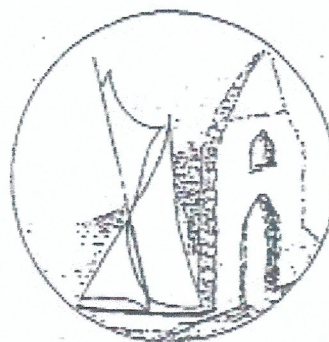


Halling View

the new quarterly village Newsletter.....



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Council Meetings 7.30pm

9 June - Jubilee Hall
14 July - Halling C.P. School

Boot Fair - 12 June 2 - 4 pm

Halling Play Group are holding a Boot Fair at Jubilee Hall car park. Pitches - £5 in advance or £6 on the day. Enquiries please to Mrs Chris Mitchell on 240570.

Halling W.I. - 21st Birthday

21 June - Party at Jubilee Hall

Halling C.P. School

6 July - Annual Parent Governors Meeting

Armada Day - 19 July

400th Anniversary!!!

Celebration lighting of beacon in Lower Halling Recreation Ground. Watch out for posters giving further details!

Gardening Club Summer Show

28 August - Jubilee Hall

See Notice Boards for future details.
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PLEASE NOTE... the Cuxton Rubbish Tip at Sundridge Hill is open

Monday-Friday	8.00am-4.30pm
Saturday	8.00am-4.00pm
Sunday	9.00am-1.00pm

BEST KEPT VILLAGE IN KENT COMPETITION 1988

Halling has again entered the annual competition to find the best cared for village in Kent. Last year we were awarded a special commendation certificate and a prize for community effort. This year we hope to do much better!! School children are competing in a slogan and poster competition: these will be displayed throughout the village. The individual or group judged to have made the most outstanding effort in caring for Halling will receive a prize and hold the Premlins Community Care Shield for one year. Prizes are sponsored by the Parish Council and Mr Ray Guntrip of Inta Mill (Southern) Ltd., Halling. Independent judges make surprise visits to Halling between now and the end of August. Winners will be announced in September.

How can you take part?

Simply by keeping your premises, front gardens and the immediate locality looking freshly neat and tidy - free of litter and rubbish. Remember the judges are not looking for the most picturesque, nor the most beautiful - just the best kept village. with your help that village can be HALLING!

If you have a special B.K.V. project in mind or you would like more information please telephone Cllr. Bob Smith on 240383 or Mrs Mary Acott on 243223.

HALLING PLAYGROUP

Play Group is held 4 days a week - Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays for 2½ year olds plus and on Wednesday mornings for 2-3 year olds.

If you would like to send your child to Play Group and would like more information, please contact Mrs Maureen Burren on 241264.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you are newly-resident in Halling, why not join the Halling Historical Society and learn more about the history of your adopted village? Halling has a wealth of fascinating history and the Society offers interesting illustrated talks and visits aimed at giving you a better understanding of that history. The annual membership subscription is only £2 (Senior Citizen £1.50). For more details and a membership application form contact 240383 or 241320 (eves.)

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HALLING W.I.

Are you a caring member of the community with an interest in the environment? Why not join Halling W.I. We meet at the Jubilee Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm and new members are sure of a warm welcome. Watch the Notice Board for details of meetings: there is usually a notice in the Post Office as well. Or why not come to our Birthday Party on 21st June? we might give you a piece of cake to take home but we can't guarantee a balloon as well! Further information from Mrs J Swatton, 15j Vicarage Road.

GARDENING CLUB

The Halling Jubilee Hall Garden Society was formed about 8 years ago for the benefit of all those in this village with an interest in growing things in their gardens

Its main activity each year is to organise 2 local shows: one in April and the other at the end of August. Talks are also occasionally organised when interest is expressed.

Club bulk ordering allows members to obtain a large discount on their seeds and discounts at certain firms in the area whenever they shop there.

We are currently sponsoring a Bean Growing Competition at the Primary School to encourage the children to grow things and will be awarding 3 cups to the school for the winners.

Our next event is the Summer Show on August 28th at the Jubilee Hall so while you all go off on your holidays we will be willing our gardens to yield up the biggest and best that they can.

New members are made very welcome and anyone can obtain more detail from Pat Catchpole on 240480.

You don't have to be an expert as we are all learning together and are only too happy to share with our friends ideas, know-how and cuttings.

Pat Catchpole
Secretary

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POLICE NOTICE

Complaints regarding parking in Lower Halling have been received from the Fire Brigade. It must be emphasised that if this situation does not improve Special Constabls will be instructed to issue Fixed Penalty fines to all offenders.

