



HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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IT'S OFFICAL – SPRING STARTED THIS MONTH!

Hopefully the daffodils, crocus and primroses, and all Halstead Parishioners, will be enjoying an increase in temperature soon. The Flower Beds, maintained by Coolings Nursery will start to come to life again and Council still has four flower beds that require sponsors as West Kent Housing has withdrawn its support.

The Rose & Crown and Jean & Peter Morgan sponsor three beds. Council trusts this continues for 2013. To find out the cost of sponsoring a flower bed contact the Clerk. Whether you are a company, organisation or an individual your name will appear on a sponsor-board if you wish.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MONDAY 20 MAY 2013

GUEST SPEAKER PAUL COOLING OF COOLINGS NURSERY AND GREEN & PLEASANT

Paul will be speaking by invitation on 'Coolings Centenary'. He is a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker - and might be encouraged to answer questions. Prior to this talk Cllr. David Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council will give a report on Council's year. PCSO Julie Stoner will also be on hand with information on policing throughout the parish. The evening will end with Wine, Cheese and Chat.

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL – WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAR UP SATURDAY 20 APRIL

Volunteers are wanted to join with the Councillors and Clerk. Meet at the Pavilion at **9.30am for 10am start**. Litter-pickers, gloves, sacks and hi-vis waistcoats will be provided. Ten sacks were filled at last autumn's clear up. This event is important if you want to keep your village looking clean and attractive. **PLEASE COME ALONG.**

**The FREIGHTER SERVICE will return on
SATURDAY 21 June parking at
SOUTHdene 9.15am – 10am
STATION ROAD 10.15am – 11am**

FUN BUS

This will visit the Recreation Ground on **WEDNESDAY 31 JULY from 10am – 2pm**. There will be games, sports and crafts. Contact the Clerk for details or just turn up.

THE PAVILION

During August the interior of the Pavilion (not changing rooms) will be redecorated. It is over twelve years since this was last carried out and it has lasted very well.

The guttering is also being replaced and hopefully this will stop the waterfall at the front corner which often splashed hirers

To hire the Pavilion and the Parish Room contact the Clerk @1959 534881

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DOG FOULING SORRY BUT IT'S STILL A PROBLEM

Council has considered making 'Dog Exclusion Zones' and also making areas such as the recreation Ground 'Dogs on leads only Zones'. This could cost up to £1000 per area! These would be patrolled by a trained employee of the Parish Council legally empowered to take details of the offending dog owners and issue fines.

Council is also considering have CCTV camera on the Pavilion recording offending dogs and the owners.

This all seems rather draconian, and overkill; but parishioners, and the sports teams who have to clear up the Recreation Ground before a game, complain continually about the dog poo on the Recreation Ground, footways and grass areas. There are also dog owners, many youngsters, who take their dogs into the children's playarea even though there is a sign excluding dogs! What can Council do to encourage owners to be thoughtful and clear up after their pets?

DOG WASTE CAN BE HARMFUL & CARRIES DISEASE.

YOU DON'T WANT A CHILD TO FALL IN IT.

NONE OF THIS IS THE DOGS' FAULT.

FROM ONE DOG OWNER TO ANOTHER –

PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

ALLOTMENTS

The land in Beldam Haw was finally registered to the Parish Council in January. Clearance of the land will start in the near future (once the ground dries up,) followed by erection of fencing all around the site; water will also be laid-on. The allotments will be gated and all allotmenters will have a key to the gate plus a car park will be made at one end to stop parking in the road. The number of allotments and rental charges for the plots has still to be agreed.

Council will be holding a meeting in the near future for all who have registered for a plot. Interested in leasing a plot? Contact the Clerk.

TWO TREES FOR SOUTHDENE

Cllr. Terry Brooker and the Clerk planted two trees recently (Cllr. Brooker doing the hard work and the Clerk assisting). These were presented by the Kent Men of Trees. One is an Oak donated to mark Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee.

The other is a Rowan awarded to Halstead Parish considered by the panel to be one of the top ten villages in Kent. They are rather delicate now but with care will soon grow.