

HALLING VIEW



Chairman's Report

Hello

I do hope that everyone is keeping well under the current situation regarding Covid-19 which we have sadly been unavoidably placed in. So please keep following the guidelines being issued by the Government, and our Local Authority to keep yourselves and family members safe and well.

Now on a more happier note, once again the Halling Sapphires have come up trumps with a Scarecrow Competition, so please enter and show your support.

Sadly, I have to announce that due to pressure of work Cllr Darren Marshall has resigned and will be sadly missed but hopefully will keep in touch and support HPC

For those who walk their pets and take leisurely exercise on Halling Common (i.e. Marsh), please accept my apologies for any inconvenience for the disruption, which may have been caused due to the work that's taken place by the National Grid on the overhead pylon lines.

Lastly please keep yourselves and family members safe during this Covid-19 Pandemic.

Cllr George Wenham

Chairman Halling Parish Council

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Nominee name:

Reason:

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Nominated by:

Name:

Address:

E-Mail:

Mobile:

If you wish to include the nominee's photograph, please obtain their permission to do so. Nomination does not guarantee inclusion in Halling View.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary Celebrations by Carole Nunn

In August two long standing members of Halling Active Retirement Association, Ann & Brian Hayward, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. On the actual day they celebrated with their family and the following day Gill Morton & Ann Seager organised a High Tea for Ann & Brian and invited a few members to mark this very special occasion. Social distancing was observed, and everyone enjoyed the event. Brian spent many years in the merchant navy. Brian and Ann have travelled all over the world and lived in various countries.

To reach their 60th Anniversary is a wonderful achievement and Carole Nunn proposed the toast wishing them many more happy years together.



Ann and Brian Hayward

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New Members and Visitors Welcome!

Scarecrow Competition



Make a scarecrow and display him or her in your front garden. Judging will take place on the 31st October & 1st November. If you would like to enter, please email your details to: hallingscarecrows@yahoo.com

Summer with the Halling Sapphires WI by Lucy Marshall

When I last left off, we were about to welcome Henry VIII to one of our Zoom meetings; and what a hoot he was! He talked us through his life with all of his wives, told us lots of secrets, and above all, made us howl with laughter. Just what we all need at times like these. I think you will agree, our Henry looked the part...



The following week we met Mark and Jerry from Our Amazing Animal World, and some of their wonderful animals. It is safe to say that Oscar the Skunk stole the show, leaving Louis the Meerkat in the dust.



It was amazing being able to learn about therapy animals and the good that they do for adults and children alike. With OAAW being based in Haywards Heath, having speakers like this is not something we can do often, and it is only through the use of Zoom that we have been lucky enough to be able to. We had a great night and a lovely chat.

Through the summer, we continued to 'meet' weekly – using Zoom, and we have welcomed a wide range of speakers and had lots of different activities. Our very own Trudi gave some psychic readings and answered lots of our questions, we played a second round of Bingo and welcomed two new members along, we learned about Edith Cavell and the amazing nurses of World War 1, and some of us even learned how to do a cross stitch! For a first ever attempt, I was actually quite impressed with my one... although have I made another one yet? That would be No!

How lucky we are to be able to draw on this massive resource of friends, members, and speakers, to keep us connected over the summer months.

Our activities do not stop there; we learned about fused glass,



we upped the game for a second quiz night, we found out how to make some beautiful flower arrangements,



and then we were shown how to make bunting. Each member has been provided a pack of materials so that we can all make a pennant for our very own Halling Sapphires Bunting – we hope to be able to hold an event somewhere where we can display it now!



We ended our summer run with a fantastic demonstration of 'doll making' – look out for WI Dolls popping up around the village! We then enjoyed going back to the WI roots of 'Make Do and Mend', learning many ways to repurpose old clothes and use up fabric scraps.



With the children back at school and many of us venturing back into our workplaces, our meetings are now going to be fortnightly for the foreseeable future. Until we can hold proper meetings in person, our mission is to keep everyone connected, and give everyone a chance to have a bit of a chat and a bit of a fun on a regular basis.

