

# HALLING VIEW

Photo from Picturesque Halling; courtesy of Paul Bullivant



Please allow me introduce myself my name is Paul Crispe and I have lived in the village since 2004. I have been on the Parish Council since December 2016.

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying a big thank you to Councillor Chris Herbert who has done a sterling job as our previous Chairman. He is a very hard act to follow.

Sadly, we have had two councillors resign recently, Councillor Les Hitchcock and Councillor Andy Simpson; I would like to thank them both for their hard work and commitment over the years as councillors.

I am also saddened to report that we will be losing another councillor shortly, Councillor Trevor Reynolds, who will be moving out of area. Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to him for his hard work and continued support over the years. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him well for the future.

We had our APM on the 26th May, which unfortunately was not as well attended as I would have liked, however I am excited about the future and working more closely together to make our plans come together.

Halling Parish Council are currently in the process of arranging for some quotes to install new play equipment in the upper recreation ground. We will be holding a consultation meeting with Parishioners in the near future to establish your visions. Please see details of our meeting enclosed, where we hope to display our proposed plans in order for you to make any comments on improvements etc.

Unfortunately there will be no fun day this year as we are planning to hold a special event day to celebrate the end of WW1 instead. Please therefore keep an eye on our notice boards for further information which will be released shortly.

We also hope to be holding a special ceremony in July at the Community Centre to award Mr. Les Hitchcock 'The Freedom of the Village'. This prestigious award is being awarded to Mr. Hitchcock in recognition for his hard work in the village, which has spanned over the past 20 years and more!! Well done Les!

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to those of you who walk the footpaths and the Marsh. We are aware that a lot of the paths are getting rather over grown, however I am pleased to report that Environmental have been down the Marsh over the past couple of weeks cutting back the river bank (and in my opinion they have made a good job of it!). As of the 22nd of June the community pay back team will also be starting to cut back the remaining foot paths and plough paths. (With a team of 8 people visiting fortnightly we do hope to have these under control shortly – please bear with us).

At our last Parish Council meeting it was suggested that Parishioners submit their questions to the Parish Council at least one week before the meeting takes place, in order to allow us time to come back either in the meeting itself with answers or as soon as possible afterwards. We feel that this could work better, as quite often when questions are asked Parishioners do not always receive their responses until the following meeting. Therefore if you do have questions please submit them to the Parish Council office either in person or by e-mail or telephone.

Best wishes

**Paul Crispe ~ Chairman**

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## Zack and Betty

Zack and Betty were a lovely old couple and everybody loved them. Zack had been vicar of his tiny country parish for as long as most people could remember and Betty had always been his faithful companion and partner in showing kindness to everybody in the community. Their one sadness was that they had never been able to have children and now it was too late. They were both too old.

Zack's long and faithful service had been honoured with the title of canon, which meant that he was sometimes expected to minister in the cathedral. On one such occasion, he was praying alone in the Lady Chapel when, to his astonishment, he saw an angel standing beside the altar. Now, Zack had believed in angels all his life, had often thought of them invisibly guarding us on our way through life and inaudibly sharing in our songs of worship. He expected, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to spend eternity in heaven with the angels singing God's praises. He had never, however, expected to see an angel on earth! Zack was scared, but the angel told him not to be afraid. Zack's prayers would at last be answered. Betty would bear a child. His name would be John. His life would be dedicated to the Lord and he would do great things. He would prepare people for the coming Kingdom of God.

It was all too much for Zack, "How do I know all this is true?" he said to the angel. "My wife and I are too old."

The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God. He sent me to tell you this good news, but because you don't believe me, you won't be able to speak again until it all happens."

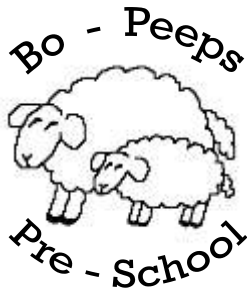
So they went home to their own village and, in due course, Betty discovered that she was pregnant. She felt so shy about it that she hid herself away. Six months into the pregnancy, Betty had a visit from her cousin Miriam. Miriam, too, had had a visit from the angel and she too was going to have a baby. His name would be Joshua because, through Him, the Lord would save the world. The two women praised God together and even Betty's unborn child jumped for joy in his mother's womb.

