat@medway.gov.uk</u>

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on

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10am - Meet at The Five Bells

We have over 85,000 pennies.

We will be laying 1 mile of pennies through the village of Halling, weather depending. Anybody taking part, will be allocated a place in the village to lay the coins.

There will be ten points each, one tenth of a mile apart: the route has been worked out by the children from the school who did it as part of their maths challenge. Laying of the pennies is estimated to take around 4 hours to complete.

If you still have any pennies around the house please bring them to lay on the day.

Please come and support this event and show Kent Messenger what this village can achieve when we all pull together.

David Fenton-Scott - Project Manager please contact me if you would like to help

Hallingpennymile@gmail.com

Mobile: 07941 555386 Twitter@hpennymile



HALLING Women's Institute

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



7.30 2

September: Guardians of the Deep (KWT)

October: Spooky Kent with Neil Arnold

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If you have time to help and would like more information or apply to become a volunteer driver please contact Laura Hope

01634 283 224 or 07788 566 949 or email: Laura.hope@ncsgrp.co.uk



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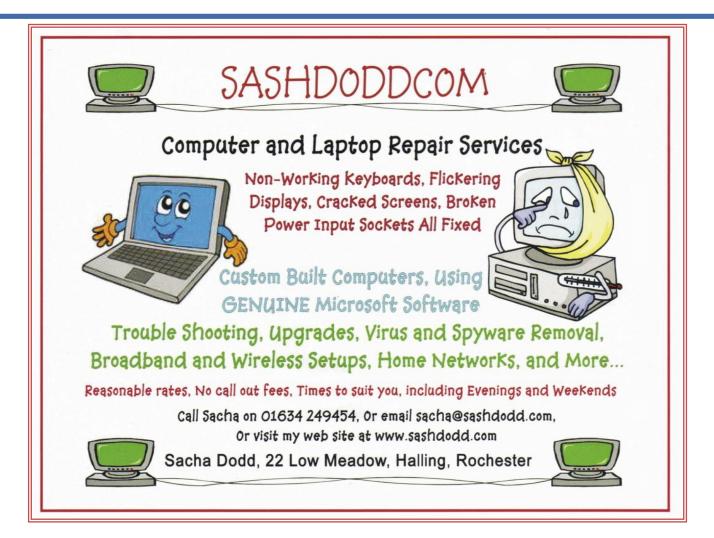
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