

Picturesque Halling: Photo courtesy of Liz O'Gorman



Well folks maybe we should go to Wouldham and look for the pot of gold that is their side of the river!!

We have received the precept and Rural Liaison Grant from Medway Council and the final payment from Tesco Bags of Help, so the Parish Council's finances are looking healthy.

The outdoor gym equipment has now been installed in the Lower Recreation Ground and is already being used. We are still debating what facilities we should install in the Upper Recreation Ground. We did hold a public consultation but only 3 members of the public turned up! If you have any suggestions to what facilities you think would be suitable, please use the form on the back page. Unfortunately, the youth shelter in the Lower Rec continues to be vandalised and used for anti-social purposes and so the decision has been made for it to be removed.

Fun Day is planned to be held on 2 September – more details to follow in due course.

We are replacing the chain barrier on Marsh Road with a more robust vehicular barrier to prevent unauthorised access. This should be completed in the very near future.

Negotiations continue with Medway Council and the Baptist Church in respect of the sale of the fire station. Progress is being made but it is not as fast as we would like. To allay residents' fears, the fire station has in fact not cost the Parish Council any money as Costain has hired the car park at the rear which has more than offset the cost of rates and maintenance.

Yet another planning application has been received for residential development in the village and the Parish Council has raised objections. It is our opinion that further development in the village will detract from the rural nature of Halling and adversely affect our enjoyment of the village.

Finally, those of you that park on the bus routes particularly in Upper Halling please make sure that you leave sufficient space for a bus to pass. Inconsiderate parking has caused the school bus to be delayed on a number of occasions and this is particularly worrying for parents and students during important exam time.

Cllr Chris Herbert, Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATION Medway Council ref: MC/17/1270

36 Flats and 57 parking spaces

proposed application for construction north of Formby Terrace on the old Cemex Office Site (opposite St Andrews Park)

Halling Parish Council has received the above planning application and feels it important to bring it to your attention so you can have your say

BY CLOSE ON 5TH JUNE

If you are concerned, the only valid points you may comment on are:

- The design of a development (The design should be high quality and in keeping with the original property and street scene)
- The effect on historic buildings, conservation areas and protected trees
- The potential effect on homes nearby, including loss of light, loss of outlook, closeness, loss of privacy and noise disturbance
- Any effect on vehicle, pedestrian or cycle safety

Reasons not permitted and will be ignored by Medway Council are:

- Covenants affecting properties
- Right to Light Act
- Devaluing your property
- Spoiling your view
- Work that crosses the boundary onto your property
- Nuisance caused by building work
- Disturbance from construction work

Please read your village notice boards and Halling Parish Council's website for updates.

If you have any objections, please send them to:

Karen Cronin, Case Officer at Medway Council Gun Wharf, Dock Road Chatham, ME4 4TR

Planning.representations@medway.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council. We are looking for dedicated villagers who are willing to give up their time voluntarily for the good of the village. Previous experience is not necessary and training will be given. Please apply to HPC or speak to The Clerk, Bill Swan or one of your Parish Councillors for more details.

Clerk's Office Opening Hours:

Mon & Fri 9.30am – 12pm Wed 9.30am – 4pm

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Bill Swan, Clerk

HALLNG PARISH COUNCIL

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Upper Ward: Councillor Matt Fearn

Councillor George Wenham Councillor Trevor Reynolds

North Ward: Vacancy

Vacancy

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

23rd AUGUST 2017 LATEST

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Halling Historical Society

present a Diary for 2017 at

The Jubilee Hall 7.30pm Browndens Road, Upper Halling

15th June 2017 Wilf Lower - T.V Golden Years

17th August 2017 Peter Hartley - Diamond Queen

19th October 2017 Stuart Robinson - Curiosities of London

14th December 2017 Wilf Lower - Last Days of the Music Hall

Tea, coffee and raffle. All visitors welcome £2.50



Brownies and adult volunteers contact; Trudy Fenton-Scott - 07714918542 em ail; trudybarnowl@orangehom e.

