

HALLING VIEW



 - Picturesque Halling : Photo courtesy of Jayson Worsfold

As the newly elected Chairman of Halling Parish Council, I would like to thank our last Chair, Cllr George Wenham and our Parish Councillors for their continued work and support for the community. It is hard to step into someone else's shoes but I promise I will try and do my utmost for the village to make sure it remains a safe and pleasant place for Halling residents.

We have been working with a Play Consultant who lives in the village about replacing the play equipment in the Lower Rec. Work on the Upper Rec will follow. Phase 1 in obtaining quotes and plans has now been completed and with continuing negotiations and talks with the suppliers the Parish Council is aiming to achieve the refurbishment to the lower rec by August. We hope to hold a Grand Opening with lots of fun and activities for everyone when we name the new play area in honour of our Queen's 90th Birthday. The picture below shows what we hope to achieve.

Cllr Leslie Hitchcock, Chairman, Halling Parish Council



Clerk's Office Opening Hours:
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 Wed 9.30am – 4pm

Halling Community Centre
 01634 241551 hallingclerk@btconnect.com
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Parish Council Meetings - Everyone welcome to attend
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<http://www.halling-pc.co.uk/>

HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Lower Ward:
 Councillor Les Hitchcock
 Councillor Chris Herbert
 Councillor Andy Simpson
 Councillor Richard Thorne
 Councillor Kelly Talbot
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Upper Ward:
 Councillor Matt Fearn
 Councillor George Wenham
 Councillor Trevor Reynolds

North Ward:
 Councillor Michael Leverington
 Vacancy

HALLING CRAFTIES

Monday evenings

7.15pm

NEW TOWN SOCIAL CLUB HALLING



So far they have 42 members on their Facebook page. If you want to know more just pop along on a Monday evening to the NTSC (round the back) and introduce yourself. I did and was welcomed enthusiastically, even though my craft abilities are zilch!! There were all ages and all abilities but one thing was common amongst the group and that was their laughter and friendliness.

Jubilee Hall Windows Fund

We are hoping to raise £4000 to replace the original single glazed windows with double glazed units. This will help with the noise levels and heat loss during the winter months. The hall is used by a variety of villagers, such as Halara, Historical Society, Girlguiding, Karate etc. and other private parties.

There is a Facebook page for those interested in the Jubilee Hall Windows Fund. The page will keep you upto date on progress, and will promote the fundraising for the windows and to hear any ideas you may have.

David Fenton-Scott
Project Manager

Please contact me if you would like to help or have any fundraising ideas

david@fentonscott.fsnet.co.uk
Mobile.07941 555386



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HALLING ASSOCIATION SMALL PROJECTS FUND

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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Email: MCCG.Carenav-Medway@nhs.net or telephone: 0300 011 1965