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Retiring Chairman - Looking back and Looking Forward

It has been my pleasure and honour to serve as the Chairman of the Parish Council for the last 2 years. By the time you are reading this a new Chairman will have been elected and I wish him or her every success in the years ahead.

During the last 2 years there have been many changes within our village, mainly through the development of the 3 new Closes and of course the one under construction at the moment at Haywards Yard. There is, as is well known, additional development pressure upon the village with the projected Saxon Development at Ferry Lane site. Halling has been designated as an area for development, contained mainly in this site and therefore in the next few years dramatic changes will take place within the village. It has been nice to welcome the new residents, some of whom are already seaching out various activities within the village so that they may take part in the community and for those who have not yet ventured to make contact with the various active bodies within the village, may I suggest that they may well find many things of interest to do. In any Organisation that has been in existence for a long time it is the energy of new members that can rejuvenate it, so let the new members of our community come forward and provide this energy.

For several years now the Parish Council has entered the Best Kept Village Competition and as most of you know, this is organised by Councillor Bob Smith. Once again we are entering this competition and hope that everyone in the village will realise that it requires community effort to achieve success. We are handicapped at the moment by having no regular service to keep our village tidy. This is a great pity, as we cannot, as our neighbouring village Cuxton have, find people who would be prepared to keep our village tidy and at the same time earn some pocket money. The ladies who do the job for Cuxton are very proud and rightly so, of their efforts for the village.

As mentioned before, we have an opportunity ahead of us to rejuvenate our village - so let's go to it!

Wilfred Fennemore

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HALLING COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Comments from the Chairman of Governors

The Government's new Education Act which takes effect this coming scholastic year has effectively disbanded the Board of Governors as from September this year and re-created a new Board. It is possible that some members of our present Board will not be re-appointed, which, in my view, would be a sad loss. To all the Governors may I say a very sincere thank you for the efforts that have been made over the years, with a special thank you to Mrs Gladys Taylor who has served for close on 40 years. There will be in the new Board of Governors 3 parent Governors and I do ask those who qualify to make themselves available to help the school over the next 4 years.

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MARATHON MADNESS

Memories of much enjoyment running marathons 5 years ago - when I was much fitter than I am today - recently prompted your rector to enter for this year's Thanet Marathon. A crash programme of training begun too late, carried out with insufficient dedication and scarcely aided by a fall from a pew (which left me with a limp and an interesting condition called periosteitis) brought me up, more or less prepared, to the starting line on Sunday, 8th May.

well, the start was not really too bad. There were hundreds of people in front of me and scores more passed me but I was quite content to jog along. I even thought I might catch up with some of the people who had started too fast.

At about 10 miles, however, I noticed I was getting a bit lonely. Everybody else was way ahead. Come the 13 mile mark, though, St Laurence Church clock told me that I was not much over the 2 hours I had allowed for the first half. A bit of effort and I might yet finish in the 4 hours I had hoped to achieve. But then I just started running slower and slower. My legs simply would not go any faster. At 21 miles I stopped running altogether: the last 5 miles I completed at walking pace, walking along all alone from Palm Bay to Margate through the warm wet fog that came up from the sea. Five hours it took me to reach the finish. Such shame and humiliation leave me with only 2 choices. I could admit defeat and abandon Marathon running; alternatively, I could go out and train properly and see whether I cannot erase this shocking episode with a decent race in the near future.

One thing anyway is clear. Marathon running is like Christianity. You have to practise it wholeheartedly if you are going to practise it at all!

Roger Knight
Rector of Cuxton & Halling

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Halling C.P. School - Comments from Chairman of Governors continued.....

It is with pleasure that I am able to say that our school is growing and at such a rate that in September we will have 5 classes, with, of course, the appropriate increase in teaching staff. Mr Stuart and all the teachers must be congratulated on the work they are doing and the progress they are making with the school.

It is required by law that there is an annual Parent Governors Meeting, the first of which was held on 1st July 1987. This meeting was a fiasco! The Act requires that a quorum of 20% of parents of the children attending the school should be at the meeting if resolutions are to be made and voted upon. This meant that last year we required 22 parents - only 9 attended! This can only indicate that there is a very small number of our children's parents who are really interested in the school and what is going on. The meeting for this year is being held on 6th July and I sincerely hope that parents will attend the meeting in such numbers that we will not suffer the waste of time again. May I suggest that the new residents who have children at our school come forward and offer themselves as parent Governors?

Wilfred Fennemore

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Letters/articles, etc. for inclusion in this Newsletter should be addressed to Mrs L Watson, "Cartref", The Street, Upper Halling.