

Halling View's Little Brother!



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FROM THE EDITOR

We're still putting photos, etc together from the Fun Weekend for the next bumper issue of HV, so just as we did last year, we're putting its publication date back by a couple of weeks so that we can cram everything in!

There are a couple of major events coming up in the village which we need to publicise now and waiting for the next full edition would give you little or no advance notice.

THE END OF THE CEMEX CHIMNEY

The Cemex chimney will be demolished on Sunday 19th September at 11am, see the article submitted by Cemex. This is a very poignant and symbolic event for Halling Parish because, in a quite spectacular way, it will effectively mark the end of the production of cement at this site.

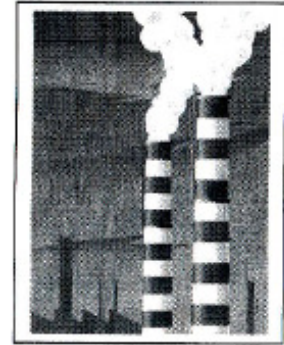
One thing to mention which isn't in the Cemex article is that the button won't only be pushed by the prizewinner in the text competition. Your representatives on the Halling Association made a compelling case for there to be strong Halling involvement in the ceremony, to recognise the historical partnership between the village and the industry.

Our suggestion was specifically that the button pushers should be a child from Halling School along with the oldest surviving resident former employee, a symbolic gesture which recognises past and future generations in our village. We are delighted that it has been agreed and the names will be released as soon as we have them.

MacMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This year's MCM will take place in the Newtown Social Club on Friday 24th September, see separate flyer.

Trevor Reynolds
1st September 2010



The Great Rochester Chimney BlowDown

Sunday, September 19th will see the spectacular BlowDown of the chimney at the CEMEX works in Halling. The demolition of the plant and the final BlowDown of the chimney mark the end of an era for cement making in this part of the world and closes an important chapter in the industrial life of the county.

At 375 feet, the chimney has been an important landmark since its erection in the late 1970s during a major upgrade of cement manufacturing at the works. There has been cement making activity on the site for over 150 years and the production of cement has been a significant element in the industrial profile of Kent for over a century.

The BlowDown is scheduled to take place at 11 a.m on the Sunday morning and will no doubt excite a lot of interest in the local community. Health and safety will of course be of the highest priority and will include the closure of the A228 for a short period before and after the BlowDown. By necessity there will also be an exclusion zone to ensure that all goes according to plan.

The 'button' will be pressed by the lucky winner of a text in competition organised by the Messenger newspaper. All the proceeds from this competition will go to the Friends of the Wisdom Hospice in Rochester. Two lucky runners-up will be invited to the VIP viewing area to see the BlowDown.

To enter the competition for the chance to press the button simply text the word CHIMNEY, then leave a space followed by your name and postcode to 87474. The closing date is Monday, September 13th. All messages cost £1 plus your standard network charge, with 58p going direct to the Friends of the Wisdom Hospice. For additional terms and conditions go to www.kentonline.co.uk/terms.

Demolition of the complete site has been progressing since earlier this year and the demolition of the chimney will be one of the final elements in the programme. Permission has been given by Medway Council for the development of housing and this will see the cement works site enter a new phase in its life.



HALLING GARDENING SOCIETY

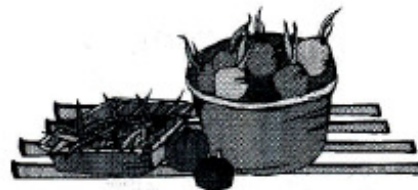
30TH AUTUMN FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Sunday 12th September 3pm – 5pm
Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling

All welcome

Exhibits 10am – 12pm, Judging from 1pm

Auction 4:30pm – Raffle 5pm



DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that Kent is the only County in the British Isles that has a County Society? Not even the 'mighty' Yorkshire can make such a claim. The Kent County Society is also known as The Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men and Fair Maids.

The Association has eighteen Branches across Kent and East Sussex (yes, there is a Branch in Hastings) and the Branch for Halling people is the Medway Towns Branch.

The aims of the Association are:-

- 1) to encourage good fellowship and citizenship and a sense of pride in the historic County of Kent.
- 2) to protect the magnificent heritage of our towns and villages and the beauty of the Countryside.
- 3) to encourage and recognise educational activities in the youth of the County.
- 4) to maintain a library of County literature and works by Kentish authors and to preserve records of historic and general interest in the County.
- 5) to administer a Benevolent Fund
- 6) to promote interaction between members at Branch level through social and sporting activities.

The Chairman of the Medway Towns Branch lives in Halling, and should you be interested in joining the Association, or would like more information, telephone him (Roy Underdown) on 01634 242879

A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME IN THE FULL EDITION!