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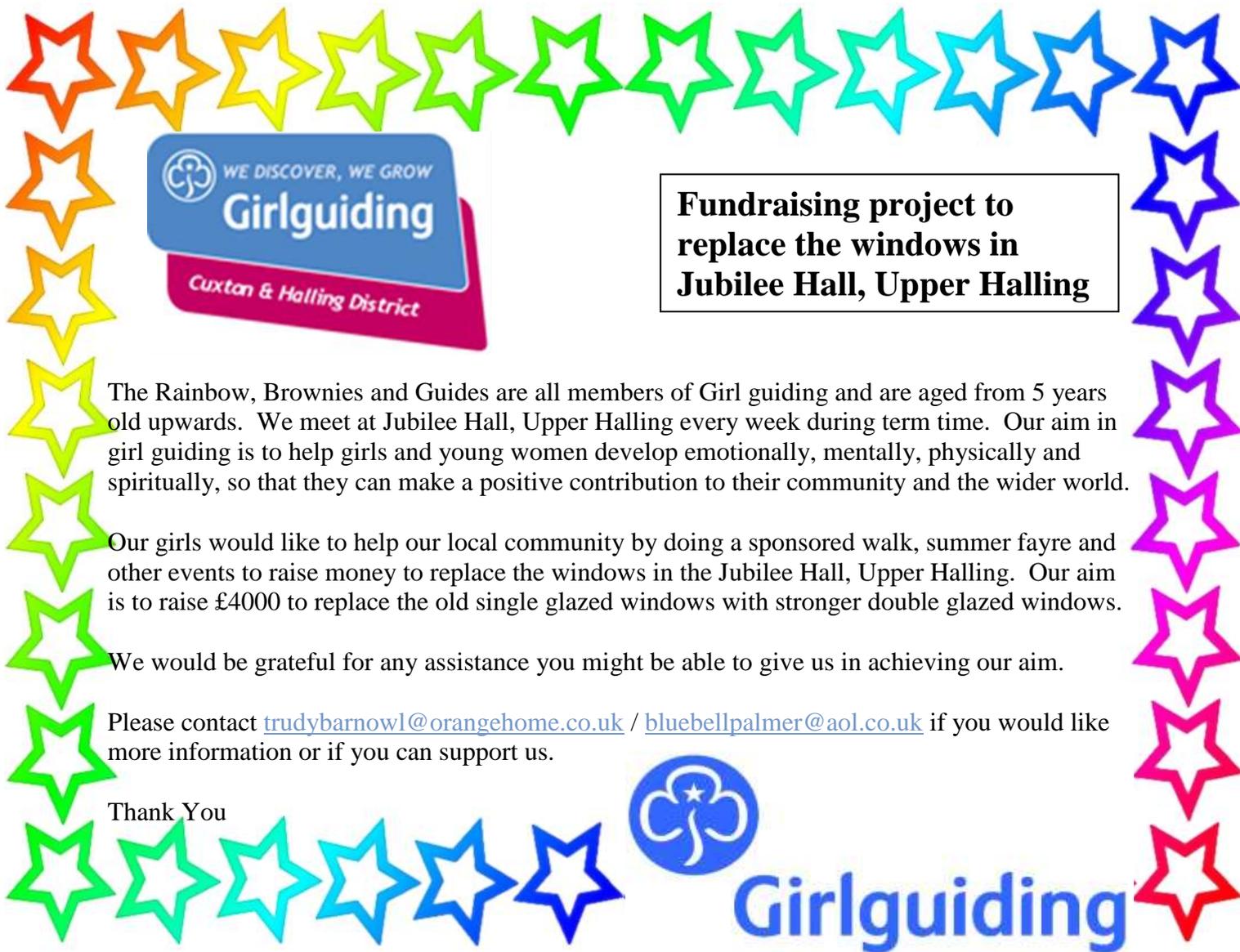
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FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 09:00 – 12:00.

DROP IN CLINIC:

A MEMBER FROM THE CARE NAVIGATOR TEAM WILL VISIT THE HALLING SURGERY FOR A DROP IN CLINIC ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 09:00-12:00 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND TO GIVE ADVICE ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS BENEFITS AND DOMESTIC SUPPORT.

The Care Navigator Service is unable to directly support patients with transport, cleaning, caring, or carry out tasks in homes, but they can find local services that can help.



Fundraising project to replace the windows in Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling

The Rainbow, Brownies and Guides are all members of Girl guiding and are aged from 5 years old upwards. We meet at Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling every week during term time. Our aim in girl guiding is to help girls and young women develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually, so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

Our girls would like to help our local community by doing a sponsored walk, summer fayre and other events to raise money to replace the windows in the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling. Our aim is to raise £4000 to replace the old single glazed windows with stronger double glazed windows.

We would be grateful for any assistance you might be able to give us in achieving our aim.

Please contact trudybarnowl@orangehome.co.uk / bluebellpalmer@aol.co.uk if you would like more information or if you can support us.

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Please include a brief outline of your issues.

The initial 1hr consultation is free and will include your personal needs; my fee structure and any questions you may have regarding my work. There will be no obligation to continue after the first session. Future sessions will be 1-1 1/2 hours depending on individual needs and are tailored to suit you personally. I am fully insured and CRB checked.

Belonging

I guess by the time you read this, it will be about the time of the EU referendum. Don't worry; I'm not going to go on about that. Readers of the church parish magazine will know that I can see good arguments on both sides and that, nevertheless, I am hoping for a particular result.