Jesus' Second Cousin

Jesus' Mother Mary had a cousin Elisabeth and Elisabeth had a baby who was six months older than Jesus. This little boy was, therefore, Jesus' second cousin and his birthday comes six months before Christmas on 24th June – which is near enough mid-Summer's Day, just as Jesus' birthday comes in the middle of Winter.

Elisabeth's son was called John and we call him the Baptist because he baptised thousands of people and he was the first person to do so. John baptised people in the River Jordan and Halling Church is next to the River Medway. I guess that is why our Church is dedicated to St John the Baptist.

John's task was to tell people to get ready. *The Kingdom of God is at hand*. God's Kingdom is a kingdom of justice. That's good news. There's far too much injustice in the world. I should think all of us have, at some time or another, been victims of injustice. It smarts. Even young children become indignant and make a fuss when something bad happens. They cry, *It's not fair!* As you grow older, there are far worse injustices than getting a smaller piece of cake than your sister. There are really serious injustices in the world and we cry out for justice. God's justice is good news. There is a God. He is in charge. He is just. We shall all get what we deserve.

But, hang on a minute. As well as being the victims of injustice, haven't we all also been perpetrators of injustice? Haven't we all sometimes treated other people unfairly? Can any of us honestly say that we have always treated other people the way we ought to have treated them? If you think you have always treated everybody else right, may I suggest that your standards are too low?

We cry out for justice, for people to get what they deserve, but would we really want to get what we deserve? If we had to give account to God for our lives today, could we honestly say that we deserve a place in heaven?

So how do you prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God? The sword of justice cuts both ways! John says that the answer is to repent and to be baptised. People ask him what *repent* means. It's simple enough. If you've got two coats, he says, give one to someone who hasn't got a coat. If you've got food, share it with someone who's hungry. If you're in business, don't cheat your customers, your workers or your employers. If you're in a position of power, don't bully people weaker than you. Being baptised in the River Jordan was a sign that you meant it. Your sins were washed away. You made a new beginning with God.

Thousands of people went to hear John and were baptised. He told them, however, that someone else was coming, much more important than he, someone who would baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Of course, John meant Jesus. Jesus came to John on the banks of the River Jordan and insisted on Himself being baptised by John. When Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit was seen to come upon Him in the form of a dove and the voice of God was heard from heaven acknowledging Jesus as His Son.

Three years later, when Jesus had been crucified and was risen from the dead, before He ascended into Heaven, He told His disciples to tell the whole world about Him, to teach people what He had taught them and to obey His commandments. All those who repented and believed were to be baptised in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. All those who are baptised in His Name are born again, born from above. We make a fresh start. Our sins are washed away. We receive God's Holy Spirit. We pray to God as *Our Father*.

Because Halling Church is dedicated to St John the Baptist, his birthday is special to us in this village. We keep the 24th June as our Patronal Festival. This year it falls on a Saturday and we shall be celebrating with a service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am. I hope Halling people will want join us. I wonder if some who don't normally come on a Sunday might think of this as something different which they could try? Maybe see you then.

Roger Knight, Rector of Cuxton and Halling.



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How the fund works

Every time our members buy Co-op branded products and services, from buying a loaf of bread to planning a funeral, 1% of their spend goes to a local cause, like yours.

For the 6 months you're part of the fund the money builds up. Throughout the 6 months, members can choose which cause their contribution goes to.

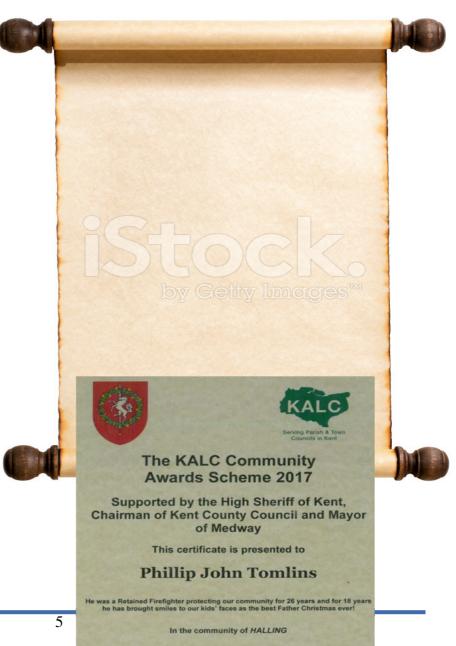
You'll receive your funding at the end, if members don't choose a cause during the 6 months we'll share the contribution they've built up equally between the causes in their community.