When Betty's baby was born, they took him to church to be christened. When the vicar asked the godparents to "name this child", they called him Zachariah after his father, but Betty stopped the ceremony and demanded that he should be called John, as the angel had said. They argued, but she insisted on asking the baby's father even though he still couldn't speak. Zack wrote down, "His name is John". Zack recovered his voice and praised the Lord, as did they all, while wondering what all this would lead to.



That's my go at updating the story of the Birth of St John the Baptist. You can read what really happened in St Luke's Gospel chapter 1. John went on to prepare the way for Jesus, Who is, of course, the Saviour of the world.

**Roger Knight,  
Rector of Cuxton & Halling.**



## **20<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

On 21st April 1998, Bo-peeps Pre-school opened its doors for the first time, with 3 staff members and 12 children on our register. Twenty years later, we now have a daily maximum cohort of 36 children and 10 staff. Children have, and always will be, at the heart of everything we do and we have met some wonderful children (and their families) over the years. We were very proud to celebrate our twentieth birthday with a party in the park for all children and their families.

Thanks to our dedicated staff, we have always risen to the challenges faced through legal requirements and consequently have many achievements to celebrate. Over time, we have participated in two quality assurance schemes - within our first five years of opening, we were awarded the Pre-school Learning Alliances Accreditation, and we were the first pre-school in Medway to be awarded the I CAN Early Talk accreditation, with a pass mark of 98.4% . Our Ofsted reports have always been good. Thanks go to all those who have contributed to our success over the past twenty years and for the support received from the community during that time.





# Kent Police

Crime prevention – Remember the WIDE principle:

- W Window locks on every window**
- I Interior lights left on a timer when you are away**
- D Double or dead bolts fitted on doors**
- E Exterior lights on a sensor.**

Make sure your back door is locked if someone knocks at your front door. Sometimes thieves work together with one coming in the back way, while the other keeps you talking at the front.  
Crime prevention – Use timers so that lights, radios and TVs go on and off to indicate someone is at home.

Don't keep large amounts of money in your home. Keep it in a bank or building society where it is much safer

It is especially important not to let strangers into your home. Fit a door chain and viewer, and remember:  
Never give out personal details such as credit card information to strangers who come to your door or call you

Never let a maintenance or service man who has just turned up at your door into your home

Always check ID of maintenance men that you are expecting. You can check these details with their employer before you let them in. Some may use a pre arranged password system to protect vulnerable people but if you are ever in doubt ask them to come back when someone else is with you.

Stay safe.



## Police surgery – Cuxton/Halling

Your local officers will be holding a police surgery on:

**17<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**Halling Community Hall**  
**16.00 to 17.00**



**Come and speak to local officers about your concerns on crime and anti-social behaviour**

Your local officer is **PCSO Carrie-Ann Boswell** and will see people individually on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact your local policing team by calling **101**.

Please see notice board for future dates and any changes.

For news, safety advice and information about policing in your area, visit [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)



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**There still appears to be a handful of youths in the village that ride their bikes at excessive speeds both in and out of cars and try to perform stunts in the middle of the road.**



**Please warn your children, that this action could result in serious injury to both riders and drivers, if they were to cause an accident. Please advise them also that abusive behavior towards others will not be tolerated.**

# HALLING DOG OWNERS



Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard!!  
If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up **every time** your dog messes in a public place.

**KEEP HALLING CLEAN!!**

**HALLING IS A VILLAGE NOT A TOILET!**

**Beware:** The plough paths and footpaths are growing fast this time of year. Please could we remind all dog owners to be vigilant of the safety of themselves and their dogs in these areas

## **! TICKS !**

Check your dogs regularly for this tiny parasite which likes to hide in long grasses (especially over the summer months!)

**1st Annual Halling Fun Dog Show**  
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# EVENTS

## HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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



### INVITATION

#### **AWARD CEREMONY FOR THE 'FREEDOM OF HALLING PARISH' AWARDED TO MR. LES HITCHCOCK**

**ON: TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**  
**AT: HALLING PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TIME: 19.30 ONWARDS**

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# HALLING Women's Institute

The super Easter Bunny hunt and afternoon tea was a great success. A great big thank you to all involved, here are a few pictures of our event enclosed below.



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## **“Physicists 'PROVE' God DIDN'T create the Universe”**

**by Jasmine Brown, 26, Masters Physics Graduate and member of Halling Baptist Church**

How do you feel when you come across newspaper articles and television documentaries that claim the latest scientific evidence proves that God doesn't exist? These are undoubtedly clever people with a wealth of scientific knowledge and understanding - so maybe they're right!