One of the issues is the question of identity, of where we feel we belong. On the EU, I found myself writing, "You may think of yourself as English, British or European or all three. Maybe you think of yourself as a citizen of the world. Ask me my race and I shall say 'human'. Ask me my ethnicity and, if I answer at all, I shall say 'white English'. Much more significantly than any secular categorisations of nationality or ethnicity, I belong to *a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues* - the Church of God. Christian is my essential identity."

But before we get that far, where do you think you belong? Obviously, you belong to your family. So, presumably, they belong to you. My favourite sentence in the whole of the marriage service is "all that I am I give to you." It's what the groom says to the bride and the bride says to the groom at the giving of the rings. When you think about it, it says everything that you actually need to say at a wedding. You give yourself unreservedly to the other person and that really is what love is all about. So you belong to one another. Saying "all that I am I give you" to your husband or wife is like praying "Thy Will be done" to God. It just about says all you need to say.

You might also talk about "my parents" or "my children" ("our children"!). In families we belong and that is important, both to be responsible for other people and to have other people whom we can rely on to be responsible for us.

Such ties matter more than anything, but there are other kinds of belonging. As a boy, I belonged to the Cubs and then the Scouts. Over the years, I've belonged to various clubs and societies. I expect you have too. Belonging makes you part of an organisation that cares about you (if its a decent organisation) and creates a responsibility on your part to be a loyal member of that organisation. I expect your parents told you that, if you belong to the Cubs, you go every week, not just when you feel like it, and you join in the activities and games that other members want to play, not just the ones you enjoy. And so I got a lot out of being a cub and played my humble part in making the 8th Gillingham Scout Group an effective community.

In some company, we feel we belong. On walks along the North Downs Way, my friend, my dog and I have walked into many pubs where we're instantly welcome. I can also think of a pub in South East London, where I was met at the door with the words, "You wouldn't like it in here, Vicar," and another in Notting Hill, where I was told to finish my pint and leave. Some places we feel we belong and some we don't. Do people feel welcome in the different communities we're part of? Do we really want them to feel welcome or are we happier in our own little cliques at work or school or even church?

There is a tension here. We like to belong to close communities. Our family, for example, will almost always mean more to us than any other body we might belong to. We know who belongs and who doesn't – though even families have black sheep and we may have to decide at what point blood ceases to be thicker than water.

Close communities only too easily become closed communities. We sometimes keep close to our friends by closing ourselves off from outsiders. That really won't do, however. We're all part of the human family. We just have to be open to one another. But how can we be open to everybody without losing our own identity and our sense of belonging? Can we have close communities which are not closed communities? Well, we all have to try.

When we had the children's service on Thursdays at St John's, we often used to sing the chorus *I am glad I belong to Jesus*. That's great fun as you divide into two parts, one singing the verse and the other singing the chorus, and each group tries to out sing the other – in volume if not in tunefulness. But what a thought *I am glad I belong to Jesus*. Belonging really matters to us as human beings and the best belonging of all is to belong to the Son of God. If we have faith in Him, we belong to Him and He belongs to us. That is the closest belonging there is and it is open to everyone who approaches in faith. Let me close with some words of St Paul: *Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours: Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas¹, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.* (I Corinthians 3²¹⁻²³). Roger.

1 Ministers of God who had served the Corinthian Church

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HALARA



On Friday April 29, Vice Chairman, Barry Hubbard, presented a cheque, on behalf of Halling Active Retirement Association (HALARA), for £2000, to the Mortimer Society. This charity helps care for people with Huntingdon's disease. Paul Studd, Chief Executive, and Melanie McCarthy accepted the cheque and expressed their grateful thanks to the group. The charity was chosen by the members in 2015, and over the year money has been raised at meetings and events. Especially successful was a Race Night which raised nearly £1,000. Barry Hubbard is retiring from the committee after serving on it for over ten years.

The photograph was taken by Pat Hubbard.

Secretary of HALARA: Carole Nunn 01634 7160 149.



HALARA

If you like to mix and mingle than come along to Halling & Locality Active Retirement Association group meetings.

We may have snow on the roof but we are still lively. Some members are not so active but our group covers a variety of interests.

From Ten-pin bowling, Short Mat Bowls, Sequence Dancing, Interesting talks, Rambles with Pub lunch, Outings - to a gentle games afternoon. All good fun with friendly people – come along you will be sure of a warm welcome.

