



HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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DEFIBRILLATOR

Parishioners will be pleased to hear that Council has purchased a **defibrillator (AED) with an outside box** for it. This cost £1590.

It will be located at the Parish Room in the entrance porch. This means that it is easily accessible, there is an outside security light and will be out of the bad weather. It should be installed with 4-6 weeks as we await delivery. **County Cllr. Richard Parry gave a grant of £700 towards this; SDC a grant of £500 and Council took £390 from reserves.**

ALLOTMENTS

After years of work, negotiations and worry, the allotments are now open for use ! The weather has hampered progress so much which caused hold-ups and delays completely out of Council's control. But now the patient allotmenters are on the plot and digging.

Because of the lateness of the season the tenancy agreement is running from **1 September to 31 March and is £12.50**. The normal tenancy year will be **1 April until 31 March and this will be £25.00 which includes water charges**.

There is a car park for users of the allotments which means that residents of Belham Haw will not have concerns about extra cars.

There are two entrances, one for pedestrians and the other for vehicles. The gates are padlocked and, with consent, the plot holders can erect small 6'x 4' sheds on their plots.

The Parish Council would like to thank **Sevenoaks District Council** for gifting the land; **Awards 4 All** for making a grant payment of £10,000 and **County Councillor Richard Parry** for granting £940 towards the cost of installing the water pipework.

There are six vacant plots - is anyone interested ?

Just think, you will be grow your own produce next year.

If anyone would like to find out more about the allotments and to hire a plot please contact the Clerk on 01959 534881 or email gillian.rara@btinternet.com.

DIARY DATES 2014/2015

THE FREIGHTER SERVICE

will visit Halstead village on

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Fort Road 8.am

Southdene 9.15am – 10am

Station Road 10.15am – 11am

VILLAGE CLEAR-UP

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Monday 13 October 2014

Monday 10 November 2014

December 8 December 2014

(Minced Pies and Wine are served
at the end of the December meeting.)

Monday 12 January 2015

Monday 9 February 2015

Monday 9 March 2015

Monday 13 April 2015

(All in the Pavilion)

ELECTION 7 MAY 2015

**THIS WILL BE THE GENERAL ELECTION BUT ALSO THE
ELECTION OF THE PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The Election will be held in the Pavilion.

VILLAGE CLEARUP

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2015

WELL DONE HALSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Alice in Wonderland Float in the Knockholt Carnival on 12 July was amazing and really deserved the trophy for **Best Children's Entry**. Everyone worked so hard and it was a real team effort. The costumes were marvellous and the giant tea-cup as well as the tea party were knock out.

DO YOU WANT YELLOW LINES IN THE VILLAGE?

It has been suggested that double yellow lines should be installed in the roads at the crossroads, **namely Church Road, Knockholt Road, Otford Lane and Station Road**. These would be for approximately ten metres around the corners of the roads to deter motorists from parking and causing inconvenience to householders and other motorists, and of course for safety reasons.

Sevenoaks District Council are carrying out this consultation which will be open to the whole village for comments, and it will be publically advertised.

If you feel strongly either way do please send your comments to SDC. Particulars will be available from the Clerk .

FLOWER BEDS

The flower beds were introduced at the request of parishioners and are much admired by visitors as well as villagers.

Mr. Peter & Mrs. Jean Morgan and **Mrs. Valerie Dennett** kindly sponsor these beds, but sadly The Rose & Crown public house and West Kent Housing Association have now withdrawn their support.

This means that there are five flower beds needing some kind person/people to consider sponsoring a bed.

It costs £125 to sponsor a bed for a year. If you would like to do this please speak to any Parish Councillor or contact the Clerk.

Thanking you in anticipation !

HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

HOPEFULLY IT'S ALMOST HERE. WON'T WE BE PLEASED WHEN THEY STOP DIGGING UP THE ROADS !

THE PAVILION AND PARISH ROOM

Both buildings are available for hire; fees being by the hour. For casual hirers the cost is £9 per hour, regular £7 per hour.

Contact the **clerk on 01959 534881** for information and bookings or visit the Parish Council website for information.

HALSTEAD SCOUTS AND CUBS**We'll do our bit**

Earlier this summer a group of scouts and cubs decided to do their bit for Halstead and carried out a **Clear- Up Evening**.

They borrowed the litter pickers from the Parish Council and all wearing high-visibility jackets, with adult leaders and parents in tow, were sighted crawling under and into hedges to get every little piece of litter hiding there. Some of them also armed with buckets of water and sponges washed the road signs in the centre of the village.

Thank you all most sincerely for undertaking this marvellous activity and for the leaders who organised it all. You made Halstead look great.

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