As I close this summer review, we look forward to a night of crafting for Christmas, a Scarecrow Competition for Halloween, some Sugar Craft and Marzipan Fruit making... Watch this space for more!

Our (virtual) doors are always open, we love to see new faces! Visitors are welcome to drop in for a virtual cuppa and chat anytime, and new members are always welcome. You can find us on Facebook (@HallingSapphiresWI) or email us at hallingwi@yahoo.com.

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Halling Active Retirement Association



Day trips

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Speakers



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QUIZZES



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**Meetings held on last Friday
of the month**

Jubilee Hall, Browndens Rd

Upper Halling

2pm - 4pm

Contact :01634 716049

Halling Gardening Society News by Philip Badman

Halling Gardening Society had to take the regrettable decision to cancel its September 2020 Summer Show because of continuing restrictions imposed during the pandemic.

Instead of the usual Show the Society organised a 'Virtual Flower and Veg Show', inviting anyone to submit photos of their flower or veg from six classes. The results have been posted on the Society's brand new website, at www.hallinggarden.co.uk . There were twenty entrants, with thirty-eight entries. They showed folk had achieved really impressive and marvelous results in their gardens during lockdown, with photos ranging from gorgeous flower blooms to really healthy-looking vegetables. Hopefully, things can be back to normal for a 'live' Show again next April.

The Society has also cancelled its Annual General Meeting which would have been held in November. Accounts for 2020 will be sent to all members for comment and any questions, and subscriptions for 2020 will automatically roll over to 2021. Members will be invited to continue the committee for another year, although additional members on the committee will be welcomed.

Halling Gardening Society has launched a brand new website at www.hallinggarden.co.uk as a platform for its activities for members and non-members alike.

Its first job has been to show off the marvelous entries in the Society's 'Virtual Flower and Veg Show' organised in place of a 'live' Show during the pandemic. There are also links to many other websites of possible interest to local gardeners, news from the Society, plus a page full of useful hints and tips about how to prepare your blooms and veg for showing in a flower and veg show.

Details of the committee, how to join, the Society's accounts, and its rules can also be found on the website, making it an essential 'one-stop' for everything you need to know about Halling Gardening Society.

Media and Communications Working Group – Progress Report by Terry Dolby

Halling Parish Council Website

There had to be a major change to the Parish Council Website due to changes in regulations about accessibility due to the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) **Accessibility Regulations 2018**, which came into force on 23 September 2019. It aims to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are **accessible** to all users, especially those with disabilities. The existing Halling Parish Council Website had to be replaced and the new website has to be compliant by 23rd September 2020.

The Parish Council set up the Media and Communications Working Group to carry out this task made up of two Councillors and two members of the public and Hugo Fox which is used by a number of Parish Councils in this area was chosen to provide our new web site and they have confirmed that they will be fully compliant by September 2020.

Phase 1 of the development plan set up a Hugo Fox web site and transferred over all of the existing content from the in-use web site and the new website went live on Friday 1st May 2020. I hope that those of you that use the website have found it a great improvement over the previous web site. The new web site that we now have will be compliant when Hugo Fox complete their program of improvements.

Phase 2 of the development will include implementation of Google Analytics and this monitors the number of people that visit the Website and creates reports for the Council, the creation of a new domain (GOV.UK) and the implementation of the new specific email addresses for all Council Members and Clerks and an SSL certificate to make the new website secure. This phase of the work has been delayed by the Corona Virus pandemic and the lack of Parish Council meetings to authorise the funding for this new work. The Parish Council is now able to hold virtual meetings and it is hoped to have this work authorized at the October 2020 meeting.



HALLING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH by Carol Parker

Back in 2018 we noticed an increase in attempted burglaries and vehicle thefts, so we decided to resurrect a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

You can join the official NhW scheme by going to <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/> and entering your postcode in 'Find My Local Scheme'.

