

HALLINGVIEW

Photo from Picturesque Halling; courtesy of Trish Abbott



What a confused world we live in! The events of the last weeks have left me quite breathless.

Firstly there was the Xmas event; I am told everyone enjoyed themselves and Santa was sent on his way to make his final arrangements for his labours on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to ill health.

Next came further delays in the completion of the sale of the Fire Station to the Baptist Chapel. On this front I can tell you that the Council is working very hard to satisfy all the questions and observations that the purchaser's legal team keep raising. Just so that everyone was clear, I tabled a motion at the last full Council meeting re-affirming our intention to proceed with the sale and this was passed unanimously. As it stands now, I hope to be able to announce that the sale is complete in the next edition of Halling View.

We have received notification from Medway Council that the Planning Applications for the flats adjacent to the entry to the Cemex site have been refused. I know quite a number of you were concerned over this application and raised objections, as did the Parish Council. At a late stage Cemex and Southern Water entered objections of their own which seem to have been the deciding factor.

The Council set the Precept for the financial year 2018/19 at its full meeting on 12th February and I am please to tell you that the total charge has not changed from last year. In fact, this is the third year that we have pegged the Precept at £51,500. This will represent a reduction of some 6% to each household due to the increased number of dwellings in the village.

Unfortunately, we are experiencing staffing problems at present and consequently the office is not being manned on a regular basis. If you have any real concerns please contact your Ward Parish Councillor. Thanks to Trudi for coming back into the office to do this issue of Halling View.

That's it for now. As I look out of the window it is snowing heavily following a cold night. Drive carefully and keep safe.

Wishing you all a belated happy new year.

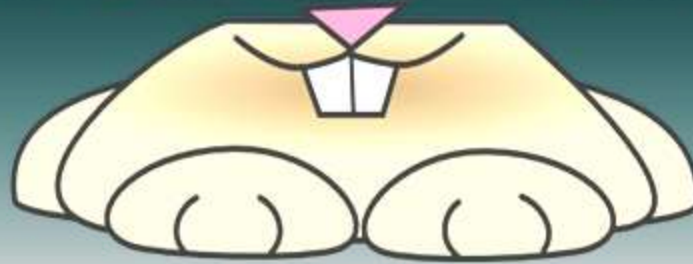
Chris Herbert, Chairman

HALLING SAPPHIRES WI



presents

Halling Village Easter Treasure Hunt



31st
March

Start at
Halling Community
Centre

12^{noon}
to
4^{pm}

Afternoon tea with special
guest:
the **Easter Bunny**

£2.50 per child 3yrs+ (pre booking required)

Refreshments
Stalls
Crafts and activities
Face painting

Find the **bunnies** around a
certain area of the village
to win an Easter treat

£1 per child

Mark's Magic
between
1 – 3pm

Free to enter
Easter bonnet
competition

*Halling Sapphires WI would like to thank Halling Community Centre, Parish Council
and Halling Association for their contributions towards making this event possible.*

Further details on  Halling Village Easter Hunt 2018

April Fool

April Fool's Day this year is the same day as Easter Day. That thought stimulates our brains. One of the early explanations of what happened at Easter is that the Devil was made a fool of. He thought he had the Son of God in his power. Inspired by Satan, human beings had tortured to death the only truly good man who has ever lived. It looked like a victory for evil over good and death over life. The Devil appeared to have won. Jesus was dead on the cross and buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea.

On the Sunday morning, however, the tomb was empty. Women and men encountered the risen Christ. Jesus is alive. Christ is risen. Life in fact has conquered death. Good has conquered evil. Through faith in Christ, human lives are wonderfully transformed through the experience of His Holy Spirit. The Devil has been defeated. The love of God is more powerful than all the wickedness in the world. Satan took the bait of Jesus' offering of Himself in love and, by doing so, ended his own tyranny over humanity.

That's one way of look at the coincidence of Easter and April Fool's Day. Here's another way. Lots of people would say that the Easter story is foolishness. If God wanted to defeat the powers of wickedness and death, surely the way to do it would have been with an almighty demonstration of miraculous power. God could have performed tremendous signs and wonders which would have compelled people to believe. He could just strike down all the wicked people in the world. He could easily outsmart us, given His infinite wisdom. Wouldn't we do something like that if we were God? Meet force with force, cunning with cunning. Yet God didn't do that. He overcame evil with good. Jesus willingly offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It might look like foolishness to the people of the world, but, in fact, Jesus is the wisdom and power of God. Evil can't be defeated by evil. Evil can only be beaten by good. Death isn't overcome by killing others, but by Christ dying on our behalf. You don't destroy the devil and all his works by becoming even more devilish than Satan. You overwhelm hatred and indifference to others' needs only by self-sacrificial love.

April fool, Easter Day. Think about it.



We're marking these events this year as follows. All, of course, welcome.

Maundy Thursday (29th March): Holy Communion at St John's Halling at 9.30 am and a Passover Supper at 7.00 pm at the Church Hall, Rochester Road, Cuxton, ME2 1AF.