Over 50, retired or semi-retired then this may be the group for you.

- Contact the Secretary, Carole on 01634 716 049 or email: carole.nunn@tesco.net for further details.

**MONTHLY MEETING
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Held at Jubilee Hall Start: 2pm
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2016

27 MAY
LESTER PARSONS
Talk: 34 years in the Police service,
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24 JUNE
CREAM TEA
Entertainer: **TRICIA COURT**
Songs from the Fab Fifties & Sixties

29 JULY
JENNY HURKETT
Talk: Blue Town Heritage

26 AUGUST
Dr ANN KNEIF
Talk: The Bevin Boys

2016

30 SEPTEMBER
GEORGE WILDRIDGE
Talk: London Stranger than Fiction

28 OCTOBER
FISH & CHIP LUNCH
Bingo – time permitting

25 NOVEMBER
HALARA PLAYERS ENTERTAIN
Fun in house entertainment from our
Drama Group members

DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Venue: Cobdown Sports & Social
Club
Aylesford (Date, time & cost to be
advised)

2017

27 JANUARY
INDOOR GAMES
Break-into the New Year with Indoor
Games

24 FEBRUARY
QUIZ
A Fun in-house Quiz for members
and visitors

31 MARCH
ALAN HAINES
Talk: Kick up the Sixties

28 APRIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Annual Subscription due



Photo courtesy of : Fiona Sutton

HALLING’S FOOTPATHS

After meeting Adam Taylor, the Public Rights of Way Officer from Medway Council, I can be more informative about the footpath RS201 diverted through St Andrew’s Estate, and the permissive path requested to link the bottom of the Plough Path and Whiting’s Farm.

Regarding footpath RS201, Redrow is pressing on with structural improvements to the east bank of the lake and landscaping to remove several tons of soil. A roundabout on the estate is being created there, and an access path for the RS201 to be restored to its original line should be completed early 2017 – if not earlier.

For the permissive path, my Public Rights of Way contact seems to think that it will be sufficient for Medway Council to draw up an agreement – which he is doing – for signature by Medway Council, Tarmac Lafarge, and Halling Parish Council (HPC). He is baffled why HPC was originally directed (in writing) down a seemingly wrong Kent Highways/KCC route. HPC has

already agreed Tarmac Lafarge’s contractor’s quotation to install a wide kissing-gate at the Whiting’s Farm end of a permissive path safely parallel to the A228, and for stock-fencing to be erected to protect the farmer’ land and crops.

Please note that if you walk the section of footpath RS320 (starts to the immediate left of the Marsh Road gate) which goes on to cross Wildfowler’s private land and is bounded by Wildfowlers’ fields, care needs to be taken. Cows are on the Wildfowlers’ fields, and dogs off leads and cows with calves are a dangerous mix.

Where there has been senseless but calculated damage (with the right tools) done to a gate on Halling Common, and where repair work needs to be done to a hand-rail, and steps, and a section of uneven footpath, my contact tells me that a Medway Council volunteer group should be able to attend to all this, provided we can wait a little. His offer – saving HPC time, money and material – has been gratefully accepted.

Grass is growing profusely at the sides of some of the footpaths on Halling Common and RS320 passing through Wildfowlers’ land, and I’ll be asking soon for some help with cutting. Mercifully, the job will be *nothing* like last year’s Herculean effort when John Martin, Tony Hopson, Andy Beman and I (*Halling View* December 2015) sawed our way through a wall of wood and brambles.

Barry Barnes
Co-opted by HPC for Footpaths

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 - Thursday friends and fitness 9.30am–10.30am
- Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

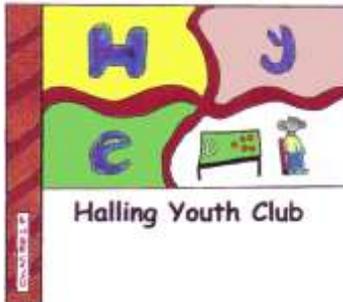
- Fridays Halara 2pm-4pm
 - Saturdays Karate 10am
- Halling Historical Society also use the hall on a regular basis as well as the church holding services the first Sunday of every month.

