



**Spotlight on:**  
**Louise Dancy**

Following the retirement of Gill King Scott after 17 years of dedicated work for the village, we have hired a new clerk to take over the reins.

Louise Dancy moved to the village with her husband and young family in 2014 and has a background of working with in a democratic environment. If you have any questions, concerns or queries regarding anything to do with village life then do get in touch!

**Contact Us :**  
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**Hall Hire**

If you're looking for a small or medium sized hall to hire for your event - you can hire our Parish Room or Pavilion from £9 per hour, discounts for regulars.

Contact the clerk for more info, at [halsteadparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:halsteadparishclerk@gmail.com)



**It's Snow Joke!**

No really, these wintery spells are causing problems in Halstead As you will be acutely aware, the roads in our village are not (usually) gritted when winter weather is forecast. Kent Highways suggest they do not see reason enough to consider our roads as part of their winter salting routes despite being a thoroughfare for buses and commuters to London and M25.

They have advised that the Parish Council keep a record of when winter weather has had a detrimental effect and the Parish Council need your help in collating this record. The Clerk will be compiling a winter weather report and submitting it to Kent Highways so they may consider putting us on the salting route for next year so if you have any photos, anecdotes or evidence that may help the case then please get in touch.



**Spotlight on: Cllr. Lisa O'Donovan**

Lisa was co-opted onto council in November 2017. She's lived in Halstead for the majority of her life and more recently moved to the Fort with her husband and daughter. Lisa is passionate about conservation of trees and wildlife and has joined the planning committee to make sure that Halstead stays the green and pleasant gateway to Kent that its been noted for since Domesday.

If you want to speak to Lisa about any local issue, contact her by email on [LisaO123@btinternet.com](mailto:LisaO123@btinternet.com)



## Dates for the Diary

### Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 7.45 p.m in the Pavilion.

**Please join us !**

### Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday, May 21st at 7.45 p.m

### Freighter Service

Saturday, May 19th  
Saturday, August 11th  
Saturday, November 16th  
Times tbc

## Don't let your dog ruin the Rec.

Halstead Parish Council is proud that the recreation ground can give dog owners a safe place to let their canine friends get some exercise but the amount of dog waste being left on the Rec, and the amount being put into bags and hung on trees, is increasing.

If owners do not pick up after their dogs, the council will have no other option that to ensure dogs are kept on leads whilst on the Rec. There are dog waste bins placed around the village for public use, your council tax money goes towards maintaining and emptying these so please use them.

## Thank You



## Allotments

Should you be so inclined to grow your own beans, berries and tatoes, there are a few allotments available from April.



The annual charge is £25 to include water. If you've got itchy green fingers and are interested in renting a plot then contact the clerk who will be happy to show you round.



## Save a neighbours life



You are hopefully aware that the village has a defibrillator for public emergency use located outside the Parish

Room on Church Road. The defibrillator is very easy to use as it talks the user through exactly what to do; however, the Parish Council wondered if anyone would like training in using the defibrillator so they may be confident in the event of an emergency situation.

If you are interested in taking part in training, please let the Clerk know on 01959 532206 or

[halsteadparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:halsteadparishclerk@gmail.com)

If you do find yourself in the position where you need to use the defibrillator, you should know that **no member of the public is liable for any outcome that may arise from using the defibrillator.** It could save a life, so please do use it if necessary. If there is an emergency, call 999 and they will talk you through how to access the defibrillator. It really is very easy and has settings for both adult and child.

## Pavilion Car Park

Please be aware that the Pavilion Car Park is for users of the Recreation Ground and Pavilion only. Several cars are regularly using the car park for overnight and extended parking and it makes it difficult for those who have hired the hall for meetings, parties and activities to use it effectively.

The Parish Council rely on income from the hall to maintain its upkeep and without this income the council would have no choice but to increase the council tax to cover these costs. The council will be monitoring the situation and will on occasion be locking the gates so that hirers of the hall can be sure there is enough space for parking for their activity.

