



# HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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### DEFIBRILLATOR

This has now been installed under the porch, outside the Parish Room in Church Road. It is in a heated cabinet. It is registered with the Ambulance Service which means that if someone rang 999 the operator would know exactly where the Defibrillator was located and if needs be could pass this on to the caller. There is a code to open the box.

The Parish Council has decided to organise some instruction on how to use the defibrillator. The machine itself talks the user through what to do but some people might like to try on a 'dummy' themselves ! There will not be a charge and the class will be held in the Parish Room on a Friday evening during February.

If you are interested in joining in please contact the Clerk on 01959 534881 or email her. There are only 50 places so it is on a first come, first served basis.

### 2014

It has been a very busy and challenging year for Halstead.

The Allotments, after five years, are now up and running;

The Defibrillator has been finally installed in Church Road.

Both Speed Indicator signs are up and working.

The Community Led Plan is almost ready for publishing and two crematoria awaiting planning decisions.

### Will 2015 be as busy?

Already the re-development of Fort Halstead is on the horizon and there are still concerns about speeding traffic.

And of course the elections are with us in May !

The Parish Councillors and Clerk would like to wish all parishioners

**A Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.**

Thank you

- to the parishioners who attend the Parish Council meetings.
- To those who have taken part in the Village Clear-ups.
- To the people who hire the Pavilion and Parish Room.
- To Mr Bowen who opens and closes the car park gate and public toilet.
- To the people who help deliver the newsletters .

### VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR (Co-Option)

Due to the resignation of Christopher (Chris) Ford there is a vacancy on Council. The term of office will run from January until May 7 2015 when there will be an election.

If anyone is interested in being co-opted to Council contact the Clerk for information or speak to Chairman David Taylor or Vice-Chairman Terry Brooker.

Any parishioner wishing to be considered must put this in writing and send it to the Clerk.

Hopefully someone will feel that they want to play their part in ensuring that Halstead is fully represented. The Parish Council being the first strata of government is very important. Because they are easily accessible councillors are often the only people (in the local government movement) who really understand what is needed and wanted by the parishioners.

Put pen to paper and offer your services. We look forward to hearing from you.

## HALSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children from Willow class held a poster designing competition recently based on speeding and thoughtless parking.

There were seventeen entries and the winning poster, and the runner up, can be viewed on the Parish Council website. The posters are also going to be displayed outside the school.

The children worked with Police Community Support Officer Lizanna Ray on the project and the winner will have a ride in a police car and also go on speed check operation.

The children obviously feel very strongly that cars are driven too fast in the village and that motorists should park safely and with consideration.



## FLOWER BEDS

Thank you to the many people who responded to Council's call for more sponsors for the flower beds! We are delighted to say all beds are sponsored now and there is a reserve list.

The new sponsors are: Mr Brendan McGurran who has sponsored two for his businesses; Mr Akin advertises his decorating business; Miss Wendy James likes the village to look attractive and Halstead Players for the same reason. Council is indebted for your generosity.

## DIARY DATES 2015

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

All Mondays:

12 January 2015, 9 February 2015

9 March 2015, 13 April 2015

11 May 2015, 8 June 2015

13 July 2015, 10 August 2015

14 September 2015, 12 October 2015

9 November 2015, 14 December 2015  
(Meetings held in the Pavilion)

## PARKING CONSULTATION

We had been told by SDC that there would be a village wide consultation about the introduction of yellow lines at the crossroads during late November and early December. This has obviously not happened, but we hope it will now take place early in 2015.

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