Nowadays the easiest and quickest way to keep each other informed is to use social media so we also have a Facebook group '**Halling Neighbourhood Watch Group**' which all villagers are welcome to join.

As well as promoting good old-fashioned neighborliness the group is dedicated to keeping our village safe and about sharing information on crime; crime prevention; local awareness and safety.

We are trying to do our best to make it more difficult for burglars and thieves to target Halling by keeping each other informed of any suspicious behaviour.

Recently, we ramped up our involvement in the community to help neighbours through the initial Covid-19 lockdown.

Social media is great, but we also needed to reach those neighbours who don't use the internet, so we coordinated 60+ volunteers to leaflet drop individual contact details to every household in the village.

Our wonderful team of volunteers helped with food shopping and collections of prescriptions etc., to neighbours who were shielding or isolating as well as giving everybody a contact just to chat to through such a difficult time.

We set up a WhatsApp group 'Halling is Here to Help' where villagers could let us know if they needed a hand with anything and we could put them in touch with a volunteer who could help them.

Although we have now wound down our operations, we have left the infrastructure in place in case we ever need to ramp up quickly again.

We recently had some instances of cold calling in the village. Quite a few residents found the manner of these cold callers to be very pushy and insistent so following this we have sourced some 'no cold caller' stickers which are available for villagers from myself or Sarah

We realised that there are some occasions where we need to get alerts out quickly so we also now have an additional new WhatsApp group solely for distributing urgent alerts - for example a missing child or vulnerable person - where time is of the essence!

If you want to join the WhatsApp group for urgent alerts, then please join the Halling Neighbourhood Watch FB group first where you will find the links.

If you would like any more details, please feel free to contact either Sarah or Carol

Sarah 07886 901081

Carol 07765 351064

Thank you for caring about your local community!

Sergeant Thomas Harris VC MM blue plaque project

Halling Historical Society is delighted to have raised the necessary funds to install an historic blue plaque on 79 High Street, Lower Halling, which is the house from which our village World War One hero, Sergeant Thomas Harris VC MM enlisted in the army aged 22 in 1914.

Most of the money has come from Harris family members. The plaque is now in draft design, after discussions with the manufacturer. The Society will arrange a Saturday afternoon unveiling. However, of course this unveiling is in limbo during the current lockdown and must be put off until at least the autumn if not into next year.

The plan is to invite Harris family members to the unveiling, and all contributors, plus the Mayor of Medway, representatives of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (successor to Thomas's regiment The Royal West Kent Regiment), the VC/MM Association, the Parish Council, our Medway Council member, Medway Archives Centre, Snodland Museum, Halling Gardening Society as a contributor, MCL, and the WI.

There will be a small tea party in the Community Centre to commemorate the unveiling. Halling Sapphires WI has kindly offered to help arrange this. The local builders MCL, have kindly agreed to fit the plaque without charge.

Unfortunately, the Society got it wrong in the original information about the appeal. Many of the several historical records, including military, refer to 79 High Street as Thomas's birthplace - some even say Malling or Snodland. This put the Society on the wrong track.

It is now known from family members, and the Society has also got a copy of Thomas's birth certificate from Medway Records Office, that Thomas was actually born at 5 Monarch Hill Terrace, Upper Halling, which was off the top of Browndens Road. The whole road is long demolished. By the 1901 census, Thomas had moved to 4 Malvern Terrace, which it is thought was along Essex Road, but not known exactly where (can someone help with more information?).

Then by age 18 in 1910 (but not known exactly which year?), Thomas had moved to 6 Manor Terrace, which in the late 1900s became 79 High Street, from where Thomas enlisted in 1914, aged 22.

The Historical Society will still welcome learning of Harris family members who can be invited to the unveiling gathering, so if you know of someone who has not contacted HHS please encourage them to contact hallinghistorical@gmail.com.



Reminiscences of Old Halling

Did you live in Halling prior to 1980? If so, you probably have many memories of what the village was like before the expansion that it is now. Halling Historical Society would like to hear from you with any reminiscences of your life in the village before 1980.