Select your cause

REMEMBER.....If you're a member, you can choose the local cause you want your own 1% to go to.

HALLING AWARDS & HONOURS







HALARA

Halling Active Retirement Association

LIST OF ACTIVITES AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS TO ENJOY

When	What	Time	Where	
1 st 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	Short Mat Bowls	2pm - 4pm	Halling Community Centre Various locations with lunch at a	
Wednesday	Rambles - Monthly		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		In-house Entertainment Organised by Ann Seager	

Secretary: Carole Nunn - Tel: 01634 716 049 - email: carole.nunn@tesco.net

http://www.halara.talktalk.net webmaster: Mike Ashdown

Visitors most welcome

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

Ryarsh Village Fete







Saturday June 17th 1-5 pm

Ryarsh Village Green

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Music, Funfair, Games, Beer Tent



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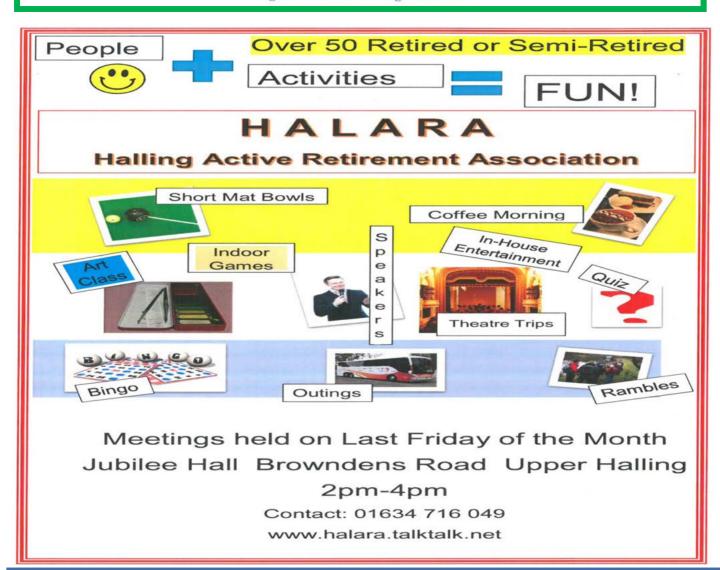
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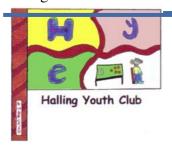
This year's charities are Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance and Leybourne Grange

Riding School for the Disabled

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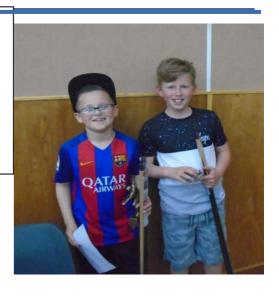




1st Session is for 8 to 11year olds.
Times - 6pm till 7.30pm
2nd Session is for 11 to 15 year olds.
Times - 7.45pm till 9.15pm

We all wish to say thank you to all the Youth Club members who entered our annual pool competition. It was very enjoyable to watch. Congratulations go to Taylor Wescott who was overall winner with Morgan Humphrey coming a very close second.

There is always plenty to keep the members entertained. On 28th April they all had fun learning circus skills.





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

Exciting News

Starfish Swimming Lessons are coming to Halling Primary School!



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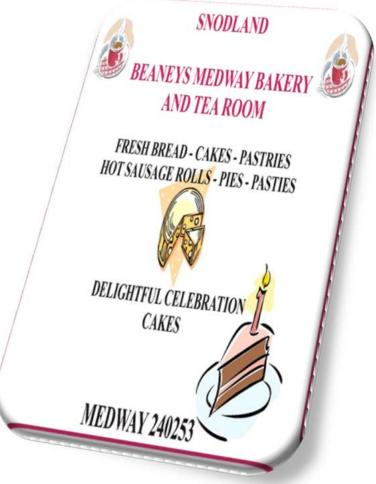
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Please include a brief outline of your issues.