Good Friday (30th March): Family Services at St Michael's Cuxton at 10.00 am and the Three Hour Devotion from 12.00 at St John's Halling. You may, if you wish, attend for only parts of the Three Hour Devotion.

Easter Day: Holy Communion at 8.00 am at the Jubilee Hall, 9.30 am at St Michael's Cuxton and 11.00 am at St John's Halling.

More information is available from <http://cuxtonandhalling.org.uk/> or me on 01634 717134, roger@cuxtonandhalling.org.uk, The Rectory, 6, Rochester Road, Cuxton, ME2 1AF.

Roger Knight, Rector of Cuxton and Halling.



There are many scams and bogus callers around at the moment.
PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND WARN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.

Scams at the moment include: online emails, postal, phone calls and cold callers
**DO NOT GIVE OUT PERSONAL DETAILS / DO NOT HAND OVER CASH /
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IF YOU DIDN'T ENTER THE COMPETION YOU HAVENT WON!!!

Thankfully, Halling Village post office has stopped elderly residents from paying overseas scammers and fraudulent callers.

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DOG OWNER'S PAGE



YOU got the dog – it is **YOUR** RESPONSIBILITY.

HALLING IS **NOT** A DOG TOILET; IT IS A VILLAGE.

Pick it up like the **responsible** dog owners do.

!ALABAMA ROT!

There are now reported cases in the UK and the nearest is London!

Beware: Marsh ditches are boggy and waterlogged during winter months. There is the possibility of sheep grazing on the Marsh this year. Could all dog owners be vigilant with the safety of their dogs in this area.



The Great British Dog Walk

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Will you come with me on the Great British Dog Walk?

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Saturday 21 April 2018
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Halling Historical Society

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

DIARY FOR 2018

Jubilee Hall 7.30pm

DIRTY DARTFORD	Mr Christopher Bull	19 th April
LONDON DICKENS	Mr Stuart Robinson	21 st June
THE HOMEGUARD	Mr Tony Whiting	16 August
A HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE	Ms Suzanne Dackomb	18 October
SOCIAL EVENING FUND RAISER		13 th 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

Women's Institute

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH

at 7.30 P.M

JUBILEE HALL
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ME2 1JH

hallingwi@yahoo.com

Halling Sapphires W.I

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FOOTPATH NEWS

The only footpath item of village interest this time is the positive progress – at long, long last – of efforts to get a permissive path between the foot of the Plough Path (RS218) and Whitting's Farm.

All has been ready to go since Halling Parish Council agreed nearly two years ago to pay for the provision and installation (by Tarmac's contractor) of a metal arc-type kissing gate which will open wide enough for more than just pedestrians, and stock-proof fencing to provide a barrier between the path and Tarmac's tenant farmer's field and crops. Halling Parish Council will accept on-going responsibility for maintenance of the metal gate only. Medway Council will install some signage and sturdy poles as barriers to prevent unwanted access by vehicles from the A228 by-pass.

An agreement is to hand to be signed by three parties, Medway Council, Tarmac and Halling Parish Council. A major part of the delay has been due to one of the parties only recently returned from secondment.

What makes this permissive path so desirable is that walkers from Upper and North Halling en route, say, to the Holborough roundabout and Snodland will no longer need to risk their lives by crossing at least once the increasingly dangerous by-pass.

Barry Barnes



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All Enquiries, Please Contact:
01634 243696 (answer machine)
hallingcommunitycentre@gmail.com
Jim Sutherland – Bookings Secretary
01634 295575 / 07527 460908



There appears to be a new craze amongst some youths in Halling Village to act like idiots on their bikes in the road.



Please warn your children, however cool they are, that this action can result in serious injury to both riders and drivers.

It is also not cool to swear at the adults informing them of the dangers!



Police surgery – Cuxton/Halling

Your local officers will be holding a police surgery on:

15th March 2018

Halling Community Hall

19.30 to 20.30



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**



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Sunday 8th April
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7pm start**

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available from
Halling Post Office, HPC
Office,
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£5.50 on the door**



HALLING BAPTIST CHURCH



I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who took part in the Community Carol Service at Christmas! Thank you for joining us to give thanks to God for Jesus Christ our Lord, who came into the world to save us from our sins!

Thank you also to everyone who contributed towards our chosen charity this year. In particular, we give thanks to *Halling Primary School* for their very generous gift of £170.11.

The total amount sent to the *Alzheimer's Society* was: **£289.39**

Thank you!

Kevin Felix Hollington
Pastor of Halling Baptist Church

PS. **Halling Fire Station** — Volunteers needed. We are organising a couple of work days to do some preparation work and decoration in order to convert the old Fire Station into our new place of worship. If you are interested, call or text me on 07868 182423. Why not visit us for one of our services at the old tin Chapel, Sundays 11:00 am? Everyone is welcome!



Attention Youngsters!

Do you have any suggestions or ideas for running a 15+ youth club? We would love to hear from you! Join us on **Friday 20 April 2018, 7:30 pm** at Halling Baptist Church, Vicarage Road. There will be activities, games, hot-button topic discussions and, of course, **free pizza!**



NOTE: If you are 16 or younger, you will need to fill in a parental consent form which you can download from hallingbaptist.org.uk or obtained upon request. Our volunteers are DBS checked.