For more information on all these clubs and classes just go to our website
www.hallingjubileehall.btck.co.uk

The hall also available to hire for parties and functions.

To hire the hall please contact Claire Stotesbury on

01634 244289
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We at Youth Club are as busy as ever having lots of fun!!
 In April 16 of our members enjoyed a trampolining trip to Larkfield Leisure Centre.
 The children enjoyed reaching new heights and were quite worn out by the end of their session.

Some members also learnt how to street dance at the club and performed their moves on the stage to the rest of the group at the end of the evening.



Congratulations to Morgan Humphrey on winning our annual pool competition and well played to James Tricker who was the runner-up.

If you wish to become a volunteer with us, and join in the fun, please come and see us on a Friday evening at the Community Centre between 6pm and 9pm.

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As you walk round the village, hopefully you will see some new yellow spray signs saying BAG IT and BIN IT. There will also be new extra dog bins installed soon.

Unfortunately, there are still incredibly selfish dog owners in our village who believe this request does not apply to them.

IT DOES!

If you own a dog it is YOUR responsibility to pick up after it. It is NOT the responsibility of the Council to clear up mess left by YOUR dog.

Please place all dog bags into the bins provided and not leave them hanging on bushes. Your laziness should not be someone else's problem.

Thank you to the many dog owners who do value this village.

We would like to bring to your attention a **new free service for the residents of Medway** which enables them to test their risk potential from getting **type 2 diabetes**. Many people are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes without realising it. From the NHS viewpoint the growth of type 2 diabetes is a major concern and already accounts for around 10% of the budget - and it is likely to grow.



We all know that **prevention is better than cure** and so we are keen that as many people as possible take this **free test** to assess their risk and then if appropriate sign up to the free programmes that we are offering to help combat the type 2 diabetes threat.

Our Website is <http://www.medwaydiabetes.co.uk>
[you-at-risk/](http://www.medwaydiabetes.co.uk/you-at-risk/) Details about the programme can be found at

The free test page is <http://www.medwaydiabetes.co.uk/are-you-at-risk/>
<http://www.medwaydiabetes.co.uk/our-programme/>

SUCCESSFUL SPRING SUPPER

On the evening of Saturday 19 March in the Halling Community Centre, Halling Baptist Church hosted a Spring Supper which was attended by around 70 people, many of whom were visitors from the village.

The evening commenced with a quiz composed by the Associate Pastor and his wife (Keith and Pauline Barrett), three prizes being awarded to those who achieved the highest marks. Prizes were also presented to the children for their craft work. After the quiz, Pastor Kevin Felix-Hollington gave a Bible message, and this was followed by a fish-and-chip supper, which was enjoyed by all.

A box was available for folk to contribute towards new play equipment in the Lower Recreation Ground. The raising of funds to provide this play equipment is being organised by Maria Cook in association with Halling Parish Council. Halling Baptist Church is pleased to announce that £547.75 was raised by the Spring Supper, for which the church praises God and thanks all those who so generously contributed to the Lower Recreation Ground appeal.



The money raised at the Spring Supper was presented to Maria Cook at Halling Baptist Church's evening service on Sunday 3 April.
 Keith Barrett
 (Associate Pastor)

hallingbaptist.org.uk

Halling Garden Society

May I prescribe a leisurely look through the latest seed catalogues – We can arrange for you to get 50% - that's half price- if you order from Dobies (Which Best Buy) using our club order forms which carry our Society number. Ring Pat on 01634240480 or Matthew on 01634727424 if you need a copy of the catalogue and form. The catalogue is available on line at www.dobies.co.uk where you will find a larger choice. You can order online but need the club number to get any discount. You can order as many or as few packets as you wish so you don't have to have a large garden or an allotment to join us.

Those with new gardens or new to the area may not know of our activities so this is our chance to introduce ourselves as your local club for all things garden related. We welcome all-comers to join us. Subscriptions are the massive amount of £3 per year. This entitles you to free entry to our 2 shows in April and September, Show Schedules, talks when arranged, updates by email of any related events or offers that we hear about in the South east, and as already mentioned, 50% discount on seeds from Dobies and anything else we arrange during the year. It also gives you contact with likeminded people, some of whom have been gardening in this area for more than 40 years so know the conditions well.