What shops and trades can you recall from then? Tell us about characters you remember. If you were at school what did you get up to growing up in the village? What changes in the village have you lived through?

The Historical Society is developing a new website, coming soon, and wants to give over space to villagers of that time to record their memories for posterity.

You can submit your memories in writing, with photos, by audio recording, or in a video; however, you please. The Society reserves the right to edit in length if necessary. This will not be a site for photos only, it will be for stories, but which can include photos. Photos only should continue to be posted to the popular 'Photos of Old Halling' Facebook page.

Please contact hallinghistorical@gmail.com to test out your ideas or to submit material, or call 07754-616210 to discuss.



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Doctors

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Riverside Medical Practice 01634 240238 Halling (01634 714317 Cuxton)

Halling Parish

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IMAGINE

Imagine there's no heaven

It's easy if you try

No hell below us

Above us only sky

Imagine all the people living for today

It is not hard to see why *Imagine* was John Lennon's best-selling single for his entire solo career. Just imagine a care-free life without any worries of any kind of consequences after death. Lennon's suggestion to live for today is greatly seductive, but to live in such a way, would be to ignore the warnings we are provided in Scripture.

Lennon's song is a work of pure imagination; Scripture is God-breathed. This life is *not* all there is. Death is *not* the end. Hebrews 9:27 says "just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment."

Jesus, the most loving man there has ever been, warned about the dangers of hell more than any other prophet in the entire Bible. God's judgement is real. God's judgement is good. Any alternative to judgement would be truly appalling.

Do you remember what happened when Jimmy Saville died? During his life he was widely praised for his personal qualities and as a fantastic fund-raiser; it is estimated that he raised £40 million for charities! After his death, however, hundreds of allegations of sexual abuse were made against him leading the

police to conclude that he had been a predatory sex offender—possibly one of Britain’s most prolific! We all are appalled when someone gets away with a crime regardless of any good, they may have done; we hate the idea of anybody not facing justice. Justice is right. Justice is good.

To live in a world where no kind of consequences after death exist is to live in a way where nothing we do matters. Thankfully, justice will be done, and God’s sword of judgement will one day finally fall. God “has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” Acts 17:31.

One day we will all stand before our Maker to give an account for everything we have done because God is good. Good is one of the most terrifying attributes of God because we are not. However, in His mercy, He provided a way to be reconciled to Himself: Jesus who lived the perfect life we cannot live and died the death we should have died, because God is good.

This good news was taught and proclaimed by Jesus and his followers. Some mocked. Some sneered. Some believed and turned to Him. What about you?

Kevin Félix Hollington

Pastor of Halling Baptist Church

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Community Wardens for Strood, Cuxton and Halling contact details:

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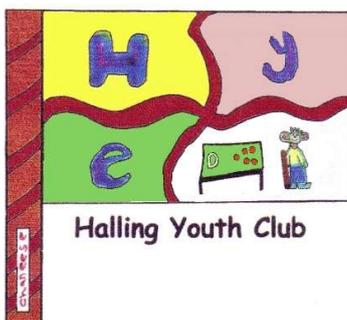
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Halling Youth Club

1st Session (6.00 pm – 7.30 pm) for 8-11-year olds

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

HELP US!

Halling Youth Club needs your help in continuing to be a fun, safe place for the children of the village to come. We are urgently in need of some regular volunteers, due to our diminishing pool of helpers. Ideally, we need 3 or 4 helpers each week, plus the parents / guardians who can assist us fortnightly/monthly. Without your support we are in danger of losing this asset.

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Halling View Autumn 2020 – Cementopolis By Roger Knight

When I was on holiday in Canada years ago, the guide told us that an enormous quarry which had been converted into the beautiful Butchart Gardens was originally dug out to provide lime for making Portland Cement, *whatever that is*, he said. I laughed and told him that it was invented where I live the exact location is disputed, but it was somewhere in the Thames and Medway valleys. We had the raw material, chalk, and the rivers to supply water and to transport the finished goods. The same could be said of the industrial production of paper from wood pulp. Before these industries commenced in the area, most of the work was on the farms, though there have been brickfields for centuries – areas of clay which could be cut and dried to make bricks. Many of the bricks which went into the British Museum were made at Cuxton.

