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HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

The Pavilion, Station Road starting at 7.30pm.

There will be a guest speaker; a report from the Council Chairman on the last year and our PCSO will be there to answer your questions.

The evening will end with wine and cheese.

Please come along.

DIARY DATES 2016

VILLAGE CLEAR UP SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016

Volunteers are needed.
Meet at the Pavilion at 9.30am.

BEACON LIGHTING Thursday 21 April at 7.30pm

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

11 January, 8 February
14 March, 11 April
9 May, 13 June
11 July, 8 August
12 September, 10 October
14 November, 12 December

All meetings are held on Mondays in the Pavilion

FREIGHTER SERVICE 2016 Saturday 11 June Saturday 24 September 2017 Saturday 11 February

ELECTION DATES Police & Crime Commissioner Thursday May 5

Referendum Thursday 23 June

Both in the Pavilion

CELEBRATION OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

There will be several events in the village starting on **THURSDAY APRIL 21** which is her Majesty's actual birthday.

The Parish Council will light a beacon, along with thousands of other organisations, at 8.30pm.

This will be held on the Recreation Ground and from 7.30pm the WI will be serving coffee, biscuits and soft drinks and there will also be a BBQ. There will be a charge for these. Do come along.

On **SUNDAY 12 JUNE** there will be a special themed service in St Margaret's Church. After the service there will be a 'bring and share lunch' in the Village Hall.

For more information contact the Clerk for the event in April and Jean Peel and Rector for the June events.

YELLOW LINES

Since 2012 the Parish Council has been working with County Councillor Richard Parry, KCC Highways and SDC to have double yellow lines installed around the corners of Otford Lane and Knockholt Road, by the bus shelter and the corner of Church Road. Over and over again Council has been told the work will be starting soon, but yet again another consultation has been carried which concluded on 11 March. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Transportation Board on 26 May and a decision will be made whether to proceed.

If so the lines could be implemented in July 2016.

ALLOTMENTS

These are looking good and the tenancy agreements should be with all the allotmenters for renewal soon. The annual charge is still £25.00 to include water.

There are currently two vacant plots; contact the Clerk on 01959 534881 if you are interested.

THE SAGA OF THE FLAGPOLE

Following an enthusiastic response from parishioners about whether Halstead should have a flag pole, and the suggested erection points, Council realised that this was something they should certainly look into.

An approach was made to Sevenoaks District Council for consent to install this on Southdene Green in Knockholt Road.

SDC agreed to this, with conditions, one being that Council took over the green, plus other parcels of land in Southdene and Parkside, and paid for all the legal documents involved in the land transfer.

Having looked into the costs, including legal fees of £800/900 upwards, it was agreed not to take over the land

SDC did replace many of the missing bollards at Southdene at the request of Council.

JUST TO SAY 'THANK YOU'

Thanks to those people who turn-up without fail to help with the Village Clear Up, in no particular order: Alan & Judith Brown, Bob & Madeline Sands, Allan Spence; Anita Wilkins; Edna Parker, Chris & Jean Peel; Karen Howard; Roger Davenport; David Taylor (who is also our 'web-master)

Some people go out on their own: Peter Nicholls, Lewis Grey, Joanna Overton-Fox (who is also the Village Tree Warden) and Janet Lawrence. Between you all we have at times filled over 30 bags of rubbish per session.

Thanks you also to those people who sponsor the flower beds: Halstead Players; Cllr. Karen Grosvenor; Jean & Peter Morgan; Wendy James; Valerie Dennett; Mr Akin and Brendon McGurran. They make the village look beautiful.

Finally thank you to all the Councillors who deliver the newsletters and also take part in the village clear up.

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