

LOWER HALSTOW  
VILLAGE NEWS

AUGUST 2015



A view, taken in the 1920s from the bridge over the stream on Church Path, shows two of the village's three Public Houses. The Three Tuns can be seen to the left and the Britannia to the right. Both provided a venue for meetings and events. The Britannia closed in 1930 and became a private dwelling.

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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

## **SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN JULY**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

8.00 a.m. Traditional B.C.P. Spoken Communion

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30 a.m. Family Communion

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evensong

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

10.30 a.m. Joint Family Service at Newington

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30 a.m. Benefice Communion at Stockbury

## **ALTAR FLOWER ROTA**

August: 2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Mills & Fiona Harrington.

9<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Quigley; 15<sup>th</sup> Liz Mouland;

23<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo

30<sup>th</sup> Ursula Aylward

September: 6<sup>th</sup> Denise & Faye Balban

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## **VILLAGE DIARY FOR AUGUST and other dates for your diary.**

### **LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS**

**Our dates August are:-**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** – making iPad support lap pads.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August** - we are going to have a go at decorating pots with shells this week.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – pick and mix of previous crafts we have experimented with.

Please feel welcome to come and join us. We charge £1 per meeting which goes towards materials.

You can see photos of our achievements on our Facebook page at LH Crafters.

For further details contact Sue on 841730 or email [sue.e.mumford@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.e.mumford@btinternet.com) or Margaret on 843100.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August GAMES AFTERNOON** at the **Memorial Hall** between **2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** which includes Scrabble, Rummy, Whist, Euchre and many more card or board games. We charge £1.50 for a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a very warm welcome.

**UpARA** (Upchurch Active Retirement Association)

Our next events are:

**Monthly Meeting** (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month) Members Free; Guests £2.00

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August** – 2.00pm

**Coffee Morning** (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) Members £1.50; Guests £2.00

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August** 9.30am until 12.30pm

**Village Walks 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

**Outings: Windsor Day Trip - Wednesday 12 August.**

**Blood Brothers - Marlowe Theatre – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Games: New Age Kurling – 2.00 p.m. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.**

David Powell - Chairman [davidpowell5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidpowell5@hotmail.co.uk) 01795-843550

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August CHEESE & WINE EVENING** at Ursula's, 7 Burntwick Drive, from 7.00 p.m. All are welcome, and the proceeds will be in aid of the Over 60s' Christmas Party.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** at 7.00 p.m. in the **Memorial Hall**

Lower Halstow Parish Council meet eleven times a year, with a short break in the meeting cycle during the summer. The normal pattern of meeting on the first Tuesday of the month will resume in October.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August COFFEE STOP SUMMER SPECIAL** from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Come and relax and enjoy tea or coffee with our usual hot or cold snacks. There will be one or two seasonal additions to the menu. Bring the family as we will have some activities for the children. Friendly atmosphere, reasonable prices, in the peaceful setting of St Margaret's Church.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September GARDENING CLUB'S** September meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. in the **Memorial Hall**. Our guest speaker is Mr Don Ball from Upchurch and he will be giving an informative talk on: "The History of London Bridge"

We try to offer a variety of topics and themes at our meetings and hope you will join us there. Visitors £1 and refreshments 25p.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** An evening with 'THE GREEN ROCK RIVER BAND', 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the **Memorial Hall**. Come and enjoy their 'Songs with Harmonies' and their 'Jazz fused Trombone'. For tickets of £9.00 each phone Kay on 01795 844408

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** *Memorial Hall Committee* **QUIZ NIGHT**. Full details next month.

**Wednesday 15th October** **UNWANTED TEXTILE COLLECTION** To raise funds, the Scout Group will be making a house to house collection. Please have a sort out of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, household textiles - we welcome donations in any condition. Textiles only please - we cannot take any other items. Thank you for your support.

### **REGULAR DATES**

**Every Monday 10.00 a.m.** Free **HEALTH WALKS** starting from the main entrance to The Brick Fields. A brisk walk of up to two hours on mainly flat ground. Sturdy shoes and a rain coat recommended.