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DEMENTIA

Lisa Paterson is a local business owner who lives in Halling, she is the Director of Care Simplified Ltd and is working in partnership with the charity Dementia Friends and is raising dementia awareness. She will be holding awareness sessions for the Halling community over the next few months and everyone is welcome to join her for free to become a dementia friend too! Lisa will be approaching local business and community facilities to inform them of the benefits of raising awareness and how they can help to make Halling a recognised dementia friendly community. Lisa brings with her 16 years of knowledge and expertise within the Care Industry, her service offers unbiased advice to help others make informed choices with regards elderly care options. The dementia awareness sessions will be scheduled soon so please keep a look out for these dates in the next addition or visit www.caresimplified.co.uk you can of course contact Lisa on 01634 241488 or 07749968821 for more information.



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- WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Halling & Cuxton villagers who visited the Butchery & Country Larder recently might have noticed a certain air of excited mystery. Perhaps some piglet squeals and free range chicken squawks. Calves mooing and twin lambs bleating...

Summer has brought Court Farm's new livestock and new methods of grazing, rearing the animals, fattening them and preparing them for slaughter. It is called "pasture reared, grass fed only" when working out how to give them the healthiest life possible before they themselves enter the food chain.



The sustainable agricultural benefits of letting the sheep and beef cattle eat grass roaming around the pastures and not feeding them grain anymore should be obvious. The animals are more active, happier in their original environment and eat the fresh green grass of Kent. The land itself is made far more productive, a type of grazing system that improves soil health and soil biology.

This also makes the meat taste better! General studies have shown that the grass fed, pasture reared beef and lamb even have more minerals in it, Omega 3 & 6 and less of the bad fats and more of the healthy fats you need in your diet. Scientists say pasture reared meat contains CLAs which can help the human body to fight cancer.

It is a win win for the livestock and consumers. And it has helped Andrew Lingham, the farmer at Court Farm, to reduce winter housing and feed costs. The new native breeds at Court Farm are hardier and can stay outdoors all year round if needed.



Same goes for the two new pig enterprise we now have with our two share farmers Roger Savage and Lee Youseman. They have worked hard to bring homegrown pork to Court Farm and they are already taking orders for it in the Butchery! Supplies are limited to get in early.

Demand is growing for our free range eggs which will go into production in our innovative, self-built eggmobile by mid-June. The hens are being trained to get themselves out of the mobile caravan they live in overnight and to go back inside on their own in the evening.



The floor of the eggmobile is mesh wire so during the night the poultry are fertilising the ground below with their excrement. Every few days, Lee and Andrew pull the eggmobile to a new spot in the field with the tractor. This fertilises different parts of the pasture where the cows were grazing not long ago.

This innovative American farming method is called mob or rotational grazing where the chickens come in after the cows to eat the dung beetles and further fertilise the soil for the next time the livestock return to graze.

So the mystery at Court Farm has been the development of a self-contained ecosystem, including getting the pigs to burrow into their bedding for grain, thus aerating the bedding to produce nutritious compost to be spread on the land. The lambs and calves meanwhile are happy to lounge about and chomp on lovely grass and silage which keeps them healthy, happy and well-rested as you can see in this collection of photos from May, 2016.



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Bridge update...

The new bridge over the River Medway will be formally opened at the end of the summer says Trenport.

It will be the first time the two banks have been linked since a military Bailey Bridge was erected temporarily during World War II.

Trenport director Chris Hall said:

"The all-new crossing was key to our £50 million infrastructure scheme by – backed by £19.5 million of Government loan funding from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) - offering easy access to the river's west bank and on to London and other important destinations via rail and road.



The elegant new road bridge over the Medway begins to shrug off its ugly shroud of scaffolding – it will be open to traffic by the end of the summer

"And there are, of course, major gains for the west bank, notably with improved links to the county town of Maidstone, and residents on both banks will benefit from better job, education and leisure opportunities.

"We're particularly proud of the new bridge: it is not only an elegant structure, but has been built onsite rather than through pre-cast sections being trucked in, risking roads disruption to the surrounding area."

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