

HALDEN HERALD



SPRING

APRIL 2018

VILLAGE MEETING

Monday 9th April 7.00pm

The War Memorial Hall

You are invited to join the annual parish meeting when you will hear about all the local organisations including the Young at Heart, WI, Brownies, Horticultural Society, Messy Church, Sports clubs and School. Although hosted by the Parish Council this is your meeting as residents of High Halden.



You may well wish to join one of the clubs or organisations. It is definitely a chance to celebrate the community we have here in High Halden. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS, thoughts from the Chairman

At the time of writing this article our Prime Minister is encouraging developers to build more houses and for planning authorities like Ashford Borough Council (ABC) to speed the process up. This may sound ironic to those of us who have spent much time over recent years looking at the effect of more housing development on our own village. The Parish Council has spent much of its time looking at planning applications and trying to reflect the views of all residents which has not always made us popular! Sadly the vast majority of villagers do not actively engage in such discussions but fortunately those who do are quite vocal and help to move things forward. Before any longer-term schemes are considered, i.e. a potential 135 houses in the ABC Plan to 2030, permission has been given recently for 25 houses on the old Kent Highways Depot site, and 9 more houses and flats are planned on the old Cop Cars site. On top of that applications for approximately 40 houses on each of the Church Field and Ransley Farm sites are being considered. There are currently approximately 700 housing units in the village so you can see the scale of potential growth.

The Parish Council values input from as many villagers as possible and the best way to do this is by your attendance at its evening meetings in the Memorial Hall on the second Monday of each month. A whole range of issues affecting your village are discussed.

We look forward to seeing you there.

John Audsley

POP UP CAFE



Sadly the Parish Council-sponsored March visit of the pop up cafe was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. You will well remember how badly the village was affected by the snow in late February, early March. But the good news is it will be returning for a further programme of visits Spring into Summer, dates are yet to be confirmed. The cafe, with its unusual pop up character, has proved to be a very successful community project providing an opportunity for people of all ages to get together in a friendly

relaxed atmosphere, normally outdoors. The organisers bring along all sorts of useful information, e.g. on benefits, health, and transport help. Usually members of the Parish Council are in attendance to answer queries as is Kathy our Community Warden. It's a free event and everyone is welcome to come along. The pop up cafe will probably be located in Tilden Close again, running from 11 am to around 12.30 pm. Please look out for posters for dates and spread the word to friends and neighbours.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY– GROW, BAKE, MAKE.

The new programme for 2018 starts with the Spring Show in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 7th April, with staging from 9.30 am and doors open to the public at 2.30 pm. Please bring in your exhibits to help make this another excellent display of village talents in gardening, cooking and craft. It's good fun and free. For more information ring 01233 850127.

Our annual garden visit is to Goddard's Green Garden in Cranbrook on Friday 18th May. This is a very special smaller garden, with not far to travel. If you're interested please call 01233 850127. Final details will be given at the Spring Show.

Please make a note in your diary for the Summer Flower Show with afternoon tea on 10th June, at the Hall, from 2.30pm.

It would facilitate communication if members would let the committee have their email address. Please give it to a committee member at any of our events.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

This is part of a NHW alert in February, following a report of sheep worrying in a nearby village. As lambing season approaches, officers are reminding dog owners to keep their pets under control. Sergeant Jon Monk said: 'If you own a dog near a farming area, ensure it cannot escape from your property. Take it for walks on a lead rather than let it loose to run around where it can't be supervised.' Sheep, especially expectant ewes or those with young lambs, can be very vulnerable and susceptible to harm and chasing by dogs can still cause serious damage to livestock even if they are not caught by the dogs. 'Sheep are valuable assets and farmers face not just upset but also substantial financial losses if their livestock is attacked by dogs.'