**Every Monday 1.00 p.m.** **THE LIBRARY VAN** calls at **Lower Halstow** outside the **Memorial Hall**.

**Every Monday** **SHORT MAT BOWLS 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.** in the **Memorial Hall**

**Every Wednesday** **SHORT MAT BOWLS 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.** in the **Memorial Hall**

**Every first Wednesday of the month** **QUIZ NIGHT** at **The Three Tuns**.

**Not quite a regular date** – Usually every fourth **Tuesday of January, February March, April, July, September and October** **Gardening Club** meets in the **Memorial Hall** at **7.30 p.m.** We have speakers who come to the Hall and give a talk on a variety of topics. These will always be published beforehand in the Newsletter and visitors are always very welcome.

**The fourth Thursday of every month** **THE BRIDGE COFFEE STOP** in **St. MARGARET'S CHURCH, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.**

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## **PASTORAL LETTER**

### A HEAVENLY ADVENTURE

**GO APE** is a popular adventure these days, swinging through the tree tops, walking across rope bridges and zooming down zip slides.

A few years ago, a group of us went from Uplift to the course at Leeds Castle. Most of the teenagers had no fear, throwing themselves at every obstacle as if they had something to prove. For some of the parents, however, it was quite an adventure and friendships grew as they shared their fears and encouraged one another to step out in faith, trusting that their harnesses would catch them if they fell. It was a strange experience as for those three hours, you only really saw the couple of people in front and the couple of people behind. For me, the zip slides were definitely the best. It was a challenge to try and land them without falling over. At first, they were quite small and over all too soon but the final slide of the day was huge. It crossed over a valley, where you were way above the ground. As the person in front set off on the slide, I felt quite lonely. One minute they were right in front of me, the next they had gone, zooming out of sight until there was silence and I knew it was my turn. I clipped on and was off. It was an amazing ride and I was trying to focus on staying the right way round, hoping I could 'land' this final slide. As I approached the end, there was a crowd waiting and cheering as I landed it (perfectly – yes!). All those who had gone ahead were gathered around, from the people I hadn't seen since the start, to the person who had set off minutes before me. It was a really fantastic feeling as we reunited with the adventure behind us.

I described this feeling to a friend later and she said "That's what it's supposed to be like in heaven". And she's right. One day, we will be 'landing' in heaven and all the friends who we said goodbye to on earth will be there cheering us in, and best of all, Jesus will be there, and we will see him face to face at last.

Rosie Liddell

*Rosie lives in Upchurch and is part of the team responsible for Uplift, which is held twice monthly in Upchurch Village Hall. The services are particularly geared for families and young people. If you want to know more look on the church website [www.thesix.org.uk](http://www.thesix.org.uk)*

## FAMILY TIME



### **OUR NEW CAFE- STYLE CHURCH SERVICE FOR ALL AGES AT ST. MARGARET'S**

On the last Sunday of June we changed the format of our Welcome Service to a Cafe Church informal service, starting at a new time of 10.00 a.m. with refreshments served before the service began at 10.30 a.m.. We sat in true cafe style around the small tables at the back of the church, and it was obvious right from the start when one walked into church that this was going to be an enjoyable service. We were not disappointed. The refreshments were great and the service, which last three quarters of an hour, was inspirational, with so many of the congregation participating voluntarily in the acting accompanying the reading and spontaneously in the prayers which followed. Thank you so much to Julian for planning the service and Jackie Swift for doing all the hard work in assembling the refreshments and arranging the cafe.

By the time you read this August edition of Village News we will have had our second Family Time which we hope will have been as successful. Unfortunately you will not be able to experience this service in August because we are having a joint Family Service at Newington on the fourth Sunday, but we will be back in September when we hope others will come along and join us. If you haven't been to one of our church services before but would like to see what this one is all about you will be most welcome, and please don't think that you will be required to take part. Just come along and be there. Perhaps you may find it daunting to venture inside the door, so if you would like to be put in touch with someone who can look after you please do contact Jackie Swift at 48 School Lane (842749) or Pauline Stevens at Elm Farm (842028).