Village appeal — Do you have any items you would like to donate for the 15+ youth club? please get in touch! — Some ideas could be: a table tennis set, table games, nerf guns, etc. Please contact Artur on 07464 635187



Halling Gardening Society Spring Talk

Kent Wildlife Trust's Maureen Rainey will introduce the Wild About Gardens Awards and explain how the scheme works. She will demonstrate how easy it is to make any garden welcoming to wildlife and yet still look beautiful and productive, using images from gardens which have been part of the scheme.



7.30 pm Monday 12th March 2018 at the Jubilee Hall

Browndens Road, Upper Halling, Rochester, Kent

ALL WELCOME

HALARA



Fancy a game of Short Mat Bowls??

Halling Active Retirement Association's Tuesday Afternoon Short Mat Bowls is suffering from lack of players and there is a real danger it will have to be closed, especially as the hire fee for the hall has been increased and the amount received from the small numbers of players who attend does not cover the cost of the hall.

So we are asking everyone, 50 years or over, who would like to come along and play on a Tuesday. Beginners and experienced players welcome. Why not come along and have a go you may find a new hobby! We can lend you a set of bowls.

The session is from 2pm-4pm, at Halling Community Hall, High Street, Halling, parking at the rear of the building. Cost: £3.50 & 20p in the pot for tea & biscuits.

Further details from Carole Nunn

Secretary ~ HALARA

Halling Active Retirement Association

Halling

Please see our website for details of our activities

www.halara.talktalk.net

Halling Community Centre & Jubilee Hall

Secretary: Carole Nunn – Tel: 01634 716049

Carole.nunn@tesco.net

Richard Moyse will be talking about Ranscombe Farm Reserve at the members meeting on Friday 23rd March at Jubilee Hall 2pm.

Photos:

- HALARA members enjoyed their Christmas Lunch in a winter wonderland at Cobdown Sports and social club at Aylesford, a week before Christmas. Members were entertained by singer Peter Kneebone.
- HALARA members - below.



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

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Guides contact; Sarah Pettit – 07957380142 email; dippyduck81@yahoo.co.uk

Jubilee Hall

*Browndens Road,
Upper Halling*



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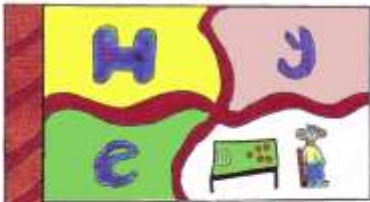
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2nd Session (7.45pm – 9.15 pm) for 11-15 year olds

Halling Youth Club is a fun, safe place which is open for all children of the village. We always have lots going on including: Football, Pool, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Competitions, Arts & Crafts etc... We have just recently had an interesting evening making slime, which was loved by all.

This was with the help of a mum who volunteered to help for the evening. If you wish to come to help for an occasional evening (or on a regular basis), feel free to visit us on a Friday evening in Halling Community Centre. Alternatively call Paula on 07969342953.




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Volunteering can be wonderful and fulfilling, it can provide help and support to those who need it the most. At Macmillan Crossroads Care Kent & Medway Volunteer Service, we support people affected by cancer and their carers. Our team provide quality information and guidance, along with a helpful assessment process to understand what support is needed.

Currently our volunteers provide:

- companionship
- emotional support
- light housework or gardening
- social outings
- shopping
- escorting to medical appointments



One of our valued volunteers Isabel has expressed the following; *“I became aware of the Macmillan Crossroads volunteer opportunity whilst volunteering for Pilgrims Hospice and they asked me to come in for an interview. The rest is history (well over 3 years of it) I visit people in their homes do bits of light gardening, light housework, shopping trips, health appointment visits and cups of tea and chats. I even get to work once again with students as I am lucky enough to be part of training and supporting 6th form students in this type of care work. The rewards are immense I have learnt so much from these people about lives led challenges faced and to still be faced, all is put into perspective. Life is for living and sharing even when time maybe in short supply. Give it a go Every visit is different and being part of a team is very enjoyable.”*

Can you spare some time each week?

Do you have a good listening ear, the first and most important part of helping?

Do you have a special interest or skill that someone could benefit from?

Volunteering is a very positive addition to your CV as it can demonstrate your commitment to a work ethic and your caring nature. There is also in-house training available for all volunteers and volunteering expenses can be reimbursed in line with our volunteering policy.

Local volunteers are required to help local people. At the moment, volunteers travel from all over the west Kent area to help local residents.

If you feel you'd like to make a difference when someone needs a helping hand, contact :

Jen or Charley on 01622 817114,
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Councillor Kelly Talbot
Councillor Richard Thorne

Upper Ward: Vice-Chair Cllr Matt Fearn
Councillor Trevor Reynolds
Vacancy

North Ward: Councillor Anita Butterfield
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Community Award Nominations: 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.

Your Parish Councillors live in Halling and 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.

If you would like the council to contact you regarding your comments below, please give your contact details otherwise this slip will be considered information only. ✍

TO : Halling Parish Council, Clerk

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