For getting on for two hundred years, cement and papermaking were the major employers in the Medway Valley. Many men and their families came and settled in what had been quite small villages looking for work. The churches were enlarged to accommodate them. Schools were provided. Houses were built. The work came and went as the cement industry waxed and waned depending on demand. In the early days, the work was hard and there was little in the way of relief if men were laid off. At one time, the Vicar of Halling stopped taking a collection, saying that it was not fair to ask poor people to give to the Church. There were cement works on the site of the old Bishop's Palace and in many other places in proximity to housing. In those early days, cement making generated a great deal of dust and smoke. It was a very polluting industry. One of my Victorian predecessors at Cuxton, Canon Charles Colson who still has the largest monument in Cuxton churchyard, lamented the environmental damage, but celebrated the employment generated and the production of a useful commodity increasingly in demand as we transformed ourselves from an agricultural land into an industrial one. It was another Victorian clergyman who nicknamed the valley *Cementopolis* because there were just so many cement works.

In later years, the cement manufacturers merged (many of them into the so-called combine), built much cleaner works with tall chimneys to take away the smoke and treated their workforce very much better. The fondly remembered Halling Institute (where the Community Centre is now) was provided by the cement works.

The last in Halling to close, which was still in operation when I first came here, was the Rugby works, where St Andrew's Park now is. They wanted to quarry in Dean Valley – a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The community was divided on the issue and I had a great deal of fellow-feeling with both sides. On the one hand, the works would close if they could not quarry in the valley. Rugby was still a major local employer at the time and there was already a lot of unemployment about from the closure of other works and Chatham Dockyard. I also felt that it was rather hypocritical to support the use of cement in building etc., but to try to insist that the chalk should be quarried from other people's backyards, not ours. On the other hand, I love the countryside and visit that valley probably more than anyone else in the village. I would be quite happy if we stopped concreting over the countryside and therefore could do without making so much cement.

What happened was that they started quarrying at the southwest end of the valley. Apparently, the chalk proved unsuitable for cement making and the Rugby works closed. If you cross the valley on the North Downs Way, there is a hedge on one side of the path, dividing the quarried part from the rest.

A few years ago, there was talk of opening a brand-new works at Holborough. This, I was told, would not require hundreds of men slaving away in the heat and the dust shovelling raw materials and finished product. A handful of people would control robots which would do all the hard work. But what about jobs for the hundreds of men with shovels?

I mention all this because lockdown showed us how much nicer a place the world is when we stop polluting it without industrial processes, traffic, and air travel. There was a lot of talk about environmental lessons learned. As the weeks have gone by, however, we have seen the livelihoods of thousands put at risk. People are missing consumer goods, meeting up with one another and foreign holidays. So, how do we decide what is the right balance, between protecting our planet and our quality of natural life, on the one hand, and promoting a prosperous economy, which provides us both with jobs and the comforts we have become used to, on the other?

I am afraid, because of COVID. I cannot tell you about what we shall be doing in weeks to come. If you have internet access, please check my webpage cuxtonandhalling.org.uk. Otherwise, give me a call at the Rectory or ring 01634 717134. Roger Knight.



Adult and Toddler Group

Halling Community Centre

Every Tuesday (during term time)

Telephone: 01634 243696

9.30am to 11am

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Refreshments included

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Each session ends with singing/action songs.

Everyone is welcome.

No need to pre-book, just come along.



HALLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Website: <http://www.halling-pc.co.uk>

There are 9 notice boards around the village which are updated regularly with village information and you can also read what is going on, on our website

Your Parish Councillors live locally 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 Parish Council 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, Parish Clerk:

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