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***Jackie Swift has received the following information from Ian Ludlow and would like to share it with the village:***

I run a business based in Faversham with my wife Jo to provide advice and guidance for families on the general issues associated with the fact that we are living longer. We are Dementia Friends Champions which means we support the Alzheimer's Society initiative to create 5 million registered Dementia Friends throughout the U.K. This involves the delivery of a free one hour information session to anyone who wishes to make a difference as a Dementia Friend and commit to an action which will make the lives of people living with dementia a little better. Every action counts – from taking a bit more time when serving someone in a shop to spreading the word about dementia. Too many people have direct or indirect contact with people who are living with dementia. Having a basic understanding of what dementia is, and some of the small things that can be done to help those affected by dementia to live well, can make a huge difference.

Jo and I are looking for clubs and groups who would welcome the opportunity for us to deliver a free one hour Dementia Friends information session. As this is a charity-based initiative we do not charge for our time. We are also looking for free-to-use venues such as village halls, community centres and church halls to provide information sessions that are open to the general public.

If you are able to help us in our endeavour to assist individuals and families to learn more about how to live with dementia please feel free to contact Jo who coordinates our activities on 01795 503184 or email details to [jo@lpaservices.co.uk](mailto:jo@lpaservices.co.uk).

### **LOWER HALSTOW 100 YEARS AGO - notes taken from the East Kent Gazette**

It was a quiet month in Halstow because no mention was made of the village. However ....

#### **Other notable August dates in history (compiled by Bill):**

- 1900 10<sup>th</sup> Tennis - the U.S.A. won the first Davis Cup.
- 15<sup>th</sup> German liners set the record for crossing the Atlantic, 'Deutschland' east to west and 'Kaiser Wilhelm' west to east.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Coca Cola arrived in Britain.
- 1910 20<sup>th</sup> Florence Nightingale died, aged 91.
- 1915 30<sup>th</sup> German forces won the battle against the Russians for Brest-Litowsk.
- 1920 Women were given the vote in the U. S. Federal elections.  
The first two night bus services were introduced in London.
- 1925 18<sup>th</sup> Jack Hobbs beat W. G. Grace's record of 126 career centuries. His 14<sup>th</sup> of the season was also a record.
- 1930 14<sup>th</sup> The Church of England gave backing to birth control.  
The two halves of Sidney Harbour bridge were joined.  
Jack Hobbs beat W. G. Grace's record total run aggregate, scoring his 54,921<sup>st</sup> run.
- 1935 The Swastika became the German national flag on Hitler's order.
- 1940 The Luftwaffe carried out the first bombing raids on London – retaliated on the 26<sup>th</sup> when the R.A.F. bombed Berlin.
- 1945 The use of atomic bombs over Japan ensured unconditional Japanese surrender.
- 20<sup>th</sup> The new government of the labour party under Clement Attlee took power in Westminster.
- 1950 27<sup>th</sup> The B.B.C. transmitted the first ever overseas T.V. pictures from France.
- 1955 Figure-hugging denim jeans became the No. 1 best selling style for women in Britain.
- 1960 Penguin Books were summonsed for planning to publish 'Lady Chatterly's Lover'.
- 1965 The first substitute appeared in football League
- 1970 Coronation Street achieved 1000 episodes.
- 1980 The wreck of the Titanic was located.

**MOBILITY AIDS** St. Margaret's has items in excellent condition, i.e. wheelchairs, commode, etc. These are available for emergency borrowing, We are always pleased when the church can help in the community. Please contact Tricia 01795 842419, Jackie 01795 842749 or Ursula 01795 842924.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Clerk** Christine Fordham, 18 Cumberland Drive, Lower Halstow. Tel: 01795 844060, or email [clerk.lhpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.lhpc@gmail.com)

For those of you who are unable to access the Village Website, the new Parish Councillors are: Nigel Randell (Chairman), Steve Gates (Vice Chair ), Chris Mayes, Rob Smith, Sue Hartfree, Steve Parker and Keith Howard-Challis.

### **MEMORIAL HALL**

**On Friday evening 26th June and Saturday 27th June, we held an Open Evening and Day** at the Memorial Hall, showing by example how our Hall would look as a venue for a Wedding Breakfast, a Children's Birthday Party, a Craft Fair and a suitable venue for a Business Meeting.