I read an article like that recently: “HISTORIC DISCOVERY: Physicists 'PROVE' God DIDN'T create the Universe”. I'm a scientist myself and I'd like to outline a simple but important idea which helped me, and I hope will help you, understand whether what they are saying is right.

In many articles of this sort the science is very interesting, however they say very little about God's existence. Let me outline a very common error which will underpin *most* people's claims that God didn't create the Universe. Broadly speaking, science pursues knowledge of the physical, material world. Scientists observe the world, take measurements, write down what they find and try to explain it. Scientific advancement in the past 400 years has been incredible, and the more we probe the more complex and intricate we realise the Universe is. But in a sense, that is *all* we realise - more and more detailed understanding of what exists. And here we meet the error of **confusing what's called 'agency' with 'mechanism'**. Science has everything to do with '**mechanism**' but nothing to do with '**agency**'. God is the **agent**. Understanding one does not, actually *cannot*, disprove the other.

Let me use the example of an iPhone - something most of us will be familiar with. Perhaps you even have one in your pocket right now. Imagine you took apart your iPhone, and went into the Apple store and asked an expert to tell you all she could about the phone. She sits you down with a nice cup of tea and starts by telling you about the sorts of things you can do with it: you can make phone calls, take photographs, check Facebook. Then she explains that it has a screen and it's powered by a battery you must charge. She then goes on to talk about electricity in the battery, the laws of Physics that mean the battery can hold a charge to power the phone. Maybe she even draws you circuit diagrams. She goes further and talks about the amazing complexity of the tiny silicon chip inside the iPhone that means it can be so small and yet capable of so much. You're amazed! And there are things about the iPhone that she hasn't even begun to speak of.

But then she says this, “So I hope you can see that we can actually understand the iPhone in quite incredible detail, so I don't really think we need Steve Jobs any more. I mean, he was a nice idea, but we know so much about the iPhone now that I'm not sure he even existed.”

Confused? I would be! What a silly thing to say. Well whatever your feelings about Steve Jobs and Apple, you know it's ridiculous to think that understanding the inner workings of an iPhone could disprove Steve Jobs' existence. Here, things like electricity and silicon chips are '**mechanisms**' and Steve Jobs is the '**agent**'.

Well just reread that quote, but this time instead of 'iPhone' say 'Universe', and instead of 'Steve Jobs' say 'God'. This is the sort of argument you're really reading and as amazing as the discoveries of science can be—and I hope you do find some of them as exciting as I do—none of them can disprove God's existence. In fact the opposite is true. The Bible says, 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.'

Therefore more we discover about the Universe the more we discover about God and the more reasons we have to praise Him. But don't just take my word for it! Investigate for yourself. Even better—come along to our discussion evening on science and ask your questions and give your opinion! Details below.

### **2018 Bible study series.**

**Halling Baptist Church, Vicarage Rd, ME2 1BE**

***Is the Bible reliable when it comes to:***

***Evolution – Thu 21 June, 19:30 Hrs | World Religions – Thu 26 July, 19:30 Hrs | Atheism – Thu 27 September, 19:30 Hrs | The Occult – Thu 25 October, 19:30 Hrs |***

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### DIARY FOR 2018

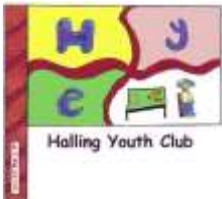
#### Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

THE HOMEGUARD	Mr. Tony Whiting	16 August
A HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE	Ms Suzanne Dackomb	18 October
SOCIAL EVENING FUND RAISER		13 <sup>th</sup> 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*



<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session</b>	<b>(6.00 pm – 7.30 pm)</b>	<b>8-11 year olds</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session</b>	<b>(7.45pm – 9.15 pm)</b>	<b>11-15 year olds</b>

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. At the moment we are in the middle of our annual Pool competition and rehearsing for a Talent show.



Some of our members have enjoyed having a go on the trampolines at Larkfield Leisure Centre and, more recently, some took part in a drama workshop thanks to Kate from Bindlesticks.