Under the Animals Act 1971, a person acting to protect livestock may be able to kill or injure a dog that he/she reasonably believes is 'worrying' without incurring any criminal or civil liability. As a dog owner or a person for the time being in charge of a dog, you could be committing an offence if your pet worries livestock on agricultural land. Worrying includes attacking or chasing livestock in a way that might reasonably be expected to cause injury, suffering or loss. It is also an offence to have a dog in a field or enclosed space where there are sheep when the dog is not on a lead or under close control.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

FROM UK POLICE

Antisocial behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. This could be an action by someone else that leaves you feeling alarmed, harassed or distressed. It also includes fear of crime or concern for public safety, public disorder or public nuisance.



Examples of antisocial behaviour include:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Street drinking
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars
- Prostitution-related activity
- Begging and vagrancy
- Fireworks misuse
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles

HIGH HALDEN MAY BE AFFECTED BY SUCH BEHAVIOURS. **DO NOT TACKLE IT YOURSELF.**

If you are experiencing problems with antisocial behaviour, or have any concerns about it, or other community safety issues, you should contact your local council or call the non-emergency number, 101. In an emergency, call 999.

HERALD DISTRIBUTION Please note the Herald will be distributed 3 times per year, April, August and December. It is hoped to be delivered free to most of the village with exception of some properties on the main road considered dangerous for those delivering to reach on foot. The Herald will be posted on the village website.



HIGH HALDEN WAR MEMORIAL HALL – AVIVA GRANT

As many of you will know we applied for £1000 from the AVIVA Community Fund towards the end of 2017 to allow us to replace and update the rather heavy and awkward hall tables with new lighter-weight ones. Our application was successful and a big vote of thanks both to AVIVA and to all of you who voted despite the early problems with the online voting system. The hall committee is busy finalising arrangements for the new tables. These will make it easier and safer for organisations and other hirers to put up, move and put away the tables. Other projects to improve the facilities at the hall are being considered and this grant has meant that an extra £1000 is available to let this happen.

TEAM BEN HAMMOND

Team Ben Hammond is looking forward to another busy year of fundraising so more young people can get their hearts screened. It has its first screening event booked for April at Homewood school. Any young person wanting to have their heart check can book online to attend this free screening. Phil Sweatman is running the London marathon again in April, thank you to everyone who has supported him so far with his fundraising effort. To donate please follow link <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TeamBenHammond>

Future events: Quiz night **May 18th** High Halden school - it was a great night last year. We sold out very quickly so please contact us ASAP if you would like a table. Beer festival **June 8th, 9th and 10th** - The George, Bethersden BBQ, live music and the Morris Men. Hope to see you all there and thank you to the village for all your support so far.

If you have any queries please contact: teambenhammond@gmail.com
Available to book online from 12th February 2018 testmyheart.org.uk (Please use HOM2018 password) Tues 3rd & Wed 4th April 2018 Homewood School, Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT.

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Tuesdays

High Halden War
Memorial Hall,

18:00-19:00

Mixed Ability Hatha

19:30-20:30

**Yoga for
Relaxation**

YOGA

In response to the strategy review and survey last year lots of people suggested the village should have exercise classes in a number of different formats. It is great therefore that Sam Dawson is starting some Yoga classes in High Halden from mid April and hope that there will be good support from across the village.

Contact Sam to book your place:

07947374036

www.samyoga.co.uk

Instagram: @s.a.m.yoga

FIRST CLASS FREE



TEAM BEN HAMMOND
HEART SCREENING DAYS 14-35 YEAR OLDS ONLY
Tues 3rd & Wed 4th April 2018
Homewood School, Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT
Available to book online from 12th February 2018
testmyheart.org.uk
(Please use HOM2018 password)
FREE TO BOOK!
Cardiac Risk in the Young
If you have any queries please contact:
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Contact Us

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Village website

If you want to know what is going on in the village please sign up for the village website. It's FREE. Just search

www.high-halden.co.uk

and look out for the box where you can register your interest. You'll be notified of any new events etc. as they are posted.

Parish Council meetings including Planning:

14th May AGM

Meetings usually start with planning at 7.00pm and the main meeting following at 7.30pm.