COMPETITION WINNER: Kim Bagwell

The answers:
Councillor George Wenham
and the young lad, in the cage with Sheena
the tiger, went on to become a fighter pilot.





Jubilee Hall Window fund Penny Mile Challenge

On <u>Saturday 16th September</u> weather permitting, we are aiming to lay 1 mile of pennies through the village of Halling, in order to do this we need to collect over 84,480 pennies.

So far we have 52,300 pennies with 32,180 pennies to go

In order for this to work we need as many villagers young and old not only to donate the pennies but also to lay them in September, the aim of this challenge is not only to raise money for the Jubilee Hall window fund but to bring the village together in a fun and exciting way. There are several collection points through out the village in which money can be donated, the collecting points are at Halling Primary School 09:00-15:30, Halling Post Office 05:30 – 19:00, Halling Girl Guiding at Jubilee Hall Thursday 16:00-20:30 term time only.

The last day for coin collection will be on 12th August after this date pennies can be brought along on the day, you can now follow us on twitter to keep upto date

We will also need ten marshals, seventeen buckets and a person with a van for the day David Fenton-Scott - Project manager please contact me if you would like to help

Hallingpennymile@gmail.com

Mobile.07941 555386

Twitter @hpennymile

"I came that they may have life..."

Halling Baptist Church

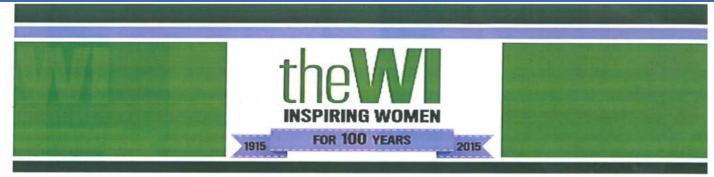
Jesus made bold statements like the one above (John 10:10). Should we even be giving any attention to something said over two thousand years ago? Is it relevant to us or is it even true? Isn't faith anything you make it up to be for people just to feel better? Shouldn't we just forget religion and share the love? After all, isn't religion the cause of all the trouble? Is the life that Jesus promises consistent with reality? Is it real life?

To answer questions like these and more we have put together a series of talks, discussions and activities to address the questions people typically ask regarding Christianity with the aim of presenting you with the good news about Jesus. The meetings will be led by book authors, a former research scientist, international speakers, church pastors, and ordinary people like you and me. Come and bring your doubts and questions with you to any of the meetings! We will also have a space for mums and tots, and a pizza night for teenagers alongside fun activities. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Real Life Medway Valley, June 18-25, 2017					
Day	Topic	Speaker			
Venue: Halling Baptist Church, Vicarage Road, Halling ME2 1BE					
Sun 18, 11:00 AM	What is the Gospel all About?	Barry King			
Sun 18, 6:30 PM	Can A Good God allow Pain, Suffering and Death?	Steve Lloyd			
Mon 19, 7:00 PM	Is God Good?	Barry King			
Wed 21, 10:00 AM	Parents, Carers, Babies and Toddlers				
Wed 21, 7:00 PM	Religion: Cause of all the trouble?	Ryan, Sonny, Daniel & Kevin			
Thu 22, 10:00 PM	Parents, Carers, Babies and Toddlers				
Fri 23, 3:00 PM	Growing Old Gracefully! (Seniors)	Keith Barrett			
Sat 24, 7:00 PM	What's Life About? (IMPACT-Teens Pizza Night)				
Sun 25, 11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Service with special guest speaker	Steve McAlister			
Sun 25, 6:30 PM	The Choice We All Face	Adrian Tribe			

Venue: Ryarsh Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Ryarsh ME19 5LX				
Sun 18, 4:00 PM	Is God Good?	Barry King		
Tue 20, 7:00 PM	Can Bad People Go to Heaven?	Adam Laughton		
Fri 23, 7:00 PM	Christians and the Moral Revolution: Redefinition of Sex, Marriage, and the Very Meaning of Right and Wrong	Al Mohler		
Sun 25, 4:00 PM	Sunday Service with special guest speaker	Steve McAlister		

Venue: Barming Pavilion, Church Lane, Barming ME169HA				
Thu 22, 7:00 PM	The Pilgrim's Progress of John Bunyan (Historical talk)	Jeremy Walker		



HALLING Women's Institute

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

at

7.30 ₹

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hallingwi@yahoo.com
 Halling Sapphires W.I
New Members and Visitors Welcome!