Although there was virtually no interest in this event, Chris Kindred managed to take some fabulous photographs of this event to be used for our Parish Web site and Hall's Web site. Thank you so much Chris and thank you to your wife Georgina for the loan of her bunting and silk flowers.

A very special thank you must go to Jean Whittingham. With her ideas and expertise in design and floristry, she arranged the Wedding Breakfast area, and it looked truly beautiful.

Our sincere thanks goes to Tracy, Dawn and Dawn's daughter, as they all arranged a great Children's Party Area and Business Meeting Area. These areas looked wonderful.

Last but not least an enormous thank you goes to Penguins of Chatham and The Sewing Shop in Rainham for kindly loaning their busts of a Groom in his Outfit from Penguins, and a bust from The Sewing Shop, which was dressed in Pam Shepherd's wedding dress. Without these, our wedding theme could not have possibly have been complete.

On behalf of all the Memorial Hall Committee, we thank Jean, Chris, Georgina, Tracy, Dawn and Dawn's daughter so much for their very kind input given to this event. Kay - Memorial Hall's Social Secretary.

**On Saturday 4th July we held our Annual Novelty Dog Show.** Thank you to all who came and made it such a fun packed event. This year was so well attended, actually the best so far.

Congratulations go to all the competitors as every one of them took the best dog home.

Special thanks to Anne Richards for stewarding and wearing herself ragged, showing every dog who had entered the agility course how to do it first. You are certainly a winner in our book Anne.

Our grateful thanks goes to Anne's daughter and Ursula for providing cups of tea and delicious cakes. We raised over £200.00 for the Over Sixty's Christmas Party, therefore many thanks to all who helped to make the 4th Annual Dog Show a success. Keith and Kay

### **THANK YOU**

**Thanks from the members of the LHYC** to those who visited the yacht club for our annual charity race. Eleven boats took part for an interesting race. Members' partners provided an excellent BBQ to follow. Donations totalled £165 which the club has matched making £320 to be divided equally between McMillan Nurses and Prostate Cancer UK.

**Ursula Aylward would like to thank Keith and Kay Howard-Challis** for the donation from the Dog Show for the Over-60's Christmas Tea Party.

**Thank you to all who attended the Sea Service** at St. Margaret's on 12<sup>th</sup> July. £155 was collected for the Sailors' Society.

**STORAGE SPACE NEEDED** The Scout Group would be most grateful to hear from you if have an empty garage we can hire for the storage of lesser used equipment. Please give Scout Leader, Dave, a call on 843193.

**FOR SALE – Cox 22' motor boat.** New 13.5bhp Beta Marine engine. Moored at Lower Halstow Yacht Club, 2 berths, a galley with a 2 ring hob and grill, separate flushing toilet cubicle and a large 4 person cockpit. The boat was used for local fishing trips and family days out, but a health condition means that we can no longer make use of the boat. £7,500. Photos available. For more information and to view call Will Ransley on 01795 843871, or 07889 600677 or email [ransleyprojects@gmail.com](mailto:ransleyprojects@gmail.com)

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(01795 unless otherwise stated)

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The school 842344

The Three Tuns 842840

Short Mat Bowls (John Mustoo) 843681

Cricket Club (Mark Stevens) 842090

Beaver Cub Scout Group (Dave Giles) 843193 [1stlowerhalstowscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stlowerhalstowscouts@gmail.com)

Playgroup (Heather Salisbury) 01634 233182

Yacht Club (Dave Quigley) 01795 841242

Judo Club (Jon) 07944755036.

The Parish Clerk (Christine Fordham) 844060

PCSO 57932 Matthew Link, Lower Halstow & Iwade,

101 or 01795 419116 [matthew.link@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matthew.link@kent.pnn.police.uk)

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Swale Borough Council (Main office) 424341

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County Councillor Lee Burgess [LeeBurgess@kent.gov.uk](mailto:LeeBurgess@kent.gov.uk)

Citizen's Advice Bureau 0870 1212105

Police (general enquiries) 01622 690690

Neighbourhood Watch (John Haddaway) 01634 792131

Dog Warden 077952 37479

Noise nuisance 417850 (out-of-hours 07881817601)

N.H.S. 111

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