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

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## FOOTPATH NEWS

After a thoroughly enjoyable run of cutting and keeping open the marsh footpaths, I bow out with regret. Age comes into it, my wife insists that it's a job for a younger man, and my main helper, John Martin, has moved recently to Norfolk. John was the perfect partner as we kept the footpaths open together because he worked twice as quickly as I did!

For the 40+ years I've lived in Halling, I've walked the marsh footpaths and those further afield up, over and well beyond the hills and woods with old friends such as Ben Cook and the late Ted 'Bullet' Stevens. It was good and care-free walking on recognised footpaths. The care-free element changed in part when the northern part of Halling's marshes and some fields passed into new private ownership. The new landowner immediately closed a public footpath, the RS320. Local people did not take this lying down, and made their case so persistently that, finally, the *Government* appointed a Chairman to preside over two legal teams led by barristers, one of which represented Halling. Local people called as witnesses gave evidence that they had walked the closed footpath for up to 50 years: the approximate yardstick for a path to be recognised as a public one is that it has to be shown to have been walked continuously for 20 years. Fortunately, we had photographs to show that footpath and stiles for walkers (and to confine cattle) had always been there. Halling won this (unnecessary) legal tussle after a three day hearing (with costs paid by the loser), but the closed footpath had become almost totally overgrown in the 8 years it had been barbed-wired shut. Muff Parker and John Coleman spent many bloodied days helping to cut through walls of wood and thorns to open the path, and then dispose of cut branches and foliage. This footpath won back for the village is, essentially, the one that starts to the immediate left of the main marsh gate at the bottom of Marsh Road, and continues to the river inlet by the Cemex complex – when it becomes the RS319 round the river to Maximillian Drive.

It would be gratifying if other – younger – people volunteered to trim the grass and cut back bushes along the footpaths. If this hard-won footpath was now lost to nature and neglect, it would be a tragedy, and the land-owner would have won.

HPC would be delighted to hear from volunteers. The email address is [hallingclerk@btconnect.com](mailto:hallingclerk@btconnect.com) The Parish Council has all the right equipment: a *Stihl* petrol-driven strimmer, a support-harness, and head-wear to protect the user's eyes and ears. I won't pretend that it's not hot work at times, and that flies can be a nuisance, but it's a job that needs to be done twice only in the growing season. Everyone who walks these paths could help (many do) by keeping the bramble shoots trimmed by carrying secateurs. It was John Martin and Andy Beman who helped cut open another neglected path which runs from the immediate right of the marsh gate to Maximillian Drive. We thought it amusing to call this new path 'The Four Dogs Path' because it was that many dogs John Martin walked.

I thank my various helpers, local people who have expressed their appreciation of our work, and HPC for backing me as the fight was won to enable people to walk the footpath across the land-owner's ground, and to link up with the riverside paths. Walk all these paths with confidence: the law is on your side. They are *public* footpaths, and will be shown on the next Ordnance Survey map for the area.

Good news is that HPC has plans to make access to the marsh footpaths easier for everyone by replacing, where practical, some stiles with wider, metal arc-kissing gates, and carrying out repairs to other stiles, steps and fences.

My parting wish is that HPC's and Medway Council's desire for a 'permissive footpath' from the bottom of the Plough Path to Whitting's Farm finds early resolution. Papers have long been ready for signature.

**Barry Barnes**

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# 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 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 more active brains!).

Weekly activities include Short Mat Bowls at the Community Centre, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, (also open to non members). Coffee mornings are held at the Community Centre Thursdays Art Classes (water colour) at the Jubilee Hall each Friday 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.

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August	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	
September	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>

## **Forthcoming Parish Council meetings:**

Monday	4	June	2018	19.30	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	17	July	2018	19.30	Community Centre
Monday	6	August	2018	19.30	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	11	September	2018	19.30	Community Centre
Monday	8	October	2018	19.30	Jubilee Hall
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

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SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE / ADVERT BY:**

**MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018**

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Prices per annum based on an A5 page: **FULL page £280 / HALF page £150 /  
QUARTER page £80 / EIGHTH page £50**

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**HALLNG PARISH COUNCIL**

Lower Ward: Chairman Paul Crispe  
Vice-Chair Richard Thorne  
Councillor Chris Herbert  
Councillor Kelly Talbot

**VACANCY**  
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Upper Ward: Councillor Matt Fearn  
Councillor Trevor Reynolds

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North Ward: Councillor Anita Butterfield

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**PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

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**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**

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

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