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On Friday May 5th 2017, the Halling Sapphires WI took part in the National Lonely Bouquet Day. The idea of the Lonely Bouquet is to spread a little joy by making a small bouquet, or even just a single bloom, and leaving it somewhere for someone to find.

A group of our members got together that morning and made approximately 40 beautiful bouquets which they then placed around Halling. We were glad to see that the majority were found and enjoyed by residents of our lovely village, or passed on to share the love! Many of the finders posted pictures on the Simply Halling Facebook page and the responses were wonderful. Thank you to you all for giving our Lonely Bouquets a loving home!



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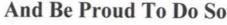
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Champions!!

Halling Football Club needed to win 8-0 to secure the Division One title of the Medway Messenger League and ended up beating New Brompton Gills 15-0, against all odds to win their first title of the MMSFL Division One,

after reforming three years ago.

We would like to thank everyone involved in this title win, and are looking forward to the next season in the Medway Messenger Premier Division.

Halling Football Club will be holding open trails this year, around mid to end July. So if you're interested in joining or just fancy a kickabout come along.

All Details of these trials, fixtures, tables and much more

info can be found on our facebook page- Halling Football Club or on our website hallingfc.leaguerepublic.com

WELL DONE ALSO TO OUR HALLING MINORS

Halling Minors u9 team won the final of the Broadstairs Cup on penalties against Thanet. Reece Pickard with 2 great penalty saves with Samuel Taylor and captain Harry Philpott scoring the penalties.

Halling Minors u9 winning team is from back left to right Logan Hall, Jack Curtis, Samuel Taylor, Harry Philpott, Daniel Jeeves, Floella Evans and bottom left to right Taylor Wescott, Reece Pickard and Theo Standley.

Coaches of the team are Dan Evans and Ben Curtis.



Good weekend for Halling Minors.

So proud of the kids and the performances they put on throughout the tournament, deserved to win not just for their performance at the tournament but for the continuous effort and commitment they have shown all season.

Our Under 7s, Halling Minors, reached the final, narrowly losing 1-0 to Margate Academy. Halling hit the crossbar in the last minute which would have taken the match to penalties.

Goal of the tournament went to Bobby Healy (7) of Halling Minors u7 who scored an amazing diving header from a cross by his brother Jack Healy.



Tom Stone – Halling Minors Chairman



Friday 19th Dec

Mon 8th December

Fri 12th December



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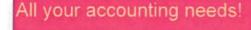
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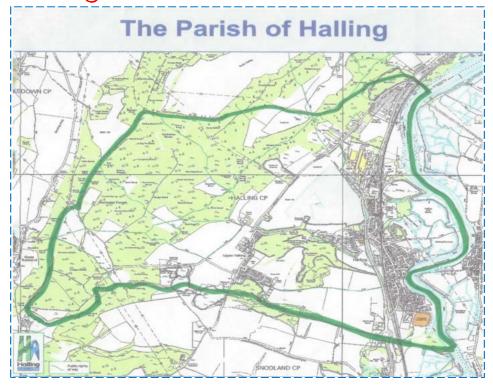


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Have your say.....



We appreciate not everyone can attend Parish Council Meetings where matters can be raised by residents under parishioners' question time. Therefore, we welcome you to contact your Parish Councillors or fill in and return the slip below to the Parish Office.

- * Alternatively, email us : hallingclerk@btconnect.com
- * There are 9 notice boards around the village which are updated regularly with village information and also you can read what's going on, on our website: **WWW.HALLING-PC.CO.UK**
- * <u>Community Award Nominations</u>: If you feel that a member of our community deserves recognition, please give their name, contact details and reasons why you feel they deserve the award.

Please remember your Councillors act for you voluntarily in the interest of the village as a whole and any matters brought to the attention of the office are given to Councillors to discuss/act upon if necessary.

To Bill Swan, Clerk to Halling Parish Council The Community Centre, 93 High Street, Lower Halling, Rochester ME2 1BS

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